

Lon Cerel's Act Shines With Magic And Humor

By BARBARA WRONSKI

Lon S. Cerel, 19, is a second year student in behavioral psychology at Providence College as well as a first-rate magician. Recently, he baffled and bemused *Herald* staff members with a demonstration of some of his sleight-of-hand tricks while being interviewed.

"Sleight-of-hand is the purist form of magic," he contends. "It is far easier to make a quarter disappear than to make an elephant disappear."

His humor slips out casually in a matter-of-fact manner. He believes that, "People can't laugh and reason out magic at the same time." Perhaps this is why he has chosen comedy magic as a full time interest. His act, however, is quite "kosher." Slapstick is not his style, nor does he find it necessary to employ risqué humor to hold the interest of his adult audiences.

"I always ask myself just why people come to see a magic show. It's so they can be fooled."

Mr. Cerel, who has performed primarily in Rhode Island and nearby communities in Massachusetts, will be appearing Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. A special half-hour attraction during this "Evening of Magic & ESP" will be a test of his telepathy and clairvoyance which

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LON S. CEREL

Rabbi Rotman To Be Honored For Service To Jews

Rabbi Bernard Rotman, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Am, Warwick, will be honored for his leadership and service to the synagogue, the Jewish people and Israel at a cocktail reception in behalf of State of Israel Bonds, it was announced by Abraham Aron, president of the congregation.

The tribute to Rabbi Rotman will be held Saturday, April 3, at 8:00 p.m. at Temple 'Beth Am in cooperation with the Rhode Island Committee, State of Israel Bonds, under the leadership of Richard Licht, state senator.

Rabbi Rotman is a native of Worcester, Massachusetts, and throughout his years of study at the Jewish Theological Seminary he served as teacher and youth leader in South Orange, New Jersey; Roasalyn, New York; and Flushing, New York.

He received his Master of Hebrew Literature degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1970 and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1972. During 1970 and 1971, Rabbi and Mrs. Rotman lived in Israel. They resided in Jerusalem; studying primarily at the Hebrew University. Last February, 1975, Rabbi and Mrs. Rotman led a Temple Beth Am tour to Israel.

Tribute committee co-chairmen are Emiel Freedman, Myer Jarcho and A. Harvey Silverman. Max Dressler is special arrangements chairman; Mrs. Murray Geberer, decorations chairman; and Jack Mossberg, program chairman.

Committee members include Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Aron, Mr. and



RABBI BERNARD ROTMAN

Mrs. Martin Berman, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bieder, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Botvin, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cerel, Morris Charifson, Mr. and Mrs. Henech Cohen and Mrs. Emiel Freedman.

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Also, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rubin, Mr. and Mrs. Salomon Shuman, Mrs. A. Harvey Silverman, Mrs. Nathan Subar, Louis Sugarman, Miss Ella Zelniker and Miss Sara Zelniker.

VISA GRANTED

LONDON: Ernest Neizvestny, the prominent Soviet sculptor, was told by Soviet authorities that his application for an exit visa has been granted. He said in Moscow that he intends to emigrate to Israel. Severely criticized by Krushchev for his modernistic art, he was eventually reconciled with him.

'Rendezvous With Freedom' Viewing Jewish Times

"Rendezvous with Freedom, A Bicentennial View of the Jewish Experience in America" is the theme of the annual Interfaith Day sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, Monday, April 5. The purpose of the workshop program is to inspire open discussion and to have guests learn more about Judaism and the Jewish people, in a mutual exchange of ideas.

Keynoting the all day event will be Rabbi Theodore Lewis of the Touro Synagogue, Newport, whose address will be "The Jews of Colonial Newport 1658-1790." His presentation will be followed by a series of workshops (informal discussion groups) led by authorities in the field of Jewish experience. The workshops are scheduled for morning and afternoon. At mid-day, there will be a petite luncheon followed by the movie *Rendezvous with Freedom* featuring Zero Mostel, George Segal, Herb Kaplow and Sam Jaffe depicting the history of the Jews in America.

The Sisterhood will host this day of informal discussion. No formal invitation is necessary. "Rendezvous with Freedom" has been designated by the Rhode Island

Scranton Criticism Of Israel Received With Anger, Dismay

NEW YORK: As a result of criticism by William W. Scranton, chief American delegate to the United Nations Security Council, over Israeli policy in occupied territories, Israel has officially filed a complaint with the United States.

Israeli Ambassador, Simcha Dinitz, telephoned Henry A. Kissinger, secretary of state, and Joseph J. Sisco, under secretary, to express Israel's dissatisfaction, according to officials of the state department and Israeli sources.

Mr. Scranton, restating previously expressed American views, called Israeli settlements in Arab territory, "an obstacle to the success of the negotiations for a just and final peace." He added that Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem, "cannot be considered other than interim and provisional."

The Scranton remarks were received with anger and dismay in Jerusalem and with gratification by Arab diplomats at the United Nations, some of whom described them as an American step forward.

The Israelis, extremely sensitive to any American criticism—especially that voiced in the United Nations—objected to both the substance of the remarks and to their tone and timing during a debate in which the Palestine

Liberation Organization was also taking part.

The State Department, without taking note publicly of Mr. Dinitz's complaints, described the Scranton statements as not going beyond established American policy.

Robert L. Funseth, the department spokesman, pointed out, as had Mr. Scranton in his speech, that similar statements had been made in earlier years by other American delegates Mr. Funseth listed Arthur J. Goldberg, Charles W. Yost and George H. Bush.

Mr. Scranton's immediate predecessor, Daniel P. Moynihan, who was very popular with Israelis, never made such statements about occupied territory, Mr. Funseth said, because the issue had not arisen during his tenure.

"What I'm saying is that Scranton was restating a long-standing position," Mr. Funseth declared.

DEVALUED AGAIN

JERUSALEM: Creeping devaluation grew further when the Israel Pound was reduced in value by another 1.9 percent on February 10. The Pound now stands at IL 7.38 to the U.S. dollar, compared to IL 7.24 before the latest devaluation.

Ohio Himmelfarb To Speak At Laymen-Teachers Conf.

Highlighting the eighth annual Laymen-Teachers Conference of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Sunday, March 28, at the Jewish Community Center from 1:30 until 4:00 p.m., will be Dr. Harold Himmelfarb, professor of sociology at Ohio State University. Dr. Himmelfarb's research and writings in recent years have centered on the impact of religious schooling upon adult religious involvement.

This annual event will bring together the teachers, administrators, Rabbis and school board members of 12 religious schools affiliated with the bureau for an afternoon devoted to Jewish education and fellowship.

Dr. Himmelfarb's talk, "The Future of Jewish Education—An Agenda for Action," is based upon his recent article "Jewish Education

for Naught: Educating the Culturally Deprived Jewish Child" which appeared in *Analysis*, a monthly publication of the Synagogue Council of America. Since the appearance of the article, and an address by Dr. Himmelfarb at a national conference sponsored by the American association for Jewish Education, the reaction to his provocative thesis has led to much soul-searching and self-evaluation on the effects of Jewish education and its future.

Dr. Himmelfarb is editorial consultant of the *American Journal of Sociology* and a consultant of the



DR. HAROLD HIMMELFARB

American Jewish Committee on Inter-Faith Marriages.

The conference will also honor three outstanding teachers of the community who have achieved certification: Herbert Spivack, Carol Ingal, and Merle Schwartz. Dr. Morris Levin, co-chairman of the Cranston-Warwick Institute of Adult Jewish Studies, will receive an award from the bureau for his outstanding services to adult Jewish education in the Cranston-Warwick area.

The conference is chaired by Max Millman and will include a luncheon and exhibit of educational and Passover materials by Bill Melzer. All those interested in Jewish education are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the bureau office: 331-0956.

OIL CONSUMPTION UP

WASHINGTON: After a two-year decline in the use of petroleum products in the United States consumption has begun to turn up. Federal Energy Administration figures show an increase in consumption of 3.7 percent over last year, with gasoline use up to 6.7

percent and distillate, home heating oil, up 7.9 percent. At the same time, the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's lobbying organization, reported that oil imports were up sharply this month compared with last year.

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- April 26-May 17—Israel Anniversary Tour No. 2, with Athens.
- April 27-May 12—American Physicians Fellowship Tenth World Congress of Israel Medical Association, led by Dr. Manuel Glazier.
- May 4-May 21—Temple Emanu-El, led by Rabbi and Mrs. Eli A. Bohnen
- May 6-May 20—Congregation Brith Shalom, led by Mr. Jay Plotkin
- May 10-May 24—Hillel Club of University of Vermont
- May 10-May 13—8th International Congress of Psychopathology of Expression
- May 13-May 29—Photographers' Tour to Israel, led by Mr. Ira Stanley
- May 13-June 3—Jewish Community of Dover, N.H.
- May 17-June 7—Jewish Community Center of Greenville, Maine, led by Mr. Max M. Landman
- May 18-May 20—Third International Symposium on Geriatric Dentistry
- May 20-June 10—Pilgrimage to Jerusalem of Greenwich, Conn. Community
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- June 1-June 15—Seattle Pilgrimage Tour, led by Rev. M. E. Nesse.
- June 2-June 23—Quincy Citizens Vacation in Eilat.
- June 6-July 4—Journey to Jerusalem, led by Father S. Riley.
- June 10-June 24—Agrochemicals in Soil No. 1
- June 10-June 27—Agrochemicals in Soil No. 2 including Zurich
- June 20-June 30—Second Masonic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- June 22-July 10—International Trade Fair—Modern Living
- June 27-July 4—International Convention of Jr. Red Cross and Magen David Adom
- June 27-July 11—Adventure Vacation In Israel—Fall River.
- July 1-July 15—United Methodist Church, led by Rev. John H. Pressey.
- July 1-July 18—New England and Conn. Valley Region of United Synagogues of America, led by Aaron and Ellen Kischell.
- July 4-July 7—International Forum on Adolescence
- July 7-July 28—Holy Family Church, led by Father Trepanier.
- July 12-July 26—Bethany Lutheran to the Holyland.
- July 15-August 5—United Church of Shirley, led by Rev. Leonard W. Silvester.
- July 18-August 1—Tri-Parish Community Church, led by Rev. James A. Ewen.
- July 22-August 12—Pilgrim Congregation Church, led by Rev. V. Venator.
- August 1-August 15—Temple Shaarei Tefilah, led by Rabbi Nason Goldstein
- August 4-September 6—Jewish Community Center in Enosbury, Vermont, led by Mr. R. Lieberman.
- August 9-August 29—Congregation Beth El, led by Rabbi and Mrs. Lawrence Kushner
- August 11-August 25—Club Beth Shalom, North Woodstock, led by Mr. Frank E. Herman.
- August 14-August 29—Community of Bingham, led by Dr. Stephen A. Moser.
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Obituaries

Leah Cohen

The funeral of Leah (Echenberg) Cohen, 75, a former resident of Providence, was held Sunday, March 21, at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel. She died Friday, March 19, in Miami Beach, Florida. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. She was the wife of Max Cohen.

A Florida resident for the last five years, she lived in Providence for eight years prior to that move. She was born in Québec, Canada.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Jacobson of Warwick; a son, Jack Cohen of Belleville, Ontario; a sister, Mrs. Claire Vineberg of Montreal, and five grandchildren.

Ethel Kaplan

Funeral services were held at Sugarman Memorial Chapel on Sunday, March 21, for Ethel Kaplan, 68, of Burnside Avenue East Providence. She died Saturday, March 20, at Miriam Hospital following a two month illness. She was the wife of Samuel Kaplan.

Mrs. Kaplan was born in Providence on December 21, 1907, a daughter of the late Morris and Ida (Maker) Wolod, and lived in Providence until she moved to East Providence 16 years ago.

Burial was at the Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Donald Kaplan of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Maida Meyers of Providence, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Israel Mittelman

Funeral services for Rose (Goldstein) Mittelman, 76, of 27 Trenton Street, Pawtucket, who died March 10, were held the following day at the Fisher Memorial Chapel in Fall River, Massachusetts. Burial was in Beth El Cemetery in Fall River.

The widow of Israel Mittelman, she was born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Bernard and Namie (Wells) Goldstein. She had lived in Fall River until she moved to Pawtucket three years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood in Fall River, the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged and Hadassah.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Paul Axelrod of Providence and Mrs. Merrill Perceley of Pawtucket; one son, Julius Goldstein of Hollywood, Florida, and three grandchildren.

Passover Melodies Now On Cassette

NEW YORK: The melodies of the Passover Haggadah come into the home and classroom through "Seder Melodies," a new cassette published by the Jewish Education Press of the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York and Tara Publications.

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HARRIET HOLLAND

Funeral services for Harriet (Sobel) Holland, 45, who died March 23 following a long illness, were held the following day at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in the Lincoln Park Cemetery. The wife of Marvin S. Holland, she had resided at 16 Leicester Way and Mumford Road, Narragansett.

Mrs. Holland had been a member of the Governor's Permanent Advisory Commission on the status of women and had been in a variety of civic and religious organizations.

Mr. Holland is president of the E. Rosen Company and the American Chemical Works and chairman of the Howard Development Corporation, which is creating an industrial park on state land in Cranston.

Mrs. Holland was a supporter of former Governor Frank Licht in his successful campaigns in 1968 and 1970. She was appointed in 1970 to the original women's commission by Mr. Licht and reappointed in 1975 by Governor Noel.

She was chairman of a subcommittee working to encourage women to run for political office and to win appointment to other governmental boards.

She was also a member of the festival committee of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission and a former lecturer for children's groups at the Rhode Island School of Design museum.

In 1972, she assisted the public relations director of the United Way campaign and was Heart Fund Sunday chairman in Providence and Pawtucket chairman of the American Cancer Society's Rhode Island crusade.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She attended Ithaca College and Brooklyn College and studied at the Art Students' League in New York City.

Mrs. Holland was born in New York City on March 29, 1930, a daughter of Jeannette and the late Jack Sobel. Her mother now lives in Hollywood, Florida.

Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by a sister, Barbara Goldfarb of Malvern, New York; a son, Bruce Holland who is a student at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, and a daughter, Deborah Holland, a student at Berklee College of Music, also in Boston.

