

New Book For Children Tells Story Of Holocaust - The Number On My Grandfather's Arm
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The Number on My Grandfather's Arm is a moving and sensitive addition to the emerging literature on the Holocaust written for children. A charming and lively seven-year-old girl tells of her discovery of the strange tattoo on her grandfather's arm -- and his explanation of how it came

Prominent Toronto Jewish Family Plans To Sue Magazine For Libel

TORONTO (JTA) — Toronto's billionaire Reichmann family has taken the first step toward what may become Canada's costliest libel action. Brother Albert, Paul and Ralph Reichmann, who head the giant Olympia and York Developments, and their mother, Renee, have served Toronto Life Magazine with a notice of intention to sue under the Libel and Slander Act.

A statement detailing their claims is likely to be served within several weeks.

Among those named in the notice are Toronto Life Publishing Co., publisher Peter Herrndorf, editor Mara De Villiers and Elaine Dewar, author of the 53,000-word article in the November edition, entitled "The Mysterious Reichmanns -- The Inside Story."

The article was illustrated with Jewish symbols and published in the November edition of the magazine. The magazine sent Dewar to nine countries in five continents for research.

The family is thought to object to

suggestions in the article that their financial transactions in Tangier were of financial benefit to Axis powers. The family originated in a village in Hungary, moved to Vienna after World War I, and found refuge in Tangier during World War II. The Reichmanns are known to be strictly observant Jews.

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Grandpa, she tells us, always wears long sleeve shirts, even on hot days. But one evening after dinner he volunteers to do the dishes, rolls up his sleeves -- and his granddaughter sees for the first time the numbers on his arm. When she asks who put the numbers there and what they mean, Grandpa is reluctant at first to reply. But he realizes that the time has come to share his story with her and with the next generation.

The Holocaust is described in terms powerful enough to impress -- but not to frighten -- any young reader as Grandpa tells of the tragedy that befell him, his family and friends and the entire Jewish people. In simple and clear language he tells her about Jewish life in Europe, the rise of Hitler and the war against the Jews.

Finally, after a long silence, the girl tells her grandfather that he "shouldn't be ashamed to let people see your number...It's the Nazis who should be ashamed." In this way, the Holocaust is de-mystified and presented as part of the child's personal history, helping her understand her grandfather -- and herself.

The book is illustrated by a number of beautiful photographs by Rose Eichenbaum, a daughter of Holocaust survivors, taken of her own seven-year-old daughter, and of the grandfather, who is an actual Holocaust survivor.

The Number on My Grandfather's Arm is available from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021, for \$7.95 postpaid.

IDF Soldier Wounded On Egyptian Border

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israel Defense Force soldier was slightly wounded in a rare but disturbing incident along the normally peaceful Israeli-Egyptian border.

The incident occurred shortly after the midnight hour, when an IDF patrol investigating a breach in the border fence was attacked by unidentified men who threw two hand grenades and opened fire with light weapons, according to a military spokesman. The soldier

wounded by the gunfire was hospitalized.

The patrol later found the footprints of two men leading to the fence and back to Egyptian territory.

Israel formally informed Egypt of the occurrence. A spokesman for the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv dismissed it as of little consequence.

The spokesman told Voice of Israel that this was a "routine incident of infiltration which happens sometimes on borders between countries."

Charlotte Jacobson, JNF Treasurer, Participates In Israeli Reception Of Soviet Dissident Ida Nudel



Meeting at the Hadassah office in Jerusalem with Ida Nudel (center), freed Soviet prisoner of conscience who recently emigrated to Israel, were Charlotte Jacobson (right), treasurer, Jewish National Fund, and Bernice Tannenbaum (left), chairman, American Section, World Zionist Organization. Nudel received and honorary membership in Hadassah.

Charlotte Jacobson, treasurer of the Jewish National Fund, participated in the recent reception of Ida Nudel, freed Soviet prisoner of conscience, at Lod Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Commenting on the experience in an interview at JNF headquarters in New York City, she stated, "I felt as though I were in the presence of a great personality. The modesty of this woman was incredibly moving."

When asked about Soviet motives for freeing the famed refusenik, Mrs. Jacobson said, "The Soviets are attempting to create a more favorable world opinion of their human rights policy, to soften the impact of demonstrations when Soviet leader Gorbachev visits the U.S. for the summit meeting with President Reagan."

Mrs. Jacobson is a member of the international Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Her last trip to Russia was in 1985, the second time she visited that country, when she held discussions with refuseniks striving to emigrate to Israel despite years of harassment and problems obtaining exit visas.

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