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At Home

THE NATIONAL EDUCATION Association (NEA), the country's largest teachers' union, voted to end its relationship with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) after disagreements regarding ADL statements on antisemitism and campus protests concerning Palestinian rights. NEA members stated that the ADL misapplied the term "antisemitism" to criticism of Israel and raised concerns about what they described as exaggerated hate crime statistics and the classification of expressions supporting Palestinian rights as "hate speech." This action by the NEA alters the relationship between the two organizations, particularly in the context of the ADL's efforts to expand its presence in educational environments through administrators, donors, and legal contacts.

The Department of Justice issued recommendations stating that universities receiving federal funds cannot give preference to protected classes. This includes funding "safe spaces" such as study areas or dorms for specific groups, as well as targeting minority students for recruitment. This notice was the strongest yet from the Trump administration in its drive to end campus diversity programs.

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Editorial

"Project Ester" Will Not Combat Anti-Semitism by Tyler Rosen

Jewish people should be alarmed by the launching of Heritage Foundation's "Project Esther." It is named after the Hadassah, Jewish heroine who became known in history as Esther. She prevented the plan of Haman, Persian King Ahaseurus's Court Official, to exterminate the Jewish population within the Persian Empire.

Project Ester's rhetoric appears to be friendly by attempting to protect Jewish people from another Holocaust. In reality, Project Esther as a blatant demagoguery at inciting violence against the American Left which includes thousands of progressive Jews. Throughout Heritage Foundation's "Project Esther: A National Strategy to Combat Antisemitism" document, they vaguely define leftist groups as part of "The Hamas Support Network."

From their document:

We define the Hamas Support Network (HSN) inside America as the people and organizations that are both directly and indirectly involved in furthering Hamas's cause in contravention of American values and to the detriment of American citizens and America's national security interests.

On the surface, it would seem they are targeting Hamas, however, anyone who reads the report would see that they consider those who support Palestinian

statehood as "Pro-Hamas." It becomes apparent that they have no interest in differentiating criticism against an active genocide and those who want to eradicate Jews. It is nothing but a false equivalence that feigns sympathy for the Jewish people but rather hides behind rhetoric to launch an attack against the Left in America.

It should be noted that it was the American Left and progressive forces that supported US involvement in the war against Nazi Germany and it was the evangelical right, as exemplified by "Father" Charles Coughlin, that fought the left to maintain an isolationist policy which would objectively support Adolf Hitler.

In their own words Heritage Foundation's Project Esther aims to:

Dismantle the pro-Hamas support network's infrastructure across America, including but not limited to propaganda, organizations, funds, access, communications, platforms, and people.

Jewish people have not forgotten the past. When we hear fascist rhetoric, we think of what happened to our ancestors. The Holocaust did not happen suddenly; it followed years of anti-Jewish propaganda. We also remember that the Nazis targeted and killed progressives who stood with Jews against Hitler. For years, the Nazis called resistance to their crimes acts of terrorism. When we say "Never Again," we mean it for everyone, including Palestinians who now face genocide. We must not let groups like the Heritage Foundation use misleading arguments to attack our rights to assemble and speak freely, as protected by the First Amendment.

Billionaires Fear Mamdani's Jewish-Muslim Coalition

by Jerry Ginsberg



Zohran Mamdani's victory in the New York City Democratic Mayoral Primary has upset the top 1% donor class in their unsuccessful bid with disgraced Governor Cuomo. They attempted to run a campaign fueled by bigotry and fear-mongering distorting Mamdani's past statements as evidence for anti-semitism. These "claims of anti-semitism" are connected to his Muslim background and his advocacy for Palestinians rights.

As the campaign continues to the general election, the slanders against Mamdani are proving to be ineffective. While the billionaire class struggles to find a narrative to sell to the masses, Mamdani has coalesced a diverse movement that is progressive and worker oriented. This coalition is exemplified by the cross endorsement between New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, the city's highest-ranking elected Jewish official, and

Mamdani, a Muslim.

Mamdani has endorsed Palestinian rights as Netanyahu's Israeli government is committing genocide in Gaza. Lander said, ". . . I believe in [Zohran's] integrity, commitment to justice, and his work for our city. And I know that Jewish New Yorkers will be safe in a city where Zohran is in leadership."

Mamdani has stated that he is for a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine. As mayor, Mamdani has pledged he will work with the Jewish community. Mamdani released a detailed plan to counter anti-semitism, which includes the creation of a Department of Community Safety and a commitment to increase funding for anti-hate crime programming by 800%. "Every New Yorker deserves to be safe. Every New Yorker needs to be protected."

It was not Mamdani that blamed Orthodox Jews for the increase of COVID cases. Those anti-Semitic remarks were declared by then Governor Cuomo. Anti-Semitic attacks grew after Cuomo's comments during the pandemic.

Mamdani is the best candidate to fight against rising anti-semitism by the ultra-left and ultra-right. Trump is using hatred and fear to keep us divided while he cuts the working-class's hard earned benefits like healthcare in order to pay for his tax-cuts for his billionaire donors. Mamdani is a proponent of "Freeze The Rent" for rent-stabilized apartments. Mamdani will fight Trump's attempts to gouge the working class through unity, not division.

Mamdani has been falsely accused of anti-semitism and "not for Jewish Rights" by his opponents. The cynical attacks are obviously made to spark racial hatred and Islamophobia. An image put online by a SuperPAC which funds his opponent, the disgraced Governor Andrew Cuomo, appears as if he has a darker, longer beard. Zohran is correct to say that the image "is blatant Islamophobia—the kind of racism that explains why MAGA billionaires support Cuomo's campaign."

As Mayor, Mamdani would only tax the rich in order to pay for the funding of such programs that would help protect the Jewish community against anti-semitism. His coalition does not need to resort to fake platitudes to Israel like what his opponents have opportunistically used because unlike his opponents, establishment Democrats and Republicans, he does not need Big Business's dollars to fund his people-power campaign that has amassed over 45,000 volunteers and 545,000 votes, the most since David Dinkins in 1989.

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Donald Trump used forms of bigotry and hatred to create fear of immigrants while Biden and Harris did not give a cohesive message on Palestine and Gaza. Spotlight the promising relationship between two New Yorkers, one Jewish and one Muslim. This message is one of solidarity among working people regardless of race, creed or gender. The best of the American experience expresses diversity while fighting against tyranny and corruption.

