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Israel Dissociates Itself From Film 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

JERUSALEM — The Israeli Government moved today to dissociate itself from the film production of "Jesus Christ Superstar," the rock opera that has been denounced as anti-Semitic by major Jewish organizations in the United States.

A Government statement issued recently said: "The fact that the film was shot on location in Israel in no way constitutes any agreement whatsoever to it on the part of the Government of Israel.

"The creators and producers of the film are alone and exclusively responsible for its contents."

Other Steps Taken

The controversy over the film's treatment of the Jewish role in the crucifixion of Jesus has also ignited a debate within Israel over whether the Government should attempt to censor the content of films being shot here. The debate also involves the question of whether artistic freedom should be compromised for the sake of protecting Israel's image abroad.

In the opinion of industry specialists, the future of foreign film-making in Israel rides on the outcome of the debate. Foreign film productions brought in \$4-million in foreign currency here last year and are expected to bring five times that much by 1976.

The statement was one of several steps the Government has taken recently to separate itself from the controversy surrounding "Jesus Christ Superstar." The Foreign Ministry also has ordered Israeli consular officials in New York and Los Angeles not to attend the openings of the film in

their cities. Produced and directed by Norman Jewison, the director of "Fiddler on the Roof," the film was shot at more than 30 locations in Israel between August and November of last year. Released by Universal Pictures, it has already been shown in several United States and Canadian cities and is scheduled to open in New York next month.

Assurances Given

The Government statement on the film was carefully phrased after consultation among members of the Cabinet, sources said.

It noted that "in light of the delicate subject matter of 'Jesus Christ Superstar'" assurances had been sought and received from Mr. Jewison that the film would "contain no passages to offend the religious sensibilities of Jewish and other circles."

Mr. Jewison, the statement said, had pledged that "he would not associate himself with the production of a film in which there are anti-Semitic nuances."

In light of this, the statement concluded, "it would be very distressing and most disappointing if the film should include, after all, passages of a nature to offend the Jewish people."

Originally conceived as a rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar" depicts the last seven days of Jesus's life. The furor over the film has been caused by its characterizations of the Jewish high priests and their role in the condemnation of Jesus.

Exaggeration Cited

Mr. Jewison's treatment has been denounced by a number of

Jewish groups, including the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, an organization embracing 93 local human-relations groups in the United States.

In a statement issued last month, the council charged that the film "exaggerates some of the most baneful anti-Jewish notions traditionally associated with the passion story."



IN NEW POSITION: Rabbi Joseph Greenfield, assistant principal of the Providence Hebrew Day School since 1970, left Providence on August 1 to accept the position of principal of the Akiba Academy in Dallas, Texas. Akiba Academy, a day school which was founded in 1961, has an enrollment of 230 students from primary grades through grade 8.

Rabbi Greenfield is a graduate of the Rabbinical College of Telshe, Cleveland, Ohio, and received his ordination from Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1969. He also holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Rhode Island.

Rabbi and Mrs. Greenfield and their daughter, Esther, will live at 6214 Prestoncrest Street, Dallas.

Controversy Widens On Defection Question

JERUSALEM — The departure from Israel in the last six months of 15 families and two individuals — 51 persons in all — who had been living in the immigrant development town of Carmiel, in Upper Galilee, raised a storm in the Knesset. Absorption Minister Natan Peled said the rate of defections was not above normal and claimed that reports that Christian missionaries were exhorting the immigrants to leave were grossly exaggerated.

An investigation in Carmiel revealed that at least one missionary had suggested to the immigrants that they "better go to Canada." Eight of the families in question went to Greece from where they are believed to have flown to Canada. The missionary was identified as a Jewish-born Carmelite monk, Daniel Ruffeisen (Brother Daniel), who converted to Christianity after World War II and made the headlines in the late 1950s when he demanded to be registered as Jewish by nationality and Christian by religion.

Brother Daniel denied that he was propagandizing the immigrants. He said some of the fami-

lies confided to him that they planned to leave the country and that he took care of them.

Peled told the Knesset that over the past two years 627 families from the Soviet Union had been successfully absorbed in Carmiel and that it was not abnormal that 15 of them should have left. But five motions were placed on the agenda criticizing the government for the way it handles new immigrants. Eliezer Shostak of the Free Center faction claimed that absorption centers did not provide for immigrants' needs. Avraham Katz of Gahal demanded an independent investigation of the Carmiel defections and proposed simpler conversion processes for mixed families (where one or more members are non-Jews).

Uri Avneri of the Haolam Hazeh faction, which he has re-named the "Israeli Radical Camp," charged that mixed families were brought to Israel under false pretenses. Peled replied that only four of the 15 families who departed were mixed. Rabbi Kalman Kahana of the Poalei Agudat Israel accused the government of permitting missionary activity.

Bill Would Allow Jewish Inmates One Hot Kosher Meal Per Day

NEW YORK — Legislation is expected to be introduced into Congress this session which will enable Jewish inmates in federal prison to have at least one hot kosher meal daily on request, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), reported this week.

Tentative legislation for that purpose, drafted to provide one special meal daily to meet the religious dietary requirements of inmates of all faiths, was prepared by Nathan Lewin of Washington, a COLPA vice-president. Lewin worked in consultation with Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president of the Synagog Council of America, and Rabbi Herzel Kranz of Silver Spring, Md., a constituent of Sen. Charles Mathias, Jr., Maryland Republican. Sen. Mathias is studying the proposal for any changes he considers necessary for its introduction in Congress.

Lewin said the proposed legislation was developed to meet the needs of "the growing number of Jews who unfortunately find

themselves in federal prisons. They are unable to obtain kosher food and are therefore required to subsist largely on fruits and vegetables."

Lewin, a former official of the Justice and State Departments, said that despite repeated attempts to resolve the matter with Bureau of Prison officials, there had been a steadfast refusal by those officials to provide special food to inmates with dietary needs, a need, he said which was not confined to Jews.

A COLPA source said it was estimated that the law would benefit some 200 inmates of federal prisons but that these included Moslems as well as Jews. The source said no figures were available on the number of Jewish inmates.

IGNORE BOYCOTT

Madrid — A Spanish company is ignoring the Arab boycott and going ahead with the construction of two large hotels in Israel, it was reported here. One of the hotels will be in Jerusalem and the other in Tel Aviv

Trial Begins For Arab Guerrillas Captured In Last Year's Raid

LYDDA, Israel — Rejecting arguments that international law was being violated, an Israeli military tribunal ruled last week that it was competent to try 10 Arab guerrilla suspects captured last September during an Israeli raid into Lebanon.

The prisoners, who had not set foot inside Israel before being brought here by the Israeli soldiers who captured them, were charged with being members in unlawful organizations, training with arms and explosives and carrying firearms, all "to harm or with the intent to harm Israel." This was the first case against Arab guerrilla suspects captured abroad.

The offenses, according to the charges, were committed variously in Lebanon, Syria, Qatar and China.

Previously, prisoners taken during Israeli raids into enemy territory had been imprisoned without trial for indefinite periods under administrative orders.

The change of policy necessitated a revision of the criminal law, which had accorded Israel courts jurisdiction over offenses abroad only in relation to crimes by certain Israelis and genocide. An amendment passed a year and a half ago extended the jurisdiction to crimes committed abroad

against the security of Israel.

Neatly Groomed Prisoners

The wooden dock where the neatly groomed prisoners sat in two rows was guarded by border policemen wearing green berets and carrying submachine guns, rifles and revolvers. The prisoners wore slacks and sport shirts; relatives in Arab robes were seated in court.

According to the indictment, the prisoners belonged variously to Al Fatah, As Saiqa and the Popular Democratic Front.

In charging them, the Government invoked the law permitting any Israeli court to punish persons for offenses against the state even when committed abroad. Arguments by the defense that this was a breach of international law were rejected by the tribunal. The defense said, it would appeal the ruling to the military supreme court and requested an adjournment.

Lieut. Col. Aharon Alpern, the presiding judge, decided to begin hearing testimony. He said an appeal was no reason to postpone the proceedings.

The prosecution opened its case with the presentation of signed statements to the police describing how the defendants had joined the militant organizations in various countries and the training they had received.



CELEBRATE 100th BIRTHDAY: The entire Pepper family met in Florida over the Decoration Day weekend to honor Annie (Pepper) Sands on her 100th birthday on May 25, and Jennie (Pepper) Solinger on her 90th birthday, April 7. There were several cocktail parties over the weekend and the final dinner was held at the Doral Country Club where 135 members of the Pepper family were seated. They came from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Texas, Minnesota and Missouri. The brothers and sisters shown above are, left to right, Abe Pepper, 95 years old, of Miami; Mrs. Sands of Hialeah; Harry Pepper, 87 years old, of Daytona Beach; Mrs. Solinger of Miami Beach, and Sam Pepper, 73 years old, of Providence.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

FASHION REVIEW
Midland Mall will hold a three day Back to School fashion show on the lower level on Tuesday, August 14, Wednesday, August 15, and Thursday, August 16, at 7 p.m.

The show will be produced by Bill and Donna DeSanto of the Rhode Island Model Agency. Mrs. DeSanto will coordinate the show and will act as commentator. Further information may be obtained by calling the Mall office at 828-1700, or the R.I. Model Agency at 739-2151.

SUMMER FLING
The Business and Professional Singles Group of the Hartford Jewish Community Center will hold a Summer Fling at the Center at 335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut, on Sunday, August 5, from 7 to 11 p.m. Dancing will be to the music of Art DuBrow's orchestra. Guests are expected from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

PET SHOW
The South Side Boys' Club will hold a pet show on Wednesday, August 8 at 11 A.M. at the Club house on 1 Louisa Street.

