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2 June 1994

His Eminence
Edward Cardinal Cassidy
Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews
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Dear Cardinal Cassidy,

We are thoroughly delighted to have received the news through Rabbi Rudin's office of your willingness to address the Wexner Heritage Foundation in October. We are looking forward immensely to your presence and your message.

There is a good flight from Rome directly to Dulles Airport outside of Washington D.C. as follows: United 971, leaving Rome at 8:40 a.m. and arriving at Dulles Airport at 2:55 p.m. That is a daily flight and if you can leave Rome on Friday, October 28 that would be wonderful. But if you cannot, a Saturday, October 29 departure would still fit into our plans to have you as the main and only speaker on Sunday morning, October 30. That would leave you time to get to Ottawa with possibly a half day to spare.

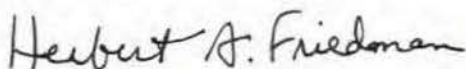
Since Rabbi Rudin is off on sabbatical for some months, I would like to suggest that you and I maintain contact directly. Our telephone number is 212-355-6115 and our facsimile number is 212-751-3739.

As for all the technical matters of airplane tickets, hotel accommodations and other incidental expenses, we would be pleased to handle these matters in any manner which is comfortable with you. Please have someone in your office contact us regarding all logistics. As for the matter of honorarium for yourself or for a favorite charity, please be frank and let me know your wishes.

Once again, many thanks for your acceptance of our invitation and we look forward eagerly to having you with us. Incidentally, I received very good reports regarding your recent meeting in Jerusalem. We can talk more about that in detail when we meet in the fall.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your travel plans. I am,

Sincerely yours,



(Rabbi) Herbert A. Friedman
President
Wexner Heritage Foundation

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Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

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Rome, 8 October 1994

Lori Baron
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Dear Ms. Baron,

Many thanks for your Fax communication of 5 October, with further information about my address to the Alumni Retreat.

I appreciate your offer to have a suite for me at Westfields International Conference Center for the night of 29 September, but I prefer that you arrange to pick me up at the Vatican Embassy on the morning of October 30. Since that is a Sunday, I shall complete my religious duties before coming to the Center. I shall be ready by 8.45.

The address of the Embassy is 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., and the telephone number (202) 333-7121.

The check for my airfare and other expenses may be made out to the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, Vatican City.

I am working hard on my address and look forward to being with you on 30 October.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Card. Cassidy

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Rome, 10 September 1994

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Dear Ms Baron,

I refer to your Fax communication of August 23 last regarding my presence at the Alumni Retreat being organised by the Wexner Heritage Foundation in October.

As indicated in my letter to Rabbi Rudin on May 28 this year, I intend to travel on to Ottawa after my short stay in Washington. In these circumstances I have thought it better to make my own travel arrangements, which are as follows:

I am flying from Rome to Washington, via Boston with Alitalia on Friday 28 October (Flight AZ 614). That will bring me to Washington at 19.43 that evening.

On Sunday, 30 October I am due to fly to Ottawa, by USAir (flight US 810), leaving at 20.00 hours.

From Ottawa I shall return direct to Rome with Alitalia.

I am travelling Business class and have obtained a good price for my journey from Alitalia. I shall be happy if the Wexner Heritage Foundation will take care of the equivalent of the trip Rome-Washington-Rome, which with a discount comes to Lire italiane 2.800.000, or US\$ 1.800.

On the night of my arrival I shall be staying at our Embassy at 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. I am sure that officers from the Embassy will meet me and accompany me to the Embassy residence.

I shall be ready to come to Westfields International Conference Center at whatever time is most suitable for the organisers of the Retreat, on either the Saturday or the Sunday. Just let me know your wishes in this connection.

I shall not be accompanied by anyone on this particular journey.

With this letter, I am sending you as requested a copy of my curriculum vitae.

I trust that I have answered satisfactorily the questions you have asked. It will be a pleasure to work with you in preparation for this event, to which I look forward with joy.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Card. Cassidy
Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy
President



"WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A STAGE WHERE WE
CAN DISCUSS WHATEVER IS DISTURBING AND SEE
THESE QUESTIONS FROM THE OTHERS' POINT OF VIEW"

DEC. 1990 after conference in
Vatican between Pope and
international Jewish delegation

EDWARD IDRIS CARDINAL CASSIDY

His Eminence Cardinal Cassidy serves the Church as President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Ordained as a priest in 1949 in his native Australia, he was named Titular Archbishop of Amantia by Pope Paul VI in 1970, and was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1991 by Pope John Paul II.

