

'Remember The Eleven' Medals Honor Israeli Olympians Murdered At 1972 Munich Games



On rare occasions man's inhumanity has given inspiration to man's artistic genius. Savagery during the Spanish Civil War was reflected in Picasso's harrowing painting "Guernica," the suffering of innocents during the Nazi terror was movingly told by Anne Frank in her diary, and now a young Jewish emigrant from Russia has created a strikingly beautiful medal to "Remember the Eleven" Israeli Olympian athletes who were ruthlessly murdered by terrorists during the 1972 Munich Games.

Alex Shagin can, with good reason, be called "The Olympian Medalist." In his capacity as chief artist at Russia's Leningrad Mint, Alex designed many of the official 1980 Moscow Olympic Commemorative coins. But he gave up his prestigious position to seek personal, religious and artistic freedom in the United States...with the hope of designing numismatic commemoratives in honor of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. One of Alex's Olympic-inspired designs won the 1983 Olympic Exhibition Award of the American Medallic Sculpture Association, and another has been chosen by the United States Track and Field Team for their official fund-raising campaign. Shagin's dream of creating medals for the 1984 Olympics has come true and none of these commemoratives is more beautiful or meaningful than the "Remember the Eleven" tribute in bronze, pure silver and solid gold. The sale of these medals will benefit the Israel and United States Olympic Teams, the Jewish-American Hall of Fame, and other worthy causes in Israel.

The design of the medal masterfully combines ageless Olympian and Jewish symbols to indicate the participation of Israeli and other Jewish athletes in the modern Olympic Games. The traditional seven-branched menorah (candelabrum) has an Olympic torch in its center, and forms a design unit with four broken rings, alluding to the tragic end of the dreams of eleven Israeli Olympic hopefuls. Appropriately, the eleven stars depicted refer to Joseph's dream: "Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me" (Genesis 37:9). Now, homage is being paid to the eleven martyred Israelis through the acquisition of this handsome memorial medal.

Each of the stars portrayed on the "Remember the Eleven" medal represents one of the murdered Israeli sports stars who were "the elite of our sportsmen," as eulogized by Israeli Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. While they were members of the Israeli Olympic Team, these sportsmen came from all parts of the world...from the United States to Libya. David Berger, 28, a weightlifter from Ohio, settled in Israel in 1971 after receiving a law degree from Columbia University. Ze'ev Friedman, 28, bantam weightlifter, came from Poland in 1960 and was considered Israel's best hope for a medal. Yosef Gott-

freund, 40, a wrestling referee, heroically helped others to escape. Eliezer Halfin, 24, was a wrestler who had emigrated from Russia in 1968. Joseph Romano, 32, born in Libya, was Israel's weightlifting champion. Amitzur Shapira, 40, Israel's premier track and field coach, left a wife and four children. Kehat Shorr, 53, shooting team coach, had emigrated from the Soviet Union. Mark Slavin, 18, was a wrestler who had come from Russia only a year earlier. Andre Spitzer, 27, Israel's top fencing coach, had emigrated from Rumania in 1964. Ya'acov Springer, 52, weightlifting referee, was born in Poland. And Moshe Weinberg, 32, coach of the wrestling team, was a native Israeli.

Each silver dollar size "Remember the Eleven" medal features the famous hallmark of the Johnson Matthey Refinery (established in 1817), guaranteeing the weight (one troy ounce) and purity of the

precious metal (.999 Pure Silver or 14 Karat Gold), as well as the exceptional Proof minting quality of each piece. The bronze edition is limited to 25,000 pieces priced at \$11 each, only 11,000 pure silver medals will be minted priced at \$36, and a minuscule 110 14 karat gold pieces will be produced and sold for \$500 on a strict first come - first served basis. Each brilliant Proof one ounce "Remember the Eleven" medal is encapsulated in clear plastic (removeable) for protection, and comes in a custom leatherette display case. For a limited time anyone ordering a silver medal will receive a bronze free, and a bonus pure silver medal and bronze will be given with each solid gold medal ordered. Orders with checks, money orders, or credit card data (VISA or MasterCard) can be sent to Remember the Eleven, 16661 Ventura Blvd., Suite 120, Encino, California 91436. Please make checks payable to "Remember the Eleven."

