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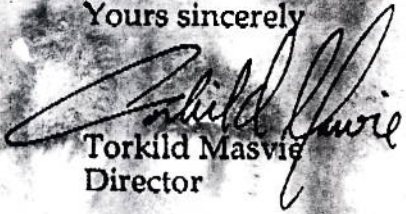
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*Development concerning the project of the Swedish Church:*

25.5.95, Dati Tzafoni (Haifa)

### MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN AN IMMIGRANT SHIP SAILING FROM ODESSA TO HAIFA

By A. Lis

14.6.1995, Ha-Tzofe

### "OPERATION JABOTINSKY" OF A CHRISTIAN CHURCH AROUSES WORRY

The Christian factors are planning an operation, through which thousands of immigrants from the CIS would come to Israel. The operation is financed by Christian bodies who see in bringing Jews to Israel an important mission in their faith.

Lately a Canadian Christian millionaire donated a sum of million dollars for purchase of a ship to bring immigrants to Israel. The ship would sail twice a month from Odessa to Israel and would bring in it, without payment, immigrants from the CIS. The accommodation would be at the expense of the Scandinavian church in Sweden and Finland. They have opened for this purpose many offices all over Georgia, Kazachstan and Armenia. The Jewish Agency supports this operation, calling it "Operation Jabotinsky", by name of Ze'ev Jabotinsky who called for the return of all the Jews to Israel.

Factors fighting against mission claim that there exists suspicion about missionary activities during the sail. Their messenger followed in the past in a similar journey from Odessa to Haifa, discovering that during the whole voyage the immigrants were handed over to the missionary activities of the Christians, who also asked the immigrants to keep in contact with them even after the voyage. In the end the organization, which also was assisted by the Jewish Agency, stopped its sails. "Lev le-achim" will fight with all means against the voyages of the ship.

Member of Knesset, Rabbi Yitshaq Levi, said that in the case it would really be discovered missionary activity during the voyage, they would inform the Knesset about this, and demand the cessation of the support of the Jewish Agency to the voyages. He said also that he would try, with the Members of Knesset Rabitz and Porat, to change the Law of Return, because, according to him, today even the secular people understand the problems connected with the immigration of immigrants who are not Jewish.

*In contrast to the article of Dati Tzafoni, ha-Tzofeh claims that the Jewish*

drawers of the Department.

In the radio program there met the extreme ends of Israeli society: Rabbi Moshe Lachobar, the representatives of the kibbutz movement, secular psychiatrists and representatives of the organization of parents. The program proved false the theory that concerning the mystic sects there would be differences of opinion between the religious and the secular segment - they all oppose them. Also the Kibbutz movement has established an office for the handling of the problem of the sects. In addition, also "Lev le-achim" is active in trying to prevent the activities of the sects in all the kibbutzim in Israel.

14.6.1995, Ha-Modia'

**"YAD LE-ACHIM" GETS PREPARED FOR FRUSTRATING THE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN HAIFA**

By the reporter of "Ha-Modia'"

Rabbi Tzvi Cohen, the head of the Department for Fight against Mission, spoke yesterday about the intention of the "Messianic Jews" in Haifa to organize an evangelization campaign in the tourist centers in Haifa and in Qiryot. The missionaries intend to act from tomorrow to Sunday.

Tens of yeshiva students have already expressed their readiness to participate in the action in order to frustrate the missionary plot.

Haifa has during the last years changed to a fortress of "the Messianic Jews". They operate an old age home in the Mount of Karmel, called "Eben ha-Ezer", a Messianic clinic, a Christian book shop, and a publishing company.

15.6.1995 Yom le-yom (Jerusalem, weekly)

**SUSPICION: MISSIONARIES ARE LIABLE TO ESTABLISH A CENTER IN ASHDOD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM**

By Yitzhaq Qenan

Is it the missionaries who want to establish the "Beit ha-Oleh" (= "The Immigrant's House") in Ashdod, or is the question only about the financial participation of the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem in the project?



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The agreement signed in March this year between the municipality of Ashdod and the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem determined that the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem would finance half a million dollars of the establishment of "Beit ha-Oleh" in Ashdod. According to the agreement, the cost of the establishment of the building is estimated to be approximately million dollars. "Beit ha-Oleh" would serve the immigrants from the CIS in the city.

The chairman of the faction of Shas in the City Council, Rabbi Obadiyah Dahan, and member of the City Council, Rabbi Asher Levi, started a fight against the agreement. Their opposition was caused by the suspicion that the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem is actually interested in controlling over the project, because they are very near to missionaries and even support them.