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Fighting against Fascism in Israel and Genocide in Gaza

The death toll in Gaza since the outbreak of the war has reached 62,064, including 10,518 killed since Israel violated the ceasefire on March 18. Among those seeking aid, 1,996 have died. Recorded deaths from starvation in the Strip have reached 266, including 112 children, according to health authorities in the Strip yesterday (Tuesday).

Last night, 58 people were killed by army fire, 30 while seeking humanitarian aid. Another 343 were injured. Medical sources reported eight killed in an attack on tents in Muassi and five killed in Deir al-Balah, both areas with displaced people. Three people died from hunger in the past 24 hours.

The UN and international aid organizations warn that escalating attacks on Gaza City and increased mass displacement will have catastrophic humanitarian consequences. Their joint statement stressed that further occupation will worsen the suffering of people who are already vulnerable and could lead to forced displacement. They reiterated their commitment to provide life-saving support and reminded the conflicting parties to protect civilians, especially those unable or unwilling to leave, and to safeguard humanitarian operations and infrastructure.

These organizations noted that while Israel's recent announcement to allow shelter materials into Gaza is positive, the link to a planned attack is concerning. The lack of shelter supplies since March has coincided

Hadash News

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality is an Israeli political electoral front in the Knesset (parliament)



with the displacement of over 780,000 people, intensifying the crisis.

They also emphasized that the existing shelters "have become dilapidated or have been left behind, due to repeated displacement orders, so the need for new shelters is much more urgent. Already, about 86% of the Gaza Strip is subject to displacement orders or is located in areas under direct control of the Israeli army. The remaining areas—including parts of Gaza City and the southern coast of the Strip—are overcrowded and incapable of allowing the survival of masses of people. Hospitals in the south are operating at an occupancy rate many times greater than their capacity. Taking in patients from the north would have life-threatening consequences."

"We emphasize that all those who have been displaced must be allowed to return, if they so wish. We reiterate our urgent call for a permanent ceasefire and the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, who until then must be treated humanely. We need

unhindered humanitarian access throughout Gaza and full facilitation of quality assistance activities. This includes community-based distribution and the large-scale entry of supplies through all possible land crossings and routes. Humanitarian partners—both UN agencies and NGOs—must be allowed to operate unhindered," they concluded.

Hadash Joins Condemnation of Israeli Settlement Expansion Plans in Occupied West Bank



Hadash assailed on Thursday, August 14, a far-right government plan to greenlight the construction of thousands of settlers' homes in the occupied West Bank, after the move was announced by fascist Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich. Hadash called the plan "colonial, expansionist and racist" and claimed that it is par for the course for Netanyahu's ruling coalition.

At the planned settlement site Thursday morning, Smotrich said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump agreed to revive the E1 plan. "Those who try to recognize a Palestinian state will see our response on the ground, not in documents or declarations," Smotrich said.

The E1 settlement project has been frozen for decades amid fierce opposition from

the international community, including past US administrations, which feared the new settlement neighborhood would prevent the establishment of a contiguous, viable Palestinian state.

The plan would link occupied East Jerusalem with the Ma'ale Adumim settlement, blocking a continuous Palestinian presence between Bethlehem, East Jerusalem, and Ramallah, the basis for a Palestinian state.

The construction scheme is scheduled to receive final approval from the government's Higher Planning Council next Wednesday, on August 20.

Israeli human rights groups also condemned the plan. The anti-settlement group Peace Now warned that resuming E1 construction is "deadly for Israel's future and any chance of a peaceful two-state solution. We stand at the edge of an abyss, and the government is driving us forward. There is a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Gaza war — a Palestinian state alongside Israel — and it will ultimately come. The government's annexation efforts are taking us further from this solution and ensuring many more years of bloodshed," Peace Now said.

Breaking the Silence, an anti-occupation movement established by former officers and soldiers, accused Smotrich of promoting West Bank settlement activity as the Gaza war continued to capture global attention. "This land appropriation and settlement expansion will not only further fragment the Palestinian territory, but will further entrench apartheid," it said.

Why Progressive Jewish Education?

As the school year opens, a shule teacher explains why progressive Jewish education can enrich the development of children in our world

by Mira Stone

Pages from Our Past - from *Jewish Life* October 1955

The only way one can understand progressive Jewish education is to see it as influencing and affecting the whole child. The progressive Jewish school does not merely dispense Judaica and offer an assortment of information. Like all education, it helps mold attitudes and shape an outlook on the world in which the child lives. This is especially important in view of what is happening to our schools at present, when bigots, anti-Semites and hatemongers are influential in our school-boards, when "fear stalks our classrooms" and "the spirit of the teaching profession is being crushed and, with it, our hopes of education." We therefore need to see progressive Jewish schooling as an educational expression which helps comfort the ruffled spirit of the child, helps give them some sense of security in a disturbed world ridden with ghoulis distrust of other peoples and haunted by the nightmarish phantoms of the comic book and the television screen.

The education of the Jewish progressive school is no cure-all for the social ills confronting the child. But any education in which learning for peace and brotherhood is integrated in its outlook can, at least, help to counteract these ills. There can be no progressive Jewish education without full, natural inclusion in its scope of the precepts of equality of races and peoples, the teaching of peace and dignity of labor and social justice. If it misses any of these components, it ceases to be progressive education and slips into the mire of extreme nationalism that is harmful to the child.

I can hear you say, why a Jewish education for our children? Why not organize inter-racial clubs, where the above desired aims can be achieved? Such an education will not isolate the child from the rest of the children in his community.

Not only do I have no quarrel with such inter-racial and non-sectarian groups—I heartily welcome them. They do not, however, fully meet the needs confronting Jewish parents today in the upbringing of their children. Let me explain why.

Developments in Jewish Education

Jewish parents are in search of identification of their children with their people. If the progressive Jew does not find a progressive Jewish educational medium, for that segment of the parents who want such an education, they will seek elsewhere to fill this void. The parents who try to instill full democratic values in their children may resign themselves to providing an education not in keeping with their outlook and aspirations. By sheer passivity they would lend support to the views that certain reactionaries in Jewish life are attempting to force upon the consciousness of American Jews—that the Jewish American community is basically and exclusively a religious entity, without any basis for secular—let alone progressive—expression.

