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From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise Idiot America



In this month's installment of The Rabbi's Nightstand, where I reflect

on the books I read for leisure, let's delve into a book that has nothing to do with Judaism, but is just as easily applied to the question of the future of Judaism. The book is *Idiot America: How Stupidity Became a Virtue in the Land of the Free*, by Esquire political columnist Charles Pierce. First, a disclaimer: I didn't read this book as a liberal or a conservative, but as a fan of great writing, of which Pierce is a master. At times laugh-out-loud funny, often scathing in its critiques, *Idiot America* questions why actual knowledge and expertise has become outmoded in the United States.

Pierce identifies the three great premises of *Idiot America*: (1) Any theory is valid if it sells books, soaks up ratings, or otherwise moves units; (2) fact is that which enough people believe. Truth is determined by how fervently they believe it; and (3) anything can be true if someone says it loudly enough. In taking the reader on a tour of the Creation Museum in Kentucky, where you can sit on a

February at HHJC

February 1
Men's Club World Wide Wrap

February 1
Men's Club Superbowl BBQ

February 2, 9, 16, 23
Adult Ed
Beginnings of Judaism

February 3
Tu B'Shevat Seder

February 4, 11, 25
Hatha Yoga

February 4, 11, 18, 25
Hebrew Reading Class

February 7
Lay Led Shabbat

February 8
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Tu B'Shevat Celebration

February 14
Simcha Shabbat

February 14
Mini Minyan

February 22
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6:45am & 7:30pm

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9:00am & 7:30pm

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Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am

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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, February 6, 2015

Candle Lighting 5:01 PM
Mincha 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Yitro 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:45 PM
Havdalah 6:05 PM

Friday, February 13, 2015

Candle Lighting 5:09 PM
Mincha 5:10 PM

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Mishpatim 9:00 AM
Shabbat Shekalim
Mincha 4:55 PM
Havdalah 6:13 PM

Friday, February 20, 2015

Candle Lighting 5:18 PM
Mincha 5:20 PM

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Terumah 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:05 PM
Havdalah 6:22 PM

Friday, February 27, 2015

Candle Lighting 5:26 PM
Mincha 5:25 PM

Saturday, February 28, 2015

Tetzaveh 9:00 AM
Shabbat Zachor
Mincha 5:10 PM
Havdalah 6:30 PM

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★ The next few months are a ★
★ time for many joyful occa- ★
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★ ments, B'nai Mitzvah, etc. ★
★ It's just the right time to ★
★ sponsor a *Kiddush* after ★
★ Saturday services and ★
★ share your *simcha* with the ★
★ Temple family! Call the of- ★
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We now have a list in the office of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

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Notices

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If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.

The Bereavement Support Group meets every Monday night at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes and Marty Kevelson.



Cantor Sol Zim



AM YISRAEL CHAI --- AM YISRAEL CHAI -- THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL LIVE

This is what I want to scream out to the world, as I watch the horrific slaughtering of innocent people in Paris. To think that you can be strolling through a supermarket shopping for Shabbat and all of a sudden, you are face to face with a terrorist pointing a gun at you with eagerness to kill you. To think that you can be sitting at a meeting in your office and two gunmen storm in and start shooting. I ask myself...How can this be? How can human beings hate so much that they are gratified to massacre people (Jews and non-Jews alike)? It is **INCOMPREHENSIBLE!**

During this time of terror, I learned that France has the largest Jewish population in Europe and the third largest Jewish population in the world (after Israel and the United States). The Jewish community in France is estimated at about 500,000. However, the overwhelming rise of anti-Semitism and terrorist acts against the Jews in France are causing tremendous fear. Therefore, many are deciding to move to

Our Cantor's Voice

Am Yisrael Chai

Israel. It's easy to understand why!

The Jews of France are a diverse and strong group. They contribute to business, culture, science and many other aspects of society. It is interesting to note that one of the most acclaimed French Jews, *Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki*, known as Rashi (רש"י), was a medieval French Rabbi and author of a comprehensive commentary on the Talmud and the Tanach. Praised and celebrated for his unique ability to present the basic, concise & coherent meaning of the text, Rashi's works remain a cornerstone of contemporary Jewish study. His commentary on Chumash is relied upon as an indispensable aid to students of all levels.

