

SUBJECT ONE: "THE MISSION"

A. EMMA BERGER: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEBREW P.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "STRUGGLE OF SAMARIA RESIDENTS" AGAINST BETHEL PEOPLE HAS RETURNED TO COURT:
 INJUNCTION ISSUED AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STOREY BY EMMA BERGER
 PEOPLE IN BINYAMINA"

BYLINE : Amos Levav

QUOTE : The struggle of the residents of Samaria against the spread of the Emma Berger sect, "Bethel", yesterday returned to the courtroom, when 14 residents of Binyamina obtained an injunction against Emma Berger prohibiting her from continuing the construction of a third storey in the four houses she is building in Binyamina. The attorney for the petitioners, Israel Hagar, first turned to the Justice of the Peace in Hadera, but Michal Geri-Silber disqualified herself inasmuch as she is a resident of Binyamina. The attorney then turned to the Justice of the Peace in Haifa, Sahal, who issued the requested injunction.

The attorney Hagar claimed that according to the master plan for the area it is only permitted to build two-storey buildings in the area. "The construction of a third storey violates the master plan, and even if a permit had been issued by the Commission for Planning and Construction, it is an illegal permit," he stated. In addition, he contended that tall buildings in a residential and quiet area changes the character of the area and constitutes a nuisance. The petition of the 14 residents of Binyamina includes dozens of pages, 3 affidavits, photographs of structures, and the master plan of Binyamina. At the same time a principal claim has been submitted to the Justice of the Peace in Hadera wherein Attorney Hagar requests an order to demolish the upper storeys which have been built contrary to the law. The injunction meanwhile freezes construction until the conclusion of the hearings on the principal complaint. The order was issued in the presence of one side, and the Bethel people have therefore not yet responded. END ARTICLE.

B. Bethel-Zion (Aharon & Helena Levy) DATE: 14.8.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ART.
 HEADING: "CHARGE SHEET AGAINST DIRECTORS OF BETHEL ZION PRESENTED: CONCERNS THE INCITEMENT
 OF CHRISTIANS TO DECLARE THAT THEY ARE JEWS"

BYLINE : Ronnie Rimon, Court Correspondent of "Haaretz"

QUOTE : Aharon (67) and Helena (61) Levy, residents of Azur, were charged in the Tel-Aviv District Court that they had misled a U.S. Christian couple staying in Israel to declare that they are Jews and therefore to obtain a New Immigrants Certificate, which the accused employed in order to import into Israel fraudulently goods and merchandise of various kinds without payment of customs duties. The charge sheet against the two was submitted yesterday at the Tel-Aviv District Court. The prosecutor, Attorney Avraham Landstein, of the Tel-Aviv District Attorney's office, charges that the man and his wife conducted in their place of residence, Azur, a congregation by name of "Bethel Zion" between March 1975 and April 1979. In March 1975 the couple, William and Linda Hicks, U.S. Christians, joined the congregation, and the accused, it is charged, persuaded the Christian Americans that they must receive Israeli citizenship from the Ministry of Interior.

When their request was rejected by the Ministry, the accused persuaded the Christians to testify in the Rabbinical Court that they are American-born Jews, and that each had a Jewish mother and a Christian father, and that they had been married in a civil wedding, and that they now desired to be wed according to Jewish religious law. The Christians then gave testimony to the Rabbinical court, as they were instructed, and Aharon Levy also gave testimony that they were proper Jews. As a result of these declarations, the Christians received New Immigrants Certificates, which the accused employed in order to import into Israel, without payment of taxes, transistors, baking oven, deep freeze, laundry machine, an electrical organ and an automobile of the Ford Transit model.