Furthermore, we want and need a progressive Jewish school because we are vitally interested in helping mold life in the

Jewish community. Unless we raise a democratic, freedom-loving generation of young men and women, linked with the life of their people and aware of their history and background, imbued with the heroic and humanistic traditions of Jewish culture and capable of influencing the future of the American Jewish community, we shall not help the American Jewish community to become the force for democracy and freedom which it must be.

Several years ago at a convention of the National Association for Jewish Education, a "Charter for the Jewish Child" was adopted proclaiming as the basis for Jewish education "the perpetuation of the religiocultural values in Jewish life." Thus, secular Jewish culture and especially the culture of the Jewish working people were negated. The Sholem-Aleichem schools have substituted in their Declaration of Principles the term "ritual" for the term "secular." A revealing change!

These general tendencies in Jewish education reflect a retrogressive trend from the healthy secularism which prevailed among certain Jewish groups for many decades.

A Progressive Alternative

Everything depends upon the values instilled in the child. Throughout the history, culture and life of the Jewish people, like all other peoples, there is the ever-coursing stream of the people's struggle to improve life, to be free, to live in justice, peace and brotherhood. Progressive Jewish education draws upon these values in Jewish history, literature, stories, song and dance. Such values can help us mold young Jewish Americans capable of creating a democratic Jewish American community, as part of an American nation struggling for its democratic fulfillment.

The last convention of the Workmen's Circle schools developed the argument that, since the number of wage earners' children attending their schools has appreciably fallen off, the teaching of socialist ideas has become obsolete and out of tune with the times. The child should appreciate the profound role played by the Jewish workers in shaping the life of the people, should learn of the heroic struggle of the Jewish cloak and dressmakers, the story of Haymarket, the biography of Eugene Victor Debs and Sidney Hillman. These approaches need to be an integrated, inseparable part of the over-all education of the child whose parents are concerned with struggles for right and human dignity.

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БИРОБИДЖАН: A JEWISH HOMELAND WITHOUT ZIONISM

by Tyler Rosen

Named after the two largest rivers of the region, the Bira and the Bidzhan, Birobidzhan serves as the administrative, economic, and cultural center of the Jewish Autonomous Oblast (region). Birobidzhan is often used to refer to the oblast.



The Soviet government granted autonomous administrative status to the Birobidzhan region in 1934, when it was designated the Jewish Autonomous Region. The decision signaled the government's official recognition of the area as the national territory of Soviet Jewry. The Soviet Union hailed the formation of the J.A.R. as a sign of the freedom and rights enjoyed by Jews.

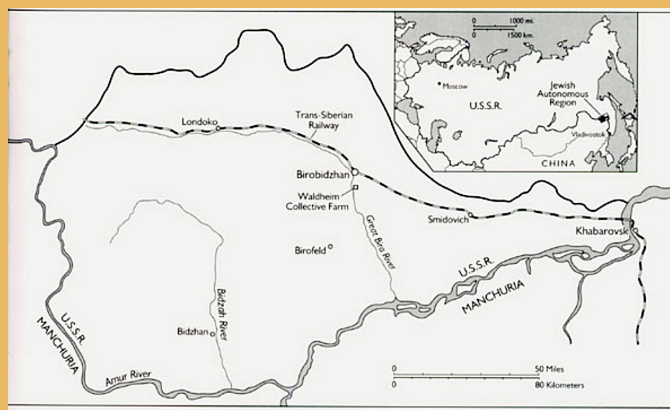
With rich mineral resources, iron ore, wildlife, and fertile soil for agriculture, dense taiga forests abundant with timber resources, not to mention the majestic beauty of the Siberian landscape, it was an obvious location for the settling of Jewish people by the *Society to Settle Working Jews on the Land* (OZET) and the state-sponsored *Soviet Commission for the Settlement of Working Jews on the Land* (KOMZET).

The resolution "On the allocation of development land in the region of the Amur river in the Far East territory for the mass settlement and use by Jewish workers", taken in March 1928

by the highest organ of government at the time, the Presidium of the Central Executive Committee (CEC), described the chosen region. (1)

The settlement and establishment of the land of Birobidzhan granted a homeland for the Jewish people who were freed by the 1917 Revolution that toppled the Czarist regime and its anti-Semitic apartheid, violent pogroms, and generally repressive policies.

Birobidzhan, with its cultural development centers such as the *Sholem Aleichem Theater*, Yiddish-language schools, Yiddish-language *Birobidzhaner Shtern* newspaper, synagogues, concert halls, and more, has cultivated a rich Jewish society. This development is true regardless of the fact that the Jewish population is intermingled within Russian,



Mikhail Kalnin, president of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics while addressing the 1926 conference on Jewish agricultural settlement said, "It is completely natural that the Jewish population ... strives to find its place in the Soviet Union.... The Jewish people face the great task of preserving its own nationality, and to this end a large part of the Jewish population must be transformed into an economically stable, agriculturally compact group which should number at least hundreds of thousands."

Ukrainian, Tatar, Azerbaijani, Tajik, and other non-Jewish people. In fact, the Jewish people make up a minority within the land due to the Jewish people of the former Soviet Union. They overwhelmingly chose to remain in their home cities such as Odessa, Kharkov, and Moscow, instead of uprooting themselves and migrating across the continent. However, despite comprising a minority, the cultural administration has been reserved for the Jewish inhabitants where peoples of other cultures are welcome neighbors.

The mission of providing the Jewish people a homeland without the threat of anti-Semitic persecution is outlined by Israeli and former Birobidzhan Rabbi Mordechai Scheiner who has stated that in Birobidzhan:

"Today one can enjoy the benefits of the Yiddish culture and not be afraid to return to their Jewish traditions. It's safe without any Anti-

Israel. Zionist ideology, which came about as a result of centuries of persecution and atrocities which had targeted the Jewish diaspora around the world. Foundational within its ideology are the principle assumptions that anti-Semitism is inherent in all non-Jewish societies. Thus, only through separatism from the non-Jewish population can Jews finally be free. Leon Pinsker, a physician living in 19th Century Czarist Russia and a founder of Hovevei Zion (Lovers of Zion) stated:

"Judeophobia is a psychic disorder. As a psychic disorder it is hereditary, and as a coe [disease] transmitted for two thousand years it is incurable"

Theodor Herzl, father of Zionist ideology, cynically added that:

"Above all, I recognized the emptiness and futility of efforts to 'combat' anti-Semitism."

