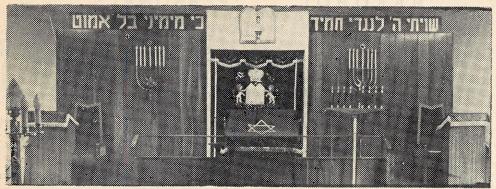
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### JEWS IN THE NEWS — FIT TO PRINT?

RABBI SHLOMO KAHN

On a Friday last May, the *New York Times* furnished unpleasant reading for breakfast. The very next day, the Sidro was to proclaim:

"You shall be holy, for holy Am I, G'd, your G'd," but what a paradox! Page one featured the admission of a "rabbi" of bribery and fraudulent laundering of money, shamelessly desecrating with his organization's name, the sanctity of Torah. Page ten presented a paid advertisement of a "Torah" group dedicated to the dismantling of the State of Israel, which (largely ignored by the mainstream of Judaism) delights in hanging offensively dirty laundry right under the puzzled nose of the non-Jewish world.

Is there something rotten in our state of Jewishness? Are misfits, deviates, monstrously misguided, representative of us all? Or is it our society's love for sensationalism, clamoring for lurid titillation, that guides compellingly, perversively that peculiar breed of Jewish (yes, mostly Jewish!) editors in the choice of what's fit to print?

Well, not quite. Boruch HaShem, Torah and Judaism are thriving and healthy. Witness the phenomenal growth of a generation of Yeshiva educated, enthusiastically G'd-fearing youth! Witness the attendance of a million Jews at New York's Salute to Israel! Witness the 99.44% purity and decency of loyal, faith—(Continued on page 11)

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Rabbi Shlomo Kahn

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### PERSONALS



Mazeltov to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jonas on their golden wedding anniversary.

Mazeltov to Mr. Charles Newhouse on his 75th birthday.

Mazeltov to Mr. Alfred Queller on his 70th birthday.

Mazeltov to Mr. Max Weinberg on his 65th birthday.

Mazeltov to Mr. and Mrs. William Goldschmidt on the birth of a great-grandchild.

Mazeltov to Cantor and Mrs. Jack Schartenberg on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazeltov to Mr. and Mrs. Justin Bing on the arrival of a granddaughter.

Mazeltov on the weddings of: Miss Miriam Marcus and Mr. Jerry Mannasse, Miss Charlotte Chandler and Mr. Jeffrey Stone, Nancy and Alan Oppenheim.

Mazeltov on the engagement of Miss Sharon Mayer and Mr. Louis Heisler.

The Congregation mourns the passing of: Hanna Hahn

Elizabeth Levy Salomon Bacharach

Arthur Nathan

Bernhard Strauss

Max Adler (father of Mr. Walter Adler)

Kurt Nathan

ZICHRONOM LIVROCHO



"It's a minute each time! Exactly one minute!" cried Kupsie excitedly.

"Good for you," said his friend Tassie, good-naturedly. "Good for you. Now all you've got to tell me is what takes a minute."

"Oh," said Kupsie sheepishly, "the traffic light. I thought you were watching it too."

"I've seen it so often that I don't even notice it any more," laughed Tassie. "You mean to say you timed it? How long green and how long red?"

"Yes," admitted Kupsie in a small voice.

"Well, now you know."

"Except I don't know what makes it change. How come it switches so regularly from green to red and red to green,"

Now it was Tassie's turn to fall silent until Tumbler came to the rescue.

"There's a timer which controls it," he began to explain. "That is a clock that has a moving dial and on its rim are trippers, little gadgets which, as they pass the switch, turn it on or off."

"That's a marvelous invention," said
Tassie.

"Sure is," agreed Kupsie. "Such a clock does automatically what otherwise a person would have to do."

"Right," said Tumbler, "and just the solution for a Shabbos problem."

"Shabbos?" cried the two little cups.
"What's Shabbos got to do with it?"

"On Shabbos when it is forbidden to turn lights on or off, an electric timer can be invaluable," explained Tumbler. "The trippers are set in advance to the desired time and everything goes automatically."

Kupsie and Tassie were impressed.

