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*Youth of Today*

When one mentions the word Youth today, the general image invoked among older and more conservative people is of long-hair, bare feet, sloppy clothes, drugs, psychedelic rock music and the lot. These are false issues and tend to divert the populace at large from what youth is really about. However, nowadays, there seems to be no distinction between Jewish and non-Jewish youth. Both tend to merge in the mainstream of their time with an overriding concern about peace and the return to moral values of the country of their forefathers and/or immigrant ancestors.

Four young people were honored by President Nixon for bravery in public service with the Young American Medal. One of the four, a nineteen-year old Wisconsin girl and church worker, said to Mr. Nixon: "I find it hard to believe in your sincerity in giving the awards until you get us out of Vietnam." Whether or not one believes with Debra Jean Sweet, who said it, one must agree that it was a brave act, a courageous thing to do, and perhaps one can understand why she earned her medal for bravery. But Miss Sweet was talking for many of her contemporaries, Jew and non-Jew alike.

Older Jews are concerned about the drift of their young people to the left and to assimilation. Perhaps there is a reason, not which excuses but explains it. Jewish youth has always been in the forefront of liberal and radical causes. Certainly when goals sought after are based on good, it should be comforting to know that Young people of all faiths and origins walk together.

*'In God We Trust'*

By Robert E. Segal

With Chanukah, that proud festival in defense of the right to be independent, coming into our homes, it appears natural to this mischievous commentator to contrast the festival of lights with the program of the "In God We Trust Committee".

Don't edge off. The "In God We Trust Committee" is alive and fuming in New Jersey. It was formed a couple of years ago to back American astronauts in their determination to read the Bible while racing towards the moon. Our own instinct was to applaud the space men for making good use of the Bible aloft. The question is did they really need a New Jersey committee to keep them afloat in this spiritual undertaking.

Now had the "In God We Trust Committee" fought the good fight for the astronauts and their Bible reading program and let it go at that,

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sufficient would have been the effort to the challenge of that time. But the Committee is now engaged in another campaign.

The "In God We Trust Committee" is fighting its heart out to have prayers restored in the public schools. Just the other day, the New Jersey Supreme Court upheld a lower court ban on the Netcong, N. J., school board's most recent attempt to get around the Supreme Court's ruling against prayers in the schools. The Committee didn't like that edict just as it didn't like the action of the New Jersey Attorney General last February, when, in behaving true to his oath of office, obtained an injunction ordering the school board to desist in its prayer-in-the-schools campaign.

Now Senator Dirksen and Congressman Becker before him had at various times staked their political fortunes on a desperate try to keep the kids praying in the public schools. Their efforts failed. Still with crime in the street running at such a high tide and so many people out of work and all, other persevering lawmakers are trying to open up the way for public prayer by attaching the proposal to women's equal rights legislation. Heaven bless the American lawmakers; their ingenuity is boundless.

If only the men in Congress and the diligent members of the New Jersey "In God We Trust Committee" and all the others who confuse the right to pray on schedule with the right to be free of governmental coercion of this kind would study the story of Chanukah, they might adopt a new and refreshing view of this kind of issue in a democratic society.

In catching up with the Chanukah saga, they would discover what happened along about 167 years before the common era when the Syrian king, Antiochus IV, took it into his head that his political power was such that he held precedence over any subject's gods or God. Some people conclude hastily that Antiochus was "anti-Semitic." Actually, he was just implacable in his determination to break up all of the separate religious communions of his day and impose a single national religion on the entire populace. Fearing his power and his wrath, many people who viewed continued existence under a totalitarian ruler preferable to the old time religion, and the boon of independence, caved in.

Then Antiochus made the mistake of sending some of his boys down to the little town of Modin, twixt Jerusalem and Jaffa. There, they demanded that Mattathias officiate at a public ceremony in the course of which the Jews of their day would be made to offer up a pig as sacrifice. Mattathias's rugged stand against this nonsense is more than legendary; it springs forth to each of us with renewed inspiration each year as the Chanukah lights are kindled. Its lessons are manifold; it is all that we mean when we speak of civil liberties; it is the essence of the defiance of misguided rulers; it epitomizes the strength and the glory of a single independent voice against the senseless roar of public opinion--whether in Modin or in Netcong, N. J.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban rejected an Egyptian demand for a timetable showing Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories if it desires an extension of the cease-fire beyond the Feb. 5 expiration date. Mr. Eban said "Egypt needs the cease-fire more than we do."