As so many did, I watched the *Unity March* that took place in the streets of Paris, with our very own Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu helping to lead the way. I saw the President of France, Francois Hollande, join Bibi at the Grande Synagogue in Paris and I was filled with emotion and pride. We, the Jewish people, are but a mere speck of sand, in terms of our numbers. We are less than 0.5% of the world population. Yet, the Jewish people and our State of Israel are always on the forefront, leading, revolutionizing, spearheading, guiding and transcending. We are survivors in the truest sense of the word! We are determined to thrive and to grow and to never be destroyed, no matter how hard some may try.



(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)

dinosaur with a saddle and Adam has been neutered, Pierce shows the reader how the lines between legitimate expertise and a pundit's wacky platform have been blurred. Whether it's a discussion of teaching "Intelligent Design" in the public schools, or the Terry Schiavo end-of-lie circus, or climate change, Pierce laments the elevation of blustery nonsense to an equal, if not greater, level of legitimacy. His signature quote, by a pastor from Pennsylvania weighing in on the public school question, sums it up: "We've been attacked by the intelligent, educated segment of our population."

How does this relate to Judaism? As a passionate advocate for living a meaningful Jewish life, I put learning at the center. Simply put, the number one threat to the American Jewish future—and the future of the Jewishness of the State of Israel, for that matter—is Jewish literacy. We will not survive on bagels and lox alone. We must know something about our tradition in order to commit to extending it, educating not only the next generation but the current one, ourselves, as well.

Do Pierce's Three Great Premises apply to Judaism? Well, what sells Jewish books? Go to Barnes and Noble and see what's on the Judaica shelves. A significant percentage of the books are related to what I call the New Kabbalah. Now while I have great respect for authen-

tic study of Jewish mystical literature, I'm no fan of the Kabbalah Center, whether it's in New York, Los Angeles, or elsewhere. It's lovely that Esther Madonna has taken an interest in Judaism, but do we really applaud the capitalization on classic Jewish thought for ulterior motives? Authenticity is not defined by popularity. No matter how many books it sells, how fervently it's believed, and how loudly it's broadcasted, it's not necessarily authentic.

One of my favorite Jewish books is *Back to the Sources*, a collection of essays meant to introduce serious adult Jewish learners to the classics of Jewish text. And the key word is serious. I think everyone should read it. At the Schechter Long Island "Night of Jewish Learning," the keynote speaker, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer of Mechon Hadar, said that all elements of Jewish life—Torah, sacred service, and acts of *hesed*, should be content-rich and challenging. Not unachievable, but challenging. Friends, if it comes too easily, it isn't worth it. We're not idiots. We aren't afraid of the "intelligent, educated segment of our population." In fact, that's exactly what we should strive to be!

Bivrahkah—in blessing,

Rabbi David Wise



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving Coat

Drive. Along with American Martyrs Church, we were able to provide more than 150 coats to New York Cares. Good work, everyone!

CHESED

NEW YARN IS IN!! Lots of colors and lots of yarn, grab your hooks or needles, come on in and take as much as you want, let's keep our soldiers warm this winter. If you have spent any time looking at a weather map you will notice that it has been rather cold everywhere this year, pick your favorite color and get to work. Thanks go to all of you who are already producing beautiful needlework.

Thanks also go to the two members of the Sulam Chesed Task Force who have joined the Chesed Committee. With over two hundred member families we need as many committee members as we can get if we are to serve the needs of all our members.

Thank you to Doug Fairtile for the generous donation of a new paper shredder for the office in honor of his recent 90th birthday. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



Sisterhood

Sisterhood started 2015 with a real bang. Although many women left town to warm up, we had a fabulous Sisterhood Shabbat on January 17th. Our members read in Hebrew and in English, chanted from the Torah and Haftorah and led all parts of the service. We are very proud of all who participated. Thank you.

In March, we celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim. Sisterhood prepares for Purim with our Purim Project, capably and tirelessly organized by Maris Blechner. Information about the Project will be distributed under separate cover. Sisterhood volunteers will meet on March 1st at 10:00 AM to assemble Shalach Manot (purim goodies) and will distribute them on Purim night, March 4th, after the Megillah reading. Come join us in helping make everybody's Purim a happy one.

Also in March, we will celebrate the coming of Passover with our annual Women's Seder. This event is a learning experience as well as a social one. It includes eating, drinking, reciting, dancing, singing and fun. It has been described as inspirational, educational and entertaining. Watch for more information related to this event and join us.

