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Editorials

Editors' note: We think that the following article is so important that we are reproducing it instead of writing our usual editorial.

Journal Denies Holocaust

(special from JTA
by David Friedman)

An historical journal has been launched in California aimed at denying that the Holocaust took place, according to the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University of Los Angeles.

Efraim Zuroff, director of the Wiesenthal Center, said that the Journal of Historical Review is being published by the Institute for Historical Review in Torrance, California. The Institute's "self-proclaimed goal is 'to bring history into accord with the facts,' but whose objective in reality is to deny the Holocaust and vilify the Jewish people," Zuroff said.

"The Institute, for example, published the infamous book, *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century*, by Arthur Butz, which seeks to prove that there were no mass murders in the gas chambers, 'only' a million Jews died during the war and that no plan existed for the 'Final Solution'."

Zuroff sent a letter to Stephen Horn, president of California State University, Long Beach, asking that Dr. Reinhard Buchner be dismissed or "censured by the academic authorities" for being listed on the editorial board of the first issue of the Journal.

Zuroff's letter, copies of which were sent to Gov. Edmund Brown and the California Board of Regents, declared: "The thought that a man who would support such ideas is allowed access to hundreds of students yearly and that he has invoked his academic credentials to lend credence to this hateful ideology is extremely distressing."

Selling Biased History Books

The Journal lists for sale by the Institute many books denying the Holocaust as well as the accepted analyses of World War II. In addition to Butz's book, some others offered for sale are:

Debunking the Genocide Myth, by Paul Rassinier, which is described as "A French Socialist who was interned at Buchenwald tells of his fruitless search for concrete evidence of the 'Holocaust'"; *The Myth of the Six Million*, by Anonymous, described as "the first-ever English language book to dispute the 'Holocaust'"; and *Hitler's War*, by David Irving, the book which claims that there was no evidence that Hitler ordered the extermination of the Jews.

Other members of the editorial advisory committee are: Dr. Austin App, who is retired from LaSalle College, Philadelphia; Butz, who is a professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; James Ego, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and Dr. James Martin, of the Institute.



Across The Editors' Desks

Dear Ms. Langman and Mrs. Mond:

We've been written about before, but never as graciously as in your editorial in the May issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News*. Thanks from all of us here.

Sincerely,
Stewart Spencer
Editor, *The Charlotte News*

HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

Next issue of *The Charlotte Jewish News* will be mailed around August 1st. Remember the deadline for the August issue is July 8.

From the Director ... by Marvin Bienstock

Summer at the JCC is a time for lots of activity and a time for comfortable relaxation. You can tell what's happening by a quick look in the parking lot. If it is a week day and there are lines of cars and knots of parents chatting away you can be sure the Day Camp is in full swing. If the lot seems to overflow out into the street then it is a hot weekend and the pools are filled with splashing, tanned bodies.

The members have a staggering number of possible choices for fun and exercise. The more than 500 hundred families who belong (about 2000 people) make sure they take advantage of the variety. Each Sunday morning almost 100 men are part of our "friendly" softball league; 90 children, tweens and teens are active on the swim team; 20 or more youth are on the tennis team; more than 250 places are filled with eager daycampers, and who can possibly count the regular swimmers, tennis

players, poolside loungers and deli-eaters.

But, behind the fun and frolic there is a story of hard work and volunteer effort. Nothing just happens. It takes dedicated board members working ridiculous hours and it takes a staff who cares beyond the level of its compensation. It takes a dentist who goes right from his office to a swim league meeting and then spends two more evenings the same week making sure the swim team will be ready. It takes a real estate man who gives up four days from his job to make sure the pools will be ready and then has to give up three more days when emergency plumbing repairs are needed. It takes volunteers who spend hours reaching out to new families and individuals and making them feel wanted. It takes and it takes and it takes. To really make the point come home you need to remember how good you felt when you received your membership statement for

1980 and found the dues had remained at the same \$200 for the 6th year. The reason is simple. Having volunteers means saving dollars. It also means you owe them credit for saving you cash.

There's a point to all this that goes beyond simple thanks. We all know that nothing ever happens to perfection. As hard as volunteers and staff try, there will be problems. When you come across something that needs fixing or changing we want to know about it. We want you to know that we will do something about it if something can be done. Don't take your complaints to your bridge game and stew over them; take them to a board member or a staff member. If they can't give you an answer on the spot then they will get you one.

