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■ AS HAPPENS every year, there was a memorial ceremony for Zionist visionary Benjamin Ze'ev Herzl at his graveside on Mount Herzl this week, but Herzl will also be brought to mind on other occasions this year.

On July 31, **David Matlow**, a Canadian collector of artifacts pertaining to Herzl, will be at the Herzl Center on Mount Herzl to speak about Herzl's legacy through his artifacts.

In a previous Grapevine column, it was mentioned that Swiss Ambassador **Jean-Daniel Ruch** is preparing for the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Israel, and is naturally basing it on Basel, site of the First Zionist Congress.

Doubts expressed in the previous item as to whether the event would be held in the Herzl Museum in Jerusalem were well founded. The two-day program scheduled for September 24 and 25 is headlined "Basel in Tel Aviv." A Basel night will be held in Opera Square, courtesy of the Tel Aviv Municipality, and on September 25 the world-class Basel Ballet will perform *Tevye* at the Tel Aviv Opera House. The production is based on the classic story of Tevye the Dairyman by Sholem Aleichem. There will be other activities as well, and a high-powered delegation will be coming from Switzerland for the festivities.

It is to be hoped that someone will remember to invite **Chaim Topol**, the most internationally famous Tevye on both stage and screen. It would be by way of a birthday gift. Topol was born on September 9, as was Rivlin. Topol will be celebrating his 84th birthday, and Rivlin his 80th. Another octogenarian celebrating a birthday around that time is Mr. Television, **Haim Yavin**, whose 87th birthday is on September 10. Having a birthday closer to the Basel activities is Jewish Agency Chairman **Isaac Herzog**, who will be 59 on September 22.