BOWLING PARTY
Pawtucket and Central Falls Junior Hadassah is sponsoring a bowling party on Saturday, August 4, at 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Lanes, corner of Smithfield Avenue and Higginson Avenue in Lincoln. The proceeds will be used for youth activities.

Bowling shoes will be available and refreshments will be served.

President Threatens To Hold Funds

NEW YORK — The president of Brooklyn College has threatened to withhold funds from a student-supported newspaper if it violates recently established guidelines which demand restraint in articles dealing with racial or religious groups. Dr. John Kneller, president of the college which has an 80 per cent Jewish student body, issued the warning to the "editorial collective" that puts out "Third World Edition," a campus newspaper supported by student fees.

The warning was prompted by allegedly anti-Jewish and anti-Israel articles that appeared in a recent edition. The edition was published before the guidelines were issued and the penalties therefore are applicable only to future violations.

According to Harold Harris, spokesman for the college, the newspaper spent \$2,960 of student funds on its two issues during the 1972-73 school year. It has a press run of 10,000 but has not been readily available on the campus, he said. The articles in question were termed "offensive" and "slandorous" in complaints from the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and others.

Say Immigrants May Be USSR Spies

WASHINGTON — Authorities in Jordan have found documents showing that the Soviet Government is using Soviet Jewish emigrants to establish a spy network in Israel, according to the Beirut newspaper L'Orient-Du Jour.

The newspaper was reported here as saying that the documents were found in the Soviet Aeroflot TU-134 airliner that crashed June 30 at Amman Airport. "These documents are reported to deal with a network of Soviet agents implanted in Israel through the channel of Jewish immigration," the newspaper reported.

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FESTIVAL OF SOUNDS
The South Providence Girls' Club will present a multi-media Festival of Sounds featuring Third

World inspired arts on Saturday, August 4, and Friday, August 24.

Part one on August 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. will feature a fashion show of original Third World designs, a puppet show and a display of crafts.

Part two on August 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. will feature Third World songs and dances and a play based on an African folk tale, "Anansi the Trickster Spider."

The public is invited to attend.

Obituaries

ABRAHAM FELDMAN
Funeral services for Abraham Feldman, 82, of 24 Bernon Street, who died July 21, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Minnie (Alper) Feldman, he was born in Russia, a son of the late Morris and Rachael Feldman. He had lived in Providence for 75 years.

Mr. Feldman had been the owner of the Silver Dollar Bar in Providence until his retirement a few years ago.

Survivors include, besides his wife, two sons, Max Feldman of Providence and Sidney Feldman of Cranston; a brother, Jacob Feldman, and a sister, Lena Selinder, both of Providence; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JACK GOLDSTEIN
Funeral services for Jack Goldstein of the Bronx, New York, who died July 24, were held July 26 in New York.

Mr. Goldstein, who was 80 years old, was born in Russia. He had lived in New York for 60 years.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Goldstein; three sons, Albert Goldstein and Seymour Goldstein, both of New York, and Melvin Goldstein of Cranston, and four grandchildren.

MRS. ABRAHAM POMERANZ
Funeral services for Gertrude Pomeranz, 77, of 23 Verndale Avenue, who died July 28, were held Monday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The widow of Abraham Pomeranz, she was a lifelong resident of Providence. She was a daughter of the late Aaron and Rebecca (Cooper) Lerner.

Mrs. Pomeranz was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the B'nai B'rith.

Survivors include a son, Sumner Pomeranz of Lincoln; two brothers, Benjamin Lerner of Cranston, and Martin D. Lerner of Providence; a sister, Molly Danburg of Providence, and six grandchildren.

MRS. HAROLD H. WINSTEN
Funeral services for Anita Winsten, 47, of 644 East Avenue, Pawtucket, a social worker in Providence, who died Sunday after a long illness, were held Monday at Temple Beth El. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

Mrs. Winsten, a Pembroke College alumna, received her master's degree in psychiatric social work from Boston University in 1951. In Providence she helped organize social work activities such as

group encounters for Parents Without Partners and Parents With Handicapped Children.

The wife of Harold H. Winsten, she was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Nathan and Rose (Swartz) Horowitz. She had lived in Pawtucket for 23 years.

Mrs. Winsten was a member of the League of Women Voters and the Civil Council for Education in Pawtucket. A member of Temple Beth El, she was an active member of its Sisterhood and served on the temple school committee.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Saul and Roy L. Winsten, and a daughter, Nancy E. Winsten, all of Pawtucket; a brother, Jerome Horowitz of Providence, and four sisters, Heione Goldman of Warwick, Cora Goldsmith of Cranston, Fanny Katz and Miss Lena Horowitz, both of Providence.

FANNIE SILVERMAN
Funeral services for Fannie (Kookes) Silverman, of 126 Melrose Street, who died Sunday, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

A daughter of the late Meyer and Rebecca (Yonkelovitch) Kookes, she came to Providence from Russia at an early age.

She had been a saleswoman at Grayson's in Providence for many years.

She is survived by a son, Harold Silverman of Providence, and a granddaughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Weinberg

Miss Paula Christine Degnan became the bride of Michael Howard Weinberg at a double ring ceremony on Sunday, July 8. The Reverend John McCarthy and Rabbi Samuel Umen officiated at the 5:30 p.m. garden ceremony which was held on the grounds of the King Philip Restaurant in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver LaRonde of 57 Rockridge Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, and the late Paul T. Degnan. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weinberg of 57 Colonial Road. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gold and Mrs. Harry Weinberg, all of Providence.

Wearing a gown of white silk organza fashioned with Venice lace entwined with blue satin ribbon which embellished the Victorian neckline and empire bodice, the bride was given in marriage by her mother and stepfather. The gown was styled with long traditional sleeves which were adorned with matching lace and ribbon while Venice lace molded the silhouette of the gown and matching lace accented the sheer detachable train. A tiered bouffant veil fell from a matching Camelot cap.

Miss Jane Callanan was maid of honor and wore a dotted Swiss gown in yellow with Venice lace. Bridesmaid Shelley Weinberg, sister of the bridegroom, was dressed in a dotted Swiss gown of blue with long bishop sleeves.

Leigh Namerow was best man. Ushers were Stephen and Gregory LaRonde, brothers of the bride.

The couple will honeymoon in Bar Harbor, Maine. The bride was graduated from Boston College and is an engineer at GTE-Sylvania in Needham, Massachusetts. The bridegroom, who is also an engineer at GTE-Sylvania, is a graduate of Steven's Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Jewish Group Denies Conservatism Charges

WASHINGTON — The American Jewish Committee has taken strong issue with a recent charge by Joseph Rauh Jr., a prominent civil libertarian, that American Jews are swinging to the right and that Jews and Jewish organizations "are largely on the wrong side of the great civil rights issues of the day." That contention and others by Rauh that Jews are retreating from their traditional liberal stance, were challenged by Hyman Bookbinder, the AJCommittee's Washington representative who is himself a long-time civil rights advocate. "Even the most cursory review of the civil rights scene would reassure any objective observer that the Jewish community is, proportionately, significantly better represented than others in legislative, financial, personal, legal and political support of civil rights struggles," Bookbinder said in a "Dear Joe" letter to Rauh. The letter was in response to a speech Rauh made to the Jewish Community Council of Milwaukee, Wisc. June 26. Rauh, who is Jewish and is general counsel of the Leadership Council on Civil Rights with which many Jewish organizations are affiliated, was the recipient of the AJCommittee's Isaiah Award last year "for a lifetime of service to civil rights."

Bookbinder described as "particularly intemperate language" Rauh's charge that a "brigade of wealthy Jews" foresook "their long allegiance to

the Democratic Party last fall" and gave "vast sums" to defeat a candidate "whose crime was to propose some modicum of redistribution of wealth." Bookbinder claimed that "for every 'wealthy Jew' who made a substantial contribution to the Nixon campaign there must have been three or four who gave perhaps even larger sums to the McGovern campaign." Discussing "your general indictment of Jewish withdrawal from civil rights commitments largely on the troublesome issue of quotas," Bookbinder wrote to Rauh that while "very few" now believe in quotas, "a year ago, when the quota issue was devised, there were men who did support quotas in practice." With few exceptions, Bookbinder continued, "Jewish agencies and Jewish activists do favor strong affirmative action, including the use of goals and timetables as you define them. While the problem remains of 'occasional distortion of 'goals and timetables' into de facto systems, it is a bum rap to argue that Jewish concern about quotas makes them anti-civil rights," Bookbinder said.

LAY CORNERSTONE
HAIFA — A major step forward in Israel's efforts to preserve and improve her environment was taken today with the laying of the cornerstone of the Leonard and Diane Sherman Environmental Engineering Building at ceremonies at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

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Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter



How To Shop for a Home Mortgage

As interest rates spiral upward and toward the historic peaks of 1969-70 and as the Federal Reserve System deliberately curbs the availability of credit in an effort to slash inflationary borrowing, mortgage money is of course also becoming more expensive and harder to get.

Even "official" mortgage rates are moving to and through the 8 per cent level. Many Americans are paying much more than this rate in open and hidden charges. What you pay will be crucially influenced by the calibre of your banking connections, the attractiveness of your loan and the area in which you live — but the central point is clear:

The cost of mortgage money is climbing and adding substantially to the already swollen costs of a house. While the objective of tight money is to reduce the rate of rise in your cost of living, tight money accelerates the rate of rise in the cost of living of anyone who must borrow — and that includes millions of you across the land.

To illustrate, in this interest rate era, it's not at all uncommon to commit yourself to pay more in

interest over the lifetime of your mortgage than the total amount of the mortgage itself. On a \$10,000 mortgage, the interest at 8 per cent over a period of 25 years would be \$13,157, a full \$3,157 more than the principal of your loan.