Counterculture Sought Against US Nihilism

NEW YORK: There is need today, says Martin Cohn, for "a new kind of counterculture."

Cohn, chairman of B'nai B'rith's commission on adult Jewish education, contends that contemporary American society is flirting with nihilism.

And the breakdowns in traditional norms of conduct has also infected Jewish life, he adds.

Cohn, says that some of the old Jewish values — "family stability, intellectuality, the kind of Jewish work ethic which led to Jewish success in America" — need re-emphasizing.

He and Lily Edelman, B'nai B'rith's director of adult Jewish education, discussing the issue at the commission's annual meeting here, propose one way to do it.

"Jewish consciousness-raising," they call it.

"Simply put, it means getting Jews who understand their Jewishness as a source of ethics, community harmony and personal fulfillment in their lives to teach other Jews how to enjoy and be secure in their Jewishness," Edelman explains.

B'nai B'rith's adult study programs are focused on those goals.

"The cutting edge of our programming is not to communicate or transmit Jewish information or content, but to encourage Jewish caring and concern," says Edelman.

Many B'nai B'rith study groups, she says, "are issue-centered," in which behavioral and psychological problems — dealing with the unconventional lifestyles of youth, the needs of aging parents, coming to terms with one's own middle age — seek answers from Jewish insights and teachings.

"No pat answers," says Edelman. "But guiding people toward a quest for worthwhile answers in a Jewish way."

SLIPS ACROSS

JERUSALEM: Rabbi Meir Kahane, Jewish Defense League leader, who was evicted from the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry, arrived in his Jerusalem home last week after a lengthy absence. He told newsmen here that he had quietly slipped across the Dutch-Belgian border and reached the Brussels II conference hall undetected.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late ROSE SANDLER wish to thank their relatives and friends for the many expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement.

- JACOB SANDLER
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- BESSIE BONNEVILLE
- MARTHA SCHWARTZ
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Unveiling Notice

The unveiling of a monument in memory of the late DORA MAKE BENDER will take place on Sunday, April 11, at 12:30 p.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Shown above is the planning committee for the resumption of the Jewish Home for the Aged Building Fund Campaign. Seated, left to right are Walter Chucnin, co-chairman for the group and sponsor of the meeting; Sol White, chairman; Abe Aron, Warwick chairman; Howard Silverman, East Greenwich chairman; and Max Alperin, president and general chairman of the Jewish Home for the Aged. Standing, left to right, Joseph Galkin, campaign consultant; Jerome Kaplan, Cranston co-chairman; Martin Dittelman; Leo Cohen; Elliot Dittelman; Isidore Korn; Harold Pansy; and George Katz.

Group of Hadassah will be held on Monday, March 29, at 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

The speaker will be Marge Housen who is the Western New England regional president of Hadassah.

Committee members include Muriel Leach, program; Honey Seltzer, hospitality; and Lenka Rose, president.

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YASEEN BAR MITZVAH
Michael Yaseen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yaseen, will become Bar Mitzvah at Saturday, March 27, morning services at Temple Sinai, 11:15 a.m.

ANDREOZZI & TRINKLE
Andreozi & Trinkle, East Providence, has opened for business at 1 Waterman Avenue. The new firm continues Murray Trinkle Floor Covering, started in 1938, by Murray Trinkle. It is jointly owned by Mr. Trinkle's son, Buddy, and daughter, Bobbie (Trinkle) Andreozi. The two are joined by Robert Andreozi of S.A. Andreozi & Sons, Barrington builders, who will add complete home remodeling service to the firm's carpeting business.

MISS GASPEE PAGEANT
Applications are now being accepted for the annual Miss Gaspee Pageant, to be held Sunday, June 6, at the Old State House, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, at 8:00 p.m., during Gaspee Days, June 4 through 13.

Applicants between the ages of 15 and 22 will explore, in a 1,000 words or less essay, "What changes have taken place since the birth of our nation, and what do you predict for the future?"

The winner receives a grand prize of a \$500 US Savings Bond. Mike Sands of WJAR Radio, in Colonial dress, will be master of ceremonies. Entertainment will be provided by the Bicentennial Choir and representation by the Pawtuxet Rangers will be on hand.

Deadline for applications will be April 15. Applications and full details may be obtained by writing Miss Gaspee Pageant, c/o Gaspee Day Committee, P.O. Box 1772, Pilgrim Station, Warwick, RI, 02888.

BROADENED POLICY
Alan Larkin, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Career & Counseling Services Advisory Board, recently announced the B'nai B'rith Career & Counseling Services of New England has broadened its policy relative to assigning speakers to interested groups.

Henceforth, Ted Rosenberg, vocational consultant, will be available to speak before community groups on topics related to

preparing and planning for the future. Available topics include: *The BBCCS-What is it?, Second Careers, Planning for Retirement, The Generation Gap-Fact or Fiction, How to Choose a College, Financing a College Education, Should I Go to College, Campus Unrest-What About It?, What About the Drug Problems? and How to Study.*

Interested PTA's, schools, religious groups, community centers, youth groups, and other organizations may contact Mr. Rosenberg at 233 Bay State Road, Boston, Massachusetts, 02215, or phone (617) 536-0453.

HOPE HIGH REUNION
The 35th reunion of the Hope High School class of January, 1941, will be held Saturday, April 3, at the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, at 7:00 p.m.

Irma (Cohen) Silverman may be contacted at 247 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, Cranston, 944-2462, for reservations.

HADASSAH MEETS
A meeting of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Sunday, March 28, at 8:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

The program will feature Marge Housen, Western New England region president and Mr. Charles Housen. Life members and associates will be honored and all husbands are invited.

A reception will follow the meeting. The committee includes Mrs. Harold Schwartz, program chairman; Ida Rubenstein and Mrs. David Goldberg, Hospitality; and Mrs. Abe Sinel, life member and associate chairman.

"UPSTAGE PLAYERS"
The Jewish Community Center will present the "Upstage Players," featuring members of Rhode Island College Cabaret Theatre and Roger Williams College Music Box Theatre in a musical revue Sunday, April 4, at 8:00 p.m. at the center.

The complete show, in cabaret format, is open to the community on a space available basis. Tickets are now available at the Center office. Refreshments will be served.

BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD
The Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood will hold its annual donor dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the Ira and Anna Social Hall at the Temple.

Lou Mason, humorist, will entertain for the evening.

Chairwoman for the event is Mrs. Hyman Schachter. Her committee includes Mrs. Harry Goldberg, coordinator; Mrs. Harris Lury and Esther Grossman, program book; Mrs. Jack Crovitz, Chai donors; Mrs. Samuel Sudakoff, decorations; Mrs. Joseph Strauss, door prizes; Rebecca Bernat, table gifts; Mrs. Herbert Feldman, treasurer; Mrs. George Berlinsky, secretary; Mrs. Samuel Bochner, program; Mrs. Sheldon Schwartz, diamond drawing; and Mrs. Nathan Fink, ex officio.

SINGLES DANCE
The Single Adults (35 years of age and up) of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will dance to the music of the Glenn Jordan band on Sunday, March 28, at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

ART EXHIBIT & AUCTION
The Providence Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor an International Art Exhibit and Auction on March 28 at Temple Beth-El. Viewing time is 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Champagne, crackers and cheese will be served. Each guest will be given a catalogue with number of painting, artist and title. All funds raised are for Hadassah Israel Education Services.

Chairmen for the event are Janet Kortick and Lotte Povar.

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Editorial

Boycott Blues

The manner in which American corporations are complying with the longstanding Arab-imposed secondary boycott of Israel, in order to woo oil money, is not only a poor reflection on our nation, but erodes still further our already crumbling principles. Wanton in its duty, the Ford administration stands by spouting vagueries on the issue and how business is expected to respond, all carefully couched in purple prose.

Our executive branch is all but openly encouraging business to mock their national policy. Where public policy endorses the opposition of "boycotts fostered or imposed by foreign countries against other countries friendly to the United States," as echoed in statute and presidential utterance, business continues to turn a deaf ear and merely pay lip service to the ideal.

Recently, at an economic conference on boycotts and coercion at the University of Texas, James A. Baker, under secretary of commerce, admitted that the government was not wielding its power to prohibit surrender to boycott pressure. He explained why in a prepared text: "A businessman should be free to make a choice between two countries when certain commercial relations with one may result in retaliation by the other. He, after all, is the best judge of the requirements of his business." Elliot Richardson, secretary of commerce, disingenuously endorsed his subordinate's stance.

Last November, President Ford announced regulations which would prohibit American exporters, including such service firms as banks, from "answering or complying in any way with boycott requests that would cause discrimination against United States citizens or firms." Some lawyers questioned the roundabout use of antitrust law to get at the boycott issue, when such proceedings began early this year against the Bechtel Corporation, a construction firm accused of refusing to subcontract to American firms on the Arabs' blacklist. The suit, nevertheless, appeared a step nearer implementation of Ford's relatively firm November statement.

No wonder businessmen are confused, as they try to seek guidance from the government on boycott-related demands from Arab customers. In many cases, trading firms and banks have found federal agencies actually guaranteeing credit for transactions which clearly and specifically require compliance with boycott terms. With the Ford administration caught between a desire to attract oil money and the sensitivity of the issue during an election year, is it any wonder we find ourselves singing the boycott blues?

Editor's Mailbox

AN AMERICAN IN ISRAEL

It has been quite a while since I have written any material for your newspaper. For some time I have been actively engaged in the field of medicine — as a patient. My remaining leisure time has been spent in writing novels, an endeavor that does not tax an ailing body.

May I take this opportunity to tell you that whatever I may have told you regarding Israel in the past, as a nation — or Jews as a people, has certainly come true. Under ordinary circumstances, I might be a happy individual — seeing my predictions come true. Far from it; I'm distressed and very worried.

Apathy and lethargy are two words that during normal times fit our people — in the diaspora. Only when there is danger knocking at your very own door do you awaken to the fact that Israel was you all the many months that you may have caught a piece of news on your TV about that strip of Biblical land some 6,200 miles from your door — and promptly forgot about whatever may have touched you — when the next program came along. Now, you have been voicing some concern — unfortunately, not all of

you. However, as a people, we are blessed, in each generation, with those who are on the constant alert to the precarious position of the sons and daughters of Abraham. May I say here, that I feel that a lot is too late in the battle today. We have been fooled and lied to by those who wear titles of high office and as we now see are the most qualified in brinksmanship.

It is now almost Passover, and there isn't any Moses to lead us. We have twenty parties on the political scene here and orators galore — plus those opportunists who continue to gnaw away at the legs of the Prime Minister. Fortunately for the land and us as a people, there is a good man in office. Don't let his quiet manner fool you. There is a strength in this man. There is leadership, too, that is vital to our survival. It is no longer humorous to joke as our fathers did in the past. We can no longer afford the idea that where there are two Jews you have three temples.

Inasmuch as I am still an American and hold my US passport, I have a right to criticize my Secretary of State in the United States. He may find it objection-



Providence Past and Present A Bicentennial Story

By Beryl Segal

Who May Borrow From the Gemiluth Hesed

Why Gemiluth Hesed now, people ask? No new immigrants are coming to America today. Those who come are quickly absorbed by industry. Few go to the Gemiluth Hesed for loans. None are so desperate as to need loans of twenty-five or fifty dollars.

We asked Mr. Noah Temkin, president of the Providence Gemiluth Hesed, and Mr. Irving Pickar, president of the Pawtucket Free Loan, for comments and clarification. And this is their answer:

True that at the present rate of inflation, twenty-five, or even a hundred dollars are not sufficient. So the Gemiluth Hesed raised the amounts of loans to fit the needs of the borrowers. They now make loans from five hundred to two thousand dollars. There are many people in small business for whom such loans are a Godsend. Instead of getting such loans from Loan Associations and paying interest they come to the Gemiluth Hesed for loans free of interest. They still need, as in the old days, two

guarantors to complete their applications. No investigations. No papers to sign.

People are in need of money to pay off hospital bills. Some people need money in emergencies. Others are in a tight squeeze for events over which they have no control.

And lately the Gemiluth Hesed is called upon to supply money for a reason of which the early immigrants never dreamed, it is neither emergency nor business difficulties. Rather it is making loans which are pleasurable. These loans are called Education Plans. Under these programs, students can get loans as high as fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars for half a year tuition in most universities.

Borrowers on these Education Plans are a satisfying and appreciative clientele. Many professionals in town have been helped by loans of Gemiluth Hesed.

The truth of the matter is that the so-called Education Plan is not new. When I was at Brown University some forty-five years ago, there were students who borrowed money from the Gemiluth Hesed to pay their tuition. The only difference was that they were not put in a special category. All they needed was a fifty dollar loan which was enough for tuition. A student needs two thousand dollars for the same tuition today.

When the Gemiluth Hesedim were organized and a five dollar loan was a great amount of money, the organization was supported by means of contributions from many people, some of them former borrowers from the Gemiluth Hesed.

There was membership dues. Such dues are paid even now by people who appreciate the work of Gemiluth Hesed.

There were listed in the Triennial Report (1903-1906) profits from a raffle, from entertainments, from appeals at weddings and Brit Milah (circumcisions) and from picnics.

Of special interest is the income from "Plates on Yom Kippur Eve." This was an old custom among Jews, to place a "Plate" on a long table for various charities on the Eve of Yom Kippur in the vestry of the synagogue. As each worshipper came to the vestry he

or she dropped pennies and nickels in each "Plate". Gemiluth Hesed had a special plate on the table. We do not know in which synagogue these plates were placed, but the highest collection from the Gemiluth Hesed Plate amounted to seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents in 1905.

Then there are donations from individuals and organizations. The names of the organizations read like voices from long, long ago.

Donation from the Baron Hirsch Lodge, #99, OBA.
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The Baron Rothschild Lodge IOFS of Judea donated five dollars, and the Maimonides Lodge #112 OOA gave seven fifty to the Gemiluth Hesed.

The smallest donation, but duly recorded and received with appreciation, was a donation for seventy-five cents from Hebrach Hovev Zion (Brotherhood Lovers of Zion).

In the light of the sizes of these donations we can well understand how a loan of five dollars could help a man in business, a family who had doctor's bills to pay, and rent money to buy off the landlord for another month.