Today in Israel, these cynical principles are embedded in the genocidal apartheid policies of Benjamin Netanyahu's ultra-reactionary Likud government. While there is no question that the State of Israel has a right to exist as a Jewish homeland, **Jewish Life** sees Birobidzhan as living proof that a Jewish homeland can co-exist with fraternal peoples within the same territory. Palestinian people are our Semitic brothers and sisters. Birobidzhan is a Jewish homeland without Zionism, a form of chauvinist ethno-nationalism.



Birobidzhaner Shtern was a popular Yiddish-language social and political newspaper established in October 1930. Jewish immigrants arrived in the J.A.R. speaking their native languages, and a national newspaper was simply necessary. Yiddish was the cementing language. A number of Soviet Yiddish writers were among its staff while they lived in Birobidzhan. It is still in print today.

Semitism and we plan to open the first Jewish day school here."

This is in stark contrast to the Zionist conception of a Jewish State such as

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In the east of a great country Russia
We've built a region to which we are loyal
Near Bira and Bidzhan in the taiga region
We've found our happiness and our destiny

Jewish region is glorious
it'd our safe friendly home
You are my destiny, you are my land
Here we live as a whole family

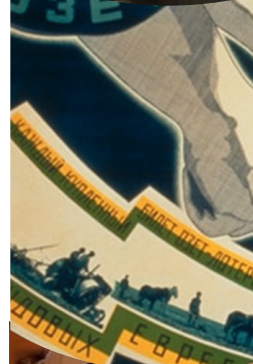
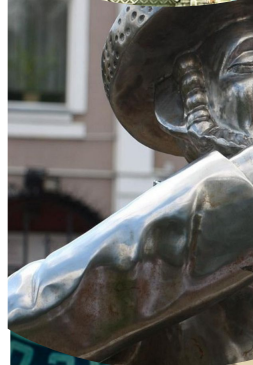
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And to the very mouth of the Tunguska river
Amur carries its waters majestically
to the Jewish chant and the Russian tune

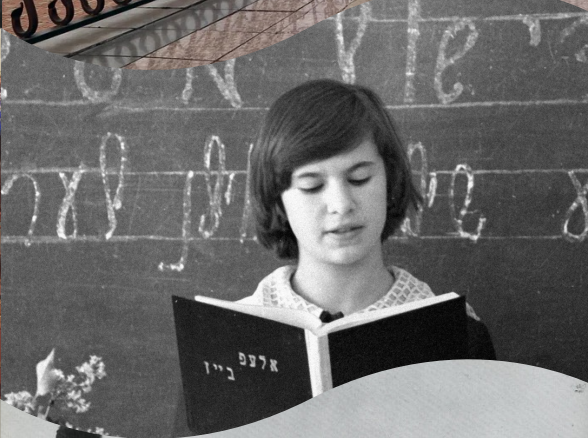
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it's our safe friendly home
You are my destiny, you are my land
Here we live as
a whole family

Above Bira waves a flag with a rainbow
We strive forward, every step is verified
We'll keep the names of those who started here
Hail dear region at all times

Jewish region is glorious
it'd our safe friendly home
You are my destiny, you are my land
Here we live as
a whole family

The rich and
beautiful land of
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Remembering the Rosenbergs

by United Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order



What is the legacy of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg? Seventy-two years after their execution, their story serves not just as a tragedy of injustice, but as a reminder of the dangers posed by state repression and the enduring struggle for civil rights in America.

The Rosenbergs advocated for their beliefs throughout their lives. They supported the democratically elected Spanish Republicans against fascist forces during the Spanish Civil War. They actively participated in trade unions and demonstrated their vision for peaceful relations between the Soviet Union and the United States.

W.E.B. Du Bois, in his funeral eulogy, stated, "They died because they would not lie." Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed

by the U.S. government in the electric chair on June 19, 1953. Their deaths serve as a sobering reminder of the personal cost paid by those who have contributed to the broader movement for liberation.

Caught in an FBI witch-hunt that many believe could have ensnared any U.S. leftist (communist or not), the Rosenbergs resisted government and media demands for "full and complete cooperation" in exchange for their lives. This cooperation mandated naming the names of other alleged conspirators in what was popularly dubbed the "red spy ring." Instead, they refused to compromise their integrity.

Historians, legal scholars, and authors have all claimed that the Rosenbergs' arrest, indictment, trial, and death sentence were all carried out improperly by falsifications, mishandling of our judicial process, and

dubious testimonies as “evidence.” Many have been able to obtain some files from the FBI and CIA’s declassified documents about the case. Washington, however, refuses to release all the files.

The Sham Trial

The Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell were convicted in a show trial of conspiracy against the U.S. government for aiding the Soviet Union, which was an ally of the U.S., during the Second World War. Although at the time a quarter of New York City’s population was Jewish, not a single Jewish juror was chosen.

Morton Sobell who was also tried along with the Rosenbergs was kidnapped from Mexico, beaten, and brought to the U.S. so he could be put on trial by the U.S. government.

Roy Cohn, one of the federal judges, had illegal conversations with presiding Judge Irving Kaufman in which Cohn urged the death penalty. After working with Senator Joe McCarthy in his anti-communist witch hunt, Cohn became a lawyer for Donald Trump protecting him from his unlawful acts.

The Rosenbergs did not falter towards coercion even in their darkest hour. They could have been spared their lives had they just continued the witch hunt that the government led prosecution and wanted to continue to destroy the movement that was seeking to bring peace during the Cold War.

We Cannot Ignore the History

Proving Ethel and Julius Rosenberg’s innocence would be a significant step forward in the ongoing struggle against repression, intimidation, and wrongful

prosecution.

The deaths of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg exemplify the urgent need to fight for the exoneration of all victims wrongly charged due to government overreach. Ensuring their legacy means relentlessly defending civil rights against repression. We must not forget that reactionary forces use these gangster-like tactics and they could use them again today.

Under Trump, we see our democratic freedom eroding as immigrants are unlawfully imprisoned and disappeared to foreign prisons with human rights abuses and horrific conditions. Politicians and activists who are standing up to governmental overreach are also being carried away in handcuffs as well.

