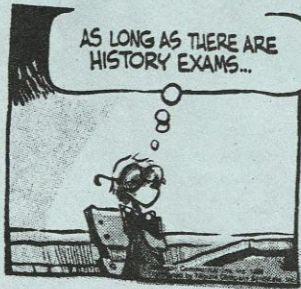
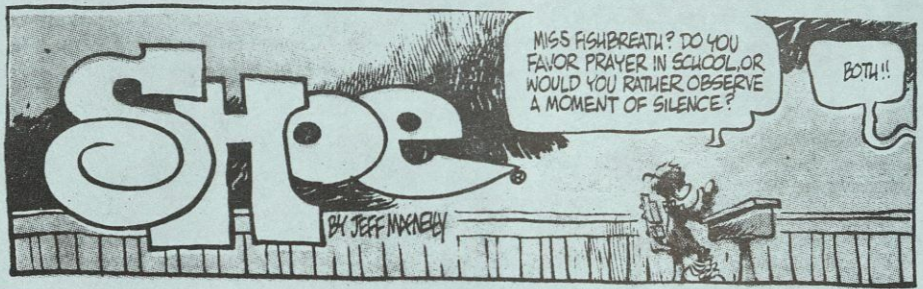


SCHOOL PRAYER



WATCH YOUR JEWISH RIGHTS

There is so much pressure for us to conform and be part of the majority and quit fighting this "school prayer" thing. As we begin the second 4 years of a government run by a staunch conservative who wants "that old time religion" back in the schools, it takes courage, conviction, and perseverance on our part to protect the rights that the founders of our republic worked so hard to outline. We share this letter received last spring from Senator Ford expressing his SUPPORT of SCHOOL PRAYER. Since anyone who wants can pray in school now, it isn't necessary to single out a special time for "voluntary" prayer.

THESE KIND OF TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY OUR ADL SPEAKER ON JAN. 20, 1985 BE THERE!

ONCE AGAIN INTO THE FRAY.....
B'NAI B'RITH TO THE RESCUE ON CHRISTMAS

Once again members of Lodge 289 made it possible for volunteer workers at Lexington's hospitals to spend the Christmas holiday with their families. Our activities include working in the gift shops, delivering presents & flowers, staffing emergency rooms, and working in waiting rooms.

Many thanks to the participants LEON & HARRIET COOPER, NEIL & MIKE LERNER, ANITA & HAROLD BAKER, BEN BAKER, MATT BARRETT, COKIE HYMSON, NORM WIDES, AUSTIN CANDOR, JERRY & TOBY ZUCKMAN and RALPH CRYSTAL. Special thanks go to NORM WIDES for arranging this program this year.

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 9, 1984



Dear Dr. Learner:

Thank you for your recent message concerning the school prayer amendment.

The First Amendment to the Constitution provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Voluntary prayer does not constitute an infringement of the First Amendment. The Establishment clause does not require that the public sector be completely isolated from all things which have religious significance or origin. It is clear that the authors of the Constitution and Bill of Rights sought only to prohibit Congress from establishing a national church or limiting the free exercise of religion.

As you may know, I have consistently voted to permit voluntary prayer in public schools. It has appeared overwhelmingly obvious from my discussions with and messages from Kentuckians that they widely support some form of amendment allowing school prayer. After careful consideration of all issues involved, I made the decision to support S. J. Res. 73, the President's amendment. This amendment was voted on by the Senate on March 20, 1984, and defeated by a vote of 56 to 44. A two-thirds majority vote was required to amend the Constitution.

I appreciate the time you have taken to share your concerns and views with me on this important issue. I realize that it is a very controversial and emotional one, and respect your opinion just as I hope you will respect mine. Though we may differ on this particular matter, I do hope that you will continue to keep me informed of your views.

Sincerely,

Andell Tow

COMING
EVENTS



EMMANUEL MEYERS
MEMORIAL BLOOD BANK
FEB.

STEAK DINNER
SPORTS SPEAKER
MARCH

EVENING AT THE
RED MILE
MAY

FAMILY PICNIC
JUNE

THE BULLETIN "GONIFF" STRIKES AGAIN.....

We hope that Rabbi Stephen Wylan of Cong. B'nai Sholom in Huntington gives us permission to run this excerpt from his bulletin of last month.* It is "YIDDISHKEIT" at its strongest and tells us as Jews how we can all make a difference. We hope that the Chanukah holiday made it possible for us all to remember the sacrifices that were made so that we could enjoy religious freedom.



