

## Thoughts From The Lubavitcher Rebbe

### The Holocaust In Fiction

By Rabbi Yossi Groner

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to Israel. But what about the rest of the world? What does Torah require of the non-Jew? Torah prescribes for mankind the seven "Noachide Laws" which include basic moral precepts forbidding bloodshed, theft, etc., and mandating the establishment of a system of jurisprudence. These seven cardinal principles cover the broad range of faith, morality and social justice applicable to all societies.

The Talmud teaches, "I have been created to serve my Creator". Included in the basic mission of our creation is the obligation to influence gentiles to fulfill the seven mitzvot, as Maimonides states: "And so was Moshe our teacher commanded by G-d to persuade all the

world's inhabitants to accept the commandments given to the children of Noach"; he further explains that the motivating reason to Noachide principles are to be observed is because G-d so commanded in the Torah. But if people fulfill them "...swayed by their own intelligence etc. they are neither the pious of the gentiles nor their sages."

What is the most important obligation of any ruling authorities in the light of the Noachide laws? — to see that their subjects live peaceably with each other. For no two individuals were created exactly alike, therefore no two people share the same opinions. Such basic differences have a tendency to grow into divisiveness, intolerance, and eventually "...people would swallow each other alive!" For this simple reason government is vital

for all nations — to establish a law-abiding society based upon justice and fairness. This should be done according to the Almighty's instructions as embodied in the Noachide Code.

The observance of the universal Noachide codes by the nations of the world has a direct effect upon the fulfillment of Torah and mitzvot by our nation. The underlying principle of the Noachide laws is the enhancement of peaceful habitation of the world. To study Torah and observe the mitzvot properly, Israel needs peace of mind and security which will occur when all nations conduct themselves in accordance with the universal Noachide codes.

To promote observance of these codes by all mankind is, therefore, a specifically Jewish obligation.



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### Richard Klein Visits Academy

The value of tzedakah was the focus of a special program when Richard Klein, President of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, visited the Hebrew Academy and spoke to the children about the activities of the Federation. He gave out "pushkets" to the children so that they could make their own contribution to the community.

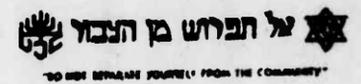
### Passover Preparation

During March, Jewish studies at the Academy focused on preparation for the celebration of Passover. All grades learned major portions of the Haggadah, enabling them to make significant contributions to leading the Seder.

Rabbi Yossi Groner visited the school to talk to the children about Passover.

### Children Lead Temple Service

Shabbat service at Temple Israel was led by Hebrew Academy children of all grades before delighted parents and congregants on Friday evening, March 18. Leading the service with confidence and dignity, the children demonstrated their serious efforts to attain this knowledge. This activity was made possible by the cooperative association of Temple Israel and the Hebrew Academy.



## "Moishy and The Mitzvah Men"



Enthusiastic audience (photos/Bruce Schoenes)



Moishy entertains young and old. Many of the audience came by busloads from the surrounding communities. The arrangements for this successful event were made by Rabbi Yossi Groner.

## Women's League for Conservative Judaism

The 38th Annual Spring Conference of Seaboard Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, will be held from May 1-3, at Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Conference Chairman Bernice Moses, Vice-Chairman Estelle Rosoff, and Local Arrangements Chairman Hannah Burke expect some 150-200 delegates from North Carolina, Virginia, Washington and Maryland to vigorously pursue the theme, "Get Wisdom, Gain Understanding." Conference Consultant Audrey Citak, who serves as Chairman of Educational Activities on the National Executive Committee, will relay Women's League's message of support for "today's woman" in her need for management skills. Through workshops, lectures and open discussions, the focus will be on women, their financial and legal interests, their community concerns, and their opportunities.

Among area women attending will be Debbie (Mrs.

Alan) Hirsch of Charlotte, representing Sisterhood of Temple Israel, of which she was recently elected a board member.

The scheduled activities include an appearance by Mark Talisman, Director, Washington Office of the Council of Jewish Federation, and Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Executive Director, Washington Jewish Community Council, addressing the topics "Action for Social Legislation" and "Taking Over When the Government Takes Off."

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