The prosecutor, Attorney Landstein, charges that the couple from Azur thus received goods fraudulently by means of a false affidavit and that they evaded payment of taxes on the goods that they had imported. The two are charged, therefore, with incitement to false witness, receiving goods fraudulently, smuggling, possessing smuggled goods, evasion of payment of purchase taxes and Value Added Taxes. END ARTICLE

DATE: 14.8.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BETHEL ZION" SECT LEADERS CHARGED"

BYLINE : "Maariv" Correspondent for Criminal Matters

QUOTE : A charge sheet against Aharon and Helena Levy, who conducted the religious sect called "Bethel Zion", and misled a Christian couple to wed as Jews through the Rabbinate, was yesterday submitted to the Tel-Aviv District Court in the wake of the exposé of MAARIV. "The accused persuaded the Hicks couple, Christian tourists from the USA, Linda & William Hicks, to request Israeli citizenship of the Ministry of Interior," it was stated in the charge sheet. It was further claimed that when their attempt failed, they persuaded the Hicks couple to
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declare in the Rabbinate that they are Jews, and Aharon Levy even testified that he knew William's mother, and that she was Jewish. As a result, William and Linda Hicks received Israeli citizenship which secured for them the rights of new immigrants. Aharon and his wife used these rights to purchase electrical goods and an automobile without payment of duty. Among other things, the Levy couple purchased for themselves five transistors, a baking oven, a laundry machine, an electric organ, and a Ford Transit car. The whole affair was investigated and exposed by MAARIV correspondent, Nurith Dovrat. END ARTICLE

C. IRANIAN JEWS: 23.7.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE"

QUOTE : Zevulun Hammer has instructed the Director of the Students Dept of his Bureau to check out complaints of MK Moshe Katsav that he has information of 70 New Immigrant children from Iran who have reached the institutions of the Mission. END

DATE: 27.7.79 JOURNAL: "OMER" (AM IEB VOWELLED) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "CLAIMS THAT SEVENTY CHILDREN FROM IRAN HAVE GONE TO MISSION INSTITUTIONS"

QUOTE : The Minister of Education and Culture, Zevulun Hammer, has issued instructions to the Director of the Students Dept in his office to check out the charges of M.K. Moshe Katsav who has said that he has information that 70 children, new immigrants from Iran, have reached the institutions of the Mission. END

DATE: 15.8.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (IEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "KEREN YALDENU" (ANTI-MISSION SOCIETY...Transl.): ONLY TWO GIRLS FROM IRAN ARE IN THE MISSION"

QUOTE : Additional confirmation that there is no basis to the information that dozens of New Immigrant children from Iran are studying in Christian schools in Israel has been received in the wake of the investigation of the subject made by the Keren Yaldenu organization. The organization opened an investigation in the wake of appeals by families of Iranian Jews in Israel who recently offered to absorb the children of new immigrants from Iran. After clarifications and investigations conducted throughout the country, the organization was unable to locate more than one family with two daughters in the Mission. The Deputy Director of "Keren Yaldenu", Mr. Moshe Einhorn, summarized the results of the Keren Yaldenu efforts in the subject by stating that the impression is that the publicity about the 40 to 70 Iranian children studying in Christian schools is inflated. END ARTICLE

D. ASSORTED AND GENERAL "MISSION" NEWS (FROM THE FILES OF THE HEILIM YAD L'AKHIM ANTI-MISS.)

DATE: 13.8.79 JOURNAL: "SHEARIM" (IEB AM POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL) FEATURE EXPOSE ARTICLE

HEADING: "STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MISSION WHICH HAS INCREASED ITS ACTIVITY"

QUOTE : The College for Education, David Yellin, has prepared a course for students in retarded class of the "St. Vincent" convent in Eyn Carem, Jerusalem. In reply to a letter of protest by the Division for the War against the Mission, Dr. Sheinen, Director of the College for Education, replied that "the convent school, "St. Vincent," in Eyn Carem, is maintained by the Ministry of Education & Culture, and receives support from the Welfare Dept. In the newspaper MAARIV an item was published concerning Mr. David Okhiyon who disclosed that his daughter Elana who had been turned over to WIZO (a Jewish women's organization...TR.) at birth, is now in the Christian institution "St. Vincent". His request to transfer the girl to his care or to a Jewish institution was met with an affidavit by the Welfare Dept clerk, A. Schwartz, to the court on behalf of the Mentally Retarded Service of the Ministry of Labour and Welfare, in which he requested that the Court order the parents not to interfere with the care of the child in the above-mentioned institution.

Such incidents pour light on this painful point in our lives when Jewish children suffering from retardation have no suitable Jewish institution, and are compelled to find shelter in Christian institutions sustained by the Government bureaus notwithstanding their parents' opposition. The nuns indeed deny that they conduct missionary activities, but experience has shown that many humanitarian activities which appear innocent and good are in the final analysis exploited for indirect missionary influences on the families.

