

DATE: 15.8.78 JOURNAL: MAARIV (YOUTH EDITION) HEBREW P.M. IND. FEATURE-ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "YOUTH CORRESPONDENTS IN THE SHADOW OF THE MISSION" (EXPOSE)  
 BYLINES: Y.C. (Youth Corresp.) Yinon Shenker & Dan Naveh (Manheim)  
 PHOTOGRAPHS: Ronnie Cohen (1) Photograph two youths sitting under church dome and captioned: "TWO YOUTH CORRESPONDENTS OF 'MAARIV L'NOAR' STRODE INTO THE WORLD OF CHRISTIAN MESSIANISM, VISITED THE MISSION IN JERUSALEM AND LISTENED.... (2) DAN NAVE AND YINON SHENKER HOLDING CROSSES (3) DAN & YINON BESIDE THE PREACHER'S PULPIT AT ONE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN JERUSALEM (4) THIS IS A PORTION OF THE MISSIONARY LITERATURE WHICH REACHED THE Y.C.'s ON THE HEELS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION (PICTURED ARE TRACTS AND PERIODICALS IN HEBREW & ENGLISH, INCLUDING "DECISION" MAGAZINE, "THREE MESSAGES FOR ISRAEL", "WHAT ABOUT YOU & WHAT ABOUT ME?" (in Hebrew) "THE WAY TO EVERLASTING LIFE" (in Hebrew), COMPLETE BIBLE (in Hebrew), "THE DESTINY OF ISRAEL AND THE COMING DELIVERER" (in Hebrew) plus several others indistinguishable. QUOTE: "IN THE NAME OF GOD, HIS SON JESUS, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE ARE GATHERED HERE THIS EVENING TO WORSHIP OUR GOD YESHUA, MAY HE SEND HIS MERCIES TO THOSE PRESENT HERE, AND AMONG THEM TWO JEWISH LADS, DANNY & YINON, WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY." THUS, SUDDENLY, AND WITHOUT TOO MANY QUESTIONS, WE FOUND OURSELVES AT THE CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER IN ONE OF THE MISSION CENTRES IN JERUSALEM. THIS MISSIONARY CENTRE WHICH WE HAD REACHED IS ONE OF MANY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE LAND WHICH CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY. A LAW RECENTLY ENACTED PROHIBITS THE GIVING OR RECEIVING OF MONEY OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN EXCHANGE FOR CONVERSION OF RELIGION. BUT WHAT ACTUALLY IS THAT EXTENSIVE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY WHICH LED TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE LAW AND TO THE MANY DEBATES WHICH WERE STIRRED UP ABOUT IT? IT WAS A STORY WHICH REACHED OUR EARS THAT PROMPTED US TO FIND AN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION. AND HERE IT IS: A.C. IS A JEWISH YOUTH FROM A SECULARIST HOME WHO BEGAN TO INTEREST HIMSELF IN THE JEWISH RELIGION AND SOUGHT WAYS THAT WOULD LEAD HIM TO THE HERITAGE OF ISRAEL AND TO REPENTANCE. WITH AN ASSIST FROM AN INNOCENT NOTICE IN ONE OF THE NEWSPAPERS, A.C. WAS PUT IN TOUCH WITH A "BIBLE CIRCLE" FREE OF CHARGE. HE BEGAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT CIRCLE UNTIL AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS IT WAS MADE KNOWN TO HIM THAT HE WAS INVOLVED WITH A CHRISTIAN GROUP. A.C. WAS NOT DETERRED BY THIS AND CONTINUED TO TAKE PART IN THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES NOTWITHSTANDING THE FURY AND INDIGNATION OF HIS PARENTS AND RELATIVES. IN DUE COURSE A.C., LIKE OTHERS OF HIS AGE GROUP, RECEIVED AN ORDER FOR ENLISTMENT IN THE I.D.F. UNLIKE ALL HIS OTHER FRIENDS, HE DID NOT SHOW UP AT THE RECRUITING OFFICE. HIS CLAIM WAS THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE SECT OF "JEHOVA'S WITNESSES" (ONE OF THE MISSIONARY SECTS IN ISRAEL) HE IS EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE. THE PERSUASIVE EFFORTS OF HIS PARENTS, RABBIS, AND I.D.F. COMMANDERS WERE OF NO AVAIL. A.C. STOOD HIS GROUND--EVEN AFTER BEING IMPRISONED IN A MILITARY JAIL--HE REFUSED TO BE ENLISTED. A.C. WAS FINALLY RELEASED FROM THE ARMY. THE GROUNDS: "INSANE". BIBLE LESSONS AT BAPTIST HOUSE: THE BEGINNING OF OUR WAY IN THE WORLD OF CHRISTIAN MESSIANISM AND THE SEARCH AFTER "THE DIVINE TRUTH AND CHRISTIAN MESSIANISM" WAS DIFFERENT. WE WENT OUT TO MISSIONARY GROUPS AS TWO INNOCENT JEWISH YOUTHS "SEEKING NEW IDEAS", KNOWING NOTHING OF WHAT AWAITED US. OUR FIRST STOP WAS A STORE FOR SACRED BOOKS, ONE OF MANY SCATTERED ABOUT JERUSALEM, THE HOLY CITY. TOURISTS ENTER AND EXIT CONTINUALLY IN THESE SHOPS, BUT NEITHER DO ISRAELIS AVOID THEM. WE ENTERED THE SHOP ON 4 NARKISS STREET AS WE SOUGHT "SACRED LITERATURE". WE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WIDENING OUR CONCEPTS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. AFTER SOME 7 HESITATION AND SEVERAL PENETRATING GLANCES, WE WERE TOLD THAT IN THE HOUSE BEHIND THE SHOP (BAPTIST HOUSE) THERE WERE BIBLE LESSONS. CONDUCTED TWICE WEEKLY. LIKE THOSE WHO FEEL THEY ARE ON THE RIGHT ROAD, WE ARRIVED AT THE YARD OF THE HOUSE AT THE APPOINTED DAY AND TIME. THERE WE WERE RECEIVED BY A LIKEABLE AND PLEASANT YOUNG MAN WHO SPOKE HEBREW AND ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND WHO INVITED US INSIDE. WE ENTERED INTO A SALON WHICH HAD A "MEZUZA" AFFIXED TO THE LINTEL (SOMETHING WHICH ASTONISHED US). TIM, THE YOUNG MAN WHO HAD BROUGHT US IN, BEGAN A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH US. SUDDENLY ANOTHER PERSON APPEARED (CONRAD BY NAME), LOOKED AT US SUSPICIOUSLY AND DEMANDED THAT WE PRODUCE OUR IDENTITY CARDS. FOR A MOMENT WE HESITATED, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO REPLY, BUT WE DIDN'T PANIC, AND EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR OUR COMING. OUR REPLY SATISFIED CONRAD AND TIM AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES WE WERE SEATED IN A LARGE ATTRACTIVE ROOM WITH A WHITE PIANO AND A BOOKCASE OVERFLOWING WITH BOOKS, AMONG WHICH WERE THE JEWISH GEMARRA ALONGSIDE CHRISTIAN HOLY BOOKS. IN A SHORT TIME ADDITIONAL PERSONS GATHERED, MOST OF THEM OLDER PEOPLE, WITH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS IN THEIR HANDS. THEY BEGAN WITH A SHORT PRAYER WHOSE OPENING REMARKS WERE CITED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS ARTICLE. AT THE CLOSE OF THE PRAYER WE WERE GIVEN BIBLES. TIM BEGAN WITH



