

turn into a blessing for Eretz Yisroel assume the position that it has nothing to are dealing with here, it would hardly have other faiths. Under the circumstances we gress toward religious matters concerning nized some sign of opposition at the conof view. First of all, it is entirely proper and cerning the Kosel HaMaarovi. The letter the congress would see the truth it would tear when it comes to the truth, and that if Jewish issues. On the contrary, Jewry has to before it met as one determined to oppose been tactical to designate the congress even withhold a letter of greeting until one recoggious groups. It would have been wrong to gion, be greeted by the organs of other reliparticularly members of an organized relicorrect that a congress of important people, was timely and in place from several points Jews to the Moslem holy places and conlucid declarations about the attitude of the send its letter of greeting which included its wise step on the part of Agudas Yisroel to Under these circumstances it was a very

ing the Moslem holy places. We would like was essential because of its content regard-From another point of view, the letter

> regarding the Kosel HaMaarovi. committee, and the clear position of the nents of the Jews have established a sp general and to the El-Aksa Mosque in attitude of the Jews to the holy place no better move than to take the bull b to believe that not one of the respected the least any evil intentions of utilizing the least to be the second of the respected to be the second of the respected to be the respected to the respected to the respected to be the respected to the respective to t ticular, for the protection of which the o horns and publicize and declare opent the Kosel HaMaarovi, there could have proclaim the Jewish interest in conqu intention, if someone would have reas But even if someone should have suc congress to propagandize against the lems has any evil intentions of utilizin Jews' account regarding their demand these holy places, or to exaggerate o

G-d forbid, that will not be the case, will not rock the boat, why that will our stand, not having protested the libeld have no reason to regret not having clarit conscience at least will be clear. We v appropriate benefit from that declaration wonderful and we shall have drawn results of this congress will be peaceful; holy places, but removed all suspicion f The letter also serves as documentary reach the ears and the eyes of the visit publicized by the press that news of it the congress. The letter was sufficie interested parties made sure to hide it fi reports. themselves in a most lucid manner. If not keep silent concerning the matter of dence for future periods that the Jews read at the congress publicly or when It is unimportant whether the letter

clarification as well as a permanent prote The letter of greeting was also a letter

dwellers of Eretz Yisroel only for the Moslems but also for all th on our situation and may it be a blessing no ness. May this congress serve to shed lig and for the removal of suspicion and bitte good beginning for mutual understandi stand toward the Jews. May this assem dissension, or in any way harming wh lage of the major Moslem leaders serve as belongs to them. May they take a simi the Jews have no intention of causing a tents of the declaration and to perceive th the respected visitors and all respected Mi lems in Eretz Yisroel to pay heed to the co From the columns of our journal we a As the situation developed it became very from outside the country. A letter of greeting was sent to the Arab Congress by Agudas feld was regarding this matter. One of the dered what Rabbi Sonnenfeld had meant diear what the reasoning of Rabbi Sonnenrant letter, and even people who were close publicized in most of the press as an aberpecame very well known because it was o Agudas Yisroel and its members won-Rabbi Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld, The letter disroel of Eretz Yisroel at the advice of

המכחב הבא נשלת מאת מרכז אגורת ישכאלים חיהוות החודית שכארץ ישראל המא המושלמי בארץ ישראל

להם, או לטכוע איזה זכוח על המקומות ההם, כשם סכנו עם זה הננו מוצאים לנחנץ להצהור בזה כלסי כל הַנְאָהַ רוצים שאחרים לא יפגעו בוכויותינו על הַּפְּקְּ כונה לפגוע כוכיות המושלמים על המקומות הקה הנכבדים וכלפי כל העולם המושלמי, שאין ליהורים הקדושים של המושלמים הנמצאים בארץ הקודש. הקדושים שלנו.

gates are the most important people in the

papers have attempted to do. The bottom hand, one cannot put down or minimize the countries in which they live. On the other they were not officially authorized by the

line is that the representatives and the delevalue of such a congress as certain news-

thought to the impression they will take influence. And one must give serious Moslem religion and are men of very great

הננו דוחים בהחלט כל השר המיחם לנו מצ "מסגר אל עקסא" ושאר המקומות הנמצאים כשמה של חביצת זכויות על המקום המקורש לכם הנקרא ב

חושביה, להצליח מפעלם בבנינה והמרחמה לאושר כולם) ההקדוש ברון הוא יפרוש את סוכה שלומו עלים הקונגרס הנכבר מצוור להסיר כל הששוח שכלב אש אנו מקוים שרוח של שלום חהיה נסוכה עלים אנחנו יכולים לשפוך לככנו בתמילה כלי הפרעה וכצא ממנו. רצוננו האחד הוא שכאבות אבוחינו כן נהיד מצר חלק אחר של תושבי ארץ הקרושה על השני ואשר לכותל המערכי, המקום שלא חה-שנ של כבוד, לפני מי ששכן את שמו במקום ההוא.

(נומס כקול ישראל גליון י״א)

מרכו אגורת ישראל בארץ ישראל מכתב אשר שלח מורנו ר' יוסף חיים זאנעמעלד דצ" amended and what needs to be made clear.

הצהרת אגודת ישראל להקונגרם המושלמי: called "Kol Yisroel." We will give an almost appeared in the Agudah paper of that period position was expressed in an editorial that best explanations and clarifications of his verbatim translation of that editorial.

כבוד קונגרט המישלמי ירושלים. 6 רצמכר 1931 ירושלם.

The Moslem Congress

This Sunday the opening session of the

ners intended, for a world Moslem congress. Moslem Congress in Jerusalem took place.

sentatives came in from abroad. And even We are told that only sixty or seventy repre-The congress was alot smaller than its plan-

קוגורס הנכבר יטפל כשאלוח המקנפ בחר כה הי רעזור להשיכ את השלום בין כל תושביא הדם המושלמי יביא בכנפיו ברכה להעיר והאביל בעיר הקודש ירושלם. יהי רצון שכנוס זה שלפ לקדם כוה בכוכה את כנוס הקוננים המושלם: כההסווורות החדרית העולמית אנודת ישראל מת

situation as there is almost no communicawith them when they leave Eretz Yisroel. ner they described Jewry and its demands. the important leaders of the Jewish people. tion between these important visitors and from others, and who knows in what man-They receive their information about us From this point of view its a very sorry

of the congress did not allow Jewish newsidea of what the congress is about and of paper reporters to attend. This denies the clarity we might know what needs to be Jewry and its goals. If we were to have that what is being discussed there concerning Jewish public a way of receiving some clear It is further regrettable that the planners

congress did not really help their own goals by forbidding Jews to participate as obserwho do not belong to an acceptable circle. being guarded and protected from people will surely discern quickly that they are vers. The visitors are men of intelligence and Yisroel are being kept from meeting with And on the other hand, the citizens of Eretz far more than if they were free to see, to they will cast doubt upon what they are told those guests. If they are truly men of worth learn, and to oberve. We may assume that the planners of the

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The Rise And Fall Of The Jews Of Djerba And

Tunis

Part Five of a series

Meanwhile, in Tunis ...

mudic tradition, but they were lear

Italy on a sea voyage to raise money for nent Torah scholars set forth from southern So it was with Tunisian Jewry. Four promi-Great places have wondrous beginnings. enough so as not to have to depend on

nary of the talmudic firmament, Rabbi where he was swiftly recognized as a lumisomed by the Jews of Kairwan in Tunisia, the Mediterranean coast. One sage was ransom in a different Jewish community along who decided to give each of them up for ranneedy brides. They were captured by pirates

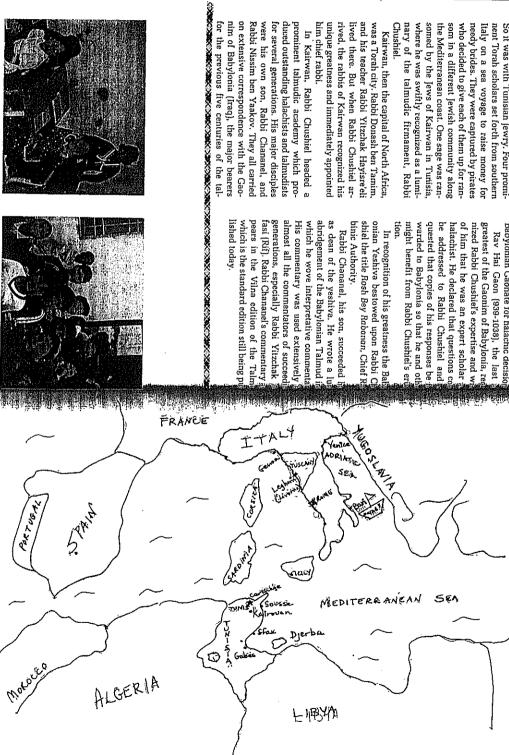
rived, the rabbis of Kairwan recognized his lived there. But when Rabbi Chushiel arand his teacher Rabbi Yitzchak Hayisre'eli was a Torah city. Rabbi Donash ben Tamim, him chiet rabbi. unique greatness and immediately appointed Chushiel. Kairwan, then the capital of North Africa,

for the previous five centuries of the talnim of Babylonia (Iraq), the major bearers on extensive correspondence with the Gao-Rabbi Nissim ben Yaakov. They all carried were his own son, Rabbi Chananel, and for several generations. His major disciples duced outstanding halachists and talmudists prominent talmudic academy which pro-In Kairwan, Rabbi Chushiel headed a

might benefit from Rabbi Chushiel's er quested that copies of his responses be greatest of the Gaonim of Babylonia, re warded to Babylonia so that he and oth be addressed to Rabbi Chushiel and of him that he was an expert scholar nized Rabbi Chushiel's expertise and w Babylonian Gaonate for halachic decision halachist. He declared that questions co Rav Hai Gaon [939-1038], the last

binic Authority. onian Yeshiva bestowed upon Rabbi C shiel the title Rosh Bey Rabanan, Chief R In recognition of his greatness the Bal