An additional point worthy of note is the evasive reply of the Director of the College for Education who did not at all relate to the fact that our approach to him came in the wake of complaints by teachers who received with astonishment the inclusion of a Christian institution in the program into which they were integrated. The attempt to hide behind the apron of the Offices of Education and Welfare testifies to the desire to sweep the subject which we raised under the carpet, and this is not at all fitting for a man of education.

"MESSIANIC PLANT FOR...ELECTRONICS: The innocent name of the electronic plant in the Industrial Area of Shikun D in Teverya, "Galtronics" which was opened there recently does not amuse special suspicions, and of course does not indicate missionary Messianic in-

However, the messengers of "the Messianic Gospel" are proclaiming to us ^{THEIR} additional sophistication in their activities to hunt souls. They establish a plant, obtain benefits that are fitting to investors who want to develop the economy. They are also helping to solve problems of employment in the Lower Galilee. Yet they have an additional problem which they hope to solve by means of the plant (but this is not for publication, please!) The good Jews who will earn their livelihood from this plant will receive a gift of "The New Covenant", whether in the form of a nicely-bound volume or whether in the form of oral preaching by the foremen who will then teach the workers the electronics trade plus--- Messianic knowledge. And thus testifies one of the former workers at the plant: "I, the undersigned, Mordecai Makiis, ID No. 5728132, who reside in Shikun D, Teverya, testify that I worked at the Electronics plant "Galtronics" in the Industrial Area in Shikun D, and that they applied pressure upon me to convince me to join their movement. After it became clear to me that their whole purpose was to make me change my religion, I decided to stop working there. As a parting gift, I received from Mr. Farah (one of the foremen) a copy of the New Testament, which I presented to the representatives of the "Peilim" (anti-mission society...TRANS.). Mordecai Makiis." Representatives of the organization met with the Mayor of Teverya to impress him with the gravity of the matter, and there were also distributed throughout the city warning notices to the residents that they should not fall into the ^{Electronic} net set for them.

MISSIONARIES IN THE COURT ROOM CORRIDORS: Mr. H. of Ramle appeared in court as a defendant in a case involving IL 30,000, which he was obliged to . . . pay out. Immediately upon the conclusion of the case someone approached him with an offer to cover the amount on condition that he would send his ^{eight} children to a missionary institution. This is one example among many which points to the penetration of the men of the Mission in places of distress, exploiting the weaknesses of Jews in distress. Complaints about Missionary activities have reached us also from Social Welfare offices, from New Immigrant seminars, and from hospitals. In these places missionaries have been infiltrated as workers, students or just "good people who want to help out..." It has also been reported that in two large hospitals in Jerusalem a Missionary Doctor and nurses are serving, with one of the nurses in charge of a division in the hospital. This is in addition to the ^{regular} missionary activity in distress areas among people in financial distress and others, as will be testified by the following facts which are excerpted from files of the Division for Rescue and Rehabilitation of the Department (of antimission society).

MISSION IN ARAD: From Arad in the South information concerning widespread missionary activity has reached us. A man of the division who visited the place has found that a number of families maintain close ties with the activists of the Mission, who offer their generous aid while disguising their identity. Meetings have been arranged with these families who have been informed of the identity of "their well-wishers." B.M. should be noted, a female resident, who has done much to rescue two children who were about to be entered in a Missionary institution and were directed instead to Jewish religious institutions.

"TWELFTH HOUR RESCUE": From internal sources we received information about one of the sects of the Mission in Jerusalem which were making the final arrangements for the emigration of the family K. to Canada by means of the sect. The activists of the department troubled themselves a number of times to make the head of the family realize the gravity of the step which he was about to take, and when it appeared that it was all in vain, it was decided to take into ^{our} confidence the widespread family of the subject, and indeed these efforts did bear fruit, and the matter of emigration was dropped. Work was arranged for Mr. K. to ease his financial distress, and a loan for the purpose of rental of an apartment was obtained.

