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RICHARD BAUER (LEFT) IS ZALMAN AND JOSEPH WISEMAN IS THE RABBI IN "ZALMAN OR THE MADNESS OF GOD," BEING SHOWN ON THEATER IN AMERICA OVER PBS ON JANUARY 8, AT 9:00 P.M. THE PLAY WAS WRITTEN BY ELIE WIESEL AND PREMIERED AT THE UJA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT CARNEGIE HALL, DECEMBER 13, 1974. (ED. NOTE: EVERY JEW IN AMERICA SHOULD SEE THIS PLAY.)

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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field is being written after his death. It gives me a feeling of guilt that I didn't write my admiration for the inimitable Harry while he was still alive. Herschfield, who passed on recently at the age of 89, was an extraordinary person. A cartoonist and raconteur par excellence, he was a fine booster for the cause of Judaism. Few alive remember his cartoon character, Abe Kabile, but many will tell you how amusing Herschfield was as a master of ceremonies and a quipster. He did a column for an Orthodox Jewish paper in New York, "The Jewish Press." In it, as well as in his talks, he propelled his audience, heaving with laughter, towards a subtle appreciation of the values of Judaism. He was also a laughing protester of extremism, of all kinds. Harry was an example par excellence of the old gag that when you tell a Jew a joke, he responds: "Let me tell it my way." He once heard the story about the woman who was given two gifts by her nouveau rich son, a Picasso and a Jaguar. He calls her to ask whether they arrived, and she says: "One did." Asked which one, she says: "I don't know." Retorted Herschfield, "In 1910 I first told the story, about a Michaelangelo and a Stutz." The world is darker with Herschfield but he did brighten it up for thousands for a long time. He proved that despite his tzores, the Jew knows how to laugh and to bring laughter. May his shining spirit continue to give us a lift for many years to come.



DORE SCHARY, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST NOTED PLAYWRIGHTS, PRODUCERS AND MOTION PICTURE EXECUTIVES, HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF A CONFERENCE ON THE JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS TO BE SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD, AS A MAJOR JEWISH CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Charges of fraud and other illegal activities levelled against the network of nursing and old aged homes in New York owned by Rabbi Bernard Bergman, a leader of the world and American Mizrahi organization is reportedly causing a turmoil within the National Religious Party here.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- Queen Juliana and members of her family have contributed to a fund to restore the old Sephardi Synagogue in the Hague built in 1726.

JERUSALEM -- One of the largest scholarship funds ever established for Israeli students was announced by the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Pinchas Sapir, when a quarter of a million dollars was contributed by Mr. Phillip Stollman, of Detroit, a noted Jewish and Zionist leader who also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University.

Watching USSR Emigration

The Soviet government is presently conducting a campaign to demonstrate it means what it says about Soviet emigration policy's not being influenced by pressure from abroad. A week after Tass released a letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger denying any link between trade and emigration, the KGB summoned Jewish activists to give them a personal affirmation of this policy. The activists were told that, "In the future, as in the past, all decisions concerning emigration will be made by the USSR without any consideration from abroad." Backing up these words are the stepped-up arrests and harassment of Jewish activists. Perhaps the most glaring example is the renegeing by the Soviet Union of the promise made to Dr. Benjamin Levich, a leading activist and internationally-known scientist that his two sons could leave this year for Israel and he would be allowed to emigrate next year. The promise was made last June, during former President Nixon's visit to Moscow, as a sop to Western public opinion following the arrest of activists and to avoid any embarrassment for the Soviets while Nixon was in the USSR. But now to show it cannot be influenced by public opinion the Soviet government has asked Levich to sign a pledge that he will not seek to join his sons if they are allowed to emigrate. Jewish leaders as well as the Administration and Congressional leaders have said they will wait for Soviet action not words. But the action so far demonstrates the importance of the clause in the Trade Bill which calls for a review of emigration practices and allows the U.S. to cancel the concessions to the Soviet Union if emigration restrictions are not relaxed. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D, Wash.) told the recent annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee that he will watch Soviet emigration policies "like a bulldog." But it is up to all members of the American Jewish community to show the same tenacity in seeing that the Soviets comply or that their trade benefits be cut off.

A Prayer

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Rabbis must be phraseologists, and none is finer than Dr. Hayim Goren Perelmutter who (with Rabbi Simeon Maslow) shares a pulpit in Chicago at a merged synagogue called Kehilath Anshe Maariv-Isaiah Israel. A gift to the U.S. from Canada, Rabbi Perelmutter is an interesting bit of Judeo-american in that he is one of three brothers

in the Jewish ministry. His brother Martin's in Louisville, Ky., and Brother Bernard's in Trenton, N.J. They are related to the Goren of bridge fame, but posterity will identify Goren as a kinsman of the three rabbinical brothers.

To prove that Rabbi Perelmutter turns a phrase with great skill, I'm reprinting a prayer he offered at a Thanksgiving service in the majestic Rockefeller Chapel attended by Jews and Christians. If you are a fancier of lovely words and ideas, you'll want to put this prayer in your scrap book. Prayed Rabbi Perelmutter:

"How are we to give thanks to You for our being and for the possibilities of that being at such a time as this?"

"We, who have been taught to give thanks for abundance, stand appalled and dismayed at the abuse of that abundance. We have seen the noble idea that we are but stewards of Your overflowing blessings distorted by a sense of overweening power by those who possess it. They boastfully proclaim that not You, but their strength and their own possessions are their gods.

"We have seen the distortion of justice and integrity in the higher places, from the councils of the General Assembly of the U.N. to the highest places in the halls of governments, including ours. We have seen blind and mindless hatred possess the souls of men while those of evil and selfish and unhuman goals make shambles of our fondest dreams.

"We have seen the distortion of words where democracy, freedom and national fulfillment have come to be a mask for oppression and for destruction. We have seen nations gather to speak of hunger as they flit from buffet to buffet of abundance. We have seen the distortion of deeds where men cower before the bully's whip, the hijacker's gun or the blatant falsehood, without the courage and forthright dignity which faith and integrity demand. Shall we sit about our groaning boards and despairingly look upon the confusion that surrounds us, and sigh with shrug of shoulders as we shut our wider needs from our comfortable awareness?

"Teach us in such a time, O God, to know Your ways; to be men where there are no men; to stand for integrity where there is no integrity; to stand in faith where there is no faith; to stand for courage where there is no courage; to stand for truth where falsehood reigns; for the honor of our institutions where dishonor stalks; and for peace that can be born out of these through steadfastness and the genuine communication of hearts. May the time not be distant that the thanks we offer You will rise up out of the realities we shall have achieved for Your name's sake."

JERUSALEM (WUP) -- A new zone for heavy industry is being planned in a largely desert area east of this city, Maale Edumin, situated on a road approaching the Dead Sea.

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