lished today. which is the standard edition still being pu pears in the Vilna edition of the Talm fasi (Rif). Rabbi Chananel's commentary almost all the commentators of succeed generations, especially Rabbi Yitzchak His commentary was used extensively which he wove interpretative comments abridgement of the Babylonian Talmud as dean of the yeshiva. He wrote a lu Rabbi Chananel, his son, succeeded



girl students presently in Cheder in Hara Kabira

students presently in Talmud Torah in Hara Kabir

scholarly circles. "Ha'iyun ha'Tunisi," Tunicapital of Tunisia, achieved great renown in from there they found refuge in Tunis. in 1492 and from Portugal in 1497. From by the arrival of the Jews of Livorno (Legognized the quality of Jewish scholarship in sian profundity, became a by-word that rec-Spain and Portugal they fled to Leghorn and horn), Italy, who were expelled from Spain Tunis. Tunis Jewry was further strengthened The nearby community of Tunis, later the

came directly to Tunis. Among them was Yuchasin, Rabbi Avraham Zacuta, author of Sefer Other refugees from Spain and Portugal

and writing dies flourished in both communities and and so on. Despite the division, Torah stucommunity had its own council of notables, rabbinic court, chief rabbi, cemetery, schools, Jewish institutions were duplicated. Each their own community. From this date all the from the Tunis community and constituted rived in the 16th and 17th centuries seceded l'unis became noted for Jewish scholarship In 1710 the Livornan Jews who had ar-

reinforced the Livornese community. grants from the province of Tuscany, Italy, The 19th century influx of new immi-

them into the community. larist views in the children and through of each community and inculcate their secuso was to open day schools for the children Orient. And their primary method for doing based organization of Jews determined to to their culturally "deprived" brethren in the spread the gospet of French secular culture Alliance Israelite Universelle was a Paris-And then came the Alliance.

were replaced with others who could teach accepted the project wholeheartedly, and a rabbis and influential lay people of Tunis, in boys school was started. The old Talmud The fifteen rabbis who had taught there lorah building was given to the Alliance. 1878, some Jewish families of Italian origin After fifteen years of arguing among the

school population attended Alliance schools. end of the decade, two-thirds of the Jewish 1882 a girls school was established. By the Slowly the spiritual poison spread. In

Tunis, the innocent children were

perity for their children. sin than he who murders you." The par is spiritual death. About such people did education would guarantee economic Sages declare, "Worse is he who leads yo them of all spirituality. In Jewish eyes, were deceived into believing that Allia taught by atheistic teachers who strip

of it. Yet he was not French, either. conflict which left the young graduate o And ignorant of Judaism, he was asha been sufficient to maintain religious id deeply enough. They suffered an inter Jewish instruction he had received had He was neither French nor Jewish. The Alliance school unbalanced and upro were unable to assimilate the French But in fact the Jewish children of Ti



bans who left for Israel, were spiritually

fooled or intimidated were harrassed, threa-Some Djerban rabbis who could not be

wiped out through Zionist deception tened, and even beaten. Those of the Djer-

ēgten. midated eatened, ime Djerban Rabbis who als presently in Talmud Torah in Hara Kabira not were harrassea, e and jooled even

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promised them. Torah and bereft of the economic advantandermine the old system, simply to comment the "enlightened" Alliance people la lement it. Admittedly, however, this was Torah and bereft of the gonnomic whomas. As a result they were left bereft new school was clearly not intended to an affiliate of the Alliance, was founded Torah and bereft of the economic advan who had had this occupation for gene found themselves competing with other was unsuccessful because its gradua Alliance graduates. So an agricultural sch ing with wool were frowned upon by ing, or processing precious metals, or de Traditional trades such as jewelry des Pierban values. But the rabbis did consent iso that they be adapted to local conditions. loys and the continued monopoly of the his meant the strict separation of girls and other educational reforms with the proejected out of hand as incompatible with

Meanwhile, Back in Djerba

issued by the Djerban sages of yesteryear.

Indeed, in the 1950's and 60's the Zionists

not in strict keeping with the prohibition

believe would denigrate them to the level of nationalism which the Zionists made them ing advantage of the Djerbans' fear of Arab began to wreak havoc among Djerbans. Tak-

Fied the yeshiva curriculum by offering the late 1940's the Djerbans were preto accept two reforms, the establish-

iral education. The latter proposals were inspired by the Zionist ideals then in iction in grammar and in several nonns. Rather, they grew out of proposals of a separate school which supplewho were also promoting athletic and tted to them by a group of young peofities who took the initiative for these for girls. But it was not the rabbinic us subjects and the opening of a new

enough for their tastes." But the Zionists lied

find themselves in a country not religious seriously feared "that in Israel they might

thor of Eternal Springs, writes that they givings about going, Lawrence Resner, au-

grate to Israel. Many Djerbans had misically, the Zionists persuaded them to emiperty which affected Tunisian Jews economof the nationalization of foreign-owned pro-French influence, and taking advantage also second class citizens by destroying the

trol of religious education for their children. to them to assuage their fears of family con-

coercion. In Djerba itself, those Jews who remained

Babylonian Talmud as he reaches his teens Pentateuch at age 7 and Halacha and the Loshon Kodesh and prayers at age 5, core curriculum which acquaints him with boy has by then completed the traditional in fact, complete the high school program of mathematics and grammar. Despite the varthe public school. Now as before, most adothe lives of the young. Very few of them do, iety of schools young Djerbans attend today, the modern Jewish school for instruction in school where Arabic and also French are and Judeo-Arabic, then the Tunisian public many Jews are involved in three educational lescents abandon their schooling at 14. traditional education continues to govern languages of communication, and finally, where the instruction is in Loshon Kodesh systems during each day: first the yeshiva attend the government school. Consequently today, an increasing number of children following Tunisian independence. In Djerba cepted Tunisian public schools, as noted, have survived spiritually. Djerban Jews ac-

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nsuthaad of Yeshiva Kiari Rachmim and Rabbi Matziach Mazuz studying with students, students fetosynthy in Talmud Torah iii Hasa Kabira.

escent from misjous customs of Djerbs, Chulcas Moshe concerning the ban of exce existinding yoy Aliance school in Hara Kabira, and the bans signatores.

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כיון .הימאן. זוין לשלפעלו מהושלו כמי שמסקה הבשי משום פהובוה מוצי כאנה אחו הנשי. מ י) לשך. המח היבנים האשונים ול שאם לנה בשי מודים. מננדואן

ניח ספו כיח טיאנט זמ במט אינן הואיני קנה ניחים מאמין זיכ ניא הורות ר המט היאי זכל הירות מוריין הוטח לי ספר קול הווי. אורות מעריב הניק להמט הכן מורי אוק הוויחד מי ספר קול הווי. שניי ציק תורונוים מאינו הוטח הכל משר היו המחסידור הקוך ול- יוך? יי) נומון, זה סובליסים שנה נפסה מה צידע אי נרבה הינה מכר חיד הצד בושבהה נמודה חברה בכר הופה חודק היהק היהבונה שלל גם וגם תברד היננחב פה ידה ע" נ"בד וכן הדבר משט תואל אליט עינה רבני שישיו ואנפיה וכן ניופס כיו כמים צויקה משה למהים זוך מי י ז' ח' ושם כל הרבנים אשר מה עידינו מובני אי היבכיא האש רכני נאכם ההכנשת האם ומים לופות כנוי ובפרם ברכת ת' נוסם נוף הכפכבה בפתאה הואםי זכה יון ביות משר. כל ישיאל תברים. (איאט) בעיד נרבה באיאיה אבטרת הקה מרבנים הראשנים ולי כנה הים התככה השורו שיא הציה

וכמיש בינח ה' וכמים נהסג ממה שנורמם נוף התכבה באוך החגב

> have no post-school prospect except for Thortunately, one area of Djerban Jewish jous subjects. The influence of the Djerpiritual values that have kept their ing a severe challenge: to prevent their ந்து, Djerban girls have a longer perioid içation and attain a higher level in nonunity alive for so long. Eyears resisted secular encroachment gwish community which has for so if secularism and to preserve in them ters from becoming a prey to the disstill threatened—the girls. Because

funity is over 2,000 years old. It will be the local present-day Rabbi of Djerba. Chanina Bogid Sadon has said, "Our

nesettle there except through Moshiach. we were exited from the Land. We may is not in favor of the modern Jewish ment in Israel. "It is because of our sins

eir children. fucation would guarantee onomic prosperity he parents were deceived believing that Alliance

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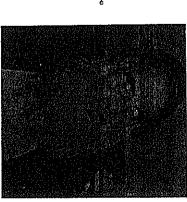
What is all important is the study of our

Ito bring it to an end."

rabbinic judge of Djerba and later of Tunis. named Kisei Rachamim in memory of his In 1965 he founded his own yeshiva which he in 1971. closed upon Rabbi Mazuz's untimely death was studied. The school was unfortunately to establish a yeshiva where solely Torah arrival of the Alliance in Tunis he was able amazing that almost 100 years after the master Rabbi Rachamim Chai Chawita. It is study in Tunisia. Rabbi Matzliach Mazuz, the honor roll of the preservers of Torah holy Torah. This we can do in any place. One more rabbi deserves to be entered on

that are still in use, whereas the synagogue on Rue Liberte in Tunis, which once had rum or two today. hundreds of congregants, holds only a quo-Today there are 17 synagogues in Djerba

to be continued.