A LESSON ABOUT THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW. WE EXPRESSED INTEREST, ASKED QUESTIONS, AND WHEN THE LESSON WAS FINISHED....(here there is a blank of one or two lines in the text of the photocopied article at the bottom of the page. TR.) ...AND INDEED WE DID RETURN, BUT NOT TO THE SAME PLACE. ON SHIVTE YISRAEL STREET IN JERUSALEM NEAR THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE THERE IS "BETH HAMEVASER", BUILT LIKE A LARGE CHURCH. WE ENTERED WITHIN, OUR EARS BEING GRACED BY THE PLEASANT SOUND OF CHRISTIAN SONG AND <sup>MUSICAL</sup> INSTRUMENT. ABOUT TEN PERSONS GREETED US WARMLY, HANDED US HYMN BOOKS AND ENCOURAGED US TO JOIN IN THE SINGING. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SINGING WE HEARD A SERMON BY ONE OF THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN PREACHERS IN JERUSALEM ON THE SUBJECT OF THE BOOK OF "SONG OF SONGS", ALTHOUGH NOT ABOUT THE INTERESTING PORTIONS IN IT. NOT FAR FROM SHIVTEI YISRAEL STREET THERE IS THE "STREET OF THE PROPHETS" (REHUV HANEVIIM). BUT IT IS NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPHETS FOR WHOM THE STREET IS NAMED WHICH IS HEARD ON THIS STREET BUT THE SPIRIT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MESSIANIC ASSEMBLY OF JERUSALEM. THIS CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY HAS FIVE BUILDINGS ON PROPHETS STREET, AND IN ONE OF THEM WE WERE PRIVILEGED WITH ANOTHER EXPERIENCE: AS EXPERIENCED PERSONS IN THE METHODS OF THE MISSION GROUPS, WE WERE NOT SURPRISED BY THOSE PRESENT ON 56 PROPHETS STREET, AMONG THEM SEVERAL OF OUR ACQUAINTANCES FROM OTHER CHURCHES, ABSORBED IN ENTHUSIASTIC SINGING TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF ORGAN AND PIANO. WE SAT DOWN, TOOK HOLD OF A HYMN BOOK, WHICH INCLUDED HYMNS LIKE: "WE HAVE ENLISTED FOR JESUS", "JESUS OUR MESSIAH" ETC, AND WE BEGAN TO HUM ALONG. SUDDENLY DAN NAVEH RECOGNIZED HIS COMPANION TO "JOURNEY AFTER THE CROSS", YINON SHENKER, WAS FROZEN IN HIS SEAT, FOR HE HAD RECOGNIZED A MAN SEATED A FEW ROWS BEHIND HIM WHO WAS KNOWN TO HIM FROM DAILY LIFE! WE HAD HARDLY RECOVERED FROM THIS FIRST SHOCK WHEN WE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE PREACHER, OF AN ORIENTAL APPEARANCE, APPARENTLY AN ARAB: "COME LET US PRAY FOR OUR SISTER MARCIA, FOR OUR BROTHER VICTOR SMADJA, AND IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS..." TWO PRAYERS FOR THE DAY WERE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR US. WE LEFT THE WORSHIP SERVICE WHILE IT WAS STILL GOING ON. IT WAS OUR GOOD FORTUNE THAT ALL EYES WERE CLOSED SO THAT NO ONE SENSED OUR DEPARTURE. SABBATH SONGS BETWEEN THE WALLS OF THE MISSION: IN ANY CASE, WE DID NOT CONTENT OURSELVES WITH THIS SERIES OF MEETINGS BUT CONTINUED TO VISIT THE GATES OF THE MISSION SEVERAL ADDITIONAL TIMES, ACCUMULATING NEW EXPERIENCES. AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS IN THE BAPTIST HOUSE WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HEAR ALSO A LITTLE JUDAISM. AMONG THE HYMNS SUNG THAT EVENING WERE ALSO HYMNS THAT DANNY WAS ACCUSTOMED TO SING