

The Function Of A Free Press

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shook New York City in the 1970's and had such wide ripple effects. In the 1980's the crisis in the Social Security System was among the issues not sufficiently foreshadowed for our readers.

The failure to anticipate such major news developments is one of the most crushing criticisms that deserve to be levelled at the performance of the press. But the critics have chosen to focus on other alleged weaknesses, touching on bad faith and malice, that are not nearly so valid.

I am distressed to see the proliferation of these charges of bad faith and their expression in a flood of lawsuits, in new government efforts to choke off the flow of information, in all kinds of efforts to intimidate the press to forego certain kinds of news coverage.

George Washington didn't sue when, in 1795, a New York journal called him "infamously niggardly" in his private business and said he was a "most horrid swearer and blasphemer" despite

his religious pretensions, or when the Philadelphia Auroa said he had legalized "corruption," was guilty of "political degeneracy" and was the "debaucher of a nation." Jefferson didn't sue when the New England Palladium called him a "plagiarist."

Lincoln didn't sue those who wrote about him as a baboon, nor Franklin Roosevelt, those who said he knew about Pearl Harbor before it happened.

That is because they shared James Madison's view of the press' shortcomings. Mr. Madison summed it up this way: "Some degree of abuse is inseparable from the proper use of everything, and in no instance is this more true than in that of the press. It has accordingly been decided...that it is better to leave a few of its noxious branches to their luxuriant growth than, by pruning them away, to injure the vigor of those yielding the proper fruits."

The alternative would be a doctrine of control and orderliness which the drafters of the Bill of Rights rejected.

My faith is firmly with Mr. Madison and his doctrine.

propriate time to remember our oppressed brethren in the Soviet Union, in Syria, and in Iran - and to vow that we will not rest until we succeed in freeing them and restoring them to their historic homeland. This year we have proved, once again, that the Jewish people are responsible for one another: The great mission for the salvation of the Jews of Ethiopia is drawing to a close, and this remote and wonderful tribe has been restored to our midst. In the face of a skeptical world, we demonstrated spiritual and practical solidarity. Let us continue to bear witness that in routine times, as in times of trial, we are capable of functioning as a single people, our hearts beating as one.

May the prayers of all our forefathers be realized in our time.

Shana Tova!
Shimon Peres
Jerusalem, Rosh Hashana 5746

An Open Letter To All Male Jews In The Las Vegas Area!!!!!!

Dear Brother:

Both B'nai B'rith International and your local Nate Mack Lodge need you desperately. As a Jew, B'nai B'rith International needs the numbers when our International President, Gerald Kraft, speaks (with authority) to heads of state of both friendly and unfriendly countries.

Only with high membership figures can we use this clout to tone down the anti-Semitism of Jews in Israel, Europe and America. Anti-Semitism exists in all parts of this universe. By a strong cohesive closing of the ranks we can show them that we are a united people, against all forms of aggression and anti-Semitism.

The anti-Semites and bigots here respect power as evidenced by Jews when they are united as one through the ADL and the B'nai B'rith. We really need you in our Lodge. Won't you please join? Under our President, Alan Greenberg, and our executive Vice President, Gershon Heller, we are expanding our cultural, social and community service programs. We know that you will be anxious to become a part of all of this.

Especially to the younger members, under the leadership of Doug Cohen, a vibrant, alive feeling of Jewishness is taking place. If you are under thirty the dues are \$30.00 for the balance of the 1985 and 1986. Over thirty the dues are \$60.00.

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Fraternally,
Al Auslander

Prime Minister's Message To The Jewish Communities The New Year 5746

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Arabs. Terrorism will not make us yield, and will not deter us from our sincere efforts. Humanistic aspirations - not military pressures - have been the keystone of our national strategy throughout our history. And it is with this belief that we shall continue to live.

With the commencement of the new Jewish year, there goes forth from here, from Zion, a fervent call to all our brethren, wherever they may be, to come and live here with us, to be partners with us in our great task: the building of a state that strives to base its conduct not only on strength, but also on justice.

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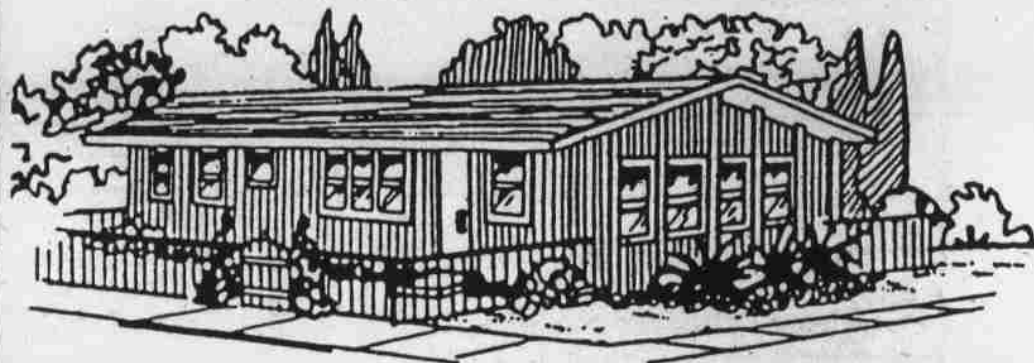
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