

## SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 9.3.81 "DAVAR": "RARE FALASHA PRAYER BOOK GIVEN TO UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM"

SUMMARY: A rare Ethiopian-Jewish prayerbook owned by a Falasha Jew "who changed his religion and joined the Protestant Mission" has been donated to the University. The convert "preferred to transmit the precious book to Jews" (a Falasha rabbi), through whom it was eventually conveyed to the University.

DATE: 12.3.81 "HATSOFEH": "MISSIONARIES BEGINNING TO OPERATE AT NES ZIONA"

QUOTE: The missionaries have begun to operate recently in Nes Ziona. Our correspondent notes that the activity of the missionaries in Nes Ziona is still on a limited scale and is concentrated especially among distressed families. The workers of Yad L'Akchim who fight against the Mission report that they have received complaints about missionary activity in the town and they are about to take a series of steps for the purpose of liquidating it. (END)

DATE: 16.1.81 "KOL HAMEKAZ: SUPPLEMENT TO YEDIOT AKHRONOT" HEADING: "MISSIONARIES FROM SWEDEN WHO WILL BE LIVING IN A NETANYA HOTEL WILL PROMULGATE CHRISTIANITY."

SUBHEAD: YAD L'AKHIM PROMISES TO WAR AGAINST A GROUP WHOSE FIRST EMISARIES <sup>HAVE ALREADY</sup> ARRIVED

EXCERPT: Six or seven Swedish missionaries have rented a small Netanya hotel and are fitting it for the absorption of more missionaries for the preaching and promulgation of Christianity. This is the determination of Moshe Deutsch (30), who heads the branch of Yad L'Akchim in Netanya and Hadera. The Netanya Branch located at 10 Rehov Shaar Hagai is one of 13 branches spread out through the country. The chief aim of the organization is the war against the Mission which seeks to convert Jews in spiritual or material distress from their religion. "We operate according to a clearly military strategy including tracking and intelligence activities, and sometimes with the aid of agents "planted" (under cover). This is the way we operated in the case of the Baptist minister who lives on Dizengoff Street in Netanya," says Moshe Deutsch. One young man <sup>in a state of psychological stress found spiritual succour and solace for his ~~emotional~~ tempestuous spirit in the Baptist Village near Petah Tikva. When the distress passed and he sobered up/also from his Baptist intoxication, he decided to become a penitent. He got in touch with the Yad L'Akchim who directed him how to elicit the maximum information, including personal details about the (Christian) activists. The penitent made the connection between the Baptist Village and the minister from Dizengoff Street whose net is spread over Netanya. Mr. Deutsch also reported on the existence of a regular Christian study circle in the Neve Itamar neighbourhood led by the Baptist minister. (Balance of article deals with war against TM-mediation, the promulgation of Orthodox "Torah" Judaism, and other "good works".)</sup>

DATE: Jan-Feb 1981 "L'UM" (NATION & TRADITION) TELAVIV: "AND FOR THE MISSIONARIES LET THERE BE NO HOPE" A "lunatic fringe" editorial about the despondency of the missionaries following the Six Days War but the continuing danger they constitute in their "unclean labours, as to our sorrow and shame, hundreds of our children, holy children of Israel, are still caught and held in the claws of the missionaries."

DATE: 10.2.81 B'NEI BRAK: "MOVEMENT SET UP IN B'NEI BRAK TO CURB ACTIVITY OF THE MISSION IN B'NEI BRAK". EXCERPTS: The Christian Mission has again raised its head in Pardes Katz, its emissaries moving about among the deprived elements of this neighbourhood, "hunting" children by means of various enticements, whom they transport daily to their Jaffa school. This week in B'nei Brak an organization of Orthodox Jewish youth has been set up with the purpose of warning against the plague of the Mission. The new organization, named "Eli" (Organization for the Rescue of Jews from Apostasy) is composed of graduates of yeshiva high schools, members of B'nei Yakiva movement, and other religious youth, whose aim is to war against the Mission through persuasion and information. (There follows a brief account of the newspaper's "exposé" of the Mission four years ago in connection with Jewish children attending the French School in Jaffa.) Mr. Rafael Meruvka, one of the heads of the NRP and head of the Dept of Education in the Municipality, also spoke, stating that the generation of the knitted skullcaps must join the campaign against the Missionplague and not leave this work to other ultra-Orthodox circles. Also taking part were Mr. S. Zimroni, Chairman of the Religious Council in town, Mr. Gorka, "Hatsofeh" correspondent and NRP Secy in Ramat Gan. The speakers extolled the importance of the task the young people had taken upon themselves under the leadership of Alex Farkash, who have decided to "thresh out" Pardes Katz and other neighbourhoods and to explain to parents trapped in the net of the <sup>great</sup> danger inherent in missionary activity. Alex Farkash reported to our correspondent that recently automobiles of the Mission have been spotted moving about Pardes Katz in the morning taking children to the Christian schools.

