

# THE FRANTIC RACE TO SAVE HUNGARY'S JEWS



Although Rabbi David Keleti, head of the Lativ *kiruv* organization, was only eight when his family fled Hungary, he always felt a responsibility for the Jews they left behind.

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Rabbi David Keleti was only eight years old when the short-lived Hungarian Revolution was crushed by Soviet Russia in 1956, but he remembers it vividly.

"The communist police entered our home in Debrecin and confiscated the keys to our jewelry store," Rabbi Keleti recalls. They were ordered to change their surname from Klein to Keleti, and a year later the family decided to leave Hungary for good, along with many other Jews.

"Hungary was in a real mess after the Soviets crushed the revolt, and most of the Jews left. But while many went to America, Europe, and even Australia, my parents chose to move to Eretz Yisrael," Rabbi Keleti says.

In Eretz Yisrael, Rabbi Keleti learned