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Rabbi Meir Kahane

The leaders of the Jewish Establishment view with equanimity the forthcoming July 23 court appearance of Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, to be sentenced for violation of a Federal explosive act. The Rabbi can be sentenced up to five years in prison or he can be placed on probation where any future violation of the law on his part will mean immediate jailing. Either way, as they see it, a man who does harm to the Jewish image and the Jewish people at home and abroad will be neutralized.

But the matter is not so simple for the little man--the average Jewish man in the street with no establishment ties. For him there are divided feelings.

On the one hand, he is outraged by the Rabbi's expression of support of whoever commits bombings or other acts of violence against Soviet installations in this country, even though he says the JDL itself has never committed a bombing. And he disapproves of JDL's tactics of harassment of Soviet personnel in New York and Washington, but only because he feels it is non-productive.

On the other hand, he does approve, sometimes secretly, the bombings of Soviet installations--preferably by non-Jewish groups--and he glories again sometimes secretly, in the fact that through the JDL the Jew is striking back at his tormentor. He also acknowledges the fact that for many Jewish youths it was the JDL that made them aware of their Jewishness.

And he cannot forget that while the established Jewish leadership sought by diplomatic means to bring pressure on the American and on other governments to intervene on behalf of Soviet Jewry, it was not until the JDL by its "obnoxious" actions brought news of Soviet Jewry from the inside pages (if it appeared at all) to the front pages of the metropolitan press and brought the issue to the attention of the American public.

World of Kashrut

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The world of Kashrut is illuminated as it never was before by Rabbi Seymour Freedman. Rabbi Freedman is the lucky rabbi whose post is the Concord Hotel.

A graduate of an Orthodox Jewish seminary, he also has a degree in educational psychology from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

In the first tome of its kind, "The Book of Kashrut," issued by the Bloch Publishing Co., Rabbi Freedman lets us in behind the scenes

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in the intriguing domain of kashrut. First, he gives the rationale for the observance of the dietary laws. Then he corroborates the fact that the Jewish style of slaughtering is compassionate despite the anti-Semitic assaults of some "humane" groups. Then he exposes some of the shady and questionable practices of some of those on the fringe of the kashrut world. And then he is downright helpful as he gives cooks and housewives some delightful sample menus.

In learned fashion Rabbi Freedman also explores the impact of chemistry on kosher foods. With synthetics and such we sometimes are in doubt whether certain items are kosher (that is, ritually proper) or not. The rabbi gives valuable assistance here.

You couldn't do better than to give this book to a couple getting married. But it's a fine book for general reading too. And synagogue adult education groups will find the book a delight.

Letter to Negro Press

To the editor:
 I am writing this on the eve of the anniversary of the lynching of three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi in 1964 -- Andrew Goodman, Mickey Schwerner and James Chaney.

Both the first two named young men were Jews. They gave their lives for racial justice for a racial group not their own.

Anti-Semitism is always morally wrong and it is particularly stupid for Negroes to be anti-Semitic, as some among the Black Muslims and Black Panthers appear to be. The Jews know from nearly 2,000 years of bitter persecution what racial discrimination means. Some 6,000,000 of them, women and children as well as men, were lynched by Hitler. Both prominent individual Jews and Jewish organizations have given substantial political help and financial help to the cause of civil rights. For example, Jews were among the founders of NAACP and a Jew, Kivie Kaplan, is one of the two top officers of the NAACP, and a very effective one too.

Doubtless there are bad Jews. There are bad Negroes too. A bad Negro assassinated Malcolm X. It is just as foolish and evil for Negroes to be anti-Semitic, opposed to all Jews, because a few Jews may be bad, as it is for white bigots to demand segregation and oppose civil rights because there are a few bad Negroes.

Alfred Baker Lewis
 Treasurer, NAACP

WASHINGTON--A first-day cover, commemorating the start of the bicentennial observance of the American Revolution, is being offered by B'nai B'rith's philatelic service, at B'nai B'rith Exhibit Hall, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Orders must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

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



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of ZOA, violently objects to proposed legislation that would open U.S. immigration rolls to thousands of Soviet Jews. Mr. Weisman supports his contention with, it: "can only divert attention from their primary demand to be permitted to go to Israel."

Now, there is no question that this writer, along with Mr. Weisman, is in favor of Jews in Russia being permitted to migrate to Israel.

But we have been running stories and scare headlines, since the matter was called to our attention, pointing up the deprived conditions, the bias, the anti-Semitism going on in the Soviet Union. Organizations like JDL have sprung up all over the U.S. and world protesting the plight of Russian Jews. A conference of World Jewish leaders in Brussels brought out a condemnation of Russia and resolutions for an ease of the restriction.

We report of synagogues being closed by the thousands, Jewish holiday services curtailed, Hebrew schools closed and individuals charged with infamous, stacked-up crimes followed by jail sentences far out of proportion. We have letters smuggled out showing extreme hardship.

In view of all this, it would appear that any means of rescuing our fellow Jews should be welcome. Especially when the destination proposed is the United States, not Siberia or outer Mongolia. We cannot understand the logic of a well-meaning Jew objecting to Russian Jews coming to America.

Mr. Weisman speaks of the "rights" of Soviet Jews to live full lives in Israel.

Alas, if this were true, we would welcome Mr. Weisman's philosophy with open arms. But unfortunately, we cannot conceive of talking about "rights" of Jews in Russia when their very lives are at stake.

It would seem to us that the first and only consideration at this time would be the safety of the Russian Jews, not their "rights."

Mr. Weisman would rather have Congress influence public opinion against Russia's refusal to allow unimpeded immigration to Israel, instead of the opportunity for the oppressed people to come to America. We are grateful to have Congressmen who care.

Maybe we are wrong. If so please correct us.

Following is the text of the ZOA news release. Decide for yourself.

CONGRESS URGED TO DROP PROPOSALS TO LET SOVIET JEWS IMMIGRATE TO U.S.

NEW YORK--Proposed legislation that would open U.S. immigration rolls to thousands of Soviet Jews "can only divert attention from their primary demand to be permitted to go to Israel," Herman L. Weisman of New York, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said this week.

Congressmen who have recommended a special adjustment of American immigration quotas are sincere, well-intentioned and sensitive to the Kremlin's repressive policies toward its Jewish citizens," Mr. Weisman declared.

But efforts in this direction, he said, "ignore the fact that every statement, appeal and petition by Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate cites their right, and their need, to live full Jewish lives in Israel."

Mr. Weisman emphasized that members of Congress are in a key position to help bring about the lowering of Soviet emigration barriers.

He urged them to concentrate on calling for the United States to raise the issue before the United Nations General Assembly, and to continue to speak out -- in Congress and from every available platform -- in support of Soviet Jewry.

"The weight and prestige of Congress," Mr. Weisman said, "are essential in influencing public opinion against the Soviet Union's arbitrary refusal to allow unimpeded emigration to Israel."