

JEWISH REALITY

YOM HAZIKARON at the Choral Temple

YA'ARZEIT FOR HEROES, YA'ARZEIT FOR MARTYRS

May 11, 2005 was read. When we open the David's Book of Psalms we always find comfort. Old and contemporary elegies were accompanied by sacred and secular music. The ceremony ended with the anthems of Romania and Israel.

We cannot enter the holiday and celebrate the Independence Day of Israel without bowing our heads in the memory of those who fought for the life of Israel. A ceremony without speeches, without pathos, without emphasis. A recollection moment. After the military honor in the crowded Choral Temple, only sacred words and ancient prayers. A kindled candle: Ya'arzeit for heroes, Ya'arzeit for the victims of the anti-Israeli terrorist attacks. The Order of General Moshe Ya'alon, chief of the military headquarters, from

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF ISRAEL celebrated at the Romanian Atheneum

On May 11th, 2005, Israel Embassy in Bucharest organized the celebration of the Independence Day of Israel, the day of the proclamation of the Jewish state in 1948. In the presence of Her Excellence Rodica Radian Gordon, ambassador of the State of Israel in Romania, of her guests, foreign ambassadors, ministers, personalities of the political and cultural life, of the representatives of different religious confessions, of the F.J.C.R. leadership, led by the interim president, adv. Iulian Sorin, general secretary, members of the Jewish community participated to a symphonic concert conducted by the Romanian born Israeli maestro Mendi Rodan, with the Israeli piano player and composer, Gil Shohat. Gil Shohat interpreted in first audition his own „Concerto number 1 for piano and orchestra”. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Foreign Minister, Sylvan Shalom, sent messages on the occasion to the Jewish communities from the Diaspora. Ariel Sharon expressed his belief that, „with the support and the solidarity of our brothers and sisters from the Diaspora, we will overcome all the obstacles in our way”, and the diplomacy chief underlined that Israeli future is built „through the efforts of the Israeli citizens, but with the support of the Jews and of the Jewish communities from all the world”.



THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST DAY

The International Holocaust Day 5765 provided more emotion and gravity to the participants by the celebration of 60 years from the victory of the allied forces against the Nazism. In the memory of the perished heroes, the gathered participants at the ceremony at the Choral Temple bowed their heads: leaders of F.J.C.R. and of the J.C.B., representatives of the Parliament, of the government, of the religious confessions, parliamentarians, diplomats, personalities of the political and cultural life, guests from abroad, many Jews from Bucharest. Six candles were lighted

to the everlasting memory of the six million brothers and sisters disappeared in the Holocaust. For their soul rest prayers were officiated. The main coordinates of the message sent by Traian Basescu, President of Romania, read by Bogdan Tataru Cazaban, presidential counselor, of the speeches held by dr. Otto Adler, by Rodica Radian Gordon, ambassador of the State of Israel in Romania, of General Mihail E. Ionescu, director of the Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History, of acad. Constantin Balaceanu-Stolnici, were the warning against the Holocaust deniers, the necessity of assuming the responsibility in the Romanian Holocaust, and the educational prophylactic value of the commemoration. Eng. Osy Lazar, president of J.C.B. underlined the value of the commemorative ceremony modulated by the religious and secular music, and thanked everyone for the participation. A collective and impressive Kadish penetrated the hearts of the participants with an ancient sacred shiver.



On May 12th the Community Cultural Center from Bucharest hosted the meeting of the Leadership Committee of F.J.C.R. that dealt with: □ the project of Regulation concerning the election of the leadership organisms of F.J.C.R.; □ information regarding the present state of things of the restitution process of real-estate assets to the “Caritatea” Foundation, an informative report presented by the executive general director of the Foundation, Tova Bin Nun; □ final form and approval of the Regulations; □ the discussion and approval of the F.J.C.R. budget for 2005, an information presented by the financial counselor of F.J.C.R., Ovidiu Banescu; the activity report of the Federation member of Parliament, Aurel Vainer. Adv. Iulian Sorin, interim president of the Federation opened the meeting and underlined that in the future Law of the National Minorities and in the Future Law of the Religious Confessions, we will detain the position of a double organization: ethnical and religious. Presidents of communities, leaders of Association of the Romanian Jews Victims of the Holocaust, members of the Leadership Committee of F.J.C.R. participated to the discussions concerning the new Regulation. Eng. Nilu Aronovici, president of the Department for Social and Medical Assistance, made a short presentation of the present and future main issues of the social and medical assistance. After the debates, adv. Iulian Sorin, interim president, positively appreciated the outcome of the meeting, outlined the main activity directions emphasized by the expressed opinions, and underlined the importance of a better collaboration relationship between the communities and the Federation. The Congress for the election of the new leadership committee was scheduled for the last decade of September.

THE MEETING OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE OF F.J.C.R.

A DIFFERENT STAIRWAY BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

25 years have passed since Peltz completely moved in his books. This makes the meeting on the stage of the Jewish State Theater with the world he built and made eternal even more impressive and emotional. A rediscovery from a contemporary perspective where the truths without make-up from the writer biography, the directing and the actors' play, the stage design, the costumes, the masks provide a special emotional intensity, an unique transfiguration through music,

film, dance. “Fire in Calea Vacaresti” written by Dorel Dorian, is a different stairway between Heaven and Earth, from Jacob's dream, on which the heroes ascend and descend in the moments marking their existence and materialize their evolution. A performance where the force of the tragic, the sincerity, the depth provide an esthetical modern version and a meditation on the permanence of the artistic valuable creation, either it belongs to Peltz, or to any true artist.

Premiere at the JEWISH STATE THEATER –
DOREL DORIAN'S “FIRE IN CALEA VACARESTI”



“THE CHILDREN PROGRAM OF THE «JOINT» BECAME NOW REALITY”

These were the conclusion words of Dr. Zvi Feine, director of the “Joint” program for Romania, at the end of a mission led by Dr. Edward Karotkin and including four pediatricians from Virginia (U.S.A.) and one Israeli physician, who visited us on May 1-7, 2005. These were very intense workdays in hospitals from Bucharest and Cluj. As always, these ambassadors of Good haven't arrived without presents: big quantities of strictly necessary medication. The guests participated to a religious ceremony on Kaballath Shabbat, at the Choral Temple and Oneg Shabbat, where the number of young persons demonstrated, as adv. Iulian Sorin, interim president of F.J.C.R. outlined, that “in spite of the numerical decrease, the flame of Judaism in Romania continues to burn”.

A NEW FRIEND – SHARLI ISRAEL SABAG



the collaborator of Dr. Zvi Feine, director of the “Joint” program for Romania and that he is happy to see again our country after 14 years.

Sharli Israel Sabag has been recently nominated in the position of vice-director of the “Joint” program for Romania, in charge with the young generation. Despite his age (he was born in 1969) he already has some 15 years of experience in the elderly assistance and in youth education in former Soviet Union countries. Mr. Sabag declared that he is honored to become

AN “ENERGY SHOT” FOR THE O.T.E.R. CLUB

Leaders of O.T.E.R. branches of the western part of the country gathered in Oradea on May 6-8, 2005 for a seminary; its target was to find the adequate methods to activate the youth clubs of the region. The leaders of the young generation from Oradea, Arad, Timisoara, and Cluj received an “energy shot” from Professor Itzhak Roth, who came for the third time in Romania. His visit was organized with the help of the director of “Joint” for Romania, a result of the initiative and invitation made by the Youth Department of F.J.C.R. Israel Sabag, the vice-director for the “Joint” Program for Romania also participated at the meeting in Oradea, organized in excellent conditions by the local community.



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