

3.3.1995 Zman ha-Emeqim

A RESIDENT OF BALFOURIA SUSPECTED THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT IS TAUGHT IN MIZRA'

By Dvora Peled

Shlomo Ben Ezer, a resident of Balfouria, suspected that in the school "Ha-Emeqim" in Mizra', where children of 4 kibbutzes study, the New Testament is being taught. He hurried to send letters to Dr. Eli Mannberg, the supervisor of the Department of the Education in the Settlements in the Ministry of Education, and to the Member of Knesset Rabbi Avraham Rabitz, without first discussing the subject with the director of the school, Irit Drori.

Dr. Mannberg examined the case and came to the conclusion that the teaching of the Old Testament and the relating to the New Testament in Mizra' were in accordance with the advices of the Ministry of Education. The suspicions might according to him have been caused by some copies of Old Testament in the school library having the New Testament added. Dr. Mannberg asked the school not to use these books in the class.

R. Rabitz did not inspect the complaint, but hurried to use it in his speech in Knesset, while talking about the studies of the Old Testament in the Kibbutz school. Drori sent to R. Rabitz a letter, in which she pointed out that for the administration of the school it is important "that every cultural person know to what millions of people around the world believe, and in what their faith is different from ours."

16.3.1995, Yom le-yom

MISSIONARIES HAVE "DISCOVERED" THE SOUTH

By Yitshaq Qenan (2-page article, very tendentious)

According to the research arranged by the reporter of "Yom le-yom", missionaries and people from different sects have 'discovered' Southern Israel, and are storming over it with great energy. The ultra-orthodox activists try to fight against their activities, which spread also among the immigrants from the IVY and Ethiopia.

Sects of Christian missionaries have control over the Southern area of Israel. The most active of them are "Witnesses of Yehova". They are controlling complete neighborhoods in Beersheva, Ashdod and Qiryat

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Mal'achi. The sect opens new branches in different ways, mostly by planting in the beginning missionary families to neighborhoods and then establishing branches and starting to work with energy, persuading others to join the sect. The activities of the sects are mostly concentrated on lectures which are given for young people with whom the activists have made connections.

Other sects and missionary bodies mentioned in the article are "Qeren achawah mashichit" ("Fund of the Messianic Brotherhood"), "Beit kitvei ha-kodesh" ("Holy Scriptures' House") in Beersheva, and Pentecostal church, which is active among the immigrants from Ethiopia.

The activist organizations "Yad le-achim" ("Hand/strength for Brothers") and "Lev le-achim" ("Heart for Brothers") fight against the missionary activities, with other religious groups. They visit families known to have been in contact with the missionaries, organize Torah lessons and seminars, and warn the public about the different sects. However, they describe working against them as very difficult.

17.3.1995 Yedi'on Afulah ve-ha-Emeqim

MISSIONARIES FROM THE SECT OF "WITNESSES OF YEHOVA" DISTRIBUTE MATERIAL IN AFULA

(A 1-page article, mostly describing the contents of the pamphlet by "Witnesses of Yehova")

31.3.1995 Shtei "arim

WANT LIFE OF BLISS IN A NEW WORLD?

By Chanah Shatran

The residents of Ramat ha-nasi in Bat Yam complain that the pamphlets of the sect of "Witnesses of Yehova" were distributed this week in the mail boxes in the neighborhood, and they fear for their influence on the children. The pamphlet distributed opens with a promising title: "Life of bliss in the new world". It describes the new world promised by God as a physical reality in the future (><according to Shatran, in the spiritual meaning), basing the description to quotations from the Old and the New Testaments, and gives also the requirements for entering to that new world, also according to the Bible. The pamphlet has been distributed also in Afula.

"Yad le-achim" works against sects like "Witnesses of Yehova" in order to outlaw them and to prevent their influence on the residents. Their

spokesman told that "pamphlets like these were distributed all over the country... It is very difficult to fight against the phenomenon, because the law does not prohibit it. This is a democratic country. If a person feels personally attacked, he must turn to a lawyer and to make a complaint about harassment."