There they receive meals, clothing, etc., and not only once have the parents been "persuaded" to emigrate from Israel, with the aid of the Mission, of course. All the activities of "Eli" are conducted by yeshiva graduates and young women students on a completely voluntary basis. They offer no material benefits to counteract the enticements of the Mission, but try to explain the <sup>great</sup> danger inherent in the matter. According to the organizers, there are many families who don't even know that behind the beautiful words and material enticements the Mission is concealed. Mayor Shmuel Weinberg, whose reaction was sought by our correspondent, stated that he is no expert in the details of this matter, but it is clear that any initiative or organization against the activity of the Mission in Israel generally, and in B'nei Barak particularly, is worthy of congratulations, and the Municipality on its part will do everything to assist the young sponsors whose intention is for the sake of Heaven.

DATE: 12.3.81 "MAARIV": "YAD L'AKHIM IN TELEGRAMS TO CABINET MINISTERS: 'WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING SENT TO CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS?' THEY APPEALED TO MINISTERS IN THE WAKE OF NEWS WHICH APPEARED IN MAARIV. SPOKESMAN OF WELFARE DEPT: 'RETARDED CHILDREN SENT TO CONVENTS BECAUSE OF LACK OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS' "

SUMMARY: The antissionion organization expressed its displeasure over news about Jewish children, mostly suffering from retardation, who are being sent to "convents and missions in various parts of the country." The "MAARIV" reporter confirmed that in Jerusalem alone dozens of Jewish children severely retarded are staying at St. Vincent's convent. Both children and adults are also referred to St. Vincent's by the Welfare Dept because of a lack of other institutions or long waiting lists for admissions. The antissionion organization has appealed to the public to volunteer in assisting in the care of such children. A recent case "exposed" by the reporter is discussed by the relevant officials who pointed out the insistence of the family that the child remain at St. Vincent's notwithstanding an alternative aid program proposed by the Welfare Dept.

DATE: 16.3.81 "DAVAR": "A ROLE FOR JEWISH RELIGIOUS GIRLS" LETTER TO EDITOR

QUOTE: We hear of a very sick child sent to the Mission and the Welfare Dept funds her stay there, of adults at the point of death hospitalized in the Mission, of the chronically ill bedridden helped <sup>and cared for</sup> by Christian women from Finland and Germany. Why? Because there are no Jewish institutions or Jewish women prepared to care for them. Of course the danger of apostasy exists in such cases, and a Yeshiva student moves about the hospitals to try to prevent this. It would be far better were Orthodox Jewish young women <sup>to</sup> volunteer for National Service and attending to these sick.

DATE: 24.3.81 "HAMODIYA": "HEBREW SEMINAR IN THE SERVICE OF THE MISSIONARIES"

QUOTE: Ulpan Akiva was founded to teach new immigrants the Hebrew language, but it appears that recently missionaries have found their way into it. They require a knowledge of the Hebrew language in order to facilitate their assignments. This does not disturb the Ulpan Director, Mrs. Katznelson. "We live in a democratic state," she replied to one of the Peilim (Activists of Yad L'Akhir) who had come to complain to her, as reported in the organ of the Peilim. It appears that a significant number of missionaries are still active in Israel, among them teachers who have changed their religion. In Tiberias a missionary by name of Greenberg is active, who--besides his activity as a furniture shopowner in Tiberias--with his Christian wife organizes meetings. After the neighbours reacted against the meetings in their home, activity was transferred to another place. In another item we read that a "Messianic" teacher is teaching at one of the schools in Jerusalem. Another form of Mission is the idolatry which has spread among various circles, according to the periodical, which is Meditation, which is pure idolatry, attracting many young people to this idolatry because of the emptiness of their lives. (END)

#### SUBJECT NUMBER TWO: THE SECTARIANS

DATE: 7.1.81 ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) "EMMA BERGER: YOUTH ALIYA BROUGHT US TO ZICRON YAACOV". A German-language article about the Emma Berger sect.