The Effort to Exonerate the Rosonbergs

The continued struggle of peace and freedom forces to exonerate Ethel and Julius Rosenberg remains a glorious chapter in the history of our struggle for world peace and justice. Progressive forces in our country must continue the campaign to exonerate Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg’s innocence must be proven. This will mark a significant advance in the struggle against repression, intimidation, and frame-ups.

The Rosenbergs’ deaths remind us that we must fight for the exoneration of all innocent victims charged by the state’s misuse of government procedures and our judicial system. Their legacy must never be forgotten.



Hyman Lumer's *Zionism: Its Role in World Politics*

by Jerry Ginsberg

Hyman Lumer was a Communist leader in the CPUSA who was against Zionism and anti-Semitism. Hyman Lumer's *Zionism: Its Role in World Politics* was first published in 1973, a few years after the Israeli government had established its occupation of Palestinian territory after the 1967 War. The book gives a Marxist-Leninist analysis that is still relevant in the current year of 2025 in the struggles of Israel in its Gaza War against the Palestinian people.

Lumer's book stands out for two reasons. The first is its excellent presentation, which shows how the Zionist ideology stands directly opposed to a working-class movement. Going through the history of the Zionist movement and the creation of Israel, we are left to understand how Israel's elites and Zionist ideology undermined the working-class movement that wanted to see Arab-Hebrew solidarity against capitalist exploiters.

Political Zionism is the ideology that overlooks class struggle and presents a case that the struggle of Jewish working people is identical to that of a Jewish boss. As Lumer puts it, "Political Zionism is a reactionary bourgeois-national ideology based on two fundamental fallacies: (1) that the Jews throughout the world constitute a nation, and (2) that anti-semitism is incurable and eternal." Put another way, Zionism asserts the existence of an unbridgeable gulf between Jew and non-Jew. Therefore, it holds its own form of racist doctrine that Jews are inherently different from other people and hence incapable of becoming integrated with the

rest of society.

The second reason this book is an essential read is the detailed history of the Soviet Union's relationship to Israel. From its inception in 1947, the Soviet Union supported the Israeli State.

Lumer gives the reader a lot of information that dispels the myth about Soviet "anti-semitism." If you are interested in learning about the claims of anti-Jewish policies in the Soviet Union from an underrepresented perspective, this is a good starting point.

Hyman Lumer's *Zionism: Its Role in World Politics* was first published in 1973, a few years after the Israeli government had established its occupation of Palestinian territory after the 1967 War. Lumer astutely directs his critique of the Israeli government's occupation of Arab-owned towns and land. His critique connects the Israeli government's occupation and reliance on American imperialist military and financial support.

Zionism's role in world politics is to help capital interests through scapegoating. To fight against these forces of imperialism, Lumer mentions that we cannot invert Zionism to an anti-Zionist movement that is anti-Israel. This anti-Israel inversion of Zionism is not a historical materialist view of class struggles, but rather an ultra-leftist view that reduces historical materialism to one of identitarianism; moreover, it only seeks to help the monopolists in Israel, Palestine, and America.

This is a timely book for anyone to wanting to understand Israel's history between the U.S. and the former Soviet Union. Fascinating read!

Michael Hanusiak's *Lest We Forget*

by Peter Krawchuk

Michael Hanusiak writes in his book, *Lest We Forget*, about “Jewish actions” of the Ukrainian nationalists. His first edition which was printed in October 1973 was quickly sold out. In order to satisfy the great demand the book was reprinted in May 1975 and again in September of the same year. The additional publications were enlarged and enriched with new documentation and strengthened with new facts and eyewitness accounts of the war years.

In order to obtain these facts and documents the author made a number of trips to the Ukraine where he visited the historical archives, talked with many of those who lived through those horrible days of the “Jewish actions.” He also met some of those who were victims of the Ukrainian nationalists and miraculously were saved.

Even though Ukrainian nationalists and Zionism are antipodes, in their hatred of the Soviet Union they have become partners. Here their interests have found common ground.

The author presents many facts about the ruthless retribution meted out by the nationalist bands against the Jewish civilian population, especially in the western regions of the Ukraine.

In his book, *Lest We Forget*, M. Hanusiak has also published a number of photographs which portray the Ukrainian police posing with their Hitlerite superiors or with their Nazi-German rank and file colleagues with whom they were partners in carrying out the “Jewish actions.”

In this book you will be able to find facts

which prove that many of those who took part in the “Jewish actions” during the war years have found asylum in North America. Many through falsification of the facts. Many of them retreated with the German army during the Second World War.

The appearance of this book is very timely and necessary. Especially now, when the Ukrainian nationalists, avid anti-Semites, have become so-called great “defenders” of the Zionists. As a result they permit the use of the pages of their newspapers and periodicals for continued anti-Soviet slander. The Ukrainian nationalists are trying to present their alliance with the Zionists as a defense of the Jewish people. But this is a great lie! Ukrainian nationalism, historically and by its nature, has been an ardent enemy of the Jewish people. As it is impossible to identify Ukrainian nationalism with the Ukrainian people, so it is impossible to identify Zionism with the Jewish people. They have nothing in common with each other.

The book *Lest We Forget* will be an aid to both the Ukrainian, Jewish and other readers who want to better understand Ukrainian nationalism which is now finding alliance with Zionism.

You can read the rest of Krawchuck's review in the *New Outlook Publisher's* edition of ***Lest We Forget***.

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Albert Einstein Speaks to Jews about Peace and Solidarity

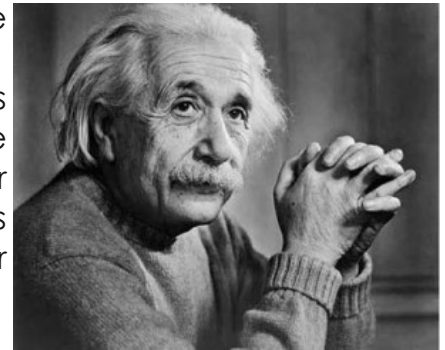
In a 1949 broadcast over radio, Albert Einstein addressed the conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on the question of Jewish-Arab solidarity in the middle-east.

