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Plight of Soviet Jews

The murder of four young Jewish women in Syria has served to dramatize the plight of the 4000 Jews in that country. Apparently the women, three of whom were sisters, were killed while trying to escape to Lebanon.

Rabbi Joseph Harari, director of the Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jewry, has expressed shocked disbelief that the Syrian authorities have charged two Jews for the murder. Newspaper reports said that four smugglers were arrested for the crime, two of whom were Jewish. Rabbi Harari, however, said people who know the two Jewish men praised their integrity.

We will probably never know what really happened. But the fact that these four young women were willing to risk their lives to leave Syria emphasizes the difficult conditions under which Syrian Jews live. Confined to ghettos, perhaps no other Jewish community except for the handful still in Iraq, faces such danger to their daily existence. Barred from working, most live from charity from abroad, chiefly American Jewry. They are constantly subjected to insults and being spat upon in the streets, not to mention the constant threat of being beaten and even murdered.

It is time that civilized world opinion demand an end to this condition, and that since Syria has no use for these people, they should be allowed to leave. Arousing public opinion to help the oppressed Syrian Jews should be among our most urgent tasks.

Poignancy

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

For pure poignancy you'll have to go far to surpass a poem I read in the bulletin of Temple Sinai, Toronto, where the Rabbi is one of the most gifted men I know: Dr. Jordan Pearlson.

A member of his congregation, a young woman, named Lynn Richmond, herself a sabra, is collecting money to send to the wounded of the Yom Kippur War, and she poetized her appeal thus:

When it comes to money I cannot beg
 Except for the soldier who lost a leg,
 Except for my brothers whose strength
 and will
 Is just not enough in the winter chill,
 Except for the simplest things they need,
 A scarf or a sweater; that's not greed.

When it comes to money I will never schmor,
 Except for my brothers who fought our war,



Elijah

THE ANCIENT BIBLICAL STORY OF THE JEWISH FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM IS RE-TOLD IN A NEW EDITION OF THE PASSOVER HAGGADAH, PREPARED BY THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS FOR PUBLICATION BY GROSSMAN IN TIME FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PASSOVER, BEGINNING THIS APRIL 6. IT IS ILLUSTRATED WITH TWENTY FULL-COLOR WATERCOLORS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS EDITION BY MASTER ARTIST LEONARD BASKIN, WHO HAS TURNED HIS ENERGIES TO A TOTALLY RELIGIOUS PUBLICATION FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE ORIGINAL DRAWINGS ARE CURRENTLY ON EXHIBITION AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM IN NEW YORK, AND ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SHOWN IN MAJOR CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Except for the needs on the medical floor,
 Except for the soldier whose time runs slow,
 Who guards our borders, with no place to go,
 Except for the soldier; when his day is done
 He needs some diversion, a game for fun.

Fun is a strange word today,
 So are warmth, comfort and play.
 For my brother, the soldier, I must find a way.

So write or call me; I'm willing to trek,
 I'll come to your house to pick up the cheque.
 Give me a lot, give me more than you can;
 My brother, the soldier, is a worthy man...

The soldier, my brother, can't tell you thanks.
 Go to your wallet, your purse or your banks.
 Don't let another minute pass by;
 It's better to give than to sit shiva and cry!

ROME (WNS) -- During a private audience with two parents of Israeli prisoners in Syria, Pope Paul VI expressed the hope that "the positive and fruitful pursuit of negotiations will make possible a rapid exchange of prisoners" between Israel and Syria.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- ABC-TV was sharply criticized by the Jewish Broadcasting and Film Committee for its presentation of "The Merchant of Venice," claiming the production, by Britain's famed National Theatre Co., starring Sir Laurence Olivier in the role of Shylock, "perpetuates the anti-Semitic theme of Shakespeare's play and its negative stereotype of the Jew."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The National Black Political Convention which met in Little Rock, Ark., adopted a resolution condemning Black Congressmen who voted for \$2. billion in U. S. aid to Israel "while ignoring the plight of Palestinian refugees" and called for support of Arab nations in Africa.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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to be made by the Hughes hotels. The ISRAELITE broke this story when the contract was discovered by Hughes' investigators after Maheu was fired. What should be forthcoming in the L.A. courtroom is the fact that from the time the contract was made until Maheu's ouster, four years later, Greenspun never deducted from the half million advance, the cost of the ads being inserted.

Now it will be determined whether the \$500,000 was truly an advance, or a "loan" or an outright gift. In any case, what specific act did Greenspun perform to be the recipient of this bonanza? And what, if any was Maheu's cut?

It also was revealed that Maheu participated in the negotiations for the sale from Greenspun to Hughes for \$2,250,000 of the Paradise Valley Country Club. An action was subsequently brought by Hughes to revoke this sale because it was claimed Greenspun was not revealed at the time as one of the owners of the property.

There was no mention in the L.A. trial, so far, of the \$4,000,000 cash loan from Hughes to Greenspun at the incredible low interest rate of 3%, terms which the Wall St. Journal said General Motors could not get from the Bank of America. So far, payment No.1 has not been made on this obligation, which, according to the note signed when the loan was made, should have been entirely cleared by 1975. A token offer, two years ago, by Greenspun of \$30,000 as interest, was refused by Hughes' attorneys, who moved to place a lien on the Las Vegas Sun, listed as collateral. Greenspun retaliated with a \$142,000,000 counterclaim, stating a subsequent agreement had been entered into, prior to Maheu's ouster, which extended repayment of the \$4,000,000 loan until the year 2004.

One interesting sidelight. The Internal Revenue Service has brought a \$1,200,000 claim against Greenspun, asking taxes be paid on the difference between the 3% interest and the going rate of 6%.

If these transactions took place between business men they would raise eyebrows and give every indication of stinking to high heaven.

But here we have a newspaper publisher who's obligation, devotion and dedication should be solely and wholly to his community and his readers. That is why we have the Freedom of the Press insertion in the U.S. Constitution. Was Greenspun acting for the general welfare or for his own selfish motives? His callous, irresponsibility of using the power of the press apparently for personal gain is a blemish to the renowned profession of newspaper publisher. It is a stigma against the entire noble realm of honest journalism, a thorn in the side of every reporter out covering a story.

There is one ironical twist that was exposed during the current L.A. trial. It was stated that from 1967 until 1970 the operating losses on the Hughes Nevada properties ran to about \$20,000,000. Those were the years Maheu was in charge and Greenspun was spreading good will.

After Maheu was ousted Greenspun turned viscious in denouncing Hughes. Sparked by Greenspun, morale among the 8,000 employees of Hughes was at its lowest.

Then Perry Lieber came to town as vice president in charge of Hughes Nevada public relations. Today every Hughes property is operating in the black. And just recently \$2,000,000 expenditure was announced to a new and modern facility to house KLAS-TV.

Apparently, the best thing that happened to Hughes was to get Greenspun off his side.

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith affirmed its "continuing and unequivocal" support of the Jackson Amendment, rejecting the view that a "softening" of its provisions would lead to further liberalization of Soviet emigration policies.

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