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**TO ATTEND LUNCHEON MEETING:** Rhode Island rabbis, congregation presidents and Israel Bond chairmen will attend a luncheon meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 11:45 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, it has been announced by Rabbi Jerome S. Gurland, president of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis. Guest speakers will be Rabbi Leon Kronish, right, national chairman of the rabbinic cabinet of the Israel Bond organization, and Rabbi Richard M. Yellin, left, New England regional chairman of the rabbinic cabinet. Rabbi Yellin is spiritual leader of Temple Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. The purpose of the meeting is to exchange views and ideas for the participation by the Rhode Island synagogues in the worldwide celebration of the 30th anniversary of the State of Israel.

## A Jailed SS Officer Allowed To Attend Press Conference

LONDON: The debacle over the SS men who were deported after coming to Britain to publicize a book on their former activities had a sequel in Parliament when protests were made at the fact that one of the SS officers was let out of a cell to attend a press conference.

Greville Janner, QC, called on Michael Foot, Leader of the House, to provide time for a debate on "the incredible travesty" that an SS officer, while under an order for deportation, "was allowed out of his appropriate cell to attend a press conference to promote the views of his organization."

Janner's protest was loudly applauded in the House and there were cries of, "Disgraceful!"

He claimed that a debate was even more important because of the allegation that a representative of the Daily Express was allowed into the cell "to buy this man's evil story." The Daily Express later denied the allegation.

Foot promised to ask Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, to look into all that Janner had said. He observed that some of the statements in some sections of the press were not necessarily true.

## P.L.O. Accuses Carter Of Duplicity In Mideast

BEIRUT, Lebanon: President Carter was denounced by the Palestine Liberation Organization last week for calling that group intransigent and ineligible for a peace conference role in the Mideast. It further accused the President of reverting to what it termed former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's policy of "dividing the Arab countries" and "using secret diplomacy" on behalf of Israel.

The charge was made by the PLO political department head, Farouk Kaddoumi, in response to Mr. Carter's statement at a news conference recently that the PLO, through hostility to Israel's existence, had forfeited the right to speak for Palestinian Arabs at any Middle East peace conference.

Mr. Kaddoumi said, "Mr. Carter gave a statement attacking the PLO, accusing it of inflexibility and intransigence, pointing out the PLO's refusal to recognize Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the right of Israel to exist....He forgets that the United States of America is the only one who stands with Israel in its rejection of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people, which the United Nations has approved and which is consecrated by numerous UN resolutions."

Mr. Kaddoumi accused the United States of renegeing on the commitments he said it had made in the joint declaration with the Soviet Union, announced on Oct. 1, calling for recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. He charged that the United States "does not want peace in the Middle East, but wants to subject this region to its influence and control."

### Executive Body Met

The Palestinian groups' statement followed a meeting of its executive committee last night in Damsacus to work out a plan of action in light of President Anwar el-Sadat's new dialogue with Israel. Under the leadership of Yasir Arafat, the committee decided to speak out against what it described as "an anti-Arab American policy" aimed at putting the region under

"American Zionist control."

In a final communique, the P.L.O. executive body announced that it would hold a series of meetings with Syrian officials within the framework of the anti-Egyptian front set up at a meeting in Tripoli, Libya, two weeks ago. Joining with the P.L.O. in establishing the front were Syria, Libya, Algeria and Southern Yemen.

The P.L.O. statement also spoke of the necessity for immediate steps to consolidate Palestinian national unity "both inside and outside occupied Palestine, particularly among all factions of the Palestinian revolution."

The problem of disunity among rival Palestinian groups was demonstrated tonight by a two-hour gun battle in the Palestinian refugee camp of Shatila on the outskirts of Beirut. Mr. Arafat was called in to put an end to the fight, which was between the pro-Syrian As Saiqa group and the pro-Iraqi Arab Liberation Front.

### Accused of Dictating

Syria, which has assumed the leadership of the anti-Egyptian group, has openly accused the United States of dictating Mr. Sadat's moves and has warned it that it stands to lose everything in the Middle East if it continues to support him.

In a statement tonight, Mr. Kaddoumi said: "We are sorry to say we notice that President Carter has returned to the Kissinger policy of dividing the Arab countries and planting disputes between them to force partial or separate solutions, as well as using Kissinger secret diplomacy to enable Israel to continue its occupation and expansion."

The P.L.O. political chief concluded that the liberation organization in response to the new United States-Egyptian moves, would pursue its efforts for "a just and durable peace." He reiterated its demand for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, for the return of Palestinians to their land and for a Palestinian right of self-determination "under the leadership of the P.L.O."

## RECOVERING THE PEACE OUTLOOK

JERUSALEM: Israeli leaders and politicians are making a sober assessment of the prospects for the Egyptian-Israeli peace initiative in the wake of the letdown caused by the limited progress made at the Ismailia talks between Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Anwar el-Sadat. The wake, however, has not brought with it a lull as the two nations are preparing for the forthcoming meeting between their foreign ministers next week.

