

## PLAIN TALK

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she knew by something like divine instinct the exact measure for every ingredient. She had learned this in her girlhood from her own mother who had received it from her mother to whom it came from all the mothers ahead of her down to the beginning.

I recall that when the dough had come to proper consistency under her hands, she would take a small piece from it and burn it, reciting a blessing the meanwhile. She explained to us that until she took this piece away from the dough, it was just dough like any in the week days; but by removing this piece and burning it the dough became something special for the Sabbath; it became bread that could be called holy for the Sabbath.

By the blessing she recited on it, our kitchen with its cast iron sink and coal stove seemed to take on the sanctity of some synagogue. (A long, long time was to pass before kitchens became palatial with gleaming white steel appliances.)

The big treat of my mother's Sabbath loaves was reserved for the afternoon of Friday when I was coming home from school. It seemed to me that even a block away from our house I could catch the fragrance of the loaves.

To cool, she placed them on the outside window sill of the kitchen. The breeze blew the aroma to my nose and I took deep, grateful breaths of it. Maybe it wasn't all exactly the fragrance of my mother's loaves. All over the neighborhood mothers were baking bread for the Sabbath and placing the loaves on their window sill to cool off.

At that time I scarcely knew the significance of incense religiously used; when, finally, I grew old enough to understand incense in this sense, I said, Yes, I know incense. It's the fragrance that came out of my mother's loaves.

Somehow this early experience left me with acute awareness of the sanctity of bread. Even when my appetite is full to my throat, I eat the last morsel of bread, be-

cause, as my mother used to tell us, bread is sacred and must not be wasted. It's a sin against God.

Yes, I confer this sanctity even on today's bread that comes rolling out of the factories. My young grandchildren distress my conscience whenever I detect them sacrilegiously leaving bread uneaten on their plates, to be sent to the garbage can.

But then you might say that they have never had the full religious education on the significance of bread. They've never seen it baked under holy auspices in the kitchen. Bread is just something to push the meat down with; there is no connection with Godliness in the modern concept of bread which largely has to do with calories to be avoided.

One time a critic was kidding me. He asked just what kind of a Jew I am and how observant am I?

Well, I replied laughing, on some quiet days I catch again the fragrance of my mother's Sabbath loaves as I remember them from ever so long ago. I detect the sweet incense of the holiness of being Jewish. It's like coming to the grandest altar. Is that being Jewish enough, sir?

And thanks to Mrs. Harlib's prize cookies for this inspiration.

### SENATORS SEEK TO PREVENT U. S. RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — Sixty-two Senators have signed a resolution introduced in the Senate by Sen. John W. Bricker, of Ohio, which would prevent the United States from ratifying the United Nations Convention on Genocide and similar international agreements.

The supporters of the measure are mainly Republicans. It is similar to a resolution introduced last year known as Senate Joint Resolution 130. If adopted, the resolution would amend the constitution to restrain the government from signing the genocide pact or similar U. N. accords like the Human Rights Convention now being worked out. Sponsors of the Bricker resolution claim that the U. N. desires to "interfere in matters essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of its members."

## Celler Sees

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chambers, named Mr. Rosenfield as the man he had in mind when he hit out at "professional Jews."

A demand for an apology sent Rep. Walter by Jesse Moss, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, was rejected by the congressman, who remarked that "those who are offended by it (the statement) are the ones who are seeking reasons to be offended."

### CJFWF Announces Committee on Community Relations

Membership of the special committee authorized by the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to work for full cooperation in the field of Jewish community relations was announced today by Julian Freeman, CJFWF President. The Committee consists of Herbert R. Abeles, Newark; A. G. Ballenger, Chicago; Judge Maurice Bernon, Cleveland; Edwin Rosenberg, New York; Mendel Silberberg, Los Angeles; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; Bernard H. Trager, Bridgeport; and Edwin Wolf, Philadelphia. Mr. Freeman will serve as chairman.

