

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Tell:

For a long while I have intended writing you to express appreciation for receiving regularly the Las Vegas Israelite.

I enjoy reading it very much and congratulate you on a publication with real "soul."

Enclosed are clippings from today's New York Times on the phone interview of newsmen with Howard Hughes. Just thought you might need an additional copy of this.

Your articles on Mr. Hughes and the continuing scheme to discredit him were great preparation for me to understand this latest

episode. Keep up the good work to give your readers the truth.

Also, thanks for the coverage of our 1971 National Bible Week. Justice Goldberg, the first Jew to serve as National Chairman of this interfaith observance, was a tremendous asset to our program

We will appreciate your continued support and that of your readers, should any of them wish to join with us. They should write the Laymen's National Bible Committee, Suite 522, 815 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Again, our thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,
John F. Fisler
Executive Director
(Laymen's Nat'l. Bible Committee, N.Y.C., N.Y.)

A Noble Woman

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Add to the important women of our world the name of Cynthia Wedel.

She is the Golda Meir or Indira Gandhi of the Protestant world in America.

Dr. Wedel is the president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, which means that she is the No. 1 Protestant layman or laywoman in this country.

Married to a distinguished clergyman, Dr. Otto Wedel, Mrs. Wedel's birthplace was Dearborn, Michigan, where once anti-Semitism flourished. Thanks to a change of heart, that famous Dearborn resident, the late Henry Ford, gave up his anti-Semitism, and the present Ford family, purged of this malady, are among the most enlightened people in the U.S.

But Dr. Wedel believes that hostility to the Jews still lingers in the hearts of many Christians.

And she said so in forceful words spoken at a recent gathering of the Synagogue Council of America. In her talk, the erudite Dr. Wedel reminded her listeners that Christians are reared on the Jewish Bible, as Jews are. But she lamented that xenophobia has not been erased.

Here are her words: "It grieves me to realize that one of the shadows on our relationship is anti-Semitism which is still so tragically present in many who call themselves Christians.

"It is my real hope that more of us in the Christian churches are becoming aware of this scandal, and awareness is at least a beginning of doing much more to eradicate it. We are still not taking it seriously enough, nor doing what we can and must."

Elsewhere in her talk Dr. Wedel observed that "Our roots in Judaism are very precious."

Also precious is the effort of a devout and dedicated Protestant to eliminate so unchristian a phenomenon as hatred. We doff our hat to Dr. Wedel, and also to the Synagogue Council of America for providing her with a forum to make her significant statement.

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Dear Mr. Tell,

In behalf of the Beth Shalom Seniors, I do thank you and your charming wife for your kind considerations, i.e., the delivery of the excellent Israelite and a good spot for this announcement.

Sincerely,
Frances Silvey, V.P.

Dear Mr. Tell,

You have a very interesting paper. I especially enjoy the stories that you and Don write about your wonderful family.

Also continue the honest reporting on the Hughes and Greenspun stories.

Good Luck to you always.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Paul Fischer
(St. Louis, Mo.)

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