

CHANUKAH POEM

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

When Chanukah comes
Don't we all feel
Fresh admiration
For Maccabean zeal?

When Chanukah comes
More praise is due
To the intrepidity
Of the fighting Jew.

The idea of war
Makes the Jew morose
But with freedom at stake
He can be bellicose.

War? No sensitive Jew
Can really enjoy it;
But for a good cause
He learned to employ it.

Just eighteen hundred
And seventeen years ago
Idolatry was offered
And the Jews said, "NO!"

Could the rebellion
Really thrive?
On one side, legions;
On the other, five.

But those five brothers
With their father, the priest
Inspired others, so
Their numbers increased.

For three years they fought
In field and in cave;
Religious freedom
To mankind they gave.

Fighting Jews
In our time as well
Have performed miracles.
Witness Israel.

We start with one candle
Till eight are aglow
To symbolize the way
A worthy project can grow.

At first a large force
Faced a littler,
But the good can prevail.
Remember Hitler.

In December Jews
Are enchanted
By Yuletide glitter
Kids wanna be Santa-ed.

Monotheism was saved;
Paganism routed;
In Judea years later
A daughter faith sprouted.

So instead of Jews
Going the Yuletide way
Christians ought to mark
The Jewish holiday.

A holiday provides
An emotional lift.
So light the candles,
Give everyone a gift.

Go to shul,
Sing "Maoz Tzur,"
Spin the draydel,
Help the poor.

Joyously celebrate
The Chanukah feast.
And let's all pray for
Peace in the Mideast.

NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED



DR. ALVIN I. SCHIFF, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION OF GREATER NEW YORK, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWLY FORMED CONFERENCE OF JEWISH EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS (COJEO). DR. SCHIFF HEADS THE WORLD'S LARGEST CENTRAL AGENCY FOR JEWISH EDUCATION AND IS A NOTED EDUCATOR AND THE AUTHOR OF OVER 100 ARTICLES ON JEWISH EDUCATION AND ONE BOOK, "THE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL IN AMERICA." COJEO, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED LAST SPRING IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, IS COMPRISED OF FIVE CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS: COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES IN JEWISH EDUCATION (CAJE); COUNCIL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION (CJE); EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA (ECA); JEWISH EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY (JEA); AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEMPLE EDUCATORS (NATE). COJEO WILL SERVE AS THE FIRST OFFICIAL NATIONAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE JEWISH EDUCATIONAL PROFESSION.

ROYAL KEDEM WINES GO TO VENEZUELA

NEW YORK -- The continued expansion of Royal Kedem Kosher wines in this country, as well as in Europe, has been extended southward -- to Venezuela.

Herman Herzog, president of Royal Kedem Wines, announced the establishment of a distribution center in the country of Venezuela, which will make all Royal Kedem wines available in that country.

"Our fine New York state varietals, with the California wines recently added, have shown great expansion possibilities," says Mr. Herzog. "With the addition of our extensive imported lines from France, Italy, Hungary and Spain, demand for our wines is also growing in the international market, and we will continue to develop this phase of our business.

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UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES UPBRAIDED

BONN (WNS) -- The university authorities in Kiel have been taken to task by Mayor Karl Heinz Luckhardt of that north German city and by the Social Democratic parliamentary faction of Schleswig - Holstein for refusing to establish a foundation in the names of former professors, most of them Jews, who were ousted from their jobs during the Nazi era. The Social Democrats called the university position "an alarming manifestation of disregard for the fate" of Nazi victims. The idea for the foundation originated with students who did research on the Nazi era in Kiel. Their report noted that the city and the university in particular, were among the earliest strongholds of Nazism in Germany. They proposed the establishment of a post-graduate scholarship on the Nazi era to be awarded once every five years.



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