In celebration of Albert Einstein, born March 14, 1879, world renowned Jewish physicist, we present his timely words. As a friend to human progress, Albert felt he had a responsibility, after escaping Nazi Germany, to lead people, Jewish and non-Jewish to peace and justice. His activism included his support of the newly founded state of Israel in 1948. In his message to the conference, he addresses the Jewish people of Israel and the world, he mentions that Israeli Independence was a response to British rule preventing Jewish immigration and that it was the British that stirred the hatred among the Jewish and Arab peoples.

Albert Einstein came to America in 1933 to escaped Nazi persecution. He supported the early Zionist notion of a safe "Jewish homeland" in Palestine, one that would be shared with the native Palestinian Arabs based on equality before the law for all and the sharing of the land. He praised Zionism in returning a sense of community and self-respect to the Jews. But his faith with Zionism was broken by events on the ground in the Middle East which he warned was a "narrow nationalism."

In Autumn of 1948, with Arab and Jewish forces locked in war after the newly recognized state of Israel by the U.N. General Assembly sparked tensions between the two groups, Einstein admitted that "there is no going back, and one has to fight it out." Einstein accepted Israel as

an inevitable consequence of Britian's failure to create conditions for Arabs and Jews to live together in peace.



Albert Einstein saw the struggle for peace as the essential nature of Judaism. Like his scientific rigor, Einstein's message is brilliant and simple. The Jewish and Arab people struggle to be free of tyranny and oppression, but the only way to do it is through mutual, peaceful coexistence.

The Jews of Israel, 27 November 1949 Albert Einstein

THERE IS NO PROBLEM of such overwhelming importance to us Jews as consolidating that which has been accomplished in Israel with amazing energy and an unequaled willingness for sacrifice. May the joy and admiration that fill us when we think of all that this small group of energetic and thoughtful people has achieved give us the strength to accept the great responsibility which the present situation has placed upon us.

When appraising the achievement, however, let us not lose sight of the cause to be served by this achievement: rescue of our endangered brethren, dispersed in many lands, by uniting them in Israel; creation of a community which conforms as closely as possible to the ethical ideals of our people as they have been formed in the course of a long history.

One of these ideals is peace, based on

understanding and self-restraint, and not on violence. If we are imbued with this ideal, our joy becomes somewhat mingled with sadness, because our relations with the Arabs are far from this ideal at the present time. It may well be that we would have reached this ideal, had we been permitted to work out, undisturbed by others, our relations with our neighbors, for we want peace and we realize that our future development depends on peace.

It was much less our own fault or that of our neighbors than of the Mandatory Power, that we did not achieve an undivided Palestine in which Jews and Arabs would live as equals, free, in peace. If one nation dominates other nations, as was the case in the British Mandate over Palestine, she can hardly avoid following the notorious device of *Divide et Impera*. In plain language this means: create discord among the governed people so they will not unite in order to shake off the yoke imposed upon them. Well, the yoke has been removed, but the seed of dissension has borne fruit and may still do harm for some time to come—let us hope not for too long.

The Jews of Palestine did not fight for political independence for its own sake, but they fought to achieve free immigration for the Jews of many countries where their very existence was in danger; free immigration also for all those who were longing for a life among their own. It is no exaggeration to say that they fought to make possible a sacrifice perhaps unique in history.

I do not speak of the loss in lives and property fighting an opponent who was numerically far superior, nor do I mean the exhausting toil which is the pioneer's lot in a neglected arid country. I am thinking of the additional sacrifice that a population living under such conditions has to make in order to receive, in the course of eighteen

months, an influx of immigrants which comprise more than one third of the total Jewish population of the country. In order to realize what this means you have only to visualize a comparable feat of the American Jews. Let us assume there were no laws limiting the immigration into the United States; imagine that the Jews of this country volunteered to receive more than one million Jews from other countries in the course of one year and a half, to take care of them, and to integrate them into the economy of this country. This would be a tremendous achievement, but still very far from the achievement of our brethren in Israel. For the United States is a big, fertile country, sparsely populated with a high living standard and a highly developed productive capacity, not to compare with small Jewish Palestine whose inhabitants, even without the additional burden of mass immigration, lead a hard and frugal life, still threatened by enemy attacks. Think of the privations and personal sacrifices which this voluntary act of brotherly love means for the Jews of Israel.

The economic means of the Jewish Community in Israel do not suffice to bring this tremendous enterprise to a successful end. For a hundred thousand out of more than three hundred thousand persons who immigrated to Israel since May 1948 no homes or work could be made available. They had to be concentrated in improvised camps under conditions which are a disgrace to all of us.

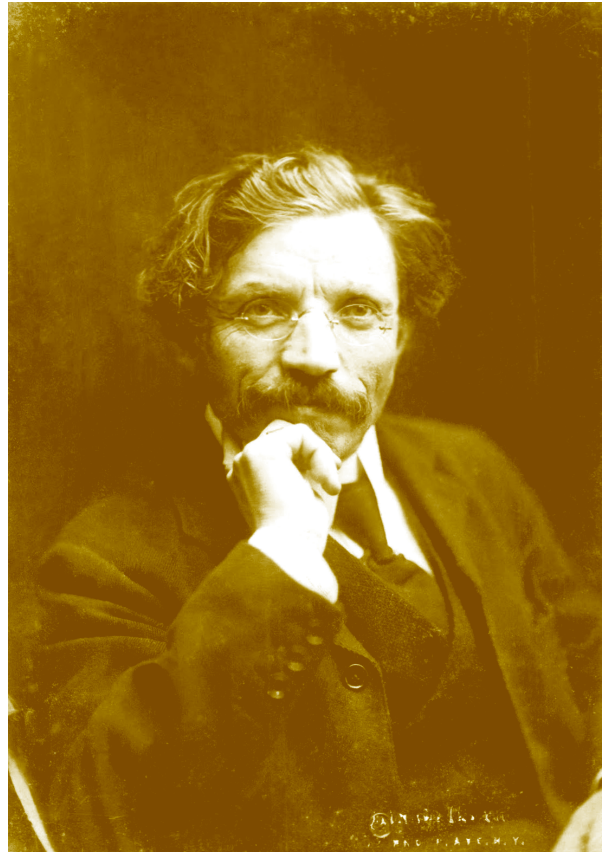
It must not happen that this magnificent work breaks down because the Jews of this country do not help sufficiently or quickly enough. Here, to my mind, is a precious gift with which all Jews have been presented: the opportunity to take an active part in this wonderful task.

