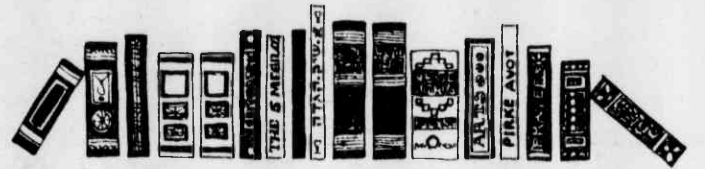


Book Reviews



The Ghetto of Venice. Riccardo Calimani. Translated by Katherine Silberblatt Wolfthal. M. Evans and Co., Inc., 216 E. 49 St., New York, NY 10017. 1987. 282 pages. \$19.95

Reviewed by Rita Mond

Riccardo Calimani is a novelist, scientist and historian who lives in Venice. He has detailed his years of study into a very informative book which traces the Venetian Ghetto from its 16th-century beginnings to the Fascist depredations of 1943-45.

The English word "ghetto" derives from the name of the island on which Venetian Jews were forced to live in segregation after 1516.

In this well-documented history focusing on the political, financial and cultural dynamics of the ghetto, Calimani also offers fascinating in-

sights into Venetian and European history from the Renaissance until World War II. Major subjects discussed are the Inquisition, the Marranos, the attitudes of the Church, the role of Venice as a crossroads, trades open to the Jews, and the organization of the Jewish community. Jews are seen as desired as well as detested and the treatment of the Jews in Venice throughout the centuries reflects both Christian and Jewish points of view.

The life and work of leading political and cultural figures, such as doctors, rabbis, writers, merchants are depicted. Calimani brings to life the many who made their home in the crowded walled enclave.

To quote Elie Wiesel: "The average tourist goes to Venice to visit the Rialto or the Lido, but Jews go there to see the ghetto. This is because, of all

the medieval ghettos, the one in Venice is the most famous.

"Likewise, of all the books written about the ghetto, Riccardo Calimani's is the best. The author writes with the erudition of a historian, the terseness of a journalist, and the captivating style of a memorialist. In a long series of events and portraits, he gives us a document that reads like an adventure story."

Scattered throughout the book are some interesting photographs and reproductions of drawings and sketches. There is also an added bonus of a glossary of Hebrew terms. This is helpful for those who are not overly familiar with Hebrew.

For students, historians and anyone with an interest in Jewish or Italian history and culture, this book makes for fascinating and essential reading.



BETY Youth Group prepares water and gatorade for Charlotte Observer Marathon runners. (L to R) Randy Hitt, Rachel Klein, Kim Doobrow, Scott Glickauf, Steve Glickauf, Stephanie Davis; (not pictured) Debra Klein and Marc Gentile.



Jr. Youth Group selling leaves for Children's Forest in Israel. photos/Nina Haas

HAPPY PURIM

DOUGLAS KENT GENTILE

Computerized Bookkeeping Accounting Payroll Preparations	Tax Preparation Individual Corporate Partnership
---	---

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
7301 CARMEL EXECUTIVE PARK, SUITE 316
CHARLOTTE, N.C. 28226
543-1155

RUSSELL'S PHOTOGRAPHY

R

• Studio Near Pineville, N. C. •

E. ROBIN RUSSELL

PORTRAITS WEDDINGS SPECIAL EVENTS COMMERCIAL	CALL: 542-8711 DAYS OR EVENINGS
---	---------------------------------------

PRESIDENTS' DAY

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln...
we the people have much to thank them for...for a noble
heritage of democracy and free enterprise.

In Honor of Presidents' Day 1988

Empire Frozen Kosher Food

- Pie Crust
- Potato Latkes
- Natural Cut Potatoes
- Challah Dough
- Chall-ettes
- Rye Bread
- Chopped Liver Spread
- Chicken
- Breaded Mushrooms
- Pot Pies
- Pizza
- Bagels
- English Muffin Mix
- Frozen Blintzes
- Bagel Pizza
- Garlic Bread

Kroger Sav-on

500 Tyvola Rd.
Charlotte
101 Eastway Dr.
Charlotte

6320 Albemarle Rd.
Charlotte
11446 E. Independence
Matthews

9101 Matthews-Pineville
Pineville
1133 Wendover Rd.
Charlotte

3301 Freedom Dr.
Charlotte
2226 Park Rd.
Charlotte