The name of the organization has been variously spelled. It was called Gemiles Chesed, Gemilas Chesed, Gemilath Chesed. This is due to different places of origin of the early immigrants. The name should be Gemiluth Hesed. It is a Hebrew expression meaning Doing a Favor, Practicing Charity, Loving Kindness, Mercy.

But whatever the meaning of the phrase, and whatever the spelling, it means Free Loans given to those who need them, without interest whatsoever.

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ADLER DIES 1926

Jacob P. Adler, the famous Yiddish actor, died this year.

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Mizrachi Women, Providence Chapter, Membership Tea

7:00 p.m.

Providence Chapter of Hadassah, Art Auction

8:00 p.m.

Jewish Community Center, Single Adults Dance

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1976

12:30 p.m.

Aleph Group of Hadassah, Open Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Donor Dinner

8:00 p.m.

Providence Hebrew Day School Women, Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1976

7:30 p.m.

Women's American ORT, Providence Chapter, Fashion Show

8:00 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El, Institute of Jewish Studies Temple Habonim, Annual Congregational Meeting

9:10 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El, Institute of Jewish Studies

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1976

8:15 p.m.

Temple Habonim, Adult Education Series

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1976

8:00 p.m.

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Jewish Community Center and American Jewish Committee, Educational Community Function

Women's American ORT, Providence Chapter, Board Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1976

7:30 p.m.

Women's American ORT, Providence Chapter, Monte Carlo Night

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976



The baking of Shmura Matzo was held on March 10, with the attendance of the board of rabbis and the officers of the Manischewitz company present at the Jersey City plant. Here, Rabbi Chaim Karlinksky hands the certificate of Kashruth to Bernard Manischewitz, president of B. Manischewitz Company. Left to right, Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger of New York City, William B. Manischewitz, Rabbi David L. Silver of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Robert M. Starr, executive vice president of the B. Manischewitz Company.

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CRANSTON HADASSAH

Cranston Chapter Hadassah will hold its annual donor dinner at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, Massachusetts, on March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Chairlady of the evening is Dorothy Weinberg; treasurer, Arline Buckler; ad book co-chairladies, Betty Ann Pierce, Doris Jacober and Lillian Woolf.

The invocation will be read by Josie Gold and greetings from the Western New England Region of Hadassah will be brought by the president of the region, Marge Housen.

Entertainment will be by David Winston of Boston, who will give a program of Israeli and Hebrew music.

SPRING LUNCHEON

The Providence Chapter of Brandeis University National Women's Committee is having their annual spring luncheon on April 6. It will be called "An Afternoon in The Barn, for a Culinary Experience." The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon, with a cooking demonstration to follow by Bernard, the French gourmet chef. The event will take place at Cafe in the Barn in Seekonk, Massachusetts. All the proceeds will go to the Book Fund Committee.

SPRING BENEFIT CONCERT

St. Dunstons Day School will sponsor a Spring Benefit Concert at Alumnae Hall, Brown University, Friday, April 9, at 8:00 p.m.

The featured soloist will be baritone Lucien L. Olivier, a Rhode Island vocalist with an impressive musical background. For nine seasons he toured the United States and Canada as leading baritone with the Goldovsky Grand Opera Theatre. His repertoire for the evening will consist of both opera and light concert music.

Included on the same program will be more contemporary music by a group headed by Gary Bassett, at recent St. Dunstons graduate. Tickets for the concert may be obtained by calling the school at 421-4414, or may be purchased at the door.

CONCERTO CONTEST

The Young Peoples Symphony of RI will present two young soloists in a Concerto Contest on Sunday, March 28, 4:30 p.m. at Veterans Auditorium in Providence. Dr. Joseph Conte will conduct.

Miss Aroosiag Andreassian, a 15 year old pianist from Russian Armenia, has been in this country a little over a year and is a student of Mary Sadovnikoff. In Armenia, Miss Andreassian attended the Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Music. This concert will be her debut with an American orchestra.

Eleanor Stover, hornist, is presently attending Boston University. She is a student of David Ohanian of the Boston Symphony. Miss Stover is an alumna of YPSORI, a graduate of Classical High, and has

attended Barrington College. She is also a talented cellist. This is her second season with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony and she is a member of the Artists International Opera Orchestra. She also performs with other professional groups in Boston.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office. This concert is covered by the RI State Council on the Arts Ticket Endowment Program.

WATERCOLORS SHOW

The Providence Water Color Club will present a show of watercolors by Walter Jones at the Club gallery, 6 Thomas Street, from April 4 through 16.

Mr. Jones, a member of the Providence Water Color Club, is presently art director of the Paramount Line Company of Pawtucket.

He has studied at the Massachusetts College of Art and the School of Practical Art in Boston. His recent art awards include the Mitten Award for watercolor from Jordan Marsh and the Providence Water Color Club Award.

An open reception will be held on April 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours thereafter are Tuesday through Saturday, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Sundays, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

UNITED BROTHERS

Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky will be the guest speaker Friday, April 2, at 8:00 p.m. at the monthly service of the United Brothers Synagogue, 205 High Street, Bristol. Dr. Goldowsky's topic will be "200 Years of Rhode Island Jewish History."

Dr. Goldowsky has been the editor of the Rhode Island Historical Notes since May 1962 and has written numerous articles on Rhode Island medical history. He is a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Medical School and was the former chief of surgery at Miriam Hospital. Currently, he is medical director of Rhode Island Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

BETH TORAH SISTERHOOD

The monthly meeting of the Temple Beth Torah Sisterhood will be Wednesday, April 7, at 8:15 p.m. at the Temple.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Gerald Zelermyer who will discuss "Law versus Superstition." A social hour will follow with refreshments. Members and their guests are invited to attend.

SINGLE PARENTS

Single parents are invited to attend Providence Chapter 77 Parents Without Partners Newcomers' Night, Friday, March 26 at 8:30 p.m., at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick. The meeting will be held in the Gold Room. Any single parents are welcome.

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US Catholic Bishops Recite Prayer To Syrian Jews

NEW YORK: A prayer for the Jews of Syria will be among the general intercessions of parish masses across the United States on Sunday, March 14, during the Sabbath of Concern sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, beginning today (March 12). It is the first time that the U. S.

Catholic Bishops have officially requested that Catholics throughout the nation recite a special prayer during Mass on behalf of Jews suffering oppression and injustice.

4,000 Syrian Jews are virtually prisoners in their own country, an SCA spokesman said. Since 1948, the borders of Syria have been closed to them except for brief periods of relaxation.

Denied basic human rights, life for Jews in the ghettos of Damascus, Aleppo and Kamishli is harsh. Constantly under surveillance, Jews must carry special identity cards and cannot travel from one Syrian city to another without special permission from the secret police. In many areas, they cannot obtain employment and are denied permission to attend universities. Discriminatory rules restrict

the rights of Jews to buy or sell property.

In a letter to Bishop James S. Rausch, General Secretary, of the U. S. Catholic Conference, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Synagogue Council, expressed "profound gratitude for the action taken by the U. S. Catholic Conference," adding that the "plight of Syrian Jews raises profoundly humanitarian questions which transcend the tragic political divisiveness that has marked the Arab-Israel conflict."

The text of a suggested prayer was sent to Catholic bishops across the country by Bishop Rausch after the Synagogue Council invited Catholics to join them in commemorating the Sabbath of Concern:

"Let us join with our fellow Christians, Jews, and others across our nation today in commemorating a Sabbath of Concern of Jews in Syria." After a pause for silent prayer the petition continues: "That there may be an alleviation of the suffering experienced by the Jews living in Syria and that they may be free to move and to emigrate as they desire, let us pray to the Lord."

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LINHARES SPEAKS

Mr. Kenneth Linhares of the Rhode Island Heart Association will speak at the March 29 meeting of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am, Gardiner Street, Warwick. Mr. Linhare will speak on Cardiac-pulmonary Resuscitation in Basic Life Support.

Marilyn Lerner is chairman for the evening. Copies of the Passover pleasers cook-book will be sold at the meeting or may be obtained by calling either Elaine Botvin at 739-4651 or Marcia Perry at 467-9094.

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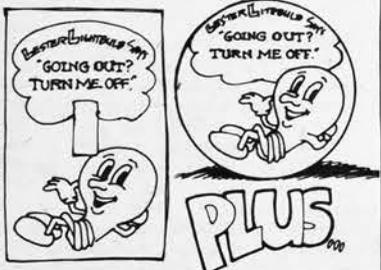
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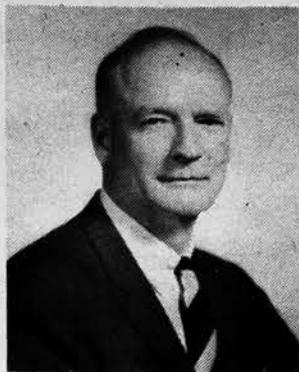
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The delegation is represented by bankers selected from the 300 largest institutions in the United States.

The bankers are expected to meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Moshe Sanbar, governor of the Bank of Israel (the national bank), as well as with other Israeli government officials during their tour of Israel.

New Vatican View On City's Status

JERUSALEM — The Vatican no longer insists on international status for Jerusalem, according to Father Pierre De Contenson, secretary of the Vatican's Commission for Judaism.

The Vatican official said on a recent radio interview here that the Pope only desires international guarantees for preserving the status of holy sites in the city. If that is the case, it represents a major change on the part of the Holy See with regard to the future of Jerusalem and Israel's sovereignty over the united city.

Father De Contenson, who was a member of a Papal delegation that

participated in the first inter-faith dialogue with Jews ever held in Jerusalem, also offered a written apology for disparaging remarks he made on the radio with respect to the high-rise buildings that have altered Jerusalem's skyline.

EMIGRATES 1876

James Joseph Sylvester came to the United States this year to teach mathematics at Johns Hopkins University. He is probably the greatest mathematician of his generation.

BRIDGE



By Robert E. Starr

Today's hand should have been a simple, cut and dried hand with no problems. It should have, yet it seems that someone always finds some way to make it difficult. They either do not prepare far enough ahead, hope that the opponents are really on their side or else just do not think at all. Remember this is a thinking game. If you do not want to think give up this game. Yet actually it is not nearly as difficult as some make it.

tricks in that suit.

All they had to do was overtake that Diamond Queen with the King and keep playing Diamonds until finally East has to win his Ace. Now the Diamond suit will produce five tricks to make the game. They could even make an extra trick if they dared to take the Club finesse after they cash Diamonds and can take it safely for even if it should lose to West he can only cash two more Spades. East had led one back after taking his Diamond Ace. So par on the hand should have been plus 430 but the scores showed two pairs down 150, four pairs plus 400 making three and only four who made the overtrick. Even that overtrick is easy if only these Declarers learned to count. Those who failed to make it were afraid of Spades but if they counted they would know that there were only two Spades left and even if West had that Club King he still didn't have Moral: Do not think you are being wasteful by overtaking an honor with another one. It might be the best act of saving you could do on the hand provided you do it at the right time.

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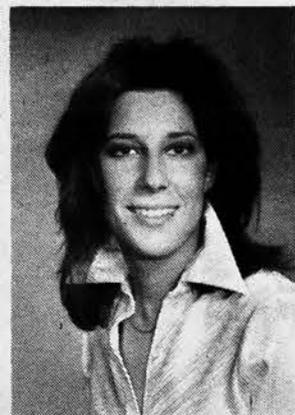
South was Dealer, no one vulnerable with this bidding:

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Most of the pairs played the hand in the same No Trump contract with South Declarer and I would imagine they bid the hand as shown. The problem was to make it. Every West I watched led a Spade, their normal lead. It was their only four card suit plus it was the only suit not bid. They couldn't know South had four Spades, too, but as the cards are it makes no difference, it is the best lead.

The first pitfall in the hand is to win that Spade in South so as to preserve Dummy's King for an extremely necessary entry to those Diamonds. It is the only entry yet I saw one Declarer win the first trick in Dummy. He had no chance at all for when he lost his Diamond to the Ace to set up that suit he couldn't get to Dummy to use the five other good Diamonds. The rest did not make that error. They all did realize the value of leaving that King over there.

They won the first trick in their own hand and naturally immediately went after their long suit, Diamonds, for they couldn't make the hand without them. True, they are all cashable yet I watched two Declarers arrange not to. How? When they led their own Queen they complacently let it ride sure one of their opponents would win it right then. But that is what they were, opponents not partners and naturally East in those cases allowed that Queen to hold the trick. Now what? They can get over to that Spade King and lead another Diamond and get that suit finally established but now can no longer get back to make any more



ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Waitzman of Capwell Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Gail Waitzman of Boston to Steven Rice of Hope Street, Providence. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Rice of Barbour Drive, Providence.

Miss Waitzman is attending Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Rice is attending North Eastern College in Boston. The couple has set a July 18, 1976, wedding date.

FRENCH-GERMAN JETS

PARIS — Official sources said that France will sell Egypt 120 French-German-built Alpha jet aircraft and the French-made Atar engine that can be installed in Egypt's Soviet-made MIG jets when their original engines wear out. The deal was concluded following a visit here by Egyptian air force commander vice-marshal Mohammed Shaker Abdel-Monein.

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Consumer Protection Scandals

Scandal: The mere filing of an appeal in a higher court can automatically keep a Federal Trade Commission order against consumer fraud in limbo for years. This happened in the famous (or infamous) "Carter's Little Liver Pills" case and the "Holland Furnace" case, the latter involving alleged statements that good furnaces were hazardous and needed urgent replacement. Both of these cases dragged on for decades.

Solution: FTC orders against consumer fraud or monopolistic practices should become effective immediately after the final decision of the commission subject, of course, to a stay by a court for good cause.

Scandal: "Judge shopping" to pick a court in which appeals from FTC orders can be brought is commonplace. At present a nationwide company can select from a cafeteria of 11 judicial circuits where it does business to find the one most likely to knock out an order against its practices.

Solution: Appeals would have to be filed where the company has its principal office: not from anywhere it operates.

Scandal: Inertia has so far defeated these eminently reasonable solutions despite the fact that there has been no opposition whatsoever to the efforts to strengthen the public's protection.