Shalom Aleichem: People's Mensch

Sholem Aleichem, the great Yiddish writer of fiction, created many of the most enduring works of modern Yiddish fiction. Many people see him capturing the fading world of Jewish life in Russian villages with both humor and sadness.

Sholem Aleichem was born Sholem Rabinowitz in 1859 in the Ukraine, within tsarist Russia. After witnessing the pogroms that swept through the southern Russian Empire in 1905, including Kiev, Sholem Aleichem left Kiev and emigrated to New York City, where he arrived in 1906. Sholem would move from Europe to America, eventually settling in New York again in 1914.

Sholem Aleichem's narratives were notable for the naturalness of his characters' speech and the accuracy of his descriptions of shtetl life. He was often referred to as the "Jewish Mark Twain." Aleichem's daughter recounts an incident, when her father was introduced to the great American Humorist as the "Jewish Mark Twain," to which Mark Twain graciously replied, "Please tell him that I am the American Sholem Aleichem."



Sholem Aleichem is the pen name of Solomon Rabinowitch.

But to call Sholem Aleichem the "Jewish Mark Twain" would be an injustice to him. Francis Butwin, one translator of his work has said, "He was like no one else. He was unique, a genius whose writings are the perfect expression of a people, their mind, their heart, their wit and above all their special idiom."

Sholem Aleichem became one of the first to advance and develop a literature in common Yiddish—that is, the language Jews actually spoke. He advocated Yiddish as a national Jewish language, which he felt should be accorded the same status and respect as other modern European languages.

Sholem was of an immigrant generation—a major figure in a cosmopolitan culture that was grappling with how to balance tradition and modernity, trying to understand where to go next and how to embrace what comes.

Today, we are appalled by the abhorrent attack by our administration on the foreign-born. Immigrants, much like many Jews, such as Sholem Aleichem, were when they came to this country. Sholem wrote a lullaby "Sleep, My Child," which tells the story of a sad mother singing to her child. "Someday you will understand my tears," she sings. Your father is far away in America. They say that America is a paradise for the Jews—that they eat challah every day. He will bring us there. Until then, sleep, it is good.

Sleep, My Child Shlof Mayn Kind

שלאַף, מיין קינד

Sleep, my child, my comfort, my beauty,
Sleep, lull-a, lullaby.
Sleep my life, my only Kaddish,
Sleep, my little son.

Your mother is sitting by your cradle,
singing a song and weeping.
Perhaps you will understand some day
what she was thinking.

Father is in America,
Your father, my son,
Meanwhile, you are still a child,
so sleep, sleep, lullaby.

America is for everyone,
they say, great good fortune,
and a Paradise for the Jews,
something extraordinary.

There, even during the week,
they eat
challah, my little son,
I will cook chicken soups for you,
So sleep, sleep, lullaby.

He will send us twenty dollars,
and his photograph, too,
and he will (may he live) take us
to him there.

Until that good voucher (ticket)
comes,
sleep, my little son.
Sleep is a precious remedy,
So sleep, sleep, lullaby.

Shlof mayn kind, mayn treyst,
mayn sheyner,
Shlof zhe, lyu-lyu-lyu!
Shlof mayn lebn, mayn kadish
eyner,
Shlof zhe, zunenyu.

Bay dayn vigl zitst dayn mame,
Zingt a lid un veynt.
Vest a mol farshteyn mistame
Vos zi hot gemeynt.

In amerike iz der tate
Dayner zunenyu,
Du bist nokh a kind lesate,
Shlof zhe, shlof, lyu-lyu!

Dos amerike iz far yedn,
Zogt men, gor a glik,
Un far yidn a gan-eydn,
Epes an antik.

Dortn est men in der vokhn
Khale, zunenyu,
Yaykhelekh vel ikh dir kokhn,
Shlof zhe, shlof, lyu-lyu.

Er vet shikn tsvantsik doler,
Zayn portret dertsu,
Un vet nemen, lebn zol er,
Undz ahintsutsu.

Biz es kumt dos gute kvitl,
Shlof zhe, zunenyu.
Shlofn iz a tayer mitl,
Shlof zhe, shlof, lyu-lyu.

שלאַף מיין קינד, מיין טרייסט, מיין
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זינגט אַ ליד און וויינט
וועסט אַ מאָל פֿאַרשטיין מסתמא
וואָס זי האָט געמיינט

אין אַמעריקע איז דער טאַטע
דיינער, זונעניו
דו ביסט נאָך אַ קינד לעת-עתה
!שלאַף זשע, שלאַף, ליו-ליו

דאָס אַמעריקע איז פֿאַר יעדן
זאָגט מען, גאָר אַ גליק
און פֿאַר יידן אַ גאָרעדיגן
עפעס אַן אַנטיק

דאָרטן עסט מען אין דער וואָכן
חלה, זונעניו
ייִכעלעך וועל איך דיר קאָכן
שלאַף זשע, שלאַף, ליו-ליו

ער וועט שיקן צוואַנציק דאָלער
זיין פֿאַרטערט דערצו
און וועט נעמען, לעבן זאָל ער
אונדז אַהינטצו

ביז עס קומט דאָס גוטע קוויטל
שלאַף זשע, זונעניו
שלאַפֿן איז אַ טייער מיטל
שלאַף זשע, שלאַף, ליו-ליו

From the Four Corners (Continued from page 2) solution between Palestine and Israel.

recently signed legal settlements with multiple universities, including Brown, Columbia, and Harvard. These settlements require the universities to combat anti-Semitism; however, this requirement appears to conflict with her department's new guidance. Specifically, the settlements with Brown and Columbia direct the creation of special programs for Jewish students.

President Donald Trump posted a confusing statement on social media: "There will be no more antisemitism. Woke is officially dead at Brown." Schools like Brown are now required to follow both the Department of Justice memo and the antisemitism settlements as official policy. This means they must cancel diversity programs—except for those supporting Jewish students—or risk legal issues. Meanwhile, the Trump administration is losing several legal cases concerning its crackdown on DEI, and Harvard is contesting the suspension of its federal grants in court.

THE BROOKLYN NETS, who, in the June NBA draft, selected two Jewish players: Israeli point guard Ben Saraf and University of Michigan center Danny Wolf. This marks a notable change for the Nets, who in late 2022 were involved in a controversy after star point guard Kyrie Irving posted a link to a film containing inflammatory claims about Jewish people.