Although most mortgage lenders in any given city or area of the U.S. are likely to charge about the same rates at any given time, you still find a variation of 1/2 to 1 per cent — a difference which can be highly significant in terms of your total interest costs.

For instance, the total interest on a \$20,000, 30-year mortgage at 8 per cent is \$32,780. At 8 1/2 per cent, it's \$35,340. And at 9 per cent, it's \$37,820. The difference of 1 per cent is more than \$5,000.

Here are a set of figures which spells it out even more dramatically. The details are on an \$18,000, 30-year mortgage:

At 7 1/2 per cent the total interest comes to \$27,170; at 8 per cent it is \$29,500; at 8 1/2 per cent it is \$31,810; at 9 per cent it is \$34,040; at 9 1/2 per cent it is

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The Lyons Den



By Leonard Lyons

NEW YORK — Theodore Bikel cosponsored a resolution at the recent International Federation of Actors' meeting in Paris that all governments halt demolition plans for theaters in their countries. The resolution was conceived when the Federation learned 15 London theaters and 12 in Paris were scheduled to be razed during the next two years ... Nan Talese, wife of author Gay Talese, is leaving her editorial position at Random House to be a senior editor at Simon & Schuster.

Allen Funt was at the Pen and Pencil where he discussed the President's refusal to turn over his tapes to the Watergate committee. Funt recalled hosting the Candid Microphone radio show during the Truman Administration, and being stopped at the White House gates when it was necessary for him to see the President in connection with the show. He explained the nature of his business, and told the guard he had already recorded a conversation with Truman. "Do you want to hear the tape?" Funt asked.

"No," the guard replied. "We already have our own."

Long Island attorney Michael J. Griffith leaves for Istanbul on Saturday to aid in the defense of William Hayes, who spent 3 1/2 years in a Turkish prison for possession of hashish. The Turkish high court recently increased Hayes' sentence to a minimum of 30 years to life, for attempting to smuggle the drug out of the country. Hayes, from Amityville, Long Island, is 26 ... George Kennedy will costar with Clint Eastwood in *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot*, to be filmed in Montana.

Edie Adams, who opens at Westbury Music Fair this week in the updated version of *Anything Goes*, the Cole Porter musical, used to spend her spare hours studying with Lee Strasberg at the Actors Studio. She was asked if this had any effect on her performances: "No," the actress

replied. "I still do the same things as I did before, but what I did learn is that they have names for it." ... Tony Bennett will do a filmed concert of Rogers & Hart songs, to be directed by Elliot Kastner, whose new movie *Jeremy* opens August 1.

Bess Truman, Mamie Eisenhower and Lady Bird Johnson have accepted honorary chairmanships of the Jennie Grossinger Humanitarian Award of the Anti-Defamation League, which will be presented Oct. 19 to Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz ... One of the caddies at last week's New York State Amateur

Golf Championship was asked what he thought of the facilities at the Concord, the Catskill resort where it was held."

"Pretty good, but the Concord is my second favorite hotel," said Michael Etes, whose mother and uncle run Grossinger's.

On August 5, wives and children of prisoners at Greenhaven Prison, will be permitted to attend a picnic with inmates on the upstate prison's football field. Agent Mickey Shaw is bringing seven acts and a band for entertainment, and the inmates will each make a \$5 contribution-for refreshments. It's the first time such a program has been permitted in a maximum security prison.

The movie, to be shown on TV, in schools and institutions, shows the comedian talking with convicts, many of whom came from his boyhood home, Philadelphia.

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Editor's Mailbox

Writer Feels Israel Should Remain Semi-Theocratic State

Israel can little afford Jewish enemies.

At present, Israel is being attacked by every nation in the world in one of many ways. Israel looks to us for help, and some of us turn our backs. In this context, I do not refer to gelt. The Israelis need our moral support!

Recently, an out-of-state Conservative rabbi stated that if Israel's leadership can't recognize the Conservative movement, then Israel should not expect our (Conservative) friendship and support in the future as it's been in the past. This man is surely a disgrace to his title. How can this man impose a foreign religion upon Eretz Yisrael. Rabbi Goren has been explicit in attacking those who would import Cincinnati and N.Y. City Judaism to Israel.

I'm not one who is against criticizing legitimate errors by Israel, but I will never turn it into a Jewish sport (excessive attacks upon Israel is an Arab sport). We need not bring the Diaspora's religious strife to Israel. We have enough of it in Providence, especially recently, and also in other parts of

America. Besides, I can't imagine a non-Orthodox rabbi in N.Y. or California making \$20,000 plus a year moving to Israel for a poor pay and a poor congregation. I would not wish to see the 40% of the Reform rabbinate who favor dual-cleric marriages move to Israel. I can just imagine an Arab and a Jew under the chippah in Israel being married by the "Reformer Rebbe" and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. A tragedy like this, Israel can little afford.

Israel must remain a semi-theocratic state. Israel is supposed to be a theological light unto the nations, not an ordinary democracy like America which has become less and less sympathetic to its people. Under a literal state of war, Israel little needs or desires America's drug cults, prostitution rackets (Israel has had this problem even to pre-teen level, pornography and crime!!)

For ecology's sake, let's not litter the air with hate against our own people.

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Repair Of Torah Way Of Life To Rabbi Freedman, Sofer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — It is late morning on a warm summer day, and Rabbi Levi Freedman is preparing to begin work. He approaches a plain wooden table in the front room of his modest home here and removes the cloth from a large parchment scroll inscribed with flowing Hebrew letters. He bows slightly and recites a prayer, "I'shem kedushas Sefer Torah," meaning "for the sake of the holy Torah."

Then, still standing, he picks up a goosequill pen and pours a small amount of thick black ink from a large bottle into a much smaller plastic container. He has made both the pen and the ink himself.

He dips the quill into the ink and starts filling in portions of the scroll where the letters have flaked away from use and age. For broad strokes, he used the pen's full point, for thin ones its edge. Children are playing noisily outside, but he seems not to notice. He remains at his task for almost three hours, pausing only to wipe his pen clean and sharpen it with a pocketknife he keeps on his table. Repairing this Torah will take about three weeks of steady effort, and he has only begun.

"It is a big job, but it is a pleasure," he says. "This is a fine Torah. It was written in Poland,

maybe 60 years ago. The parchment is good, and the man who copied it knew what he was doing. It is a pleasure to carry on such fine work."

Rabbi Freedman, who is 71 years old, is a sofer, or Hebrew scribe. His is an ancient calling, dating back at least 2,500 years (the first Biblical figure identified as a scribe was Ezra, who led the Jews back from Babylon to what now is Israel in the fifth century before the Christian era). It is partly a craft and partly a way of life; as well as being skilled in his art, the sofer must be a learned, pious Jew who obeys the multitude of commandments governing every phase of personal and religious life set forth in the Bible and the rabbinical commentaries that stem from it.

A half-century ago, the craft was widely practiced in the Jewish settlements of Eastern Europe and in the cities of the Eastern U.S. where many Orthodox Jews lived. The extermination of European Jewry that accompanied World War II all but erased Jewish scholarship there, and a combination of economics and the increasing assimilation of American Jews has caused the trade to dwindle here.

Today, most soferim are in

Israel. A few practice in England, and 50 to 100 still work in the U.S., a small fraction of the number of 50 years ago. Like Rabbi Freedman, most American scribes are elderly men who were born and educated abroad.

A sofer performs many tasks. He writes divorce decrees issued by rabbinical courts and does the tiny prayer scrolls that are placed in mezuzahs, the small, oblong containers that Jews affix to the doorframes of the homes, and tefillin, which observant Jews wear when they recite their morning prayers.

Mostly, however, the scribes devote themselves to the copying of the Torah, whose reading on the Sabbath (Saturday) and on Mondays, Thursdays and festival days is the featured part of Jewish religious services. The Torah consists of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. It traces the story of the creation, the lives of the patriarchs, the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, the giving of the law, the wanderings in the desert and the entrance into the Promised Land.

The Torah is only part of the Hebrew Bible — later portions generally are grouped under the

In this assembly line era, many people have come to put greater and greater premium on the work of the individual craftsman who makes something himself, with his very own hands. Some crafts are as new as the industrial age, and some are as old as mankind. This is a story of a craftsman in the 1970s.

By FREDERICK C. KLEIN

The Wall Street Journal



headings "Prophets" and "Scriptures" — but it is regarded as uniquely holy because according to tradition it was dictated verbatim by God to Moses in the Sinai desert. The rest of the Bible is thought to be only divinely inspired.

Many scholars, including some Jewish ones, believe that the entire Bible is an evolutionary document that didn't reach its final form until the first or second century of the Christian era. To be a sofer, however, one must accept the divine authorship of the Torah.

In keeping with its holy nature, the writing or repairing of the Torah proceeds according to Biblical law and centuries of tradition; every facet of the work is strictly prescribed, and the sofer must know all of the prescriptions.

Home Bibles may be printed, but the Torah that is read aloud in the synagogue must be written by hand. The injunction is found in Deuteronomy, 31:19: "Now

therefor write ye this song for you and teach thou it the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel."

The parchment on which the Torah is written (57 parchments make up the total document) must be taken from an animal that is fit for Jews to eat and slaughtered according to Jewish ritual for the purpose of making a scroll. The thread used to sew the parchments together must come from the innards of a kosher animal. The writing instrument must be made from the feather of a fowl. The ink must be black and contain only natural ingredients.

