

News Watch

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EXHIBIT OF JEWISH BOOKS DUE AT MOSCOW BOOK FAIR IN SEPT.: NEW YORK (JTA) — The American Jewish Committee, in conjunction with the Association of Jewish Book Publishers and the Jewish Book Council, will sponsor an exhibit of books of Jewish interest at the Second International Moscow Book Fair this fall, it was announced here.

The exhibit will feature 700 book titles of volumes published in the United States, including both fiction and non-fiction works. Books in English, Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian, as well as prayer books, will be included in the display. Titles issued by publishers specializing in Jewish volumes, as well as books of interest to Jewish audiences issued by general publishers, will be featured. The Moscow Book Fair will be held Sept. 4-10.

U.S. CONTRACTOR WELCOMED: By David Landau, JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli official expressed gratification today that an American company which allegedly has complied with the Arab boycott in the past will be one of the prime contractors in the construction of two U.S. financed air bases in the Negev. Dan Halperin, assistant director general of the Treasury, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel is fully aware of the past record of the Perini Corp. of Framingham, Mass., which he claimed, has done much work in

Arab countries and signed contracts with them that contained boycott clauses.

DEATH SENTENCES APPEALED: LONDON (JTA) — Amnesty International has cabled Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev appealing to him to commute the death sentences passed against four Jews in the Ukraine. They were among 50 people convicted of stealing surplus textiles from a factory and selling them for private gain.

SOVIET UNION TRAINING PALESTINIANS IN TERRORISM: LONDON (JTA) — The Soviet Union is training "hundreds of Palestinians" in terrorist schools near Moscow and along the Black Sea, and there are similar training camps in Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, a British newspaper reported.

Details of the connection between the Soviet Union and the Palestinians were given in the Daily Telegraph by journalist Robert Moss, a specialist on subversion, who two weeks ago attended the Jerusalem conference on terrorism. Moss said that because of the Soviet support for Palestinian terrorism, as well as its toll of innocent lives, it is a "tragic error" for any Western government to confer legality on the Palestine Liberation Organization.

JAPANESE LINK: JERUSALEM POST — The Japanese public is showing a greater interest in the Middle East than ever before because it sees the area as linked with

Japan's vital economic interests.

This was said by Prof. Makoto Tsuruki, a sociologist at Tokyo's Keio University, during a lecture at Jerusalem's Beit Shalom on Japanese public opinion and the Middle East.

Tsuruki said Israel could take certain steps to improve its image. He said the *Diary of Anne Frank* was required reading in junior high schools and that it had captured the imagination of the public. The diary could be used as a lead into the teaching of the Holocaust, and, by implication, to an understanding of the composition of much of Israel's population.

The professor also recommended more exchanges between Israel and Japanese university teachers.

U.S. TEACHERS: JERUSALEM POST — More than 270 Jewish teachers from all over the U.S. have applied for teaching work in Israel. Yossi Levi, the Northern regional director of the education ministry, who was sent to the U.S. especially to interview them, says that several candidates asked to work in distressed settlements in the north and south of the country.

EXPORTING R&D: JERUSALEM POST, TEL AVIV — Israel is slowly acquiring an international name for its research and development, Prof. Arie Lavie, chief scientist of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, said.

"At present, foreign firms have placed orders totalling \$8m. with Israeli industrial firms and research institutes to carry out various projects," he said. These foreign firms come from the highly sophisticated western nations, such as England, Italy, West Germany and the U.S. One reason why the R and D orders are placed in Israel is the high scientific standards of Israeli researchers; another reason is the low wages paid scientific staffs, which make projects here considerably cheaper than abroad.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The remains of a large, fortified township ruled by the Judean Kings, has been unearthed on the southern slopes of Mt. Hebron by a team of Tel Aviv University archaeologists headed by Prof. Moshe Kochavi. The town, at a site known as Tel Ira, dates from about the time of the destruction of the first Temple in Jerusalem. Jews who returned from the Babylonian exile resettled the town but abandoned it in the 7th Century, a century after the Arab conquest of Judaea.

A Letter To Our Readers

Much has been said concerning Israel's new settlement near Nablus on the West Bank. People have generalized about the Alon Moreh settlement to the point of being critical of settlements in general, including those vital to Israel's defense.

At recent meetings of the ADL's National Commission, the question of U.S. policy relating to the Middle East and settlements in particular was debated. The following statement evolved:

"While the specific timing and manner of particular settlements may be a subject of debate, the ADL of B'nai B'rith rejects the Carter administration's claim that Israeli settlements on the West Bank are illegal and an abrogation of Camp David.

The claim of illegality has no legitimate basis. Jordan, which held the West Bank at the time of the 1967 War, had no sovereign right to the land; it seized and occupied the West Bank in 1948 in a war of aggression against the new Jewish State; its rightful claims were solely on the East Bank of the Jordan River.

Israel obtained the West Bank in 1967 in a war of self-defense against Jordan which joined the Egyptian-Syrian attack. It did not take the land from a lawfully sovereign power and therefore is not an "occupying power" as defined in Article 49 of the 1949 Geneva Convention. Moreover, the definition of Article 49 does not apply to settlements on the West Bank as Israeli citizens settled there willingly, freely and in uninhabited or sparsely populated areas, displacing no one.