19.6.1995, Yated Ne'eman

#### MISSIONARIES ACTIVE AMONG THE BRAZILIAN JEWS

By Sh. Farid

In spite of the talk about "understanding" between Judaism and Christianity, in which the Christian church tries to create the impression that it has finished missionarizing, from time to time reports come from different parts of the world of Christian missionaries trying to convert Jews, often by sophisticated methods of "brain wash".

In Rio-de-Janeiro, Brazil, there works a group of missionaries who distribute among the Jews missionary material, trying to convince them about Christianity being in fact only true Judaism etc. The group calls itself "The Jewish Church", and also "The organization of the Holy Ark".

Jewish sources in Brazil claim that local Jews, who attend both the church and the synagogue, assist the group, thinking that in that way they will prevent the hate of the Christians towards the Jews. Rabbi Schtauber, the head Rabbi of Brazil, fights against the phenomenon.

22.6.1995, Ma'ariv

Public excitement in Qiryat Yam:

#### MISSIONARIES TRIED TO RECRUIT ACTIVISTS IN THE BEACH

By Avi Ashkenazi

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Agency addressed a letter to all the churches in Sweden, in which it dissociated itself from the "Operation Jabotinsky".

9.6.1995, Ha-Modia'

UNKNOWN PERSONS REMOVED THE MEZUZAS AND DAMAGED PROPERTY IN THE BRANCH OF "YAD LE-ACHIM" IN NETANYAH

By the reporter of "Ha-Modia'"

9.6.95, Yom ha-shishi (weekly, Jerusalem)

COOPERATION AGAINST COOPERATION

During the last months several attacks have been made against the offices of the anti-missionary organizations "Yad le-achim" and "Lev le-achim".

Unknown persons attacked the branch of the activist organization "Yad le-achim" in Netanyah, removing the mezuzas from the entrance door of the office and damaging the door. They fled from the place after having also removed the mail box from its place.

Rabbi Holtzman, the director of the branch, lodged yesterday a complaint to police, pointing at a number of missionary groups, with the suspicion that they performed the deed.

3 months ago a similar sabotage was done in the branch. In that case the mail box and the outside name-plates of the branch were stolen.

In the case of breaking in to the center of "Lev le-achim" in Netanyah, the police investigation has got new guidelines in connection with the radio program broadcasted a day before the crime, in which there was informed both about the cooperation of the religious and the kibbutz circles against the sects and missionaries and about the secret information about the sects contained in the offices of "Lev le-achim". The first fact removes the fight against the sects out of the religious stigma and places it to the national level.

After entering to the offices of the administration of the organization the criminals destroyed all the cupboards, and tried also to break in to the safe in which the information about the Mission and the sects is hold, but did not succeed. Also, an attempt had been made to enter to the data bank of the computer system.

The Department for Fight against Mission gave to the police details about the missionary groups and sects about which there exists suspicion that they had interest in getting the material which lays in the



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23.6.1995, Hed ha-Qriyot (weekly, Mifratz Haifa)

**A GROUP OF MISSIONARIES ATTACKED THE INSPECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY ON THE BEACH ON QIRYAT YAM**

By Arik Greenberg

Members of a missionary sect, calling itself "People of strength" (according to *Hed ha-Qriyot*, *Messianic Jews*), distributed on the beaches of Qiryat Yam propaganda leaflets about their activities, from which it rose that they profess different fighting skills and vigor. "Those who choose to follow God will be spiritual fighters gaining victory over vice. Jesus of Nazareth was a spiritual fighter like that, he lived a life of love, of power and of spiritual strength", it is written in the propaganda leaflets, which were accompanied by pictures of Judo and Karate fighters.

The missionaries tried to recruit mainly new immigrants from the CIS. After many complaints about their activity, on the place were alarmed the inspectors of the municipality of Qiryat Yam, who tried to disperse the group, but without success. The exchange of words turned to a fight, which reinforcements of the overseers coming to the place succeeded in controlling.

Mayor of Qiryat Yam, Shmuel Siso, discussed the possibility to take juridical steps against the members of the sect with the Ministry of Religious Affairs, but a decision on the subject has not yet been made. The municipality of Qiryat Yam also demanded from the Ministry to act against the members of the sect.

