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RAOUL WALLENBERG: BURIED ALIVE



THE JCC'S JEWISH FILM SERIES
PRESENTS "RAOUL WALLENBERG:
BURIED ALIVE"
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 8:00 P.M.

RAOUL WALLENBERG: BURIED ALIVE carefully reconstructs the true story of a young man who became one of the great heroes of World War II without ever wearing a uniform or firing a gun. Raoul Wallenberg, a wealthy Swedish protestant, personally saved the lives of at least 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazi Holocaust. In accomplishing this feat, Wallenberg himself disappeared into the unfathomable labyrinths of the Soviet prisons. For those who are not familiar with the name Raoul Wallenberg, the film is a revelation. Those who already know this man's remarkable story will gain new information and insights into his achievements and his fate.

Raoul Wallenberg was a member of a rich, powerful, industrialist banking family, sometimes called the "Rockefellers of Sweden." In 1944, at the age of 32, he was appointed First Secretary of the Swedish Legation in Budapest. There he volunteered, on behalf of the American War Refugee Board, to embark on a dangerous mission to save the last surviving Jewish community in Europe from the Nazis.

Acting independently, with meagre financial resources and little diplomatic support, Wallenberg executed a series of daredevil rescue operations in Hungary. He issued thousands of protective Swedish passports, the "shutz passes", to Jewish refugees, and established "safe house" refuge centers.

In November 1944, Nazi leader Adolph Eichman ordered the deportation of Hungarian Jews on a 125 mile enforced march to the death camps. Wallenberg made repeated trips by car along the route giving out food, water, and clothing, as well as Swedish passports. Through such constant maneuvering he was able to "slow Eichman down with paperwork," and about 1500 people were saved from Auschwitz.

By early 1945, the Soviet army had pushed the Germans out of Budapest, and Allied victory was imminent. Wallenberg set out toward Russian headquarters 120 miles east of Budapest to negotiate. He never returned. Wallenberg was taken into "protective custody" by the Russians, and was never heard from again in the free world.

"Measures have been taken to protect Mr. Wallenberg," declared the Russians on January 16, 1945. A month later, Wallenberg's mother was reassured by the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm that her son was safe in Moscow. Reports circulated that Wallenberg had been seen in Soviet prisons. In response to repeated inquiries, Russian authorities announced in 1957 that Wallenberg had died of a heart attack in Lubyanka prison some years earlier. Yet evidence of Wallenberg's continued existence mounted in the following years. War prisoners released from Russian jails testified that they had seen or heard

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him. In 1961, a Swedish doctor visiting Moscow was told that Wallenberg was in a Russian mental hospital. This report was denied. In 1978, a man claimed that while in Butyrka prison in 1975, he met a Swede who had been in prison for thirty years, who was still in good condition. In 1978, a Russian immigrant to Israel stated that he heard a KGB colonel, under the influence of vodka boast of having had "that Swede in my custody for the last thirty three years."

Raoul Wallenberg may still be alive in Russian prisons today. His name continues to stand before the court of world public opinion. In January 1981, on the anniversary of his disappearance, international hearings were held in Stockholm. Over the years, his family, along with many of the grateful people he saved, have led the Wallenberg information movement. International leaders have initiated diplomatic efforts to reopen the case. The United States has recently taken steps toward making Wallenberg a citizen, only the second time in history that this has been done on behalf of a foreigner.

RAOUL WALLENBERG: BURIED ALIVE includes a wealth of archival material that graphically shows the rise of the ruthless "Arrowcross Nazis" in Hungary. Astounding footage of ghetto pogroms and the enforced death marches are interwoven with the story of Wallenberg's diplomatic efforts within the Nazi hierarchy. Also included are interviews with survivors who owe their lives to Wallenberg and with those who have reported seeing him alive. Made by Canadian filmmakers with the cooperation of Wallenberg's family, **BURIED ALIVE** provides the most detailed and moving exploration of one of the modern world's heroic tragedies.

A donation of \$2.00 is recommended.