23.3.1995, The Jerusalem Post (in English)

SOUNDS OF GOSPEL IN CAPITAL TONIGHT

By Allison Kaplan Sommer

This evening hundreds of voices will be raised in gospel song at the Jerusalem International Convention Center in one of the most ambitious live recording projects ever to take place here. The concert "Shalom Jerusalem" is mounted by the company "Integrity Music", a successful Alabama company specializing in Christian music. Michael Coleman, the president of the company, expressed his hope that Israelis will attend the event. Even though the nature of the concert is Christian, he said that it is being done in a way to be as broad and as welcoming as possible to different persuasions, in an open-hearted Christian manner.

The singing will be led by Paul Wilbur, one of Integrity's leading artists, backed by a choir of 50 local singers from both the Christian and Messianic communities here. There will also be a large band and a group of dancers and marchers holding banners with religious symbols. Care has been taken to incorporate "Israeli elements" in all of the aspects of the music and performance.

Tonight's concert will be recorded as a record album and a music video.

24.3.1995, Kol ha-darom

A MISSIONARY COUPLE WHO OPERATED FROM A FLAT IN QUARTER 3 IN ASHDOD EXPOSED

By Josi Asulin

The organization "Yad le-achim", fighting against missionary activities in Israel, exposed this week in Ashdod a couple of Jewish missionaries who during a long period organized from their flat the activities of tens of missionaries in Ashdod and in Southern Israel. The couple are Israelis. Young people coming from Tel Aviv, Ashqelon, Gan-Yavne and Qiryat-Gat distributed the material, which included pamphlets about

"Witnesses of Yehova" and Messianic Jews, mostly to new immigrants from the IVY.

"Yad le-achim" has still addresses of 2 flats in the city where missionary activities are taking place.

Its Ashdod branch plans to work with sophisticated systems in order to cause them to flee, which will be "only legal". Also, it prepares for a wide explanation campaign among the new immigrants.

13.4.1995 Dati Tsafoni (Haifa, appears every second week)

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SEIZED CHILDREN IN AFULA

By A. Lis

24.3.1995 Yedi'on Afula ve-ha-Emeqim

THE MISSIONARY TORE THE SHIRT OF A BOY AND CONDUCTED HIM TO POLICE

A number of children from Chabad (=a Hassidic group) shouted shouts of criticism to a missionary who distributed missionary material on Shabbat in Afula. They gathered around the man who distributed to doorways of houses and to mail boxes pamphlets calling to faith in Jesus and to reading the New Testament, and gave them also to passersby. The boys shouted shouts of censure against the man, who seized one of the children, tore his skirt and took him to police station, where he was released immediately and sent home. The police of Afula informed to our reporter that an investigation against the missionary would be started only if a special complaint is lodged.

24.3.1995, Yated Ne'eman (in English)

UNITED KINGDOM: TACKLING THE MISSIONARIES

Jewish community leaders in the Redbridge district of London are mounting a concerted campaign to tackle the growing influence of Christian missionaries operating in the area.

In some instances the missionaries are using local schools in a bid to convert Jewish children to Christianity. To these belong the regular meetings of the Tree of Life Messianic Fellowship at Valentine's high school.

Local synagogues are planning a major awareness campaign on the issue, including dedicating a Shabbat to the missionary issue. This would be followed by a series of open meetings, to advise strategies to combat the threat.

30.3.1995, Al ha-mishmar

WHOSE CHILD THIS IS AT ALL?

By Gil'ad Padbah

Approximately 2 weeks ago the High Court of Justice refused the appeal of a member of the sect of "Witnesses of Yehova", who is in the process of divorce, against the transmission of the education of her children to their father. The court confirmed the decision of the District Court, according to which the "spiritual guardianship" of the children will be transmitted to their father, who is not a member of the "Witnesses of Yehova". About the physical guardianship the High Court did not make any decision.