"COMMENDATION FOR PRAZOTH (a housing agency...TRANS.): Ms. E., a widow, and a mother of four children, lives in the most difficult housing circumstances. In her straits she responded to the proposal of aid from the Mission and was about to deliver her children to Christian educational institutions. A man from the Rehabilitation Division of the Dept in Jerusalem, who has merited a most sympathetic relationship in the Prazoth agency by the director of the company and its employees, appealed to the company, and in three weeks time the rights of Ms. E. to suitable housing were effected. In the report delivered to the department it was noted to the praise of the company personnel the good will shown in the matter of the problems presented before it.

"SOLUTION+ ABORTION AND MISSION: The family B. found themselves in a most difficult financial position. As a solution to its problems, the head of the house decided to send his children to a missionary convent, and the mother decided to undergo an abortion in order to "diminish" the family problems. The information which arrived from a certain source in

the missionary sect's centre in Jerusalem received urgent attention from the men of the department, and after persuasive discussions with the father, he retreated from his plan to destroy his children's souls, and the mother also withdrew her decision to destroy a soul in Israel....With the help of a Tel-Aviv social worker the transfer of seven children of Family G. seduced by the offer of the Mission of help in considerable amounts in exchange for their giving over their children was prevented. As a result of great efforts by the activists of the department and of the social worker, the family was rehabilitated and the spiritual disaster which threatened their children was prevented.

DISAPPEARANCE IN ATHENS: Not always does success crown the efforts of the activists of the department. The Family Y. was seized by the Mission, emigrated with their help and while they stayed in Athens at the Hotel Acadia, conversations were held with them to persuade them to return to Israel. However, all trace of them disappeared afterwards. A member of the family went abroad to find them and return them to the family, and he is being assisted by our workers in Europe.

THE MISSION DISTURBS THE PEACE OF THE HOME: The husband of Mrs. A.R. of Tel-Aviv went abroad for a period of studies in Britain. Members of the Scientology sect, who are lately operating in a massive manner especially in the area of Jerusalem and the Centre of the country, found ways to his heart, and persuaded him to remain in Britain and to sever ties with "Satan," in the person of his wife, who is unwilling to follow in the footsteps of her husband. At the Tel-Aviv Rabbinical court hearings are being conducted in the matter of divorce.

Also Mrs. B.S. of Jerusalem, who has been attracted to the sect of "Messianic Jews" prefers to remain in the sect rather than to continue sharing life with her husband, who is unwilling to follow her footsteps. Despite many efforts, the activists of the division and the Orthodox members of the family of the woman, Mrs. S. stands firm in her decision with regard to court proceedings for divorce action. It should be noted that among the "spiritual foster parents" of the woman is Dr. M., who is working in one of the large hospitals in Jerusalem, and who sees his goal as the promulgation of "the Messianic Gospel," even if it be at the cost of splitting Jewish families.

MISSIONARIES IN UPPER NAZARETH: From the community centre of Naamat in Upper Nazareth a report of widespread missionary activity in the town is reported. Christian nuns from Arab Nazareth are visiting town, distributing literature in various languages, and making contact with problematic families. The results of these activities are as follows:

The Family T., North African Jews, who were in a difficult financial plight, emigrated ^{short} ~~some~~ time ago to France with the help of the Mission. There is great apprehension lest the entire family will change their religion, although their children attended a local Jewish religious school. A missionary woman from Ireland by name of Eugene Barnet arrived as a volunteer in the Women's Organization, and in the course of a tour of the Children's Hostel showed unceasing interest in establishing contact with needy families with children. When she was warned of missionary influence; she left the town and did not return.

IMMIGRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMIGRATION: T. came to Israel with his family about five years ago from the Soviet Union. After becoming involved in complications as a result of an automobile accident, he was caught in the net of the Mission. After numerous efforts on the part of our workers in Petah Tiqva they succeeded in rehabilitating the young man who returned together with his family to the Jewish tradition.

SHE SINS AND CAUSES OTHERS TO SIN: The young woman, G.B., of Givat Olga fell victim to the missionary activity and converted to Christianity to the utter dismay of her family. She was not content with this, but began to influence other young women in the area of her residence. Vigorous action on the part of the workers of the department did not succeed to deter the young woman from retreating from her grave step. It was thereupon made clear to her that her activity in the area was intolerable and could not continue. This unequivocal stand led to her leaving Givat Olga.