In the days following President Sadat's arrival in Israel on November 19, a euphoric atmosphere prevailed, but this has been dissipated by the outcome of the top-level talks thus far.

A written statement of intentions regarding peace in the Middle East was not achieved by the two leaders. According to officials, they were on the verge of doing so, but the effort finally foundered due to the wide disparity of views over the Palestinian issue.

### Talks In January

The talks between Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel and the new Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Ibrahim Kamel, in mid-January are regarded as important. It is possible that it will also be attended by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Secretary General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations.

Foreign Ministry officials say that so far as they know there are no quiet negotiations presently under way between the Israelis and the Egyptians, and that both sides have regrouped to prepare for the January talks at the same time that both sides are seeking international support for their positions.

Mr. Begin has won support here for his peace proposal, although it is not without its critics. But the Prime Minister has shown that he has real power at home.

"Is Mr. Begin's plan a final offer or can the Prime Minister, who has already made a striking shift in his hard-line position, use that power and be even more flexible?" is the question that is being asked in many public sectors.

A number of government officials feel that Mr. Begin can indeed be more flexible on detail but that he is committed to the principle of not abandoning an Israeli military presence in the Israeli-occupied territories of the West Bank of the Jordan River and on the Gaza Strip.

### Autonomy With Troops

The essence of the Begin peace plan is civil autonomy for the million Palestinian Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza with a continued Israeli security presence. Under the proposal, as it stands now, this arrangement could be reviewed after five years.

Mr. Sadat has not budged from his insistence that peace can come only if Israel withdraws from all the territory it captured during the 1967 war. In addition, Mr. Sadat says the Palestinian Arabs must have the right to self-determination and statehood, if that is what they want.

It was this difference that snagged the proposed statement of intent at Ismailia and it is this issue that will be foremost on the agenda when Mr. Dayan and Mr. Kamel meet.

If the talks proceed positively, in some respects both sides will be back at the starting positions. Then another major question will arise over the Palestinian question — that is, Jordan.

At some point, analysts here feel, Mr. Sadat's ability to negotiate the Palestinian question will wane when talks get down to details because Egypt is at a distance from the Palestinian issue and Israel must have a partner for detailed talks about the future of the West Bank and Gaza.

These analysts believe that Mr. Sadat is already seeking to pave the way for that eventuality. Jordan, which so far refuses to take part in the Israeli-Egyptian dialogue, is the obvious partner and presumably this question was to come up in King Hussein's talks with President Carter in Tehran, Iran, last weekend.

Mr. Begin's peace plan also has a built-in reliance on cooperation from Jordan. For

instance, he speaks of the Palestinian Arabs in the territories as having a choice between Israeli and Jordanian citizenship and representation in either the Israeli or Jordanian parliaments.

As the Labor Party opposition leader, Shimon Peres, noted the other day during debate in Parliament on the plan, "Mr. Begin is not a person who issues Jordanian passports."

Mr. Peres has called for urgent and immediate efforts to persuade Jordan to take part in the talks now.

The Israelis are also awaiting Egyptian counterproposals to Mr. Begin's plan, which he made public during a protracted Parliament debate. They presumably will be submitted in the course of the next two weeks.

There is some concern here, now that the elation of the contacts between the two formerly hostile nations has worn off, that the Egyptians really do not comprehend Israel's intense emotions about defensible borders to avoid falling easy prey to surprise attack.

That emotional commitment is at the heart of Prime Minister Begin's insistence on an Israeli security presence in the West Bank and Gaza. The question the two sides must grapple with is whether another way could be found to satisfy the Israeli thirst for security. None at this point is clearly visible.

# Obituaries

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**KATE KLEIN**  
Funeral services for Kate Klein, 90, of Passaic, New Jersey, who died December 14, were held in Passaic. Burial was in the family plot in Mt. Judah Cemetery, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, New York.  
The wife of Rabbi Adolph Klein, she was born in Hungary and came to this country 55 years ago settling in Brooklyn, New York, where she lived for 40 years. She lived in Providence for nine years before moving to Passaic five years ago.  
She was a member of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Passaic, the Brighton Beach Yeshiva and the Beth Jacob School for Girls-Brighton Beach, Brooklyn and Congregation Anshe Emmeth of Brighton Beach.  
Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Anne Covitz of Passaic and Helen Moyer of Herndon, Virginia; a sister Hermina Gross of Montreal, Canada and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Emanuel Lazar of Providence, died in 1967.

**JOHN SORENSON-SARENSEN**  
Funeral services for John Sorenson-Sorenson, 61, of 142A Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, New York, a former Providence resident, who died December 26, were held December 28 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.  
Born in Providence on March 25, 1916, he was the son of the late Julius and Minnie (Weinstein) Sorenson. He had been a resident of Providence before moving to New York 30 years ago.  
While living in Rhode Island, he was a professional boxer and winner of the Golden Glove award. During his professional career, he fought three championship fighters including Salvatore Bartolo, a world champion. After moving to New York, he owned and operated a cab company.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald Sorenson and Gerald Sorenson, both of Bronx; three brothers, Nathan Sorenson of Pawtucket, Bernard Sorenson of Cranston and Max Sorenson; and two sisters, Frances Carrazzo of Providence and Miss Esther Sorenson.