To make it more convenient for you to view this very important film, the showing of this film, originally scheduled for showing Thursday, Feb. 21, has been CHANGED TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 at 8 P.M.

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Views From The Top

Henrietta Szold once called Youth Aliyah a program that turns "the redeemed into the redeemers." On the occasion of Youth Aliyah's 50th Anniversary, other shapers of youth Aliyah reflect on the redeeming enterprises they have nurtured.

Uri Gordon (World Head of Youth Aliyah)

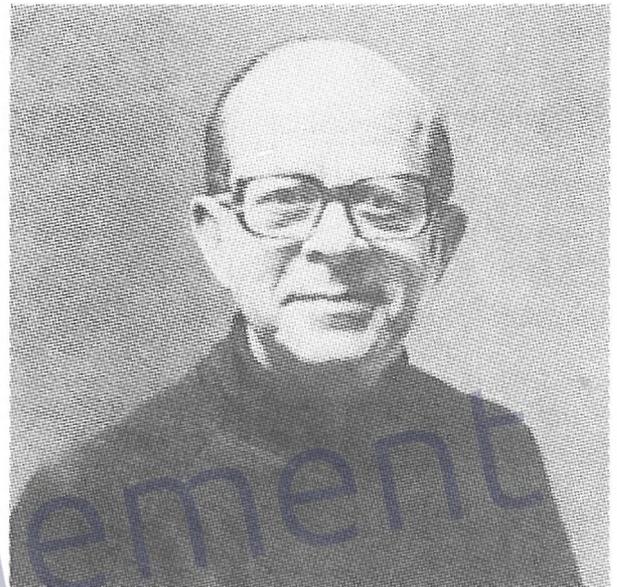
"We have lived through the heroic years. Now there is a need to set up youth groups within the framework of the settlement movement, in order to create a positive image of the Israeli younger generation. We will also continue our absorption work, currently with 400 Jews from Ethiopia, and the transformation of Youth Aliyah graduates into future leaders in our society. We already have a large number who are famous in this country and abroad in the arts, literature, politics and education. Finally, we want to increase the number of our projects for youth from abroad."

Contributions to Youth Aliyah is always needed. Send or call Marlene Allen 942-2010, Ida Gopan at the JCC 945-5631, or me at 942-4201 Mildred Kominsky.
Mildred Kominsky, Chairman

ARTHUR LEIPZIG



are able to see how the proper control of light, mood, action and composition can transform the seemingly ordinary into the extraordinary. **The Jewish Community Center is proud** to present the exhibition, "Arthur Leipzig: Photographs of Jewish Life Around the World" at the Bangor Public Library, Harlow Street, 2nd floor from March 4-17.



ARTHUR LEIPZIG

Man was first able to record images precious to himself in a semi-permanent state, with the advent of the daguerrotype in the early 19th century. Throughout the more recent decades, as more advanced forms of technology entered the mainstream of our lives, the recording of images became more and more refined.

The ability to visualize the desired image beforehand and then capture it on film at the one precise moment in time is that ability which generally separates the art of photography from the realm of family snapshot.

Arthur Leipzig has had the good fortune to have traveled to all reaches of modern civilization during his illustrious career as a professional photographer. It was during one of these travels that he became aware of the need to document Jewish communities scattered around the globe. In this exhibition we are able to see but some of the results of his years of dedication come to fruition.

The photographs in this exhibition go far beyond the mere recording of person and place. In each we

My photography is personal—inseparable from my sense of humanity. My best work is intuitive, coming from my feelings, not my intellect. It is because of my feelings that I became involved with photographing Jewish life.

Beginning with an assignment from ORT (Organization of Rehabilitation through Training) to photograph ORT schools in France and Morocco, I became increasingly interested in exploring the extended family of Jews, and finding my place in it.

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This desire to search out my connections with the wider Jewish community surprised me since I am not a religious man.

And yet, as I visited people and places that were exotic to me (by the standards of Borough Park, Brooklyn, where I grew up), I kept having the feeling that I was visiting family.

