

**AGATHA ISRAEL WANTS HOLOCAUST PLANS CHANGED**

The initial plan advanced by President Carter's Commission on the Holocaust to mark the week of April 22 - 29 as "Days of Remembrance" for victims of Nazism was decried by Agudath Israel of America for "failing to give the surviving generation a proper format for commemorating those that perished in the destruction."

For example, the week's activities are scheduled to open with ceremonies at Temple Emanuel in New York and to close in the

national Cathedral of the Episcopal Church in Washington. The Orthodox Jewish organization charged that the program appears designed to reflect the "ecumenical aspirations of some of the commission's participants rather than to authentically project the theme of Remembrance."

The Agudath Israel statement declared:

In honoring the memory of six million martyrs, we must bear in mind that a major segment of them were uncompromising

in their Orthodoxy and because of their religious convictions would have avoided participation in religious ceremonies held in any house of worship other than an Orthodox synagogue. In honoring the Six Million, we must bear in mind that they were the final flowering of a community of 1,000 years standing -- a community whose glory was its consummate devotion to Torah study and its fidelity to Torah law -- a community of shtetlach and metropolises, proud of their yeshivos, shtieblach and shuls, Talmudic scholars,

Chassidic leaders and devout citizens. A combination of a temple and a church is hardly the place to perpetuate their hallowed memory.

"If it is the Commission's intentions that the week's activities include the Holocaust, it should avoid any particular religious identifications foreign to the spirit of the Holocaust victims. One would expect that a U. S. government-sponsored commission would refrain from steps that would offend both the memory of the Holocaust victims and many American religious Jews -- who would choose to honor them. "Agudath Israel of America calls on

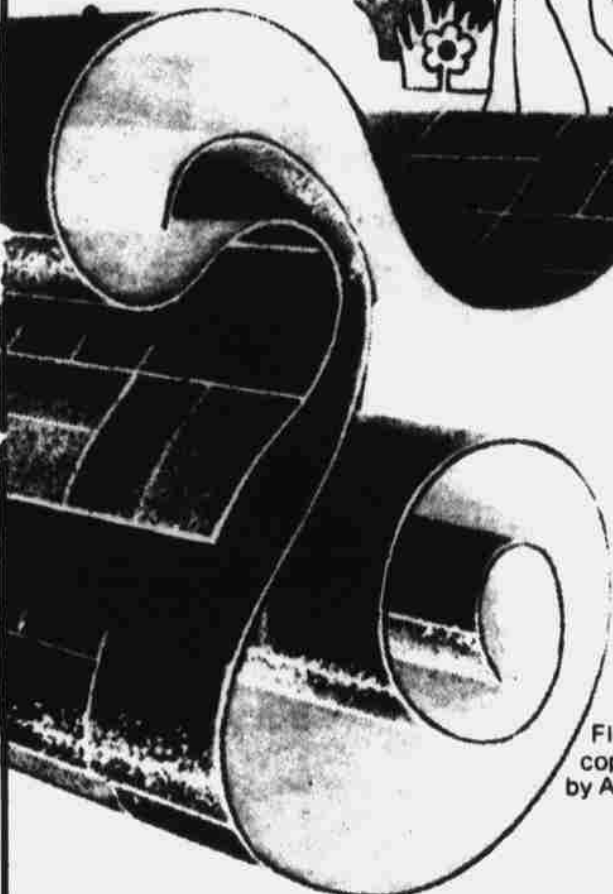
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