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Are Iran's Jews Safe? After 2500-Year History, Most Decide to Remain

Many of us have watched the situation in Iran with growing concern for the safety of the country's large Jewish population. While nothing has happened so far to lessen this concern, there is no need either for alarm or panic.

Reports from Iran since the turmoil began last fall have ranged from warnings of impending doom to predictions that Jews will be safe in a new Islamic republic. It all depends on which of the various groups involved in the overthrow of the Shah is heard from.

Most of Iran's 80,000 Jews who wanted to leave, have done so; some 15,000 have left. The remaining 65,000 Jews in the country either couldn't leave for various reasons or are determined to remain in a country where Jews have lived after all, for 2500 years.

What is encouraging is that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Moslem leader who is taking control of Iran, has gone out of his way in an attempt to reassure Jews that they would have full civil and political rights in the Islamic republic he wants to create.

Khomeini has given this reassurance personally to Iranian Jews, first at his exile home

A Monument to Einstein

By Jay Rosenstein

The \$1.5 million statue of famed Jewish physicist Albert Einstein planned by the National Academy of Sciences here will be the second monument to a Jew in America's capital.

Samuel Gompers, founder and president for 37 years of the American Federation of Labor, is the only other Jew honored with a statue in Washington, a city with more than 80 monuments.

The monument to Einstein was commissioned by the National Academy of Sciences last November for permanent display on the academy's grounds. It is scheduled to be unveiled next spring to coincide with the world-wide celebrations of the one hundredth anniversary of Einstein's birth, March 14. The Academy which has a current membership of approximately 1,200, elected Einstein to the professional organization in 1942.

In announcing the plans for the monument, Handler said that while it is intended to serve as a tribute to the sciences, it also will "remind observers that Einstein found in this country refuge from a monstrous tyranny, that he embraced American citizenship and repaid his obligation to America many times over."

Einstein was a dedicated spokesman and fundraiser for a Jewish homeland. In 1921, the year he won the Nobel Prize in physics, Einstein joined Chaim Weizmann in a tour of America to raise money for the Jewish National Fund. He declined the invitation of David Ben-Gurion to run for president of the State of Israel following the 1952 death of Weizmann, the nation's first president.

Einstein became a U.S. citizen in 1939. He died in 1955 while a director of the



NATIONAL TELEVISION CAPTURED THIS SCENE DURING THE RECENT MIKE DOUGLAS -- E. F. HUTTON GOLF CLASSIC AT THE DESERT INN AND COUNTRY CLUB IN LAS VEGAS. PLAYED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, THE CLASSIC FEATURED 84 STARS FOR THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, AS WELL AS CELEBRITIES. HERE, DESERT INN PRESIDENT BURTON M. COHEN, LEFT, PRESENTS A \$25,000 CHECK TO THE CHARITY. LOOKING ON, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE TELEVISION STAR MIKE DOUGLAS, ANNOUNCER TOM BROOKSHIRE, AND WILLIAM MOORE, PRESIDENT OF THE HEART ASSOCIATION. THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS WON FIRST PLACE IN THE CONTEST.

outside Paris, and then after his return to Iran. His representatives abroad, including in the United States, have made the same promises.

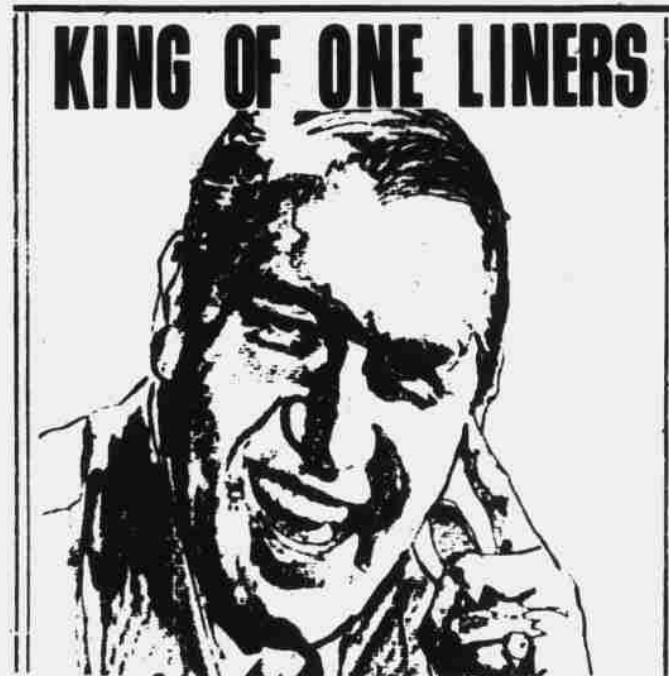
The major troubling item in Khomeini's position is not just the anti-Jewish statements that have reportedly appeared in his previous writings. More worrisome is Khomeini's strong anti-Israel stand. Both he and his representatives have made it clear that Jews will have their rights as long as they do not express support for Israel.