"Just hope they don't invent an automatic Kiddush cup," said Kupsie, "or we'd be out of our job."

(Will be contined)

I would like to express my gratitude to all friends and members of the Congregation for the sympathy shown to me on the passing of my beloved wife, Hanna Hahn.

Sol Hahn

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Bolok, July 22 7:15	8:30 8:30 9:05 4:45 9:10
Pinchos, July 29 7:15	8:30 Sermon 8:20 8:55 4:55 9:15
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Fast begins	Sunday       8:00 A.M         Monday — Friday       7:15 A.M         Rosh Chodesh       7:00 A.M         Evenings       7:30 P.M
	SHIURIM
Tisho bAv, Sunday, August 13 Shabbos afternoon 8:05 P.M. (stop eating by 7:55 P.M.)	Ladies — Monday 8:00 P.M.  Mishna Berura — Tuesday after Maariy
Shacharis 8:00 A.M.	Misima Berura — Tuesday after Maariy
Mincho-Maariv 7:30 P.M.	Shir HaShirim — Thursday after Maariv
Fast ends 8:35 P.M.	Dinim — Shabbos 45 minutes before Mincho
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# "POINT OF VIEW" A Column for the Young Adult

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# SUCCESSFUL FAILURE

Words like "success" and "failure" are easily understood. In dictionaries they are defined. On people's lips they appear frequently. In men's minds they are familiar. Or so we think.

Their clear-cut meaning is superficial only. Scratch the surface, probe a little, and their connotation becomes as elusive as the rainbow's end. For, to be truthful, they sorely lack precision.

What is success? failure? Ask and get a colorful assortment of replies. From some (perhaps most) the quick, unrehearsed answer is: money. Others may opt for health. By now the field is open and the horses run at a fast pace: Power. Love. Security. Prestige.

The entries are many and diverse; the outcome — who knows for sure.

How to judge the man who penned the following desperate, pathetic yet humorously clever rhyme?

> לו יהיה נרות סחורתי לא יאסף שמש עדי מותי לו אהי' סוחר בתכריכין לא יגוע אישים בכל ימי

Would with lamps my trade I ply —
The sun wouldn't set until I die;
Would I, with shrouds, the lamps replace —

No man would die throughout my days.

His wry lines tug at the heart-strings of the sympathetic reader. Who was this failure in business no matter what he tried, who could laugh despite abject poverty, who made rhymes instead of money? None other than a renowned Bible commentator, philosopher, astronomer, Hebrew grammarian, physician and poet, Abraham Ibn Ezra.

He lived in the 11th century, first in Spain then in Italy. His poverty and lack of business acumen became proverbial. Unquestioningly a failure.

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### The Congregation Reports . . .

... that the Congregation's office will be closed throughout the month of July; kindly see us weekdays evenings after Maariv (7:30 P.M.) ...

... that ticket sale for the High Holidays begins Sunday, August 20th; that letters to members and seat holders have gone out and that any change in seating arrangements or purchase of additional seats must be made well in advance . . .

... that our Congregation responded generously to the Russian Seder appeal, that our contribution (\$358) helped considerably in arranging the Seder and exposing 200 newly arrived immigrants to a religiously enriching experience . . .

... that several of our members participated in the 10th annual Gemilus Chessed dinner at the Palisades Gardens on May 14th ...

... that many members of our Congregation participated in the community supper for the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf on May 28th, co-sponsored by our Sisterhood . . .

... that the 30th anniversary of the State of Israel was commemorated at a Yom Atzmaut service on May 10th, a Yom Yerusholaim service on June 4th, and the great Salute to Israel Parade on May 7th . . .

... that despite the fact that this year's late Yomim Tovim resulted in a comparatively early switch-over to Daylight Saving time, so that our evening services between Pesach and Shovuos were at a late hour, we were able to hold on to our excellent record of night-time Maariv

throughout the Sefiras HoOmer period; special thanks and appreciation go to the faithful group of dedicated men who attended night after night; from Shovuos our Mincho-Maariv schedule reverted to 7:30 P.M. for the summer months . . .