DATE: 9.3.81 "MAARIV": "A SONG OF PRAISE TO EMMA BERGER" Letter to Editor

SUMMARY: Writer complains of unbalanced picture presented by feature writer in article dated 13.2.81, which constitute "a song of praise to the woman," ignoring other opinions about her; namely, that she constitutes a security risk, represents a missionary sect, and in the long run aims to deny to the people of Israel their right to the Land of Israel. The sect does not only represent innocents seeking after God, even if it has something of that in it, too. Furthermore, local citizens have organized to prevent her takeover of land. (END SUMMARY) (MORE)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIANS & JEWS/ISRAEL (ABROAD)

A. ARCHBISHOP LUSTIGER OF PARIS: DATE: 19.2.81 CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS (TORONTO)

"YIDDISH-SPEAKING ARCHBISHOP SAYS HE FEELS JEWISH"

DATE: 27.2.81 "DAVAR": "NOT TO BE FAME, NOT TO BE AMAZED" (David Flusser, Prof.)

SUMMARY: A lengthy 1-1/2 page article about the new archbishop, Jewish converts to Christianity in the Middle Ages, following the Emancipation, the changing attitudes in the Church to Jews and Judaism, the increase of Jewish converts to Christianity in modern times on the basis of conviction rather than convenience since conversion is no longer necessary as "a passport to European civilization" (quoting Heinrich Heine, the 19th Century German-Jewish poet), an admission that most Jews in Israel are not upset by conversion per se and tend to view the elevation of Lustiger to his post as a positive Jewish achievement, and indeed this appointment has further weakened the traditional attitude <sup>among Jews</sup> of abhorrence of conversion to Christianity. With respect to the assertiveness of his Jewishness by the Archbishop and many similar converts, this is actually dictated by the modern situation; for if he disdained his (their) Jewish origins and ties, it would make the conversion suspect as to its sincerity. In any case, the situation is distressing to committed Jews like himself because it seems to buttress the argument that Christianity is a kind of fulfilled Judaism, which he believes is only based on ignorance of Judaism, distorting the New Testament, especially Paul, and ignoring the traditional view that Jews have held that Judaism is superior to Christianity "not only for what it has, but also for what it does not have," and like Islam does not require any Saviour. Regrettably, modern Jewry, whether Orthodox or secular, have refused to counter the Christian challenge. In conclusion, "let us wish Mr. Lustiger in all sincerity success in his exalted position and much health and self-confidence in his difficult assignment...but you, dear readers...do not suffer from any inferiority complex about being Jewish. Despite everything, it's worthwhile being a Jew."

DATE: 28.2.81 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE (PARIS) "LUSTIGER ENTHRONED AS PARIS ARCHB."

DATE: 1.3.81 "DAVAR": "IN JUDAISM THERE ARE NO 'RIGHTEOUS CONVERTS' (to Christianity)

EXCERPTS: (Letters to Editor) Aharon Megeed (popular Israeli writer) writes (13.2): The TV interview with the Archbishop...represents an unparalleled historical novelty in the history of Israel." He recalls the affair of the "Zionist monk" (Daniel Rufeisen) and continues: "There now appears a new breed of converts unlike those which preceded them" and concerning the furor surrounding the Daniel affair, Megeed writes: "A Jew is anyone born a Jew who declares himself a Jew without respect to his views, his belief, and the Law of Return applies to him...and it would not enter my mind to deprive Archb. Lustiger of his right to be thought a Jew, and I will even be proud of the fact, in that my people have excelled in the clerical field as others of my people have excelled in politics, philosophy, science." I must demur...I do not doubt the sincerity of Lustiger in seeing himself as a Jew, but he cannot be joined to the congregation of the people of Israel. We have a concept of the Righteous Proselyte" (to Judaism), but no concept of the "Righteous Convert" (to Christianity). (Yitzhak Maor)

