

SELECTIONS No. 29 (D 172)

DATE: 16.5.78 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEBREW AM INDEPENDENT) FEATURE ARTICLE  
SUBJECT: EILEEN DORFLINGER & 30th YEAR OFFERING.

HEADING: "WE LOVE YOU, ISRAEL"  
BYLINE: YIFAT NEVO PHOTOGRAPH: A CHECK FOR USD.43,498.93 MADE OUT TO PM MENAHEM

CAPTION: "ONE OF THE CHECKS EILEEN DORFLINGER WILL PRESENT TO THE P.M. FOR \$43,498.93."

QUOTE: EILEEN DORFLINGER, A YOUNG JEWESS WHO EMIGRATED FROM THE U.S., AND WHOSE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS HAVE BEEN REVOKED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, PLANS TO PRESENT MR BEGIN WITH A LOVE OFFERING FROM TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS IN THE U.S., ENGLAND & NEW ZEALAND, SLIPS OF PAPER ON WHICH THESE CITIZENS HAVE SIGNED THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND EXPRESSED IN WRITING THEIR LOVE FOR ISRAEL. ATTACHED TO THESE EMOTIONAL DECLARATIONS OF IDENTIFICATION WITH THE STATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ARE ALSO CHECKS TOTALING MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. ON 13TH FEB EILEEN LEFT ISRAEL FOR THE U.S.A. TO VISIT HER PARENTS AND TWO CHILDREN. ON THE WAY SHE PASSED THROUGH LONDON AND STAYED FOR TWO WEEKS WITH A SISTER. FOUR DAYS AFTER SHE HAD LEFT ISRAEL, THE STORY OF EILEEN'S STRUGGLE WAS PUBLISHED IN HAARETZ UNDER THE HEADING "THE LEDGER IS OPEN AND THE MIN OF INTERIOR RECORDS" (See Selections No. 12) THE ARTICLE DESCRIBED MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY AND THE MIN OF INTERIOR AGAINST JEWS WHO EXPRESS RELIGIOUS VIEWS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE OFFICIAL LINE. PERSONAL SLURS AND UNSUBSTANTIATED GOSSIP WERE RECORDED IN EILEEN'S PERSONAL FILE AT THE AGENCY & INT MIN AS "SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS". THE CONCLUSION OF THESE FINDINGS WAS THAT EILEEN IS NOT JEWISH AND SUFFERS FROM MENTAL DISTURBANCES. EILEEN, THE DAUGHTER OF A JEWISH MOTHER & FATHER, BOTH ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CONNECTICUT, DECIDED TO FIGHT FOR HER RIGHTS IN ISRAEL. SHE SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE THROUGH THE OFFICES OF ATTORNEY URI HUPPERT. THE INT MIN ASKED FOR A STAY OF SIX MONTHS TO REPLY. MEANWHILE, THE MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISER AGREED TO GIVE EILEEN DORFLINGER AN UNDERTAKING WHICH WOULD ALLOW HER TO DEPART AND RETURN TO ISRAEL WITHOUT HINDRANCE. AS NOTED, EILEEN LEFT ISRAEL THREE MONTHS AGO. UPON ARRIVING IN ENGLAND IT DEVELOPED THAT THE STORY OF HER FIGHT WAS KNOWN THERE ALSO (WHICH HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN HAARETZ) AND HER NAME WAS WELL KNOWN TO THE PRESS. EILEEN, WHO DECLARES THAT SHE IS A JEWESS WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS AS MESSIAH, WAS INVITED TO SPEAK ON A SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAM. MEETINGS WERE ALSO SET UP FOR HER WITH CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AT WHICH SHE WAS ASKED TO TELL ABOUT ISRAEL. IT WAS THE TIME JUST BEFORE THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE STATE. EILEEN TALKED WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AT