**SARAH MYERSON**  
Funeral services for Sarah Myerson, 68, of 70 Grove Hill, New Britain, Connecticut, who died December 28, were held the following day at Temple B'nai Israel in New Britain. Burial was in Beth Alom Cemetery in that city.  
The widow of Joseph Myerson, she was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on May 18, 1909, the daughter of the late Israel and Rose (Rubens) Rodensky. She had lived in Hartford before moving to New Britain.  
Mrs. Myerson was a clerk-typist at the Benjamin Franklin School for many years until her retirement in 1971.  
She was a member of Temple B'nai Israel, the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel and the New Britain Chapter of Hadassah.  
She is survived by a son, Myron R. Myerson of West Hartford, Connecticut; a daughter, Ann Grossman of Providence; a brother Sol Rodens of Yeadon, Pennsylvania; a sister, Esther Kaplan of Springfield, Massachusetts, and six grandchildren.

**HYMAN SILVERMAN**  
Funeral services for Hyman Silverman, 82, of 228 Grobe Street, North Port, Florida, who died December 29, were held

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Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.  
The husband of Ann (Russian) Silverman, he was born on January 23, 1895 in Bangor, Maine, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silverman. He was a Rhode Island resident most of his life, living in Warwick and Providence before moving to Florida in 1971.  
A retired John Hancock Insurance Company salesman, he was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob, Touro Fraternal Association and the Jewish Home for the Aged while he lived in Providence. In Florida he was a member of the North Port Jewish Community Center.  
Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Benjamin Silverman of Montreal, Canada.

**DR. HARRY CHARREN**  
Funeral services for Dr. Harry Charren, 82, of 457 Morris Avenue, who died December 29 after an illness of two weeks, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.  
The husband of Gertrude (Katz) Charren, he was born in New York City on June 14, 1895, a son of the late Max and Gussie (Birkin) Charren. He had lived in Providence for more than 70 years.

Dr. Charren was a graduate of Tufts Dental School, but he practiced for only about six months. He then joined his father's drygoods business, Max Charren & Sons, formerly on North Main Street, from which he retired in the 1950s.  
He was a past president of Congregation Ohave Shalom and a member of Temple Emanu-El, Roosevelt Lodge, F&AM, and the Jewish Home for the Aged.  
Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Burton Charren of Cranston and Stanley Charren of Boston, Massachusetts; a sister, Anna Woolf of Hollywood, Florida; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**FLORA LEVIN**  
Funeral services for Flora Levin, 78, formerly of Taft Avenue, who died Sunday, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The wife of Benjamin Levin, she was born in Russia on February 15, 1899, a daughter of the late Yoehna and Ethel (Glantz) Schechtman. She had lived in Providence for more than 50 years.  
She was a member of the Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood. She was a resident member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of the Pioneer Women's Association and The Miriam Hospital Women's Association.  
Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Leonard M. Levin of Providence; a daughter, Ethel M. Bogdan of Lexington, Massachusetts, and five grandchildren.

**ELISHEVA LAPIN**  
Funeral services for Elisheva Sarah Lapin, 72, of 99 Hillside Avenue, who died Sunday, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.  
The wife of Jack Lapin, she was born in Poland on October 16, 1905, a daughter of the late Jacob and Rachel Goldstein.  
Mrs. Lapin was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Nathan Lapin of Red Bank, New Jersey and Joseph Lapin of Highlands, New Jersey; a daughter, Anita Waxman of Brookline, Massachusetts; two brothers, Abraham Goldstein of Providence and Max Goldstein of Pawtucket; three sisters, Anna Nathanson of Pawtucket, Minnie Zaluski of Providence and Dora Seigal of California and seven grandchildren.

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**Drug Use Up In Israeli Schools**  
TEL AVIV: The use of drugs among high school pupils is on the increase, according to a committee of university professors appointed by Mayor Shlomo Lahat to study the unification of educational and cultural services.  
The committee, appointed in January, 1977, is headed by Prof. David Chen of the Tel Aviv University School of Education.  
According to statistics they gathered from 10 schools in the Tel Aviv area, some 3.5 percent of the students are using drugs. The report also noted that the existence of 75,000 police files for youthful offenders was cause for serious concern.

# The Waldorf Goes Kosher For Fund-raising Event

NEW YORK: The first ever kosher meal was served last week by the city's Waldorf-Astoria when it held a banquet, sponsored by the Conterrie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs, to help send an American team to Israel to participate in the first International Conference and Exhibition on Jewish Culinary Art, January 23 through 27. To make certain that the meal would be strictly kosher, Rabbi Osher Shoretz patrolled the hotel's kitchens for two days and nights.

Five kosher caterers provided the meat, free. One sent kosher pots and pans. All signed up for a table apiece, at \$100 a stomach and 10 stomachs per table.