The details of the writing are similarly specific. There must be so many columns on each sheet of parchment, so many letters to the line, so many words to the section. Certain letters are "crowned" by three faint upward strokes of the pen, other letters are crowned

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BRIDGE



By Robert E. Starr

Today's hand was played thirteen times all in the same contract, Three No Trump. Seven Declarers made the hand, six went down. All received the same lead. I was not able to watch the hand played too often but can say that of the times I did see it either the Declarer went wrong or played it correctly by luck rather than by plan. The suit involved is another of the automatic card combinations that all Declarers should play one way only for there is but one right way to play the suit. I am sure that some of the successful Declarers did play the hand with their eyes wide open as to their problem and did solve it correctly.

North
 ♠ K Q 6 3
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ J 7 4
 ♣ A Q 7

West
 ♠ A 2
 ♥ Q J 10 8
 ♦ Q 9 8 5
 ♣ 8 5 3

East
 ♠ 10 9 8 5
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ K 10
 ♣ 10 6 5 4

South
 ♠ J 7 4
 ♥ A K 9
 ♦ A 6 3 2
 ♣ K J 9

Mrs. Samuel Eisenstadt and Mrs. Herman Selya were North and South, no one vulnerable, East Dealer with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	INT	P	2♣
P	2♦	P	3NT

Some Norths, after their partner opened One No Trump, did not use the Stayman Convention because they felt their hand was too balanced. They jumped right to game in No Trump. Most Norths did bid Two Clubs but it made no difference because South had no Major suit. So every pair played the hand in Three No Trump with West on lead. I would imagine that every West made the same lead, the Heart Queen. Every time I watched they did. Because there was no reason for Declarer to duck they all won this first trick.

Now to make the hand. After the opening lead Declarer could count as sure tricks three Clubs, two Hearts, one Diamond and as many Spades as he could get. He needed three to make his contract. Because there is no future in any of the other suits each Declarer immediately attacked that Spade suit. Can you see how they should go about it? Obviously if the suit breaks evenly, three-three, there is no problem and it would make no difference how they played the suit. But how many times have we stressed the fact that in the first place less than half the time suits do NOT break evenly and that in the second place often there is a way to take care of uneven breaks by playing the suit a certain way.

I watched as each Declarer, at trick two, led a small Spade to the Dummy's high ones, winning there when West did not play his Ace. That is right up to now but as I said above many Declarers started that way because they happened to be in their own hand at trick one. Here is where they went wrong. The ones that went down next played a Spade right back to their own Jack which, of course, lost to the Ace which just happened to be a singleton. When they next played the suit in hopes that it would break they were quite dismayed when East had four and his ten stood up. These Declarers could make no more than eight tricks and when they had to go down most felt they had been un-

lucky rather than unskillful.

This is what Mrs. Selya did to take care of a poor split. If East had that Spade Ace he would have won the first Spade trick with it so West must have had it. So she simply returned to her hand with a Club and played another Spade toward the Dummy. When West had to play his Ace the hand was over and the contract made. If West played low again then either the suit would have to split or if it were West who had the four card suit and held off the Ace again there was nothing at all Declarer could do about it. But as the cards are a little care and correct planning would take care of it. Actually every Declarer should have played the hand correctly.

Moral: Do not play for a suit to break when there is something you can do if it doesn't. In today's combination, you can.

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Eban Scores Journalists For Government Criticism

TEL AVIV — Foreign Minister Abba Eban castigated journalists and news media persons who he alleged unjustly criticized the government at the expense of truth and balance. Criticism of policy is infinitely easier than execution of policy, Eban told the Advertisers Association at a meeting in the Sheraton Hotel here. Newsmen and commentators who criticize so freely had "a much easier life" than politicians who live under constant strain and self-doubt because of the responsibility of their work and decisions, the Foreign Minister claimed.

"In the light of this gap in the weight of the burden between the two professions (newsmen and ministers) it would be no affront to the newsmen if their work distinguished itself by a certain measure of modesty and humility," Eban said. He said the anti-Establishment "fad" in Israel had extended beyond the bounds of health and wisdom and it was beginning to turn the citizens against their state. What was lacking was "an honest confession that our failures are not phenomena in vacuum — but part of an enormously impressive process of growth and development."

Eban referred to a recent TV documentary on poverty in Jerusalem in which, he said, facts such as the real income of the family were omitted and a worse picture than necessary was presented. The duty of broadcasters, he said, is to tell the plain truth with all its light and shade. "The mantle of the prophets of discontent and doom does not sit well on their shoulders."

Eban also had some acid comments on Israeli "hawks." He said "There is a tendency to ignore the achievements of the people in its land in the 25th year of statehood. One hears slogans such as 'Nablus, rather than Tel Aviv is the heart of the nation.' There is more fuss made around Yamit and Nebi Samwil than around the problems of development, housing, absorption and population of the arid desert areas." Yamit on the Gaza coast and Nebi Samwil near Jerusalem are two urban settlement projects across the "green line" which Defense Minister Moshe Dayan is



ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snell of 29 Sixth Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sheryl Ann Snell, to Alan Roy Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Field of 26 Wilcox Avenue, Pawtucket.

Miss Snell was graduated from Hope High School and Rhode Island Junior College School of Nursing. She is employed at Roger Williams Hospital. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kaplan of Providence, Sarah Goldberg of Pawtucket and Mollie Snell of Providence.

Mr. Field is a graduate of Pawtucket West High School and Roger Williams College where he received a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

A June 30 wedding is planned.

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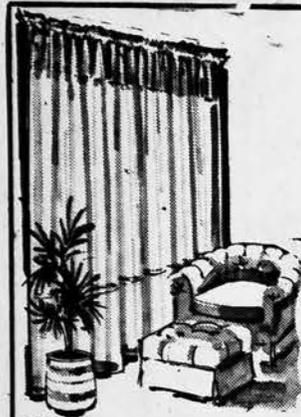
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WARNS OF ERROR

LONDON — President Tito of Yugoslavia warned that it would be "a profound error" if the Helsinki conference on European Security were to ignore the Middle East question. Tito made his remarks in an interview with Norwegian television in Belgrade. He said it would be difficult to expect the conference to succeed if the Middle East and the Mediterranean area generally remains as troubled as it is now.

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El Al Shows Profit Below That Expected

TEL AVIV — El Al, Israel's national airline, has reported an IL 1 million profit for fiscal 1972-73 but said that it fell below expectations.

According to former Transport Minister Moshe Carmel, chairman of the El Al board of directors, the fiscal year just ended could have been much better except for a 3.1 percent decline in tourism, sharp competition, rising costs and labor troubles.

Carmel said these and other factors eliminated the IL 7 million profit that had been forecast. Nevertheless, the airline was in the black for the 14th consecutive year.

Carmel said tourism to Israel

was 12 percent below the level forecast by the Ministry of Tourism. According to the annual report submitted to the board, El Al's passenger volume increased by 5 percent — 714,000 in 72-73 compared from 691,000 — but the load factor declined from 68 to 63 percent. The report attributed the decline to the introduction of jumbo jets. According to the report, El Al accounts for 38% of all airline seats available to and from Israel.

CRUISE TRAFFIC UP

NEW YORK — Cruise traffic to Israel during the first six months of 1973 rose 56% compared to the same period in 1972.



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**Changing Trend
In Dividends**

Q: How many companies used the newly liberalized dividend rules? O.J.

A: A comparison of dividend announcements in the five trading sessions preceding and the five trading sessions following the new guidelines shows a definite pattern of higher distributions. Prior to the Committee on Interest and Dividends' announcement, only 12.5% of the companies declaring dividends increased, initiated or paid extras, and these larger payments were only 17.8% higher. By way of contrast, in the next five trading days, 24% of the dividend declarations were at a more liberal rate. In fact, these distributions amounted in the aggregate to a 34.3% increase. Considering the confusion as to the exact details of the CID rules (these were subsequently clarified by a new set of guidelines) the response during the first week was rather impressive.

Under the new guidelines a corporation may lift its payout — the percentage of earnings distributed to shareholders in dividends — up to a ceiling determined by averaging the payout during the 1968-1972 base period. In the first quarter dividends averaged 43% of earnings vs. an average 54% in the '68-'72 base period.

Q: We bought 200 shares of Beneficial Standard Corp. (OTC) money I saved while still working. In the time it took for these shares to be delivered the stock fell from \$31 to \$19 and it is still dropping. What should I do with these shares? The dividend is so small it doesn't amount to anything. C.K.

A: At today's trading levels, your shares return more than 6%, a generous yield. Nonetheless your capital has depreciated from \$6,200 in 1964 (the last time this issue traded at that price) to \$1,400 currently. At currently depressed levels, these shares are trading well below equity value per share. Insurance stocks, which peaked out in 1964, recently were hard hit in the market by the Equity Funding scandal. As a result, insurance shares are distinct underperformers. Beneficial, after several deficit years (as reported on a statutory

value of these various issues exceeded \$870 million in 1972 vs. \$346 million in 1962. Thus, while there was a 25% increase in the number of companies listed, the total value represented by their securities jumped more than 150%.

Volume of trading on the exchange has risen geometrically by comparison. In 1962 daily volume averaged about 3.8 million shares; in 1972 this figure had risen to 16.5 million, but has eased off to 15.5 million shares for the first half of 1973. Transactions for the year (1972) exceeded 4.1 billion shares, 5-year increase of 65%. The most far-reaching trend which has developed in recent years is the upsurge in market domination by institutional investors, which include mutual funds, insurance companies, banks, pension funds and non-profit institutions. A decade ago institutional holdings accounted for less than 20% of the value of listed issues; last year this had risen to 30%. Furthermore, this group of professional money managers accounted for over 60% of the transactions on the exchange.