NEW YORK--Some 2,500 college faculty members of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, have appealed to Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin to live up to a pledge, made four years ago, and allow Jews in the Soviet Union to emigrate and reunite with their families abroad.

HOUSTON--The major dilemma facing American Jews today stems from "concern for all mankind on the one hand, and concern for Jewish survival on the other," according to Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK--The Rev. Dr. David de Sola Pool, world Jewish leader who died at the age of 85 on December 1, was a founder and honorary vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) and gave outstanding leadership to the organization and to its military chaplaincy program for a number of years.

NEW YORK --The New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee called on all Jews "to repudiate the lawless and self-defeating conduct of the Jewish Defense League."

**TELL TALES**

*"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"*

BY JACK TELL



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Jewish War Veterans, the Sertoma Service to Mankind award.

After outstanding service as a Clark County District Judge, Dave was appointed to the state's highest court by former Gov. Grant Sawyer. In 1966, Justice Zenoff was elected to serve a six year term -- and now CHIEF JUSTICE.

Makes us puff with pride.

Senator Hecht, a Republican, ran far in front of three very strong and prominent Democrats to top the ticket in an election that saw a Republican governor, lieutenant governor and district attorney, go down to defeat. Against more than two to one Democratic registration in Clark County, he repeated as the first Republican in more than 20 years, and the very first Jew, to win election. He is the first of the county's senators to serve as minority leader in the state body.

Chic served as a Board of Director of Temple Beth Shalom and is very active in Synagogue affairs.

Makes us glow with pride.

Eileen Brookman wound up number one over twenty candidates seeking nine posts in the state assembly. She is a fighting legislator and a proven leader for minority causes and equal rights.

Assemblyman Brookman has long been active in women's affairs of Temple Beth Shalom, the Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith and Hadassah.

Makes us burst with pride.

We hope every member of the Jewish Community joins us in congratulating Dave Chic and Eileen, and like us, glows, puffs and bursts with pride.

*Chutzpah is Virtue*

The Israeli armed forces have a problem faced by no other fighting machine in the world--they have to run kosher kitchens! How have the Israelis managed to preserve military efficiency and yet maintain the strict kosher dietary laws that forbid mixing meat and dairy foods? In service kitchens every pot is marked either "Meat" in red paint or "Milk" in blue, and rabbinical inspectors supervise the proceedings. Kosher cooking poses a double dilemma on submarines, where there is no room for rabbinical inspectors, but the Israelis have gotten around it by assigning as cooks devout Jews who, in effect, double as chaplains.

This story and hundreds more lively anecdotes and first-hand observations about the inside workings of the State of Israel are related in PORTRAIT OF ISRAEL by Moshe Brilliant (American Heritage Press, \$7.95). An American-born journalist, Mr. Brilliant has served in Israel for many years as correspondent for the New York Times. His intimate knowledge of the country is reflected in this book, the first in a new series prepared by The New York Times and American Heritage Press.

A unique feature of PORTRAIT OF ISRAEL is a Special Interest Guide compiled by Sylvia J. Brilliant. Arranged by fields of interest, the guide is designed for businessmen who would like to meet Israelis with similar enthusiasms, and for travelers who would like to pursue their particular interests. For example, the guide tells environmental specialists where to locate their counterparts (at the Israel Association of Environmental Planning), merchants how to contact exporters (through the Israel Export Institute), and architects where to find important buildings. To a certain extent the guide reflects Israeli interests--archaeology is a national pastime, and considerable space is devoted to that field.

There are more than 100 photographs in PORTRAIT OF ISRAEL, most of them taken especially for the book by Micha Bar-Am, a prize-winning photographer on the staff of Israel Magazine. The pictures supplement the text in conveying the diverse and colorful panorama of modern Israel.