The woman claimed that the decision of the District Court was against the principle of freedom of religion and her right to educate her children according to her own world view. Meir Shamgar, the President of the High Court of Justice, saw that it was necessary in this case to consider not only the welfare of the children but also their rights as full participants of the dispute, one of them being that their religion be not changed, if they do not express a wish for that, but that they be educated as Jewish until they can decide by themselves.

Rabbi Bendel from the movement of Progressive Judaism supported in the interview of the newspaper the decision of the Court, considering that the welfare of the children demands that they will get an education which is accepted by the 'main stream' of the Israeli society.

31.3.1995 Ha-kol bi

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JERUSALEM
DISCUSSED THE DANGERS OF THE MORMON MISSION

The administration of the municipality of Jerusalem held a discussion concerning the activities of the Mormons, according to the demand of the Vice Mayor, Rabbi Chaim Miller, who pointed out that a general agreement was reached at the time when the establishment of the

Mormon University was allowed that a follow-up committee would be established which would make sure that no contacts would be created between the wide public and the Mormon center.

However, the booklet "Events and Trips", distributed by the Ministry of Tourism, contains also the Mormon center, its telephone number and public transportation to the place. This advertisement about the possibilities to visit the place is against the above-mentioned agreement, and therefore the Administration of Municipality is demanded to decide not to agree to this activity.

In the discussion the Mayor stressed the sensitivity of the subject, and pointed out that until now there have not been any deviations from the agreement.

6.4.1995 Yom le-yom

CHRISTIANS FROM ETHIOPIA PAY MONEY TO NEW IMMIGRANTS SO THAT THESE WOULD DECLARE THEM AS THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

By Yitshaq Qenan

Christians from Ethiopia who want to immigrate to Israel pay money to new immigrants who already got here, so that they would declare them as their relatives, and thus they could immigrate to Israel. The Israeli police tries to catch the activists working in this "commerce". It has already succeeded in arresting a number of them. This type of "commercial wave" has not been known before. Many have also succeeded in getting in this way entrance permissions to Israel.

The police examines also another suspicion, according to which behind this commerce stands the missionary sect of "Witnesses of Yehova", working in order to cause Christians to enter to the midst of the new immigrants. The sect also works among the Ethiopian immigrants in Ashdod, Qiryat Mal'achi, Beersheva and Ashqelon. Also, in the immigration wave there come young Jewish immigrants belonging to Christian sects, and they work in the absorption areas all over the country among the immigrants.

The activist organizations "Lev le-achim" and "Yad le-achim" work against this missionary activity, informing the immigrants about the seriousness of the activities of the missionaries.

10.4.1995 Ha-Modia'

"YAD LE-ACHIM": THE MISSIONARIES "HUNT" INNOCENT IMMIGRANTS THROUGH DISTRIBUTING "PASSEVER HAGGADAHS"

10.4.1995 Ha-Tsofeh

"PASSEVER HAGGADAHS" - UNDER MISSIONARY PATRONAGE
By Chaim Piqrash, reporter of "Ha-Tsofeh"

14.4.1995 Kol ha-"ir

MISSIONARIES DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS ULTRA-ORTHODOX
By Alon Hadar

Thousands of "Passover Haggadahs" (=the ritual text used at the Passover meal), brought out by missionary circles, are being distributed during these days in the immigration centers, in neighborhoods, in municipal centers and in the entrances of the Army camps by the congregation of "Messianic Jews". In this Haggadah, printed in the publishing house "Qeren achawah mashichit" ("Fund of Messianic Brotherhood"), there are added sentences from the New Testament, changing the original text of the Passover Haggadahs.