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אלץ. ואברול אחכם מן העמים להיות לי, אם אתם מוברלים מן העמים הרי אתם שלי, ואם לאו הרי אתם של וכובדער . אַמישן, קרושים חומי, אידען ואלשן זיין הייליג, ישרע אירישער הארץ ואל זיין וזייליג, אודען ואלשן זיין אם געווטיעים פון דיא ו הוסע ווארענט רי אדען, זיי זאלען ניסט ווכען אועלכע צייט פאריוויילוונען ווי ריא אומוה העלם, דער הורה פארערט:

אנן Tapeאנן אור אידער פערה"ר. קימט פון דעס וואס מען הערט זין ער, צו רי טמאנע אור לידער בערה"ר. קימט פון דעס וואס מען הערט זין ער, צו רי טמאנע עפאלענקיים ביי עלטערע בחורים און מיידלען וואס שידוכים נייט שווער, און די השנות פון אידישקייט זענען גאר שוואכע אם פין די שפלים ונכוים און ברצנגען אריין אין שטוב א גייסט פין טומאה און זענען מטמא וייער נטש, און א גרויסע חלק Red ילוי בעלי חשובה וואס זענען די ריכטינע בעלי עכירה הוטאים ומחטיאים אה הרכים זינגען רארט, קומם מען מגן רארט און Tapes און מייזלען קיימען די אונעזואנט מיט טומאה, זייזען אידישע הייזער נעווארען טמא. בחורים און מייזלען קיימען די רי לעצטער עטליבע יאר האט זאך אונעסאונען א זייער באורעווג פין אירען ניין צי Concerts קאמציטן רח"ל.

דער ראשית חכמה ברענגט אין שער האהבה פרק יי וכמו ששירי התורה גורמים דבקות בהש״יי, ועות מושחחות. וואס איז מגורה יצר הרע בנמשיה און או מען איז עובר אויף אשוי האיש שלא הלך בעדת רשעים קומט עו ער. און ווי הארכ עם איז אויכ די ווערסער זענען פון די חודה חק', כל שכן ווען ורוערינע מענטשען ויונען ויי מיט כל מיני טענץ ותיות ובדברים מגונים, עכיל. דא זעט מען קלאר און רייטלען דעם האדבען עבירה סון מאכען ביליג היילינע יצא מחלק הנמאס לחלק. הנאסר ומוחר ממנו, שחתורה אסרה לעשות דבר הנבואה מיני זמר. מולעו. והיה שמועת העברו והדבור בו יותר נמאס אצל תורה למעלת הלשון, שאין גריך שישתמשו ים הם הפוחדר ספנו או הנסאס, וההו סכלות נמודה... ואם ידה כוונת השיר הרוא פחיתות. כאיזה לשון שיהיה אמור לאומרה, גם וֹּלָא במעלות, כל שכן אם מצורף אליו שישימו בו פסוק מן התורה או בשיר השירים בענין ההוא, ריכור הנמאם ספני שהוא מגודו ומעודר על מדה פתוחה כמו שהתכאר מדכריעו כפרקד', ייהיה אחר משני הפיוטים עברי ההאחד בוה מוספת – כי כשיהיו שני פיוטים. ולשניהם ענין אחד, מהעיר כה החאוה ישנה אותה נישמה הנפש בה, וריא סדיחית, והוא מן ההוחקה. ואין מוחר אצלם לשמות, וכשישורו המשורר פיוט מן המיוטים הצבריים לא ירחיקוהו ולא ירע בעיניהם עס היוח וקום וחסידים, כשיהיו במשתה... או חלחה. ירצה ארם לשיר שיר ערכי, אסילו עיון השיר ההוא שכח הגכורה... ירחיק זה יהיו צריך שיכחנו כעניניהם. אם הם הולכים על דרך הריבור אשר חלקנוהו. ואמנס בארור זה אף על פי שהוא מכואר מפני רמכ"ם שרייכט אין זיין פירוש אויף פרקי אבות פרק א' משוה י"י – טוב משתיקה, ודע שהשירים המתוברים מאיזה , ואם עמד מופו לישב ואם ישב מומו ללוץ וגוי און יעדער מיט א ברעקעלע יראת שמים ועהט ראס. םון די טמאנע יונגען. Rec

השירים שהנשים אומרות שהם דברי חשק ונבול פת גורמים להפריד הנשמה מצרור החיים, הסר מעלי המון שיריך וזמרת נבליך לא אשמע. הם אמר הנביא עמוס, ה' כ"ג,

עכטיס רואס ווערען ליידער פערקויפט און "ספרים נעשעפטען" ארץ און זענען ככלל אן עקצל מאר י**ערע**ן ערליכע איד, — וויפיל ומדען צו, או די טעכטער ואלען הערען די דכרי ניאוף וענוב אינדערהיים? קלערטים אריין, און איר ווצט אליין ועהן או דאם אלע מון די מענטשען. זרי וואנט א חסדישער איננטנמאן ראט ארייני ברענגען אין שטוב? ווי אווי לאוען Records ארן Tapes און עם איז באוואופט אז אין די פריפריגע דורות האבען אומער עלטערען זיך דערווייטערט פון דעם ככל מיני ריחוק און כפרט.

און עם זאל שוין מקרים ווערען דעם סטוק ואת זמרת נבליך לא אשמע בישועתן של ישראל ואז ימלא האט שוין קאליע נעמאכט אייערע קינוער, עס איז א זינר וואס איז מכלה מנפש ועד בשד. שחוק פינו ולשונינו רינה אכי"ר.

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story, as told in his book Min Hameitzar signing of the war, long before this countries in the Gestapp from the Gestapp from the Gestapp from the Gestapp from the fact in the case in the case in the fact in the case in the Reb Michoel Ber Weissmandel's person Budapest had had previous from Budapest of the Gestapp from

nearly six million Jews were killed before that deportations to Auschwitz stopped. in Switzerland. finally his information reached Josef Mandel not. His work, however was not in vain, for saved if the Zionists had heeded Rabbi Weissmandel's suggestions. Hundreds of thousands could have been Upon its publication, the But they did

received is proof of the efficacy of his plan. Weissmandel which Josef Mandel eventually pressure on the Germans and Horthy to stop the information supplied by Rabbi the deportations. The result of the release of importance of propaganda which would bring important points: send money and bomb the communications always included two rescuing Hungarian Jews. Agency and the Joint, pleading for help in which Rabbi Weissmandel sent to the Jewish Included here are some of the letters In addition, he stressed the

letters were, indeed, received. although it was later ascertained that the of acknowledgment of receipt of the letters, European brethren is evidenced by their lack Zionists' disinterest in the fate of their Eastern plans which they had devised. The five letters on behalf of the Hungarian Jews and the recounts the efforts the Slovakian Jews made excerpt below from "Min HaMaitzar," he following this summary detail the plans. The meant another 13,000 deaths. In the first for action, pointing out that each day of delay the Agency and the Joint of the urgent need Rabbi Weissmandel wrote constantly to

and writing with no additions or deletions.) complete it. We are printing it in his words and he did not have the opportunity to to elaborate and divide it into chapters, but because we were unworthy, his time came them begin here. The author (z'tl) intended Jewry, and the history of the attempts to save deportation and destruction of Hungarian of the Jews and their annihilation. progress and attempts to delay events in Slovakia regarding the deportation (Until this point was a discussion of the the

> along with his aide Wisliceny. Sonderkomando had come to Budat known that the evil Eichmann an autonomous, it changed hands to not general the Hungarian Governmen immediately upon the Jews. For tho Government as it was. A deathly feg occupation, yet they left the Hung burst into Hungary in the form

our previous work. that the time had come to eat the fruits 🙀 regarding abolishing the decree about Budapest who would be suitable to deal enacted. According to Steiner, he said to have a letter from me to some on and meanwhile left for Berlin. When returned the following Monday he had me that Wisliceny spoke with him at le and in the morning the architect Steine regarding Hungary. I traveled on Friday and had something urgent to Wisliceny had arrived there from Bud travel immediately to Pressburg, telephone, saying in confusion that I adjoining apartment where there wa room, and a messenger came from Shabbos, I was in Nitra in our Rov's Adar, after we had already welcome

able to refer me to someone who could: want to undertake this mission, he would him and decided to write to him. If he did Orthodox community in Budapest, Altho Pressburg that he had fled to Romania Rabbi Pinchas Friediger, who was head of they all said that the best person would asked several knowledgeable people Shmuel Zanvel Kahane, head of l did not know him personally, I had hear? Orthodox Bureau. But news had spread At first I thought of the prominent Ra

communities in Budapest. There were group · the Orthodox · among responsibility on the representatives of But I did not want to place all

On the 24th of Adar, 1944, the General It also immediately be

On the following Shabbos, the 29

bile and negative reasoning. ein to have a diplomatic messenger ready with a secret letter explaining all the give Wisliceny a letter praising him. was still Shabbos, and I tried through efore it was necessary that a messenger proven and faithful friend Rav Shlomo onday -- for it was understood that we

sia very long and detailed letter. the proper time to the Germans, as if in the ey, had until then. ack market and to take it to Switzerland or gpare the large fund-raising organizations ungary. eworld who were turning this down with those in charge of Jewish money in the me other place, so that it could be returned the world for action. Yet we also had to would not have the present situation in ierican money in Hungary to be had on the essary to gather immediately all Swiss and pect that they would remain stubborn as tempt, there was a great possibility that wrote the secret letter to Rav Friediger; it tope Plan" and that in our opinion, if not ained the entire involvement of the We must work vigorously to Therefore, it was

have been no possibility of amplishing anything. It stood to reason Sparticular job. Without this, there The end we would have to do the same the parties, there was actually gary. Therefore, I remained firm in my ete unity in every matter, and everyone apwith all the doubts and differences gny and to give him three letters athat it was necessary to tell this to Secondly, we saw that here in

meane wrote to the head of the Reform intative of the Zionists.

frepresentative of the Reform, meaning gad of the community; and one for the)thodox, this being Rav Friediger; one the representative of the orthodox

reed upon Nison Cohen. that wanted Kastner, and finally they samong their friends. There was a the Zionists as to whom they would junity; there was a lengthy debate

name of Jews of the free world.