Rabbi Shoretz, or Osher of the Waldorf as he came to be called, was delegated by caterers Kotimsky & Tuchman. Besides knowing the hotel backwards and forwards ("I know all the movements of these people," Rabbi Shoretz said, "They couldn't fool me a bit. Everything is under control."), he also knows dietary laws in both directions. For 13 years, he had served with Patrician caterers. When Kotimsky & Tuchman acquired Patrician, they also acquired Rabbi Shoretz. Says the rabbi, "They got a bargain."

Nothing escaped him. When he heard the gourmet kosher meal would be served with non-kosher wines — and that this might be publicized — he announced that he would stop the meal. Then he called Sidney Kotimsky.

Mr. Kotimsky replied, "We've never had anything on this plateau — a gourmet dinner. So I contributed the services of my rabbi, and I thought he would be flexible. Suddenly my rabbi says he will stop the meal. I called my colleagues, and I can't speak for these fellows, and I am not going to say anything detrimental, but they said they were withdrawing."

His next step was to call Dr. Martin R. Katz, a cardiologist whose favorite organ is not the heart but the stomach — the benefit's arranger. Mr. Katz had promised that the wines would not be kosher in order to entice gourmets to pay \$100 a table — despite the fact that Israel produces some of the finest wines in the world.

The Waldorf's executive chef and team advisor, Arno Schmidt, defied the possibility of antitrust prosecution, earlier gathering the rival caterers in his office and now he wondered if it had all been in vain. Caterers from far and near warned him that if clients heard they had attended a dinner with non-kosher wines, business would be ruined.

Meanwhile, all of the non-Jewish team chefs were gathering under the eye of Rabbi Shoretz. On Wednesday night, the reception began with calves' feet a la mode de Caen (tripe is not kosher), salmon en croute and four soups in pots — Negev almond chicken soup, Minsk beef borsht, Frankfurt cabbage puree ("I thought about the Rothschilds, who came from Frankfurt," explained chef Schmidt) and Santander fish caldo ("I thought about the Jews in Santander.")

Caterers exchanged last minute intelligence, sipping suspiciously. As Nathan Trotzky approached, Mr. Kotimsky greeted him exuberantly with "Nate, you look 30 years older."

Mr. Trotzky was pleased, saying "Trotzky, dean-of them all."

As the 130 guests entered the Empire Room, they found a menu of wonders undreamed of in Mosaic law: bouquet Imperial Valley on pastry shells shaped like the Star of David; Atlantic striped bass Ambassador, in honor of one of Mr. Bienstock's establishments; granite of apple and cranberry a la Sidney, for Mr. Kotimsky; veal and sweetbreads Leventhal for Newman & Leventhal; breast of squab Victor, for Victor Mayer; pineapple and crunchy caramel anonymous, understandably; pistachio cake Stanley, for Mr. Lewin, and Sammy's Sabayon, for Sammy Jay, who works for Mr. Mayer.

The master of ceremonies rose to say that he had bad news and he had good news. The bad news was that all the dinner wines had to be kosher. The good news was that the bottles of the fine French and Italian wines that were promised would be given out to guests as they left.

"You see that?" said Osher of the Waldorf as he leaned back, hardly able to contain himself. "You see that? Everybody talks about kosher wine."

## Fire Destroys Dorm Building At Talmudical Academy In NJ

ADELPHI, N.J. (JTA): State authorities are investigating the possibility of arson in a fire that destroyed a dormitory building at the Talmudical Academy of New Jersey in this Monmouth County village recently. No one was hurt in the fire that was discovered at 6:40 a.m.

The building, a converted farm house, normally housed 50 of the school's 100 students but all were home for Hanukah, Rabbi Yeruchim Shain, dean and founder of the academy, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

He estimated the damage at about \$100,000 but said the insurance would not cover the cost of replacing it. He said the building was 65 percent destroyed and "unlivable" and that efforts

were being made to find temporary quarters for the displaced students.

A fund-raising campaign will be started for a new building. Shain said the Talmudical Academy, founded in 1971, consists of a secondary school where secular and religious subjects are taught and a rabbinical college. He said most of the students came from New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area and some from other states and abroad.

## Settlers Move Into West Bank

TEL AVIV (JTA): About 100 Gush Emunim settlers moved into two army camps on the West Bank, completing plans approved by the government for the establishment of six new settlement groups before the end of the year. The latest settlements are at Beth Horon and Givon north of Jerusalem and close to the large Arab township of Ramallah.

Both sides will be populated initially by about 20 families each. The Gush claim that the current peace initiatives by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt will have no effect on their plans for further settlements in the occupied territories. However, they are not planning more new settlements at this time but will concentrate on strengthening those already established, it was learned here.

## Rabbi Opposes Homosexuality

NEW YORK: A noted American Orthodox Rabbi and president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America issued a call to the American people to return to their "Biblical roots" and oppose homosexuality.

Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht of Brooklyn said, in view of the seriousness of this problem which has affected a large segment of our youth, the Rabbinical Alliance of America has established a counselling service staffed with competent counselors to give guidance and render professional help to those seeking aid.