As Chanukah approaches, we are thrilled by the example of the brave Maccabees, who fought against all odds in defense of Judaism. Their bravery seems to us a symbol of the military bravery of modern Jews who have fought to defend Israel and in the Allied armies against the Nazis. We are proud of the rediscovered ability of Jews to fight for our existence. On top of the ethical traits of a Jew, such as generosity and forgiveness, we proudly add military bravery.

For centuries there were no Jews in arms. During those centuries, Jews displayed a form of bravery more subtle but no less significant--moral bravery. We suffered at the hands of oppressors without letting them crush our will to exist in the integrity of our own way of life. The Jews who established schools within the Warsaw Ghetto were, in their own way, brave fighters for Judaism.

* IF NOT, TOO BAD! WE'RE PRINTING IT ANYWAY!

We American Jews need not take up arms in defense of our people, nor need we display courage in the face of oppression. To be a Jew in America requires a different kind of bravery--a bravery more subtle, more difficult, more rare than military heroism or moral resolution. We must, to survive as Jews in the overwhelming secular culture of America, display the courage to be individuals.

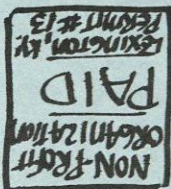
To be a Jew is to be different from everybody else. Are we brave enough to risk it?

All people say, "Don't classify me. Think of me as an individual." But, to really be an individual, that is something else. We have names for real individuals--"NUT", "ECCENTRIC", or the unkindest cut of a-- "JUST DOESN'T FIT IN."

A schoolchild is mortified if his pants are different from what his classmates are wearing. How many children have the courage to dress according to their own taste? Adults are no less susceptible to pressures to act and be like our peers, to do the "right" things in the "right" places.

How much daring it takes, then, to be different in faith, in culture, in celebration! How few can summon this courage, to be a Jew at all times, in all places!! These are the Maccabees of our time, the bravest defenders of the Jewish heritage. May we be counted in their number!!

ON THE MOVE — B'NAI BRITH
 PAY YOUR 1985 DUES
 THEY HELP MANY!



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LEXINGTON, KY.

1ST MEETING

B'NAI BRITH IS
ALIVE 'N WELL.....

.....OR IS IT?

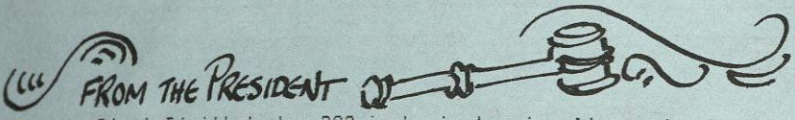
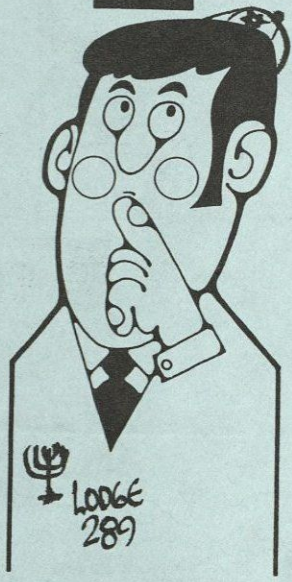
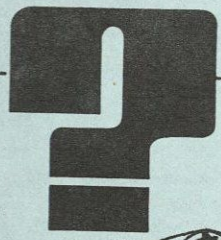
JAN. 20

10:00 AM.

AT THE TEMPLE

BRUNCH
with B'NAI BRITH \$5.00
catered by our own
RICK ARENSTEIN

SPEAKER: ALAN
KATCHEN
ADL SPEAKER



FROM THE PRESIDENT

B'nai B'rith Lodge 289 in Lexington is alive and well. Or is it? The answer to that question is up to us, all of us. The issue is not who did what, or who said what, or what did or did not happen. The issue is what do the members want. I am going to be presumptuous and say that what we want is an active and thriving B'nai B'rith Lodge.

To achieve that goal there is work to be done, much work. As President I am asking for your help. B'nai B'rith has many things to offer. There can be something for everyone. But the strength of an organization and the most valuable resources are the members. Now is the time for the membership to get involved.

The first meeting of 1985 has been scheduled for January 20 at 10 am at the Temple. We will have a brunch and Stan Rose has arranged an ADL speaker, Alan Katchen. We will also discuss the organization of B'nai B'rith.

I look forward to working with all of you this year.

WISHING YOU A
HAPPY 1985

FROM THE
OFFICERS AND BOARD

Sincerely,

Ralph

Ralph M. Crystal
President