

"Enigma: The Black Jews of Ethiopia"

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Jewish Media Service/JWB has acquired North American rights from the Israel Broadcasting Authority to distribute six of its videotapes for educational, non-telecast use.

This marks the first time that Israel TV has made its programs available to North America for educational purposes, according to Dr. Eric A. Goldman, director of the Jewish Media Service/JWB.

The six titles which the Jewish Media Service will distribute to North America Jewry are: *Enigma: The Black Jews of Ethiopia*; *From a Far-Off World*; *A Question of Identity*; *The Jews of Morocco--1978*; *Gimpel the Fool*, and *Story of Basha*. The videotapes are available on half-and-three-quarter-inch videocassette formats.

"Enigma" is an IBA documentary on the Falashas. An Israel TV film crew traveled to the source of the Blue Nile in Ethiopia to explore the origins of the Falashas. They searched for answers to the question of the group's Jewishness.

"From a Far-Off World" is available in two parts. Part I



Falashas in a village in Ethiopia. From "Enigma: The Black Jews of Ethiopia," an Israel Broadcasting Authority film documentary. The Jewish Media Service/JWB has acquired rights to distribute "Enigma" and five other IBM films and videotapes to North American Jewish communities for educational, non-telecast use.

mirrors marriage customs of Kurdish, Libyan and Yemenite Jews — three ethnic groups which have settled in Israel. Part II shows the customs connected with birth in the same three groups.

"A Question of Identity" also comes in two parts. One segment deals with the pro-

blem of Jewish survival in the U.S. The second part zeroes in on the relations between American Jewry and Israel.

"The Jews of Morocco" documents the return of Israeli TV correspondent Haim Shiran to his native land after a 20-year absence. The visual "tour" contrasts the "then and now" of Morocco. Among the sites seen are the mellah of Meknes, Fez, Marrakesh and Casablanca.

"Gimpel the Fool" and "Story of Basha" are adaptations of stories by Isaac Bashevis Singer and are available only in Hebrew. Gimpel is a simple, good baker who is everybody's fool. Basha, an aging prostitute, is transformed into a fashionable woman by a wealthy gentleman she meets in the park. Her new life is cut short, and she returns to the reality of her grim life.

"Gimpel" and "Basha" were secured from the Israel Broadcasting Authority by the Jewish Media Service/JWB through special arrangements with Singer's publishers, Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Goldman said that the Jewish Media Service/JWB acquired the rights to distribute the IBA programs in North America for educational purposes with the assistance of Mike Jaffe, the IBA representative in North America.

This 'n That

Dennis Geronimus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Geronimus, won the Children's Theatre's coloring contest, sponsored by "The Young Observer." Dennis is a fourth grader at The Hebrew Academy. He received tickets to see "The Hobbit."

Steve Bograd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bograd, was elected president of his senior class at East Mecklenburg High School.

Congratulations go to two scholarship winners: Benjie Montezinos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Montezinos, who won a scholarship to Eastman School of Music. He has been a student at UNC-CH. Also Laurie Behar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Behar, received a scholarship to Appalachian State University to pursue a career in education.

Gladys Lavitan appeared in Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" at Spirit Square in July. You probably have seen her this summer on TV in the Frame Warehouse commercials.

Buddy (Robert) Glanzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Glanzman, has been accepted at Bowman Grey Medical School. He graduated from UNCC last year.

Aaron Diamond, age 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Diamond, won first prize for his art entry in the Raptor Awareness Day contest. Jacob Schwartz, age 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Schwartz, was a finalist in the art contest sponsored by the Charlotte Motor Speedway and Discovery Place. His race car painting was on display at Discovery Place.

A number of graduates were not listed among our "Salute to Graduates" in the last issue of the "CJN." Additional high school graduates are: Carol Anoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Anoff; Cathie Fink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fink; Julie and Laurel Isaacson, daughters of Mrs. Jill Isaacson; David Schacher, son of Mrs. Jerrie Schacher; Scott Wilkenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrel Wilkenfeld; and Michael Newman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Newman, who graduated from Charlotte Latin and will be attending UNC-CH.

Additional college graduates are: Larry Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Polk, from Emory Law School; Dr. Randy Kritzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kritzer, from UNC Medical School, who will be doing his residency in Neurosurgery at Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas; Eric Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Levine, from University of Tulsa Law School; Lori Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levine, a B.S. in Fashion Merchandising from U. of Georgia; Steven Levine, son of Mr. Milton Levine, from Emory University; Phillip Bernstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bernstein, an M.A. in Architecture from Yale; Kevin Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schwartz, from Purdue University; Claire (Mrs. Paul) Putterman, an M.A.T. from Winthrop College; and Carol (Mrs. Lawrence) Horowitz, an M. Ed. from Winthrop College.

Martha F. (Mrs. Saul) Brenner is the author of "Fireworks Tonight!," a non-fiction book for ages 10 and up, published this month by Hastings House, New York. With old illustrations and photos, the hardcover book traces the history of fireworks and takes readers behind the scenes at a fireworks manufacturing plant and sky show.

First Lt. Jay H. Berman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Berman, has entered the Air Force Institute of Technology. He will be studying for a Master's degree in photographic science at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

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