For if they (the Hungarians) demanded the individuals in the new government as well. other. It would certainly be the same in because one is not sufficient without the influencing the Germans and the Slovakians, Germans would amount to little deportations, our arguments with the forcefully to influence Horthy and other Hungary. were only able to accomplish this by We also explained that in Slovakia we Therefore, they had to try



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impossible before the public eye in Hungary, ghetto in chains. This would certainly be would be necessary to bring everyone to the ghetto was synonomous with Auschwitz; it was no escape. This would not have been the everyone into a ghetto, and after that there is obvious that there were no dealings, and it the meaning of Auschwitz, and that the case if it were possible to explain to everyone that the killings began with the gathering of was all just trickery and deceit. I explained there was no ghetto; if there were a ghetto, it misleading and deceitful. This was the sign all the excitement about the dealings was (of good faith) -- if there were dealings, then I also explained that we were worried that

Jewish brethren in Hungary would have been result would have been that more of our the situation then it is very likely that the end hundred; but as is obvious now in regard to police, perhaps one hundred, perhaps two possible to kill some Germans and Hungarian thousand Jews. Of course it would have been

lost tive million Jews bomb the tracks leading to Auschwitz and did not have to be identified with any Jew: to easier and more certain way. A way which Auschwitz itself from the air -- we had already danger for the multitudes? There was an would not bring any result and was full of Therefore, why follow this path which

and constantly bemoaning their fate, would allies, who always were so good to the Jews act immediately? Was there the slightest doubt that our

******************************* roads be militarily advantageous to them, charge of such projects, in order to act on this knock on every door, unceasingly, day and night to appeal to the government leaders in Jewish brothers in the "free world" would Was there the slightest doubt that our Wouldn't the destruction of these

> deportation of Jews. soldiers and military equiptment. would be absolutely no connection wif reasons -- that it was needed for trans orders to bomb the train station for og understood, for example, that they reg these tracks as a means of stoppi be necessary to explain the destrucleast 95% or more? In the event they w deportations of the Jews. American or British captives; for it wo captured, they could only be cons It cor

surrounded by happy spectators -other hand were armed murder with a fear of death; while the enemy of their wives and children surrounded combatants fought without weapons; heard of a battle being won, wher been sentenced to death. We have to organize support from the ground Auschwitz itself, it would have been po broken hearts of the Jewish masses thi some courage would have entered int from the Allied airplanes, an organ Auschwitz and of the death chamb destruction of the transport road If there could have come from

Why else would he reveal one. carefully if not the requested ō guarded the

ichandise.

down with contempt, of Jewish money in the situation in Hungary. world who were turning

If not for those in cha

would not have the prese

should have been a joint action between this famous act of a great scholar who had to Jews in this murderous country and the Jewine praise of one not worthy, and he wrote it of the free countries; in other words between the scholar words between the free countries; in other words between the free countries. logic dictated that out of necessity the spilling of Jewish blood. At their head for countless generations to rejoice at the majority of that corrupt nation, Hungarian farmers, judges and doctors, priests; the wicked Hungarian officers; his lat Rav Friediger was a learned Semites whose preachers had taught the Hungary's anti-semitism. All this being Horthy, one of the primary architects

came and went every day?

tracks thousands of soldiers and war supplies saving of Jews? Was it not a fact that on these even without taking into consideration the executive vice chairman, United Jawish Appeal.

people or undestrables": Henry Montor.

"There could be no more deadly ammunition. Il Palestine were to be flooded with very old

Yisroel who were always boasting of their

How about our Jewish brethren in Eretz

for all to see, when pose of negotiations, then it had been a secret of this murder

gunt of Auschwitz, and I also wrote that it of this purpose, I attached an explicit Enecessary that there be complete jould entail a large number of personnel. inwardly suspecting them of every trick ony between the various factions, and bw the Germans a trusting attitude,

ild bring a letter whose contents were not ພູກ was in this letter. main thing, and what must really be dy wrote in that letter that Wisliceny pest several hours before Wisliceny, i fice the messenger left secretly to

those language I have forgotten, I wrote it in grson who would possibly understand the welve lines like a certificate of divorce, based at aside from the hint hidden in the letter him before the secret one, and that the he holy tongue in a learned manner, and naging and difficult to correct. I remember come of the first conversation would be 💈 for I was afraid that this letter would get he letter I gave to Wisliceny was written d at warning and suspicion. I relied on

> in twelve lines so that the person receiving it the brevity of the letter in Wisliceny's hand, Friediger also heard of this fact and, due to would understand. I thought perhaps Kav would understand the hint

Steiner went to him with the letter, and he saving all Hungarian Jewry; on Monday, Steiner they were still speaking at length of could discuss the rest. Regarding the 320,000 that in regard to the Carpathian lands and all brought the news that in Berlin it was decreed Monday. On Friday when Wisliceny spoke to something could be done, such as postponing finalized, there was a remote possibility that Jews upon whom the decree had been be done. But if we would decide to deal, we the land east of the Tisa River, nothing could barder, they would be free. since the Russians were already at the the deportations for weeks or months and, There were two new developments on

aiready had details. any details of the deal, and on Monday he On Friday, Wisliceny had not explained

Wisliceny's words.

by proof that it was from the free world -- from sum of 2 million dollars and a large sum of 10 months, \$200,000 monthly. He concluded pay the smaller amount over a period of 10 involved. For our insurance it was possible to to the Reich -- only to the pocket of the S.S.), world Jewry. The large sum was openly going million dollars. The money had to be backed value without the smaller sum. had to be given in a lump sum, or at least in was of no value without the larger sum which months. But the money for the individuals that the war would not last more than ten and the smail amount was for those who were to the S.S. (so he mentioned explicitly -- not very large payments, and this too was of no Two kinds of money were needed, a small

of the war, the Germans had split into several we had to hold on to the rope with both ends, suspicious of of the terms. Yet, for our part It was quite possible that due to the situation for 3 or 4 days. Meanwhile, I returned to and there was no sight of another messenger factions and one faction was hoping to save and to give them what they were demanding. Nitra. I told our Rov everything. He was very The messenger had already left secretly,

precede page 19 This page should in this course of action, which was so sure, at or even thousands of youth prepared to join among our strong-minded brothers in the doubt of being able to find among them or courage and might? Was there the slightest

United States or in Great Britain, hundreds

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of the Tisa River and help them escape. and our main concern was to warn those wast Practically speaking, we could not trust them was going on in their private circles? were many possibilities, for who knew what (Hitler) or for the evil one himself. There of those who were more loyal to the evil one to keep the pretense of acting for the benefit its skin by this action. However, they still had

> entered, they should break down the not to enter the ghetto. If they had alternatives -- to hide, rebel, run awa to be slaughtered, and they shoul explaining that they were in any ever

great efforts to help the multitudes to escape meaning Pad - Karpatyka - Rus - and this is for Jews to be able to travel from place to the decree for a ghetto. We did not as yet abbreviation. I wrote that they should make while to understand the meaning of these what I wrote to Budapest. It took them a everyone called these districts P.K.R. know in Stovakía how difficult it already was from there while there still was time, before letters, for there they did not use this letter caused a lot ôf confusion for in Słovakia killed than transgress. I remember that my under threat, and that they should rather be to warn them not to enter the ghetto, even make great efforts to tell the Jews in these districts that they were slated for murder, and lull us into a false sense of security. We had to Germans' plan may have been formulated to developments and warned them that the carrying a long letter. I described the new The second secret messenger went,

machine. I wrote one page very clearly in the same style that I had written to Switzerland, was a Hebrew typewriter and a stenciting went to the Orthodox Bureau where there remember that he was a man eager to do benefit and good. Suddenly I had an idea. I mitzvos who wasn't interested only in his own have forgotten this person's name, at that time was more secure than Hungary. hoping to bring his parents to Slovakia, which and he brought with him a gentile smuggier to ask advice regarding his parents in Ungvar, happened that an acquaintance of mine came situation. perhaps there was no logic at all due to the decreed that the logic shouldn't work, or choice is Auschwitz. And yet, perhaps, it was of death on the spot, because the only other one's house or place of hiding, even if warned would have it that one shouldn't move from he has had a brush with it. Of course, logic No one can really understand a law until During those early days it so

flee without his family because of the en murdered, twenty or thirty people. He debated it -- and meanwhile the Ger scandal erupted -- some believed it and o asked them if what it said were true, and went to the Germans with this lette scandal. According to him, someone on the Juc me with great complaints and told him, and a few weeks later return when he arrived there. Naively, he di to his credit if would disseminate the this straight and simple man that it wo made several hundred copies and I cont wrote as if the letter came from Pol knew of two couples who had escap escaped from the camp were writing it. run. I wrote the letter as if one wh would certainly be fewer murdered in t and if the Germans killed some of them

did so during the first few weeks. would do the major dealing. He agreed Pressburg every few days, and there Steiner to convince Wisliceny to corn occurred, all sense was lost. We did h Pressburg opposed our involvement Hungary. They said we were powerless? clear head for this, therefore I spok some foundation for the idea of dealing when the initial fury of the German tak what had happened to us we learned prisoner could not free himself, and come close to our border. Yet, I still felt anything, and it was very possible that mercy, when the deportations would Slovakia who were anyway in need of would endanger the remaining 30,00 The majority of the committe In Budapest they would not ha

tuation was very good.

commence in the beginning or the middle deportations of the 320,000 was scheduled would lose everything. from east of the Tisa River be lost, but expedite matters, not only would the 320, with the old "Europe Plan." If we did the bargaining very slow and suspicious perceptive enough for this, but he still fail found that Friediger was the only per When he returned he said that he The date of