Solution: Congress should pass now a landmark bill which would attack weaknesses in the machinery to enforce consumer protection rules already on the books. The legislation (known as the Federal Trade Commission Amendments of 1975 and sponsored by Sen. Frank Moss, D.-Utah) has been unanimously passed in the Senate. It is now starting to move through the House.

The bill also would strengthen protection of the public via other provisions that would: Allow care labels to be required for upholstery and other outer coverings of furniture; Prohibit political interference in hiring FTC staff; Permit the commission to send budget data and legislative recommendations to Congress and the White House at the same time, instead of allowing the Executive to try to insist on prior approval of transmission of the information to Congress.

Other provisions that were eliminated from the original Moss bill are by no means dead. They would, in brief, give state and local agencies more clout to enforce federal as well as local rules. The enforcement of the federal regulations would thereby be improved by the extra resources employed. This was painfully illustrated in the energy crisis of 1974, when the Federal Energy Agency did not have adequate personnel to enforce its own rules, but local authorities couldn't help because they didn't have the power. These reforms would also bring more uniformity into today's crazy quilt of regulations which may differ in each of the 50 states as well as in thousands of local jurisdictions.

Meanwhile in the New York legislature, Sen. John Dunne (R.) and Assemblyman Stanley Fink (D.) have offered proposals to make it a crime to engage in a scheme to defraud!

LOCATING WITNESSES

WASHINGTON — Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D. Pa.) reported that the State Department has informed him it has formally asked the Soviet Union to cooperate in locating witnesses to crimes said to have been committed by alleged Nazi war criminals now living in the U.S.

Would you believe that New York, like practically all other states, has no specific law against hard-core consumer fraud? The only criminal provision at the state level is, in fact, the obsolete and little-used larceny section rarely applied to consumer cases.

The model for the Dunne-Fink approach is the federal mail fraud law, in effect since 1909, which outlaws any scheme to defraud where the mails are used, directly or indirectly, for the scheme.

For instance, mailings to collect bills on contracts obtained by the false oral statements of door-to-door solicitors have been held enough to trigger the mail fraud statute. Maximum penalty: five years in prison.

But there are just enough feds around to enforce this law — a model of stark simplicity — against most local frauds. And some gyps don't involve the mails at all.

Businessmen as well as consumers back the idea of attacking hard-core frauds by tougher enforcement tools — for this type of fraud hurts the image of legitimate business as well as pinches the pocketbooks of innocent consumers. Even business leaders violently opposed to more government regulation of business are willing to support measures such as this aimed at truly outrageous consumer abuses. Perhaps these scandals will soon be ended — at last.

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Rabin Denies Secret Pledges

TEL AVIV: Secret commitments restricting Israel's freedom of military action against Syria were denied by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, under pressure from Parliament, recently, over what he had promised Egypt through Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Mr. Rabin took issue with Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, who claimed he received a pledge through Mr. Kissinger, at a Kuwait news conference on February 29, that Israel would not attack Syria. Mr. Sadat said it was part of the latest disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel mediated by Mr. Kissinger.

Zalman Shoval, who belongs to the opposition Likud party, brought the matter up before the Parliament in Jerusalem. He asked whether Mr. Sadat's statement explained why Israel did not intervene in the Lebanese civil war in January when units of the

Palestine Liberation Army controlled by Syria did.

Mr. Rabin said Israel had given no pledges whatsoever apart from the disengagement agreements with Egypt and Syria, the second disengagement or so-called interim agreement with Egypt, and the cease-fire with Jordan. He said Israel was bound by them as long as these agreements are observed in word and spirit by the parties concerned.

Israel has refused to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which it regards as the umbrella organization of terrorist movements.

Mr. Rabin replied: "I can tell the House what we were told."

He then read a statement by the Secretary of State affirming the American position that a precondition for Palestinian participation was recognition of the legitimate existence of Israel and acceptance of relevant Security Council resolutions, aimed at establishing peace and security in the Middle East.



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Why Can't Starsky Be More Like Mr. Kotter?

Although American television has become fascinated with ethnicity in recent years, it is still not quite sure how to handle Jews. Certain network programming chiefs still somehow doubt that viewers in Middle America can really relate to people who come right out and say that they are Jewish.

Forget the ratings success of a show like "Rhoda," the chiefs still have their doubts, and that settles that. On the whole, they are far more comfortable with characters like David Starsky, seen on ABC's *Starsky and Hutch*.

Is Starsky Jewish? Well, does President Ford have accidents? Of course he's Jewish. Name a trait associated with Jews, and Starsky has it. Physically, he is an amalgam of Elliot Gould, George Segal and Marvin Hamlisch — a dark man with intent eyes and a shock of black hair which rises into the classic Afro-Jewish bush (although in the pilot, Starsky's hair was cropped so short that it looked like it was straight, and has only grown up and out in recent months).

He speaks in side-of-the-mouth Brooklynese, and has a wry sense of humor. (Starsky to his partner, the quintessential WASP, concerning the roughing up of suspect: "you can play the bad guy for a change. I'm tired of it.")

More evidence: Starsky is something of a schlemazel, losing dimes and quarters to vending machines with astonishing regularity, and his be all and end all is food. If there is a Mrs. Starsky somewhere, she needn't worry about her son. He is eating well, so well that he has a beginning paunch straining at the buttons of his denim shirt. Unfortunately his choice of foodstuffs runs toward chazerai.

Hamburgers topped with chili, pickles and sauerkraut. Root beer and cold pizza for breakfast. He has never ingested traditional Jewish dishes, but that doesn't matter. From an attitudinal standpoint, Starsky has to have been weaned on chicken soup.

But all this Jewishness doesn't bother ABC, because the show makes no reference to religion whatsoever. The simple solution was suggested, perhaps, by an ostrich. "I don't see whether it's ever been established one way or the other (if Starsky is Jewish)," said an ABC executive in New York. "It's just that his name-Dave Starsky-would seem to be Jewish or Polish or Russian. But we don't think it's right in this day and age to categorize people unless their ethnic background is a distinctive element of the plot line." He added that Starsky's speech

The absurdity of ABC's arguments for concealing the truth about Starsky is revealed by its opposite attitude toward another of its shows, which features two characters with a distinctly Jewish ethos, and both are allowed to admit to their heritage.

The show is *Welcome Back Kotter*, and producer James Komack, who is also responsible for *Chico and the Man*, confesses that he is surprised the network did not clamp down on his rampant ethnicity. (In addition to the Jews, the show also features two Blacks, an Italian and a Pole named Horshack, which is supposed to be Polish for "the cattle are dying.")

Welcome Back Kotter stars stand-up comic Gabriel Kaplan as Gabe Kotter, teacher of a gang of high school incorrigibles, and one of his gang is Juan Epstein, television's first Puerto Rican-Jewish character. (Freddie Prinze, of *Chico and the Man* is a Puerto Rican-Jewish actor, but he plays a Chicano.)

Kotter speaks whole Yiddish sentences, tells droll stories with an Eastern European flavor and is blessed with compassion and the ability to imitate Groucho Marx. Epstein, voted the "student most likely to kill," is actually a loveable bully, with expressive saucer eyes and a mischievous grin which conjures up visions of Groucho's brother Harpo.

He speaks a smattering of Yiddish ("Mazel Tov"), is likely to say "Shalom, Amigo," and tells Puerto Rican-Jewish jokes which poke gentle fun at the two ethnic groups' stereotypes. "You think it's easy being a Puerto Rican Jew?" he asks. "Half my brothers are out stealing pants and the other half are out altering them!"

What's more, Epstein wears a mezuza around his neck, giving *Welcome Back Kotter* its second television first. Some rabbis might frown upon this, since mezuzas were meant for doorways and not necks. But considering the dearth of active Jews on television, would anyone deny that a Puerto Rican-Jew who has his own mezuza is a potent symbol of Jewish pride?

The idea for the mezuza came from Robert Hegyes, the actor who plays Epstein. Hegyes has a rather unusual ethnic background himself: Italian-Hungarian with a Jewish grandmother. He is a young New York actor who had originally auditioned for the part of the Italian student, but Komack decided to restructure a character called "the Animal" to accommodate Hegyes' impishness, introducing the dual schisms in the character.

show, with a large audience of children and teenagers, and these viewers are being exposed to the healthy Jewish awareness of two appealing individuals — as effective a counter to anti-Semitism as the creation of a bigot-buffoon like Archie Bunker.

The impressive ratings back up producer Komack's faith in the American public ("they're just groovy about accepting ethnics," he observes) and serves as a guarantee that, unlike Starsky, Epstein and Kotter will not be muzzled, for the cardinal rule of television is that you don't tamper with a proven winner, even if that means disregarding the rule that the only good television Jew is one who also could be mistaken for an Italian.

Marc Silver
Baltimore Jewish Times

JDC Head Planning Research Center

VIENNA — Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, exhausted by his long fight with Dr. Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, has decided to close the center.

In its place, however, Wiesenthal is planning to open a research center for historical studies of the Nazi period.

He gave two reasons for his decision to shut the documentation center, which helped in the search for fugitive Nazi war criminals. One was the pleas of his wife, Zyla, who was unable to stand the tension.

The second was the decision of the landlord to end the contract for the premises, claiming that they had been let as an apartment and not as an office.

Wiesenthal also pointed out that many Nazi war criminals and their victims had died. He expressed the view that because the courts were apparently unwilling to sentence war criminals, a more honorable course would be to proclaim a general amnesty.

The new research center planned by Wiesenthal is to be supported by some \$65,000 contributed by Dutch people after a television program in Holland outlined the Kreisky-Wiesenthal controversy.

Young historians doing research are expected to benefit first by the opening of the new center. Wiesenthal, who has earned substantial royalties by his publications, plans to write more books. He recently dropped the slander writ he had issued against Dr. Kreisky which accused him of resorting to "political Mafia methods" in exposing the Nazi past of Friedrich Peter, the Austrian Freedom Party leader.

Before the October elections, Dr.

Political Cartoons Attack Rabin

JERUSALEM: After 21 months in office, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is finding himself on the defensive and, despite his negotiating achievements, is failing to project the image of confident leadership that former Prime Minister Golda Meir and the late David Ben-Gurion achieved so effortlessly.

In the opinion of Israelis interviewed recently, their country's already tough negotiating position will likely be stiffened and the hawkish mood prevailing there reinforced.

Although he is expected to remain in office for the foreseeable future, Mr. Rabin's critics are challenging everything from his policy decisions to his personal style.

Cartoonists Zero In

Nearly every political cartoon published in the Israeli papers in recent days has zeroed in on Mr. Rabin and his domestic political problems.

In one cartoon Mr. Rabin was pictured pulling a donkey cart under the whip of Mrs. Meir and a group of Labor Party leaders. In another, he was getting a therapeutic needle administered in a sensitive spot by Mrs. Meir.

Mr. Rabin's main political asset at the moment, according to interviews with Israeli politicians and journalists, is the lack of a viable alternative candidate for his job. Defense Minister Shimon Peres is the man most frequently mentioned, but many Israelis seem to distrust him and few are actively promoting him for Prime Minister.

The latest symptom of Mr. Rabin's leadership crisis was the announcement of Mrs. Meir's return to active politics as head of a new top-level, policy-making party-leadership forum. The forum, which is to meet once a week, will in effect serve as a party steering committee that will discuss in advance major decisions on domestic and foreign-policy issues.

Widespread Dissatisfaction

The creation of the forum is in itself a harsh commentary on Mr. Rabin's administration. It is the result of widespread dissatisfaction in the Labor Party with his closed, introspective manner of reaching decisions and his authoritarian

'Independent Palestinian Entity' Called For

UNITED NATIONS, NY — The establishment of an "independent Palestinian entity"

U.S. Moves Harmful

The Prime Minister's political standing has been further eroded by the Ford Administration's recent decisions to reduce military aid to Israel next year and to sell arms to Egypt. The Israeli public regards both moves as signs of a new American "evenhandedness" toward Israel and the Arab states. Since Mr. Rabin has made close relations with Washington, the cornerstone of his foreign policy, his political position has suffered by association.

Israelis are feeling pushed these days — by the United States, by the Arabs, by their own economic difficulties — and their customary reaction is to push back.

"The public and the party are going to be deeply skeptical of any new diplomatic initiatives Rabin proposes in the near future," one Israeli legislator warned. "And with Golda back in action, the chances of significant territorial concessions are almost nonexistent."

technique of announcing them. In some instances, for example, Cabinet ministers have learned of Rabin decisions affecting their departments through news broadcasts.

These tactics, plus Mr. Rabin's tendency to ignore the party leadership in even the most routine matters, led to a full-fledged party crisis. The secretary general, Meir Zarmi, announced his resignation in protest and agreed to retract it only after the new leadership forum was created and the 77-year-old Mrs. Meir agreed to come out of political retirement.

Although the forum is not an official body, it will wield considerable political power. In effect, Mr. Rabin now finds himself dependent on the good-will and approval of his predecessor and a number of party figures he has largely ignored since assuming office. He personally opposed the creation of the forum but, in the words of one Israeli politician, "He had no choice but to accept it and live with it."

The inclusion of Mr. Meir in the forum was perhaps the most striking admission of the party's lack of confidence in Mr. Rabin's leadership qualities. Israeli politicians expect her to provide the political backbone that many Israelis feel Mr. Rabin has failed to display in dealing with the United States and even with sensitive domestic issues.