According to Rabbi Tsvi Cohen, head of the Department for fight against mission of "Yad le-achim", these Haggadahs seem at first innocent enough, but actually the missionaries try here to adopt Jewish symbols to the framework of their destructive actions in order to mislead and deceive the public.

The missionaries distributed the Haggadahs principally among the immigrants from IVY.

According to the spokesman of "Yad le-achim", the missionaries have lately increased their activities in Bat Yam, Cholon and Ramleh, where they invited tens of immigrant families to "Seder Pesach" (=Passover meal) organized by them.

"Yad le-achim" lodged a complaint to the police against a Messianic Jewish couple, with the claim that they disguised themselves as ultra-orthodox Jews and arranged missionary activities in the immigrant centers, selling to the immigrants Messianic Passover Haggadahs and inviting them to the Passover Seder according to the Messianic version.

"Yad le-achim" prepares to unmask the Messianic Jews by organizing mass conventions. They also quote the words of the judges of the High Court of Justice concerning them: "...they purport to want to keep their

Jewish origin, but the Judaism has thrown them up, and they will not be accepted as members of the Jewish community”.

11.4.1995 Yated Ne'eman

THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN EMBASSY BRINGS TO ISRAEL HUNDREDS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM RUSSIA

By I. Ariel

(See also 14.4., Mishpachah)

Christians from all over the world are giving a 'Passover present' to immigrants from Russia in order to help their immigration to Israel. The International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem finances the 50th flight of new immigrants from Russia. It made it already possible 5 years ago for 12 thousand Jews to immigrate to Israel, at the cost of 4 million dollars. The Christian Embassy fights for the immigration of the Jews from Russia, and extends help to them through programs of financial and social support in order to help their quick and good absorption in Israel.

Ultra-orthodox sources protest against this 'assistance' and claim that it is likely to have certain projections to the spiritual absorption of the immigrants in Israel, because the immigrants are given over to the influence of the Christian financiers. They reminded that also in the past there was opposition against the cooperation between the Jewish Agency and a Christian organization, which helped in the travel of immigrants from Russia to Israel, for the same reason.

13.4.1995 Yom le-yom

THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX PUBLIC FIGHTS AGAINST THE MISSIONARY SECT OF "WITNESSES OF YEHOVA" WHICH OPENED A CHURCH IN ASHQELON

By Yitshaq Qenan

The missionary sect of "Witnesses of Yehova" whose purpose is to convert Jews to their religion opened lately a church in the neighborhood of Nave Deqalim in Ashqelon, in the house of new immigrants from the IVY. According to the representative of Shas in the City Council, Rabbi Yitshaq Cohen, they are active among the new immigrants. The representatives of Shas strive to stop the unrestrained actions of the missionaries who do not disdain any means to convert

Jews to their religion.

The police has started an investigation against the activists of "Witnesses of Yehova", after the article about missionaries in South Israel was published in "Yom le-yom" (see 16.3., Yom le-yom), and has discovered illegal activities.

During the last week the activists of this sect visited a number of immigrants in the neighborhood of "Nave Deqalim", trying to influence them with different promises, among them also those for financial and social support. The immigrants discovered that they were missionaries who mask their activities under the cover of Judaism.

14.4.1995 Ha-"ir

THE MESSIANIC JEWS

By Gai Ben Porat

(A 2-page article about the Messianic congregations in Tel Aviv, written in a very positive style)

Already in the 50ies there were in Israel small groups of Messianic Jews, but from the year 1973 they have been in a process of growth whose highest point is in the last years. There are estimated to be approximately 2000 Messianic Jews in Israel, and approximately 20 000 all around the world. For example in the area of Tel Aviv-Jaffo there are 4-5 Messianic congregations, in which the Messianic Jews and the Christians from outside the country meet and pray together. These congregations do not have any special prayer book or ritualistic order, but both the common and the private prayer are free. Many of the Christians participating have adopted the Jewish holidays and Shabbat, but concerning the keeping of the Jewish traditions the members have different choices. As the wall of partition between Jews and Gentiles has been broken in Jesus, intermarriages are accepted in the congregations, as long as both parts accept the redemption and understand the special task of Israel. The technics in bringing the message further vary: some members of the congregations are preaching on the streets, at least one congregation has a Messianic shop, and others are just ready to talk for those asking questions.