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gif were killed, the other half would survive gould end -- for at that time the military Strength to rebel -- and who would knowingly hey had entered, they should break out. If 福河s of the Slovakian railways that idanger his family's lives. Perhaps there kill in the middle of city and village in jutterings in the air - for there was no jingary. But I knew that these were only ppened each day and when a messenger ditions for deportations had fould be mercy. Perhaps overnight the war 医available I sent the letters to Budapest. Several days later, we found out from the in the end the Germans would not be able gvar had already happened, I felt that it Way of Kassau - Pressau - Krakow to Wed between the Hungarian and I to stress that where there was as yet no Fnecessary to tell the public the full truth, tto, no one should enter willingly, and it Senger almost daily. I always wrote what this was several weeks before mid-May. kian railway companies; they would go nediately, and although the occurrence in at that time we had already organized our of the day we were informed of this, but I sent this information to them ion to Budapest so that there was a 6th day of May. I don't remember the hwitz. Four transports a day would be comprising a total of These transports would begin on 320,000

in Hungary. It was also necessary to alert the political pressure on Horthy and letters from Slovakia were not effective, murders so that there would be outside through influence. All this could only be done Who according to Wisliceny were even more that we were but a small number of people. perhaps becuase the outside world thought government. We had aiready seen that our needed for the Germans and about the outside world -- the free world, about money them and maybe one could work on Horthy them or someone who was able to influence hardly wait to deport the Jews. Perhaps they anti-Semitic than the Germans, and could he other hand to influence the Hungarians, fould be bought, either all of them or some of But I always wrote that we had to try on 냜

> Hungarians, too, to alert the outside world... Therefore, it was necessary for the It was sometime during the month of April

that Dr. Abeles came to me with in the committee, because of those apposed long tunnel between Kassau and Pressau, it would sacrifice his life in order to bomb the had excellent connections with the officers of understanding and self-sacrificing man who engineer, said that there was a daily train from to the entire matter of cooperating with this possibility. I did not even hint of this plan deal. We secretly began to make plans about purpose. He set a price and I accepted the years, and he could provide dynamite for this deportations. This man said that if someone the railways, who revealed the conditions Pressburg to Medzilobartza which traveled would make this line useless for a number of between Slovakia and Hungary regarding the dynamite and explode it in the tunnel so that his life, who would travel this route with necessary to find someone willing to sacrifice Kassau using this tunnel. It would be through a part of Hungary in the district of Hungary. the entire train would be dynamited along This individual, an excellent

associated with the entire matter, and that taken in such a way that no Jewish name be principle, but warned that the action must be this destructive act seem like a deed of the Czech or Russian partisans. The Rov agreed with this matter

traits, and very G-d fearing, who heard of eighteen, a great scholar, possessing all good learning from a Holy book. May G-d avenge riverbank of Nitra, hiding in the bushes killed the 20th of Elul, 1944 while lying on the talked him out of it and at the end, he was accomplish something great with his death. I not survive the war and wanted to train. He had a premonition that he would middle of the night ready to travel on this what was planned and came to me in the Reb Yaakov Levi of Pressburg, a boy of his pure blood. I remember the righteous yeshiva student

remember 2 million Slovakian kronen were to cooperate for a large sum of money · as l tracks near the tunnel was ready Someone in charge of guarding the railway Meanwhile, a better idea came up-

Hungary. it would not be sufficient to destroy just this impossible to do a complete job except in directly from Hungary. Therefore it was rail line for they had many routes going were two openings on the Hungarian side as to the bombing, it was vital to know that there well as the opening on the Slovakian side, and remaining Jews of Slovakia even before the Vashek, who told him the Germans were Hungarian deportations begin. In reference ready to renew the decree and deport the said that he had been called by the evil would have to notify the Stovakian police. He complete assurance that I would stop, he Slovakian police and if I did not give him remainder of Jews in Slovakia. Some hint of discovered, and it posed a great danger to the and closed the door, put his hand on the these matters had telephone and said that this plan had been who had done several good things called me -committee and in charge of the Ustrednah been heard by the

transports of German soldiers. seem that the bombings were to stop not yet begun. It was imperative to make it Jews, for itwas April and the deportations had of the Hungarian holdouts from the previous was done to prevent the deportation of the government. They were not to declare that it Jewish name be tied with it -- only in the name series of bombings with great care so that no to Budapest with the idea that they organize a order to put an end to the remaining Jews in descended upon all of us. I wrote these things able to get a reprieve. But a great fear By bribing him and the Slovakians we were Slovakia, even before the Hungarian Jews. Pressburg saying that he had received an afterwards, Wisliceny came rushing to In reality, that very day or the day

remainder left in Hungary would possibly not under the circumstances, and even the small have been much greater than any advantages later. It is very likely that the damage would and to the Slovakian partisans 10 months Note what they did to Horthy a half year later, Germans' strength was still great at the time. never have completed it, for the wicked they begun this course of action, they would Today I see that this was a futile idea. Had

Suddenly Kovatsch, a member of the secret be paid after the deed. A small group of dedicated boys were ready to work with him. can estimate how much they increased be alive today. What did they accomplis fire of hate and fury. Warsaw? The killed a few Germans, and 🐉

have again had to delay the deportations, af bombing at the time in Debrecin, they wol weeks. If only there had been one mi military reasons, and automatically purpose of hampering deportations but deportations were delayed there for railway station in Debrecin, not for the war effort. whose destruction they felt was importan no opposition, when they bombed facto over Slovakian and Hungarian air space own eyes how the Allied bombers rei these routes from the air. We saw with that it would have been very easy to be But one thing was very clear and that They once bombed

with all of us," one German along with an opposite way " a Philistine will die alog myself along with the Philistines," but only was possible was only a matter of "I will towns and villages, was impossible. With destroy the ghettos from within, or even Of course there was another reason;

Zionists were one and the and that the Joint and th and not with the Rabb Jewry was with the Zionis connection Brandt,..,that conversation with Kastne heard in the midst of According to Wisliceny בובה the Wor the souls here in this living hell.

He Handful of workers from within the hell of Midst the delightful freedom in the Allied Tharge of Jewish money and influence tries, Switzerland and Turkey.

giction that the logical mind hese then would be the normal courses

epared to exchange lives for money, lifteen million dollars, cash in advance at sands upon thousands of lives for twelve If were true that the Germans were čh 1944), don't ask any questions -- How? beginning of Nissan 5704 (the end of

Significant they just may have been telling the truth. However far-fetched -- it was a Then that they were willing to negotiate, it was we do business -- money in place of lives: your hat their downfall was near and they were all ssibility, nevertheless. Who was to judge gothers' money in the free world in place of fursing. Today they are all alive and the king for an avenue of escape because the nurderer says there is no tomorrow unless as a question of 12 or 13 million dollars, By of judgment was at hand. So, if they said ursing women, babies and infants still gmen, older people, children, pregnant and jousands of lives -- Jewish lives -- men, as a question of lives. On the one hand it as a question of money, on the other hand it hat there was no possibility? On one hand it ere, in this murderous land. After all, who hile on the other hand it was a question of aiready seen by the middle of 5704 (1944) fiy? -- don't argue and don't be too smart. If ked ones: the discord, jealousy and arreling among them. Each one of them he of the lives, the money had to be here, d know what was in the minds of these were willing to give over the lives or even

Auschwitz itself, and to carry out this act of Allied cover destroying the railway damage should have been done by air, with and then the other. In addition, the main gestruction continuously and systematically. destruction of the death chambers in twas necessary to bomb alternately first one gansports to Auschwitz and through the the destruction of the tracks bringing the Actually to limit the deportations, through

> Don't argue and don't be to advance_ of lives for 12 or 13 million exchange lives for money, thousands upon thousands Germans were prepared to questions. If it were true that the _don't ask How? cash

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military supplies -- a military strategy -- and not for the sake of halting the deportation of the intention being to halt the transport of everywhere in the wicked man's (Hitler) rule,

enemies of the wicked man. This destruction general. but rather for the purpose of the war in intention of halting the deportation of Jews, should also not have been done with the cooperation of the non-Jewish internal support for this destruction, with the There should also have been ground

these routes. Cracow, Auschwitz route, and we constantly which was the Kashaw · Pressau · Sandz · administrators and the 180 transports that Slovakia, by way of their railroad informed Switzerland concerning the asked them to implore the Allies to destroy were mentioned earlier. We also let them contract made between Hungary and know the routes the transports would take, Already, during the month of April we had

the gas chambers and ovens as they also drew a map of Auschwitz, together with Germans and described them at length. We that might possibly be utilized by again about this route and all the other routes On May 16, 5704 (1944) we wrote them

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Mayer, Pressburg...Sometimes addressed (Nathan) Schwalb. rams, sometimes sometimes sometimes Ħ we sent out 2 Ö three from from

appeared from an aerial view.

routes. We know today for sure that all the with a request and a demand to bomb the transports and the routes they would take, telegrams reached their destination. telegrams would tell the story of the Rosenbaum to give it to them. Every day the sent it to our dear and revered friend Huga turn it over to them. After a while, we even trusted, dear friend, Mr. Lebowitz who would sometimes to Schwalb and sometimes to our else. Sometimes we addressed it to Mayer, with this letter we sent the key to a secret from Pressburg, sometimes from somewhere Every day we sent out one, two or three code to make sure they would understand reached Switzerland the next day. Together elegrams, sometimes from Nitra, sometimes telegrams and letters sent openly by mail. We now know for sure that the letter

project of destruction ever materialized. naught. Not even the slightest thing on any letters blaming and cursing, but it was for secretly with diplomatic envoys. We wrote ones, open and coded. We wrote letters, long ones and short We sent them

commonly said that the best way to insure eyes of the murderous Germans who On the contrary, we became a joke in the

> this is a transport of Jews to the death can put Jews on them and write in big letters? Allies would not bomb them. then the transport could be assured tha safety for the military transports would b To be able to bring the non-Jeg

value, money was required. Without mai cooperation from them for any mission of the countries on the outside. we had written in the letters that we ser behalf of the Jews. the need was for large amounts of money there wasn't anyone willing to do a thing, by taking part in any destructive mission were afraid to place themselves in gre over this war of his with the Jews; such as danger than they already were in as partisa Slovaks and some of the Czechs. Ot priests and their followers, the Poles, passionately, nevertheless rejoiced inwa enemies of the evil one, who hated very difficult. partisans into such an act of destruction Some of them, althoin order to ob-

.. "in order to buy trucks from Switzerland the wicked Wisliceny, requested - 50 france with this money." Who knows if this wast and 500 Swiss francs for every important J of 1944) to leave to Switzerland as the this amount itself was what his subordinat his intention six months before. We see the francs in exchange for every ordinary Jeg transports unless they would pay 50 Swi granted to the Jews in the camps (at the er Bergen-Belsen transports and Teresiensta under no circumstances would permission Himmler, related that Himmler told him th wicked doctor, the man Kersten, who w this, it has already become known that murderous nation -- these man-eati all the nations from the East and from the personal physician of the wick the evidence that is in them. But even with Germans. They hide their documents with West are taking pains to pay respect to the Today, ten years have already passed a

themselves, explicitly and entirely to free the Hungarian Jews in exchange for merchandise. and Himmler had agreed between the Nuremberg trial that the wicked Hitler

per head, 50 million francs for a million head We can see today in the proceedings

us in the beginning of Nissan, we tried in Naturally, when the offer was brought to

at in the middle of May to Turkey to gitations, to procure the requested hange for lives. Why else would he reveal We can gerret of this murder plan, for all to see, itioner, the wicked Eichmann, sent lat the rate of 12,000 per day. The only இந்துள் the extermination of Hungarian ed secret, if not for the purpose of mption could be merchandise in ince to world Jewry that the next day he Suntil then it had been a very carefully

was going according to plan and the radio test and the Soviet Government. Chandise.