The first question is what Khomeini will consider support for Israel. Even more importantly is whether a strong anti-Israeli position will not result in the Iranian people expressing their animosity to Israel through hostile acts against Iranian Jews.

Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.

A spokesman for the National Academy of Sciences said the membership has been favorable to the selected design for the monument by New York sculptor Robert Berks. He designed a twelve-foot high bronze likeness of Einstein, posed resting on a semicircular white granite bench.

At the foot of the statue will be a circular map of the heavens as they appeared at the time of Einstein's birth.



HENNY YOUNGMAN
...Men Of Many Talents

I TOLD MY MOTHER-IN-LAW
MY HOUSE WAS HER'S,
SO SHE SOLD IT.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL

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The greatest charity is to enable the poor to earn a living.

(When a Rabbi saw a man give a penny to a beggar in public:) "Better had you given him nothing than put him to shame."

He who gives alms in secret is greater than Moses.

"My Son, Steven"

By Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

Want to meet a fascinating lady?

She is Mrs. Myra Chanin, a professional writer.

Her "think piece" on Bar Mitzvah is so intriguing that I want to share it with you.

She wrote it originally for Temple Beth David, Philadelphia, where the exceedingly able spiritual leader is Rabbi Henry Cohen, grandson and namesake of the late, great rabbi who stayed in Galveston, Texas, for 60 years and turned down the pulpit of Temple Emanuel, New York City.

Here's the Chanin column:

"My son Steven is 11 years old and while he is concerned about how much money he will receive from his Bar Mitzvah; I am not. As for the guest list, it will not include business associates of my husband, and it will not include the executive editor of a local magazine who buys my work. The guest list will be Steven's and it will include only people with whom he has a relationship and friends he wishes to invite.

"My mother wants us to make a formal affair in the evening to prove that I am as rich as my cousin, Milton, but I am planning a luncheon at the synagogue without music and dancing. The 'Alley Cat' belongs in a Disco. There will be prayers before the luncheon and prayers after it. The Bar Mitzvah is a significant religious occasion, not a Gala Ball.

"My husband, my son and I are together every Friday night and when we light the candles in our home, say the blessings and then kiss after we say, 'Shabbat Shalom.' If anything will keep Steven on the oath of Judaism it will be the memory of these Sabbath kisses. I can see the look in his eyes as we embrace each other, and he feels the flow of love we have for each other. He will remember these feelings, just as I can remember my grandmother covering her head with a white shawl and passing her hands over the Sabbath candles.

"As for my dress, I don't go around naked now. I already have a Geoffrey Beene in my closet that is only ten years old. I have always loved that dress and now that longer hemlines are back in style, I will probably wear that. I don't intend to collaborate with salesladies on open black shoes, a shawl, a pocketbook so that I can empathize with the fashion problems of Mrs. Onassis. My son doesn't know her. She's not on our guest list.

"As for what I would wish my son on his Bar Mitzvah, I wish he finds some feeling for what he has learned and some understanding of the tradition that hopefully he will be part of. After that, my concern is for me and my husband, that we should live like people that we would be pleased to see our son become.

"The wishes and the words are nonsense. Our children are us. They reflect our vulgarity. They imitate what we are.

"My husband and I try to live our lives so that we ourselves are a credit to ourselves, to our people and to our fellow man. If we can do that successfully, we don't have to worry about how our son will act. Eventually, he will act like us."