Cardinal Cassidy studied at Lateran University and at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, both in Rome. He holds a Doctorate in Canon Law, and a diploma in ecclesiastical diplomacy.

He has a long and distinguished career in Pontifical Representation, having served in the Vatican's diplomatic corps from the mid-1950's through the late 1980's. He has represented the Vatican on four continents: in India, Ireland, El Salvador, Argentina, China (Taiwan), Bangladesh, Burma, Lesotho, South Africa, Botswana, Swaziland, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and the Netherlands.

In 1988-89, he served a term as Substitute Secretary of State of the Vatican.

In his current post as President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, he is the senior Catholic official responsible for relations between the Catholic Church and other religious groups, both Christian and non-Christian, world-wide. In this capacity, he supervises the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

"Members of the Catholic church committed the sin of anti-Semitism and we must ask forgiveness for not ...preventing the Holocaust." **Cardinal Edward Cassidy**, president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism, in Jerusalem.

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July 1994

His Eminence Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy
President, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

Education:

	Year:
Parramatta High School, Sydney, Australia	1936-39
St. Columba Seminary, Springwood, Australia	1943
St. Patrick's College, Manly, Australia	1944-49
Lateran University, Rome, Italy (Doctor in Canon Law)	1952-55
Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, Rome, Italy (diploma in ecclesiastical diplomacy)	1953-55

Career:

Assistant Priest, Parish of Yenda, N.S.W., Australia	1950-52
Studies at Lateran University and Pontifical Ecclesial Academy, Rome	1952-55
Diplomatic Service in Pontifical Representations in India, Ireland, El Salvador, Argentina (details attached)	1955-70
Pontifical Representative in China (Taiwan), (details attached)	
Bangladesh, Burma, Lesotho and Southern Africa, Netherlands (details attached)	1970-88
Substitute Vatican Secretariat of State	1988-89
President, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity	1989-
Ordained priest: 23 July 1949, Ordained Archbishop: 15 November 1970 Created Cardinal: 28 June 1991.	

Decorations:

Comendador en la Orden Nacional José Matias Delgado, Republica de El Salvador, (1969);
Order of the Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon, Republic of China (1979);
Grootkruis in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau, Netherlands (1988);
Cavaliere di Gran Croce dell'Ordine Al Merito della Repubblica Italiana (1988);
Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia (1990);
Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur, France (1991).

His Eminence Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy
President, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

Details Career:

1955-1962:	Apostolic Internunciature in India	Attaché Second Secretary
1962-1967:	Apostolic Nunciature in Ireland	First Secretary
1967-1969:	Apostolic Nunciature in El Salvador	Counsellor
1970:	Apostolic Nunciature in Argentina	Counsellor
1970-1979:	Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the Republic of China (Taiwan)	
1973-1979:	Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Bangladesh Apostolic Delegate to Burma	
1979-1984:	Apostolic Delegate to Southern Africa (Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Swaziland, Namibia and 1970-1980: Zimbabwe)	
1979-1984:	Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Lesotho	
1984-1989:	Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the Netherlands	
1988-1989:	Secretariat of State	Substitute Secretary of State
1990:	Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity	President

On 27th October 1970 promoted by Pope Paul VI as Titular Archbishop of Amantia

On 28th June 1991 elevated by Pope John Paul II to the College of Cardinals.

Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

The function of this Council is to concentrate in an appropriate way on initiatives and ecumenical activities for the restoration of unity among Christians. It has charge of relations with those of other communities; considers the correct interpretation and observance of the principles of ecumenism; promotes Catholic groups and coordinates the efforts at unity both on the national and international levels; institutes colloquies on ecumenical questions and activities with Churches and ecclesial communities separated from the Holy See; deposes Catholic observers for Christian congresses; invites to Catholic gatherings observers of the separated brethren; orders into practice conciliar decrees on ecumenical matters. Furthermore, it is competent for all questions concerning religious relations with Judaism.