We are very excited about two upcoming fundraisers which will help you beautify your homes and your holiday tables. Please watch for information regarding Honey for the New Year and

bulbs to enhance your gardens and homes.

On April 16th, we will be traveling to an Outlet Mall for our yearly bargain hunting trip. We are usually successful and come home with bags full. Aside from the shopping, we get to know one another better and really have fun. See you then.

On May 3rd, we will be visiting the Nassau County Museum of Art which is located in Roslyn Harbor, Long Island on the former Frick Estate. It is situated on a spectacular property in the heart of Long Island's fabled Gold Coast. Aside from the displayed art work and beautiful architecture, there are walking trails and gardens. We will pray for good weather so that we can enjoy the whole package. Robyn Rosenberg is the chairperson for this event. She has been in touch with our docent who promises a fabulous visit. Stay tuned for further details.

Our end of season event will take place on June 10th. Hold this date for a great surprise.

Our ongoing events continue. Our Sisterhood gift shop has been doing well so that older merchandise has been sold

and new items are filling the spaces. Please check out our new look before Passover. Our weekly yoga classes which are held in the ballroom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. are continuing. It is taught by our own Gaby Weilmann, who is a certified yoga instructor. Please come and join us for some fun and healthy movement.

For those who want to become more involved or those who want to remain involved, please feel free to come to our planning meetings. We will be meeting in Menchel Hall on March 1st, April 26th, May 3rd and June 3rd. For those dates that fall on Sundays, the meetings are at 10 AM and on Wednesdays; the meetings will begin at 8 PM.

Thanks to all who have sent in their dues. If you have not already done so, please send your Sisterhood dues to the office c/o Sisterhood. The Sisterhood of HHJC is a vibrant organization within the synagogue that sponsors a variety of activities that combine social, cultural, charitable and educational aspects of Jewish life.

Wishing you all a good month!

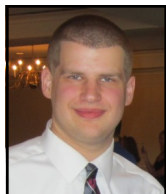
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Sisterhood Co-President

HHJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!

**Youth Director****Youth Group
News**

Dan Bacharach

January was a great month at H2I! We had an amazing time at both of our Sunday night programs! We started off the year with Double Dare 2015, a trivia competition that featured fun physical challenges for those that didn't know the answer, and wrapped up the month with Escape the Room, in which our youth were challenged to solve a multi-step puzzle to "unlock" the door to a room they were "trapped" in. Both of these programs were huge successes and will certainly make appearances again next year if you missed out!

As you read this, our high schoolers are taking part in METNY-Palooza, a brand new event this year for teens from across the metropolitan NY area! While February is otherwise a rather quiet month at H2I because of the Super Bowl and school vacations, we're very excited for our second annual Tu B'Shvat Ice Cream Seder on Sunday, February 15 at ICCJ. We'll be having some candy and ice cream treats that represent traditional seder items to celebrate the New Year for Trees! We hope to see you there at our regular times (Grades 2-5 from 5-6:15, Grades 6-8 from 6:15-7:30, and Grades 9-12 from 7:30-9 PM).

(Cantor Zim Continued from page 3)

Just as I thought the gathering at the Grande Synagogue in Paris was coming to a close, my phone rang and it was a dear member of our Congregation telling me to hurry up and turn on CNN. He was watching the live broadcast of the events taking place in Paris and just after Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke, the Cantor & Choir at the Grande Synagogue led the entire congregation and guests in singing my composition of ***Avinu Shebashamayim***. I was so incredibly touched and choked up.

I am extremely saddened and incredibly worried about the increase of anti-Semitism and terrorism as a whole, not only in France but across the world. Let us stand behind our Jewish brothers and sisters of France. Let us pray for them and support them in any way we can.

AM YISRAEL CHAI!! NOUS SOMMES JUIFS (We are Jews)

Let me take this opportunity to remind you all to **SAVE THE DATE** and to **CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE** to **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW...**

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 at
3:00 PM****CANTOR SOL ZIM AND
FRIENDS IN CONCERT**

Many of my friends and esteemed colleagues from the *Cantors Assembly* will come to Our Congregation, from all over the country, to treat us to a very special *Evening of All Kinds of Music*, as they join in celebrating my special Jubilee (50th) anniversary at HHJC. You will hear spectacular solos as well as magnificent combo performances. Each voice has its' own uniqueness and beauty and combined together will captivate your spirits and transport you on a musical journey.