France

PRIME MINISTER Emmanuel Macron announced that France will officially recognize the State of Palestine at the United Nations General Assembly in September, citing the country's ongoing support for a lasting peace in the Middle East. Macron specified that he is coordinating with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who also serves as chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to organize a conference focusing on a two-state

Hungary

HUNDREDS OF Hungarian Jews have signed a letter stating that the 'extremist statements' of the Israeli government and their own establishment do not represent them.

Noting that protests against the war in Gaza have been largely banned in Hungary, the signatories lament that "there is hardly any platform or institution in Hungary that dares to engage in debate and nuanced discussion on this topic."

Building on this concern, the letter said, "We know from Hungarian Jewish history what the price of silence is," they add. "That is why we will not remain silent. We speak out for peace, justice, and the human rights of Israelis and Palestinians."

South Africa

IN JUNE 2024, the African National Congress (ANC) lost its parliamentary majority. It formed a coalition, known as the Government of National Unity, with the centrist Democratic Alliance, a party with a longstanding reputation for support among Jewish voters. The ANC has strongly opposed Israel's military actions in Gaza. In January 2024, under ANC leadership, South Africa filed a genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice in Ramallah, West Bank. Israel is required to respond to the ICJ in January 2026.

Argentina

THE ARGENTINE government announced the public release of nearly 1,850 classified documents detailing the escape of Nazi fugitives to Argentina after World War II. The government declassified government documents and made them available at the

request of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish advocacy group. They are now accessible through Argentina's National Archive and include records of financial transactions and Defense Ministry documents illustrating how Nazi individuals resettled in the country.

Israel

WEEKLY PROTESTS continue in Israel, calling for an end to the war with Hamas and the return of hostages taken on October 7th, 2023. In August, various labor organizations and committees held a one-day strike. However, Histadrut Chairman Arnon Bar-David declined to participate, stating that such a strike would shift public attention related to hostage return into the political sphere. Although Bar-David has declared general strikes in response to right-wing government policies, these actions were deemed illegal by the court as political strikes. Labor law experts have repeatedly highlighted the government's actions, from the ongoing conflict to legal changes, as having significant economic and democratic impacts that could justify a strike.

A RECENT SURVEY conducted in Israel among Orthodox Jews shows that 44 percent believe bringing home the hostages should take precedence over defeating Hamas—a notable increase from early 2024. Prominent figures in the typically hard-line religious establishment are also starting to question the war. Rabbi Mosheh Lichtenstein, the spiritual leader of Yeshivat Har Etzion in the West Bank settlement of Alon Shvut, concluded that Israel's military campaign in Gaza had "exhausted itself."

Palestine

OF THE 193 member states of the United Nations, 147 have recognised a Palestinian state, most recently Mexico in January 2025. Britain, France, Canada, Australia, and Belgium have all announced that they will recognize a

Palestinian state at the United Nations General Assembly. The Palestine Liberation Organization declared the independence of a Palestinian state in 1988, and most countries in the global South quickly recognised it.

Calls for international recognition of the Palestinian state have been growing. A group of countries has announced its intention to recognize it at the UN General Assembly meeting expected to take place this month. This move could be an important lever for the central demand: recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to be completely free from Israeli occupation, to exercise their right, like other peoples, to self-determination, and to establish an independent state on their own land.

OSCAR-WINNING director Basel Adra said Israeli soldiers raided his West Bank home, searching for him and going through his wife's phone.

"No Other Land," which won an Oscar this year for best documentary, depicts the struggle by residents of the Masafer Yatta area to stop the Israeli military from demolishing their villages. Ballal and Adra made the joint Palestinian-Israeli production with Israeli directors Abraham and Rachel Szor.

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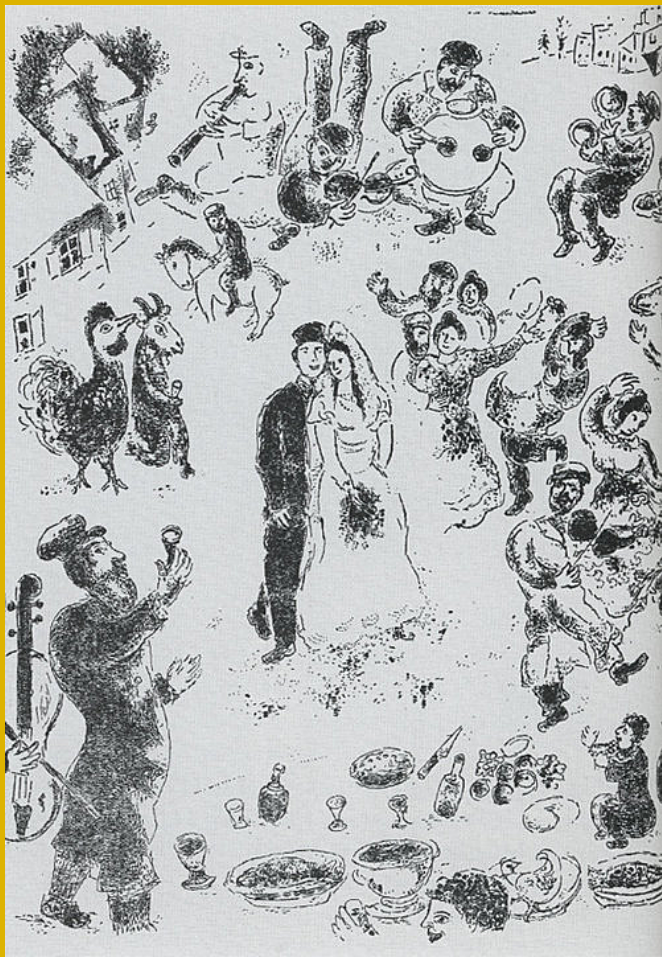


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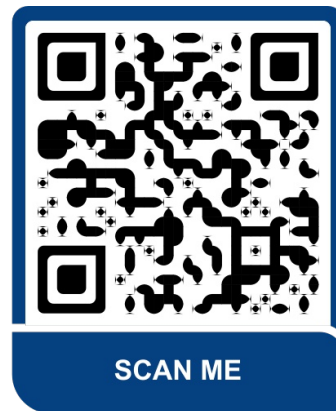
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