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## Phoney Mike Wallace

In an apparent determination to "show up" the Jewish organizations that objected to a distorted view of Syrian Jews, Mike Wallace compounded the distortion of the true picture by re-broadcasting the same program.

It is evident that Arab propaganda billions are paying off at top levels. We urge every Jew, and friend of the Jews, to write CBS in New York and demand a new, true picture be presented.

The CBS television program "60 Minutes" did nothing to correct the inaccuracies and distortions in its report on Syrian Jews last February when it repeated the broadcast June 8. While host Mike Wallace in the broadcast noted some of the objections in his opening and closing remarks his comments were inadequate and continued to distort the true picture of the plight of Syrian Jews.

Since last February CBS has refused to correct the inaccuracies in the original program despite the plea of numerous Jewish Organizations including the Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jews and the American Jewish Congress. It was only when the AJCongress announced it had filed a complaint with the National News Council, a non-profit organization that investigates complaints against the media, did CBS come up with its weak response.

There were many complaints about the program but basically they centered on Wallace's comments that conditions for Syrian Jewry had improved, an interview with a wealthy Syrian Jewish family who offered positive views of government policy and a reference that Israel had levelled the Golan Heights town of Kuneitra when it pulled back troops in the 1974 disengagement agreement. All of these follow the Syrian propaganda line. The AMJ Congress charges that Wallace did not say that the sons of the family interviewed have fled Syria and members of the family have been held for interrogation.

No one wishes to censor any part of the media. But the fate of Syrian Jewry hangs in the balance and inaccurate and distorted reports could harm Syrian Jewry since it casts doubts on the legitimacy of their just grievances.

One of the major problems was pointed out by the New York Times television critic John J. O'Connor who in discussing the program noted that "television has so far failed to develop adequate mechanisms for adjustments, amplifications and outright corrections."

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During the era of the late Joseph McCarthy newspapers developed interpretative reporting to deal with the allegations put forth by the Wisconsin senator.

Since the Watergate experience, the media no longer accepts at face value the statements of government officials. How much more should this practice be carried out in reports from countries which do not have the American standards of democracy and free speech.

## The Faithful Jew

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

In every organization a handful of people come through on every occasion. They are the reliable ones who can be counted on to patronize the events, volunteer to do the chores, keep the group going.

It was inevitable that this blessed minority should be saluted.

And someone has. Who is it I don't know, but the following paean appeared in the bulletin of Ohav Tzedek Temple in Youngstown, Ohio.

The anonymous writer pays tribute to the hardy and hearty reliables in the shul, but the same kudos can be hymned to the faithful few in every association that you and I know about. Here's the salute:

When the meeting's called to order and you look about the room,

You're sure to see some faces that from out of the shadows loom,

That are always at the meeting and stay until it is through.

The ones that I would mention are the Always Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant offices as they are always on the spot.

No matter what's the weather, though it may be awful hot.

It may be dark and rainy but they are tried and true.

The ones who never fail us are the Always Faithful Few.

There're lots of worthy members who will come when in the mood,

When everything's convenient they can do a little good.

They're a factor in the temple and are necessary too.

But the ones who never fail us are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these faithful whose shoulders at the wheel

Keep the shul moving onward, without a halt or reel,

What would be the fate of synagogues that have so much to do?

They surely would go under but for the Faithful Few.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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for \$3,750,000, which Greenspun himself admitted was far above the market value at the time, and his Paradise Golf course, for \$2,225,000 which was about to be foreclosed by the Teamsters Union on a million dollar loan. These were transactions involving sale of properties at huge profits. Then came the cash deals.

First Greenspun got a half million advance in cash for advertising the Hughes hotels in his Sun until 1980. The contract not only called for no reduction in rates because of the large advance, it stated prevailing prices would be charged. Despite all this all the advertising received was paid for month by month by the Hughes hotels. It was only after Hughes left town in 1971, and the secret deal was discovered by Hughes accountants going over the books, that the half million advance was applied against the ads inserted. It didn't stop there.

Then Greenspun maneuvered a \$4,000,000 cash loan from Hughes at 3% interest, rates the Wall Street Journal said General Motors could not get from the Bank of America. The IRS brought action against Greenspun for more than a million dollars, the tax due on the difference between 3% and the normal, decent, honest rate of 6% any borrower would pay for a loan (if he could get it.) It is interesting to note that not one cent in principal or interest has been paid back by Greenspun to date on this loan, although the original contract called for repayment in full by 1975. (More about the \$4,000,000 loan later on.)

Another big lie in Time was: "Greenspun grew uneasy over Hughes' expanding influence in Las Vegas and now calls his former friend "a terrible menace to this country."

The only thing uneasy Greenspun felt, was Hughes firing of his Nevada Chief of Operations, Robert Maheu, who was Greenspun's direct route to Hughes' cash. Every deal was arranged by Maheu, who received a \$50,000 check from Greenspun the day he got the four million in 1967. It was a "loan" Greenspun testified, which has never been repaid.

Greenspun was never uneasy over Hughes' expanding influence until the minute Maheu was fired and Greenspun didn't know, at the time, just how far and deeply he would become implicated in all those secret deals. Then, and then only, and for no other reason, did Greenspun turn on Hughes.

No other single person or group in all of Nevada, capitalized as did Greenspun, in Hughes moving to Las Vegas. All this could have been investigated and reported accurately by Time, which preferred instead to print a stack of lies, along with inconsequential statements that portend to make Greenspun a hero.

Like mentioning that Greenspun became the only journalist to testify before the Senate Watergate Committee. Time does not state what Greenspun told the committee or the value of his testimony. It proved absolutely nothing and served only to get Greenspun involved to show his importance.

Greenspun tells, and Time reported, a break-in of Greenspun's office safe. Greenspun knows very well that an actual attempt to break into his safe never took place. Yes, there was talk of it by the White House plumbers, and that's all. However, Time stated: "After the break-in was disclosed in the Nixon tape transcripts last year..."

There was never any such disclosure in the Nixon tapes, and we ask Time to prove the statement in the magazine piece.

Then Time published the most obvious falsehood which could have been checked by back issues of the Las Vegas Sun.

Time stated: "The object of the break-in, he (Greenspun) theorizes, was probably a sheaf of handwritten memos from Howard Hughes to a subordinate. Yet Greenspun mysteriously will not say how he got the memos, and refuses to publish them."

Let's start with object of the break-in NOW BEING theorized by Greenspun. The public

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