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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

*Hierosylma 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.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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everyone.

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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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