ON THE SABBATH EVE AT HOME, AMONG THEM "SHIR HAMALOTH" (A SONG OF DEGREES) TO THE TUNE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, "HATIKVA". AT ANOTHER MEETING WE ENCOUNTERED NEW PERSONS, AMONG THEM TO OUR GREAT ASTONISHMENT A NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS JEWS, WEARING SKULLCAPS, THE FRINGES (TSITSIT), AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF JEWISH YOUTH AND EVEN JEWS WHO HAD RECENTLY EMIGRATED FROM THE SOVIET UNION. WE SAW OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MISSION ALSO OUTSIDE THESE MEETINGS. DANNY, FOR EXAMPLE (WHO WEARS A SKULLCAP BUT WOULD REMOVE IT AT THE TIME OF MEETINGS) MET BY CHANCE ONE OF THE YOUNG MEN PRESENT AT THE BAPTIST HOUSE. THE TWO EXCHANGED PUZZLED GLANCES, BUT THE YOUNG MAN SHOWED NO SIGN THAT HE RECOGNIZED DAN. YINON MET ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE MISSION IN NAZARETH ON THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM BUT ALSO IN THIS CASE THE CHRISTIAN INDICATED NO RESPONSE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR MEETINGS IN THE MISSION WERE FEW RELATIVELY SPEAKING, WE WERE STILL ABLE TO LEARN MUCH ABOUT THIS CHRISTIAN WAY, WHICH IS SO SPECIAL AND INTERESTING OF ITSELF, AND ALSO TO PROBE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL. THUS WE LEARNED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE MISSION DOES NOT OPERATE ONLY AMONG RESTRICTED CIRCLES OF JEWS LIKE OURSELVES WHO BY VARIOUS MEANS ARRIVE AT THE "SACRED CIRCLES", BUT ALSO AMONG THE RANKS OF NEW IMMIGRANTS, INCLUDING IMMIGRANTS FROM RUSSIA, THE U.S.A., AND OTHER LANDS WHOM WE MET AT THE MISSION. WE ALSO ENCOUNTERED THERE PERSONS FROM DEPRESSED AREAS WHO ENJOY, IT WOULD APPEAR (AS WAS MADE CLEAR TO US AFTERWARD) SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE MISSION. A TALE ABOUT A LAD FROM A RELIGIOUS HOME: THE SOURCE FROM WHICH WE RECEIVED THE FULLEST PICTURE OF THE MISSION IS THE ORGANIZATION "PEILIM YAD L'AKHIM". THERE WE MET A YOUNG MAN, ENERGETIC, BY NAME OF URI. FROM HIS MOUTH WE LEARNED THAT A PORTION OF X JEWRY THOSE LIVING IN DEPRESSED AREAS FINALLY COME TO THE STAGE OF EMIGRATION FROM ISRAEL WITH THE AID OF THE MISSION. A SPECIFIC STORY: A YOUNG MAN FROM A RELIGIOUS HOME IN TELAVIV WHO LOVED CLASSICAL MUSIC OFTEN ATTENDED CONCERTS. ONE DAY HE ATTENDED A CONCERT OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AND MET SOME LIKEABLE PEOPLE WHO SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTINUE TO ATTEND THEIR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES. IN DUE TIME THE MUSICAL ACTIVITY WAS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY OF A CHRISTIAN CHARACTER, WHICH FINALLY LED THAT LAD FROM A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IN ISRAEL TO A CHRISTIAN SEMINARY IN LONDON, LEAVING HIS FAMILY STUNNED, BROKEN AND EMBITTERED. ADDITIONAL MISSIONARY ACTIVITY WHICH IS MORE LINKED TO US, THE YOUNG PEOPLE, IS CONDUCTED IN THE CENTRE OF THE COUNTRY. INASMUCH AS WE ARE JERUSALEM-ITES, WE WERE PREVENTED FROM TAKING PART IN IT. THIS ACTIVITY INCLUDES