The main organizations working against the Messianic movement and Christian mission in Israel are the ultra-orthodox "Yad le-achim" and "Lev le-achim". Their "Department for fight against mission" uses all possible legal means against them, with the purpose of getting the Messianic groups outlawed. The methods vary from discussions with

those intending to join the groups and delivering literature against the Messianic interpretation of the Old Testament to reporting the Messianic Jews to their employers etc. The congregations have also sometimes been attacked, but rather seldom. The families often ask for help from them when some family member is getting near to the Messianic groups.

According to one of the members of "Lev le-achim", the fight against the Messianic movement is difficult. "They have many activities among the new immigrants. People from all the layers of society come to them today... The Israeli society is alienating. People seek for warmth and support, and their congregations give it."

Passover 1995 [appr. 14.4], Mishpachah (weekly, Jerusalem)

NATIONALITY: JEWISH. RELIGION: CATHOLIC

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION ATTACKS THE JEWS IN RUSSIA

By Israel Avital (a 4 1/2-page article, encouraging the readers to start participating actively in bringing Judaism to the Jews of Russia)

This is what a young Jew signed to his immigration application form in the office of the Jewish Agency in Moscow. He is not the only one. Tens of thousands of Jews in the IVY are exposed to missionary activities, the center of which is in Canada. The missionaries succeed in influencing Jews who never heard a word about their own religion and who are sure that they are returning to the "religion of their fathers". The yeshiva of "Torat Chayim" in Moscow fights against them. But they are few against many.

After the collapse of communism masses of Jews suddenly discovered their Jewishness. Jewish activists went to Russia in order to help them to return to the faith of their fathers. But the Christian missionaries got there, too. This missionary activity is, according to the people of "Torat Chayim", organized from Canada. The missionaries pour out enormous sums, organizing congresses and study days. They present themselves as Jews, "Messianic Jews", and thus the Russian Jews who never knew anything about Judaism believe that they have returned to their roots, when actually they are taught Christianity.

Their influence is especially strong in Ukraine, where the financial distress is exploited by the missionaries. The orthodox rabbis try to counteract this, travelling all over Russia and Ukraine and organizing lectures about Judaism, in order to show the difference between Judaism and Christianity.

(Connected with the article above:)

The "task" of the Christians - bringing Jews to Israel

(See also 11.4., Yated Ne'eman)

Two Christian organizations, "Eben Ezra" from Britain and "Exodus" from Uppsala in Sweden, are bringing Jews from Russia to Israel by Russian ships, paying also their tickets. These organizations see it as their main task to bring Jews to the Holy Land.

The clerks in the Jewish Agency claimed lately that this brings them to dependency from the religious organizations, without any security about the continuation of this activity, harming at the same time the agreement for flights of the immigrants that the Agency established with the IVY.

In addition to the religious problem that exists in the immigration of Jews by help of Christian missionary organizations, in the Agency it is claimed that the ships of the Christians may not be trusted. The Agency points out that the system of flights works well, and there is no need to add to it ship routes.

17.4.1995 Ma'ariv

170 policemen and volunteers, helicopter and search dogs, participated in the search operation which cost 150 thousand shekels

TWO SISTERS WHO DISAPPEARED - WERE IN THE HOUSE OF THE SECT OF MESSIANIC JEWS

By Ya'aqov Galanti

An extensive police operation for the search of two sisters who got lost in Jerusalem demanded helicopter, search dogs, negotiation team of the police, 170 policemen and volunteers and approximately 150 thousand shekels. And during all that time the two were in the house of the sect of Messianic Jews, far from any danger.