In a strong statement issued from the organization's headquarters in New York City, Rabbi Hecht also declared that homosexuals have no right to be teachers.

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## Jewish Enrollment In Soviet Colleges Is Down 40 Percent

WASHINGTON: Jews in the Soviet Union are facing a future even bleaker than the dismal present, if the current trend in higher education continues.

Seven years ago there were 111,900 Jews in Soviet universities; today there are only 66,900 — a drop of more than 40 percent.

In graduate schools, the decline from 1968 to 1974 has been 30 percent.

And, warns Dr. William Korey, director of the New York office of the B'nai B'rith International Council, "as the number of Jews admitted to Soviet universities declines, they will decrease in post-graduate work, eventually disappearing altogether."

Dr. Korey, a noted authority on Soviet life, reports that a new Soviet statistical yearbook (Narodnoe khoziaistvo) shows that Jews today constitute only 1.3 percent of the total Soviet student body in higher education, contrasted to the high of 13 percent in 1935.

More ominous: this year not a single Jew was admitted to the University of Moscow.

As in all modern countries, higher education is the passport to success.

"When Stalin shut the doors to Jews in the fields of politics, diplomacy, foreign trade and other military-security areas, they could nonetheless enter, via a university education, the scientific, technological and cultural worlds," Dr. Korey says.

By the late 1960's, a third of the Soviet Jewish community were college graduates. According to the 1970 census, 68 percent of Jews in the largest union-republic, the Russian Republic, were designated "specialists." On the other hand, only 19 percent of the Russians there held this title.

Dr. Korey adds that in 1974, a statistical monthly indicated that although Jews were less than one percent of the total Soviet population, they comprised 14 percent of persons holding doctorates in science, "outdistancing in absolute figures all Soviet nationalities except Russians."

The antagonistic attitude toward Jewish students became evident in 1968 when, Dr. Korey says, the leading Polish Communist theoretician, Andrezej Werblan, concluded

in an article that Jews have a "particular susceptibility to revisionism" and to "Jewish nationalism in general and to Zionism in particular."

Werblan contended that the concentration of Jews in universities and other cultural institutions had created a "bad political atmosphere" and he recommended "the correction of the irregular ethnic composition" in higher education.

His thesis quickly found expression in the prestigious Soviet Academy of Science. Dr. Korey says that Andrei Sakharov, the noted Soviet physicist, attacked the "backsliding" toward anti-Semitism at the academy but was disregarded.

Instead, Korey adds, "a leading Kremlin ideologue, V. Mishlin... for the first time officially justified" the use of quotas in college admissions. Mishlin called for the number of students to reflect the percentage of the nationality in the total Soviet population.

This would leave the Jews with less than one percent, Korey pointed out.

In recent years their number has already declined from 2,500 per year to 1,000 per year. At the same time, the average age of Jewish scientific workers is estimated to be 10 years above the average age of all other Soviet scientific workers.

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# Learning How To Ask: What Does It Mean To Be A Jew In Contemporary America?

JACOB NEUSNER  
Brown University

(Address for The National Council of Jewish Women, Cincinnati Chapter, January 25, 1978, and The Jewish Community Center, Utica, March 26, 1978.)

The movement toward peace in the Middle East and the cessation of social and cultural upheavals in our own country set the stage for a moment of calm, therefore an opportunity for reflection. And when we ask, What does it mean to be a Jew in contemporary America? we require occasion for reflection, not merely for planning next year's programs, budgets, news releases, all those activities we do so well to achieve our common goals. This is a moment in which to reassess those common goals, so that the programs, budgets, new releases of the next decade will serve our well-considered and carefully evaluated purposes.

The past decade, since the 1967 war, has seen the formation of an American Jewish consensus on many important issues. First, the remnants of assimilationism have been wiped off the slate of communal organization and even private life. Whoever wanted out now is pretty well out of Jewry. Second, and to the contrary, the younger generation is so fully and completely assimilated into American life that marriage to non-Jews is a vivid choice, and many make it. But the non-Jew more often than not is received into the Jewish family. These contradictory trends—the end of assimilationism as an ideology, the rise of intermarriage and the integration of the non-Jew, converted or not, into Jewish organized activities and family life—describe the world of the fourth generation: unashamedly Jewish, unself-consciously American, open to whatever the world has to say, but, in all, unclear about how to hear.

We receive the non-Jew into our community, because joining the Jewish group (in many instances, through conversion to Judaism) is entering a world not terribly different from the one from which the non-Jew married out. Indeed, the differences between ourselves and our gentile neighbors are so trivial that we do a better job of assimilating non-Jews into our midst than of assimilating Israelis and Russian Jews. One of the great cultural resources of American Jewry is the three hundred thousand Hebrew-speaking Israelis among us—approximately 5% of the community, but surely a much higher proportion of the

community's alert, Jewish Jews. Why do we do a better job with gentiles than with Israelis?