**Trustee For Children
Seeks Advice**

Q: My wife and I are trustees for three children ages 7-14. The youngest holds 950 shares of Keystone S-4 fund and 350 Chemical Fund. The other two hold 195 shares of Fundamental Investors and 750 Keystone S-4. We would like your opinion on the wisdom of exchanging the Keystone S-4 for B-4. A.H.

A: The S-4 fund, which follows an aggressive investment policy, is speculative and thus is not a suitable holding for your three charges. Although the fund's performance record in up markets is good, attrition in down markets has offset a good part of these gains. Therefore, in the 1968-72 period S-4 showed only a 7% increase in net-asset value. Furthermore no capital gains distributions have been made since 1969 and no income dividends have been paid since 1971.

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NYSE Data

Q: I am a high school student interested in a career in the stock market. Could you supply me with some background information on the New York Stock Exchange such as: the cost of a seat on the exchange, how many issues are listed, average daily volume, etc. S.D.

A: I am happy to be able to supply you with some data on The Big Board. In a recent transaction a seat on this august Exchange was purchased at a depressed \$73,000, the lowest price in 15 years. Back in March, 1958, a seat changed "hands" at \$72,000, well below the prevailing 1968-1969 price of over \$500,000, which approached the inflated levels existent prior to the 1929 crash. There are more than 1,500 companies which list common, preferred and warrants on the New York Stock Exchange. Ten years earlier less than 1,200 companies utilized this facility. The market

debt issues. Because of these holdings are discount bonds capital gains opportunities exist in this fund. During the five year 1968-72 period, B-4 showed a 42% increase in net-asset value, comparing favorably with the 24% rise by an all-fund average for the same time span.

A: We are due to retire within the year and are looking for information on handling our finances in the years ahead. Are there any publications available that will help us? G.W.

A: There is a nonprofit organization which is devoted solely to helping retired people — The American Association of Retired Persons, located at 1225 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The fee to join this 5 million-member group is \$2.00 annually. Membership entitles you to a bi-monthly magazine and a monthly news bulletin, use of a tax-aid program, a travel service for mature individuals, and AARP offers low-cost medical insurance and drugs.

Swiss Intermediary In Soviet Cement Deal

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that a Swiss is acting as intermediary in a deal by which Israel would purchase large quantities of cement from the Soviet Union. The JTA obtained the information from the manager of Avirom, an Israel company which wants to import the cement. The manager said Avirom authorized the Swiss firm, which he would not name, to look into the possibilities in Russia.

He said, however, that so far no substantive agreement on the deal has been reached. He claimed that reports carried by two Israeli newspapers yesterday that Israel was buying 100,000 tons of Russian cement and that the first consignment of 20,000 tons was due here next month in an American ship sailing from a Soviet port were "exaggerated."

According to the manager, the idea of the purchase originated with the Swiss company which Avirom represents in Israel. He said that Avirom meanwhile applied for an import license as a means of testing the Israeli government's attitude toward the deal. The license has not been granted yet. According to reliable sources, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has indicated no reason why the license should not be granted. The

Avirom manager told the JTA that both the Commerce and Foreign Ministries have made it clear to his firm that they have no objections.

But he said there was no truth to reports in Maariv and Yediot Achronot yesterday that the first consignment was due here in Aug. and that the quantities and prices mentioned in the stories were erroneous. The manager added that he was doubtful that anything would come of the deal. He said there was a severe world-wide shortage of cement and that many countries, including the Arabs were willing to pay anything for it.

Some business observers here discounted the Avirom manager's apparent efforts to play down the story. They noted that in deals of this sort, secrecy is often essential. Should the deal go through, it would be the first commercial transaction between Israel and the Soviet Union since the latter severed diplomatic relations during the 1967 Six-Day War.

The government indicated recently that it intended to encourage the establishment of new cement plants to supplement the Nesher monopoly which has been unable to produce sufficient cement for domestic building needs. Nesher is required to import cement when it falls short of its quotas.

MALTA VISIT DOUBTFUL
TEL AVIV — Premier Golda Meir's contemplated visit to Valeta, Malta, in her capacity as vice-chairman of the Socialist International is now in doubt. Labor

sources here revealed that information arriving from the London-based Bureau of the Socialist International stated that Maltese Premier Dorm Mintoff has suggested that it would be inappropriate for Mrs. Meir to attend the discussion planned for leaders of the Socialist International on the Middle East conflict during the scheduled meeting in Malta at the beginning of November.

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Hello Again!

News of the Sports World by Warren Walden

IN THE MONEY: Ah, the fabulous paychecks offered the stars of the athletic world! Once it was the heavyweight boxing champion but now, as tiz said, "they're all getting into the act." It may be the "Women's Lib" trend that has enabled the gals to move into the big dough for members of the "fair sex" in the United States Open at Forest Hills late in August will receive prize money on an equal basis with men. Mrs. Margaret Court collected \$75,500 on the Winter-Spring tennis circuit. Then Summer-Fall tennis tour started this week with a tournament worth \$30,000 at Denver and when October rolls around there'll be a \$100,000 tournament at Boca Raton Club in Florida. (Page Kathy "remarkable" Roberts)

THAT BRINGS US TO: "The Golden Needwood Bluff," located down Narragansett way, is where tennis is played from early morn until late at night. It is where you'll find athletes who formerly excelled in other sports, such as football and baseball, welding tennis racquets with the dexterity of experts. You'll remember Eddie Golden as one of the most successful swimming coaches ever in these parts when he was at Cranston High School East and when he coached Cranston East to both Rhode Island and Eastern swimming titles — championships. Oddly, Eddie couldn't swim, himself.

THEN TO TENNIS: Golden is now Physical Education Instructor in the Narragansett School system and he finds time for keeping physically fit at his own tennis center, a mecca for racketeers — not racketeers. Following his success coaching swimming, Eddie became exceedingly interested in tennis. He was ahead of the current wave of interest that is prevailing from coast to coast.

A THIRD BASE CAPT.: Among those playing tennis with "The Golden's" is Teddy Smith, remembered as a dynamic, determined, highly-competitive third baseman in baseball. Teddy played in the Tim O'Neil Leagues with the popular "South Providence Newsies" and, after interrupting his schooling due to business necessities, enrolled at Providence College where he became the oldest baseball captain ever elected by a Friar baseball team. Teddy's son, Jim Smith, is No. 1 tennis player at Weathersfield High School, near Hartford, Connecticut. Teddy says he can still best him, meaning that Ted can beat Jim. He probably can because Teddy, always a thorough gentleman, always gave everything he had as a competitor. Ted has been with the U.S. Government for a number of years, at one time traveling around the world, and now Director of Immigration in the Hartford office.

TWO PHONE CALLS AND A LETTER: A coincidence occurred when Joe Celletti and John Houston wanted to discuss the same subject in separate telephone calls. After reading this column Houston asked, "Why don't the Pawtucket Red Sox play Sunday games at Rocky Point? The old Providence Grays were successful there. Think it over. We have one of the finest resorts in Rocky that you could find anywhere. There's nothing like it. The ball field, the sea breezes, the amusements and facilities for most unusual dinners." Yes, John, and Conrad Ferla says he'd be willing to put the baseball field in proper condition.

And now Mr. Celletti. "I read where you said Sam Silverman is promoting boxing in different places. Once Manny Almeida promoted Crescent Park so how about asking Silverman to look the Rocky Point facilities over. I think I'll ask him myself."

FROM CALIFORNIA: Nicholas Gold writes. "That was some All-Star baseball game. I think baseball is recapturing the attention that football, basketball, golf and hockey have been taking away over the years. I still follow the Red Sox and I'm glad to see that they're still trying. You know, I think the Yankees are the only team that have the same uniforms."

INTEREST FOR ALL: The Providence Recreation Department will sponsor a "Boxmobile Derby" for boys and girls on August 9. It will start at the top of R.I. College Hill and finish at the bottom near Mount Pleasant Avenue. The entry offers a description of a "Boxmobile" which is difficult to relate because some of them, at least, have defied description in the past. Anyway, it's always fun for participants and spectators. It starts at 7 p.m. So, from there, CARRY ON!

The Lyons Den

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 Frank McRae, former Chicago Eears football player — who appears in *Dillinger* — begins a new career as a singer in the fall. He took lessons from Isaac Hayes, his high school classmate ... After completing her engagement at the Tanglewood Festival, opera star Joanna Simon will sing at the Salzburg Festival, where she will be visited by her sister and brother-in-law, rock stars Carly Simon and James Taylor ... The Friars Club honors Billy Eckstine September 12.

Dustin Hoffman, who last appeared on Broadway in *Jimmy Shine*, is looking for the right property in which to return to the New York stage. Since completing the film *Papillon* in Jamaica, he's been reading the classics for possibilities and ideas ... Lloyd Bridges was at the VIP where he said he'll play President Harding in the new play, *The President's Gang*, based on the Teapot Dome scandal, and opening at the Washington Kennedy Center in September. The cast includes the actor's son, Beau Bridges, and Lee Grant.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was once in a London restaurant with George Jessel. The service was slow, and both men were hungry. Jessel reminded the proprietor about Rickenbacker's exploits, including surviving a plane crash by eating a gull which landed on his rubber craft. Jessel said: "Hurry and feed him. Eddie can't wait for a gull to come in here."

Your Money's Worth

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\$36,440; at 10 per cent it is \$38,720.

And this is still not all, by any means. There are, in addition to the interest rate, the less obvious costs inevitably tucked into a mortgage loan. Here are the key extras — and ways you can save on them.

POINTS: Because of state-regulated ceilings (now going to 8 per cent in many states), lenders add "points" to their basic mortgage charges when the general trend of interest rates is up. This holds for FHA and VA as well as conventional mortgage loans.

If a lender charges you 5 points, it means he deducts 5 per cent from the face value of your mortgage at the beginning. You, however, must repay the full amount of the mortgage.