MISSION CLUBHOUSES, VARIOUS CULTURAL GROUPS AND PARTIES WHICH ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE. WE SAW WITH OUR OWN EYES THE MISSION SCHOOLS. BESIDES THE CHILDREN OF DIPLOMATS AND "GOOD" CHRISTIANS, JEWISH CHILDREN ALSO ATTEND, MOST OF THEM FROM UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES. DURING THE SUMMER RECESS WHEN THERE IS NO REGULAR SCHOOLING, THESE INSTITUTIONS OPEN COUNTRYWIDE SUMMER CAMPS ON THE ORDER OF DORMITORIES, AND THERE YOUNG HEARTS ARE SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE CHRISTIAN PREACHING. THE ORGANIZATION OF "PEILIM YAD L'AKHIM" CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES IN OPPOSITION TO THE CHRISTIAN MISSION. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, TRACING DOWN OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE LAND, A PUBLIC ~~EX~~ CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT, AND EFFORTS TO EXTRACT FROM THE MISSION THOSE JEWS WHO HAVE ~~BEEN~~ TAKEN INTO IT IN VARIOUS WAYS. WE WERE TOLD THAT RECENTLY THE ORGANIZATION HAD SUCCEEDED IN "RESTORING AS A PENITENT" ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE JEWISH APOSTATES IN THE MISSIONARY INSTITUTIONS IN JERUSALEM+ SHLOMO HIZAK. MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL IS NOT SIMPLY A RELIGIOUS PROBLEM BUT A PROBLEM OF THE FIRST ORDER. AT A TIME WHEN THE MISSION REMOVES FAMILIES FROM ISRAEL, PERSUADES YOUNG MEN NOT SERVE IN THE ARMY, ETC, THE MISSIONARY PHENOMENON EXTENDS BEYOND THE CONFINES OF RELIGION AND RECEIVES NATIONAL-UNIVERSAL DIMENSIONS. THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN MOST INSTANCES: 1. DOES NOT OPERATE OPENLY BUT UNDER VARIOUS CLOAKS WHICH DECEIVE THE PUBLIC. WE MUST WORK TOWARD THE GOAL THAT EVERY MISSIONARY OPERATING IN ISRAEL SHALL NOT CONCEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY, AND THAT ALL MISSIONARY ACTIVITY WILL BE CONDUCTED OPENLY AND MANIFESTLY BY THOSE ENGAGED IN IT. ONLY IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE FULFILLED WILL THE DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER MISSIONARY ACTIVITY SHOULD BE PERMITTED OR NOT BE A PROPER DEBATE ABOUT FREEDOM OF RELIGION. END.