PRIVATE MEETINGS AND AT SYNAGOGUES. HER MESSAGE WAS SIMPLE: IF YOU LOVE ISRAEL, IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO FEEL IT, YOU MUST EXPRESS IT OPENLY. EILEEN, WHO HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK, BELIEVES IN ACTION OF ALL KINDS. SHE IS NOT A PUBLIC FUNCTIONARY, AND THEREFORE SHE REQUESTED THAT PEOPLE EXPRESS THEIR LOVE FOR ISRAEL BY MEANS OF LETTERS AND DONATIONS. THIS INNOCENT REQUEST WON AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. MANY SLIPS OF PAPER WERE PASSED ON TO EILEEN, ON EACH WRITTEN THE WORDS: "WE LOVE YOU, ISRAEL." TO THIS WAS ADDED THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE WRITER. AT THE END OF HER TWO WEEKS STAY, EILEEN LEFT FOR THE U.S. SHE SMOOTHED OUT MATTERS WITH HER PARENTS WHO HAD UNTIL THAT TIME REFUSED TO SPEAK WITH HER. THEY HAD REGARDED HER AS A "TRAITOR" BECAUSE OF RUMOURS REACHING THEM WHICH HAD BEEN INITIATED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY EMISSARY LOCALLY. THE ARTICLE IN HAARETZ HELPED CLARIFY THE ISSUE AND THE DAUGHTER WAS WELCOMED BACK TO THE FAMILY HEARTH. EILEEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH THAT, BUT SHE LEARNED THAT HER TALE HAD REACHED JEWISH COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE U.S.A. SHE MADE CONTACT WITH A RADIO STATION AND WAS INTERVIEWED COAST TO COAST. SHE WAS ALSO INTERVIEWED ON A TV PROGRAM AND IN THE LOCAL PRESS. THE SNOWBALL BEGAN TO ROLL AND EILEEN WAS INVITED TO MANY MEETINGS. DURING THE TWO MONTHS SHE WAS IN THE U.S. SHE TRAVELED THROUGH THIRTEEN STATES AND SPENT MANY HOURS WITH AMERICANS, BOTH CHRISTIANS & JEWS, OF ALL STREAMS, WHO WISHED TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE FOR ISRAEL. TO THEM AS WELL EILEEN PROPOSED THEY SHOULD NOT JUST SIT PASSIVELY WITH ARMS FOLDED. AND ONCE AGAIN HUNDREDS & THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES STREAMED IN TO HER, ACCOMPANIED BY DECLARATIONS OF LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. SOON AFTERWARDS AN ACCOUNT WAS OPENED IN A BALTIMORE, MARYLAND BANK IN THE NAME OF "ISRAEL FESTIVITIES FUND". THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WERE SENT IN FROM PERSONS SHE HAD MET FROM AMONG THOSE WHO LISTENED TO HER PROGRAMS ON RADIO & TV. HER RECORDED PROGRAM WAS MEANWHILE BOUGHT UP BY ADDITIONAL STATIONS AND SHE IS ALSO DUE TO BE BROADCAST AGAIN, ON THE HEELS OF WHICH SHE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL LETTERS & DONATIONS. HOWEVER, THAT DID NOT SIGNIFY THE END OF EILEEN'S CAMPAIGN. TWO FRIENDS OF HERS FROM ISRAEL HEARD HER BROADCAST PROGRAM AND ASKED HER TO RECORD IT AND SEND THE TAPE ON TO THEIR PARENTS IN NEW ZEALAND. THIS WAS TO ENCOURAGE THEM AND TO HAVE THEM TAKE PART IN THE JOY OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES. EILEEN COMPLIED WITH THEIR REQUEST. UPON RETURNING TO ISRAEL, SHE LEARNED THAT HER RECORDING HAD BEEN PASSED ON IN NEW ZEALAND FROM SYNAGOGUE TO SYNAGOGUE, FROM ONE COMMUNITY TO THE NEXT, AMONG CHRISTIANS AND JEWS. HER FRIENDS IN ISRAEL INFORMED HER THAT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WAS SOON DUE IN ISRAEL BRINGING ALONG