"Remember that in the early days of the

his? They heard it from Wisliceny, and he now the dealings are for real How did Himmler and his aides know all

42 until the end of summer '44. instead of merchandise, excuses and alibis. angrily asked us its meaning, we gave him the So went the entire negotiations from Sukkos bove reply. Instead of money, answers, ward it from us in Pressburg. When he heard the radio broadcast and

影freedom during the summer of 1942~\$50,000 Flor 35,000 lives. superiors, had sold the Slovakian Jews to which Wisliceny, with the approval of his 🖏 We also see that this was the amount for

eport was meant to camouflage the ware of what was going on. The truth he meaning of all this. They replied that all mericans would not enter into any gotiations so the Russians would not be wicked Ribbentrop and his aides heard is radio report, they asked those wever was a secret and they, the experts, firderers, Himmler and his aides, what was d concern for the Hungarian Jews. When ided, however, that they had a deep love for ন্ত্ৰgiations whose purpose was to divide the 📆 be used on the Eastern front, the Allied ponse was that the English and the live in exchange for Jewish blood would grances that the trucks they were to position, saying that the Germans gave Emberg Tribunal that when the English We can also see today in the German iments that are in the courts of the (BBC) announced this German They means on Brandt's mission, we wrote in the letter of May 16: Eichmann the murderer raised the price and

also see that the chief every possible way to bring it to truition with the treasurers in charge of Jewish charities organizations of world Jewry. When the wrote with regard to this matter from within and the United States. treasurers in charge in Eretz Yisroel, England the "free world" in Switzerland and the Turkey, and through them with the our hands, for they were lost, or are still Adar until the middle of Iyar are no longer in the walls of the Nitra Yeshiva from the 24th of massacres began in the middle of lyar and hidden in the files of letters of the important The lengthy, explicable letters which we

Hungarian occupation the wicked ones presently." to many reliable sources, this is the main negotiated with the Jews to halt the murder cause of their anger poured out became contemptuous of us, and, according mistake, only two). Because of this they but all we had to give were two (this is no through bribery. They asked for 60 million,

needed, a small sum of two sum of ten million dollars. million dollars and a large Two kinds of money were

deportations if money had been possible to alter the ations, it would been have actions of מין come from regarding listening. Throughout there was the the World Jewry. the Hungarian Germans 70 negoti-

satisfactory conclusion. lew days the matter would be drawn to a that famous hotel, telling Willy that in just a who wrote this explicitly on stationery from from Zurich, the secret leader of world Jewry, proof in a letter from "Mr. Ferdinand Roth" from America on all terms. available; we had received positive answers and delays, told them that everything was trucks. We, who became experts in excuses cocoa, leather and in passing they suggested merchandise for civilians, such as coffee, tea, money to that of goods. They mentioned May, they began to change their demands of spake of money only. In the beginning of with the Germans, at a time when they still There was clear

This was the first stage of the negotiations

leather or even trucks. into goods. Then there would be coffee, tea, necessary for the deliverance of one million lives, would know how to change this money money and explained to them it was businessmen who, when we gave them the to have the goods. We would find Jewish money, we would have the sharp-wittedness we would have the means to obtain however, had possibilities to obtain these merchandise in the neutral countries. purchasing agents were being refused and not money, it was because their accomplish. If they were asking for goods would be a gross absurdity for what could it even without the aforementioned reason, would be lost if the dealings were revealed to the Allied nations. Eichmann. At that time we knew that all sent publicly on a mission to Turkey, by Then suddenly we heard that Brandt was The main object was money. Revealing this matter, When ₩e, 듅

used on the Eastern war front. Naturally, we were terror-stricken. How was it possible to to them, i.e., that these goods would only be assurances from the Germans were revealed especially if the condition of verbal But certainly no action would result from this revealed to them through this transaction, Germany's weakening, which would be they would rejoice over this sure sign of higher political circles of the Allied nations, the matter would become known in the transpired in utmost secrecy. If, however, All this would be fine if everything

and Jury. increased the fire of hat estimate how much in Warsaw? They killed few Germans and who caืู What did they accomplis

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according to Wisliceny, had claimed the secret, as the Germans possible for Brandt to keep his mission Even with all this, we still hoped it would enter responsibly into such a risky mission themselve

of the jealousy of the dealers on the Germa side. Here is the account of this matter: side and the envy of the agents on the Jewis the business (Brandt's mission) was the resu Wisliceny explained that the manner

letters to their confidants in the free world various Zionist parties, and they also wrote Slowly the matter became known to the to time, and we gave them to the messenger. Mrs. Fleischman also wrote letters from time messenger came, I gave him all the letters. occasionally also to Turkey. between Pressburg and Switzerland and take the letters back and forth, mostly organized a system of diplomats who woul Meshulem from Zurich, our main worker, Budapest, and through Rabbi Baruch Pressburg, and Rabbi Zvi Heilbrun fron and added what was new -- and so on. reviewed what was written in the first letter demands that came up. In the second letter Through Rabbi Binyomin Shlomo Stern froi two or three times a week with advice and this regularly wrote an account of the situation From the middle of the summer 1942, When the

immer of 1942 on. At last, even I wrote a ssatisfaction over the utter neglect and lack action by the intercessors in Switzerland and had never even heard of their pened and to complain and express my lies of all the letters she had written to nes before. So, she gave over to him European Plan and to obligate them the other free countries in the matter of gerland during these times, from the tworthy. that they in Ankara were totally senger arrived in Pressburg: a German, füitively felt that he was suspicious, but ge him anything, either because he knew män in this system. In particular my alert Worthy and we should give him letters. was sent from the rescue committee farning was to no avail. Mrs. Fleischman messenger did not come through our in network, for we had never included a hman, saying that he was reliable and Bers in Ankara-Barlas and Bader to Mrs. Rabbi Binyomin Shlomo warned us not addenly in the summer of 1943, a new Obviously we did not know

glore the occupation - such as escape of olish and Slovakian survivors and other gney for various rescue work in Hungary,

from the Gestapo, and the other was the new connection of Kastner-Brandt with Schmidt connection of Rav Friediger with Wisliceny German murderers. connections between the Jews and their gnaed up in the hands of the evil Himmler. scupation of Hungary, there were two rom Pressburg to Ankara, and the copies all hat he had made copies of all the letters sent The head of this group was the Gestapo So it came to be that after the German ember Schmidt. It was later discovered ätters. One was the old

Ther with Mrs. Fleischman's letters.

ie letter is included below.) nediately to tell everything to everyone.

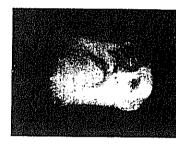
eb of espionage, messengers of mail and negbeginning of the war, long before the grman occupation of Hungary. Kastner, Ehrmacht and Gestapo in Budapest from iandt and their cronies were caught in the that this messenger was an officer of the Months afterward, it became known to apartment. money and the copies of all our letters in his

give this money, which they need so badly now to buy a land they just purchased... lamb and to build a pen on Why should they (the Joint)



the Jewish Agency.

search of Schmidt and found a large sum of murderer Eichmann, and Eichmann made a Immediately Wisliceny reported this to more so of one from a different party. and clever Wisliceny also played dumb. In as it it were a new thing completely. The evil knew nothing, and suggested the same deal his comrade in the same party and much those days, each German was suspicious of Brandt to Wisliceny and pretended that he concerning the Europe Plan from before by Ankara that there had from the letters between Pressburg and Of course, it was not in Schmidt's power to Wisliceny, he went together with Kastner and decide. However, as it seemed that he knew suggestions about this deal from anyone else. their own as if there were no other proposed this transaction to Wisliceny on with the old connection of Schmidt, and came separately from Friediger and entered way of Pressburg -- and Kastner and Brandt with Wisliceny and began the transaction by Friediger entered into the connection been dealings



did not put much faith..that we would receive Rabbi Semuel David Unger, Nitra Rav

the money from the Joint..