P.L.O. will moderate its attitudes as a result of stronger ties with Egypt. On occasions in the past Egypt

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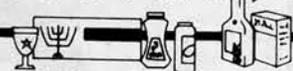
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 Starsky was close to tears when he had to shoot a fleeing criminal and the criminal died of the wound. Can you imagine the man-machines of S.W.A.T. feeling pangs of remorse? Starsky is a humane policeman, one who cares. Would it be so damaging to the show's ratings, which have been consistently good, if ABC would let him admit to being Jewish once in a while? If Jewish viewers were given a positive Jewish figure to identify with, and non-Jewish viewers a Jew they could admire?
 Starsky is played by actor Paul Michael Glaser, who played the role of Perchik, Tevya's revolutionary-minded son-in-law in Fiddler on the Roof.

minorities into *Welcome Back Kotter* for the price of one actor.
 The show itself may seem to be a little silly. At times it seems as if a handful of high school students were told to be amusing for half an hour minus commercial breaks. They make a lot of funny faces.
 Kotter's character doesn't help the situation. There is no way he could continue teaching in most any school, anywhere, judging by his behavior. Mr. Kotter is just one of the boys, inviting students to his apartment for card parties and helping them engineer pranks which embarrass the school's conservative, stuffy administrators. In the high school battle of "us" against "them", he is definitely on the side of "us."
 On the other hand, *Welcome Back Kotter* is ABC's top-rated new



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Party, regarded Peter's party as a potential coalition partner. However, Dr. Kreisky was returned to office with a Socialist majority.
 Wiesenthal accused Peter of having served with a Nazi SS brigade which murdered Jews and others in the Soviet Union during the Second World War.
 Peter admitted serving with the unit, but denied that he was involved in illegal actions. He later issued a libel writ against Wiesenthal.

Mexican Zionism Encourages Tours

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Congress, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Council of Jewish Women announced that they would resume travel programs to Mexico, effective at once, in response to Mexico's newly clarified position on Zionism.

The three organizations made the following statement:
 "We note the recent finding by a subcommittee of the conference of presidents of major American Jewish organizations that since the vote on the original UN resolution (equating Zionism with racism) there has been a 'decided reversal' in Mexico's attitude toward Zionism. We note further the refusal of the Mexican government in recent weeks to support comparable resolutions in other international forums which also impliedly condemn Zionism. In the light of these factors, our organizations have determined that effective at once we are resuming our travel programs to Mexico."

ARAB FEMINISTS
 BRUSSELS: Israeli and Arab feminists shared the platform during the five-day International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women here which was attended by 1,000 women from 28 countries.
 The tribunal adopted a resolution introduced by Marcia Freedman, a member of the independent socialist faction in the Israeli Knesset, calling on Israel and Arab women to recognize jointly that "our oppression is by men and not by opposing nationalities."

RELIGIOUS SOLDIERS
 JERUSALEM: The number of religious soldiers in the Israeli Defense Forces has increased steadily over the past few years. Commanders vie with one another to have them in their units. There is still, however, a disproportionately low number of officers among them. Efforts are now being made to encourage religious high school graduates to join up. At the present time, several thousand still seek deferment for their yeshiva studies.

same time they voiced their strong backing of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and restated their earlier requests that the Geneva conference on the Middle East be reconvened.
 In an address to the new committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Egyptian position on Middle East issues was outlined by Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Cairo's delegate to the United Nations.

Mexican Zionism Encourages Tours

Listeners noted that the Egyptian delegate refrained from attacks on Israel, beyond asserting that the Palestinian people's fundamental rights had been "usurped," their economic wealth "looted" and their contribution to civilization denied.
 "The Palestinian question should be considered in the context of the constant and necessary efforts to preserve international peace and security," Dr. Meguid said in what sounded like a rejection of what is known in the Arab world as "confrontation" strategy.

Israel is not represented in the 20-nation committee which was formed to press Palestinian claims, and has served notice it will not cooperate with the body.
 Diplomats said after the Egyptian delegate's speech that they had detected a new warmth in his remarks about the P.L.O. They recalled recent speculation about cooling relations between the Palestinian guerrilla organization and the Syrian Government, long a major supporter of the guerrillas.

A possible rapprochement between the P.L.O. and Egypt, these observers remarked, might be a facet of continuing rivalry between Cairo and Damascus. It remains to be seen, a Middle East specialist observed, whether the

Liberation Organization and its leader, Yasir Arafat. Dr. Meguid asserted today, "Egypt's position has always been one of supporting and strengthening the P.L.O. by all means."
 He added that Egypt was convinced that the guerrilla organization could "always make a substantial contribution to all efforts seeking to establish a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Returning Palestinians Could Pose Threat

UNITED NATIONS — The Palestine Liberation Organization believes that Israel can be destroyed if Palestinian refugees are allowed to return to their homes and property which they left in 1948 and 1949, a right which the PLO's observer at the United Nations claims is inherent in UN resolutions. The PLO observer, Zehdi Labib Terzi, told the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Right of the Palestinian People, that the return of the Palestinians "would alter the demographic balance of Israel to such an extent that it would destroy its (Israel's) Zionist exclusionist character." Terzi said only after this return was accomplished could the Palestinians set up a separate State. He said the return should be conducted in two stages in the West Bank and Gaza and then to what is now Israel.

LOST \$14 MILLION
 JERUSALEM: Estimates here indicate that El Al, Israel's airline, will lose nearly \$14 million this financial year, which ends in March. Last year was the first time in its history that the airline was in the red, but then it was only by a very small sum.

Study Shows Canadian Intermarriage at 20%

TORONTO: One out of five Canadian Jews who was married in 1973 married a non-Jewish partner, according to a recent study by Morton Weinfeld, a 26-year-old sociologist and former president of McGill University Hillel in Montreal.
 His findings, based on Canadian census statistics, showed that of the total of 4,541 Canadian Jews who married in 1973, 807 married non-Jews. No statistics are yet available for 1974 and 1975.
 The figures represent a 2.4 per cent increase over 1972, the biggest percentage increase since 1962, when a 2.8 per cent rise was recorded over the 1961 figure of 7.4 per cent.
 In his report, believed to be the first of its kind in Canada, Weinfeld

said that intermarriage had been increasing in the country since the years 1926-1930 when there was a rate of 2.5 per cent.
 The higher intermarriage trend in the 1960s and early 1970s is evident from a leap of 7.4 per cent to 17.8 per cent in the 13 years from 1961 to 1973.
 Weinfeld said that more Jewish men than women intermarried. Of the 807 Jews who married out in 1973, a total of 449 were men and 358 were women.
 In the 1971 census, 297,000 Canadians were registered as being of Jewish origin. Of these 276,000 said that they were Jews by religion. Some 12,000 of the remaining 21,000 were registered as being of "other" or "no religion."

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DONOR KICKOFF: A donor kickoff was held, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Leo Schwartz, Ninth Street, by local B'nai B'rith women. The annual quota dinner will be held this year on Thursday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m., Temple Emanu-El. Pictured above, left to right, are Mrs. Harry Davis, quota co-chairman; John Newman, ad book co-chairman; Mrs. Joseph Berlinsky, Roger Williams Chapter quota chairman; Mrs. Leon Nachbar, Hope Chapter donor book chairman; Mrs. Emanuel Forman, Roger Williams Chapter quota dinner chairman; Mrs. Samuel Shlevin, national commissioner of community volunteer services for B'nai B'rith and speaker for the evening; Mrs. Louis Zuckerman, Hope Chapter fund raising vice president; Mrs. Lawrence Priest, vice president of the New England B'nai B'rith Council. Not present for the picture taking were Mrs. Leonard Sholes, Roger Williams Chapter quota dinner cochairman and Mrs. Gerald Staub, Hope Chapter quota chairman.

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Panovs Of Russia Will Dance With Eglevsky Ballet

Valery and Galina Panov, the celebrated Russian ballet stars, will dance two performances with the Eglevsky Ballet Company at the Music Hall in Boston, Monday and Tuesday, April 12 and 13, at 8:30 p.m. The engagement is part of a national tour presented by Danny Deeds, a Columbus, Ohio, impresario. Walter Pierce is local manager.

The Panovs were leading dancers with the Leningrad Kirov Ballet until they applied for exit visas from the Soviet Union. Soviet officials launched a personal harassment campaign against the couple which aroused world-wide sympathy and protest for the young artists. Panov, who is half-Jewish, was stripped of his status as "honored artist," dropped from the Kirov company and labeled a "hooligan" because he applied for permission to emigrate to Israel. His wife, Galina, is not Jewish. She was demoted from her rank as soloist and assigned to the *corps de ballet*. She left the company in protest over the demotion.

whose founder and director is the celebrated former ballet star Andre Eglevsky.

Box office ticket sales opened Monday, March 15, at the Music Hall. Box office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Mail orders may be sent to the Music Hall, 268 Tremont Street, Boston 02116.

Jewish Reaction Induced By Rotarian Nominee

BOSTON: Concern that an ex-Nazi may be elected president of the International Rotary Club was expressed in a recent letter from Albert Scholassberg, president of the Jewish community council of metropolitan Boston, to Boston rotary club president John Harriman.

Wrote Mr. Scholassberg, "The Jewish community holds the International Rotary Club in high esteem and recognizes its fine civic and humanitarian work. The election of a known ex-Nazi to this organization would be deplorable."

Following two years of persecution and extensive pressure from the West, Soviet authorities granted the couple exit visas and they departed for Israel.

The Panovs made their American debut in early 1975 in Philadelphia in a gala ballet program. Since then they have been linked with the San Francisco Ballet and have appeared as solo artists in ballet programs throughout the country. The current tour brings them together with the Eglevsky Ballet Company

A recent Jewish telegraphic agency report stated that Wolfgang Wick of Austria has been nominated for the office of world president of the International Rotary Club. Elections will be held at the Rotary convention in June in New Orleans.

Mr. Scholassberg asked the Boston Rotary president to share the Jewish community council's concern with the national Rotary office.

Editor's Mailbox

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during the three and a half years that I have been here. No people have ever been asked to give more than the Israeli. He has been giving his life and bread for his survival. You, who venture forth from the states and make your vacation trip to Israel do not have the time in your spot jumping here to realize just how bad things are for the people who have to survive, day to day, in this little world of trouble. You go away ignorant — yes, ignorant of the problems here. It takes more than courage to stick it out here.

I hope in another piece that I

will submit soon to tell you more of what is going on here. It may surprise some of you to know that I am still a champion for Aliya. Life isn't forever, no matter what your comforts are. Israel has been a dream for Jews for thousands of years. If you have something to contribute to Israel and you are a person whose idealism is stronger than fear — come and help us. "Life isn't forever," my friends. The mark of time is set for all of us. What we do with the days we are granted make the difference.

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Rabbi Irwin H. Fishbein, director of the Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling in Westfield and Whippany, has been admitted to the status of fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), it was announced by Stanley Green, chairman of the Center's board of trustees. He is one of six rabbis in this 1,200 member organization to have achieved this distinction. AAPC was founded in 1963 for the purpose of providing

certification for ordained clergymen who have been trained in psychotherapy and are engaged in special ministries of counseling.

Rabbi Fishbein, who has received training in psychotherapy, marriage and family counseling at the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute, division of the Institutes of Religion and Health in New York, is the second member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to be a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors and a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. The other Rabbi is Edwin Friedman of Bethesda, Maryland.

The Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling offers individual, marriage, family and group counseling to area residents.

22 Concerns Pledge Non-Involvement

NEW YORK: According to Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, assurance has been received from 24 leading United States concerns that they would not become involved in the Arab boycott of Israel.

The pledges came as the result of a nationwide drive started by the American Jewish Congress last December, requiring American concerns to tell their shareholders if they were participating in the boycott.

The 22 concerns that replied with assurances they would not comply with the boycott were named at a news conference Tuesday in Stephen Wise Congress House, 15 East 84th Street, at which Rabbi Hertzberg praised their action as an encouragement to others to defy the boycott.

Rabbi Hertzberg said that hundreds of other American concerns and some leading banks were submitting to the boycott. He spoke of "the American industry's craven surrender" to the Arab boycott. The 22 companies were:

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Miss Rifkin is employed as a medical technologist in the microbiology department at Hartford Hospital. Mr. Cogan is senior graphic designer in the advertising department at Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. A September 12, 1976, wedding is planned.

Drug Addiction Rampant In Israeli Society

JERUSALEM — Aharon Barak, attorney general, told the cabinet that according to estimates by the health ministry there are about 1600 chronic drug addicts in Israel and about 100,000 persons using drugs, mainly hashish, but are not categorized as addicts. He also noted that Israel has no facilities for curing drug addiction, except in mental hospitals and many persons desiring a cure refuse to be placed in mental institutions.

Barak appeared before the cabinet to elaborate on his recent report on drug use and abuse in Israel, a subject that made the headlines recently when the use of drugs by high school students was revealed. The public was shocked to learn that the drug users came from affluent homes as well as from poverty families and that drug "pushers" were active at many schools.

Barak stressed that the figures contained in his report were only estimates. But he noted that they were not static. He estimated that the

number of chronic drug users increases by about 150 persons a year. The attorney general called for a clear national policy to deal with the problem and recommended the establishment of a central narcotics bureau to formulate policy and combat the use of narcotics, especially "hard" drugs.

He also urged the establishment of drug clinics where addicts could seek cures without the stigma of being committed to a mental institution. Barak noted that drug use rose sharply in Israel after the 1967 Six-Day War when the West Bank became a conduit for drugs originating in Jordan. He said that according to police, one of the chief centers of the flourishing drug market in Israel is East Jerusalem.

AIC CHARGED

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice has filed a suit in the U.S. District Court here charging Arab Information Center in New York City and its director, Amin Hilmy II, with violating federal registration requirements in connection with a propaganda campaign for the Arab League.

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2. "Howbeit the first day ye shall have put away leaven out of your houses." (Exodus 12,15)
3. "And there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy borders." (Exodus 13,7)
4. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses. (Exodus 12,19)
5. "There shall no leavened bread be eaten." (Exodus 13,3)
6. "Ye shall eat nothing leavened." (Exodus 12,10)

7. "Thou shalt eat no leavened bread." (Deuteronomy 16,3)
8. "Remember this day in which ye came out from Egypt." (Exodus 13,3)
9. "And thou shalt tell thy son in that day." (Exodus 13,8)

What Is Chometz?

Any wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt (one of the five different kinds of grain), which has been in contact with "water" be it through rain, soaking or cooking must be considered as chometz since fermentation surely must have set in. However, the moistening with water turns the grain into chometz only after the stalks have been cut off the ground. Once the grain is disconnected from the ground it does not matter whether the moistening takes place before or after the threshing. The above mentioned five kinds of grain are also the only five kinds of grain from which we are allowed to bake the Matzah for use on Pesach, although generally flour of wheat is taken.

prohibition of ownership and possession of chometz — "Chometz shall not be seen and not be found." That implies that during Pesach chometz must not be within our direct ownership or even indirect ownership for which we are responsible. Chometz should neither be seen nor be found with us in our premises, precincts or borders even if it is not actually in our dwelling house, c) The duty to remove chometz from our homes and premises. "Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall have put away leaven out of your houses."