The reason is that being Jewish is not so distinctive as it once was. It hardly involves profound changes of outlook or behavior, but, rather, important shifts in one's cultural and social ambience. These shifts on the whole, are to a higher status in American society, economy and culture. To marry a Jew is to marry upward. And, from the Jews' perspective, to assimilate into Jewry the fresh energies of converts and of non-Jews who do not convert but who raise children as Jews is not a negative force.

I dwell on the curious contradiction between the two powerful forces in Jewry—renewed ethnicism, profound, completed assimilation, acculturation, and social integration—because I think they were predictable even ten years ago, and because I think they form the problematic of the next decade. When, in the crucible of Viet Nam, American young people turned against that white, Protestant, middle-class, conventional conception of our society which to them had proved its moral bankruptcy, where did they go? It was to their own ethnic roots. The blacks of course led the way. Now in the light of the third generation Jewish consensus, we should have expected the Jews to follow way, way in the rear. For the third generation, which flourished from World War II to the end of Viet Nam, wanted to be Jewish but not too much so. The third generation did not want to be so Jewish that it also could not be American. But the third generation still was very Jewish: it married Jewish. The children saw the flaw in the contradictory aspiration, to be Jewish but not too Jewish. Some chose not to be Jewish at all. But, faced with the challenge of black assertion and other sorts of ethnic assertion, the young Jews chose to be very Jewish indeed. Whatever the blacks could do, they could do better. Like the Russian Jews who want to be Jewish but are not sure how to do it, the young American Jews experimented as best they could with the forms of 'being Jewish'—many of them founded in Judaism as a religion, but vastly changed in spirit and form from the forms prevailing among those who practice Judaism. So when the blacks demanded soul food, the Jewish students wanted, in some cases, kosher food, but in many cases, 'at least' bagels on Sunday mornings or *matzah* on the dormitory table at Passover. For they were

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## Your Money's

## Worth

By Sylvia Porter

### Are You Over Your Head In Debt?

Have you recently asked for a new loan before repaying an old one? Are you digging into your hard earned savings nestegg merely to cover every day expenses?

Are you taking cash advances from your credit cards to pay for the most routine monthly expenses, such as rent, electricity, telephone bills?

Overwhelmed as you are at this start of 1978 by debts you piled up during the Christmas buying season of 1977, are you seriously considering requesting protection from your bill collectors by taking out a consolidation loan, so that you can repay all of them and then be left with one big monthly repayment on the one big loan?

If your answer is yes to even one of these questions, you may be — you probably are — already way over your head in debt.

### A WORKABLE YARDSTICK

- If you are using 10 per cent of your take-home pay (weekly, monthly, or annually) to repay loans (excluding your mortgage), your load is comfortable;
- If you are using 15 per cent of your take-home pay for repayment, your load is

manageable;

- If you are using 20 per cent or more for repayments, you are dangerously overloaded.

As soon as you can (this evening?) figure it out! Find out where you stand, so you can act in time to protect yourself.

"Creditors are making it sound so easy," observes Dr. Elizabeth Wiegard, professor of consumer economics at Cornell University. "On the other hand, consumers are not writing down what they have promised to pay out and are not taking advantage of shopping around for credit as they would for most anything else.

"They do not know how to walk out of a bank gracefully and not sign for the loan immediately. In the process, they eliminate opportunities they have to compare the cost of other loans."

Who are the families and individuals who get caught in an intolerable debt squeeze? This detailed portrait of the over-extended credit family was drawn by a University of Wisconsin professor some time ago. Ask yourself if you fit.

- The family is young, has more than the average number of children but only an

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## FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Netivot, Pathways

By BERYL SEGAL

In Hebrew, narrow footpaths in the fields or in the woods are called *netivot*, pathways. Now, a pathway is not a highway. On a highway one travels at great speed thither and yon, back and forth, at will. A pathway confines the traveller on a journey to a definite goal. That goal may never be reached, but it is always before the traveller's eyes. When one path proves to be disappointing to the traveller, he or she starts over again, always searching, never giving up. There are always other pathways to pursue. Rocky paths, to be sure, trial and error *netivot*, but the traveller goes on.

All this by way of introducing *Netivot*, a bulletin published by Elliot Schwartz, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, ever since he came to our state.

*Netivot* is chockful of information about the local schools, their teachers and their school committees, as well as a wealth of information of the world of education in general. Each issue of *Netivot* also contains a kind of Editorial and Rabbi's Corner rolled in one.

The latest issue of *Netivot* appearing in December 1977 has a very daring editorial which we thought worthy of a wider readership. The name of the editorial—analysis of where we are in our journey along the pathways of Jewish education—is entitled "Creativity and Fundamentals." Since it is not signed, we assume that it was written by Elliot Schwartz.

We will quote here from the editorial in *Netivot*.

"During the 60s and the early years of the 70s, one of the most striking characteristics of Jewish education was the effort of educators to loosen the bonds of traditional methodology and to explore new horizons in curriculum, classroom management and school structure.