this from Schmidt or from Jews, I don't know. to the desired goal; and that the Joint and the their help would the transactions be brought Brandt and Schmidt that the main midst of his conversation with Kastner, cionists were one and the same. If he heard cronists and not with the rabbis, and only with connection with world Jewry was with the According to Wisliceny, he heard in the

accepted, it is a crime. openly, instead of money from Jews secretly -Jews suggested this to Eichman and he transaction -- merchandise from the Allies Brandt and the new method of the old whom. If Eichmann had suggested this trip to And I still don't know for sure who came to Eretz Yisroel and their substitutes in Turkey. Switzerland to the mainstream of Jewry in Jewry in America and its substitute in emigration, and the mainstream of world knowledge; repeal of deportations to merchandise and seems that here the money was changed into great tragedy, possibly even a great crime. It this was a tragedy. However if one of the However it may be - this rivalry was a secrecy to public

community leaders in Ankara who knew of In any event we had hoped that the

> enough to repeal the deportations to inferno. transport to leave the country but it \$ there was merchandise, and we did not would return in another day or two to say for a million Jews. But at the end Br. the negotiations by way of our letters also know how to hide the fact from the travel to Lord Moyne to ask him for a h his agreement with the Mufti. They wou of the evil one concerning Eretz Yisroel especially since they knew of the "Pring make a request at all for the emigrati be bought secretly. Leaving the cou or loans from the Allies, merchandise u meaning that with the money from the Hungarian Jews even across the oc signifying that during wartime they woul would shift to repealing the deportat merchandise would switch to mon secrecy with regard to the Allies an knowledge of his mission would rever business to a straight one and the arrived, they would change this crown

was no voice of protest and hope turned despair. Days and weeks passed, and every Again a letter from "Ferdin

come from outside of the country for the transaction. The merchandise was hidden francs which they would be able claim ha Abeles entered into discussions, and the Naftoli Treitel, Rav Yochanan Link and Slovakia and Hungary worth many millions pointed out places of hidden merchandise Hungary. Shrewd businessmen such as F merchandise, not only from outside of there would be money, there would the price was twelve-thousand Jews; th country, but also from inside Slovakia merchandise and the trucks. We knew this had agreed on everything, both Roth" to Wisliceny came which said that t

the sea by way of Germany, France ang There could only be talk of traveling acros 30,000 people for this merchandise -- witho mentioned it to his superior. They promise no trucks. Brandt still hadn't returned repealing the deportations, since there wei trucks. But there could no longer be talk (Wisliceny accepted this plan an

warehouses in Pressburg and Budapest.

මුල්st, he would suggest this to Eichmann has the terms of the "Reisebureau" sport at the end of the summer of 1941 till Ber and Dr. Kersten, 500 francs was the rding to the conversation between he first transport would leave shortly. ika time 1942 as mentioned above. for each elite Jew and now they doubled Handise to 1000 francs a inhey raised the price gny promised that when he returned to of the head.

而, but our hope was in vain. We immediately sent a secret messenger the Vartslager (waiting camp) in Austria. ad hoped that by that time the money Began the transport of Bergen-Belsen -dapest to apprise them of this fact, and

very late, it came slowly, and in limited de." When the money did begin to come, Eletters in multitudes, and telegrams in the Germans regarding the Hungarian Thave been possible to after the actions we sent many letters and telegrams; we itations if money had come from world

inglish radio publicized Brandt's mission and refusal of the Allies to give the Suddenly a tragedy occurred and the

Washington on this transaction. If there of the agreement of the State Department in purpose, and the only remedy would be proof Borought shame to the Germans, instead of Edragged him into this phony business that gift, the eyes of Eichmann, the evil one above him, because he was angry that he had

he wanted to return to Pressburg during the the last group to Switzerland. He had met

Partisan war to oversee what was happening

Wisliceny in the winter and he told him that

throughout the negotiations, it would the Jews in the free countries would But there was no one listening. In

The evil Wishceny said that he had lost favor was false and we knew that everything was hat Horthy repealed the deportations. The going along the best way possible. Brandt and that everything said on the radio Elear knowledge that the British grabbed game angrily to Pressburg, and there was no his as collaboration between world Jewry sermans were very angry because they saw Ther choice but to say to him that we had id the Allied nations and Horthy. Wisliceny perchandise. This occurred at the same time

change, and they would give a command for would be such proof the whole thing would in Budapest. At the same time Wisliceny said days after this, we heard it also from Kastner the midst of Av (July, August) 1944. A few news was brought to us through Steiner in the end of the annihilation completely. This to me Pessach time 1945, when I traveled with though he wanted to return to Pressburg. that his chief was sending him away from This is also what the murderer Schmidt said Hungary to Romania as punishment, even

there, but Eichmann did not allow him to. We then began to beg by letter, telegram

existence of such a directive would telegram from Sali Meyer corroborating the Wisliceny was broken. But I saw that what avail. In the meantime, the connection with genuine. But again, all the pleading was to no notice be sent, whether or not it were and telephone to Switzerland that such a Switzerland and Austria with Kurt Becher to sufficient. Kastner begged Sali Meyer when that the Germans finally agreed that a Kastner told me at the time was the truth: honesty and integrity, and he would send send such a telegram. Meyer replied that he he met him on the bridge between such a telegram only if it were the truth. and Mrs. Meyer were famous for their Ř

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based on Torah cannot endure. Our Sages tell us, "Any union that is not

entire Jewish world, and caused our leaders to band together to repel this invasion. The devastation threatened to engulf the ing across the Jewish horizon, made catastrophic inroads on traditional Jewish life. The Enlightenment and Zionism, sweep-

insofar as possible— guaranteed success. observance, they minimized the risk anda single purpose, the strengthening of Jewish dath Israel. By restricting Agudath Israel to living. It was therefore with great trepidasures the continuity of Torah-true Jewish an inherent threat to the diversity that asthe organization which we know as Agution that Rabbinic Sages undertook to found The very nature of organization contains

fetz Chaim, he was revered worldwide and tradition, a disciple of the sainted Choto Torah observance. Steeped in learning and concerned about the problems it posed wary of the usages of a modern organization and Rosh Yeshiva of Baranovitch. He was letter by Rav Elchonon Wasserman, the Rav organization are expressed in the following who participated in the founding of this Rabbi Wasserman writes: "The path be-The reasoning and the fears of the sages

the natural scheme of things, whatever bura natural advantage over the individual. In and accomplishes little, the community has who acts for himself only has no strength ingly good for the world. The individual good to the world. Unity of action among the righteous act as individuals rather than in bulk. The Mishna teaches that when the goal only. We do not perform mitzvos in righteous is good for them and correspondunison, it brings no good to them and no diverse aims and goals, but with one clear means that we should not be occupied with only by the master of a single craft.' This onides said, 'In all my days I was defeated for one goal and for this aim only. As Maim-The only solution is for the pious to organize who will take the lead and show the way? and reverence for G-d and His works.... In spread and disseminate Torah knowledge in our hands and it is within our power to this orphaned and pitifully weak generation fore us is clear and ready. The weapons are

> lic sanctifies the name of the A-mighty perform the mitzvos together. A united singly cannot be compared to the many ed. Individuals who perform the mi great spiritual uplifting can be accomitual as well. With the public particip another, This is true in the realm of the times as much if he shares the load den a person can carry, he can carry



רבי ישראל מאיר הנהן מראדין – "החפץ חיים" HAV YISROEL MEIR KAGAN --- (Chofetz Chalm) תקצייט — כייד גאלול תרצ"נ

never achieve the mitzvos themselves. needed to implement the mitzvos that w We become so preoccupied with the tool instead?... We make the irrelevant the cer tral point and push the essential point asid the work of an organization of pious Jew Torah among Jews. But what do we se must be the effort to spread the learning "The most important of all principles

The Satan leads us on blindly, like the flee minor matters and remain devoid of Torah we busy ourselves with irrelevancies and without the garment. In the same manne learning how to make a needle that he die dle making and was so busy all his life needed a garment. Requiring a needle to sev the garment, he embarked on a study of nee Adam relates the story of the man wh "The introduction to the work Chaye

ous behavior. er to learn how to attain the heights of the evil behavior of Laban's disciples jed in wickedness. We must carefully d in himself for not having achieved peights in goodness as Laban had I sojourned with Laban and I did not explained the words of our forefather he holy Chofetz Chaim of blessed merom his evil deeds.' Jacob was disap-

his soldiers dead on the battlefield. fien he was congratulated on his victory, ost. emarked, 'One more such victory and we iral who was victorious in a battle that ild be told the story of the famous reverence for G-d. Those who rejoice at disseminate the knowledge of Torah with the same zeal, must we give our fiion chiefly to spiritual work, to spread uccesses of the pious in secular matters mination of atheism. In the same way, ly given to spiritual destruction and the ire mainly secular, and their attention is

pense of the spiritual. The energy spent on ritual front." eater results if it had been spent on the nsive, because they are gained at the secular battlefields would have achieved Successes in secular fields are very ex-

fork for the common good of Judaism. ted his exhortations to all pious Jews to in a letter to Agudah activists, he reiter-

ion. In America among the Jews who call glous schools teach Jewish history in the nemselves Orthodox the education is imhe children of Israel by non-religious educalous and even irreligious, since all the relisecularism is the spiritual weakening of "The real reason for this spiritual plague

The who 'hides' in the crowd of purand taught. For Torah study is like ed in the means, we forget the ends. ing coals heaped on Satan's head... in the world, so long as Torah is not the Evil One with all the cunning ne operate among us, advising us how rs, 'Catch the thief!" So too does the he raises his voice and adds his cries and when the pursuers cry, 'catch the e of all the anxieties and problems

We see that the programs of all the par-

only do not protest this atheistic teaching. this 'science' and the Orthodox rabbis not

they teach Jewish culture and the teachers of yeshivos there is an atheistic spirit since gious schools are irreligious. Even in the istic, and most of the teachers in these reliwell-known German fashion which is athe-

growth... But we must not despair.. tion it is hard to perceive an enduring they praise it inordinately. In such a situa-

are stubborn, you will succeed. who told Rabbi Yoel of Amchislav, 'If you mention the words of the holy Gaon of Vilna except by the master of a single craft.' I will says, 'in ail my life I was never defeated service and politics, all will be lost. Rambam widen their spheres of endeavor into social boys' education. But should they decide to darkness... The same holds true for the not treat this lightly; a little dispels much 100 girls in holiness and purity, they sould quantity but quality. If they succeed in aione, and even here they should seek not and are successful. They should restrict sake of G-d and they have His protection see people who persevered in the face of diftounding only one Bais Yaakov school for their endeavors to the field of education ficulty and work with self-sacrifice for the "We see this before our eyes today.