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL TOGETHER WITH A CHECK FOR THE SUM OF DONATIONS COLLECTED IN THE WAKE OF HER VERY MOVING TALK. ON INDEPENDENCE DAY EVE ELLEEN WAS AT BENGURION AIRPORT TO GREET HER FRIENDS WHO HAD ARRIVED IN ISRAEL WITH THOUSANDS OF LETTERS AND A CHECK FOR \$ 43,498 DOLLARS DONATED BY PEOPLE WHO HAD LISTENED TO HER PROGRAMS ON RADIO AND TV AFTER SHE LEFT THE U.S. MOST OF THE LETTERS STATED SIMPLY: "WE LOVE YOU, ISRAEL." ELLEEN HAS BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT THESE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL AS A GIFT OF LOVE AND IDENTIFICATION BY ANONYMOUS CITIZENS IN ENGLAND, USA, & NEW ZEALAND. THE PM OF ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER THIS YOUNG WOMAN (WHOSE <sup>NEW</sup> IMMIGRANT CERTIFICATE WAS TAKEN FROM HER AND HAS YET TO BE RETURNED TO HER) IS SUFFICIENTLY KOSHER TO PRESENT HIM WITH THE GIFT.

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2. SUBJECT: MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

DATE: 18.5.78 JOURNAL: SHEARIM (HEB AM POALEI AGUDAT ISRAEL) FEATURE ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "MISSIONARY DANGER IN THE U.S.A. ONLY?" ("HAYDIM"—ECHOES)  
 QUOTE: (A.A.) THE VARIOUS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES ARE OPERATING OF LATE IN THE MOST SERIOUS MANNER AMONG THE MULTITUDES OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL AND IN THE DIASPOKA, AND THERE IS CERTAINLY NO CAUSE TO BELITTLE THIS SPIRITUAL MENACE. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN THE ATTITUDE OF SECULAR CIRCLES TO THIS MENACE. IN THE DIASPORA ALL OF THEM OPPOSE THE MACHINATIONS OF THE MISSION. IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL, HOWEVER, THERE ARE, TO OUR SORROW, SECULAR CIRCLES AND PERSONS WHO MIGHTILY DEFEND THE GRANTING OF FREEDOM TO THE MISSION, AND FIGHT AGAINST THE FAITHFUL IN ISRAEL WHO DEMAND THE CURTAILING OF THE MISSION. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS WORTHWHILE FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT FREEDOM FOR THE MISSION TO READ THE FEATURE ARTICLE "MISSIONIZING IN THE U.S.A." WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN "DAVAR" (MORNING HEBREW JOURNAL OF THE LABOUR PARTY) AND WE QUOTE THEREFROM: "FROM TIME TO TIME IN ISRAEL EXTREMIST RELIGIOUS CIRCLES STIR UP PUBLIC PROTEST MOVEMENTS OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY VIOLENCE AGAINST THE OPERATIONS OF THE MISSION. IN THE U.S.A. IT IS PRECISELY THE NONORTHODOX JEWISH CIRCLES WHICH ARE AROUSED BY MISSIONARY ACTIVITY. THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE RECENTLY MADE A SHARP DENUNCIATION OF THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED BY THE SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, WHICH IS IN THE U.S.A. THE SYNOD DECIDED AT ITS CONVENTION LAST YEAR "TO ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGE OUR CONGREGATIONS LOCATED AMONG JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO SEEK TO REACH THE JEWS IN ORDER TO SHARE OUR FAITH WITH THEM THAT JESUS OF NAZARETH IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AJC SAID THAT WITH THIS RESOLUTION THE MISSOURI SYNOD STIGMATIZED THE JEWISH RELIGION AS A DEFECTIVE RELIGION AND "REVIVED THE IMAGE FROM THE MIDDLE AGES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE JEWS WERE AN INFERIOR PEOPLE FROM THE THEOLOGICAL STANDPOINT." A MANNUAL PUBLISHED BY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MISSOURI "EMPLOYS VULGAR STEREOTYPES WHICH VICIOUSLY DISTORT THE IMAGE OF THE JEWS AND JUDAISM." THE QUESTION IS BEGGED: WHY IS IT FORBIDDEN TO CURTAIL MISSIONARY MACHINATIONS IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL? THE ANSWER IS: A WAR AGAINST TORAH JUDAISM REPUDIATES ALL LOGIC AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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3. SUBJECT: CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

