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DR. BERNARD MANDELBAUM (SECOND FROM LEFT), PRESIDENT OF THE THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA, ACCEPTS CHECK FOR \$750,000 FROM LEON SINGER (LEFT), ATTORNEY AND EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MORRIS J. BERNSTEIN. WITH THEM ARE MR. SINGER'S ASSOCIATE AND FELLOW EXECUTOR, SAMUEL GORDON (RIGHT), AND DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, SEMINARY CHANCELLOR. THE CHECK, MR. BERNSTEIN'S BEQUEST TO THE SEMINARY, WILL ASSURE THE CONTINUANCE OF THE MORRIS J. AND ETHEL BERNSTEIN PASTORAL PSYCHIATRY CENTER, A SEMINARY PROGRAM WHICH HAD THE SUPPORT OF BOTH MR. AND MRS. BERNSTEIN DURING THEIR LIVES.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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it is mandatory for the city to follow suit." Our commission simply will not be intimidated. They have their own minds and they vote according to their own conscience and sound reasoning.

When a newspaper publisher bragged that he is responsible for the election of a city commissioner and that commissioner abstains from voting, we take our hat off to that excellent public servant, even though we did not support him for the office. It proves we have honest men running our city.

The background of the Thriftmart case is somewhat complicated but interesting enough to outline the highlights.

Thriftmart Corp. is a subsidiary of Smart & Final Corp., a large Calif. company. Through the years, a subsidiary of Thriftmart, Market Play Inc. has been operating the 45 machines in the three city stores. Last year's gross was \$630,000. A law suit instigated and pending, in Reno involves Market Play. A new corporation, Lease-Hills, applied for licensing from all the gaming commissions.

In a routine check-up, an investigator for the City Commission, attached to the L.V. Police Dept., recommended denial of the license because of a violation of trust by the previous licensee against a long-past city commission. The investigator also suggested the main stockholder of the new applicants be subject to approval. It was on this occasion the City Commission voted unanimously to rescind the license.

When the major stockholder divested himself of the stock (270,000 shares) the city commissioners voted to reconsider the application and it was brought up at Tuesday's special meeting, called to approve the city budget.

Although the good, reliable operators of Thriftmart are despondent, we inform those solid citizens they will be accorded every consideration, simply by re-applying in the names of their officers and those holding five per cent, or more, of the stock. They will receive the licenses they truly deserve. The Israelite recommends the licensing.

At the same time we warn those who resort to crude and unsavory tactics to sway our city officials, "to knock it off."

We're proud of the men we elected in Las Vegas. Not too many other cities can make this boast.

heritage, to be re-united with their people. This is a beacon of inspiration to Jews and non-Jews alike."

"For all men," Rabbi Karasick's statement continues, "the example of Soviet Jewry proclaims that, although atheistic autocracy has spread its bounds far, the spirit of freedom ever rises anew. For us Jews, the heroic steadfastness of Russian Jews is fresh evidence of the Divine Hand that reached out to our forefathers in Egyptian bondage and has ever guided the path of our people. We see again the manifestation of Divine Purpose, as was vouchsafed in the rebirth of the Jewish State in the Land of Israel and in the providential opportunity to build amidst the bounties of American freedom strong foundations for a Torah-dedicated Jewish life."

The Orthodox Union president called upon American Jews to further strengthen ties with Israel and particularly with its religious development. He said: "In the final analysis, the State of Israel can accomplish its purpose only as the vehicle for the purpose for which the Jewish people was brought into being -- the fulfillment of the Divine Covenant. Let us realize, too, that the direction of Jewish life in Israel has profound influence on the direction of American Jewish life -- and vice versa. In strengthening Israel's religious life, we strengthen our own."

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, established in 1898, is the national body serving the 3,100 orthodox synagogues of the United States and Canada.

Black's Defend Israel

The statement of the Congressional Black Caucus defending Israel's "right to existence" couldn't have come at a more propitious moment. Following a resolution at the Black Political Convention two weeks earlier calling for the dismantling of Israel, the Caucus highlighted "the example set by the Jewish people in their long struggle to overcome oppression and win freedom from the time of Moses to the establishment of the State of Israel, has helped inspire Black people in this country to strive for self-respect and dignity and to revive their own cultural heritage."

This might well have been a speech by Moses urging his people to free themselves of their bonds. Passover celebrates that moment in history and certainly the recognition of Jewish contribution to its and the freedom of others by Black leaders augurs well for the continued understanding of the two ethnic groups. The old alliance between the two communities has had some hard sledding recently, due to the activities and statements of extremists in the ranks of both. In this extended hand, which will be read properly by the mass of black people lies the foundation for a healthy and constructive inter-relationship. It would be well if the Jewish community reached out for that hand.

Passover Message

BY RABBI JOSEPH KARASICK
(PRES., UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMER.)

The vision of human freedom rooted in the American concept of life must not be set aside in seeking peaceful co-existence with nations governed by totalitarian regimes, it was urged by Rabbi Joseph Karasick, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, in a message issued for the coming Passover. He stated:

"The very factors which make it imperative that the great Powers find the way to safeguard world peace, make it equally imperative that the principles of the right of all men and all nations to freedom and democracy be safeguarded no less. In this era of instant communication and swifter-than sound transportation, the forces at play in one land or one continent touch the lives and future of every other land and continent. Certainly every effort must be made to find practical accommodation between the democracies and the autocracies. But in pursuing this necessary objective, it must be made plain that this does not constitute either a moral acceptance of autocracy as such or a

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Let's Get Smaller

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

There's a rabbi in Washington who has some interesting ideas about synagogues.

He's Rabbi Eugene Lipman whom you may know. Rabbi Lipman, a Pittsburgher by birth, was in the national office of the Reform movement, counseling others on how to improve their administration.

Then he became the spiritual guide of a Reform congregation in Washington, Temple Sinai.

The rabbi helped to create one of American Jewry's unique organizations, a national association of temple executives, men who direct the business and housekeeping matters connected with synagogues.

Speaking to the NATA (National Association of Temple Administrators), the rabbi deplored the lack of vibrant purposefulness among Jews. Yes, many of them belong to synagogues, but they don't feel the synagogue belongs to them. They're apathetic and they visit the synagogue like they do the dentist: once or twice a year.

In his long talk, Rabbi Lipman must have startled his listeners with one passage which began: "I propose that we deliberately get smaller as a movement."

The speaker went on to say that instead of seeking larger memberships, synagogues ought to screen applicants and only take into membership those who want to be active, earnest, participating Jews.

"Let there be no child in a Reform religious school whose parents do not study Judaism," said the rabbi, in another part of his talk.

"Our adherents should be Jews" is the way Rabbi Lipman phrased his proposal.

I wonder how you, dear reader, react to the Lipman idea. Do you agree that no one should be admitted to a Jewish congregation unless he agrees to do something about his Jewishness? Do you think it would be advisable to work towards smaller but more active Jewish groups? Rabbi Lipman would appreciate your view,

retreat from the American intent to point the way to freedom and democracy for all peoples."

The orthodox Jewish leader cited the experience of the Jews of the Soviet Union as demonstrating how "every fifty years of totalitarian terror could not succeed in extirpating the will to freedom from the hearts of men," and how "after more than two generations of ruthless suppression of Jewish religious and communal life the ranks of Soviet Jewry are aflame with the determination to affirm their Jewish identity, to renew themselves in the sacred Jewish faith and