23.6.1995, Kol ha-Emeq ve-ha-Galil (weekly, Natzrat Illit)

**MEMBER OF KNESSET SHAUL AMUR ASKS THE POLICE TO STOP THE ACTIVITY OF THE ASSOCIATION "AWAKENING TO LIFE"**

By Israel Paratz

23.6.1995, Yedi'ot ha-Galil (Weekly, Natzrat Illit)

**PEOPLE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR DETOXICATION FROM DRUGS PLACED A CROSS NEAR AN ULTRA-ORTHODOX NEIGHBORHOOD IN MIGDAL HA-EMEQ**

By Yosi Shalom

Mayor of Migdal ha-Emeq, the Member of Knesset Shaul Amur, sent this week a letter to the highest superior of the police in the Northern



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District, in which he asks to prevent the association of "Awakening to life" and its helpers from actions "which are liable to cause Migdal ha-Emeq to get back down to its darkest days". He pointed out that the municipality of Migdal ha-Emeq made great efforts for the association, which, however, decided that this was not enough, and performed a series of actions which are liable to cause the town to return to its darkest days, the seventies, the period of violence. Amur requests them to act quickly, strongly and with all the legal means standing in the use of the District police in order to uproot this kind of activities completely.

One of the activities about which the Mayor spoke about in his letter was the setting up of a cross, of the height of three meters, on the top of the house, on which is drawn Jesus from Nazareth. This act is actually a protest action against the Mayor and against the Rabbi of the municipality, Rabbi David Grossman.

The director-general of the company "Awakening to life", David Levi, said that he is going to bring Migdal ha-Emeq back to the fifties, because, by returning back to the problems of the transit camps (*for new immigrants*), it is perhaps possible to start all over again, and to "put the politicians back to their natural place". He accuses the Mayor and R. Grossman of wanting to destroy the narcoman treatment community and of wanting to have narcomans in the town, claiming that if Rabbi Grossman represents the Jewish religion, then he prefers to be Christian, and threatening to establish a Christian sect and churches to the whole Migdal ha-Emeq.

Mayor of Migdal ha-Emeq, Shaul Amur, said that numbers prove how they have assisted the association. According to him, it obtained 60,000 shekels from the authority for War against Drugs, and still 30,000 shekels from the municipality. Amur supposes that the tumult is political, with the intention to operate pressure on him as a result of the present relations of power in Likud.

23.6.1995, Ha-Kol Bi, Jerusalem, weekly

THE MORMON UNIVERSITY HOLDS GUIDED EXCURSIONS IN  
RUSSIAN FOR IMMIGRANTS IN CHRISTIAN SITES IN JERUSALEM

30.6.1995, Ha-Tzofeh

The Vice-Mayor of Jerusalem protests:

THE MORMONS BRING IMMIGRANTS TO CHRISTIAN SITES IN  
THE CITY

The Vice Mayor of Jerusalem, Rabbi Chaim Miller, protested against factors in the government and in the City Council of Jerusalem about



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that in spite of the fact that it committed itself not to occupy itself with missionary activity, the Mormon University holds weekly excursions in Russian to immigrants from the CIS, to places which are all Christian or connected with the history of Christianity. This activity was uncovered during the conference of Rabbis, directors of Ulpan and absorption factors who wanted to call the alarm because of the sharp decline in the Jewish identity of the immigrants living in Israel.

According to the participants of the conference, there is a meaningful decline in the number of Jewish volunteers who would see the Russian immigration as a mission, and to that identity void enter the Christians. These even established a Christian school for the children of the immigrants, not to speak about the flourishing of unkosher restaurants.

Therefore it was decided in the conference that it is necessary to intervene strongly in the schools and in all kinds of educational centers in order to promote the Jewish identity among the immigrants.

23.6.1995, Yedi'ot ha-Galil (Natzrat Illit, weekly)

Christian mission is spreading to the immigrant families:

**SHOCK IN THE ETHIOPIAN CONGREGATION IN NATZRAT ILLIT:  
7 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY  
BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULT ECONOMICAL SITUATION**

By Moni ben Yaqir

29.6.1995, Yated Ne'eman

**THE COMMUNITY OF THE ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRANTS IN  
NAZARETH FIGHTS AGAINST THE PHENOMENON OF  
CONVERSIONS TO CHRISTIANITY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF  
THE MISSIONARIES**

By Y. Ariel

Lately 7 Ethiopian immigrant families in Nazareth were converted to Christianity. The activists of Mission exploited their difficult financial situation, and after they had assisted them financially, they consented to get converted. As a result of this, the Religious Council in Nazareth initiated an extra meeting in which participated the Ethiopian religious leaders from all over the country. These declared war against the Mission and expressed their readiness for explanation activity of the leaders of the community among additional immigrants who are under the influence of the missionaries. They recommended also to remove from the area the Falashmureans coming from the settlements and



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helping the missionaries in their activities.

