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PRE-SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS AT THE CLEVELAND, OHIO, JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD, KNEAD DOUGH AS THEIR CLASSROOM AT THE CENTER IS TURNED INTO A MATZAH BAKING FACTORY.

TELL TALES
"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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daughter, to grow up in the palace. Moses, who never forgot he was a Jew, belted an anti-Semite and had to go into hiding. He married the daughter of a Priest and became a sheep grazer.

One day near Mt. Sinai, a voice from a burning bush commanded Moses to set the children of Israel free. Moses tried to reason with Pharaoh but it was no use. Strong measures were needed. A plague brought death to every first-born Egyptian. Pharaoh was glad then to get rid of the Hebrews, who took off in a hurry. Three days later, Pharaoh changed his mind and set out after the Jews with the Egyptian army. The Israelites practically had to eat on the march and as for prepared food didn't have time to let the dough rise, so the short-baked bread came out unleavened - now known as matzoths.

Then came the incident at the Red Sea where the waters parted to let the Hebrews across, only to come together again to drown the Egyptians. After 40 years of wandering, the Israelites settled in Canaan, the Promised Land beyond the Jordan River. But Moses never got there.

It was God's will that Moses should get a look at the Promised Land from Mt. Pisgah before he died of old age. Exactly when Moses received the Ten Commandments from God is not clearly identified. Our belief is that Moses was in constant touch with God and all liturgical law was promulgated through him. From the Ten Commandments came all accepted criminal codes and mandates of human ethics practiced in civilized countries.

Leo Tolstoi, the Russian novelist and philosopher who died in 1910, came up with several answers to the question: "What is a Jew?" Some of his responses are appropriately significant to the story of Passover. He wrote: "Let us see what kind of peculiar creature the Jew is, which all the rulers and all nations have together and separately abused and molested, oppressed and persecuted, trampled and butchered, burned and hanged - and in spite of all this he is yet alive.

"The Jew is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions.

"The Jew is the pioneer of liberty. The Jew is the pioneer of civilization. Ignorance was condemned in olden Palestine more even than it is today in civilized Europe.

"The Jew is an emblem of civil and religious toleration," wrote Tolstoi, who went on to quote Moses in remote and savage times when the principal ambition of the nations consisted of crushing and enslaving one another: "Love the stranger, Moses commands, "Because you have been stranger in the land of Egypt."

"The Jew is the emblem of eternity," wrote Tolstoi, who continued, "He whom neither fire nor sword nor inquisition was able to wipe off from the face of the earth, he who was the first to produce the oracles of God, he who has been for long the guardian of prophesy, and who transmitted it to the rest of the world - such a nation cannot be destroyed. The Jew is everlasting as is eternity itself."

After reading the writings of Tolstoi, who authored "War and Peace," "Anna Karenina," and other monumental works, you kind of get the unequivocal, indisputable feeling that the Jewish religion is here to stay. Let's keep it that way no matter how you celebrate Passover. Incidentally, Tolstoi was not Jewish.

BUCHAREST (WNS)--The Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania announced arrangements for Passover have been completed in both Bucharest and the provinces.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Education Minister Yigal Allon said that the Government intended to exercise some control over what it taught in Israeli universities.

More Torah Study

NEW YORK (LNS) - One of the hallmarks of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement and its leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, has been their constant and persistent aggressive campaign among Jews to intensify their study of the Torah and increase their observance of its Commandments. The promulgation of the Torah-true way of life, infused with a blend of intellectual reasoning and Chassidic fervor, has always been one of their primary objectives.

In a recent unscheduled public address at Lubavitch world headquarters in New York, the Rebbe urged Jews to 'steal' time from their mundane matters and apply it toward the quantitative and qualitative intensification of their Torah study. The Rebbe called for the organization of more Torah study groups among all Jews in all parts of the world.

With the approach of the Passover holiday, the Rebbe has appealed to Jews that they use 'Shmurah' Matzos for at least the 'kazayis' - the minimal amount of Matzah required to be eaten at each of the two 'Sedorim.'

In addition to being hand made, Shmurah Matzos are made from the flour of wheat grains which have been carefully guarded, from the instant they were cut in the field, against any contact with water. Such contact might cause leavening and thereby disqualify its use during the Passover holiday.

"The preparation of Matzah for the fulfillment of the sacred Mitzvah is regulated by numerous laws of which the average layman is unaware, or personally unable to fulfill," the Rebbe said.

"It was once customary for the Rabbi to supply the members of their community with these Matzos for the Seder Plate. I would like to see this custom restored," the Rebbe said, "by Rabbis as well as Jewish educators and community leaders."

Before the recent Purim festival there appeared a lengthy and rather unique ad in the New York Times headlined 'Purim Reminder,' which quoted the Rebbe's appeal to Jews throughout the world about the observance of Purim. It sought to point out to the wide Jewish readership that beyond the superficial knowledge they might have about the meaning of Purim, there is a significant intrinsic meaning of the day, as well as some lesser known obligatory Precepts to be observed on Purim and which often go unheeded simply because of the lack of information.

In Israel on Purim a large group of Lubavitcher young men were granted special permission by the Israeli Defense Forces to visit Israeli troops stationed in Sinai, from Suez

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to Sharm el Sheikh, in the Golan Heights and various naval bases, to assist the troops in putting on Tefillin, which according to Talmudic tradition has a special relationship to the Purim festival, and to exchange Purim gifts.

More than 18,000 Purim gifts, personal 'Mishloach Monos' gifts from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, were distributed among the troops by the Lubavitcher emissaries. The Israeli Air Force made a special military plane available to the Lubavitcher men to enable them to visit as many military bases as possible.

In Kfar Chabad, the Lubavitcher village near Tel Aviv, Mrs. Shifra Golombovitch, a Lubavitcher Six-Day War widow, arranged a gala Purim party for all the other war widows and orphans from throughout the country, so that they too be able to partake in the festivity and cheer of the day.

Before Passover thousands of Israeli school children visit the Lubavitcher Shmurah Matzah bakery in Kfar Chabad.

Not only has the Ministry of Education lauded these tours as highly educational, but all the children leave the Kfar with a souvenir - enough Shmurah Matzah for their Seder Plate.

Sam Levinson

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Isn't it time to proclaim Sam Levenson one of our national resources?

We take Sam Levenson for granted, because he has become a household name in our nation.

But the effervescent, irresistible Levenson must be appreciated. To appraise him is to praise him.

He has brought more laughter to the U.S. than most people in our history.

He is, at the same time, a champion of Jewishness at its finest.

His book, "Everything But Money," which has sold almost a half million copies, proves that there's nothing more enriching than family fidelity to lofty standards of service and affection.

Levenson not only appears on TV and radio and on the lecture platform. He takes part in the actions and the passions of his people. He was out there one cold day demonstrating against Russian anti-Semitism.

He was the master of ceremonies in a New York park when that city staged an Ethnic Festival devoted to Jewishness. Millions of non-Jews have learned about Judaism from this former teacher.

Levenson is an active member of his own congregation in Neponsit, N.Y., and aids his rabbi, Dr. Joseph Weiss, in many an undertaking.

In an age of vulgarity, when many Jews hate themselves, it is refreshing to have a Sam Levenson who deftly combines fun and faith. He's an American gem.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--The city's Welfare Department and the National Welfare Ministry will open a major effort to rehabilitate underprivileged youths in the cities "slum areas." The drive was spurred by the appearance of self-styled "Black Panthers," a small group of militant slum youngsters who have demonstrated against poverty.