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HIP! HIP! PHOOEY!

Eric Posnack <eposnack@sapient.com> wrote:

Dear Rabbi,
I once heard
has anti-Semitic roots. The reason given was that
during pogroms in Europe and Russia, excited

this?

Dear Eric,

The phrase does have anti-Semitic roots. Rioters in
Jews, and mob harassment of Jews in Hamburg, Frankfurt,
and other German cities in 1819 became

Regarding its source, Professor Robert Michael of
the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (E-mail:

but have not found any authoritative source for this phrase.
Lots of arguments from German historians who feel it is just a

But according to Dagobert Runes in *The War
Against the Jew* -Semitic riot slogan
shouted by the Crusaders, deriving from the first letters of the
Hierosylma Est Perdita

Another source claims it was a common toast used at Roman

Hierosolyma Est Perdita Jerusalem is

-d, for the
children of Edom the day of Jerusalem for those who say
Arruh! Arruh *Psalms 137*)

DULBERG UPDATE

Most of you may already know about the Dulberg girls,
two observant Israeli children taken away from their
mother by the Italian courts. The Reverend Rabbi Nissim
Karelitz, *shlita*,

In brief: After four years of divorce, Moshe
Dulberg of Genoa Italy reopened custody hearings
against his ex-wife Tali when he learned of her move
towards observant Judaism. He claimed that being an
observant Jew renders her unfit to act as mother to their
two girls.

In an outrageous court case in which Orthodox
Jews were likened to drug addicts and war criminals, the

remain with her were accepted as evidence *against* the
mother as proof that she was indoctrinating the girls into a
strange cult.

As a result, the court awarded complete custody
to the father. The mother has been declared no longer
legal guardian and is cut off from all contact with the girls
in their native tongue, Hebrew. Her one monthly visit
involves severe and complicated restrictions, and the girls
are suffering as a result.

The father attempts to break the girls of their
observant lifestyle. For example, he keeps the girls
separate from one another and reads to them from the
New Testament. Last year the father converted to
Catholicism and has been baptized. For a full summary
of this case, write to <amechad@isdnet.net.il>

On a positive note, your emails, faxes, and letters
of protest have apparently had a substantial effect. If you
have not already done so, write, fax or email your protest
to the following addresses, expressing your outrage
respectfully, of course at the injustice of this court
decision that denies the basic human rights of these girls
and their mother:

(1) Ambassador Francesco Paolo Fulci/

Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

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Comments, quibbles, and reactions
-the-

Vayechi):

Regarding the date for rain prayers changing
to the 5th and 6th in the year 2100; I once saw an
old *siddur* that had the 3rd & 4th.

Zvi Freund <miltonf@villagenet.com>

Hopefully, by the year 2100 the *mashiach* will
already have come and re-established the central
Beit Din in Jerusalem, so that all the calendar

decision.

Gianfranco Di Segni, Rome (Italy) <gdisegni@bc.rm.cnr.it>

millenium. The millenium is next year, not this
year, because in their calendar there is no year 0.

M. Perlman via the Internet

Re: Food Fight (Ohrnet Vayigash):

Regarding confiscating food from students: I
was advised that when taking anything from a
student I should ask him to *give* it to me rather than
taking it. I try to be sure to return the item after
school to show that I am acting for his benefit and
not for any personal gain.

Breindi Frishman <breindi@juno.com>

Re: Colored Candles (Ohrnet Miketz):

Regarding the reason for colored Chanuka
candles: Many manufacturers recognize that some
of us are too *ferklemp*t to remember which night it
is, so the candles are color coded: Two reds for

This is sometimes harder than calculating the
nights since most of the subtle pastels are
indiscernible to folks like me with red/green color
blindness.

Jerry Jacob <jj@forprofit.com>

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