"Faced with a growing disaffection of parents and negligible results in student achievement, many educators heeded the exhortations for change and innovation and began adopting and adapting new techniques of instruction which were being heralded by secular school systems and educational theorists as the answer to student boredom and failure."

The teachers in the Jewish schools threw themselves with the enthusiasm of converts into imitating, or aping, what their colleagues in the public schools did. They abolished desks, they rearranged classrooms, they introduced new text books. Manuals by the dozen became the latest Shulhan Arukhs, instructing in "how to" methods. They were riding high. Well do we remember how the Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education at that time praised and extolled these gadgets which filled the classroom of one particular school. Fortunately, the teacher and his gadgets went into oblivion.

Continues the editorial of Mr. Schwartz:

"Students were still not attaining the basic skills, teachers were frustrated, parents continued to clamor for signs of achievement and school committees were burdened by inflated budgets which they were hard pressed to justify."

In Providence at the turn of the century in the brief history of Jewish schooling, we had a "free school" in the North End. That school tried to imitate the public schools. "Let us be Kechol Hagoyim," like all the nations, was their motto. They threw out Yiddish, which was at that time and in this particular school, the mother tongue of the children. For the sake of discipline they introduced fines and penalties for every im-

aginary "transgression." The height of their achievement was the giving of the semi-annual public tests. They were "free" all right, and quite modern. But they neglected one thing, and this was to remember that:

All imitations are ridiculous. What is good for the public school cannot necessarily be applied to the Jewish school. The Jewish schools have developed a method of instruction which has served well for centuries. You can alter the method, you can add to it as the times require. But you cannot change it at will. As a result the "free School" vanished from the North End without a trace. In its place the Talmud Torah which stressed the traditional methods and retained Jewish values has existed well into our times.

"In the last analysis," continues the editorial, "educational tools are no substitute for a creative teacher whose potent instrument is the imagination and personality."

We must also add that a well versed teacher in methods of teaching and in the subject matter which he teaches will not be easily swayed by so-called "modern" aids to teaching. All the gadgets are gathering dust in the principal's office now. But the good teacher, without the extensive and costly paraphernalia, still shines in the classroom.

Come to think of it, the "free school" of some seventy years ago and the proponents of "open classroom" and "audio-lingual" methods of yesterday all had this thing in common: a disdain for traditional methods. They both failed.

The editorial in *Netivot* concludes: "Let us teach our children to *daven*; let us teach them to follow the Torah reading with comprehension; let us instill in our charges an appreciation for Jewish history and a love for Jewish ceremonies. But let us not be straitjacketed by materials and methods that have outlived their usefulness and the need of the day."

(Mr. Segal's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1978

10:30 a.m.  
South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association,  
Board Meeting

2:00 p.m.  
Mizrachi Women, Providence Chapter,  
Membership Tea  
Jewish Community Center, Jews of the World,  
Family Program

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1978

9:45 a.m.  
Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Board  
Meeting

11:00 a.m.  
Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Donor Kickoff  
12:00 noon  
Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women  
8:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Board Meeting  
Department of Rhode Island, Jewish War  
Veterans, Department Meeting  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1978

10:00 a.m.  
National Council of Jewish Women, Providence  
Section, Board Meeting

8:00 p.m.  
Temple Sinai Sisterhood, Board Meeting  
Temple Emanu-El, Institute of Jewish Studies  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1978

7:45 p.m.  
Jewish Community Center, Board Meeting  
8:00 p.m.

Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Board  
Meeting  
Jerusalem Chapter of Hadassah, Board Meeting  
Congregation Ahavath Shalom-Sons of Zion-Beth  
Shalom Sisterhood, Board Meeting  
Pawtucket & Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah,  
Board Meeting

Bureau of Jewish Education, Joint Meeting of  
Bureau's Teacher Training Committee and  
Bureau Fellows  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1978

10:30 a.m.  
Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, Regular Meeting  
12:00 noon

Rhode Island State of Israel Bonds, Luncheon for  
Rabbis and Congregational Presidents  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1978

Providence Hebrew Day School, Day School  
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1978

# Notices



**TO PRESENT LECTURES:** Rabbi Nachman Cohen, PhD, dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School, will present a series of Sunday evening lectures on "The Dilemma of Ritual." The lectures will focus on the responsibility of the Jewish community and the individual in time of crisis.

The series will be given at the Providence Hebrew Day School on six consecutive Sundays at 8:15 p.m. beginning January 8. (There will be no lecture on January 22)

## Chaminade Group To Present Mephistopheles

The Chaminade Opera Group of Attleboro, Massachusetts, a member of Arts R.I. since 1971, will present Boito's opera, *Mephistopheles* on Sunday, January 8, at the Columbus Theater on Broadway in Providence.

This is a dramatic musical setting of Goethe's *Faust* and will be sung in English and fully staged with orchestra.

Appearing in the production will be Jon Berberian of the New York Opera Company, Charles L. Wagner Opera Company and New York Opera Festival; Cathy Molitor, who has appeared in several lead roles of the Chaminade Opera Company; Peter Feldman of the Goldovsky Opera Institute, soloist with the Baltimore Symphony, Israel Opera Company; Lillian Johnson, soloist with Phil Spitalny's *Hour of Charm* and John Bates of the Opera New England, Lowell Opera, Opera Company of Boston, and Artists Internationale.