The General Assembly urged the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League to "rejoin the co-operative process which is the National Community Relations Advisory Council." It instructed the President of the CJFWF to establish a committee to "work with all of the national agencies and the NCRAC for re-establishment of full cooperation within the framework of the objectives" adopted by the Assembly.

In announcing the membership of the committee, Mr. Freeman called attention also to the fact that communities have continued to maintain full local unity in their welfare funds and in their community relations councils, and that they are unanimous in their desire to see such full cooperation extended to national operations.

Mr. Freeman stated that the NCRAC, the Anti-Defamation League, and the American Jewish Committee have been informed of the constitution of the committee, and that steps are going forward to carry out the charge given it.

### FIRST NATIONWIDE STUDY OF JEWISH EDUCATION LAUNCHED

The first nationwide study of Jewish education, planned as a three-year effort to determine the basic qualitative and quantitative facts in the education of American children and youth, has been launched. Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of the Study Commission, announced at the first meeting of the Commission held at the Hotel Vanderbilt in New York on Sunday, January 4th. He declared that the nationwide study, which was urged by more than 1,200 Jewish leaders at the First National Conference on Jewish Education, held in New York in 1951 under the sponsorship of the American Association for Jewish Education, had begun on October 15, 1952 with preparatory investigations, including the canvassing of opinion of 110 Jewish leaders throughout the country, and would enter intensive investigations in three pilot communities in 1953.

## U. S. MARINES VOLUNTEER TO SELL ISRAEL BONDS IN GREATER MIAMI



With the permission of Brigadier General Albert D. Cooley, Commanding General of the Third Marine Air Wing Base, twenty United States Marines recently volunteered to join several hundred civilians in a one-day campaign to sell the \$500,000,000 State of Israel Independence Bond Issue to the citizens of the Greater Miami area. Pictured above with Joseph Cherner, Grand Marshal of the one-day effort, are a few of the Marines studying a map showing their assignments. The Israel Bond Issue is the major instrument through which Israel is being supplied with vital dollar resources to help fulfill its program of industrial and agricultural development.

## Israel At Fever Pitch Over Soviet Onslaught

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Anger and excitement over the new Soviet attack on the Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain swept Israel this week and almost completely obscured this country's concern over the security situation in the light of the arming of the Arab states.

Feeling ran high here as the Anti-Communist League placarded the streets of Tel Aviv with demands for the arrest of Communist leaders and as some elements called for suppression of the Communist Party.

Army authorities barred distribution of Kol Haam, Communist daily, to the troops, as Interior Minister Rokeach threatened to use his powers to ban the paper for provoking disorder.

The Israeli police guard outside the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv was increased. An official of the legation was reported to have expressed astonishment at the great number of persons who telephoned the legation to verify the news reports from Moscow.

A former Chief Rabbi of Moscow died here of a heart attack while listening to a broadcast of the news from Moscow. The rabbi, 73-year-old Jacob Clemes, has two children, both physicians in Moscow. Neither of the two—the son, a professor of medicine, and the daughter, a practicing physician—were named in the Moscow indictment. Rabbi Clemes served as Chief Rabbi of Moscow from 1927 to 1933.

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### ETZ HAYIM TO HOLD INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation of the newly elected officers of Etz Hayim Congregation will take place on Sunday, Jan. 25th, in the new auditorium at 29 West 6th Street, it was announced by Mr. Isidore Noel, Chairman of the Installation Committee. Along with the elected officers, the newly appointed Board of Directors will be charged with their duties in a procedure to be conducted by Rabbi Herman Shulman, spiritual leader of the Congregation. The Committee also plans to have hot refreshments served to the members and guests who will attend.

The slate of officers-elect are: Mr. David Kramer, President; Mr. Max Brownstein, 1st Vice Pres.; Mr. Joseph Goldstein, 2nd Vice Pres.; Mr. Max Bloom, 3rd Vice Pres.; Mr. Isidore Noel, Treasurer; Mr. Morris Biller, Recording Secretary, and Mr. Joseph Cohen, Financial Secretary.

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