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Dear LAPA;

Thank you for your fine publication, which has been a real joy to us since adopting Anna from Peru some 7 months ago.

I want to especially thank John Kiely for his little essay on the quincentenary. Yes, it is an extremely sensitive and ironic issue for all of us, and will just get more so as 1992 rolls around. This 500th anniversary is also, unhappily enough, the quincentenary of the Spanish Inquisition, so families like us who are Jewish with a Native American daughter get a "double whammy". Maybe adoptive families like us and LAPA in general could plan some "alternative" quincentenary celebrations (maybe not celebrations at all!). I'd hate to spend the whole year cheering the onset of the destruction of the indigenous people of the Americas and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

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