With the appointment of Lustiger I was reminded of another convert, Dr. Eugenio Zolli; is that not Rabbi Israel Zoller from my home town in Galicia? Dr. Israel Zoller was appointed rabbi of Trieste and afterwards to Chief Rabbi of Italy. During World War II he found shelter in the Vatican and in 1945 in appreciation to the Catholic Church for the aid rendered to Jews during the Holocaust converted. Even after his conversion Dr. Zolli continued to labour in the field of theology, wrote a book called "The History of Judaism" and translated the Talmud to Italian, making an important contribution to Judaism...in making our Torah and its appreciation accessible to the Christians. (Yosef Farvari, Nof Yam) END EXCERPTS

DATE: 1.3.81 "AL HAMISHMAR": "LUSTIGER INSTALLED AS ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS"

DATE: 1.3.81 "MAARIV" (DITTO) Brief description of ceremony, political & religious dignitaries present, and remarks about reservations of Jewish leaders about Lustiger's self-identification as a Jew.

DATE: 1.3.81 "YEDIOT AKHRONOT": "THE JEWISH FATHER OF THE ARCHBISHOP CAME TO THE INSTALLATION". (Brief description of event followed by note of family participation) Among them were his aged father, 82, a former rags pedlar in Paris, his sister and her husband and other members of the family. After the ceremony, the Archbishop met with his father and sister, kissed them and blessed them.

DATE: 8.3.81 "HAARETZ": "ARCHBISHOP COHEN": Letter to Editor, Dr. Nahum Gross, J'm Reference to <sup>Jewish</sup> Archbishop (Dr. Theodore Cohen) who served in Moravia (1892-1904).

DATE: 11.3.81 "DAVAR": "A CONVERT REMAINS A JEW IN EVERY WAY" (LETTERS TO EDITOR)

QUOTE: In his reply to Aharon Megeed (1.3), Y. Maor writes:

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"We have the concept of the 'Righteous Proselyte' but no concept of the 'Righteous Convert'." Maor is confusing his terms. What is a 'Righteous Proselyte'? A stranger who has taken upon himself the yoke of the commandments sincerely.... The arguments about conversion from Judaism, however, do not add or detract whatsoever from Jewish principles. The foundation is laid in the Talmud (Sanhedrin, 44/1): Rabbi Aba Bar Zavda says--Even though <sup>he has</sup> sinned, he is of Israel (or a Jew).<sup>to another religion</sup> This is a great principle in the Jewish Torah, and all the rest is nothing more than homiletics ("drash").... In matrimonial matters a convert is like a Jew, and his wife requires a divorce from him or his widow must abide by the law of "halitza" (levirate marriage if childless; see Deut. 25:5-10)... A convert who is slain or who dies, his sons recite the Kaddish for him. This position that the sons of a convert must keep the customs of mourning in his death as if he had been a faithful Jew is one of the most wonderful in Judaism, based on the assumption that the convert may have repented at the moment of his soul's departure, and also attests to Jewish religious tolerance which is alien to other religions. Furthermore, since belonging to Judaism is a matter of essence and not externals, the ceremonies connected with conversion, such as baptism and the like, do not at all affect the basic essence of Judaism. The only conclusion, therefore, is that according to Halacha, which alone is the determining factor, a convert <sup>(to another religion)</sup> is a Jew in every sense. Shlomo Gurel

Jean-Marie Lustiger, Archb. of Paris, does not deny his Jewishness and stresses (Jerusalem) that notwithstanding his religious belief he is now and will remain a Jew. On hearing this, many smiled. This is also for the good. There have been many converts who did not hesitate to spit into the well from whence they drank, and some who even fought against their own people and became bitter apostates. On reading <sup>to them's</sup> article ("Davar" 22.2) with its lucid style, several melancholy thoughts came to mind about some of its content. Why this blast against "a lost sheep", the raising of arguments of an emotional and historical nature which in the course of time have lost their significance? Consider that our attitude today to religious issues is very far from what it was in generations preceding us. Let us then allow Archbishop Lustiger to make his own reckoning with the Creator, and let us be satisfied that he is not another embittered apostate-convert. (Moshe Bitan, Tel-Aviv)

DATE: 4.2.81 "THE POPE AND HIS JEWISH ARCHBISHOP" (Yaacov Rabi) "AL HAMISHMAR"

SUMMARY: A sharp criticism of the Pope's insensitivity to Jewish feelings at the appointment of an "apostate" to such a high position in the Church. It may be that Lustiger is what Jewish tradition terms "babe taken captive" because of the circumstances of his conversion during World War II, but he also represents an accusation against the Church for its part in the Holocaust and what led up to it, and it was tactless in the extreme to appoint such an apostate if it was meant as some kind of compensation for the Church's guilt.