VENGEANCE AGAINST HER HUSBAND: CONVERSION. Mrs. K. M. is involved in divorce proceedings from her husband. Mrs. K. has found an "original" form of vengeance against her husband for his behaviour towards her. She decided to convert to Christianity with her two children. After many persuasive conversations with her, this grave step was prevented, but a follow-up is continuing in order to prevent a repetition of the matter.

SEEKING HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION IN...A MISSIONARY SCHOOL: The Family A. in Jaffa have two children who have been enrolled in the French Mission school there. The parents insist that they are unable to find any school with such a high standard as the missionary

school maintains. The dedicated rescue worker, Mrs. N. has entered into the incident wholeheartedly, and we wish her good luck in cracking this "hard nut."

DATE: 16.8.79 JOURNAL: "SHEARIM" (HEB AM POAEBI AGUDAT YISRAEL) EXPOSE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "THE MISSIONARIES--RUIN TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL"

- (a) QUOTE : The information on the missionary nest in Azur reached our department a number of times in fragments, but checkups at first indicated that it concerned a mentally unstable man in whose place Christian families from abroad were being housed, so that it did not involve a problem of the Mission. Almost two years ago there were again reports about widespread missionary activity in Azur, and it was decided to investigate the matter fundamentally. As a result of a comprehensive investigation made by our workers, we were told by the residents of the area that many visitors are seen in the mysterious house, but the owner of the house comes to the synagogue for prayer on the Sabbath and is even honoured with an aliya (a calling up...TRANS) to the Torah, so that in their opinion he is not a missionary. The men of the department nevertheless suspected that the story is not so smooth, and continued in their investigations until a family arrived which related that inasmuch as their financial situation is severe, Aharon Levy tried to influence them to convert to Christianity, and in exchange he would solve their problems. In the course of the handling of this matter, additional shocking information was reported, and it was decided to start a campaign for the removal of the missionary from the place. Bulletins were posted in the area warning the public against contact with the man. These announcements led to considerable stir in Azur and even caused a flow of additional information about the man and his deeds. In meetings we had with various elements on the subject, we were asked for precise information in order that it be possible to act. A man of ours succeeded in winning the confidence of Levy and for more than a week went in and out of the house as he sought to record the maximum amount of information. Among other things, it became clear (and not all the facts are being publicized for various reasons) that there were living in the place a number of families from Israel and abroad who were devoted to Aharon Levy, that by various strange ways he had persuaded these people of his power as a prophet and saviour. In a number of families there were tragedies of splitting up of the couples, where one of them refused to be dragged after the man, while Levy encouraged the split by means of aid and representation in the Rabbinical court. It was also known that Levy traveled often times to places outside of the country from whence he would bring personnel and much money for his "congregation".

These matters were brought to the attention of the Chief Rabbi of the area, and there was held a public protest meeting, after which there was even a demonstration...and we succeeded in restraining somewhat his activities in the area. The matter was also brought to the attention of our office in New York, and from there it was made known to us that Levy appears there under a pseudonym and gathers much money for the help of needy families under his wing. We initiated the publication of an article in one of the newspapers of New York which stirred up reverberations and caused him much damage in the collection of funds, and even led to a dispute between him and the members of his sect abroad, besides the additional damage that was caused to the gigantic sums of money which were designated for him.

One of the followers of Aharon Levy who was lodged in his home in Azur with his wife succeeded in freeing himself of his influence, while his wife remained with the "prophet." The story reached the ears of the correspondent of MAARIV, who began to investigate the affair, at the conclusion of which the matter was investigated by the police, who submitted a charge sheet against him for fraudulent acts and deceit. It was quite astonishing when the passport of Levy was returned to him against bail, notwithstanding the serious charges leveled against him in court, and he has gone abroad.

- (b) For years now we are sounding the alarm concerning the activities of the missionary woman, Emma Berger, who is buying up persistently with the aid of gigantic outlays of capital thousands of dunams in the Holy Land, and no one is saying to her: ENOUGH! Only recently after her activity in buying up immobile assets (besides her activities to buy up souls), which have not ceased, she has even expanded her activities to new settlements, in addition to her huge purchases in Zioron Yaacov. Now it appears that there has been a move in the matter, especially in the light of the sensitivity of the Minister of Agriculture, Ariel Sharon, to the land of the country. The department of the war against the Mission in the northern region has gathered much material concerning her activities and her plans, and the material about Emma Berger has been submitted to authorized sources.