**A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.....RESERVE YOUR
TICKETS NOW.**

See you in Shul. B'shalom.

Cantorially always,

Cantor Sol Zim

**We need your help with our
daily Minyan.**

**Please join us mornings
or evenings!**

**Monday & Thursday
6:45am & 7:30pm**

**Tuesday
7:00am & 7:30pm**

**Wednesday
8:00am & 7:30pm**

**Sunday & Legal Holidays
9:00am & 7:30pm**

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am



Queens Village
Chit Chat 'Bout This & That
By Sue Heppenheimer

We want to wish you all a very happy & healthy year, and all the very best to our congregants and their families. It was good seeing you all again at our recent meeting and the very nice function that followed.

It was good to hear that Ben Schimer was at home following his hospital stay, and wish him a continued recuperation. We are also glad to hear that Ruth Rosenberg is doing well after her operation. We want to congratulate her on her grandchild's graduation as a Master in Business.

If you live in the current "Snow Zone", make sure you keep warm! We hope we will see you at our next meeting.



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Temple Family

A heartfelt thank you for all your condolences and support to our family on the passage to heaven of longstanding member of HHJC, Arthur Klein, our beloved husband, father and grandfather. Special thanks to Cantor and June Zim, Charlotte and David Karsch, and Marcia and Bob Sparrow.

Sincerely, Debra, Sherri, Andra & Larry, Marc & Lara

To express my sincere appreciation to the Hollis Hills Jewish Center members who have come to my aid during difficult circumstances.

Thanks:

*Beate Axelrad
 Harriet Bildstein
 Vicki Blumenfeld
 Mira Clivner
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 Arlene Shulman
 Linda Silverman*

Ruth Janko

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 3:00 PM
CANTOR SOL ZIM
AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT
CELEBRATING CANTOR ZIM'S
50 YEARS AT HHJC

An evening of all kinds of music!
 Spectacular voices!

The Cantilena Chamber Choir of 25 voices!
 A full band! - Reception to follow!

Contact the center office for information and seats

Handicap Access

We have an operating handicapped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building. Please contact the center office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

The House Committee



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Gerald Epstein, beloved
brother of Stanley Epstein

David Michael Johnston,
beloved brother of
Dana Johnston

Irene Gottlieb, long time
member and beloved wife of
Allen Gottlieb

MAY THEY BE COMFORTED AMONG
THE OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION
AND JERUSALEM

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Johnston*
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In memory of Toby Schwartz
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Rita & Scott Zipper

In memory of Aaron Krauss
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*In honor of the marriage of
Sheldon Flatow and Osnat Nissani*
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Joyce & Bob Fogel's son Philip*
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Saunders*

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In memory of Walter Blazer
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Morris Lesnik

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Ramos*
In memory of Officer Wenjian Liu
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In memory of Mildred Stone
Barbara & Andrew Stone

In memory of Isaac Zipper
In memory of Mina Zipper
Rita & Scott Zipper

*A belated Mazal Tov to Diane &
Arnie Landau on David's Bar
Mitzvah*
*A belated Mazal Tov to Susan &
Steven Kahan on the marriage of
David to Kimberly Maldonado*
Rita & Scott Zipper



In memory of Sy Trager
In memory of Rita Goldman
 Rita & Scott Zipper

In honor of the birth of Vicky & Michael Wolkofsky's first granddaughter, Noa Shayna, to Adeena & Seth
In honor of the wedding of Peter Wolkofsky and Emily Passer
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In appreciation of Rabbi Wise
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 Henry Gerber

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In honor of the birth of Flo & Bob Gropper's new granddaughter, to Shevy & Aaron
 Morris Lesnik

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In loving memory of my brother, Saul Robinson
 Irene Schneider

In honor of the birth of Bertha & Usher Farber's new great-grandson
In honor of the birth of Vivian & Steven Verstandig's first grandson, Caleb Aiden
In honor of the birth of Flo & Bob Gropper's new granddaughter
 Henry Gerber

In memory of David Michael Johnston
In memory of Gerald Epstein
In memory of Sy Trager
In memory of Arthur Klein
 Henry Gerber

In memory of Judy Hersch
In memory of Toby Schwartz
 Henry Gerber

In memory of Ruth Margulis
In memory of Zvi Lesnik
In memory of Walter Blazer
 Henry Gerber