The two sisters, aged 15 and 9, got lost last Shabbat. They left in the afternoon from Beit va-Gan in order to visit a relative in Har Nof. At 9 pm., when the girls did not contact their relatives, their parents informed the police, which started immediately an extensive search operation. 1.30 am. the older girl came back, telling that her sister was in a certain house

in Narkis Street. From her description it seemed that she had been kidnapped, and so the police organized its negotiation team. However, when the police came to the house, which belongs to the sect of Messianic Jews from the congregation of Netiviya, they found the girl sleeping there alone in a sleeping-bag, put to bed by her sister. The congregation does not have any idea of how and why the girls came in.

The police was critical about the nature of the reports of the family to the police, causing unnecessary alarm and the carrying out of such a complicated action.

[From Netiviyah it was told that the article of Ma'ariv was in itself truthful, but that the title caused a wrong impression of the case. Therefore the girls' father, himself a lawyer, has promised all necessary legal assistance to the congregation if any additional trouble will be caused by it.]

19.4.1995 Yedi'ot acharonot

"AMERICAN MISSIONARIES INVADE AUSCHWITZ"

By Tsadoq Yechezqeli, our reporter in New York

3.5.1995 Ha-Modia'

PROTESTING AGAINST THE ACTIVITY OF THE MISSIONARIES
AMONG THE JEWS VISITING AUSCHWITZ

(See also 28.4., Yated Ne'eman)

Jewish organizations protested lately against the actions of a missionary group which tracks young Israelis and Jews visiting the Auschwitz death camp in Poland in order to catch them in their net.

The Baptist pastor Elwood McQuaid, the head of the group, claims that the time of visiting Auschwitz is critical for the Jews, and that the missionaries should utilize this for bringing Jews there nearer to Christianity. He writes this in a letter to the potential donators and to his supporters: "The hearts of the Jews open there towards God."

The members of this missionary group also go to the cities of Russia in order to catch there to their net Jews who are through Communism far removed from their religious roots. McQuaid's group holds close connections with the governmental factors in Israel, and is considered a constant supporter of the State of Israel in the framework of the American Christian coalition.

27.4.1995 Yom le-yom

WORRY ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSIONARIES

By Yitshaq Qenan

In the eve of the Feast of Passover "Fund of Messianic Brotherhood" announced with advertisements and letters about publication an additional book, "The Messiah in the Old Testament in the Light of Rabbinical Writings" (in Hebrew). The "Fund" offers for free four books from among 10 books. The books are written by non-Jewish Christian authors and preachers, like Dr. James Dobson, Walter Trobisch, Marabel Morgan and Herbert G. Miles. The books are presented as educational books about different subjects, like the education of children, difficulties in life, and other sensitive subjects, hiding the missionary intention. It seems that the purpose is to cause innocent people who are in trouble to fall into snare.

It was told to 'Yom le-yom' that every day new cases of missionary activities are discovered, basically among the new immigrants.

As a result of the examination of 'Yom le-yom', Member of Knesset Rabbi Arye Gamaliel told that he is about to lodge a complaint to police against those missionaries. Also, Shas lifted up the subject of the expansion of the activities of the missionaries in the motions of the agenda.

28.4.95 Yated Ne'eman

JEWS SPLIT OVER TIES WITH MISSIONIZING CHRISTIANS

By D. Nussbaum Cohen

(See also 19.4., Yedi'ot acharonot, 3.5., Ha-Modia')

According to the fund-rising letter from the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Christians should heighten their missionizing of Jews during the period from Passover till Holocaust Memorial Day.

The director of the group, pastor Elwood McQuaid, is a featured speaker at the National Unity Conference for Israel, in which participate Jewish and Christian groups supporting Israel.