On the other hand, don't just bring complaints; it's awfully nice and heartwarming to hear compliments.

SPEAKING OUT

In last month's issue Robert Conn's letter to Judge Rousseau was reproduced. This is the answer he received from the Judge.

Mr. Robert Conn, President
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Dear Mr. Conn:

This letter will acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter concerning my ruling in the case involving the Old Time Fiddlers' Convention.

First of all, let me say that the article appearing in the Charlotte Observer which said I stated in open court, "this is not the kind of function to be held on Easter weekend, when people's minds are focused on history's greatest event—the resurrection of our Lord and Savior—the two things don't coincide," was said by Mr. Bailey and not by me. I do not ever recall attempting to mix the state and the church while on my official business. Also, the Charlotte Observer ran a small correction either on Tuesday, April 1, or Wednesday, April 2, stating that Mr. Bailey did make those remarks.

It also appears to me in reading some of the news coverage that the news media failed to get to the heart of the problem. The evidence was uncontested: that illegal sex acts were being performed in public as though in a contest, and that firearms were being discharged indiscriminately. I ruled those acts were a public nuisance and ordered that they be abated.

As you may or may not know, the Fiddlers' Convention was started over 50 years ago and has been held on each Easter weekend thereafter. Around 1969 the crowd had grown to such an extent that Mr. VanHoy moved to a new location. Since 1970 the crowd had increased from approximately 60,000 to 150,000, all without any advertising being done on Mr. VanHoy's part. With that many people, it was impossible for law enforcement officers to carry out their duties. It was my decision, based on the opinion of the law enforcement officers, the District Attorney, and Mr. VanHoy's attorney, that the only way to stop the crowd would be to change the date of the event. Had the Fiddlers' Convention been held on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, or any major holiday for over 50 years, the situation would have been the same.

Even though there were some "Amens" echoed in the courtroom when Easter was mentioned, I intended in no way to say that it should not be held on Easter, simply because it was Easter. It was a matter of getting the crowd under control so that the public nuisance could be abated, and changing the time table appeared to be the most feasible way.

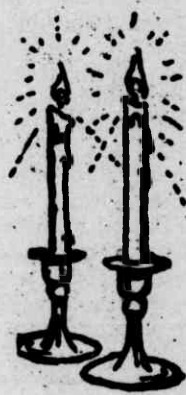
You mentioned the beach resorts and the GGO. If conduct goes on there that went on at the Fiddlers' Convention, those places too should be closed, whether it be Christmas, Easter, the Fourth of July, or some other

holiday or any day of the week. Again, I think the main problem is that the news media did not properly portray the facts as they came before me in the courtroom.

I appreciate hearing from you and hope that this may give you a different insight into my ruling. It is, also, a pleasure to hear from persons other than the prisoners that I have sentenced. I wish more people would take an interest in what goes on in the courtroom.

Very truly yours,
Julius A. Rousseau
Resident Superior Court
Judge

The Jewish Calendar



CANDLELIGHTING

June 13 - 8:29 p.m.
June 20 - 8:31 p.m.
June 27 - 8:32 p.m.
July 4 - 8:32 p.m.
July 11 - 8:30 p.m.
July 18 - 8:27 p.m.
July 25 - 8:23 p.m.
Aug. 1 - 8:18 p.m.

Jewish Holidays:
July 22 - Feast of Ab
(Tisha B'av)

(Please not that because we are on daylight saving time candlelighting is one hour later than those areas on standard time).

Feminism Can Be Good For Jews

"The Jewish family is under heavy assault from a variety of forces," Blue Greenberg, author, lecturer and chairperson of the Task Force on Women in a Changing Society of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, told the delegates at the JWB Biennial Convention.

"These forces include the alarming rise in divorce, the growing acceptability of a singles life-style, the increasing number of women in careers and others. How can we make feminism work for the Jews?" she asked. "There is no going back. While there are some tensions between feminism and Judaism, there are many ways in which they

can nurture each other. The central message is the same.

We have to provide support systems — family life education; teaching men child-sharing roles; economic supports such as day care centers and higher pay scales; role models to demonstrate what it means to have children and families.

The community has to learn to reach out to women for their efforts. The meaning of what the Jewish family offers must be openly taught and articulated. We must balance the wheel and show women that they can pursue careers and follow the traditional family choices such as having children."

The Editors welcome comments and letters expressing all points of view and reserve the right to edit.