

LUBAVITCHER REBBE APPEALS WORLDWIDE

NEW YORK (LNS) -- In an unusual Saturday night address to thousands of women gathered at Lubavitch world headquarters in New York, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, reiterated his call to women to strengthen the observance of the traditional candle lighting before the Sabbath and holidays, and again urged that even young girls, provided they are old enough to understand and recite the blessing for the candle lighting, be given their own candlestick and be taught to observe the lighting in the proper time before the Sabbath and holidays.

In his talk to the women which was heard live in Lubavitch Centers around the world, the Rebbe quoted the Zohar (Bereishis 48:2) which states that the woman should care-

fully observe the candle lighting with delight and gladness of heart for it endows her with G-d fearing children who will illuminate the world with Torah, while it brings peace on earth and long life to the members of her family.

In an address earlier in the day the Rebbe called upon Jews to study Torah prodigiously. He appealed to Jews to set aside time every day for Torah study and that whenever possible Torah study sessions be held in groups.

The Rebbe suggested that individuals open their homes to these Torah study groups and invite their friends and neighbors to participate. He further proposed that the study sessions be rotated so that many different home have the opportunity to become an 'abode for Torah,' and

he expressed hope that the 'competitive spirit of the scholarly would enhance and heighten their level of wisdom' (Talmud, Baba Bathra 21:1).

The Rebbe's appeal for intensified and widespread Torah study is part of his recently inaugurated massive, world-wide, five-point Mitzvah campaign in which he called for:

- 1) Torah study every day by all Jews,
- 2) Donning Tefillin each weekday by all men 13 and over,
- 3) Every Jewish home have 'kosher' Mezuzos properly affixed to its doorposts,
- 4) Every Jewish home possess at least the basic Jewish books, namely, a Chumash (Bible), a Siddur (Prayer Book) and a Tehillim (Book of Psalms) conspicuously displayed so that they serve as a constant reminder of the necessity of Torah study and prayer, and
- 5) Keeping a 'pushka' (Charity Box) in the home in a conspicuous place to remind everyone living there of the sacred Mitzvah of charity and enable one to contribute frequently to a worthwhile cause.

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CATHOLIC LEADER ASSAILS ARCHBISHOP

SO. ORANGE, N. J. (WNS) -- Msgr. John Oesterreicher, director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, has charged that Archbishop Hillarion Capucci's "deed and Patriarch Maximos' attempt to whitewash him has disgraced the Melkite (Greek Catholic) Church, indeed all Christians."

He was referring to Archbishop Capucci, head of the Greek Catholic Church in East Jerusalem and the West Bank who is on trial in Jerusalem on charges of smuggling arms to terrorists and maintaining contact with terrorist agents. "What makes the whole affair so disconcerting is the twisted mind and drugged conscience of the Archbishop," Msgr. Oesterreicher said.

"He seems to consider the smuggling of 2000 pounds of arms, ammunition and explosives...quite compatible with his episcopal office but protests against his incarceration as offending his rank." He praised Archbishop Raya "till recently the shepherd of 40,000 Melkites in all of northern Israel, for having balanced the ledger, allow-



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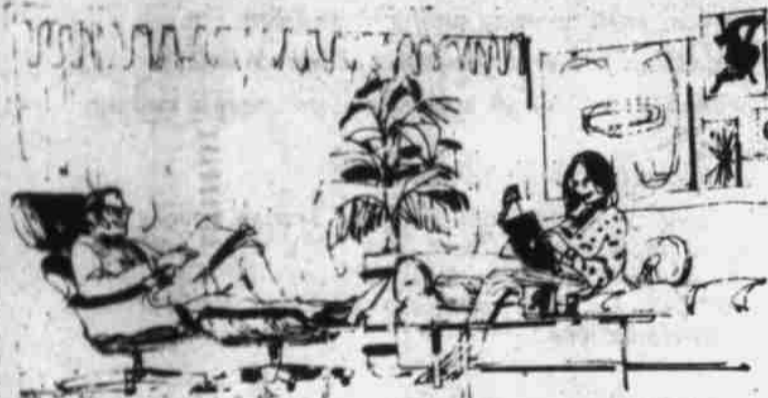
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