It is of note that Christian groups in Europe have become interested in the missionary activities of Emma Berger, who view these activities as contrary to the spirit of humanism, and are prepared to work against her. The department has conveyed a portion (MORE)

of the material gathered in this area to those elements. The department is organizing informational steps in addition to exposing the mask from off the face of this eccentric missionary woman.

- (c) In Maariv the following news item was published by Yitzhak Dish: "SHARON GIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASE LAND IN ZICHON 'EVEN AT AN UNECONOMICAL PRICE'". (See SELECTIONS NO. 60, first item page 1, dated 23.5.79.)
- (d) A group of parents of Jewish pupils attending the State School "Tel-Hai" in Tel-Aviv belonging to the extremist missionary sect JW (Jehovah Witnesses) have addressed a resolute demand to the school authorities to free their children from participation in "religious ceremonies" such as... "Holocaust Day"... and "Memorial Day." Our representative consulted with the school authorities and ways of action were determined in the matter, it being made clear to the school authorities that the opposition of the parents is connected with every Jewish event and not only the above-mentioned ones.
- (e) Interest is being taken in the motives of B.T., who is known as an activist of the JW sect, for sending her children to study precisely at the Jewish State Religious School in Bat Yam.
- (f) Magna Solheim, the well-known missionary from Haifa, has traveled to Germany. It is hoped that he will not return again. The missionary Peter Rand has also left the country a few months ago. His friends relate that he is hospitalized in a mental hospital in Switzerland (for "paranoia").
- (g) In the kindergarten of the Baptist Congregational Centre on Rehov Narkis in Jerusalem a significant number of Jewish children are pupils. When we asked the families of the children why they prefer a missionary kindergarten above other kindergartens, it was revealed that they did not at all know that the Mission is involved, and that in the notices about the opening of the kindergarten it was stressed that the kindergarten provides kosher meals for the children. Contact has been made with residents of the neighbourhoods nearby for common action.
- (h) In one of the hospitals in the centre of the country a nurse was working in Reception, but after the suspicion was aroused that she is exploiting her work in the service of the mission, she was transferred to a laboratory post.
- (i) The Jerusalem hitchhiking post has recently been turned into one of the active efforts of the men of the Mission, who collect soldiers in their automobiles and in the course of the journey "sell" them "ideology". One of the organizers of the activity is the missionary Douglas Pyle of Ramat Ashkol.
- (j) One of the most widespread activities of the Mission, because of the ease of the system which does not demand their exposure to the public, is the sending and distribution of missionary material by way of the post. Thus each year hundreds of thousands of tracts and books are distributed to letterboxes of tens of thousands of Jews in Israel.
- For the many Jews in Israel who are subscribers to the well-known American NEW YORK TIMES, there arrived with their weeklies missionary propaganda. An appeal to the newspapers and to the suitable sources has been made to prevent repetition of this.
- Branch managers of the post office in the central region were shocked to discover that the postal boxes in the branches had missionary material within the boxes unstamped. They promised to conduct a trace for the purpose of discovering the enemy within.
- (k) The workers of the JW sect are knocking on doors of the residents of Ramat Sharon, and offering free participation in Bible lessons. Many citizens in Ramat Sharon have responded to this offer inasmuch as no payment is involved. Indeed, a number of lessons did deal with the Old Testament (TENAKH) itself, but when those who offered the course of lessons saw that the ground was fertile they began to preach also from the New Testament and the principles of Christianity according to their views. The fact that many of the good citizens of Ramat Sharon have fallen into the net in complete innocence led to the conclusion that there is a need for a clear and unequivocal warning to be issued to the local public. Immediately we published on the bulletin boards of the area giant notices warning the public to beware of the Bible teachers who wrap their poison in sugar.
- (l) Two women who conducted house visits in the Yad Elyahu region of Tel-Aviv represented themselves as agents of "The Society for Biblical Research." They discussed the Bible and left as a memento booklets of the JW sect, promising to return to visit. They were waiting for them and opened a conversation (MORE)

with them, and when we disclosed their identity, the neighbours were called, who told them in no uncertain terms that they were not in need of their preachings, and that they were to leave the place without returning.

