

seen these things from the people we Jews should revere the most.

Perhaps we would all worry less about our rabbis and what they do for us if we became, as the Torah describes, a nation of priests. Now, that's a hard job.

*Kim Phillips
Kingston Springs, Tennessee*

While it is timely to be reminded to respect our rabbis, there was never a golden age in which they were all "looked upon as...holy vessels." The founder of Reform Judaism in America, Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, was punched in the face by the president of his Albany synagogue during a Rosh Hashanah service. That was 1850!

*David Bamberger
Cleveland, Ohio*

The Survivors' Last Stand

Regarding the Claims Conference's efforts to obtain restitution for the Shoah survivors ("Focus: The Survivors' Last Stand," Spring 2008), Reform Jews should be very proud that our Movement, through its member-



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