. . . that the Tamuz issue of the "Rabbi's Newsletter" was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel S. Harwitt . . .

made by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowensteiner, Mr. and Mrs. Meir Baran, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alberts (in memory of Lina Faktor), Mrs. Kurt Rosenthal, Flushing (in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Bing), Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Loeb (in honor of Laura Stacey), Mr. and Mrs. David Pine, Miss Margot Moddel, Mrs. Kate Philippson, Mrs. Bertel Neuhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rothschild (in honor of their son's, Dr. Jeffrey Rothschild, graduation from Medical School) . . .

Many heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Kahn and Cantor Schartenberg, Chevra Kadisha and Sisterhood, friends and members of our Congregation for the expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness during my bereavement.

Selma Jacobson

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all for their good wishes and thoughtfulness during my recent illness.

Herta Spiegel

### MEMORIAL TABLETS



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Rebecca Schoemann	10.	Tamus
Efroim Birman	10.	Tamus
Leopold Sonneberg	14.	Tamus
Abraham Rosenthal	16.	Tamus
Herman Schartenberg	20.	Tamus
Gustav Gruenberg	21.	Tamus
William Kugelman	22.	Tamus
Erich Lauter	23.	Tamus
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Anna Singer	25.	Tamus
Fanny Rosenthal	25.	Tamus
Johanna Goldstein	25.	Tamus
Joseph Abramson	25.	Tamus
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Bettina Sonn	29.	Tamus
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Anna Dicker		3. Av
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Martha Levi		4. Av
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Hilde Cahn		11. Av
Julius Kraft		12. Av
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Salli Stern		14. Av
Mirjam Nussbaum		15. Av
Emilie Wimpfheimer		15. Av
Julius Hamburger		16. Av
Adolf Gottlieb		16. Av
Leopold Eichtersheimer		17. Av
Ricka Frank		17. Av
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Bertha May		21. Av
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may be eaten with dairy products and also at a fleishig meal, fish must not be mixed with meat; that fish may be served on meat plates and eaten with meat silver but it must not be cooked or fried in a meat pot or pan; that between eating fish and meat, the mouth must be rinsed or something neutral eaten or drunk?

ties are on the market which are as forbidden as non-kosher meat; that frequently the mistake is made to simply order fish (at a dinner, party, etc. when the kashruth of the meat is in doubt) without certainty of the kashrut of the fish; that when buying fish one must make absolutely certain that it is of a kosher variety?

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Thanks to many generous contributors, this year's Pesach campaign raised close to \$3,000. Unfortunately, the Soviet government prohibited all Matzoh imports,

claiming that they bake Matzohs in the Soviet Union. These Matzohs, however, do not meet standards of kashruth and observant Jews in Russia prefer to eat potatoes. Our Pesach campaign funds went a long way in providing with many Jewish families in Russia packages containing Pesach food.

The free world's most dramatic demonstration of outrage against Soviet persecution and sympathy to the victims is New York's Solidarity Sunday. This year's march and rally on May 21st drew once again large masses of concerned New Yorkers whose protests directly raise the spirit of Soviet Jews and exert pressure on the Kremlin.

At a meeting of presidents and board members of our area's sisterhoods, a program was initiated to "adopt" Jewish families still in Russia who have received permission to emigrate but cannot raise the necessary funds. The need for such assistance is immense. Hundreds of appeals reach us. We implore all to join us in literally "freeing the imprisoned."

Our single most important event is our annual Benefit Concert. We have been successful in engaging the renowned Miami Choir Boys to appear at our Seventh Annual Concert on Saturday night, December 16th ,at Yeshiva University. Please reserve the date and join us.

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ful, law-abiding, sane and normal Jews, who all look in sorrow and disgust, with pity and brotherly tolerance, on those who err and succumb to ugly greed and misleading ideology of short-sighted leaders.

A few rotten apples are bitterly disappointing but not catastrophic — rather an unfortunate fact of life.

On the preceding day, the *New York Times* chose real Torah news — a delightful article on the world-wide Talmud study program "Daf Yomi," reflecting not only rabbis and ideologists, but primarily the decent, hard-working, highly ethical, truly religious Jewish businessmen.

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