ADL's New Book On Anti-Semitism In The Soviet Union

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union is analyzed in comprehensive and graphic detail in a 664-page book just published by the Freedom Library of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Entitled "Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union: Its Roots and Consequences" the book contains over 30 articles by leading authorities -- Sovietologists, historians, scientists and other scholars from the Soviet Union as well as the United States, Europe and Israel -- who probe Soviet Judaeophobia from many perspectives -- political, historical, social, religious and cultural.

In a forward by Kenneth J. Bialkin, ADL's national chairman, it is described as "important...and disquieting...a devastating picture...of a society gone mad on anti-Semitism."

Developed as an educational tool for students and educators, the book is also recommended for clergymen of all faiths, political leaders and the general reader.

In its detailed analysis of the scope and variations in the Soviet treatment of its Jewish population, the work includes papers presented at two international conferences on the subject, one in Jerusalem and the other in Paris; articles from both Jewish and Russian Samizdat (underground press), excerpts from Soviet publications, an analysis of several decades of Soviet anti-Semitic political cartoons, and in-depth studies of different aspects of Soviet political anti-Semitism. Included also is a comparison showing the kinship of Soviet anti-Semitism with both the anti-Jewish canards of the Russian Black Hundreds, an anti-Semitic movement of Czarist times, and the Nazis.

The following are included among the essays: "The Historical Roots of Anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R." by Shmuel Ettiger, head of the Department of Jewish History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"The Reasons for Anti-Semitism in the U.S.S.R." by A. Voronel, Professor of Physics, Tel Aviv University.

"The Soviet Protocols of the Elders of Zion"

by Dr. William Korey, Director, International Policy Research, B'nai B'rith.

"Israel as a Factor in Soviet Anti-Semitism" by Umberto Terracini, a founder of the Italian Communist Party and former president of the Italian Parliament.

"Soviet Anti-Semitism and Jewish Scientists" by Laurent Schwartz, Professor of Faculty of Sciences of Paris.

"The Slavophile Revival and Its Attitude to Jews" by Emanuel Litvinoff, director of the Contemporary Jewish Library, London.

The book was edited and has a preface by Theodore Freedman, director of ADL's Intergroup Relations Division. It was published as a cooperative project of ADL, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Center for Research and Documentation of Eastern European Jewry, and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union: Its Roots and Consequences" is available -- hardcover at \$35 each and paperback at \$16.95 each -- from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017, or any of the League's 30 regional offices throughout the country.

United Synagogue Youth Summer Pilgrimage To Israel Enjoys Dramatic Increase In Enrollment

U.S.Y. is sending a record 620 high school students to Israel on its summer Pilgrimage program. This figure represents a dramatic increase in youths age 15-18 who will spend six weeks of experiential and study projects in Israel.

"I attribute our tremendous rate of growth to three factors," said Rabbi Paul Freedman, Director of United Synagogue Youth. "Returning Pilgrims praise the program to their friends; we place an intense emphasis on health and safety; and, we offer superior activities to our youngsters."

Under the auspices of the Conservative youth organization, the 620 participants will undertake educational units that may include work on a moshav (cooperative settlement), field school with their Israeli counterparts, a Tzedakah (philanthropy) program led by poet Danny Siegel, a 5-day camping trip in the Galilee, and a 3-day seminar at a Holocaust Documentation Center.

For further information on U.S.Y. Pilgrimage, contact Mrs. Mirjam Orbach, U.S.Y., 155 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (WNS) — Joseph Paul Franklin, a convicted murderer, was found guilty of bombing a Chattanooga synagogue in 1977, after telling the jury he had bombed the synagogue because it was the "synagogue of Satan." He was sentenced to a term of 15 to 21 years in prison for the bombing and a consecutive term of six to 10 years for possession of explosives.

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