To illustrate, on a \$20,000 mortgage, \$1,000 would be deducted, leaving only \$19,000 actually available to you. This is the equivalent of adding more than 1/2 per cent to your basic interest rate. If the lender charges you 10 points, this is the equivalent of adding an extra 1 1/4

per cent to your rate.

Since the number of points you are charged will vary from institution to institution, be sure to find out how many points each lender in your area would charge you. Also explore the possibility that the seller of the house might share the cost of points.

CLOSING COSTS: These, too, can vary quite dramatically from lender to lender and, since they can range today from 2 to 10 per cent of the loan, they represent a major area for possible savings. What's more, you have to pay closing costs in cash and there is virtually no room for negotiation on certain closing items: property taxes, fire insurance, title insurance, credit life insurance (if required). But there are other closing costs which may be negotiable, such as the bank's charge for processing your mortgage application and legal fees.

Typical closing costs and related expenses for a \$30,000 house bought with a mortgage from a commercial bank in the New York-New Jersey area run \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The message can't be missed. Shop!

Increase Expected In Israeli Tourists

JERUSALEM — Moshe Kol predicted that tourist traffic to Israel will increase 10-12 percent in the next few years but cautioned that Israel's tourist industry must gear itself to cater to the mass rather than the class trade.

Addressing the Knesset, the Minister of Tourism said that present world trends indicated a massive low-price tourist market. He recommended an extension of the current policy of curtailing construction of four and five star (luxury) hotels in favor of youth hostels and camping sites. Kol said that to encourage the low budget tourist, his Ministry has entered an agreement with El Al for winter tours from the U.S. that will cost as little as \$440 for a ten-day excursion including round-trip fare.

Kol hinted that he was displeased with the government's present policy which bans charter flights except for pilgrims and students from Europe and said the authorities would have to give special consideration to the problem of inexpensive flights from the U.S.

Kol reported that there are presently 307 hotels in Israel with a total of 19,500 hotel rooms and 9300 more rooms under construction.

DISMISS NAZI PROBLEM
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jewish community leaders here have dismissed as exaggerated a newspaper report that Buffalo faces "a serious Nazi problem." They said there were only two or three cases of recent Nazi activity and they involved a tiny number of people.

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Rabbi Attacked After Meeting; Suffers Fractured Skull

NEW YORK — A 26-year-old Rabbi, whose skull was fractured in a beating by a gang of youths on the Lower East Side was reported to be in satisfactory condition at Beth Israel Hospital. Rabbi Julius Oppenheimer expected to go home soon. The beating occurred after a riotous meeting of a Lower East Side school board at P.S. 134.

Rabbi Oppenheimer, who told the JTA that he was an ordained but not practicing Rabbi, said that he was not involved in that meeting. He said that he had been taking examinations all day at Long Island University in Brooklyn and had just emerged from the subway at East Broadway on his way home a few blocks away when he noticed a gang of youths running along the street with clubs in their hands.

"I remember running across East Broadway and suddenly being cornered by several youths," he said. "I remember one of them saying, 'There's a Jew. Beat him.'" Rabbi Oppenheimer said he was left lying unconscious on the sidewalk and regained consciousness some time later at Hous-

verneur Hospital a few blocks away. He was later transferred to Beth Israel Hospital further uptown. Rabbi Oppenheimer was one of many passersby injured by gangs of youths who began roaming the streets of the Lower East Side area, hitting at bystanders with clubs, following the meeting of P.S. 134, as police cars raced through the area breaking up crowds.

The meeting was the first attended by a new board for District One which had a majority opposed to Luis Fuentes, the district superintendent who has been accused by Jewish organizations of public expressions of anti-Semitism and other types of bigotry. Fuentes was stripped of many of his powers by the new board.

Fights broke out repeatedly in the audience during the meeting, which was attended also by 60 members of the Jewish Defense League who marched into the school shouting slogans in favor of the new board. Police and community workers kept the JDL members and Fuentes' supporters apart.

Black Yarmulkes, Out; Denim, Flowered, In

WASHINGTON — What color is your yarmulke?

If you're the kind of worshipper who always dips into the synagogue's supply as you enter the sanctuary, it's probably black.

But a yarmulke doesn't have to be somber, says Stanley Wiener, executive director of Adas Israel Congregation, the capital's best-known Conservative synagogue. Wiener has yarmulkes in all hues, like rose, tangerine, silver and gold.

In fact, for Sabbath services, he coordinates his yarmulke with his shirt color.

Wiener has been a yarmulke collector for the past eight years, finding them as far away as Afghanistan, Iran and Bukhara in the Soviet Union, and as near as New York's East Side. Some of his prized ones are elaborately embroidered with metallic thread.

A Yemenite yarmulke of intricate silver-thread embroidery, bought during a visit to Israel, was the start of Wiener's collection. He's partial to yarmulkes from Islamic countries which, unlike American-made types, have high stiff sides that rise as much as four inches above the head, instead of molding to the skull. Generally handmade, they are skillfully embroidered with images of flowers and geometric designs.

Wiener finds that yarmulkes, in their design and ornamentation are an expression of Jewish folk art. One yarmulke in the B'nai

B'rith exhibit was made to resemble a Hassid's headgear — a "streichel" — and is edged with mink. Another is of Egyptian cloth, with hieroglyphic symbols.

In a London synagogue, Wiener discovered yarmulkes made of grey pin-striped wool that matched the formal garb of the worshippers. A more flamboyant Iraqi creation rises to a peak and has grape clusters worked out in silver thread.

The Wiener collection includes one from a U.S. official stationed in Kenya who turned to traditional tribesmen's cotton hats to provide yarmulkes for his son's bar mitzvah. There are also colorful hats worn by the Druse, a Moslem sect, which Israeli youths use as yarmulkes to their liking.

The yarmulke in his collection most popular with American youths, Wiener reports, is made of — naturally — denim. Created for a vice president of Levi Strauss & Company, it has the familiar trademark tag sewn into a seam and bears a rivet at the top.

Most American yarmulkes are manufactured in New York, skullcap style. But colors are far removed from basic black. One New York manufacturer has bolts of cloth in every color of the rainbow. "To match the decor of the room or the color of the bride's gown at a wedding," explains Wiener.

New York Synagogue Fire Bombed In Order To Harass Rabbi

NEW YORK — Police are investigating the fire bombing of a synagogue on the Lower East Side. Rabbi Shulem Rubin of Congregation Agudath-Elazar, 381 E. Eighth Street, said the incident started when a group of youths gathered near the synagogue and began throwing stones at the four-story building.

As the Rabbi was trying to call police, some youths tossed three Molotov cocktails into the synagogue's back yard. The Rabbi's 80-year old father, Rabbi David Rubin, and his wife, wokr up and ran to the fire escape where they saw youths move from an adjacent lot to the front of the building. Some of the youths brought a gasoline tank, spilled its contents near the door and lighted it, the Rabbi reported.

Rabbi Shulem Rubin believes the fire bombing was due to the fact that on July 17 he witnessed some youths breaking into a

building across the street and called the police. The youths were arrested and the Rabbi was asked to testify in court July 26. Rabbi Rubin told police that Hispanic teenagers have been harassing him in an effort to frighten him from testifying.

Rabbi David Rubin started the synagogue some 21 years ago. The area used to be predominantly Jewish but is now mostly Hispanic.

SECURITY CHECKS
PARIS — French police decided to try and check practically all passengers and cargo leaving French airports. The new instructions were applied to Japanese Airline planes and other major companies whatever their destination. Until now, French police searched only planes flying to "hot" areas such as the Middle East. The police also carried out checks when requested to do so by the individual companies.



Mrs. Marvin E. Rubin

A garden wedding at her Burrillville home was the setting on Saturday, July 28, for the marriage of Linda J. Jackvony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis V. Jackvony of 49 Royal Avenue, Providence and Burrillville, to Marvin E. Rubin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rubin of 70 Chatham Road, Cranston. Judge Thomas J. Paolino officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of silk organza with a mandarin collar and long tapered sleeves. The empire waist was accented with Alencon lace and pearls ending in a chapel length train. Her matching headpiece held her silk illusion veil. She carried a cascade of phalaenopsis orchids, stephanotis and ivy.

Miss Claudia Zampini was maid of honor. Mrs. Robert Senno and Mrs. Francis Connor were bridesmaids. The attendants wore white and lilac floral gowns with low, ruffled necklines and long bishop sleeves. Lilac picture hats completed the outfits. They carried white fireside baskets filled with seasonal summer flowers.

Arthur Rubin was best man for his brother. Ushers were Louis V. Jackvony III, brother of the bride, and Carl Rubin, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the reception, also held at the home of the bride, the couple left for a tour of New England and Canada. They will make their home in Providence.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Francis Chiverini, architect for the state of Rhode Island and Mrs. Chiverini.

The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silverman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rubin, originator of the S. Rubin Trucking Company where the bridegroom works.

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SECOND SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Catz of Omaha, Nebraska, announce the birth of their second son, Jason Alan, on July 4.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Zukor of Los Angeles, California. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Boris Catz of Beverly Hills, California.

Maternal great-grandfather is Emmanuel Zuckerberg of Coventry. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Catz of Tel Aviv, Israel.

LEVINSONS HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robert Levinson of 23 Pilgrim Drive, Cranston, announce the birth of their second child and son, Steven David, on July 25.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Samuels of 257 Summit Drive, Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Levinson of North Miami Beach, Florida. Great-grandmother is Mrs. David Berman of Cranston.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

TEL AVIV — Israel's Central Bank reports that for the year 1972 there were in circulation IL 4.014 billion in postdated checks and promissory notes without sufficient cover. This, despite the fact that 1972 was a year of prosperity with ample means of payment. During 1972 the amount of defaulted notes and checks without cover increased by 53% over the previous year. In Tel Aviv alone, notes in default aggregated IL 3.30 billion; in Jerusalem, IL 3.33 million and in Haifa IL 4.64 million.