DATE: 9.3.81 Response to above article by Rami Degani of Kibbutz Nir David

SUMMARY: An attack on Y. Rabi's lack of tact and Rabi's obvious annoyance at the fact that Lustiger does not fit into the stereotyped image of the embittered apostate. The writer takes exception to the entire concept of "meshumad" (apostate) as if such a person is a Jew "destroyed" ("meshumad"). In any case, Lustiger did not convert from any religion, since he was raised by his atheist parents without one. Since our movement rejects the Orthodox Jewish determination of what Jewishness is, supports the principle of separation of religion and State, is rooted in rationalist concepts in which Jewish peoplehood is of the essence and not religion, then we must uphold the right of every Jew to his religious or irreligious perspective. "As a Jew ethnically and nationally and an atheist by his "religion", I think it is every man's right to choose his religion, and just as there is an American Catholic, Protestant, Jew, so is it possible to be an atheist Jew, Orthodox Jew, and even Christian Jew... Archbishop Lustiger, aspiring to an increase in Jewish-Christian understanding in France and generally, is entitled to our good wishes in his high office." (RESPONSE BY RABI: An attack upon the writer's oversimplification of the issue. A Christian Jew is an impossible combination in the <sup>context of the</sup> total history of Christianity as a supposedly universal religion and Judaism as a national-religious entity. "The ambivalent relationship of Christianity to the Jewish people is fundamental to it. The degrading existence of the Jews throughout history was explained as a 'witness' to the punishment awaiting all who deny the divinity and Messiahship of Jesus, and the eschatological redemption of the Jews is only effective in terms of their annexation to Christianity... Jewish self-respect, including that of the secularist Jew or "atheist", requires that this national revival and liberation of the people of Israel be independent of any condition imposed from without, such as that by the Christian Church." (END)