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Tough nut: Mustapha Dirani, the radical Islamic military leader kidnapped by Israeli commandos from his home in east Lebanon's Biqa region on May 21, was proving "a tough nut to crack" under interrogation, according to security sources. Prime Minister Rabin authorized the kidnapping in the hope that Dirani would provide information on missing air force navigator Ron Arad, shot down over Lebanon in 1986, and held captive by Dirani until 1988.

FADED HOPES: Increased terror has deflated hopes of a record tourism year, topping 1993's 1.98 million visitors. In the first quarter of 1994, arrivals — at 440,000 — were running at a record pace, but tourism officials project a 10-15 percent drop for the second quarter, compared to April-June 1993.

TWO KILLED: Hamas claimed responsibility for the May 17 killing of Rafael Ya'iri, 36, of Kiryat Arba, and Margalit Ruth Shohat, 48, of Ma'aleh Levo-nah near Hebron. In a joint army-Shin Bet operation in Hebron on May 22 against Hamas militants suspected of involvement in the killings, Jihad Asfur was killed and two other men were captured.

JERICHO ARRESTS: Palestinian police mistakenly arrested five Israelis in Jericho on May 24, the first such arrests since the PLO-Israeli agreement took effect in the area on May 12. The five were released after the Israeli army intervened to clarify that Israelis are permitted to carry guns in Jericho. Confiscated guns were returned to them; the Palestinians apologized for the mix-up.

Compiled by Margo Lipschitz Sugarman

Porn show at Moscow's leading Jewish theater

Moscow's best-known Jewish theater mounted a pornographic revue in late May. The Shalom Theater's director, Alexander Levinbuch, pressed for cash in these hard times, opted for a show that packed the house at 35,000 rubles (\$20) a ticket — 90,000 (\$50) for the front row — huge sums by local standards.

Levinbuch could not be reached for comment

as this issue went to press. But Mikhail Chlenov, president of the Vaad, the largest Russian Jewish organization, which has its national headquarters in the theater, told The Jerusalem Report: "The problem is the theater is nearly broke. Recently a Christian missionary group offered good money to rent it, but I persuaded Levinbuch that wasn't a good idea. Now this. Are you going to write an article about it?"

The show, entitled "Behind Closed Doors," featured "50 minutes of text and 30 minutes of various acts," said the producer, Kiril Ganin, in an interview in Moskovski Komsomolets, a Moscow daily popular with young readers. Among the acts described in the paper was one in which a woman of extraordinarily imposing bosom straddled a shirtless man's back while a naked dwarf danced around them, enticing them with erotic gestures. The musical score featured Mozart and Chopin.

It is unclear whether any of the actors, described as non-professionals, were Jewish. "Behind Closed Doors" was set to close on May 31; also unclear was what the Shalom Theater will be showing for the rest of the summer.

Alexander Lesser / Moscow

"QUOTE, UNQUOTE"

"Why do guys smoke? To make an impression on girls . . . I call on women to decide not to go out with men who smoke." **Tsomet party leader Rafael Eitan**, chairman of the Knesset Committee on the War on Drugs, at a committee meeting.

"There was considerable discussion of the terrible problem arising from the total Jewish domination of the media and agreement that this is something that would have to be dealt with." **H.R. Haldeman**, from his new book, "The Haldeman Diaries," on his term as chief of staff in the Nixon White House.

"Members of the Catholic church committed the sin of anti-Semitism and we must ask forgiveness for not . . . preventing the Holocaust." **Cardinal Edward Cassidy**, president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism, in Jerusalem.

"The operation is . . . an expression of our moral commitment to Ron. The operation also proves that we will do everything in order to return home every POW and every MIA." **Chief of Staff Ehud Barak**, on the abduction of Mustapha Dirani, a Lebanese Shi'ite leader suspected of selling Israel Air Force navigator Ron Arad to the Iranians.

"We'll continue our battle to establish a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital." **Arab Democratic Party Knesset Member Abdulwahab Darawshe**, on a tour of the Gaza Strip.

"We brought 25,000 bullets with us. Most of them have been fired." **Brig. Gen. Ziad al-Atrash**, a PLO police commander, after celebratory gunfire accompanied the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

Dry Bones



DRY BONES: SPECIAL TO THE JERUSALEM REPORT

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Positive But Parochial

Catholics' new catechism offers favorable view of Judaism yet falls short in some areas, interreligious educators agree.