In this photo essay of Jewish life around the world, I wanted to explode false stereotypes and myths concerning geographic distribution, class, economics and race. I have traveled to Argentina, Chile, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Israel, India, Iran, Morocco, Romania, and Tunisia. I have met and photographed Jews who are farmers, cowboys, blacksmiths, businessmen, industrial workers, and professionals. Some of them are rich and middle class—most poor, many of them desperately poor. They are white, black, brown, and yellow.

I hope my photographs show the range and spirit of individual lives and portray the true community of Jews. I hope I have preserved some of the beauty and dignity of the people who opened their lives to me.

HOW AMERICANS FEEL ABOUT ISRAEL; AN AIPAC PAPER ON U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

Support for Israel over the Arab nations is one foreign policy issue on which there has been a wide consensus in the United States for over thirty years. In poll after poll over this extended period of time, and particularly over the past ten years, the results have been remarkably consistent:

— By an average of five-to-one, Americans have expressed greater sympathy for Israel than the Arab nations.

— Majority support for Israel comes from every region of the country, from women as well as men, from Catholics as well as Protestants, and from all social groups.

— Black Americans have repeatedly expressed a preference for Israel by margins of two and three-to-one.

— Young people are even more supportive of Israel than their elders, averaging over five-to-one support.

— Support for Israel increases with level of educa-

tion, income, and professional attainment—college education increases support for Israel by about 25 percent.

Nor is there any evidence in the most recent polls of any so-called "erosion" of support for Israel. The 1984 results (five-to-one) are identical to the average for the past seventeen years. There is in fact more support for Israel now than at the time of the Camp David breakthrough. During the 1982 Lebanon crisis, some Americans were critical of particular Israeli actions, much as they sometimes oppose specific actions taken by their own government. But at no time during the war did support for Israel dip below a majority of those with a preference and shortly after the fighting ended the level of support rebounded to a typical four-to-one majority.

Beyond general sympathy for Israel, Americans also adopt pro-Israel positions on a wide array of specific issues:

— Strong majorities consistently oppose the sale of advanced weapons to Arab nations still at war with Israel.

— By a wide margin, Americans believe that Israel is a more reliable ally than any other country in the Middle East. By more than three-to-one, Americans support the current level of aid to Israel or believe it should be increased.

— Consistent majorities prefer Israeli control of Jerusalem to the alternatives of Arab control or internationalization.

— By more than three-to-one, Americans oppose a tilt toward the Arabs and away from Israel to lower the price of oil or insure its supply.

— Strong majorities are opposed to the PLO.

On the question of the disposition of territories administered by Israel since 1967, a resounding majority of Americans oppose returning to the Arabs all land captured in 1967:

— 22 percent prefer that Israel hold on to all the land;

— 54 percent propose that Israel retain territory important to its security but return the rest; and

— only 9 percent believe that Israel should return all the land.

Overall, the support of the American people for Israel and for a pro-Israel policy is wide and deep. The reason for this support, and for its impressive stability over time, is the American people's recognition that Israel is the one true democracy in the Middle East; their belief that Israel is the one ally we can count on in the region; their support for the idea of a Jewish homeland; and their sympathy for Israel's struggle against aggression by radical Soviet-backed Arab states. For all these reasons, support for Israel is one of the most consistent features of the American consensus on foreign policy, and is a value that the American people are unlikely to surrender.

By Steven J. Rosen
Yosef I. Abramowitz

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ARMAND HAMMER DEFIES ARAB BOYCOTT

One of the most effective anti-Israel weapons used by the Arab states is their refusal to sell oil to oil-starved Israel and their employment of coercive measures to prevent countries that buy their oil from reselling it to Israel. In addition, major oil companies and oil-equipment suppliers have shied away from prospecting in the Jewish State for fear of antagonizing the oil-rich Arab countries. The occasional oil drilling that does take place is done by companies that go to elaborate lengths to hide their corporate identity.

According to **Business Week**, only 300 dry wells have been drilled in Israel since 1948 when the state was established. Most have been shallow because deep drilling technology was not available. In contrast, 5,000 wells were sunk in the U.S. in 1983 alone. Drilling one deep well costs up to \$20 million. Israel currently buys all its oil from Mexico, Egypt, Norway and the Rotterdam spot market.