STUDY FOR RABBINATE
NEW YORK — Two young Soviet Jews have received permission to study for the rabbinic at the rabbinical seminary in Budapest. This was revealed here by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal to Conscience Foundation, who recently returned to the U.S. from visits to the Soviet Union and Hungary. The two rabbinical students are Adolph Shayeitch, 30, of the Asian republic of Birobidjan, and Chaim Levitav, 26, of Moscow. The two students were chosen by Rabbi Fishman of Moscow.

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Repair Of Torahs Way Of Life To Rabbi

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 once and others not at all.
 If a single word is added, omitted or misspelled, the entire Torah is unfit for use, and the reader is required to put it aside immediately and take up another.
 Also, the Torah must be written "with intention"; the scribe's mind must be engaged in his work at all times. "Your whole being must be involved," says Rabbi Freedman. "It isn't just copying work. If that was all it was it would be far too tedious. It is an expression of devotion to God's word — of carrying out a holy task. A machine cannot have intention; only a human being can."
 There are other, more involved regulations regarding the copying of the Torah. Each column in the

work save six must begin with the Hebrew letter vav, an elongated character resembling the English letter "I."
In Support of Moses
 "In Exodus, it says that Moses made an accounting to the people of the money spent for the construction of the Holy Tabernacle," Rabbi Freedman explains. "It mentions specifically that 1,775 shekels of gold went for pins to support the columns of the Tabernacle. Why so exact? The rabbis reasoned that the Israelites may have suspected Moses of keeping back some of the money. It was not true, of course. Now, the Hebrew word for pin is vav, the same as the letter, so to this day the columns of the Torah begin with vav to attest to Moses' honesty."

The columns that don't begin with vav start with the letters bet, yud, hey, shin, mem, and a vav that is written differently than the others. Together, the letters spell the words *Beyta Shemo, mening*

"by God's name," to show that the entire Torah is written in God's name.
 Rabbi Freedman is a soft-spoken man of medium height. He walks with a slight stoop, but his arms are strong from hefting the bulky scrolls, which stand up to four feet and weigh as much as 30 pounds. He was born in Manchester, England, the son of a schochet, a ritual slaughterer, but his family moved to Poland when he was a child.
 He attended religious schools in Poland and Palestine, where he received his rabbinical diploma. He came upon his craft as a student in Vilna (then in Poland, now in the Soviet Union), while he had lodging in the home of a sofer.

A Fascination With the Work
 "I watched him work, and I was fascinated — such perfection of writing with such a primitive instrument!" he recalls. "When I expressed interest, he allowed me to sharpen his quills and write a little from time to time. He taught me the law. When I left his home, he gave me a certificate saying that I was a sofer."

After becoming a rabbi, Mr. Freedman moved back to Manchester, where he accepted a position as the head of a small, Orthodox congregation. There he met and married his wife, Rachel. The couple have one son, Israel Chaim, now the principal of a religious school, in Brooklyn.

In 1948, Rabbi Freedman left England for the U.S. "It was right

after the war, and times were very hard in England," he says. "Also, there was a lot of anti-Semitism then. The British in Palestine had executed two members of the Jewish underground, so the Jews retaliated by executing two British. It was a short period, but a dangerous one."

In America, Rabbi Freedman headed a congregation in Springfield, Mass. For several years, but he left it to become a scribe and a teacher of Hebrew in New Haven. For the past 20 years, he has derived most of his income from repairing Torahs, Complete Torahs — copied fresh from beginning to end — are rarely done outside Israel nowadays because their selling price 2,000 to \$4,000 doesn't justify their expense or the time it takes to write one (six months to a year).

The Highest of Pursuits
 Rabbi Freedman says he prefers his present work to his former rabbinical duties. "In England, I enjoyed leading a congregation. The people were appreciative. Here, it was difficult to satisfy many people. If you do satisfy everyone, it is proof that you are not doing your duty. I am not — how do you say it? — a public person. I prefer to work and study on my own."

Indeed, Rabbi Freedman spends as much time studying the Bible and the rabbinical commentaries as he does at his occupation of scribe. This not only fulfills the requirement that scribes be well-versed in the meaning of the law, but it also is in keeping with the Jewish tradition that study is the highest of pursuits, taking precedence over work as well as pleasure. He devotes several hours a day to reading in his home from his sizable Hebrew library and frequently meets with other men to discuss what they have read.

"Study is so rewarding — one discovers something new every day," he says. "When you work an hour for money, soon the money is gone and the hour is lost. When you study for an hour, what you learn never leaves you."

"Today," he goes on, "my friend and I will discuss the observance of the jubilee year, which in ancient days took place every 50 years. On that year, indentured servants were set free, all debts were forgiven, land was returned to its first owner, and no one was allowed to work in the fields. God provided. Anything that grew of its own accord was to be given away to anyone who came by."

Merely Travelers in the World
 "Now, of course, we don't have jubilee years any more. The law says there can't be another until God reestablishes the temple in Jerusalem, and, besides, it would be impractical. Still, the portion reminds us that we aren't the masters of this world, but are merely travelers. What we own, we own for a short time only. That is a valuable thought, yes?"

Rabbi Freedman's daily routine rarely varies except for the Sabbath, when he doesn't work. He arises at 5:45 a.m., says his morning prayers at home, and then, weather permitting, bicycles in a nearby park for a half-hour ("It is my exercise"). From seven to eight he attends services at a synagogue about a block from his home. The next two hours are given to study.

He works on his scrolls from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunches and rests for an hour, and resumes work for another hour or so. Most afternoons he tutors advanced Hebrew students. Evenings are devoted to study and discussion.

He receives Torahs to repair from all over the East and never lacks for work. His income, however, is fairly small, usually totaling \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year. He and his wife own a house near downtown New Haven; they live

on the first floor and rent the upstairs rooms to Yale University students. The rabbi dresses almost exclusively in dark suits, many of which are frayed with age. "I suppose I could earn more if I wanted to, but what I get is enough," he says with a shrug. "I have never thought money is so important."

Many Sharpenings of the Quill
 Before he begins his copying, the rabbi makes his own ink. He crushes to a fine powder a mixture of gum arabic, the nut-like fruit of the acacia tree, and copper wash, which is white in its natural state but turns deep black when mixed with water. The mixture, water added, is boiled for several hours and allowed to cool before use. The recipe is an old one, handed down through many generations of scribes.

He prepares his quills by cutting them to sharp points and then dividing the points at the end, so the ink will flow smoothly. The quills must be sharpened many times during use, but a good one will last for months.

Although Hebrew is read from right to left, Rabbi Freedman is right-handed, so he fills in the scroll from the left so as not to smudge what he has already written. On the rare occasion when he allows a stroke to wander, he waits for it to dry, scratches it out with his pocketknife, and does it again.

The Torah on which he is working is a good one, so he tries to emulate the style of the scribe who wrote it. In cases where the lettering is not-so-good, he seeks to improve it with his own hand.

"These old Torahs — done in Europe — are the best," he says, pausing. "The parchment came from calves, so it is soft. Today, in Israel, they use sheepskin. It is more brittle and doesn't hold the ink well. I am sorry to say it, but the work is declining. But no matter. The Torah is the Torah. It is as important today as before."

Hijack Victims To Live In Israel

TEL AVIV — In September 1970 when the Raab family of Trenton, New Jersey, was aboard a TWA plane that was hijacked by Arab terrorists and landed at Zarka airstrip in Jordan, David, the eldest of five children, decided that if his family emerged unhurt from the affair he would see that they emigrated to Israel.

Menachem Raab, the father, was the rabbi in his community. He and his wife, Sarah, said that David was among the few Jews who were separated from the other passengers and kept somewhere else. It was then David decided he would come to Israel if he emerged alive. David came to Israel last year and asked and pleaded with his family to follow him. Yesterday they arrived and went to Jerusalem where they will make their home.

Israel Shows Missile At French Exhibition

PARIS — The Crowning jewel of Israel's home armaments industry, the "Gabriel" missile, was prominently displayed recently at an exhibition in France. For the first time in its history, Israel participated with other leading nations, taking a complete pavilion unto itself.

Also on display were models of two types of aircraft made in Israel — the "Arava" and the "West Wind." The "Gabriel" rocket is 3.35 meters long and 32 centimeters in diameter, weighing 400 kilograms. Orders were placed for the "Gabriel" by ten different countries with whom Israel has friendly relations. However, none of the countries were identified by name.

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Soviet Georgian Immigrants Riot Over Living Conditions

ASHDOD, Israel — Life in this sprawling port city has been disrupted by four days of hunger strikes and rioting by several thousand angry new immigrants from Soviet Georgia demanding better jobs and living conditions.

The "war of Ashdod," as it has been termed in the Israeli press, reached a climax recently when about 2,000 Georgians besieged the Ashdod port and paralyzed the city. Undeterred by the police, the demonstrators blocked the entrances to the town, seized most of the public buildings and beat up officials from the port's authority and Government offices.

A temporary truce was achieved by Shimon Peres, the Transportation Minister, who negotiated for several hours with the demonstrators and finally gave in to their demands that 47 of their men who had been dismissed from seasonal jobs at the port be restored to the payroll.

Mr. Peres's decision has been criticized in the press as a capitulation to blatant strong-arm tactics, but Government and union officials in Ashdod now concede that it was necessary to avoid a major explosion by the angry and dissatisfied Georgian community here.