STEVE LIPMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Catholic Church's newly revised curriculum guidelines present a favorable but limited picture of Jews and Judaism and should be supplemented by outside resources, Jewish and Catholic educators agreed recently.

Participants in "A Day for Catholic Educators" said Church documents and meetings with Jews can correct "omissions" or "tensions" contained in "catechism of the Catholic Church." The document, issued by the Vatican in French in 1992 and translated into English this year, is Roman Catholicism's definitive curriculum guide on a wide variety of religious topics.

A few hundred catechism paragraphs, out of a total of 2,865, refer to Judaism, the Jewish role in Jesus' crucifixion and other Jewish subjects.

The daylong conference at the American Jewish Committee's Manhattan headquarters was co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre, L.I.

It was the first interreligious conference on

the catechism, whose English translation will serve as a resource for priests and teachers who serve North America's 60 million Catholics.

"While the catechism breaks no new ground in Jewish-Catholic relations, it does not substantially weaken any of the advances that have been made since 1965," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of the AJ-Committee's Interreligious Affairs Department.

Vatican Council II, which closed in 1965, made recommendations for improving interreligious relations that were reflected in subsequent Church teachings, including the catechism.

However, several participants in the conference said the catechism's treatment of some areas is inadequate.

"There is no specific reference to the Holocaust in the document. There is not specific reference to anti-Semitism, by the name, in the



Rabbi A. James Rudin: "Educators are the hope" to improve relations between Catholics and Jews.

catechism," Rabbi Rudin said. He said also the catechism contained inadequate references to Israel and to the recent improvement in Jewish-Catholic relations.

"The catechism cannot be used as a [sole] source for defining Judaism," said Sister Mary Boys, professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan.

Eugene Fisher, executive secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, stressed that the catechism, the first such comprehensive document compiled in four centuries, praises Catholicism's Jewish roots and "breaks with the [Church's] ancient teaching of contempt" for the Jewish religion.

But, he said, "It leaves open a lot of tension, a lot of ambiguities."

The catechism, while stating that "The Old Testament [the Jewish scriptures] ... has never

been revoked," also calls the New Testament "the new and definitive Covenant."

And according to the catechism, "The sabbath has been replaced by Sunday, which recalls the new creation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ." The Passover seder is described as finding its fulfillment in Jesus' Last Supper.

"From the point of view of Jews and Judaism, it does not say all we would like it to say," Fisher said. "It does not pretend to be a comprehensive source for understanding Judaism. As teachers we all have the ability to translate these teachings to our students."

Rabbi Rudin said: "We believe that educators are the hope" to improve relations between Jews and Catholics. He urged the 60 Catholic teachers in attendance, most from the metropolitan area, to "enrich" their curricula. Rabbi Rudin suggested they use Church documents and statements by Pope John Paul II about Jewish subjects, and incorporate their encounters with members of the Jewish community.

Rabbi Rudin said the AJCommittee will sponsor annual meetings for Catholic teachers and will publish a guide that will include specific recommendations for teaching Jewish subjects. □

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April 13, 1994

Rabbi James Rudin
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Dear Jim,

The Wexner Heritage Foundation is planning a week-end retreat October 28-30, 1994 for approximately 400 persons, alumni of our seminar study groups, who will be coming from 19 communities throughout the U.S. The retreat will be held at the Westfield Conference Center, near Dulles Airport outside Washington.

While flying back from the historic convocation in Rome, I began thinking that the subject of *Reconciliation* (or some similar word) would be a splendid theme for the week-end program. Since we have opportunities for four major presentations between Friday noon and Sunday noon, I thought of the following:

Edward Cardinal Cassidy
Chief Rabbi of Great Britain Jonathan Sacks
Elie Wiesel
Israeli Ambassador to the Vatican

There will be other opportunities on the program for yourself and myself.

The quality of the audience is particularly high. These people, men and women, ranging from 40-45 in age, are presently lay leaders in the various institutions which compose the backbone of the organized Jewish communities - i.e., the schools, synagogues, community centers, fund-raising federations, old folks' homes and family welfare agencies. They are also on the boards of major national organizations. Each person has undergone a two-year course in the history, religion, philosophy and law of Judaism, as well as the problems of the modern State of Israel plus a structured visit to that Holy Land. In addition to being alumni of our Wexner program, they are all graduates of colleges and universities, including some of the finest in the U.S. No speaker could hope for a better educated and motivated audience.