Now, however, Armand Hammer, the 86-year-old chairman of Occidental Petroleum, has entered the picture in a fascinating way. He disclosed recently that he is organizing a syndicate that would invest \$200 million in drilling for oil in Israel. The project is a personal undertaking, one in which his company is not involved. Hammer has asked for exploration rights to a specific area in Israel, not the administered area. In the past, Hammer has not been closely identified with Israel or the Zionist movement. But on several occasions he has intervened with leaders of the U.S.S.R., with whom he enjoys a good relationship, on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Hammer's father was a friend of Lenin's.

Occidental Petroleum's oil activities in Libya were once the overwhelming part of its business but now constitute only about one-fifth of its global operations. It recently sought to dispose of all its Libyan holdings.

Hammer's new relationship with Israel is, in effect, a challenge to major oil companies to follow his example. Geologists believe that the chance of striking oil in large quantities in Israel is good if the wells are deep enough.

VACATION DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

February Vacation Day Camp at the Jewish Community Center will be held on Thursday and Friday, February 21 and 22 from 9 - 3:00 P.M.

Arts and crafts, sports, games, movies and more. Open to children ages 3 to 11 from the General Community. Multiple family discounts and assistance available. Contact the Jewish Community Center at 945-5631.

U.S. HOLOCAUST COUNCIL SETS NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The United States Holocaust Memorial Council (HMC) has announced that an essay contest for American high school students will be part of the 1985 national observance of Days of Remembrance coordinated by the Council.

The topic is "The Holocaust: A Personal Response." Ten prizes will be awarded. The first prize winner will receive \$500, a trip to the National Days of Remembrance Commemoration in Washington, where the award will be announced and a set of books about the Holocaust.

Sets of books about the Holocaust will be donated to the schools of all prize winners. Any United States high school student in grades nine to 12 may enter the contest which has a March 11 deadline. Information is available from: Essay Contest, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, 425 13th Street, N.W., Suite 832, Washington, D.C. 20004.

The 1985 national commemoration will mark the 40th anniversary of liberation from the Nazi tyranny with ceremonies here and in state capitals. The national ceremony will be held at the site of the planned Holocaust Memorial Museum on April 15, attended by national leaders, survivors and liberators. The President and Vice President have addressed every National Days of Remembrance ceremony since their start in 1979.

The 1985 commemoration will conclude with an Evening of Commemoration through the performing arts at the John F. Kennedy Center. In addition to a program of music and readings by such artists as Joseph Wiseman and Helen Hayes, the evening program will include the World premiere of a new documentary, "The Final Solution." Elie Wiesel, HMC chairman, has called this "the finest film ever made on the Holocaust."

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- A Florida synagogue school teacher, who was able to prepare one of her pupils for Bar Mitzvah despite his handicap of cerebral palsy, is arranging a pen pal network for handicapped children who want to celebrate a Bar or Bas Mitzvah.

The teacher is Zena Sulkes and the handicapped Bar Mitzvah candidate is Rod Keskiner, a pupil at Temple B'nai Israel at Clearwater, according to "Reform Judaism," the official publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the association of American Reform synagogues.

Sulkes' project, for deaf, blind, physically handicapped and mentally retarded children, is to be part of the UAHC "Liheyot" project, under the direction of Rabbi Howard Bogot of the UAHC education department.

Sulkes modified the cerebral palsy candidate's study program to accommodate his handicap and encouraged the boy to express on an electric typewriter his feelings about reaching "this milestone." He wrote: "I would like to think of this as a beginning in my life."

To Our Readers:

We wish to publicize the generous donation from Drs. Paul and Jane Shapero.

After attending the highly successful "Family Shabbat Dinner" on November 30, 1984 at the Jewish Community Center, the Shaperos wanted to offset the "deficit" as Dr. Jane put it, "we were overwhelmed and pleased to see so many from the community having a "heartwarming Jewish experience."

