

Holocaust Awareness Week April 16-22, 2001

We Remember Our Past. We Trust In The Future

We remember our past in order to build a better future for all during Holocaust Awareness Week April 16-22, 2001. Organized by the Holocaust Awareness Committee of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal, a number of organizations, agencies and groups have come together to provide a full program of events and commemorative services.

Marra Messinger, Director of Community Development for the Canada Israel Committee (Ottawa) will explore the relationship between the Holocaust, Israel and Jewish identity with participants in the "birthright Israel" program on Monday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Kanee Foyer of the Berney Theatre on the Asper Jewish Community Campus. The program is a collaborative effort of the Community Relations Department and Young Adult Division of the Federation, the Canada Israel Committee and the Israel Experience Centre of the Rady Jewish Community Centre.

"Daring to Resist", the story of Jewish women partisans, will be told through film and discussion during the United Jewish People's Order and Sholem Aleichem Community's annual program on Monday, April 16 at Na'amat Hall,

1727 Main Street at 7:30 p.m.

The outstanding Boreas String Quartet will perform and discuss the works of some of Europe's most gifted composers, who were murdered in the notorious Terezin (Theresienstadt) camp during "A Discovery of Silenced Voices- The Music of Terezin" on Tuesday, April 17th in the Berney Theatre of the Asper Campus. There will be two performances: an abbreviated program at 11:30 a.m. and a full program at 7:30 p.m. (no charge; silver collection).

McNally Robinson Booksellers has joined forces with the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/ CJA to bring Holocaust awareness to the general public by hosting the forum "Why write about the Holocaust?". Three prominent local writers, Allan Levine (Fugitives of the Forest), Carol Matas (In My Enemy's House) and Barney Sneiderman ("Holocaust Bashing: The Profaning of History") will present their personal answers to the question during a special authors' forum at McNally Robinson's Grant Park location on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m. A featured book table and an enhanced selection of Holocaust books will be available at the book store throughout the week.

A special program for Holocaust survivors will be held by Jewish Child and Family Service on

Thursday, April 19th, at the Gwen Sectar Creative Living Centre. "Reaching Out", a drop-in for survivors at 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. includes lunch (\$3) and a film presentation.

Also on Thursday, April 19th, the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada will feature the documentary "A Place to Save Your Life: The story of the Jewish Refugee Community of Shanghai" at the Berney Theatre. The film by Karen Shpowsowitz will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Martin Zeilig. Featured panelists are: Miriam Feisterstein, Judith Lavitt, Bert Schaffer and Miriam Zucker. The program, at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Berney Theatre (silver collection).

For Yom Hashoah, on Friday, April 20th, B'nai Brith Canada will once again sponsor "Unto Every Person There Is A Name". This continuous reading of the names on the Holocaust Monument of victims whose families live in Winnipeg will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Rotunda of the provincial legislature.

The public Memorial Service at the Holocaust Monument will follow at noon on Friday, April 20th. The monument is located in the southwest quadrant of the grounds of the legislature.

The Annual Holocaust Memorial Service and Street Name Changing Ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at the B'nai Abraham Synagogue.

The week's activities will conclude with a special program for youth: "The Wave". Co-sponsored by Federation Next, the Youth Advisory Council, March of the Living and JCFs, "The Wave", a documentary film, will be followed by discussion to examine questions such as: Could this happen in your school? Is this what happened during the Holocaust? The program will be held in the Holocaust Education Centre at the Asper Campus at 1:30 p.m.

Throughout Holocaust Awareness Week short films will be shown in the Holocaust Education Centre beginning at 1:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Shelley Faintuch, Department of Community Relations: 477-7423.

U.S. Jewish news

Foxman meets with investigators, admits ADL took money from Rich

By MATTHEW E. BERGER

WASHINGTON (JTA) - The Anti-Defamation League is cooperating with a congressional investigation into the pardon of businessman Marc Rich, and has acknowledged that Rich was a donor to the organization. The House of Representatives' Government Reform Committee also has sent a letter seeking the cooperation of former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, but has not yet received a response, a committee spokeswoman said.



ABRAHAM FOXMAN, national director, Anti-Defamation League: "Probably" erred by lobbying to pardon Rich.

The national director of the ADL, Abraham Foxman, met with committee investigators in Washington on March 19, the same day he released a letter saying he "probably" had erred by lobbying former President Clinton to pardon Rich. Rich was indicted on 51 counts of tax evasion, racketeering and violating trade sanctions with Iran, but fled to Switzerland in 1983 before standing trial. He then became a major donor to Jewish charitable organizations and Israeli universities and hospitals, and many leading Israeli politicians and American Jewish figures lobbied Clinton on his behalf.

Clinton pardoned Rich in the waning hours of his presidency in January, and has said that the Jewish push - particularly Barak's intercession - was one of the major factors in his decision. Myrna Shinbaum, ADL's director of media relations and public information, acknowledged that Rich has donated to the organization, but refused to divulge the amount he has given or when he gave it. Shinbaum also refused to comment on the substance of Foxman's meeting with investigators, saying it "was between him and the government."

The investigators are examining the process Rich used to gain a pardon, which allegedly bypassed the normal vetting process.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.), already has held two hearings on the pardons, interviewing Rich's attorney and several Clinton administration officials. The committee was to release a list March 21 of everyone investigators have contacted about the pardon.

The committee also will report that they are working to set up an interview with Avner Azulay, a former Mossad agent who oversaw the Rich Foundation in Israel, a committee spokeswoman said.

Attempts to contact Barak's office and Azulay were unsuccessful. Foxman's meeting with investiga-

tors came the day he issued a statement explaining why he participated in the Rich pardon.