Let me know what reaction you have from Cardinal Cassidy.

As ever,

Herbert A. Friedman

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Rabbi Herbert A Friedman
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Dear Rabbi Friedman

I trust this letter finds you well.

I would like to formally respond to your letter of the 21st April, following my absence from the office.

I read with very great interest the plans for the weekend retreat on the 28-30th October. I understand that you have been speaking with Jonathan Kestenbaum and part of the purpose was for him to try and rearrange my existing engagements for the last week of October.

Unfortunately, all his attempts have failed, particularly in the light of the fact that I have one speaking engagement which has been in the diary for well over a year.

I do hope that you understand, that my diary in this instance is the soul factor which precludes me from participating in the weekend retreat. Nevertheless, I remain extremely interested in the work of the Wexner Heritage Foundation and would be delighted to play a part in its educational endeavours at some future opportunity.

My grateful thanks to you for extending the invitation and my warmest personal regards,

Jonathan Sacks

Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks



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June 3, 1994

Ambassador Itamar Rabinovitch
Israeli Embassy
3514 International Drive, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We are delighted that you have agreed to attend our Alumni Weekend Retreat this Fall on the theme of "RECONCILIATION" between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. The retreat will take place at the Westfields Conference Center in Chantilly, Virginia on October 28-30, 1994. We expect 400 alumni and spouses to be in attendance from 18 cities around the United States.

As you suggested, we will also invite Mr. Avi Granot, who heads the Israeli Embassy's desk on Church Affairs, to accompany you to the retreat.

The establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the State of Israel, is, of course, the primary medium for the reconciliation of our people and the leadership of the Catholic faith. As the chief representative for the State of Israel in the United States and as a eminent historian in your own right, you understand the important implications of this reconciliation for the Jewish people throughout the world after 1900 years of conflict.

Indeed, one might view this religious reconciliation along with the Middle East peace process, as furthering this Israeli government's overall vision of engaging and interfacing with the world rather than the previous government's preceived policy of confronting and withdrawing from the world. We would therefore hope that in the course of your remarks you will segue into an update on the "political reconciliation" then going on between Israel and its neighbors via the peace negotiations.

We are still in the process of scheduling the other plenary speakers including Cardinal Cassidy (who heads "The Comission on Religious Relations with the Jews") and will be back in touch with you as to the precise time slot in which we would prefer you to speak.

In the interim, our deepest thanks again for making yourself available to the Wexner Heritage Foundation.

Very truly yours,

Nathan Laufer
Rabbi Nathan Laufer
Vice President

cc: Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

*You have warmest regards
from Herb. It will be a
personal pleasure for me to
see you again.
Nathan*

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June 3, 1994

Mr. Avi Granot
Desk of Church Affairs
Israeli Embassy
3541 International Drive, NW
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Dear Mr. Granot:

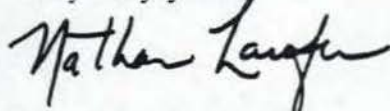
Upon the recommendation of Ambassador Rabinovitch, we are very pleased to invite you to attend the Wexner Heritage Foundation's Alumni Retreat on the topic of "RECONCILIATION" between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. We understand from the Ambassador that you head the Desk on Church Affairs for the Embassy. Therefore, it would be most fitting if you would accompany the Ambassador and be available to answer any questions which might arise.

The retreat will take place at the Westfields Conference Center in Chantilly, Virginia on October 28 - 30, 1994. We expect 400 alumni and spouses to be in attendance from 18 cities around the United States. I am enclosing a copy of our "Purpose and Structure" to acquaint you with the work which we do in educating this nation's Jewish leadership.

We are still in the process of scheduling the other plenary speakers including Cardinal Cassidy (who heads "The Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews") and will be in touch with the Ambassador as to the precise time in which it would be appropriate for him to address the group.

We look forward to your attendance and to meeting you in person.

