

Intriguing Chronicle

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

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in such circles that Israel is a bastion of imperialist aggression, serving the evil purposes of the American aggressors against peace-loving and democratic Soviet Union and her allies...."

Now that we know the meaning of Zionism and how utterly removed it is from racism, what's the next step?

The million - member American Zionist Federation is embarking on a campaign to bring the facts about Zionism to the American public, Jews and non-Jews. There will be educational and informational programs, seminars, and hundreds of lecturers will appear wherever needed. All Zionist movements have joined to counter the anti-Zionist campaign.

There you have it. Jews, as never before, will unite to right a wrong. Petty differences will be pushed aside as Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, along with Sisterhoods, Hadassah, ORT, and others, will join in the defense of Judaism.

Probably every Gentile religion will join the parade, which is endorsed by both the Administration and Congress. Here comes America.

This time the Arabs bit off more than they can chew.

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gogues in all the cities and made bonfires in streets of the Holy Books and the scrolls of the Holy law and the Bible...It was a night which led eventually to the crematoria and the gas chambers, to Auschwitz, Birkenau, Dachau, Buchenwald, Theresienstadt, and others. It was the night which led to the most horrifying holocaust in the history of man...."

Comparing the current anti-Jewish groupings here to the Nazi alliance of 30 years ago, Herzog told the Assembly that "Hitler would have felt at home on a number of occasions during the past years listening to the proceedings in this forum and, above all, to the proceedings during the debate on Zionism."

He went on to charge that "the attack on Zionism constitutes not only an anti-Semitic attack of the foulest type, but also an attack in this world body on Judaism, one of the oldest - established religions in the world, a religion which has given the world the human values of the Bible, a religion from which two other great religions, Christianity and Islam, sprang. Is it not tragic," he continued, "to consider that we here, at this meeting, in the year 1975, are contemplating what is a scurrilous attack on a great and established religion that has given to the world the Bible with its Ten Commandments; the great prophets of old, Moses, Isaiah, Amos; the great thinkers of history, Maimonides, Spinoza, Marx, Ein-

stein; many of the masters of the arts, and as high a percentage of Nobel Prize winners in the world, in the sciences, in the arts and the humanities, as has been achieved by any other people on earth."

Chaim Herzog went on at length to define the true nature and meaning of Zionism. "Zionism," he said, "is nothing more, and nothing less, than the Jewish people's sense of origin and destination in the land linked eternally with its name. It is also the instrument whereby the Jewish nation seeks an authentic fulfillment of itself. And the drama is enacted in the region in which the Arab Nation has realized its sovereignty in 20 states comprising a hundred million people in four and a half million square miles, with vast resources. The issue, therefore, is not whether the world will come to terms with Arab nationalism. The question is at what point Arab nationalism, with its prestigious glut of advantage, wealth and opportunity will come to terms with the modest but equal rights of another Middle Eastern nation to pursue its life in security and peace."

This correspondent stated in last week's column that "one thing will evolve this November: Israel and world Jewry will know who their real friends are. They are not many, but they are also not few."

As it turned out, there are quite a few, many more than what was expected. Daniel Patrick Moynihan led the growing list which included all the Western countries, France and Italy among them and the Scandinavians, the great majority of the Latin states. They all spoke up powerfully against the resolution: Costa Rica and Liberia and Haiti excelled in their denunciation of the draft. The Ivory Coast, Central African Republic, Fiji, Malawi, Swaziland, the Bahamas and Barbados also stood valiantly with Israel in opposing Jewry's enemies.

The Arabs felt let-down. They had anticipated greater support, especially from the Africans and Asians. The number of these states that abstained shocked them. Among these were Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, Togo, Upper Voltz, Zaire, Zambia, Botswana, Ethiopia and Gabon. Also Japan, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, in addition to several Latins.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, in one of the most militant speeches ever heard here at the UN, warned the Assembly that "the terrible lie that has been told here today will have terrible consequences...As this day will live in infamy, it behooves those who sought to avert it that we were not small in number -- not this time -- and that while we lost, we fought with full knowledge of what indeed would be lost."

Mention religious education and most people think of children.

Thousands of books have been produced to aid young people learn the essentials of Judaism.

But Judaism has been a faith where parental learning is more important than that accorded to young people.

The Hebrew word for teacher and parent are almost the same.

As a matter of fact, it is adult education which has been largely responsible for the almost miraculous transmission of our heritage.

But not until recently had any one traced the course of adult study from Moses until our day.

Now, an intriguing chronicle has been produced in a volume so masterful that the great Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor emeritus of the Jewish Theological Seminary saluted it as "extraordinary."

Author of the book, "Lifelong Learning Among Jews" (Ktav) is Rabbi Israel Goldman, of Baltimore, himself a leader in the effort to maintain the high standards of grown-up learning.

Along with superb spiritual guidance of congregations, first in Providence and now in Baltimore, Dr. Goldman served as director of the national Academy for Adult Jewish Studies of the Conservative movement.

This intriguing chronicle tells about the chevrot (the learning fellowships) of the previous century. It describes the great stress on continuing study in the Talmud and in other sources of our rich cultural background.

To be a Jew one must never stop studying. It is a delight when a book like that of Rabbi Goldman's is not only authentic but also enchanting.

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Tens of thousands of Jews in communities around the world will celebrate on Sunday, November 23rd, the 177th anniversary of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi's release from Czarist prison, with a special public address by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

NEW YORK -- An experiment in peaceful coexistence between the town of Ma'alot, the scene of a massacre by Arab terrorists last May, and the neighboring Arab village of Tarsihia has produced substantial benefits, according to a study sponsored by the Israel Office of the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee urged the U.S. Equal Employment Commission to issue guidelines that would prohibit employers from sponsoring employee membership in discriminatory private clubs.

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