Camp David deliberately left open both the question of settlement and the ultimate status of the West Bank. For Israel to accept the principle that Jews cannot settle on the West Bank is to make unnecessary the negotiations ahead. This would be destructive of all peace efforts; certainly contrary to the intent of Camp David. We reject the concept that Jews should not be free to settle and live in peace in Judaea and Samaria.

Between 1948 and 1967, with no Israeli settlements on the West Bank, there was no movement toward peace; on the other hand, existing settlements in the Sinai in 1979 proved no hindrance to the

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Random Thoughts...

BY MURIEL LEVITT

I remember reading somewhere that the way to end war forever would be to distribute Jewish food to all people throughout the world. I'll buy that. The person does not exist who could harbor hostility after dining on roast kishka or succulent cholent. Maybe the road to international understanding does lie in the kitchen after all.

This thought brings to mind all the ethnic specialties prepared in our home when I was a child. I remember the Shabbas meals that were real belt busters with one course following another, each surpassing its predecessor in rich delight. My favorite was always the marvelous aromatic chicken soup laced with home made noodles and enhanced with a dollop of golden unborn eggs. Whatever happened to those eggs? They haven't been available for years. I guess that progress and science have mechanized poultry reproduction to the loss and destruction of those yellow beauties.

I have roasted chickens for lo these many years. My okay enjoys them and my poultry is pretty much okay, but somehow something is missing. The pullets and capons that emerged from my mother's oven were crisp and crackling and every bit was pure joy. I try to imitate her cooking but truthfully it's really not the same. Maybe it's because much of what we buy today is frozen and the original taste is subdued in icy splendor. Many moons ago I used to go to the local chicken market with my mother. On a long gray zinc counter reposed a goodly number of fully feathered ritually slain birds. Mother would pick them up one by one, blow on the chicken and then part the feathers. When I asked why, she replied, "I really don't know why, but Grandma used to do this all the time." Most probably she did it to make certain that the skin was firm and unblemished. But let me tell you, those were some chickens!

Whether it's called kigel, kugel, or pudging, we all seem to relish noodle pudding. Opinion is divided as to flavoring. There are those who prefer the sweet fruit or cheesy kind while the traditionalists insist on simple salt and pepper. I will not take sides... both are positively delicious.

And have you ever eaten givetch? This is fresh white fish and a variety of garden vegetables baked together in a spicy hot tomato sauce. No French chef has yet devised anything so luscious. If you've never eaten givetch, you have really missed a meichel!

About chopped liver, the jury is still out. Fears concerning cholesterol and ease of preparation have introduced new methods for preparing chicken livers. Some use mayonnaise, some use oil,

still others opt for margarine. They all produce pale imitations of the real thing. I am a purist and maintain that the old fashioned method using fried onions, hard cooked eggs, and schmaltz is the only way to go. When prepared in the original style, this delicacy defies description.

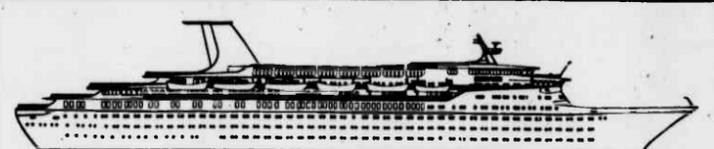
Stuffed cabbage poses yet another problem. To use rice or not to use rice? Sweet and sour or just plain tomato sauce? Stuffed cabbage aficionados insist on only ground meat unadulterated by rice or any other filler. Well, I say sweet and sour, by all means, with just the right subtle tomato seasoning. Properly simmered this is an incomparable dish worthy of gracing the finest table.

New England boasts about its Yankee pot roast, and the South advertises barbecued beef, but neither of these area specialties can hold a candle to our time honored gedempeh fleisch. Surely you have feasted on thick slices of brisket that have cooked for hours, swimming in tangy, oniony gravy. Now that's what I call pot roast and it's really something to boast about.

Let's consider soup now. Hearty, thick mushroom and barley soup is a perennial favorite while cabbage soup with flanken runs a mouth watering second. Vegetable soup is best when the cook throws in everything found in the refrigerator... the more leftovers, the better. Last and by no means least is split pea soup. It must be hot and gedicht enough so that the spoon can almost stand up by itself. What does Campbell know from soup compared to these home made, flavorful old-world recipes.

Even commercial foods can be a tribute to the high gustatory standards of the average Jewish consumer. The appetizing store of yesteryear is still to be found in the northeast. It features a dazzling display of dried fruits, nuts and assorted candies. No customer can resist buying a hefty wedge of halvah from the mammoth block that rests on top of the counter. Behind that same counter one sees an incredible assortment of lox, white fish, sturgeon, carp, and baked salmon, to mention a few. Oh, the Sunday morning breakfasts that have been glorified with bagels, cheese, and smoked fishes!

Now, just pause and think. If Jewish food could be catered to foreign nations... hot pastrami to Uganda and tsimmis to Syria, for instance, armed conflict might become a thing of the past. Who would want to fight when they were "zot" with corned beef and knishes? Not a living soul could feel belligerent under the spell of kasha varnishkes. Yes, indeed, whoever thought up the plan of feeding the world Yiddish goodies was a true genius. I'm only sorry it wasn't I.



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