Very truly yours,



Rabbi Nathan Laufer
Vice President

Enclosure

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YEHUDA BAUER

Dr. Yehuda Bauer was born in 1926 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He immigrated to Palestine in 1939, served in the Palmach forces and began his studies at the Hebrew University in 1945. From 1946 to 1948, Dr. Bauer continued his undergraduate studies at the University of Wales, Cardiff and returned home to fight in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948. He then returned to Cardiff in 1950 to complete his MA degree.

In 1952, Professor Bauer joined Kibbutz Shoval in the Negev, where he still resides.

In 1955-60, Dr. Bauer wrote his Doctoral thesis, "The Palmach Against the Background of Zionist Policies 1939-45". He received his PhD from the Hebrew University in 1960, and is currently Head of the Holocaust Studies Division at the Hebrew University, as well as the Academic Chairman of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry. Professor Bauer also serves as the Academic Chairman of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism at the University.

Some of his books include: The Holocaust in Historical Perspective (University of Washington Press, 1978), The Jewish Emergence From Powerlessness (University of Toronto Press, 1979), American Jewry and the Holocaust (Wayne State University Press, 1981) and The Holocaust as Historical Experience (Holmes and Meier, 1981).

His book, A History of the Holocaust (Franklin Watts, 1982) is a text on the period of the Holocaust intended for use by Senior High School and College students.

Professor Bauer's most recent book Out of the Ashes (Pergamon Press, Oxford 1989) is about the American Jewish impact on post-Holocaust Jewish Europe.

Professor Bauer is married and has two daughters.

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September 2, 1987

Mr. Robert Barzilay
Editor, Letters to the Editor
The New York Times
229 West 43 Street
New York, N. Y. 10036

To the Editor:

The recent meeting in Rome between Jewish leaders and Pope John Paul, on the eve of his departure for the United States, recalls an episode that occurred almost 27 years ago between an earlier delegation of Jewish leaders and another great Pope, John XXIII.

On October 17, 1960, the first delegation of American Jews ever to be received by any Pope met in the Vatican. There an extraordinary event took place, when the Pope rose and verbally embraced his visitors with the electrifying statement, "I am Joseph, your brother."

I was then executive vice-president of the national United Jewish Appeal, leading a delegation of 130 men and women on their way to Israel. We stopped in Rome to meet with the Pope and give voice to our gratitude for a far-reaching

act of humanity he had performed in 1942. He was then Papal Nuncio in Turkey, and had intervened with the Nazi authorities to permit the sailing through the Dardanelles of two vessels carrying 700 Jewish orphan children to Palestine. He literally saved their lives. We wanted to thank him.

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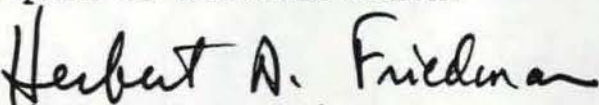
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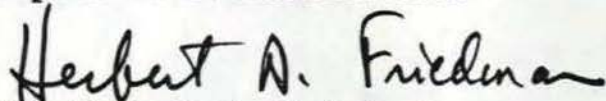
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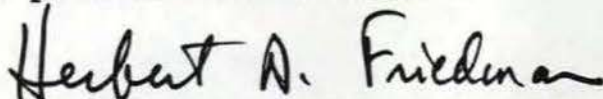
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Thought this material might be of interest to you. Any comments would be most welcome.

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Psychologists have indicated that names can have an influence in molding the character and personality of the child, and some personal lives and careers have been affected and sometimes blighted by unhappy names inflicted on the children by thoughtless parents.

In a country of immigration, like

Israel, the first generation of arrivals bear names which often clearly indicate their country of origin. Kurt, Pierre, Ferenc, Sasha, Ovadia, Morton and Neville can pretty safely be identified as having come, respectively, from Germany, France, Hungary, Russian, Yemen, the U.S. and England. Yet their children become true Israelis, otherwise unidentifiable as Dalia, Gur, Amikam, Leor, Sharon, Ilana and Shai.

Even Carl and Natalie can have grandchildren named Iris, Tamar, Ronit, Tal, Anat, Assaf, Dafna and No'omi.



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Dear Herb:

The attached article which appeared in the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle was of great interest to Edie and me since this was our first trip to Israel with you. Our private visit with the Pope was indeed something I will never forget.

Stay healthy!

Cordially,

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cc: Robert Aronson

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