The presence of this group at the conference has illuminated a sharp split in the Jewish community. Jewish groups are divided over if they

should forge ties with the segment of the Christian community most outspoken in its support to Israel - and yet devoted to converting Jews to belief in Jesus.

Some Jewish groups have expressed concern that the new relationship being forged between Jewish political conservatives and the religious right lends credibility to groups that try to missionize Jews. Others say that love for Israel is the major factor to consider in the relationship and outweighs even the proselytizing.

Complicating the purely ideological disagreement is the fact that Israel actively courts Christians with intensive promotions. For Israel, concern over the missionizing takes a back seat to the economics of the issue.

28.4.1995 "Iton Yerushalayim

MISSIONARIES ARRIVED TO THE CITY

Businessmen in Ma'ale Adumim claim that lately representatives of different mission organizations are visiting them, flood them with booklets, and try to convince them to join them. The missionaries do not leave any personal information about themselves to those interested in joining, but promise to return. The member of the City Council, Shim'on Garson, protested against the phenomenon and expressed anxiety about the possibility that the mission organizations can also get to schools. The Mayor of the city, Benni Kashriel, claimed this week that the phenomenon is not yet known to him.

5.5.1995 Ha-kol bi

MISSION IN JERUSALEM: MULTIMEDIA HEADLINE PRESENTING JERUSALEM FROM THE CHRISTIAN POINT OF VIEW WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN JERUSALEM IN THOUSANDS OF COPIES

Not only will the 3000-year-festivalities of Jerusalem not have religious Jewish character, but there will participate in them societies which intend to bring missionarism to Jerusalem through the events in the city.

"Simon and Schuster", the greatest printing house in the USA, will distribute in honor of the festival a multimedia title containing 7 hours of ceremonies, video films, animation, transparencies and witnesses of pilgrims, all dealing with the Christian Jerusalem. This interactive title is at the moment the only one presenting Jerusalem in a computerized

way, and everything of course from the Christian point of view. The company plans to distribute the title in Jerusalem in thousands of copies, and to bring this product into thousands of homes in Jerusalem and Israel.

[appr. 6.5.1995,] Mishpachah (weekly, Jerusalem)

"YOUR MESSIAH WENT TO REST WITH HIS FATHERS, I RECOMMEND TO YOU OUR 'MESSIAH'..."

By Betsalel Kahan

There have been sent to synagogues in different parts of Israel letters reminding about the death of the Lubawitscher rabbi, supposed by his followers to have been the Messiah, and recommending instead participation in the movement of the authors of the letter, "whose Messiah is Jesus". The letter is undersigned by one of the most dangerous missionary sects. The organization "Yad le-achim" calls the public to be vigilant towards things like this and to report about them to communal workers dealing with them, immediately.

10.5.1995 Ha-Tsofeh

10.5.1995, Ha-Modia'

"YAD LE-ACHIM" DETECTED MISSIONARY ACTIVITY TOWARDS IMMIGRANTS IN JAFFA

The "Department for fight against mission" of the activist organization "Yad le-achim" detected yesterday a missionary meeting which was going to take place in a private flat in Jaffa, with missionary Klaus Moshe Piltz. The meeting was intended for immigrants from the IVY.

Piltz, chairman of "The Institute for Research of the Eternal People" in Herzliya, has for many years engaged in spreading his dangerous opinions among the Israeli and immigrant publics.

Part of those who intended to come to the meeting were reached before that by people from "Yad le-achim". Some of them were innocently sure that the lectures are dealing with the Torah of Israel. It is known that Piltz will distribute the New Testaments to the participants of the meeting.

Rabbi Tsvi Cohen, the head of the Department for fight against mission

in "Yad le-achim", told that during the 10 last years Piltz has published tens of giant advertisements in the Israeli and Russian presses, in which he invited the new immigrants to join to missionary organizations, in distributing what he calls: "The gospel of redemption according to the New Testament".

The people of "Yad le-achim" intend to come to the place and to frustrate the dangerous meeting.