Chometz on Pesach

A rabbinical decree prohibits eating and drinking of chometz from the beginning of the fifth hour of the fifth-twelfth of the day. However, any use other than eating and drinking is only prohibited.

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Matzah Shemurah

The duty of watching the grain from which matzohs for Pesach are baked to ensure that there is no fermentation by water begins long before, the grain has been milled into flour. With ordinary matzohs this rigid supervision begins from the time of milling however, for the matzohs used for the Seder night which are called *Matzah shemurah* the supervision against fermentation begins from the time of harvesting.

US Plane Delivery A Potential Danger

WASHINGTON — Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz described the projected U.S. delivery of six C-130 troop transport planes to Egypt as "a dangerous course of action" and urged those seeking a Middle East settlement to help divert Egyptian policy from one leading to war to negotiations for peace.

Dinitz addressed the International Biennial Convention of B'nai B'rith Women at the Shoreham Americana Hotel, being attended by more than 1,000 members from eight countries, including a group of more than 40 from Israel.

Referring to the American position in the Middle East, he said that Israel has never demanded exclusivity in its relations with the United States and never ignored the necessity of the United States to develop friendly relations with other countries in the Middle East. In particular, he said, Israel was mindful of the importance the U.S. attaches to its relations with Egypt and the necessity to maintain a dominant American posture in the Middle East.

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NEW YORK — Gov. Hugh Carey officially designated the Central Synagogue, a Moorish-style structure housing a Reform Congregation in Manhattan's affluent upper East Side, as a national-historical landmark. The turreted building, built in 1872 and the oldest synagogue in continuous use in New York City, was designated a landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior in 1966. Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman is spiritual leader of the congregation of 1025 families.

RABIN PESSIMISTIC

JERUSALEM — Premier Yitzhak Rabin promised the Knesset Feb. 29, that the government would do all it could to persuade the U.S. not to sell arms to Saudi Arabia, but he did not sound too optimistic that this persuasion would help.

'Look Homeward Angel' Is Fine Brown Theatre Fare

BARBARA WRONSKI

Brown University's recent production of *Look Homeward, Angel*, directed by Don B. Wilmeth, proved a highly skilled demonstration of the troupe's stage expertise. The play, a Ketti Fring adaptation of Thomas Wolfe's novel by the same name, was presented as part of a series of Bicentennial offerings by the Brown University Theatre. The play will run again this Friday through Sunday, March 26 through March 28, at the Faunce House Theatre, Waterman Street, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling 863-2838.

The play is, refreshingly, not of the usual bicentennial order and is being used primarily as a representative American work. It is set in 1916 and concerns a boy's individual struggle for liberation from family ties.

It has been noted that the work is heavily autobiographical of Wolfe, himself, and involves a home dominated by a materialistic mother who is married to a frustrated artist and dreamer. Apparently Wolfe fooled no one by changing his characters' name: because he was disowned by his family for many years following its publication.

Mr. Wilmeth, a ninth-year professor in Brown's theatre department, commented in regard to Fring's heavy editing of the novel, "I think the play is superior to the novel, and it is one of the few plays I know about going to college." The revolving set, designed by Ken Brown, was apparently difficult to construct, but it proved very versatile and allowed for rapid

changes between scenes.

Elizabeth Ulen and Vic Sauerhoff play the parents, Michael Rozansky appears as Eugene Gant, and Mark Peckham as Ben Gant.

NEW ZOA PUBLICIST

NEW YORK — Nathan Freedman has been appointed director of the communications and publicity department of the Zionist Organization of America, according to Leon Ilutovich, national ZOA executive director. Freedman served as director of public



Vic Sauerhoff as W.O. Gant and Michael Rozansky as his son, Eugene in *Look Homeward Angel* at Faunce House Theatre, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 p.m.

fact inundate the military government with requests to have their relatives (now living freely and happily with their brethren in independent Arab countries) join them?

Then why has Arab propaganda managed to make sure inroads in Western public opinion? Here Israeli policy is to blame in two respects. In the first place, Israel initially refused to apply to the occupied territories the Fourth Geneva Convention, of 1949, relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. Fortunately, Israel is now gradually abandoning this untenable position.

The second point is that self-righteous Israeli indignation at preposterous Arab allegations, and Israel's refusal to submit to an impartial on-the-spot inquiry, have boomeranged. The one way to defeat Arab propaganda is to permit a serious fact-finding inquiry by an objective body with impeccable credentials. The difficulty is to find

an international panel, which while acceptable to Israel would be beyond reproach to the Arabs. The UN Human Rights Commission has disqualified itself in its numerous irresponsible resolutions: Israel is long past the point of final disillusionment with this organ.

The only truly impartial investigative body that I can think of for the purpose at hand is the European Commission of Human Rights. There are legal problems preventing Israel from acceding to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, but with goodwill this can be surmounted. Allowing Israel to accede to the Convention, and enabling the European Commission to conduct a searching examination of the situation in the territories occupied by Israel may be the most effective way in which Western Europe can contribute to a greater measure of trust between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East.

Israeli Record On Human Rights

Following is a continuation of last weeks article by Yoram Dinstein, Professor of International Law at Tel Aviv University, wherein he further considers the political and propaganda problems raised over the territories occupied by Israel.

Having been frustrated in the recourse to arms, the Arabs were expected — at least by Israel — to hold out the olive branch. The Government of Israel has assumed, since 1967, that the spectre of the occupied territories will drive the Arabs to the negotiating table and ultimately to peace. But peace is a price which the Arab Governments seem to regard as far too high. Desirous of arriving at a given destination (return of the occupied territories), and unwilling to pay the customary transport fee (peace), the Arabs have opted for an unorthodox vehicle based on the principle of a free ride.

The idea is simplicity itself. Use a constant barrage of propaganda to level charges of infinite violations of human rights by Israel in the occupied territories. Proceed relentlessly and vigorously without being confused by facts or deterred by figures. Lay into it with charges of devastation, deprivation, deportation and degradation. Finally people are bound to believe that there is some truth in the accusations.

Once a well-oiled propaganda machine operates smoothly and effectively, it is not easy for an objective observer to orientate himself. Nevertheless, when all else fails there is one acid test which should prove very useful. When the observance of human rights in a given area is in doubt, check whether people complain about not being permitted in or out of its boundaries. When people insist on the right to emigrate from a workers' paradise (*vide* Soviet Jews), there is every reason to believe that they are less than impressed with the paradisaical aspects of life back home. On the other hand, when people clamour to be admitted into an area where life is supposedly hell on earth, there is room for doubt as to the fiendish conditions existing in that place.

Israeli policy in the territories is depicted as an exercise in diabolical cruelty. Yet there is no rush out of the territories over the open bridges of the River Jordan. How does it happen that people remain and in



Rehearsals have begun for the world premiere production of *Eustace Chisolm and the Works*, adapted from the James Purdy novel by Adrian Hall and Richard Cumming. It is set in Chicago during the Great Depression and presents the humor and suffering of several young people striving to find themselves. "All of us are involved in interlocking relationships, but no two people have the same relationship to one person. Eustace is the hub around which everyone in the play revolves. These are people with nothing but dreams and the need to find the way. They are very extraordinary, ordinary people," comments Adrian Hall, director. The production, designed by Eugene Lee in the downstairs Lederer Playhouse, will begin April 2. For further information about performances and tickets call the box office at (401)351-4242

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Q: I have 1,500 shares of American Home Products (NYSE) and have been advised to sell 300 shares to put the money in the bank. The reason being that the dividend was low and the shares at a standstill. What is your opinion on this matter? E.W.

A: American Home Products derives 39% of sales and 59% of earnings for prescription drugs, with Ovril, an oral contraceptive, and Premarin, an estrogen compound, its two major products. Premarin, used in the treatment of menopausal problems, contains synthetic estrogen, a hormone which has been implicated as a carcinogen. The adverse effect of this disclosure, plus the persistent and negative publicity on birth control pills, will probably continue to restrict market action in these shares.

Although the yield on this drug stock is a modest 3%, the dividend has tripled in the last decade. Sales and earnings have grown proportionately in that period. However, a slowdown in this rate of growth seems probable, reflecting aggressive competition in its Anacin and Woolite lines, loss of distributing-licensing rights for Imperial Chemical, and from the sheer size of this \$2.3 billion giant. While long-term prospects remain promising, the short-term-outlook is sluggish. Lightening your \$50,000 commitment in this one issue seems prudent. I would question the advisability of putting the money in the bank. Investing in a high quality, high yield issue such as American Brands (NYSE) or INA Corp. (NYSE) would be much more to my liking.

Q: I was left some stock in a will at the end of last year. I have received dividends on some of these

shares but not on Union Carbide and Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric. I can find Union Carbide listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Where is Iowa-Illinois listed? Do these stocks pay dividends? I.L.

A: I presume that by now you have received a check from both companies which pay dividends on March, June, September and December 1. Iowa-Illinois G&E trades on the New York Stock Exchange at about \$18-\$19. The March 1 distribution was at the rate of 43¢ a share, up from 39¢ in the previous quarter. Union Carbide's most recent payment was 62 1/2¢ per share.

If these dividends have not been received yet, write to the corporate secretary for each company. At Union Carbide, address R.A. Boysen, 270 Park Avenue, New York 10017. J.C. Decker is secretary-treasurer at Iowa-Illinois, 206 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52808.

Planning Ahead for Secure Future

Q: We are retiring on a \$14,000 income in about two or three years and would like your comments on our projected plans. A list of our holdings is enclosed. We intend to transfer our E Bonds to H Bonds for retirement income. Does the interest rate go back to 4% when these are converted? Should we hold our mutual funds until they break even, transfer to income funds or money market funds? R.D.

A: At the end of the first six months of holding the H Bonds, you will receive \$21 per \$1,000 bond, a rate of 4.2%. The next nine payments are \$29 per \$1,000 or 5.8%. From there on they yield 6.5% or \$32.56 per \$1,000. Why not begin transferring some of your \$10,000 in E Bonds now so that when you retire you will be getting the intermediate rate? After retirement,

the small investment in municipal bonds could be switched to a higher yielding taxable issue.

If you are not already doing so, I would advise reinvesting all distributions in your three mutual funds. This is a particularly important factor in portfolio building with mutual funds. Furthermore, I see no reason to disturb any of these funds until after retirement, since each has had an excellent long-term record. At that time, Mass. Investors Growth should be exchanged for Mass. Income Development, Babson Investment for Babson Income and Investment Corporation of America for American Income Fund or Bond Fund of America. Yields on these range from 5.9% up to 7.4%. Shares of US Fidelity & Guaranty (NYSE) should be held and added to, if possible.

Getting Ready For Passover

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ited from the beginning of the sixth hour, the sixth-twelfth of the day, so that one may sell chometz until then.

Relative Hours

The hours of the day we referred to are called *sha'ahs zemaniyohs* — whose length is not always sixty minutes, but depends on the length of the day, and this of course changes with the time of the year. A day at the time of Pesach, which is spring time, contains more than twelve hours. The day is counted from dawn until nightfall — and according to other views from sunrise until sunset. The amount of hours of the day is divided by twelve and thus we arrive at the length of an hour which, at the time of Pesach, is more than sixty minutes. For instance, if the day lasts from 4:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. and therefore has fifteen hours, then it is permitted to eat chometz until 9 o'clock in the morning. To make use of it other than by eating is permitted for another twelfth of the day, an hour and a quarter longer, that is till 10:20 a.m. As the length of the day is different in various places, it is necessary to find out the exact times during which eating and using chometz are permitted.

Sale of Chometz

Since the rabbi has to be appointed as "Agent" by each individual seller of chometz and since particulars of the items to be sold have to be given to him, a representative of each household in question has to visit the rabbi during the days preceding Pesach to arrange this matter, which is a serious one. The authorization of the rabbi as agent for the sale of chometz is effected through the signing of a document and the traditional "kabalas kinyan" — act of acquisition on his part.

The formulation of the *contract of sale* makes it clear that the sale is an absolute one, and the non-Jewish buyer is under no obligation to return or resell the chometz. The rebuying by the Jewish seller after Pesach is entirely dependent on the free decision and goodwill of the non-Jewish purchaser.

For any additional information regarding the usage of certain commodities on Pesach, kashering utensils — that were used all year round — in honor of the holiday, etc., etc., please ask your rabbi.

Warmest feeling and best wishes for a kosher Passover holiday. May true freedom become engraved upon the tablets of human hearts everywhere.

Amsterdam Politicos Shocked By Dutch Jew's Execution

AMSTERDAM — Leaders of all Dutch political parties have expressed horror and outrage over Iraq's execution of a Dutch-born Jew, Leon Aaronson, and that country's insistence, until recently, that Aaronson was alive although he was hanged in Baghdad three months ago. The permanent foreign affairs committee of the Dutch parliament has submitted a number of questions on the matter to Max Van Der Stoel, foreign minister, who is currently on an official visit to Turkey.

The Iraqis, who finally admitted carrying out their death sentence against Aaronson, continued to insist that he was an Israeli spy. The Iraqi charge d'affaires at the Hague, Ismail Al Khadi, told newsmen, after being summoned to the Foreign Ministry, that "it has been proved that Aaronson is an Israeli citizen and as a Zionist spy who caused my country much damage and suffering, he was sentenced to death by an Iraqi court and executed."

Aaronson, a male nurse, devoted his life to helping the sick and injured in underdeveloped countries of Africa and Asia, and was on a medical mission to the Kurds in Northern Iraq when he was seized by Iraqi soldiers last March 24. Dutch authorities noted that even if Aaronson held dual citizenship — and there is no evidence to bear this out — he was still a subject of the Netherlands where he was born and where his wife, children and parents live.

Jan Beerkmans, a member of parliament of the progressive party, recalled that he inquired about Aaronson when he visited Iraq last January. He said he was given to understand by various Iraqi officials at the time, including the un-

dersecretary for Foreign Affairs, that Aaronson was still alive. He said he was shocked to learn that the man had been executed three months ago. Beerkmans said that in view of the "present humanitarian climate in Iraq which seeks approaches to Western countries," Aaronson's execution was astonishing.