Shortchanged and Mistreated

"Had fists started flying," said Yehoshua Peretz, the head of the longshoremen's union in an interview in his office here, "there would have been bloodshed the likes of which have never been seen in Israel before."

"The Georgians feel they have been shortchanged and mistreated here," he continued. "They are not going to take no for an answer."

The confrontation in Ashdod graphically illustrates the problems that have been encountered by Israel's newest and most volatile immigrant group. More than any national group before them, the clannish boisterous, unpredictable Georgians have found it difficult to integrate into Israeli society.

About 16,000 of them have

immigrated to Israel in the last two years. Some 5,500 have been settled in sterile, new apartment blocks on the edge of this booming port city of 30,000 south of Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean.

A major problem has been language. The great majority speak Georgian rather than Russian. Because of their tendency to stick together, few have learned enough Hebrew to communicate effectively with other Israelis.

Most of the Georgians here are also strictly observant Jews who cling strongly to their own traditions and insist on complete propriety among their women. In a recent incident, a group of seven Georgians in Nazareth, in northern Israel, beat to death a young Arab man they discovered in a parked car with a Georgian woman. They also forced the woman to shave her head as punishment.

In addition to the social gap, many Georgians here have had a hard time financially. Most were shopkeepers and small businessmen in Georgia who left a relatively comfortable life to come here. Lacking the capital to start new businesses in Israel, they have been forced to accept low-paying jobs in the port and the factories that surround the town. Now that it is off-season in the port, which thrives in the winter citrus season, many are out of work.

In the opinion of Mr. Peretz, the union leader who himself immigrated from Morocco, in 1950, many of the Georgians' complaints of mistreatment are justified.

"The Government has to look after these people," he said. "It can't just bring them in, chuck them in an apartment and drop them. They need jobs, and they need social contact with ordinary Israelis."

The 'New Moroccans'

Worst of all, in Mr. Peretz's opinion, is that many Israelis are beginning to dislike — and discriminate against — Georgians

as a group.

"They are the 'new Moroccans,'" he said sardonically. "They are getting the same treatment we did 20 years ago."

One unofficial spokesman of the insular Georgian community in Ashdod is Yehuda Yousef Schvili, a loud, heavy-set red-faced man who is known locally as the Godfather.

"We lived like kings in Georgia compared to this place," he shouted angrily at a reporter who visited his cramped four-room apartment here. "Our people came here like sheep, with their eyes closed. Men came to our town and told us how wonderful it was in Israel. Then when we get here, they treat us like bandits."

The principal problem, Mr. Schvili said, is economic. He said that nearly half the Georgian men in Ashdod were out of work. "They offer us jobs in the factories at 18 pounds a day," he said. "The Arabs from Gaza make more than that." (Eighteen pounds is about \$4.30).

Because of the economic pinch, Mr. Schvili said, many of the Georgians would like to return to the Soviet Union. "Half would leave tomorrow if they could go back," he said. "But they can't."

Other Georgian men in the community disputed this. "We want to stay here," a construction worker said. "But only if we can eat."

In the wake of the riot Thursday, the problem of integrating the Georgians has received top-level Government attention. The disturbances were discussed at length by the Cabinet on Sunday, and Monday Premier Golda Meir met for several hours with a delegation of Georgians and municipal authorities from Ashdod. She promised to review their complaints and do more to smooth the absorption process.

"We accept Golda's promises for the moment," Mr. Schvili said. "But if they are not fulfilled, there will be a real fracas."

Spanish Right-Wingers Challenge Religious Freedom For Jews

PARIS — The president of the Madrid Jewish community has charged that Spanish extreme right-wing organizations have launched a campaign to abolish the recently promulgated government edict granting Spanish Jews religious freedom. Pierre Haliava told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview that the campaign was being conducted by organizations such as "Cecede" and "Defense of Hispanic Thought" and by the newspaper "The Iberian Cross."

According to Haliava, the organizations demand "the wiping out of the Jewish banks and press by the physical extermination of its members." He said the Madrid Jewish community has appealed to the government to put an end to these attacks, citing Article 2 of the Spanish constitution which grants Jews religious freedom.

Haliava said the Jewish community was not adversely affected so far by the recent nomination of Admiral Carrero Blanco as head of government. But he recalled that the Admiral wrote a book several years ago titled *The Tower of Babel* in which he stated that "the three crusades of the Franco regime are against the Masons, Communism and Judaism."

Haliava said the new Minister of Interior, Carlos Arias Navarro "had good relations with the Jewish community when he was prefect of Madrid" and "that does not seem to have changed."

He said the Jewish community

so far has detected no anti-Israel nuances in the foreign policy of the new Foreign Affairs Minister Laureano Lopez Rodo. According to Haliava, the best way to gauge the government's attitude toward Jews is the ease with which Jews' passports are renewed. He said there have been no problems so far.

He said the Madrid community will lodge a protest with the Interior Ministry over the alleged

Diamond Robbery Investigated At Lod

TEL AVIV — A special Israeli police detachment is investigating a diamond theft that may have taken place at Lod Airport. A consignment of polished diamonds valued at close to \$100,000, supposedly left Lod for the United States on July 17. When the shipment was transferred to another plane in London it was discovered that the diamonds were missing from their containers. Bloodstains were found on the containers indicating that the thief may have injured his hand while committing the robbery.

Israeli Police, acting on requests from Interpol and the London police, are searching the airport for one or more workers with recently injured hands. Another police team is investigating the possibility that the diamonds were stolen somewhere between the lapidary shop and the airport.

marking of the work "Jew" in the passport of the Spanish diplomat, Romero Rothschild, by a Spanish consular official in Stockholm.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry in Madrid has dismissed as "pure fantasy" this report. The Ministry said that it had no knowledge that such a person exists.

Haliava said that the majority of Spanish Jews are of French or Moroccan origin. The present Jewish population numbers 3,000 in Barcelona, 2,000 in Madrid and smaller communities in Malaga, Palma and Mallorca.

Peres Favors 13% Rise In Bus Fares

JERUSALEM — Transport Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset that he favored a 13 percent fare increase by the Dan and Egged bus cooperatives which have asked for a 26 percent raise in fares. Peres maintained that 13 percent was sufficient to compensate the co-ops for cost increases since last September.

Dan serves the Tel Aviv area and Egged operates inter-city bus services. The two are planning to merge and are seeking passage of a law that would give the new combine a legal monopoly of bus traffic within Israel's pre-June, 1967 boundaries. They also expect the government to wipe out their accumulated indebtedness to the Treasury when the merger takes place.

Goldberg Named Brandeis V-Pres.

WALTHAM, Mass. — Lawrence Y. Goldberg, 42, a former business executive with experience in government, civic and Jewish community affairs, has been appointed vice president for university development at Brandeis University.

The appointment of Mr. Goldberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Goldberg of Providence, was announced by Marver H. Bernstein, Brandeis president. In his new post, Mr. Goldberg will be responsible for all university development and fund raising programs.

The new Brandeis vice president was educated at Brown University, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1953, and at Harvard Law School, from which he received his bachelor of laws degree in 1956. A year later, he joined with his father in developing what eventually became a nation wide chain of toy and sporting goods discount stores under the name of the American Toy Company. Mr. Goldberg remained with the company for 13 years, except for an 18-month period in 1959-1960, during which he served as legislative counsel for the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C.

In 1971 Mr. Goldberg retired from his business and worked in the 1972 presidential campaign, in charge of coordinating Republican efforts among Jewish voters. Following the election, Mr. Goldberg served as a special consultant on the White House staff of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Secretary's capacity as counselor to the Presi-

dent for community development.

Mr. Goldberg has been associated with the United Jewish Appeal as a member of its National Young Leadership Cabinet; he is a member of the National Board of Directors of the United Hebrew Immigration Aid Service (HIAS); he has been vice president and secretary of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council of R.I.; he served on the executive committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council; he represented his local federation to the Large City Budgeting Council of the Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds and served on other national committees of CJFWF; he has been a division captain of the United Fund, and is a board member of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

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ACCEPTS SPECIAL MEDAL: S. Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., accepts a special presentation medal from Samuel Friedman, left, president of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, in a ceremony on the steps of the historic synagogue in Newport. Looking on are Rabbi Theodore Lewis, second left, of Touro Synagogue, and United States Senator Claiborne Pell. The medal depicts Touro Synagogue, National Historic Site, the oldest synagogue in North America on one side, and on the other, the words of George Washington in 1790, "To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, R.I. . . . For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance . . ."

Sharon To Oppose Golda Meir's Party

TEL AVIV — Gen. Aryeh (Arik) Sharon who unexpectedly resigned from the Army to begin a career in politics, is creating a stir in Israeli political circles. The colorful soldier, who once headed the famed "101 Commandos" which carried out deep thrusts into enemy territory during the years prior to the Six-Day War, says he wants to organize a coalition of opposition parties to run as an alternative to Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment in the elections this fall.

He met with another retired general, former Air Force Commander Ezer Weizman who is

now a leader of the Herut faction. He is meeting with leaders of the Liberal faction which together with Herut, comprise Gahal, Israel's largest opposition political party.

Sharon is expected to raise his proposal for an election front made up of Gahal, the Free Center, State List and other opposition factions.

BILL PASSES

NEW YORK — A bill to prohibit discrimination against employees who observe religious holidays and practices has passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

JEW ELECTED

KINGSTON — Eli Matalon, a former mayor of Kingston, has become the first Jew to be elected to the Jamaican House of Representatives. Michael Manley, the Jamaican premier, has appointed Matalon as minister of education. A member of the United Congregation of Israelites here, Matalon was largely responsible for the establishment of Hillel Academy, a multi-racial day school sponsored by the Jamaican Jewish Community.

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