

JEWISH REALITY

SHAVUOT 5767

AT THE CHORAL TEMPLE IN BUCHAREST

Shavuot 5767 at the Choral Temple full of flower arrangements: in the presence of F.J.C.R. and J.C.B., of many parishioners, Rabbi Rafi Sohat spoke about the meanings of the holiday, about the Decalogue remaining the human kindness essence over time. And as he underlined before Izkor, it is one of our holy duties to pray for the soul rest of those who stay to live only in our hearts, in the moment we celebrate the receiving of the divine gift. Iani Kosh led the divine service, and prime cantor Iosif Adler with the choir led by Maximilian Kertesz led the religious songs.



JERUSALEM DAY

Our review presents a large report on the ceremony dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the reunited Jerusalem, organized at the Choral Temple; near the community members, many guests participated to the festivity and between them, Her Excellency Rodica Radian Gordon, ambassador of the State of Israel in Romania. The speakers – Aurel Vainer, Ph.D., president of F.J.C.R., Her Excellency Rodica Radian Gordon, eng. José Iacobescu, president of B'nai B'rith Romania, and eng. Tiberiu Roth, president of the Zionist Organization from Romania, reminded the meaning of the event for Israel and for the Jews of the world. Messages arrived from important Romanian and Israeli personalities: Great Rabbi Menachem Hacoheh, Vincentiu Ploiesteanu, Patriarchy vicar bishop of the Romanian Orthodox Church, and Ioan Robu, archbishop of the Catholic Church, Bucharest Mitropolite. The choir groups of F.J.C.R. and J.C.B. presented a musical program. Another article is dedicated to the days of the battle for Jerusalem and to the evocation of Moshe Dayan's personality, the artisan of the Israeli victory during the Six Days War.



MESSAGE FROM RABBI MENACHEM HACOHEH THE GRAND RABBI OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ROMANIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORTIETH YOM YERUSHALAYIM CELEBRATIONS

From earliest times, Jerusalem was the holiest and most revered city in the Jewish tradition, reverence that took root later on in the other great religions of the world. Our prophets sang songs of praise and exaltation to Jerusalem and adorned the city with crowns of holiness and beauty [...]. Even after the destruction of the city two thousand years ago, the connection of the Jewish people in the Diaspora to Jerusalem was not severed, as they vowed "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember thee, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy." (Psalms 137:5-6) [...] Jerusalem underwent many transformations from the time of the destruction two thousand years ago up to its liberation in a brave war fought by the paratroopers of the Israel Defense Forces in the Six Day War in 1967. The outbreak of the pent-up emotions of the Jewish people when they heard the sound of the shofar and the news of the liberation of Jerusalem was caused a wave of ecstasy and joy that washed over the entire Jewish people in the State of Israel and throughout the Diaspora [...].

On this day we raise our eyes in prayer to the one who dwells on high: "Spread a shelter of peace over us and over all of Your people Israel and over all of the world and over Jerusalem the eternal city and the city of peace." AMEN

In this edition we present the contribution of the Jewish architects to the modern architecture from Romania. We present the impact

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and the inclusion of their search during a century of architecture, implemented in the functional rationality of some achievements, in the inner and outer imagistic fantasy, and all these opening new directions of personalization of the architectural solutions are worth considering. The Jewish architects from Romania in the 20th century contributed to the development of the modern architecture in our country and in Europe with remarkable works of particular stylistic coherence.

BUCHAREST,
May 2-3, 2007

For the first time after the 2005 elections, the General Assembly of F.J.C.R.

was summoned with the participation of all the big and small communities presidents, and the Leadership Committee. We were also honored by the presence of Her Excellency Rodica Radian Gordon, ambassador of the State of Israel in Romania, Great Rabbi Menachem Hacoheh, Jorge Diener, regional director of the Joint organization, and Israel Sabag, representative of Joint for Romania. On the agenda of the discussions: Aurel Vainer's report on the implementation of the decisions of the elections meeting, the

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perspective plan proposed by the Leadership Committee, issues related to the improvement of the social assistance and of the Jewish education, and the financial report for 2006 and the budget project for 2007. The debate surrounding the project for the sponsoring program from the "Caritatea" Fund for F.J.C.R. and the other communities was also an important topic of the assembly agenda.

The documents presentation was followed by large debates, the participants presented their standpoints concerning the mentioned issues, and they brought criticism toward several aspects of the Federation activity and came up with suggestions and proposals. The Joint proposal for the social assistance reform, particularly that concerning the situation of the "Amalia and Dr. Moses Rosen" nursing home brought up vivid discussions. The speakers demanded the changes wouldn't affect the elderly already hospitalized in the home. There was also a demand concerning the funds that will arrive from the "Caritatea" Fund: a very careful and judicious utilization and the investment of a part for an efficient income.

The General Assembly offered the big and small communities presidents, who aren't members of the Leadership Committee, the opportunity to present their activity, while emphasizing the problems they are confronting with and their solutions. From their words we concluded it is not the number of members that determines the capacity of leading a Jewish life, but the members' will to do it.

«AMALIA AND DR. MOSES ROSEN» NURSING HOME IN MODERNISATION PROCESS

We publish in this edition a feature report on the "Rosen" nursing home modernization process conceived and planned by the new Joint staff – Jorge Diener, regional director, Israel Sabag, permanent representative in Romania, in partnership with F.J.C.R., and an interview with the vice-director of the Medical and Social Assistance Department, Attila Gulyas, economist, authorized by the Leadership Committee and by the president of F.J.C.R. for the implementation of the transformation of the nursing home in an elderly home. The reorganization will be performed by a working group: eng. Nilu Aronovici, director of the M.S.A.D., Dr. Alexandru Elias, Israel Sabag and Attila Gulyas. Four physicians, a chief nurse, medical nurses and attendants will work in three shifts in order to ensure the medical care for the previous hospitalized persons, psychiatric or bedridden patients. Family physicians will visit their patients at least twice per month. The medication will be bought by medical recommendation. Special investigations will be performed by cost by referring them to a clinic in the proximity. In case of need, special relationship will be developed with other specialized hospitals.



THE "EURO-JUDAICA" FESTIVAL – A GREAT IDEA NEAR ITS STARTING LINE

We publish in this edition two interviews concerning the preparation for the "Euro-Judaica" Festival planned to take place in Sibiu on June 24th -27th this year. In our first interview with the festival host, the president of the Jewish Community from Sibiu, eng. Otto Deutsch, told us about the high degree of receptivity of the public from Sibiu for the artistic Jewish offer. He reminded the contribution of the Jews from Sibiu to the Romanian culture and civilization, and about the support received from the Ministry of Culture and Religions and of the local Municipality. Our second interview with Irina Cajal, Ph.D., one of the festival organizers, refers to the main objective of the festival, the promotion of the pro-Semitism through various Jewish artistic expressions – painting, music, theater, literature, etc – and to the special pilot quality of such a festival, a premiere in Romania.

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