

Dear Sam, who as a rabbi is a maven on rabbis (so also please explain the letters 11/23/91 that to me are aracana); and Joe, who I hope has and will yet, both record his impressions and emotions regarding Babi-Yar, of which I would like a tape to listen to and then give the local college,

I was quite surprised to get responses from both Rosenfeld deputy editorial editor of the Post, and from the local rabbi. I've responded to both and enclose all four letters.

That Rosenfeld responded at all means, I think, that I got to him, that I made him a bit uneasy about the oped-page article I addressed and about his and the Post's current position, which is anti-Israel.

That the rabbi responded - after three years!!! - means, I think, that what I wrote him then he had kept and what I just wrote to him did trouble him.

He had discussed the earlier letter with his board of directors and perhaps with others because the president of the congregation phoned and asked to lay off the anti-Semite then.

I would like to think that his writing me at all reflects what may be the re-thinking of his position. On the chance that it is I only suggested that his should be a leadership role without spelling that out.

Perhaps when the college summer vacation begins he may get a bright student to tabulate and analyze the Meachum columns and perhaps he might then speak to Christian clergymen among whom I am certain he must have some friends and with whom, whether or not friends, he has to have some kind of relationship. One of two might just get interested and might just sermonize on it. As clearly, without inspiration, if not also from unawareness, they have not.

Perhaps we'll get a clue if he responds to this letter.

It is probable that Rosenfeld's job depends on his hewing the Post's line, the same line in the news columns it has editorially. Maybe he'll speak^{up} a little in conferences.

Although I use no harsh words, it is harsh to charge that on such an issue, with so much potentially at stake, the Post misrepresents and misleads and is so partial while pretending impartiality.

I do not expect him to respond to this letter but because he did take time to respond to my earlier one I believe he will read it. If he does and if he then thinks about it a little he'll find it hard to tell himself, I believe, that he and the Post have not been anti-Israel, which I avoided suggesting, even anti-Semitic.

A friend who escaped Hitler as a girl, married another ~~refugee~~ refugee, and until he died had a good and successful life, including in business, was buried yesterday. I was not able to go to the funeral because of both medical appointments and the weather. It is unwise for me to be in the pouring rain that long, besides which I can't stand still that long. I did go. The rabbi greeted her. She mentioned that I'd gotten his letter and those three years were on his mind because he mentioned them.

If you saw Nightline last night, I published the essence of that story in 1975. They were in touch. I think I helped them a bit, and I declined to go to DC to be on it. I did not stay up for it. I also think they will carry this forward. Best, *H. C. C. C.*