

RUSSIANS LOVE JEWS???

WASHINGTON (WNS) --- The Soviet Embassy has released a report prepared by the Novosti Press Agency, Russia's external news organization, purporting to show the current status of Soviet Jews, including the large number attending colleges, the existence of 100 synagogues and a yeshiva in Moscow to train rabbis and ritual slaughters and the disproportional high number who have won honors.

The report stated that census projections indicate about three million Jews in Russia. This figure would have been higher except for World War II during which about two million Jews were killed. The total would have been more "if Soviet authorities had not taken timely and energetic measures to evacuate the population in areas adjacent to the front."

The Novosti study noted Lenin's efforts for equality for Jews. It also quoted Lenin as stating "this Zionist idea is absolutely false, and

reactionary in its essence," and asserts that Zionism and Jewish nationhood perpetuated a "ghetto spirit" while Communism liberated Jews.

In an attempt to refute charges that Jews were discriminated, the report cites figures which allegedly show that Jews had a high representation in all fields, including Government, and that a large percentage went to college. The study also asserted that cultural and religious life continued and cited a Yiddish monthly, Yiddish theater companies and a number of Yiddish books published in 1968 and 1969.

Novosti said the report should make clear that "the facts and figures cited in the present article show how far from reality is the gloomy picture usually drawn by Western bourgeois propagandists."

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Eloise Scully
Henderson, Nev.

(ED NOTE: We hope our new friend, who is a mere 80, continues to enjoy the Israelite for the next 30 years. J.T.)

Dear MR. Tell:

I picked up the Las Vegas Israelite at one of the local restaurants and I want you to know how much I enjoyed reading it from cover to cover.

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Sincerely,
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