- B. THE NEW CHRISTIAN RIGHT-WING: DATE: 21.11.80 THE JEWISH VOICE (EDISON, N.J.)  
 HEADING: "THE MORAL MAJORITY & THE JEWS" (A feature article attempt to be open-ended about the new Evangelical right with its <sup>alleged recent</sup> entry into the mainstream of U.S. power centres, its potential threat to "pluralism" and Jews in America, but its basically friendly posture to Jews and Israel at present.)  
 DATE: 18.12.80 J THE SENTINEL (CHICAGO ILL) "THE NEW CHRISTIAN RIGHT: TOO MUCH TALK OF SATAN" (Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum feature article expressing strong reservations about movement and calling for vigilance.)  
 DATE: 4.12.80 "BAPTIST LEADER SEES ACCORD" (THE JEWISH NEWS/NEWARK N.J.)  
 News article about Rev. Bailey Smith's call on Nathan Perlmutter of Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to meet in order to "achieve better understanding with you and your people," and Perlmutter's affirmative response.  
 DATE: 1.1.81 JEWISH WORLD (ALBANY N.Y.) "SWISS PROTESTANTS PETITION FOR UNITED J'LM"  
 News item about "Swiss Israel Shalom" in Zurich presents petition of 5,845 calling for recognition of united J'lm, closing PLO office in Geneva.  
 DATE: 23.2.81 "HAOLAM HAZEH": "JEWS KNOW HOW TO EARN MONEY--SAYS CLERGYMAN WHO HAS BECOME HONOURED GUEST IN ISRAEL". (A brief article attacking Rev. Jerry Falwell for alleged antisemitism in crediting stereotypes of Jewish moneymaking.)  
 DATE: 27.2.81 JEWISH CHRONICLE (LONDON) "FUNDAMENTALIST BACKS ISRAEL"  
 (News article about Falwell's visit to Israel and repudiation of charges against him and alleged antisemitic overtones.)
- C. N.C.C. DATE: 21.11.80 "COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' REPORT HIT" (By Synagogue Council)  
 DATE: 26.11.80 "THE JEWISH TRANSCRIPT" (SEATTLE WASH.) "CHURCH GROUP BLASTS ISRAEL"  
 DATE: 27.11.80 JEWISH ADVOCATE (BOSTON MASS) "JCC CRITICIZES NCC ACTION"  
 DATE: 23-28/1/81 "REGARDS" (BRUSSELS) "THE NCC FOR THE PLO"
- D. CHRISTIAN ROOTS: DATE: 6.3.81 J'LM POST CHRISTIAN COMMENT/OIKOUMENIKOS  
 Celebration of 15th anniversary of Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel and Jewish roots of Christianity explored by Ray Pritz, Prof. Werblowsky, Hannah Saffai, Fr. Yaacov Willbrandt, Ake Skoog, Wesley Brown, etc.  
 DATE: 27.2.81 JEWISH CHRONICLE (LONDON) "JERUSALEM, HEART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE"  
 (1 1/2-page Extract from "WHOSE JERUSALEM?" by Terence Prittie, published this year.)
- ADDITIONAL CHRISTIAN-JEWISH/ISRAEL ITEMS:  
 DATE: 10.2.81 WESTERN JEWISH NEWS (WINNIPEG CANADA) "JEWISH CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS" J.T.A. report from Paris.  
 DATE: 19.2.81 "REGARDS" (BRUSSELS) "A JEWISH ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS" A full-page feature on the archbishop, including a personal interview with him, entitled: "I was born a Jew and will remain so," says Lustiger. (Belgian-Jewish periodical)  
 DATE: 3.3.81 "JOURNAL D'ISRAEL" (TELAVIV) "MGR LUSTIGER INSTALLED IN PARIS"  
 A full-length feature article describing installation of Archbishop & implications.  
 DATE: 6.3.81 "AUFBAU" (NEWYORK) "THE 'JEWISH' ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS" (Letter to Editor)  
 Denies claim the appointment will reinforce Christian-Jewish dialogue. "When the party representing the Christians insists he is still a Jew, then we will have a dialogue between two Jews, neither agreeing to the other's definition of a Jew."  
 DATE: 27.3.81 J'LM POST "POSTSCRIPTS": St. Teresa of Avila, leader of Discalced Carmelite sisters in 16th Century was of Jewish ancestry (father Jewish) according to current issue of "Carmelite Studies" in Washington. "St. Teresa was aware of her ancestry, but did not acknowledge it publicly because of prejudice in Spain against Jews and Jewish converts."
- CHRISTIANS PRO-ISRAEL/JEWISH: DATE: 10.12.80 "PROTESTANTS BACK ISRAEL JERUSALEM"  
 JEWISH STANDARD (JERSEY CITY NJ) News of "Schweiz Israel Shalom" (Also: "THE SENTINEL" CHICAGO ILL, "JEWISH HERALD VOICE; HOUSTON TEXAS)  
 DATE: 14.12.80 NEW YORK TIMES: "LEADERS OF JEWS & EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS WORK FOR BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN FAITHS" Report on a conference of 45 Jewish and Evangelical leaders at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in December sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and "Christianity Today," a major Evangelical periodical.  
 ALSO reported in "JEWISH WEEK" (NEW YORK NY)  
 DATE: 6.3.81 INTERNAT'L HERALD TRIB (PARIS) "AMERICA'S EVANGELICALS: MORE ZIONIST THAN ZIONISTS" Feature article, Jerusalem dateline, somewhat cynical, including a few quotations from local Jewish and Christian sources. (Wa. Claiborne, Wash.Post)  
 DATE: 27.2.81 "BABAYIT" (J'LM) "GROUP OF CLERGY TOURING ISRAEL"  
 Brief news article about Israel Foreign Ministry-sponsored tours of Israel for clergy, this group from 11 States in USA, visited "Nes Amim," "Voice of Hope" radio station in So. Lebanon, the Knesset & Foreign Ministry officials.

DATE: 6.3.81 "AL HAMISHMAR": "NOT ALL THE CHRISTIANS ARE AGAINST US" (A review of the book and the circumstances surrounding the Franciscan underground during World War II at Assisi which worked to save Jews.) The Hebrew edition ("THE UNDERGROUND IN ASSISI")/has been brought out by Massada publishers. While expressing some reservations about the presentation of the Franciscans as completely unblemished, including those with a Fascist/orientation, he extols the work as an important contribution, in balancing the picture of Jewish-Christian relations by providing "an instructive example, small in extent, but powerful in its profundity, of those who saved the image of humanity as they did by their deeds in the Assisi underground."

