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Editorial

More Recognition Needed For Dr. Judith Resnik

Recently I was speaking with my dear friend, Ruth Silverberg, who lives in Rock Hill, S.C. We discussed the hooplah on the anniversary of the astronauts' tragic and unnecessary deaths and noted that there was practically no recognition of Dr. Judith Resnik. She wasn't even selected as one of the "Heroines of the Year." Perhaps it was because she was single and did not leave a family... we are certain that it was not because she was Jewish.

Ruth, who is a member of her local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), told me that the national AAUW has established an endowment fund in memory of astronaut Resnik. The endowment honors, in perpetuity, Dr. Resnik's pioneering achievements, and her historic role in broadening the intellectual and professional horizons of aspiring women everywhere.

Dr. Resnik received an Educational Foundation American Fellowship in 1975 to complete her doctorate in electrical engineering, and was a member of AAUW.

The AAUW is the oldest and largest national organization working for educational and economic equity for women. The AAUW Education Foundation supports these goals by providing funds to American and international women for important study and research. The Foundation helps remove economic and societal boundaries faced by women — broadens the horizons of women and society. As Dr. Resnik once said, "To find hope and to act on it means going beyond our limits, beyond our boundaries."

In her honor, the Dr. Judith Resnik American Fellowships Endowment will be awarded annually to a woman who is completing her doctoral dissertation or conducting postdoctoral research. Preference will be given to candidates in engineering or the natural sciences.

In June 1987, at the bi-annual convention of the AAUW (over 250,000 members nationally) a plaque will be presented to NASA in Dr. Resnik's name by the AAUW. It will have the names of branches in the 50 states where members contributed \$1 or more to the endowment fund. North Carolina has 39 branches, one of which is in Charlotte. South Carolina has 19 branches throughout the state.

I cannot think of a finer way of honoring Dr. Judith Resnik than contributing towards this endowment. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the AAUW Educational Foundation Development Office, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20037. You may also make your contribution to your local AAUW branch.

—Rita Mond

**The Jewish Calendar
 Candlelighting**

Mar. 6 - 6:05 p.m.
 Mar. 12 - Fast of Esther
 Mar. 13 - 6:11 p.m.
 Mar. 15 - Purim
 Mar. 16 - Shushan Purim
 Mar. 20 - 6:17 p.m.
 Mar. 27 - 6:22 p.m.

Apr. 3 - 6:28 p.m.
 Apr. 10 - 7:34 p.m.



On The Issues ... By Ira Gissen, Va/NC Director ADL

Justice Will Not Be Denied

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, at the request of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, is seeking testimony from Holocaust survivors for several cases under investigation by OSI, including one involving the activities of Lithuanian police units during World War II.

OSI requested the league's assistance in locating these survivors to provide information on a number of specific places, incidents and Nazi related activities during the Holocaust.

Regarding the probe involving the activities of Lithuanian police units, OSI is asking that it be contacted by individuals present at any time during 1941 through 1944 in Marijampole, Rokiskis (Rokiskis or Rokischken), Sksaudevile, Svencioneliai and Miezioneliai.

In addition, OSI said it seeks testimony from survivors of the Vilna district who may recall the activities in the district or the city of

Vilna of the Lithuanian Security Police, also known as the Lietuviu Saugumo Policija, Saugumas, Lithuanian Sicherheitspolizei, or Lithuanian, SIPO.

The Lithuanian Security Police, a political unit whose members wore civilian clothes, conducted security work, particularly searches, arrests and investigations, that could not be performed by the German Sicherheitsdienst (SD), according to OSI.

OSI is also seeking testimony from the following:

- Former inmates of the wartime Nazi police prison (Erweitertes Polizeige-faengnis) in the town of Braetz near the larger city of Schwiebus, now known as Swiebodzín, in present day Poland.

- Persons who between 1941 and 1943 resided in the city of Nikolayev, also spelled Nikolaew, located north of Odessa in Landau, Ukraine.

- Persons who were imprisoned at the Nazi concentration camp of Lublin,

Poland, also known as Majdanek. Those already interviewed by OSI on this matter need not contact OSI.

- Persons who resided or were imprisoned in either Lublin district, including Lublin city or Nazi-occupied Poland during 1940, or the Lublin and/or Krakow districts of Nazi-occupied Poland between approximately June 1940 and October 1942.

According to OSI, an investigation is underway involving the activities in Poland of two ethnic German-Nazi directed police units; the Selbstschutz which operated in the Lublin district from January to June of 1940; and the Sonderdienst, which operated in the Lublin and Krakow districts from 1940 to October 1942. Anyone who has knowledge of the activities of these units and who has not already spoken to OSI is now asked to contact the Office of Special Investigations.

Finally, OSI is interested in speaking with persons arrested, imprisoned, interrogated or beaten by members of the German SD or Gestapo in the following places during the following times:

- Wieselburg, Austria, between December 1943 and January 1944.

- Krakow, Poland between January 1944 and February 1944.

- Lodz, also known as Litzmannstadt, Poland, in late February or early March 1944.

- Berlin, Germany between March 1944 and April 1944.

- Karlsruhe, Germany between late April 1944 and May 5, 1945.

Persons with pertinent information are urged to contact OSI at 1377 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 633-5023, or ADL's Task Force on Nazi War Criminals, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, (212) 490-2525.

The Messiah is Black

MIAMI — Of all the black sects who believe they are the rightful inheritors of the Judaic religion, the Yahwehs here, who now are involved in a murder case, is the most inconsistent. Arthur N. Teitelbaum, the director of the southern office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that their rhetoric comes "from the inkwell of racism and anti-Semitism and can hardly be masked by public relations efforts."

Yahweh Ben Yahweh, the self-proclaimed "Wonderful One" who says he rose from the dead to be messiah to American members of a lost black tribe of Israel, says he has thousands of devoted followers around the country who believe that under his divine guidance they will be led out of the wilderness of white domination.

"I am the Messiah, I am the Word, I am Incarnate," the 51-year-old spiritual leader said in an interview.

— Jewish Post & Opinion



Letters to the Editor

Hats Off to "Yours Truly Needlepoint"

Hats off to three young women who truly know what tzadakah is and should be. They are Lynn Lerner, Patty Gorelick and Arlene Karp who operate the Yours Truly Needlepoint Shop. They are ably assisted by Marta Gorelik and Judy Lener. All the profits made are donated to various charities in Charlotte, including the children's camp pavillion at the JCC which to date has received \$23,000 from them. In addition, the following entities have received contributions: B'nai B'rith Women, Women's Division of Federation, Hadassah, Charlotte Memorial Hospital, the JCC van for the elderly, the Hebrew Academy, and others

too numerous to mention in this space.

I write this only to make sure that the community is aware of their good work and also to suggest that, whenever possible, you support their endeavors by shopping with them. Their shop is in the home of Lynn Lerner and their hospitality is gracious. They truly deserve the support of this community.

— Evelyn S. Berger

We encourage our readers' viewpoints. Letters should be submitted typewritten and double-spaced and signed. Please include your address and phone number. We reserve the right to edit.