She hopes that the feeling of "ruach" was shared by all who came and she encourages the JCC to have another dinner in the near future and urges those who did not attend the last dinner - not to miss the next "Family Shabbat Dinner."

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUPS

Beginning its third year, Congregation Beth Israel's WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP continues to meet every other Monday morning at the home of Rabbi Joseph and Susan Schonberger (121 Maple Street) at 10:00 A.M. Coffee and tea is always served. Come join the stimulating discussion and exceptionally pleasant company at these informal sessions. Contact the Rabbi for the date of the next meeting. Or ask a friend; she's probably going.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle for Jewish Book Month - 1984

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By Dr. Sidney Block

A Reform Jewish Congregation has organized this winter in Portland. The group led by Jody Sataloff, Kenneth and Lynn Raffel, and Carol Epstein (a Bangor native) has quickly grown to 25 families. In the Portland area, there are 1500 Jewish families, half of which are unaffiliated, and the Reform group expects to attract many of these families.

In interviews in "The Press Herald", the Conservative and Orthodox Rabbis publicly welcomed the Reform Congregation. Rabbi Herry Sky of Beth El; "I'm happy to see there are people looking for reli-

gious expression, and we always welcome that." Rabbi Asher Reichert of Shaarey Tphiloh; "I think that anything that involves people who are not affiliated, and brings them towards a greater involvement in their religion, is to be highly commended. It's an exciting process to start a Synagogue group, and I wish them a lot of good luck."

It is expected that this Summer, Rabbi David Sandmel will become the Rabbi for both the still unnamed Reform congregation of Portland, and Congregation Beth El of Bangor.

RABBI HAROLD KUSHNER TO SPEAK

Congregation Beth Israel is pleased to announce the upcoming appearance of Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of **Why Bad Things Happen to Good People**, in the Bangor area.

Rabbi Kushner will be speaking at Congregation Beth Israel on Thursday evening, May 9th on modern Judaism and respond to questions. In addition, Rabbi Kushner will conduct a special lecture/workshop in cooperation with the COPES Hospice Program at EMMC on the following morning, May 10th. We hope the community will support this extraordinary program.

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* Charlotte (Rolnick) Schwab, New York, formerly of Bangor, upon her marriage to Rabbi John Haddon, Newington, Conn.

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* I would like to thank all of my friends for their cards, gifts, and good wishes extended to me on my recent illness.
Ruth Leiberman

* I wish to thank my family and friends for their contributions, cards, flowers, and gifts received while I was a patient in the hospital. And, a special thanks to Rabbi Joseph Schonberger whose thoughtfulness helped towards my speedy recovery.
Esther Dresner

SPECIAL MENTION

On Thursday evening, February 14, at 10 PM. on 20-20, Hugh Downes started a five-part series on "Relationships", corporate and personal.

Dr. Charlotte Schwab Haddon (formerly Charlotte Rolnick, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rolnick, Bangor) will be on the program after the first part. Dr. Haddon is President of Schwab Institute of New York, consultants for city corporations and private.

PASSOVER COOKBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

Kadima is Cooking! A cookbook compiled last year by members of Kadima USY (5-6 graders) and friends is already available for purchase in time for Pesach. The Cookbook contains a variety of interesting, unusual and different Kosher-for-Passover recipes. Orders are now being taken by Susan Schonberger for **Kadima is Cooking** at the price of \$2 per copy.

PRESCHOOLERS WORKSHOP

Congregation Beth Israel's HAROLD LEVY PRESCHOOLERS' WORKSHOP will meet on Monday, March 4th at 1:00 P.M. to prepare for PURIM. All children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this educational activity. If you need additional information, feel free to contact Susan Schonberger at 947-5558.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Congregation Beth Israel's Junior Congregation continues with great success on the first Shabbat of every month. These services educate and acquaint youngsters to the Shabbat morning liturgy at their own pace and taking into account the special needs of 3-10 year olds. The next service is scheduled for March 2nd at 9:45 A.M. in the vestry of Beth Israel.

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