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DAYENU BY HENRY LEONARD



"And you, Horowitz, take the corner of 55th St. You Epstein 56th, and your beat, Finkelstein is 57th!"

means to lead out of. The English speaking world believes that people can be "led out" of the arena of ignorance into the area of enlightenment. That tells us something about Roman and British civilization.

In French the word for pupil is eleve, obviously related to elevation. The teacher "elevates" his disciple. You learn something about the French from this simple bit of etymology.

The German word for education is erziehen, related to the word ziehen which means to yank or pull. The German verb, tzi, is, of course, unrelated to the term Nazi (which is an acronym for National Socialist party), but you get something of the Prussian stress on coercion when you hear the German word for education, ertziung, meaning to shlep someone upward.

The Hebrew word for education is chinuch (pronounced with two gargles). What does it mean? It means dedication.

If chinuch sounds familiar to you even though you do not speak Hebrew it is because of its resemblance to that holiday we celebrate in December.

Yes, in Judaism to be educated means to be dedicated. Learning is not something to which we are committed. That is how we got Chanukah in the first place. Don't forget that the Syrian lords against whom the Maccabees fought were willing to be benevolent towards the Jews back there in the year 165 before the Christian era.

All the Syrians asked was that the Judeans accept their moral outlook. That was what the Jews objected to. They would not bow down to the banal and the vulgar. They would not give up the study of Torah, the moral law. Life was meaningless to our forefathers if it was devoid of learning and the ethical uplift. Like the modern Maccabees in Israel today, their ancient counterparts were devoted to the humanitarian and the sacred, and they risked their very lives for those ends.

One of the greatest documents of modern times is a book called Sichot Lochamim, "Conversations with Soldiers," in which Israeli GI's, the best in the world, expressed their distaste with warfare.

Why? Because the Jewish soldiers of today are still full of the spirit of consecration to civilized goals. They don't like warfare even as they are forced to expose themselves to it. They are like the Talmudists, the architects of our faith, who stressed the spiritual rather than the bellicose aspects of Chanukah.

Those ancient warriors lit the first light of freedom of religion in history. We are today called upon to show our own Chanukah, or own dedication, to lofty values. That is why this holiday merits more than our observation; it merits our observance.

NEW YORK: -- The story of Youth Aliyah, which has brought over 120,000 children and teenagers to Israel, is told in a new book, "Come From the Four Winds -- The Story of Youth Aliyah" by cChasya Pincus, obtainable at Jewish Agency, 515 Park Ave. N. Y. C.

NEW YORK -- The non-religious design of the 1969 Christmas stamp -- a Maine snow scene -- was commended by the American Jewish Congress, although the organization retained its opposition on constitutional grounds to the issuance of any form of Christmas stamp.

NEW YORK (LNSO -- Tens of thousands of Jews in communities throughout the world festively marked the 171st anniversary of the liberation of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi from Czarist prison, on the 19th day of Kislev, this year on Saturday, November 29.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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sands are dispensed every hour. From now until New Year's Las Vegas is a picnic grounds for party goers. Visitors find a dream world, while a judge's secretary goes out for lunch and comes back with the full price of an operation she will undergo a week later. The difference between a havenot and a have is a hard six.

Last week we promised to report on the outcome of "Hair", which had a preview premiere before we went to press. You recall, we spoke of a heated discussion on Joe Delaney's midnight radio show at the Bonanza, where the district attorney insisted that Nevada statutes made it a crime for a person to appear in the nude in public. He said the bare scene in the play would have to be eliminated or jocked up. Genial Joe and a half a dozen others, including us, used all means of persuasion to make the d.a. change his stand. Prosecutor George Franklin was adamant. That's where we left off last week.

The show opened on schedule and the performance without a stitch, went off without a hitch. Sheriff's deputies, who attended, saw no cause for complaint. Everything dangled but the handcuffs. The next day the d.a. moaned: "I can't make an arrest. How can I convince a jury of 12 that a crime has been committed, when the deputies found nothing unusual." One more item on "Hair".

It probably will be a big hit because Don Digileo, local Review-Journal columnist, didn't like it. Perusing the record, we find Don's batting average, so far, as a critic to be zero. His pet peeve is Sinatra, who has never appeared in Vegas before less than a jam-packed house.

That's Las Vegas, folks, during the holiday season. The goodies are here. Do yourself a favor and try to make it, even for a couple of days.

Meanwhile, HAPPY HANUKA.

"OY VEY-GAS"

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Best regards,

Jay Tell, Editor and Publisher

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The first issue will have a minimum press run of 20,000 copies. As a former editor of Nevada Southern's "Rebel Yell", columnist for the L.A. Times, L.V. Sun and L.V. Israelite, we've always had a burning desire to publish our own paper.

There's a New Morality and a Youth Revolution worldwide, affecting youth of all ages. We hope the Las Vegas FREE PRESS bridges the generation gap, and promotes better understanding between all races, colors, creeds, political persuasions and ways of live.

(P.S. All "Oy Vey-Gas" readers with a gripe are invited to take a swipe--let's hear from you.)

Chanukah

Chanukah has many meanings to many people. As the Feast of Lights, it lasts eight days. To many others, it symbolizes the victory of the Maccabees over their oppressors. There also is a touch of the supernatural in its history related to the miracle of the Menorah.

But Torah portions are read from Numbers 7:1 to 8:4 because they deal with the dedication of the tabernacle, the desert Sanctuary. Jerusalem is one for the moment, and from the religious point of view, history has become consolidated. But in a much broader and perhaps much more secular sense, Israel is a desert sanctuary. In the whole of the Middle East, it can represent what the rest of the area could become, an advanced country with concern for human values. In the press and hostility of modern times, and the resultant conflicts, human values have been occasionally bypassed. But the Jews have a history which calls them to constant task.

Certainly, this is one occasion. In the Maccabean sense, we need another victory, this one a conquest of peace.

Government Pressure

Mr. Herbert Klein, Director of Communication for the executive branch of the United States Government, said in a speech recently to an American Zionist organization that if the United States lost the war in Vietnam "it would undermine an opportunity" for a lasting peace in the non-Communist world and would weaken Israel's position in the Middle East. Mr. Klein also said that "a strong American presence in the Middle East will grow when Americans can go to work again with the people of the area in building a better future."

Mr. Klein is saying that the Jews of America had better support the war in Vietnam. He is also saying if they don't, they will lose government support for Israel. Hooked on to this are reports emanating out of Washington about the growth of anti-Semitism in Government circles due to the alleged anti-Vietnam war attitude of the majority of American Jews. It would seem, assuming the truth of this, that it should be made plain to Mr. Klein, and the government, that the American Jews reserve the right to express a point of view even if it is unfavorable to a policy of that government. It would also be advisable to make it clear that American Jews reserve the right to protest the war in Vietnam and support Israel. The pressure, no matter how subtle, should be resisted. There is, after all, a difference. The American military effort in Vietnam is an unsympathetic one and the American people, according to the latest polls, want it ended. When they support Nixon's speech on Vietnam, it is because, as Senator Javitz said, he indicates he wants to end the war.

Government pressure after a while can mount, unless stopped. We know from the McCarthy days what it can do.

Dedication

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

You can get a clue about a people's mentality by some of the words used for the process of learning. For example, as most people know, the word educate

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