Rienko Wilton a Dutch journalist, was probably one of the last Westerners to see Aaronson alive. He said he met him in Kurdistan last March when Iraqi troops were advancing on the Kurds. Against all advice, Aaronson marched in the direction of the approaching Iraqi troops, Wilton said, on a radio interview. Wilton said Aaronson was in possession of a new Dutch passport but he had thrown away all of his documents and was dressed as a Kurd.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi ambassador to the Benelux countries, Sayid Mukhlis, who resides in Brussels, claimed that he had the flu and could not come to Hague where he had been summoned by the Dutch Government in connection with Aaronson's death.

COST OF LIVING UP

JERUSALEM: As of April 1 the cost of living in Israel will take another jump forward as government subsidies are removed from the price of domestic travel and certain other consumer items. The price of bread is expected to go up by 50%, and the cost of domestic travel by 20%.

In addition, a new regulation has taken effect which increases the tax on air tickets abroad from IL 750 to IL 1250. The cost to Israelis of U.S. dollars needed for their travels abroad will also be increased by 15%.

Lon Cerel's Act Shines With Magic And Humor

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has been added to the show. Tickets for this performance, which is being sponsored by the PC psychology department, may be obtained at the PC student union (Slavin Center) or may be purchased at the door.

Mr. Cerel describes his telepathic powers as "tongue-in-cheek ESP" or "extra-sensory deception." He is able to bend objects by employing "mentalism," which he says is different from using psychic power and which he defines as ESP in combination with sleight-of-hand techniques. Psychometry is another of his arts in which he can concen-

trate on an object and tell someone to whom that object belongs. "I never take my work too seriously. I let my audiences jump to their own conclusions." Currently using his "magical powers" to put himself through college, he has been known to escape from a regulation straightjacket while suspended by his heels. "In my senior year of high school, they hung me from the goalpost. I said I'd escape in 60 seconds...Go ahead, you're supposed to ask me what happens if I don't escape. I tell everyone that I allow myself 70 seconds."

He learned his straightjacket escape from the late John Percival

who studied under Harry Houdini himself.

His most recent illusion, the zig-zag girl (cutting a girl into thirds) is considered to be the world's most baffling mystery. Created by Robert Harbin of England three or four years ago, the copyrights on the act were released a short time ago. "It is much more difficult to cut a girl into thirds than to cut her in half. The whole midsection is removed." Asked if he had experienced any mishaps, Mr. Cerel replied, "Not yet."

Some of his shows also feature a six-foot guillotine, an act which requires an audience volunteer. Particularly when doing a children's show, he demonstrates his ability in balloon sculpture, manipulating single balloons into artistic balloon sculptures of animals, fruits and other objects.

Mr. Cerel also performs magic with live doves, for which he employs the authentic Blackstone vanishing bird cage, invented by Harry Blackstone. "I've worked with doves, rabbits, goldfish and hamsters." When asked what he did with all the animals he made appear out of thin air, he said, "I make them disappear again!"

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cerel of Warwick who own Cerel's Jewelers in Pawtucket, Wampanoag Mall in East Providence, Lincoln Mall and Harbour Mall in Fall River, Mr. Cerel is single, a member of Temple Beth Am and past president of Lamalah AZA. Among the numerous benefits he performs, he will be appearing at the Jewish Home for the Aged on April 25.

Although he is rightfully considered a one-man show, his acts are assisted by Colleen Callaghan, also of Warwick, who has worked with him for one year. "But I'm always interested in finding additional people to help out in my acts," Mr. Cerel interjected. He added that prior experience was not necessary, but that devotion was because so much time is involved in order to instruct an assistant properly. He may be reached in this regard through the PC student union (Slavin Center) on Brown Street.

Mr. Cerel has been interested in magic since he was five years old, when he used to watch Mark Wilson's Magic Land of Allakazam" on TV. He first prac-

liced magic in 1964, when his grandmother gave him a magic set for his ninth birthday. Asked about what his first performance was like, Mr. Cerel responded, "It was horrifying! It was a birthday party and I did some bad acts. They offered me \$5, but I wouldn't take it because I knew I didn't deserve it!"

He has made a movie, *Seven Stages of Man*, which is available for private showings. The production cites examples from Shakespeare. In the summer months he has been acting with the Young Rhode Island Shakespeare Theatre, which is directed by Bob Colonna. This summer, however, he plans to find employment doing night club acts, preferably in the Catskills.

For several years he co-starred on the Saturday morning "Captain Rocky" cartoon show, performing magic between feature cartoons. Last year, hired by Dave Gavitt, he performed during halftime at the Providence Civic Center, creating balloon sculpture and demonstrating his sleight-of-hand talents.

Other benefits he participates in include two annual shows at Ladd School, the Jerry Lewis Muscular Distrophy Telethon and the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon.

Mr. Cerel stresses that anyone who is interested in magic need not invest a lot of money when first starting out. There is a private collection of 1200 books at the Providence Public Library which was donated by John Percival. He would also like it to be known that he is, for hire to perform at any functions and, again, may be contacted through the PC student union. His three shows include "Sorcery with Smiles," a full-stage children's show; an "Evening of Magic & ESP," geared toward adult entertainment; and home birthday party performances.

A member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians — William E. Baker Ring 44, Mr. Cerel tells us that yes, in fact, his psychology background does help him to perform. He feels it has given him the insight to read his audience and know how to perform for them. When he completes his Bachelor's degree, his plans are to continue in a graduate school program in either clinical psychology or counseling, preferably working with children.

He feels that children are the most critical audience, because they often insist upon understanding everything they see. On the other hand, he feels that performing for one's peers is the most difficult and most challenging.

Conf. Declaration On Soviet Jewry

Editor's Note: The following declaration was issued by the delegates assembled at the Second World Conference on Soviet Jewry which met in Brussels, Belgium, Feb. 19.

WE, delegates assembled at this Second Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry, representing Jewish communities in every continent, declare to our brethren in the Soviet Union:

WE are with you in your struggle. We share your faith. We honor your courage. You are not alone!

Together we work towards the same future, identify with the same experiences, respond to the same memories. The Jewish destiny that unites us is one and inseparable, our common tradition — indestructible.

WE salute those from every sector of society, every race and religion — in government, parliament, science, law, education, the arts, labor, commerce and industry — who have joined with us in the cause of the Jews of the USSR.

WE call on all men and women of conscience, and all governments cherishing humanitarian ideals, to speak out on behalf of Jews of the USSR. We have the right and duty to say to them, a generation after the Holocaust, that they dare not remain silent in face of the renewed threats confronting the Jewish people. History has taught that these threats imperil human rights everywhere.

WE abhor and condemn anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, whether under the guise of prejudice towards the Jewish religion or false accusations against Israel and Zionism.

WE state that the equation of Zionism and racism by the Government of the Soviet Union and other regimes is a calumny against Israel and against Jews everywhere. Those who exploit this mockery of truth give aid and comfort to the enemies of liberty, peace, justice and human brotherhood.

WE declare that Jewish people, deriving immeasurable strength and spirit from the State of Israel, shall resist and overcome those who seek to thwart its rightful aspirations.

WE have listened to the messages of our brethren in the Soviet Union, declaring their determination to emigrate to Israel and follow the 100,000 Jews from the Soviet Union who have succeeded in reaching the Jewish state.

WE proclaim our faith and pride in their fortitude, which adds new depth to the Jewish spirit.

WE have heard the statements and commitments of delegations of Jewish communities from throughout the world. All affirm that the Jewish people has never stood more united in solidarity with the Jews of the USSR and with Israel, where so many of them seek their freedom and fulfillment as Jews.

NOW, THEREFORE:
At the close of this Second Brussels Conference, we call upon the Soviet Union:

—To respect its own Constitution and laws, to fulfill its
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House Authorizes Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON — The House authorized by a 240-169 vote a foreign aid bill with a ceiling of \$4.8 billion for the current fiscal year ending June 30. It also approved an additional 25 percent or \$1.2 billion for the transitional period between the end of the current fiscal year and the start of the new one on Oct. 1. But the bill appropriating the funds for the aid program, does not include money for the transitional quarter. The Ford Administration has not asked for funds for the transitional quarter and has left the decision to Congress. Israel is to get \$2.55 billion in this year's budget and would get another \$556 million if the transitional appropriation is approved.

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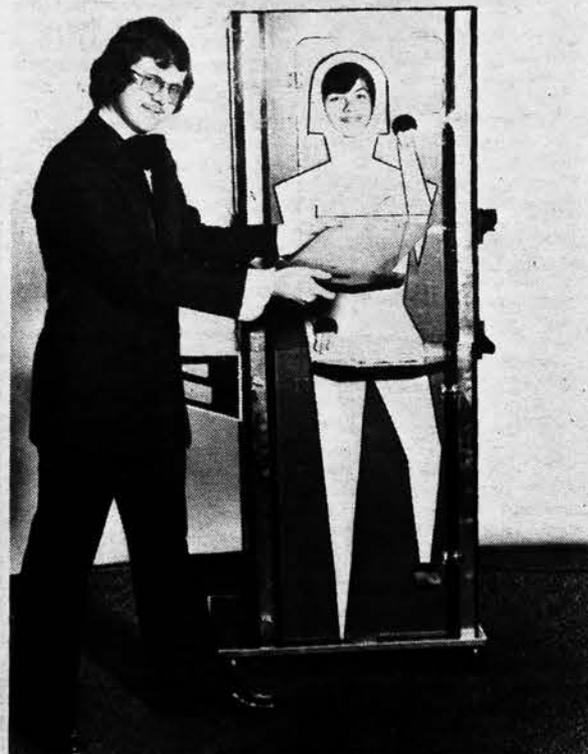
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Facing the Future In the Present

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wonder why. Not only do they wonder why, they also come to conclusions and act upon their basis. And they do so with remarkable speed. There is no hesitating. They do and they listen, all at once.

Let us look at ourselves, therefore, to discern the problem we have handed on for our children to work out. For a century, the condition of the Jewish people, Israel, has occupied our minds. There has been no alternative. I need not rehearse our tragic history as a people. We have had to center our attention upon our condition in the world. But alongside we have neglected our inner life, the rational construction of our minds and the revision of reality to respond to what is in our minds. We Jews do not perceive the world as Judaic tradition interprets it; nor do we see the world through other intellectual perspectives. Our tasks have scarcely allowed us to ask Judaic questions and seek Judaic answers, to interpret what happens in the context of the enduring perspectives of Torah. Indeed, the persistent tasks to be done for Israel, the Jewish people, have demanded otherwise. To survive in this world we have had to learn its ways and accept its disciplines. The world, alas, is our school. It imparts its meanings upon being Jewish. The world imposes upon us acute consciousness of 'being Jewish' with little pity and no sympathy. Education in the Judaic imperatives takes place in the arenas of world opinion and in the headlines of newspapers. We have not enjoyed a moment of benign neglect, but an epoch of malignant attention.

But that has meant we could go on 'being Jewish' by devoting our public selves to that aspect of our being. Our private lives, our inner reflections, our search and sense for individual meanings — these are unattended to. We are a generation of public commitment to Jewish affairs, and private neglect of the Jewish life. Devotion to Jewish activities and indifference to their inner meaning and direction share the same national soul.

'Land of Immigrants: Unfinished Agenda'

The following is New York Times article by Israel Shenker.

"Man has risen above the inclination to attribute excesses of nature to God's anger. And yet today, when the wind roared and a torrent descended and electricity flickered and died, how could one be sure that a speaker at the conference here on the American Jewish experience had not incurred the wrath of Jehovah?" questioned Israel Shenker, rhetorically, in response to a three-day B'nai B'rith meeting on "Land of Immigrants: The Unfinished Agenda."

Mr. Shenker continued, "Prof. Seymour Martin Lipset of Stanford was surely blameless, for his was an account of the American Jewish community succeeding against odds. Even when children of the affluent rebelled against their parents, they did not always manage an agreeable failure. The way (the children) fight capitalism is by opening a small business," he suggested, "and many of these small businesses turn out to be successful."

Salo W. Baron, professor emeritus of Columbia, recalled his arrival in this country from Europe in 1926:

"I was struck by the slogan 'Americans must have two chickens in every pot, two cars in every garage.' That was repeated as a sort of semimessianic mission."

Professor Baron, who is writing a

multivolume history of the Jews, suggested that "a people wallowing in material goods" came to feel increasingly despondent about its own future. But apprehension, he suggested, was better than indifference; indeed it was "a source of strength and vitality."

A Recurrence of Themes
When Prof. Bernard Lewis of Princeton reviewed the millenniums of Jewish history for the audience of about 200 at the Henry Chauncey Conference Center, he found recurrent themes and enduring obsessions — bondage and liberation, exile and return, separatism and assimilation, rabbinical primacy and secularism, messianism sacred and secular, myths ancient and new, noted Mr. Shenker.

Seeking to define Jewish identity, Professor Lewis noted: "What we are left with is history — what is left from a waning culture, a religion that is losing its grip, a community that is falling apart, the residue of all these preserved through historical knowledge... and beyond all of them a feeling of corporate memory of group memory, of a common predicament and of a shared destiny."

We've won New York and lost the United States," said Prof. Irving Louis Horowitz of Rutgers University.

Asked for examples of cultural

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obligations as set forth in international declarations and agreements in the field of human rights and fundamental freedom, and to implement the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

—To recognize and respect the right of Jews in the USSR to be united with their brethren in the Land of Israel, the Jewish historic homeland.

—To remove all obstacles in the way of those who wish to leave and to desist from all harassment and intimidation.

—To free forthwith the Assirei Zion — the Prisoners of Conscience incarcerated for their struggle to return to Zion.

—To recognize and respect the freedom of our brethren within the Soviet Union to profess and practice their religion and to enjoy and develop their cultural heritage and language.

—To end the campaign of anti-Semitism and acts of discrimination against Jews.

—To allow Jews in the Soviet

MEXICO AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM — Informed sources here confirmed as basically accurate reports published Feb. 24 that Israel and Mexico will sign an agreement to establish a plant in Mexico to manufacture Israel's commercial jet aircraft, the Arava.