DATE: 29.3.81 JERUSALEM POST: "ISRAEL SAYS IT IS 'PUZZLED' BY CAPUCCI ROLE AT VATICAN"

DATE: DITTO DITTO "VATICAN'S PROMISE BREACHED" (Editorial protesting ex-convict Hilarion Capucci's continuing role in Mideast PLO politics notwithstanding promise of Vatican to keep him out of area and Mideast politics in exchange for release in 1977.)

SUMMARY OF "YAD L'AKHIM" ACTIVITIES PUBLISHED IN SHEARIM 31.3.81 UNDER HEADING: "THE MISSIONARY MENACE IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL"

EXCERPTS: ULPAN AKIVA: "We live in a democratic state. I believe in all the religions, and you will find on my desk the New Testament also. Our ulpan is open to every man and every religion." Thus, Mrs. Shulamit Katzmelson, Director of the Ulpan Akiva expressed herself to one of our workers, when he complained to her about extensive missionary activity conducted at the ulpan she manages. How does Mrs. Katzmelson explain to the ulpan students our right to the Land of Israel according to the Koran, the New Testament...or the Tenach?...What is clear is that the various missionaries coming to study Hebrew at the ulpan have a good feeling, and in their name we convey their thanks and appreciation to this "proud" Jewess.

BAPTIST MISSION: The people of the Baptist Church on Rehov Agron in Jerusalem at every occasion declare that they have no connection with missionary activity, which is nothing but a vulgar lie. Whoever cares to verify this by means of official documents may turn to the Land Registry (Taboo) and will learn that the centre belongs to "The Foreign Mission Society" (Foreign...that is, Jews).

CHURCH TOURS: Many schools in Israel include in their programs <sup>Christian</sup> tours to churches in Israel; and to our regret, even (Jewish) religious schools have stumbled in this matter. More than once we have been asked what the halacha has to say in the matter. In a special circular to the schools, (we have shown) that Jewish religious law absolutely forbids the making of such visits.

J.W.'s in HAIFA: Dahlia Avez is very active in the extremist sect, translates the sect's newspaper into Hebrew, and also directs the extensive activities of the sect...

JERRY & CONNY GOLDEN: FROM LOUISIANA TO ISRAEL. In a farewell letter to members of the Evangelistic Congregation in Louisiana, USA, the Golden couple announce their emigration to the Holy Land, their studies at a Jerusalem ulpan, which will help him in his "activity" in Israel, and that his children study at a Hebrew school. They hope to settle here in Israel together with another group due to arrive, stressing that here in Israel many people are waiting for them... (Not us!) At the close of their emotional letter, the Golden's ask the members of the congregation to continue to contribute, "with every cent dedicated to our work in the Holy Land."

RANCH SEMINAR: At the horse ranch Vered Ha'Galil where the missionary Shaul Zalla once worked a monthly seminar for Messianic missionaries is being held. Zalla's friend, Mr. Greenberg (also involved)...as are the Berger Brothers, who have a new flat... (SEE also page 1. Item 3 "HEBREW SEMINAR...")

HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES WILL OPEN IN JERUSALEM: Ole Christian Kvarme, who now heads the Lutheran Church of Elias in Haifa, and who directs extensive missionary work in the city, is due to move to Jerusalem, where he will head a high school for theological studies, apparently in the near future. From what we know of Kvarme's past in Haifa, it would appear that Kvarme's Gospel is not/very best if indeed Kvarme's intention is to teach the people of Jerusalem the Lutheran Gospel, then it would be best if he already were to withdraw his plan.

MISSION NESTS IN NETANYA: At the home of David Loden in Neve Itamar in Netanya twice-weekly meetings of the Messianic Assembly are held. Among the participants, besides local residents, are also kibbutz members and a Jew who moved with his family from Beth Shemesh to Netanya in order to be close to the "assembly". At the head we met Vernon Hoaldrige who lives at 50 Rehov Dizengoff in town. At the Hotel Urit is another missionary nest on Sderot Hen, bought by them to promulgate the "Christian Gospel".

MEDICINE IN THE SERVICE OF THE MISSION: A List of names in Haifa: Dr. Gisela Finger, naturepath, Dr. Helen Sirup, Ramban; Dr. Pokroy, Rothschild; Nurses Thea Marx, Huguette Harrari, Marta Fersein(?) who even planned a <sup>home</sup> nursing society, but canceled it...