DATE: 19.5.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND"  
 BYLINE: WALTER BARRELSON, RECTOR, ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL STUDIES,  
 QUOTE: ON MAY 4 YOU REPORTED THAT PETER NICHOLS HAS PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN (THE TIMES) THE TIMES OF LONDON CONCERNING "HOW THE CHRISTIANS ARE FADING FROM THE HOLY LAND." NEITHER OF THE TWO POINTS APPARENTLY MADE BY MR NICHOLS SEEMS TO ME TO HAVE BASIS IN FACT. CHRISTIANITY IN ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK MAY HAVE SUFFERED NUMERICAL DECLINE. CHRISTIANS WOULD THEMSELVES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY MISSED OPPORTUNITY FOR A MORE FAITHFUL WITNESS AND FOR COMMON LABOURS IN OBEDIENCE TO THEIR LORD. EVEN SO, CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND HAS UNDERGONE MUCH INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL. I HAVE WITNESSED THIS RENEWAL OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS. IT IS REAL, IT IS DEEP. CHRISTIANS ARE BY NO MEANS FADING FROM THE SCENE IN ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK. NOR CAN IT BE MAINTAINED THAT OFFICIALS OF THE GOVT OF ISRAEL ARE OUT TO SEE TO IT THAT CHRISTIANITY DOES IN FACT DECLINE. WHILE MY EXPERIENCE IS LIMITED, I HAVE OBSERVED THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE OFFICIALS OF THE MIN FOR RELIG AFFAIRS ARE SCRUPULOUSLY FAIR IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH CHRISTIANS. AND THE MAYOR OF JLM AND HIS STAFF HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IN JERUSALEM. IT IS TRUE THAT AN ILL ADVISED BILL WAS PASSED IN THE KNESSET IN 1977 (ENTICEMENT TO CHANGE OF RELIGION) BUT THAT BILL HAS BEEN ROUNDLY DENOUNCED BY LEADERS OF ISRAEL AND BY A UNITED FRONT OF CHRISTIANS. IN FACT, THE JOINING TOGETHER OF CHRISTIAN GROUPS AND OF OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO CALL FOR THE REMOVAL OF THIS LAW FROM THE STATUTE BOOKS IS ONE GOOD SIGN OF THE VITALITY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND. PARTICULAR CHRISTIANS OR CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS IN THE WEST BANK (MORE)

MAY WELL HAVE SUFFERED UNJUST OR INSENSITIVE TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS. IF THEY HAVE, SUCH INCIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN PART OF A GOVERNMENTAL POLICY. THEY ARE RATHER A PART OF THE TRAGIC CONTINUATION OF BITTERNESS AND MUTUAL HOSTILITY WITHIN THE HOLY LAND. FOR THE REMOVAL OF THOSE, CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AND MUSLIMS AND ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF COURSE NEED TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS AND THEIR PRAYERS TO THE LORD OF PEACE.