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This news article was published in HAAHETZ by their correspondent in Copenhagen, Mr. Eliyahu Zahavi. (SEE SELECTIONS No. 60, page 4, bottom, dated 21.6.79 under heading: "THE MISSION BOASTS".)

(THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE FROM THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE "YE ILIM--YAD L'AKHIM")

SUBJECT TWO: JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "YERUSHALTON" (JERUSALEM HEBREW WEEKLY) LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "NEW LIGHT ON THE ALAYNU PRAYER" BY: Shlomo Stein, (Reh. Harav Avida 5)
 EXCERPTS: The Yeshurun synagogue in Jerusalem is known for the sermons heard there during summer afternoons on the Sabbath. Prof. David Flusser recently lectured before us in a very interesting manner. Once the "Alaynu" prayer was prayed only on the High Holy Days. At present it appears at the end of every prayer service, but the version is abbreviated in prayerbooks printed in Christian states. One sentence is missing: "...who worship vanity and emptiness and pray to a god that cannot save." Apostate Jews lied in saying that this sentence was directed against Christianity, and as a result the authorities prohibited the recitation and printing of the dangerous sentence.

According to the Gemara the prayer was composed ...at a time when Christianity was a small sect and there was no reason to offer prayer against them. But the Roman Caesars had declared themselves at times as gods, and demanded of all the peoples to pray to this god, apart from the Jews--for the Romans recognized the Jewish religion according to the ruling of Julius Caesar. Therefore, in reality it has nothing to do with the Christians.

I asked a bookshop owner to show me the prayerbooks in the Western tradition which were printed more recently. Generally, the abbreviated "Alaynu" is found in it, which means that the publisher still does not feel that we are not living in a Christian state...

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: YERUSHALTON (HEBREW JERUSALEM WEEKLY) ART REVIEW
 HEADING: "THE CREATIONS OF THE ARTIST WILLIAM TURNER IN THE ISRAEL MUSEUM"
 SUMMARY: This is a review of an exhibition of the English 19th Century painter, William Turner who portrayed Jerusalem in water colours on the basis of descriptions of travelers to the Holy Land, and expressed the artist's "interest in the Holy Scriptures and his profound relationship to the Hebrew Scriptures and to the New Testament." The landscapes shown in the exhibition "were made under the inspiration of Old Testament (Tenakh) and New Testament subject." The exhibition is being held in the A.M. Cohen Hall for graphical art for a period of two months.

DATE: 5.7.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) GERMAN LANGUAGE LETTERS COLUMN
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN-JEWISH ENCOUNTERS"
 SUMMARY: A Jerusalem reader, Hans Adam Sturmann, takes strong exception to an article by Shalom Ben-Chorin describing a Christian-Jewish interfaith service in Germany. No matter how desirable the Christian-Jewish encounter may be, even non-Orthodox Jews may be shocked and dismayed by a mixing of Jewish-Christian ceremonials and rites in joint services of the kind described in the Ben-Chorin article. Mr. Ben-Chorin replies by comparing his critic to a blind man discussing colour. He is evidently ignorant of contemporary Christian-Jewish encounters, and of the fact that in different places it has different manifestations. In West Germany there is a considerable interest in the spirit of Judaism without any missionary tendencies. It would be absurd to suggest that he would relate to Christians in the same way in Jerusalem as in Germany in the matter of dialogue in the area of religious observances.

DATE: 30.7.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN LETTERS COLUMN
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN ZIONISM"
 SUMMARY: This is a response by Reader Hermann Bezner of Jokneam to a letter of 16.6.79 appearing in the paper. The writer wishes to underscore the fact that Zionism is "absolutely not solely a Jewish occasion but concerns all men because of the Messianic import of the hope which involves all mankind." Various evidences are presented from history of Christians committed to Zionism from the Huguenot Isaac de la Payrere in 1643, the German-Bohemian Pastor's son Paul Felgenhauer, Holger Paulii in 1701, etc. Christian Zionism continues to be a force in the world, which is of great significance to Israel, and has of late been sorely neglected, and at the ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{last} Zionist Congress this neglect was noted.