SUBJECT 2: MISSION LAW

DATE: 16.2.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH CHRONICLE (PITTSBURGH PA) ENGLISH NEWS ARTICLE  
HEADING: "INSIDE ISRAEL" BYLINE: CARL ALPERT  
QUOTE : AS OF APRIL 1 IT WILL BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN ISRAEL....(AS PREVIOUSLY

DATE: 24.3.78 JOURNAL: HERITAGE (LOS ANGELES CAL) ENGLISH NEWS ARTICLE  
HEADING: "CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL ASSURED OF FREEDOM"  
QUOTE : NEW YORK (SPECIAL) THE ISRAEL MIN OF JUSTICE SHMUEL TAMIR HAS ASSURED THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE THAT RECENT LEGISLATION AGAINST THE USE OF MATERIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CONVERSION WILL NOT RESTRICT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OR THE PURSUIT OF NORMAL EDUCATIONAL OR PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES BY CHRISTIANS OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN ISRAEL. TAMIR'S STATEMENT REFERRED TO A LAW ENACTED LAST DEC BY THE ISRAEL KNESSET THAT MADE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO GIVE OR PROMISE MONEY OR OTHER MATERIAL BENEFITS IN ORDER TO ENTICE A PERSON TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION. THE RECEIVER OF SUCH GIFTS OR PROMISES WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO A PROSECUTION. RICHARD MAASS, PRES OF THE AJC, IN A LETTER TO TAMIR AND TO ISRAEL'S PM MENAHEM BEGIN WARNED THAT THE LEGISLATION HAD "AROUSSED SERIOUS CONCERN & DISTRESS AMONG CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN THE USA AND PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE VERY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN ISRAEL'S STAUNCHEST FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS IN THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY." MAASS SAID: "WE SHARE WITH OTHER JEWS THE FEELING OF MORAL OFFENSE AT PROSELYTIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO UNDERMINE JUDAISM AND THE CONTINUITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE." HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GOVT SPOKESMEN IN ISRAEL REASSURE OUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AS TO ISRAEL'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION." UNQUOTE

DATE: 30.3.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH PRESS (BROOKLYN NY) ENGLISH LETTER TO EDITOR  
HEADING: "ISRAEL ANTIMISSIONARY LAW" BY: ABRAHAM ISAAC CARMEL  
QUOTE : I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR RABBI MARC TANENBAUM OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CONDEMN THE LONG OVERDUE LEGISLATION BY THE ISRAELI GOVT AGAINST MISSIONARY PRESSURES. IT SEEMS THAT THE RABBI HAS BECOME SO DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT & PUBLIC RELATIONS THAT HE DOES NOT REGARD SOUL SNATCHING AS A GRAVE MATTER. RESPONSIBLE RESEARCHERS ESTIMATE THAT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT BY THE MISSIONARIES & THAT A SPECIAL EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO CONVERT THE JEWS. HAVE WE NOT LOST MILLIONS OF JEWS ALREADY, AND DOES OUR "LEADERSHIP" REGARD EVEN GREATER LOSSES AS BEING LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT WHICH HAS PROVED SO DEVOID OF VALUE? AMERICAN JEWRY HAS INDEED SUFFERED FROM THE GREAT MISLEADERSHIP! LET US ARISE & FIGHT THEM! UNQUOTE

