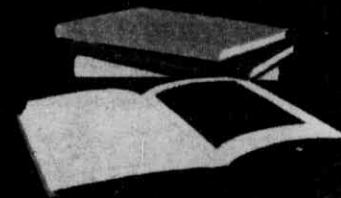


# Speizman Jewish Library



## HOME AND EXILE Book Review

By Amalia Warshenbrot  
Librarian, Speizman Jewish Library

I've recently returned from a visit to my homeland. Upon my return I spoke to Andre Aciman, author of the personal memoir "Out of Egypt", who has just returned from Egypt.

There was a major difference in our feelings. Mr. Aciman said that he was glad to be back HOME. Home for Mr. Aciman was his home in Manhattan, not his home in Alexandria, Egypt, which he was forced to leave in 1965. His book, which will be the subject of his lecture in the Book and Author Program, is a memoir of his boyhood in Alexandria in the years just after

The program is open to the community at large. Tickets at \$5.00 are available at the JCC front desk and at the door. Senior citizens and students are invited at no fee.

The program is made possible thanks to Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah fund-raising efforts, chaired by Roz Cooper and Debbie Rosenberger.

The author's travel arrangements are sponsored by Mann Travels. Thank you Maxine and Gary Silverstein for your support!

Patrons' reception is made possible thanks to Mr. Al Rouso and his family, who will treat the patrons

By Lynne Cojac

## The Ekaterinburg Incident

Coinciding with Jewish Book Month, Charlotteans have the opportunity to celebrate one of our own Saturday December 9th at Borders bookstore in Morrowcroft. Karl Boxer, one of the JCC's founders and a Charlotte resident for 43 years will be signing copies of his first novel, *The Ekaterinburg Incident*.

Mr. Boxer's novel is a historical fiction full of suspense and surprise turns of event. The book was written five years ago while Karl received dialysis treatment and waited for his kidney transplant. Through the encouragement of his writing coach and teacher, Ruth Moose, he turned what began as a short story into this novel of 150 pages. His considerable research was done predominantly at Charlotte's downtown library.

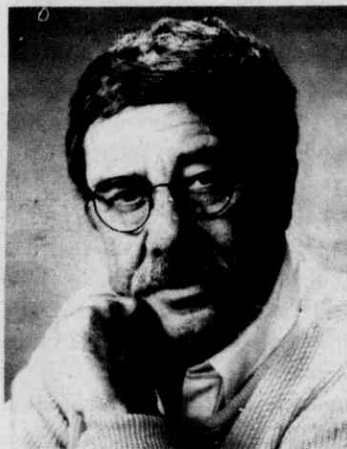
The novel begins in 1952 in New York City and Pennsylvania when a search for the truth behind his father's murder sends the protagonist, Kal Bachus, to Russia amidst the politics of the Cold War era. Time flashes us back to the Russian Revolution when the Czar and his family and household were murdered at Ekaterinburg.

Recent DNA studies of archeological remains from the Czar and his family have renewed curiosity, making Karl Boxer's story timely. The fact that Russian Jewish customs and family life of that time are part of many of our family histories adds another dimension of interest for Jewish Charlotteans.

Mr. Boxer is to be praised for his skillful use of dialogue. Having been told that "books don't sell without love scenes," he tastefully wrote such adventures for his hero. With a style at times reminiscent of other male writers such as Ludlum or Sheldon, we should all encourage Karl Boxer to keep his pen

moving.

Mr. Boxer is presently working on three different novels, one of which is about a blockade runner during the period of the Civil War. Karl has written sixty short stories, a few of which have been published. He especially likes to construe surprise endings. His non-fiction book, *Slice No More*, a golf book written "by an amateur for



Karl Boxer

amateurs in plain, simple English" can be found at the Arboretum's golf shop and Pro Golf Discount Shops.

Over the years Karl has made his way in life through practice and diligence coupled with creativity. His talents and interests range from jazz piano, ham radio, pistol team, rifles and flying. All are incorporated in the stories he writes.

A man who continues to invent and reinvent himself, his tales are like his life. A true Renaissance man, Karl's life- renewed by his kidney transplant and zest for living- moves toward retirement as he blossoms into his newest identity - as a writer.

NOTE: Carlton Press, New York has donated a copy of *The Ekaterinburg Incident* to the Speizman Library.

## Exclusive Judaica Art Sale by Linda Gissin

Sculptures, figures, jewelry, yads, mezuzahs and great Hanukkah gifts

Sunday, December 10, 1995

10:00am - 12:00 noon and 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Speizman Gallery at Shalom Park

All proceeds will go to benefit Charlotte chapter of Hadassah.

For more information please call Lynda White 541-8317 or Amalia Warshebot, 366-5007.



Andre' Aciman

Photo Credit Sigrid Estrada

World War II. New York Times book review states that it is Dr. Aciman's great achievement that he has recreated a world gone forever and given as an ironical and affectionate portrait of those who have exited from it. Dr. Aciman will talk about this vanished world and continue his story beyond the book on Sunday, December 10, 1995 in Gorelick Hall at 7.30 p.m.

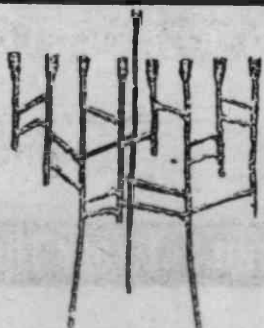
Alexandria is no longer home for Aciman, nor is it home for the unique community who lived there. The story of his family is in many ways similar to those of other Jewish families in vanishing communities throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Very little of it is known here in Charlotte. This program will be informative and touching. Mr. Aciman has an extraordinary story of a Sephardic family and a Jewish community in Muslim country.

with Sephardic reception following the program.

I wish to thank Hadassah Women for their tireless efforts to help me in all the aspects of this program. Special thanks to Suzanne Cannon, publicity chairperson, who continued to work while I was away, and to Roz Taranto for coordinating all efforts; Roz Cooper and Debbie Rosenberger for fund-raising. I also extend my appreciation to the following committee members: Lynda White, Ellie Bantit, Sandy Hoadland, Helene Friedman and Anne Nelson.

For more information, please call Amalia Warshenbot at 704-366-5007 ext 258. It is not too late to become a patron. If you wish to give the community a chance to expand their Judaic horizons, please call Roz Cooper at 704-366-5007 ext 257.

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## Jewish Book Celebration Highlights

The Ninth Annual Book and Author Guest Speaker will be Andre Aciman, author of *Personal Memoir - Out of Egypt*. Sunday, December 10, 1995 at 7.30 P.M. at Gorelick Hall of the JCC

The Jewish Book Fair - we offer an extensive selection of Jewish books for all ages for purchase for Chanukah and year round occasions. Sunday, December 3 - 10 P.M. to 2 P.M. in the Adult Lounge of the JCC.

## MANUSCRIPT COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES

The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the tenth annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books. A cash award of \$1,000 will be given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8-11, written by an unpublished author. The story should have universal appeal, yet serve to deepen the understanding of Judaism and reveal positive aspects of Jewish life.

For entry forms and rules, please contact Ms. Paula Sandfelder, Coordinator, 1327 Wyntercreek Ln., Dunwoody, GA 30338, phone: (770) 394-2060.

Deadline for submission of manuscripts is January 15, 1996.

Award winners will be announced May 1, 1996, and will be presented at the Thirty First Annual Convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries in Toronto, June 1996.



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