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## Jewish Writer

By Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

Alfred Kazin has a lot of chutzpa to call himself a New York Jew, the title of his latest book.

He's not much of a Jew.

You can get more details about that assessment in a fine article in the November issue of the Reconstructionist Magazine, by Prof. Carole Kessner.

Dr. Kessner points out that Kazin calls himself a Jew now because it's fashionable to be Jewish and because books with Jewish content seem to be selling well.

Kazin knows little about Jewishness, and he really doesn't act or react like a true Jew.

What there is of Jewishness in him is negative. He sees its handicaps, but rarely tastes of its pleasures.

as usual' which included some harsh criticism of current Jewish attempts to retaliate against the latest murderous onslaughts of the Arafatian gangsters thirsty for Jewish blood a la Hitler. Let Israel's enemies know, this is not the Europe of the 1940s. It is the era of a militant reborn Jewish State headed by the Holocaust survivor Menachem Begin. Also, let them take note, it is an age in which the President of Israel's mighty ally, in a Washington Holocaust memorial ceremony facing a flaming menorah in the Capitol rotunda, recalling his recent visit to Yad VaShem, declared: "I vowed then, as people are doing all over the world this week to reaffirm our unshakable commitment that such an event will never recur on this earth again."

Let it be hoped that Jimmy Carter and his advisers are aware of the fact that on the world scene today there are some nations, among them Libya, Iraq Syria and certainly the PLO, who aspire to see "such an event recur again." These nations, including the so-called moderates, Carter must realize, have in mind, as a first step towards the realization of their sinister goal, the setting up of a 'fifth column' in the West Bank and Gaza. It goes beyond the understanding then why he and his aides makes such a big ado about a few Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria.

While this world organization remained silent during last week's solemn Holocaust remembrance commemorations around the globe, Israel's Permanent Representative to the UN, Professor Yehuda Z. Blum, himself a survivor of a concentration camp, did speak out - not here, but at the annual Memorial Observance at Yeshiva University.

His address, handed over personally to this writer by Israeli UN press attache Joel Alon, is a document which will undoubtedly prove to be of great historic significance. In the view of your correspondent, it is one of the most brilliant analyses of the Holocaust, albeit brief, that has as yet come out from the Israeli Mission to the UN. It would be in wisdom for the Yeshiva to publish the entire masterful speech in pamphlet form so as to make it generally available.

Let us here record the introductory part of the 24 - page document:

"It is difficult for me to speak of the Holocaust in the abstract.

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## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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the American Soccer League.

Horse racing? Well not in person yet, but certainly available at the legalized betting parlors like Sammy Cohen's Racebook. There, one can wager on horses racing the New York, California, New Jersey and Florida tracks. Soon we'll have dog and horse racing out at "Henderson Downs." We have pari - mutuel betting already at Jai Alai at the MGM Grand.

Baseball give us the Hustlin' Rebels at UNLV. Even arm wrestling has become a big event here at the Hilton each year.

Golf buffs savor the annual Sahara Invitational at our lush greens. For bowling at its finest, the Showboat tournament is one of the nation's richest.

Vegas is not only a glittering town of gambling, women, entertainment and beautiful weather. It is a giant sports town. And we love it!!

Dr. Kessner could have added that in an earlier work, written when it was modish for Jews to downgrade their identity, Kazin professed that he was enchanted with Jesus.

Indeed, many so-called Jewish writers are only fractional Jews. This applies to Saul Bellow, the Nobel laureate, who himself said he was not a Jewish writer but a writer who happens to be Jewish.

True, Bellow says some nice things about Judaism and Israel in his diary of a visit to the Holy Land.

But what he says is patronizing; it could be written by any outsider, taking an Olympian view of the Jewish situation. Far more involved, in Jewish life, though they are not Jewish by birth, are such writers as Robert St. John, John Hersey, and Frank Gervasi.

There are degrees of Jewishness, and no one can pontificate what makes a work of art of a literary work Jewish. This has been endlessly debated.

But Kazim is certainly not in the center of Jewish life. Nor are many of the writers who are labelled Jewish. I would personally like to rule out writers, like Norman Mailer, from being regarded as Jewish, and include those who are in the center of Jewishness. Examples: Meyer Levin and the late Maurice Samuel.

To point up what I mean, take Anne Frank's diary. It was de-judaized by Lillian Hellman, who is only Jewish by birth, and re-judaized by Meyer Levin.

It is good to know that Kazin wants to be regarded as a Jew now.

But, to paraphrase an old Milton Berle punch - line ("By the sailors you are not a sailor"), by the real Jews Kazin is only "ersatz."

## KING OF ONE LINERS



HENNY YOUNGMAN  
-Man Of Many Talents

I BET ON A GREAT HORSE.  
IT TOOK NINE HORSES TO BEAT HIM

## CARTER APPOINTS STRAUSS TO MID EAST

President Carter's appointment of Robert Strauss to replace Alfred Atherton as Ambassador - at - Large for Middle East negotiations surprised everyone, including Strauss himself. Strauss, a Texas lawyer and Democratic Party stalwart who became one of Carter's closest aides, admits himself he knows little about Mideastern diplomacy, although he hastens to add he will learn.

Observers were quick to offer several reasons for the appointment. One is that Carter wants to be free to deal with the problems of inflation. Another is that Strauss would not dispute White House policy as might someone from the State Department, such as Atherton. Another point raised is that Strauss will seek to minimize confrontations between the Israelis and the President. Strauss reportedly hit it off well with both Israeli Premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat during his recent visit to the two countries to discuss U.S. investments. Finally, some argue that Strauss, who is Jewish, would be able to help Carter's standing in the Jewish community during the 1980 presidential elections.

One or all of these reasons may be true. But the President's bold move does make sense on the grounds alone that the upcoming negotiations on autonomy for the residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip will be even harder than the Egyptian - Israeli peace treaty. Strauss, who is noted for his freewheeling style, has demonstrated that he can bring widely divergent sides together on tough issues.

Strauss became chairman of the Democratic Party after the McGovern debacle and was able to bring that divided party together. As a trade negotiator he has been able to work out a multi-lateral trade pact by seeking to satisfy both the interests of American manufacturers, threatened by foreign imports, and the various countries involved.

It is too early to assess whether Strauss will be able to navigate the troubled waters of Mideast diplomacy or fail in the attempt. Whatever happens we can be assured that Strauss will give it his best effort.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

## Holocaust by Blum

PART I

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- This past week of April in Israel and throughout most of the world memorial services were held for the victims of Nazism. The 24th marked International Holocaust Day and the 36th anniversary of the Jewish uprising in Warsaw. In Israel, the date commemorated the "Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day" honoring the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and the underground ghetto fighters.

And here at the UN, which came to birth out of the Holocaust, not a word. It was 'business