The head of the Ethiopian religious leaders claimed that the immigrants do not have any reason to get converted to Christianity, because the ministries of the Government help the families in distress as much as possible.

Also the neighbors of the residents who got converted complained severely against those who were persuaded by the missionaries. The neighbors claimed that the converted ones deceived the authorities, who took care of their immigration to Israel without sparing their efforts. At the same time they told them not to stay any more in the area and to try to capture additional immigrants to the Mission net. The chairman of the Religious Council in Nazareth, Menachem Waqnin, says that in spite of the open action of the Mission, it is not possible to remove them from the city by law and to prohibit their activity.

27.6.1995, Yated Ne'eman

#### THE ORGANIZATION "LEV LE-ACHIM" PROTESTS AGAINST THE INCREASING MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN JERUSALEM

By B. Katz

29.6.1995, Yated Ne'eman

#### RESIDENTS IN JERUSALEM PERVENTED THE DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY MATERIAL

By B. Katz

The fight between the missionary organizations in Jerusalem and the activists of the Department for Fight against Mission in the activist organization "Lev le-achim" becomes more serious.

The missionary organizations in Jerusalem have during approximately three months now been distributing great amounts of missionary material in Rehavia. The material has been distributed also in other parts of the city, even in the religious areas, where the missionaries wear ultra-Orthodox clothes. In many cases "Lev le-achim" has succeeded in forcing them to leave the place. In Rehov Jabotinsky there even took place a fight between the mission people and a group of secular residents of the area who wanted the missionaries to leave.

Rabbis have expressed their shock about the fact that the legal authorities do not do enough to destroy this severe phenomenon.



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30.6.1995, Yated Ne'eman

As a result of the discovery of the activists of "Lev le-achim":

### DISMISSAL OF A MISSIONARY TEACHER WHO TAUGHT IN THE "STATE-RELIGIOUS" SCHOOL NETWORK IN NETANYAH

By Y. Ariel

The waves of mission, going lately over Israel, have succeeded to infiltrate even to the educational institutions. Yesterday the activists of "Lev le-achim" discovered the missionary activity of a teacher who taught in three schools of the state-religious school network in Netanyah. The teacher - an Ethiopian immigrant - used to influence his students to visit the center of the Congregation of Asaf of the "Messianic Jews" in Netanyah, operated by pastor David Loden and his family. His activities continued for a long time, and during it many students were influenced by the action of the Messianic Jewish missionaries.

After the information reached the headmasters of the schools and the supervision system of the state-religious school network, the teacher was dismissed from his job. He was known as a keeper of the Torah and the commandments, and even wore a kipa.

As a result of the discovery of the case, the Member of Knesset Immanuel Zismann, the chairman of the Committee of the Absorption in the Knesset, summoned a special discussion on the subject.

3.7.1995, Ha-Modi'a

### THE PLANNING OF THE EVENTS FOR THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND

*The article is written in a very bitter style, of which the text below is an excerpt, not to be understood as an objective news item, but as an expression of the opinions of the author.*

Yesterday the "Report of the Prime Minister on the activities of the Government" from July 94 to July 95 was published. On the list of the goals of the Ministry of Religions there was, among the rest, "the planning and preparation of the events of the year two thousand" from the birth of Jesus...

Yes, the Ministry of Religious affairs of the state of Israel plans the events for the birth of the first Christian. Did not those carrying the cross pour out streams of blood in the name of that Nazarene? If the Christian



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minority living here wants to celebrate their non-Jewish festival - let them celebrate. And if they ask as a recognized minority also financial support to their activities, let it be given. But is it the task of the government "to plan and to prepare" events which would point out to the birth of the Head of the Christian Church, which more than any other faith butchered, and organized travels of destruction and murder, against our people during the 2000 years it existed?

If the Ministry of Religious Affairs is going to "plan and prepare" the events of the year 2000 from the birth of that man, perhaps its intention is to plan and to prepare the show of the bloody deeds with which the Christian church painted the holy congregation of Israel red during the 2000 years of diaspora. It ought to organize demonstration events in Israel and in the world, with symbols of mourning and lamentation over what the Christian religion did to the Jewish congregations who lived, wandered and were deported in the countries which were under the cruel influence of Christianity. The celebrations of the year 2000 have to cause shivering among those who celebrate that year.