4. SUBJECT: JUDAISTIC LUTHERANS

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DATE: 19.5.78 JOURNAL: JOURNAL D'ISRAEL (TELAVIV) FRENCH NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "SOME LUTHERANS ADOPT THE RITUAL OF JUDAISM"  
 EXTRACTS: "TWO CHURCHES OF LONG ISLAND, ST JOHN OF NORTH MASSAPEQUA & THE CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MEADOW ESTATE IN NEW YORK STATE HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED BY THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR HAVING SUBORDINATED THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL TO JEWISH CUSTOMS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER REV JOHN HOVE, WHO IS CO-PASTOR OF ST JOHN WITH REV JACK HICKMAN, CELEBRATED THE MARRIAGE OF A CHRISTIAN COUPLE IN HIS CHAPEL ACCORDING TO THE JEWISH RITE. "WE HAVE ADOPTED INCREASINGLY A STYLE OF JEWISH LIFE," REV JOHN HOVE DECLARED, ONE OF THE THREE MINISTERS INVOLVED IN THIS AFFAIR. THIS MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE OBLIGATION TO KEEP A KOSHER KITCHEN, WEARING A "YARMULKE" AND THE TALITH WHICH COVERS ONE DURING PRAYERS, CHANTING AND PRAYING IN HEBREW DURING WORSHIP. "EMOTIONALLY I CONSIDER MYSELF AS JEWISH," HOVE SAID, ADDING: "I WANT TO LIVE LIKE A JEW, TO LIVE AS THE TORAH TEACHES." ANOTHER OF THE THREE MINISTERS, REV DONALD SMESTAD, PASTOR OF THE CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, DECLARED: "JESUS WAS, IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE A JEW." HE ADDED: "THE CRUCIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THE JEWS IS THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS AS MESSIAH."...PASTOR SMESTAD HAS STATED THAT HIS CONGREGATION HAS LOST A HALF OF THEIR 400 ACTIVE MEMBERS SINCE APPLYING THE HEBREW RITES.... HE HAS BEGUN TO SPEAK ANEW OF THE DIFFERENCES WHICH SEPARATE JEWS AND CHRISTIANS. IF ONE ACCEPTS JESUS AS THE MESSIAH, THEN HOW MAY ONE DIFFER FROM TRADITIONAL CHRISTIANS? "WE HAVE DECIDED TO IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE FIRST CENTURY WHEN THERE WERE NUMEROUS JEWS WHO ACCEPTED CHRIST AS MESSIAH." HE ADDS: "JERUSALEM WAS DESTROYED IN THE YEAR 70 OF OUR ERA AND THE CENTRE OF THE CHURCH WAS LOST. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ABANDONED JEWISH TRADITIONS AND ADOPTED THOSE OF THE GENTILES. PASTOR SMESTAD, OFFICIATING IN A CHURCH BEARING THE FLAG OF THE CROSS AND STAR OF DAVID, STATED: "I HAVE MADE MY CHOICE. I AM NOW NEITHER FISH NOR FOWL. THE LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL NOT ACCEPT ME, NEITHER WILL THE JEWISH ESTABLISHMENT ADMIT ME." UNQUOTE

5. SUBJECT: MISSION LAW (FOREIGN PRESS) CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS (TORONTO) 13 JAN 78

HEADING: "CHRISTIANS PROTEST LAW ON MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES" BY: GIL SEDAN J'LM (JTA)  
 EXTRACTS: THE UCCI HAS PROTESTED VIGOROUSLY AGAINST A RECENTLY ENACTED LAW IMPOSING PRISON TERMS AND FINES FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY. A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE CHURCHES MET WITH YISRAEL LIPPEL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MIN RELIG AFF, TO PROTEST THAT THE LAW WAS WRITTEN WITHOUT CONSULTING THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. THEY ALSO CHARGED THAT ITS AIM WAS TO CREATE "A FEELING OF HATE AND SUSPICION AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH." (THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND THE BACKGROUND TO ITS PASSAGE. THIS IS A SLIGHTLY ENLARGED VERSION OF THE REPORT FILED BY THE SAME JOURNALIST WHICH APPEARED IN THE DAILY NEWS BULLETIN OF LONDON UNDER DATE 5.1.78 AND WAS TRANSCRIBED IN SELECTIONS N. 19, BOTTOM OF FIRST PAGE THEREON, AND ALSO THE GERMAN LANGUAGE VERSION FOLLOWING THAT TRANSCRIPTION ON P. 2 WHICH APPEARED IN JUDISCHE RUNDSCHAU MACCABI OF BASEL 12.1.78.)

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