"I did so because I believed, along with many others whom I respect, that Mr. Rich deserved a second chance," Foxman said in the statement. "In hindsight, this case probably should not have had my involvement."

Shinbaum refused to elaborate on the statement, and said it is unrelated to Foxman's conversation with investigators.

Jewish officials in the United States, Israel and Europe lobbied the White House in a mostly underground campaign on Rich's behalf.

Many of those advocating the pardon had benefited from Rich's largesse. Among those writing Clinton were Shlomo Ben-Ami, Israel's former foreign minister; Ehud Olmert, mayor of Jerusalem; Michael Steinhardt, philanthropist and CEO of Steinhardt Associates; and Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, which oversees the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

None of Rich's other advocates connected with Israel or the Jewish community were contacted for questioning, the committee spokeswoman said. In his December 7 letter to Clinton urging a pardon, Foxman acknowledged Rich's "generous support of the Jewish community and abroad" and said he had made amends for his alleged crimes.

"The extent of Marc Rich's suffering has become disproportionate to his mistakes," Foxman wrote. "His life has been committed to making the world a better place." In his statement March 19, Foxman said his involvement was partially motivated by the death of Rich's daughter from leukemia. He has since re-examined his decision, Foxman wrote. "On further reflection, as this unique case unfolded, I began to question whether a person's good deeds should overshadow other aspects of his behavior," Foxman wrote.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has been an outspoken critic of the Jewish community's push for Rich. On March 20, Yoffie said he was glad to see the ADL acknowledge that its support of the pardon was an error of judgement. "Whether or not Mr. Rich contributed, the suspicion was created that there was a motive" to write the letters of support, Yoffie said.

Sharon appears to be pleased after Bush says he will not impose peace

By MATTHEW E. BERGER

WASHINGTON (JTA) - On his first visit to Washington since his election six weeks ago, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon apparently heard what he had hoped to hear: The Bush administration will not try to push Israelis and Palestinians toward peace and agrees that Israel can not negotiate until violence ceases.

Meeting at the White House on March 20, President Bush told Sharon that he would work with other Middle East countries to "give peace a chance," but could not impose peace on the region. "I told him that our nation will not try to force peace, that we will facilitate peace and that we will work with those responsible for peace," Bush said after meeting Sharon.

Sharon said he felt he didn't have to convince Bush that Israel will not negotiate under threat of Palestinian attacks. "I think what I understand" to be "the policy of this great democracy, the United States, is that one should not surrender to terror and pressure and violence,"

Sharon said. "And therefore, I don't have to work too hard on this thing. I even didn't try."

Sharon and Bush discussed strengthening existing channels of communication between the United States and Israel, according to Mark Regev, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Sharon also told Bush that Israel faces a dilemma: It relaxed the closures on West Bank cities - as the United States and the international community had demanded - only to face an escalation in terror attacks.

For the time being, however, Sharon does not plan to reinforce the closures on the territories. Sharon reiterated his promise to separate between terrorists and the Palestinian general population, perhaps al-

luding to a policy of targeted attacks. Bush, meanwhile, said he hadn't decided whether to invite Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to the White House - Arafat visited the Clinton White House more than any other foreign leader - despite a report in Ha'aretz that senior State Department officials are urging Bush to do so.

White House Spokesman Ari Fleischer clarified that Bush is considering inviting Arafat and spoke to the Palestinian leaders several weeks ago, but that no official plans for an invitation have been made. Sharon told Bush that the international community must send a message to Arafat that terrorism and violence do not pay, Regev said.

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We thank you for your interest; however, only those individuals receiving serious consideration will be contacted.

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Program of Events

- Monday, April 16, 2001
 - 7:30 pm • Berney Theatre, Asper Jewish Community Campus, 123 Doncaster St. Sponsored by The Rady Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/CJA
 - "Daring to Resist" - Film and program honouring Jewish women Partisans • 7:30 pm • Na'amat Hall Sponsored by United Jewish People's Order/Sholem Aleichem
- Tuesday, April 17, 2001
 - "A Discovery of Silenced Voices: The Music of Terezin" 11:30 am (abbreviated performance - silver collection) Berney Theatre
 - 7:30 pm (full performance - silver collection) Berney Theatre Asper Jewish Community Campus, 123 Doncaster St. Sponsored by The Holocaust Awareness Committee
- Wednesday, April 18, 2001
 - "Why Write About the Holocaust? Author's Forum" 7:30 pm • McNally Robinson, Grant Park Shopping Centre
- Thursday, April 19, 2001
 - "Reaching Out" - A Drop-In For Holocaust Survivors 12:30 - 2:30 pm • Gwen Sectar Creative Living Centre (\$3 includes lunch) Sponsored by Jewish Child and Family Services
 - "A Place to Save Your Life: the Story of the Jewish Refugee Community in Shanghai" Film and Panel Discussion • 7:30 pm • Berney Theatre Sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada
- Friday, April 20, 2001
 - "Unto Every Person There is a Name" • 9:30 am • Rotunda, Legislative Building Sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada
 - "Annual Memorial Service" 12:00 (noon) • Holocaust Memorial, S.W. Corner, Legislative Grounds Sponsored by the Holocaust Awareness Committee and the Second Generation Group
- Sunday, April 22, 2001
 - "Annual Memorial Service and Street Name Change" 11:00 am • B'nai Abraham Synagogue Sponsored by the Holocaust Awareness Committee and the Second Generation Group
 - "The Wave" - Youth Program 1:30 pm • Holocaust Education Centre, Asper Jewish Community Campus Sponsored by Federation Next, Youth Advisory Council, March of the Living

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