DATE: 31.3.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH TELEGRAPH (MANCHESTER ENG) ENGLISH ARTICLE  
HEADING: "ARMY OFFICER FIGHTS MISSIONARIES"  
QUOTE : THE NEW ISRAELI LAW WHICH MAKES CONVERSION THRU BRIBERY A PUNISHABLE OFFENCE HAS HELPED THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL. BUT THE WORK TO COMBAT THEM BY THE MAJOR JEWISH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CONTINUES, ESPECIALLY IN (MERE)



ZICRON YAAKOV. TO HELP FINANCE THEIR WORK, THERE WILL BE A DINNER AT THE HIGHER CRUMPSALL AND HIGHER BROUGHTON SYNAGOGUE HALL ON SUNDAY SUPPORTED BY RABBI SHLOMO YUNGERMAN WHO HEADS THE BOARDING SCHOOL IN ZICRON YAAKOV WHICH AIMS TO KEEP YOUNG JEWS OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN MISSIONARIES. RABBI YUNGERMAN, WHO IS AN ARMY OFFICER, HAS HAD TO GET SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO MAKE HIS VISIT. LIKE ALL ARMY PERSONNEL, HE IS ON GENERAL ALERT AND MUST RETURN IMMEDIATELY AFTER MONDAY'S DINNER. IT IS HOPED THAT THE DINNER WILL RAISE \$50,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF EXPANDING THE DORMITORIES OF RABBI YUNGERMAN'S SCHOOL, MERKAZ LECHINUCH TORANI. SUPPORTING RABBI YUNGERMAN AT THE DINNER WILL BE RABBI CHAIM KREISWIRTH (ANTWERP) AND RABBI PEREIRA (AMSTERDAM). BOTH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING AUTHENTIC JEWISH ESTABLISHMENTS IN ZICRON. DESPITE THE NEW ISRAELI LAW, MISSIONARY INFLUENCE IS SO ENTRENCHED WITH PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH POOR FAMILIES, THAT THEIR WORK CONTINUES SURREPTITIOUSLY. ZICRON YAAKOV, JUST TO THE SOUTH OF HAIFA, IS NOT FAR FROM THE PLACE WHERE TERRORISTS RECENTLY LANDED. GUESTS AT THE DINNER INCLUDE MR & MRS ARTHUR HUBERT AND MR & MRS WALTER HUBERT AND IMPORTANT SEPHARDI GUESTS. MANY OF THE VICTIMS AND THOSE AT RISK ARE CHILDREN OF POOR SEPHARDI FAMILIES. UNQUOTE

DATE: 14.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE EXCERPT

HEADING: "LOSS OF IDENTITY" BYLINE: MARK SEGAL

SUMMARY & EXCERPT: (THIS IS AN INTERVIEW ARTICLE WITH LIBERAL MK YOSEF TAMIR WHO WARNS THAT HIS PARTY IS IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS INDIVIDUALITY WITHIN LIKUD BLOC AND AT ONE POINT DEALS WITH ISRAELI RELIGIOUS ISSUES INCLUDING THE MISSION LAW) "IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING THAT HERUT SHOULD BE OPENLY ASKING WHAT THEY NEED THE LIBERALS FOR IF THEIR SPECIAL POSITIONS HAVE SIMPLY DISAPPEARED," HE ADDED TARTLY. HE QUOTED THE ORIGINAL TERMS OF THE CAHAL AGREEMENT THAT ALLOWED THE LIBERALS FREEDOM OF VOTING IN THREE AREAS: RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION, RELATIONS WITH GERMANY & TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE. HERE HE PRODUCED A COPY OF THE LIKUD GOVT COALITION AGREEMENT INDICATING CLAUSE 41 WHICH CONFERRED FREEDOM OF VOTING ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS ON THE FOUR MK'S OF AGUDAT YISRAEL "BUT APPARENTLY NOT ON THE 15 LIBERALS," HE REMARKED DRILY. THE VETERAN LIBERAL IS UPSET THAT THE GOVT HAS GIVEN IN SO MUCH TO THE ULTRAORTHODOX MINORITY AND BELIEVED THE LIKUD TO BE WEAKENED BY THESE CONCESSIONS TO AGUDAT YISRAEL... "BESIDES," HE SAID... "IT'S CONTRARY TO THIS AGREEMENT WHICH PROMISED 'FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE FOR EVERY CITIZEN AND FREEDOM OF WORSHIP TO ALL...' HE NOTED THE NEGATIVE INTERNATIONAL IMPACT OF THE ANTIMISSION LAW, WHICH HAD HAD LITTLE EFFECT HERE... UNQUOTE