DATE: 12.8.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH A.M. IND.) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "THE OLD PAGANISM AND THE NEW RIGHT"

BYLINE : Martin Sieff/Special to JERUSALEM POST

PHOTO INSET: Stone circles built long ago by the ancient Celts can still be found in Norfolk

EXCERPTS: Seldom noted is the startling relationship between Europe's (Europe. neo-Nazi and Fascist movements and the great revival of pagan occultism that has been sweeping the Western world over the past 15 years. As with the Nazis of the 1920s, cults such as Odinism still survive, and in some cases, flourish among people obsessed with the Nordic race....Back in the 1950s Odinist rituals used to take place frequently on the woodland estate of Andrew Fountaine in Norfolk at that time chairman of the British National Party. Fountaine is today a leading member of Britain's racist National Front, which polled over 200,000 votes in this year's general election....Odinism was, in fact, a fierce Scandinavian warrior cult that spread over Europe with the Vikings. It was a form of animism, a belief in the divine spirit, and followers were expected to perform rituals like sacrifice, immolation and fire worship. One close observer of Britain's new pagan revival commented to me in Cumbria in the north of England two years ago that in his opinion human sacrifice, including of children, had already been performed by certain small deviant groups... Today Odinism is a connecting theme between Britain's many splinter race groups. ...

A similar pattern may be seen in France. The New Right intellectuals clustered around the Saturday colour magazine of the conservative "LE FIGARO" have recently aroused controversy by their attacks not just on Marxism, as the nouveaux philosophes have done in recent years, but in going on to assault the entire "Judaean-Christian tradition" in their search for the West's "Indo-European" roots. They look back to Celtic and Nordic "pre-Judaean-Christian" cultural roots....The decline of established religion and the great hedonistic boom of the 1960s in the West left masses of alienated, purposeless people to face the uncertain seventies. In this puzzled, complex world, the new paganism in its many forms could find many adherents.

As early as 1924, D.H. Lawrence, traveling in Weimar, Germany, observed that the veneer of Christianity had already fallen before the triumphant return of Thor and Odin. And 90 years before that, the great Heinrich Heine predicted the same process: "...should that subduing talisman, the Cross, break, then will come crashing and roaring forth the wild madness of the old champions...The old stone gods will rise from long-forgotten ruin, and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes, and Thor, leaping to life, with his giant hammer, will smash the Gothic cathedrals." END EXCERPTS

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HEADING: "JEWISH CONVERTS--AT THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL"

BYLINE : Avraham B. Rivlin

SUMMARY: This is a three-column survey of the place of converted Jews in the Protestant churches in the Holy Land. The first is the well-known Bishop Alexander, the first Jewish bishop in Jerusalem since apostolic times (or 2nd Century). The religious aspect is treated with the usual prejudice, with a postscript that "it should be noted that he was not a spiteful convert, and generally stood behind the Hebrew community in defence of them." The second "incomprehensible" convert was Shabtai Rochole who, notwithstanding his strange way remained "in his heart, Jew," according to the writer's ^{late} ~~and~~ cousin who knew him. He was also behind the ~~xxxxxxx~~ of "Abraham's Vineyard" for the benefit of the Jewish community in Jerusalem. "He did not turn his back on his people." END SUMMARY

MISCELLANEOUS: THE CHURCHES OF JAFFA, A PHOTO STORY 3.8.79 DAVAR HANSHAVUA TELAVIV

SUMMARY: A group of eight photographs of churches in Jaffa...the Anglican "Immanuel", the Armenian, the Maronite, the Latin St. Anthony, the Greek Orthodox, Franciscan, and others. There is a brief one-paragraph background piece about Jaffa, "the gateway to Jerusalem for Jewish and Christian pilgrims to the Holy City through the centuries." There is a reference to the work of various churches, their ^{variegated} institutions, and a reference to the link of Jaffa to New Testament history, where "Peter lodged before his departure to Rome in order to convert the world to Christianity, and there on the roof of the house (pilgrims are shown) where Peter saw the vision of the kosher and the clean beasts (sic.), which was in essence a vision of the separation of Christianity from Judaism....near Jaffa ...one is shown the burial place of Tabitha, a Christian saint, who according to their belief, was restored to life by Peter." END SUMMARY