רבי אלחנן בונים ווסרמן הייד – ראש ישינת בראנוביץ

RAY ELCHONON WASSERMAN

they become too friendly with them. quarrels with any other party, nor should "If they do as written above, G-d will

"They must be careful not to engage in

more I can write them, but time is short." and enhance His reverence. There is much grant them success in their efforts to raise Agudath Israel recently celebrated its

of many to devote their lives to community influence was instrumental in the decisions into scores of young American hearts. His on's warm, selfless personality etched itself influence of American youth. "Reb Elchondath Israel. Many times they refer to Rav ent, repeatedly referring to the great Torah Elchonon Wasserman as the inspiration and sages who founded and encouraged Agua documentary history of its past and presaccomplishments, Agudath Israel published over 70 years of existence. In celebrating its

and learned exhortations. Has Agudath creates an obligation to fulfill their decisive israel done this? Invoking the great sages of the past

greater degree. principles are still observed to a lesser or achievement and to this very day these states... "Its adoption was a significant rights in the State of Israel. The article tus Quo agreement regarding religious dath Israel takes credit for the infamous Sta-Item: In this same celebratory volume Agu-

defermined by a secular Ministry of Educagoverned by secular law? Of guarantees to respect the right to religious education as divorce in accord with Torah law in turn government installations? Of marriage and greater degree of observance of Shabbos in public life? Of observance of Kashrus in Agudath Israel takes credit for a lesser or

not involving Jews. of an affirmative action policy... although... refused admission to law school on the basis and for a Washington State College student because of his refusal to work on Sabbath, Day Adventist who was fired from his job briefs; for example, on behalf of a Seventh fairs... they have submitted amicus curiae Jewish Commission on law and Public Afdath Israel founded a committee of Orthodox lawyers... it developed into the National Item: From the same book: "In 1965, Agu-

> and executive departments, and in and influence for Torah Jewry in legis@ World Agudath Israel." vanced yeshivos, and winning new of recognition and government aid tional recognition as a decisive fac ımmigrants, gaining unprecedented de and placement, serving Russian and and old, providing job counselling, agency of major proportions, serving so Agudath Israel became a public social service needs of the communi new dimension to its work; meet Agudath Israel decided that it shoul

out the dangerour years of constant be confrontation." defense needs and diplomatic position thr helped win Congressional support for Is Washington to seek American guara made use of its goodwill and influe for Israel's sovereignty just as it had qu "Prior to the Six Day War, Agudath in the history book about Agudath Item: Support for Israel is a banner hea

neighborhoods... from continuous erosion ganization... to stabilize and save... Jewij ed the Southern Brooklyn Community ish neighborhoods ...Agudath Israel laun the ever-deteriorating condition of many Je Item: From the same book: Concerned 🙀 gram for Displaced Homemakers..." Typical was the Fresh Start Training people develop their talents and find lors to help unemployed and disadvant Its purpose was to engage and train cou with 'a problem of Jewish unemploym Project Cope, was begun in 1975 to

and city legistlators for discussions of proj all levels of government and Federal, staj lems affecting communities." level policy makers and administrators fro policy makers and administrators from roots Jewish community leaders, high leg Social Concerns to bring together gra annual November Breakfast Conference In 1975 Agudah began sponsoring

their spheres of endeavor into social servi all the above? "Should they decide to wide and politics all will be lost." What did Rabbi Wasserman say abo

also had a profound influence upon a teer Item from the same book: "Rabbi Elchone

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Item: From the same book: "A new prog

Forah and reverence for Hashem."

劇 close relationship with Jewish secularist groups." gites the "explicit condemnation of any overjii Poland, 18 16-39. An Orthodox Jewish gesponse to the challenge of Modernity. ijjents. In his doctoral thesis, Agudath Israel Columbia V. 979). Gershon Chaim Bacon uired cooperation with anti-religious eleway form politics or other fields that reiders were warned by the sages to stay From its very founding, Agudath Israel

give the impression that they could someaiter their behavior in the slightest, might ments, even if the Orthodox did not have to Any compromise with secularist ele-

shiva student, Moshe Sherer, who ih Israel movement. 別ble for his decision to devote his life fice of the Jewish nation through the as being one of the prime factors later credited the sage from Barano-

ments cannot be called a lack of liberalism

"Separation from such legitimate ele-

any more than can the quarantine of those

with contagious disease.

Rabbi Elchonon Wasserman is quoted in

on other issues, that is they could 'follow

Baal sometimes

times follow the leadership of the secularists

tual heirs of Rav Elchonon Wasserman. of the Torah party of the World, the oshe Sherer, as the official representa-Wise Free Synagogue, to Labor Zionist s, to "Rabbi" Balfour Brickner the Stesentatives. With all these Jews sat Raband groups during the war years. roups—from Stella Adler, the "Jewish" representing a broad spectrum of "Jewger American Jewish leaders did any-歌' into the actions of American Jewish or everything possible to save the Jews bject of this inquiry was to ascertain ope. 32 members sat on the commisin was created to conduct an objective in to study the Holocaust. This comễWorld Agudath Israel, sat on a com∙ from the New York Times and other tions: Rabbi Moshe Sherer, the Chair-

of Judaism, and was not an end in itself."

The Chofetz Chaim is quoted in this

party was only a means for the preservation because it was a time of emergency. politicization of Orthodoxy was done only distinction between means and ends. The this thesis stating that there must be a clear

Thing on a commission with the heirs of read Torah solely to spread Torah, Rabbi asserman, who perished in the Holocaust! gse who were responsible for the deaths of erer did not fulfill the expressed policy of many of our loved ones hardly fulfills the Egreat gaon and tzaddik, Rav Elchonon uirement to "disseminate the knowledge As the Chairman of World Agudah, as man leading the movement founded to

careful distinction have been made between

complete contradiction of the strictures of religious and non-religiuos collaborations in der the leadership of Rabbi Moshe Sherer, ganizations and 'ecumenical' meetings.

both Rabbi Elchonon Wasserman and the

rabbis' participation in mixed religious or-Agudath Israel expressly forbade orthodox

In our own time, the 11 leading Sages of

and you will be asked—did you fulfill what A Torah Scroll will be placed in front of you regard, "In the next world, you will not be

asked if you belonged to this or that group.

is written here?"

ent and wasted on the secular battlefields sults if they were used on the spiritual ould have more rewarding and honored Rabbi Wasserman did say: "The energies

> operates with the Zionish enemies of the authority when it works alongside and

like all other parties?"

Can Agudath Israel lay claim to Torah

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itual heir of its founders when it is a "party

Can Agudath Israel claim to be the spir-

Chofetz Chaim.

Torah-true Jewry while engaging in activities antithetical to learning and spreading Can Agudath Israel claim to represent

its purpose of building education in Total while it dissipates its energies and funds in building homes Can Agudath Israel claim to be fulfilling

in the political, social, and economic arenas? to its founding goals of disseminating Torah while fighting for all sorts of achievements Does Agudath Israel have the right to Can Agudath Israel claim to be living up

above questions mory to cloak its activities? think We think the correct answer to all of the is "NO"! What do you

invoke Rabbi Elchonon Wasserman's me-

Full investigation planned

to locate 'missing Americans vow Yemenite children'

By LEV BEARFIELD
Jetushern Pot Reporter
Convinced hall the authorities in
this country do not want to uncover
fully the story of the "mixing Yenenite children," a group of American
Jers of Yemenite origin has weed to

cies and religious organization

stigation.

Seven-man destration from the headed by Rubbi Israel Grama, erioken to prest for a full

"What seems very clear to us," Grama said in an interview, "is that certain parties here have an interest in covering up the facts, That, coupled with the fact that the facilitation from the involved feet totally frustrated in involvement of at American nite Jewr."

on Ben-Shlome (Shat). Grama said that the objectives of a committee received full endorse-

our interest has given item a new 'shed in the arm,' "
Grama added that us soon as he returned to New York, he would counted to New York, Time, Time

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heads the FAY branch in Los

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the bodies were returned to the parents for Jews were brought to the "Promised Land" Though all were declared dead, none of

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None of the Yemenite parents believes his child is dead. The Torah teaches us that there is a Heavenly decree that a dead person be forgotten after 12 months and

mourning for him never ends. mourning ends then. But a living person is not forgotten and

Disappeared." These parents call their children "The

not in Irag, nor in Yemen. It took place in the state called Israel. This took place not in Syria, nor in Iran;

with the connivance of the Israeli govern-They believe that their children were

the Skymasters to take them on the so-called "Operation Magic Carpet". Those who and antiques even before they ever reached the Promised Land, while in Aden, waiting for tragedy. They stole the Yemenites' jewelry ment, and given up or sold for adoption. Currupt officials foreshadowed this

Thousands of these Jews, who were mis-led died from hunger and neglect before ever buried along the hundreds of miles they had to making it to the air strip in Aden, and are

arrived were the lucky ones.

religious sentiment was a poetic joy to behold were turned into criminals and thousands of these immigrants' children were forcibly torn from their religious roots. Youths whose innocence and pure And the worst was yet to come. Tens of

finally received some media coverage, and The parents of "the disappeared," have

For details of government investigations to date see Genocide in the Holy Land (576 pages)

distortions, and masses of unvarnished lies that Jews still remaining in "Arab Lands" are is fabricating pernicious innuendos, floods of attention from this kidnapping scandal being reported in the Israeli Press. The government being persecuted. now the zionist establishment wants to divert

Thank G-d it is not true.

native countries. as well, if they had remained in their materially than they would be if they left. And those who are presently in the Zionist state would have been better off materially Most Jews now residing in Islamic lands are much better off spiritually and

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most dangerous enemies of the Jewish people." separate them in this world and the world to come. The Zionists are the the parents from their children in this world and the Zionists want to "The parents were killed by the Nazis, and under the hands of the Zionists the souls of these orphans are being killed. The Nazis severed

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