In honor of the engagement of Joyce & Bob Fogel's son Philip
In honor of the marriage of Steven Seidenfeld and Jocelyn Levenberg
In honor of the marriage of Peter Wolkofsky & Emily Passer
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In memory of Sam's father, Benjamin Schneider
In memory of Sam's brother, Jack Schneider
 Irene Schneider

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In honor of the birth of Vivian & Steven Verstandig's first grandson, Caleb Aiden
In honor of the birth of Flo & Bob Gropper's new granddaughter
 Joyce & Bob Fogel

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In memory of Toby Schwartz
 Joyce & Bob Fogel

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**Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes
Life After Retirement**

**A New View of the Jews! -
A 50 Years Retrospective**

Fifty years ago, in 1965, the Catholic Church issued an historic "Mea Culpa" regarding its official position on the Jews and Judaism. In honor of that major policy-shift fifty years ago, I am presenting below a selection from a 20 question multiple-choice quiz I gave to my college students at St. John's University on 02/15/11.

How many of these first SIX questions can you answer correctly? My students, the overwhelming majority of whom were Catholic, scored on average 80-85%.

Good luck! Bona fortuna! Mazal Tov!

Rabbi H. J. Simckes

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Department of Theology
Spring Term 2011
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QUIZ (Non-Surprise !) Based on Handout., ("*Nostra Aetate* and *Assigned Readings* in "*A History of the Jewish Experience*"

1.What is the English translation of "*Nostra Aetate*", the Latin title of "*The declaration on the relation of the church with non-Christian religions*", issued by the Roman Catholic church in the 20th century?

- a) "Our Estate"
- b) "Our Views"
- c) "For Our World Community"
- d) "In Our Time"

2.Who commissioned the first draft, "*Decree on the Jews*" ("*Decretum de Judaeis*") and when was this initial draft

completed!

- a) Pope John XXII... Completed in November, 1961
- b) Pope Paul VI... Completed in December, 1962
- c) Cardinal Bea... Completed in October, 1963
- d) Cardinal Cicognani... Completed in February, 1964

3.The final draft of "*Nostra Aetate*" was finally passed by the bishops gathered at the Second Vatican Council by a vote of 2221 to 88 on October 28, 1965. It was promulgated to the entire catholic and world community as official doctrine by _____?

- a) Pope John XXIII
- b) Cardinal Bea
- c) Pope Paul VI
- d) Cardinal Cicognani, President of the Council's Coordinating Committee

4.Which of the following statements are found either in the second or third draft

- a) "Everyone should be careful, therefore, not to present the Jewish people as a rejected nation, whether in catechetical instruction, in preaching of God's Word or in daily conversation."
- b) "This Holy Council... deplores and condemns hatred and maltreatment of Jews"
- c) "The death of Christ is not to be attributed to an entire people then alive, and even less to a people today. Therefore, let priests be careful not to say anything in catechetical instruction or in preaching, that might give rise to hatred or contempt of the Jews in the hearts of their hearers."

- d) All of the above.
- e) Answers a and c above.

5. Which of the following statements are found in the fourth draft?

- a) "Even though a large part of the Jews did not accept the Gospel, they remain most dear to God, according to the Apostle, for the sake of the Patriarchs, since gifts and call are irrevocable."
- b) "The Church regards Muslims with esteem: they adore the one God, living and enduring... They strive to obey wholeheartedly his inscrutable decrees, just as Abraham did, to whose faith they happily link their own."
- c) "This sacred Synod... recalling our common patrimony, deplores and condemns hatred and persecution of Jews."
- d) Answers a and c above.
- e) answers a and b and c above.

6. Which Catholic American religious leader at the Vatican Council made the following statement: "For hundreds of years, and even in our own century, Christians have flung the word '*deicide*' into the faces of Jews in order to justify all kinds of excesses even murder...we must remove this word from the vocabulary of Christians so that it can never again be turned against the Jews"?

- a) Cardinal Cushing of Boston, Massachusetts
- b) Auxiliary Bishop Stephen Leven of San Antonio, Texas
- c) Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis, Missouri
- d) Archbishop O'Boyle of Washington



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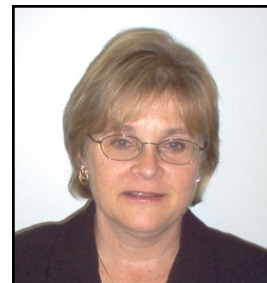


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