The two countries will also discuss a possible joint petro-chemical venture to be located in Mexico.

giants in the radiant city, Professor Lewis proposed Saul Bellow and Bernard Malamud as, essentially, New York writers.

"You're a professor, I'm not," said a man in the audience. "I studied the golden age of Spain — we had great philosophers, we had great poets." "What have (New York writers) left us with this creativity?" he asked, "how to enjoy a bar mitzvah ceremony?"

And what if there were no Jews in America? "American politics would not be noticeably different," insisted Prof. Henry L. Feingold of Baruch College, speaking of "the illusion of centrality held by Jews and their detractors."

He suggested that, before 1945, "the Jewish political voice was incoherent and unfocused, assuming there was such a voice. Jews did not really find a political voice until the New Deal, and they are today as voiceless as they have ever been."

Prof. Abraham J. Karp of the University of Rochester reviewed the position of Jews — a pluralistic society of pluralistic individuals — in America's larger pluralistic society. Today, he said, synagogues share America's passion that youth will be served. But while the median age of Americans is 28, the median age of American Jews is 37. So it is the aged and the aging who need serving.

The conference suggested an even broader duty, in discussing a text by the 12th century Jewish philosopher Maimonides. He enjoined every Jew "to study Torah, whether he is poor or rich, in sound health or ailing, in the vigor of youth or very old and feeble."

Princeton University interpreted the imperative to cover secular as well as religious study. When he spoke of elitist education, a woman in the audience asked: "Can you tell me why 'elitist' is a pejorative word?"

"If you will simply say you're in favor of 'quality education,'" Princeton's Prof. Marvin Bressler replied, "that will take care of it altogether."

Professor Bressler suggested that others besides Jews stressed the beneficence of study.

Yes, Professor Udovitch agreed, but not to the same extreme: Mohammed says one should go even to China to get the answer to a question, but Maimonides says that the end of the trip is heaven, and the first question on Judgment Day will be whether one fulfilled the duty of study.

Union to establish and maintain ties with the rest of the Jewish people.

On this historic occasion, we remember the ancient oath of our people: "For the sake of Zion, I will not remain silent and for the sake of

Jerusalem will not hold my peace."

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The Olympics: What Happens Now?

By Jay C. Jacobson

In the first Olympiad of the Classic cycle—which took place in 776 B.C.E.—only Greeks were allowed to participate. In the years that followed, competitors from all over the known world took part in the Games. Even between warring nations, a sacred truce was declared—and enforced—to permit participants to travel unmolested to and from the site of the Games. Before the contests began, all the competitors and their families, the

trainers and the judges, swore a solemn oath to keep the competition clean and fair, and to make just decisions.

This custom, although somewhat simplified, is still maintained today: As the Olympic flame is lit at the opening ceremony, a contestant from the host country mounts the tribune and, on behalf of all the assembled athletes, pronounces The Oath: *"In the name of all competitors, I swear that we will take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and for the honor of our teams."*

Alas, the spirit of these brave words has become severely eroded the last few decades. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympics, would hardly recognize the politicized, security conscious proceedings in 1976 Innsbruck as the idealistic dream of peaceful competition he helped create.

When did the deterioration of the Olympic Ethic begin? The first blow of sportsmanship jolted millions of sports enthusiasts at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. American Black runner Jesse Owens won both the 100-meters and 200-meters dash events and was publicly snubbed by Adolph Hitler, who refused to shake his hand. Blacks and Jews, as

"non-pure races", had no right to laurels in Nazi Germany.

During the World War II years—1939 to 1948—no Olympics were held; both regional and international competitions were suspended. In 1948, however, the Games resumed and the first post-war Olympiad was held in London. The British capital and the ancient Greek celebration of youth, health and skill, rose from the ashes of mankind's great calamity. Since then, the structure of national and international sports federations was strengthened and expanded.

In 1952, Israel participated in the Olympics for the first time; the same year it was accepted as a member of the Asian Games Federation, entering its premiere competition in Manila in 1954.

In 1958, Israel participated in the Asian Games in Tokyo, and in 1962 was to compete at Djakarta. The Indonesian authorities were eager to create the impression that, although their country was over 90% Muslim, they would welcome the athletes of the Jewish State with open arms. After convincing the media that their liberal attitude was genuine, they refused the Israeli entry visas at the last minute. Not many people read about that in the world press — anti-Semitism doesn't seem to make big headlines.

Israeli teams competed successfully and without incident in the Asian Games in Bangkok in 1966 and 1970, and in the Olympics in Melbourne, 1956; Rome, 1960; Tokyo, 1964; and Mexico City, 1968.

The Olympic tunic was stained, however with blood during the 1972 Munich Games. The historic peace and neutrality of the Olympic Village was fatally disrupted when a group of terrorists belonging to the Black September faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization — the same PLO that today is holding an honored place in the United Nations — murdered eleven unarmed Israeli athletes and coaches. The tragedy was compounded by the escape of the terrorists, who used hostages to force the German government to give in to their demands for free passage and a getaway plane. In an appalling show of human callousness, the Olympic authorities decided that the event did not warrant more than one day of interruption — one day of cautiously understated mourning.

After that day, the Games went on. In Munich, the warning of the 1936 Berlin Games and the Jesse Owens incident came to its logical conclusion: Racism and politics violated the very purpose and meaning of Olympic traditions, destroyed the spirit of peace, brotherhood and sportsmanship inherent in the Olympic Oath.

At the World University Games in Moscow in 1973, the Soviet Government barred South Korean and Israeli newsmen from covering the Games. Armed, uniformed Red Army soldiers destroyed Israeli flags in the spectator stands. Ireland's Lord Killanin, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, stated that such actions could very well destroy Moscow's chances of hosting the 1980 Olympics.

In the 1974 Asian Games in Teheran, Chinese and North Korean fencers failed to appear for scheduled competitions with Israelis, and a Kuwaiti tennis player didn't show up for his match against an Israeli. The basketball team of Pakistan abandoned the court minutes before their games with their Israeli competitors was to begin. (Pakistan is scheduled to host the Asian Games in 1978.) Chinese silver and bronze winners refused to shake hands with Israeli gold medalists Orit Obramovitz and Esther Shachamurov-Roth. Last year, India—obviously in a bid to please oil-rich Arab countries—refused to grant visas to the Israeli and South African teams, thus preventing their participation in the World Table Tennis Championship in Calcutta.

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Kissinger 'Shuttles' Undermined By Recent Article

Extensive details on secret discussions between Henry A. Kissinger, secretary of state, and Middle East leaders have been made public in a recently published article in the spring issue of *Foreign Policy*, a quarterly magazine.

Written by Edward R.F. Sheehan, a Harvard research fellow, the article contained lengthy exchanges between Mr. Kissinger and Israeli as well as Arab leaders during his Middle East "diplomatic shuttles."

The magazine described the material as "verbatim," but according to Mr. Kissinger it was based on memorandum of conversations. The appearance of this material in the article was a major source of concern to the state department.

In recent months, Mr. Kissinger and others have publicly assailed Congress for leaks of classified material, but the Sheehan article seemed to contain classified material that had originated from within the Administration.

State Department officials said that Mr. Sheehan had had many interviews with key Kissinger aides who had been involved in Middle East diplomacy. They said that these contacts were approved by Mr. Kissinger.

In a brief interview today, Mr. Kissinger said: "I did not authorize it."

"Those who did it committed a gross breach of confidence and a gross error of judgment," he added. He said he was "thunderstruck" to see the material in print.

The revelations in the Kissinger exchanges with Middle East leaders did not provide any major surprises, but rather were illustrative of Mr. Kissinger's negotiating techniques and policies, which have been extensively reported upon in the past.

The most significant assertion by Mr. Sheehan, a long-time writer on Middle East affairs, was that former President Richard M. Nixon had told Arab leaders during a tour of the area in June 1974 that the United States favored the return by Israel of all Egyptian territory and the "substantial restitution" of Syrian and Jordanian lands captured during the 1967 war.

According to Mr. Sheehan, who gave no source for his statement, Mr. Nixon told President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt "that the American

objective in the Sinai was to restore the old Egyptian international border."

"Kissinger was sitting there when Nixon said it," the article said. "Afterward, also in Kissinger's presence, the President informed President Hafez al-Sssad and King Hussein respectively that the United States favored the substantial restitution of the 1967 frontiers on the Golan Heights and on the West Bank of the Jordan within the framework of a general peace."

According to the article, President Ford "reaffirmed Nixon's position on the 1967 frontiers to Sadat last June in Salzburg."

Since the October 1973 war the United States has refrained from stating its position on the "final" Middle East frontiers that might develop as the result of a peace settlement.

Prior to that war, the United States had proposed that there only be "insubstantial alterations" in the pre-June 1967 borders. Any promise to Mr. Sadat that the United States favored Egypt's getting all his land back would represent a marked change.

State department officials said privately today that they believed that Mr. Sheehan's comments on the final borders were based on Mr. Sadat's interpretation of deliberately ambiguous comments made to him by Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford that expressed sympathy with his desire for the recovery of all the occupied land but no commitment to help him fulfill it.

Foreign Policy magazine said that Mr. Sheehan's article was based on conversations with numerous sources in Washington and in the Middle East and "should not be considered an official or 'authorized' version from any single side."

"The Secretary has said many times, in many other cases, that we respect the confidentiality of diplomatic conversations," it said. "The conduct of our diplomacy depends upon others having confidence that what they say to us will remain private. That remains our firm policy."

Mr. Sheehan in telephone conversations from his home in Cambridge, Mass., steadfastly refused to discuss his sources for specific points in the article or to say how he got the dialogue material.

American Jewish Leaders Oppose Sale Of Transports To Egypt

WASHINGTON: Leaders of American Jewish organizations told President Ford in a telegram this week that they were "most strenuously opposed" to the Administration's plan to lift the military embargo against Egypt beginning with the sale of six C-130 military transports according to Bernard Givertzman in a N.Y. Times article.

And in separate conversations, several Jewish leaders said that a major effort would be made by pro-Israeli supporters in coming weeks to persuade the Administration to halt the projected sale of the planes or, at least, to insure that nothing more important militarily would be sold to the Egyptians subsequently.

As part of the still largely behind-the-scenes effort, Max Fisher, a prominent Republican fund-raiser from Michigan, who has been an unofficial liaison between Jewish groups and the White House, met with President Ford to express his concern that the Egyptian sale may hurt Mr. Ford's re-election chances by alienating Jewish voters.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, running for the Democratic nomination for President, said in Florida that supplying military equipment to Egypt was "cynical and dangerous." He said "it can only increase the chance of war in the Middle East and the severity of a new conflict there."

"Arming the Egyptians would

threaten Israel's security and military balance, which is in America's own interest and in the best interest of peace," he said.

This view was echoed by Ambassador Simcha Dinitz of Israel, who told a convention of B'nai B'rith women here that lifting the military embargo could create "a dangerous course of action that could lead to a dangerous imbalance in the Middle East."

The Administration, arguing that it was vital to encourage President Anwar El-Sadat of Egypt on his course away from Soviet dependency, has informed Congress of its plans to begin selling military equipment to Egypt, starting with the six C-130's worth about \$40 million.

The Israeli Government has strenuously objected to any change in the American military relationship with Egypt. This has been reflected in an official protest made by Mr. Dinitz on Friday and by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's statements.

The telegram to President Ford opposing the military sales was sent by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which represents Jewish groups.

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Tiemkin Hails JDL For Concert Upset

NEW YORK — Dr. Alexander Tiemkin reportedly has thanked members of the Jewish Defense League for allegedly disrupting the concert of Soviet pianist Lazar Berman.

Dr. Tiemkin, whose 16-year-old daughter Marina has been denied permission by Soviet authorities to emigrate to Israel to join her father, wrote on a postcard: "Dear Friends: Thank you very much for your action of the Soviet piano player concert."

Two JDL members were arrested at the Feb. 5 Carnegie Hall concert for allegedly setting off air horns at 20-minute intervals during Berman's concert.

Berman recently gave an uninterrupted concert in Omaha, Nebraska. Prior to the concert, leaflets were distributed by the Committee for Soviet Jewry solely noting the Soviet policy of allowing some artists to travel while restricting others.

Police Ban Jewish Prayers

The authority of the police to ban Jewish prayer on a sacred hilltop where Moslem shrines stand over the ruins of King Solomon's Temple has been upheld by the Jerusalem Supreme Court.

The move was particularly relevant because of the three weeks of rioting among Moslems in protest against a lower court's decision which stated that Jews could not be prevented from praying on the Temple Mount. The decision, made by a panel of three justices, reaffirms a five justice panel decision of 1970.

"It will quieten the anxiety of people about the religious holy places," said Mayor Elias Friej of Bethlehem in the first Arab reaction to this latest development. His belief was that the judgement was tardy but good.

The ruling was in response to a request by Rudolf Cohen of Jerusalem, an immigrant from Denmark, for an order requiring Police Minister Shlomo Hille to permit him to visit the Temple Mount.

Mr. Cohen said he had been ordered to leave when he approached the Moors Gate to the Temple Mount and told the policemen on guard that he had come to pray. When he refused to leave, he was arrested.

He contended his freedom of religion had been infringed and the law protecting holy places violated. That law, enacted after Israel captured the Old City of Jerusalem from the Jordanians in 1967, guarantees freedom of access to members of different religions to places sacred to them.

Government regulations permit Jews to enter the Temple Mount but not to hold prayer services, owing to the sensitivity of the area and the strong feeling it might arouse among Moslems.

The Jewish religious establishment forbids setting foot on the former temple ground because of its sanctity. However, some religious scholars maintain it is permissible to walk in areas of the Temple Mount where the temple itself could not have stood.

Eight young Jews who held a prayer meeting on the mount last year and sang Hebrew patriotic songs were arrested and brought to trial. They were acquitted by Magistrate Ruth Or, who attacked the government's policy.

The Arabs protested violently. Israelis said the Arab protests were contrived because the authority of the police to prevent Jewish prayers was never in dispute. State Attorney Gabriel Bach said the only issue in the lower court had been whether the youths could be punished under criminal law for breaches of the peace.

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