#### SUBJECT 4: CHRISTIANS AND ISRAEL

DATE: 11.8.78 JOURNAL: MITTEILUNGSBLATT (TELAVIV) GERMAN LANGUAGE NEWS ITEM

QUOTE: MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SECT "BETH SCHALOM" WHICH HAS MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN LANDS ARE MEETING IN "BINYANEI HAUMA" FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL WHICH THEY REGARD AS A FORERUNNER OF MESSIAH. MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK GREETED THE GUESTS IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE. UNQUOTE

DATE: 16.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST "POSTSCRIPTS FEATURE"

WAS QUOTE: THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON MT ZION, BUT THE MINISTER AN AMERICAN PENTECOSTAL LADY PREACHER. THE BRIDE WAS FROM THE USA, THE GROOM FROM HOLLAND, AND THEY HAD MET IN JERUSALEM. IN THE CONGREGATION THERE WERE CATHOLIC AND ORTHODOX CLERGY, A VARIETY OF PROTESTANTS AND SEVERAL ORTHODOX JEWS. THE SERVICE WAS A MIXTURE OF THE TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AND HIGH SPIRITED PENTECOSTALISM. THERE WAS AN ELECTRIC ORGAN AND GUITARS, AND THE WEDDING PROCESSION WAS LED BY A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN, ARMS INTERLOCKED WITH THE BRIDE GROOM, RHYTHMICALLY DANCING DOWN THE AISLE TO THE SINGING OF "KOL DODI" (THE VOICE OF MY BELOVED) IN HEBREW. THE BRIDE FOLLOWED IN TRADITIONAL GOWN WITH A CHILD STREWING ROSE PETALS BEFORE HER. TWO ELDERLY ARMENIANS CHANTED. THE CONGREGATION SPOKE AND SANG IN MANY TONGUES. AFTER THE VOWS WERE EXCHANGED, THE RECESSIONAL BEGAN WITH ALMOST THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION CLAPPING AND SINGING ALONG AS THEY TRIPPED OUT TO THE HASSIDIC RHYTHMS OF "KOL SIMHA V'KOL KALA" (THE SOUND OF JOY AND THE SOUND OF THE BRIDE) WHILE CHURCH BELLS PEALD TRIUMPHANTLY. THE WEDDING RECEPTION WAS HELD IN SHEIKH JARAH IN EAST JERUSALEM AND WAS AGAIN A MIXTURE OF CULTURES AND CUSTOMS. AFTER A FESTIVE BUFFET LUNCH UNDER A TENT, AN ACCORDIONIST PLAYED HORA DANCES WITH THE BRIDE AND GROOM LIFTED AFT BY THE EXUBERANT GUESTS. M.B. UNQUOTE

DATE: 17.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST "POSTSCRIPTS"

QUOTE: OPERATION RECOGNITION IS AN ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN 38 LANDS WHICH HOPES TO CONVINCE THE INTERNATL RED CROSS TO ACCORD MAGEN DAVID ADOM (OFFICIAL) RECOGNITION... ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDER OF THE RED CROSS, HENRY DUNANT, (THEY) HAVE LAUNCHED A PUBLICITY BLITZ... POINTING OUT THAT DUNANT WAS A FERVENT CHRISTIAN ZIONIST WHO AGITATED FOR RETURN OF JEWS TO ERETZ ISRAEL... UNQUOTE