### RIPAS NEWSLETTER

The Rhode Island Protection & Advocacy System (RIPAS), an agency which advocates for developmentally disabled people, is publishing a newsletter to advise handicapped citizens of their rights and of available services and programs in the state of Rhode Island. Anyone interested in receiving the newsletter, free of charge, is asked to call RIPAS at 272-2560 or write RIPAS at 65 Wild Street in Providence, 02904.

### TO HONOR FACULTY

Congregation B'nai Israel will hold a service honoring the faculty of its Adult Institute on Friday, January 6, at 8:15 p.m.

Speakers will be Rabbi William E. Kaufman, Rev. Thomas Trepanier, Mrs. Barney Sherman and Mrs. Herman R. Lantner. Rabbi Kaufman and Cantor Philip Macktaz will conduct the service with Joan Carey, organist.

An Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by the adult education committee.

### ADULT BOOK MEETING

The monthly Adult Book Meeting, sponsored by the Department of State Library Services and by the Island Interrelated Library System, will be held on Wednesday, January 11, on the main floor of the library on the Fulton Campus of Roger Williams College in Bristol. According to Louise Dolan, regional coordinator of the ITLS, the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

### TO HOLD TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held for *Man of La Mancha*, the upcoming production of The Pawtucket Community Players. They will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pawtucket Congregational Church, 40 Walcott Street, Pawtucket.

The Players' *You Can't Take it with You*, directed by John Mutter, will be presented January 12 through 15 and January 19 through 23 at 8:15 p.m. at the Flora S. Curtis Playhouse in Slater Park, Pawtucket.

Further information may be obtained by calling 723-0592.

### TROWEL CLUB

The 52nd annual dinner meeting and installation of the Rhode Island Trowel Club No.740 will be held on Thursday,

January 2 at Eileen Darlings in Seekonk, Massachusetts.

John Seplocha of North Providence, the vice president of the National League of Masonic Clubs will be the installing officer. Program chairman is Ben Rabinowitz, Rhode Island state president.

The meeting will include a memorial service for the late Lewis Blumenthal.

### INVESTMENTS

A three-session seminar on investments will be presented at the Pawtucket Library under the auspices of the firm of Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, Inc.

These will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 17 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling Community Services Department at 725-3714.

### ART EXHIBITION

"Two for the Show" an exhibition of art featuring Leonard Shalansky and Edwin Keiffer will open at the Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas Street, on Sunday, January 8, with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m.

The show will continue through January 22. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

### TOURO DINNER

The Touro Fraternal Association will hold its first winter half price dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 11, at Frederick's Restaurant in Warwick. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

### ARTS FOUNDATION

The Warwick Arts Foundation, in its "Happy Hours for Young People" will present the National Theatre Company in Images—The Magic of Mime on Sunday, January 15 at 2:30 p.m. at Winman Junior High Auditorium in Warwick.

Images was created and staged by mime Claude Kipnis. Mr. Kipnis is artistic director of his own company.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. L. Shalansky at 738-2000, ext 197 or 738-3215 evenings.

### ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth Am has announced its program for the second semester.

Registration for courses will be held on Thursday, January 5, at 7:15 p.m. This will be followed by the presentation of the Israeli musical film *Topele*.

The classes which will begin on January 12 will include Yiddish, literature, customs and Hebrew for the first hour. The second hour will include a series of programs which will include discussion groups, mini-courses, films and guest lectures.

Further information may be obtained by calling the head of the Adult Education Committee, Florence Futersak at 463-9156.

### UNITED BROTHERS

Services will be held at United Brothers Synagogue in Bristol on Friday, January 6, at 8 p.m.

A board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, at 8 p.m.

### EMANU-EL GARDEN CLUB

The Emanu-El Garden Club will hold a workshop meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the temple vestry, with Kay Sheehan.

### CRANSTON DIALOGUE GROUP

The next regular meeting of the Cranston Dialogue Group will be held on Sunday, January 8, at 8 p.m. at the Meshanticut Park Baptist Church at 180 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston.

The program will feature a slide presentation by Dr. Albert Puerini of "A Journey of Faith to the Holy Land" on which he accompanied the Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

### TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The monthly meeting of Henry Friedman Lodge, B'nai B'rith, will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at the John Barleycorn Pub in Pawtucket.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the business meeting at 8 p.m. The program for the evening will be the annual party. Ben Corin is chairman for the evening. The program will start at 8:30 p.m.

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**ENGAGED:** Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Bell of Cranston, formerly of Natick, Massachusetts, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Rachel, to Bruce Michael Masterson of Chicago, Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Masterson of South Haven, Michigan.

Miss Bell is a graduate of the University of Rochester and is presently a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Bell of Danvers, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Sumner J. Cooper of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Mr. Masterson was graduated magna cum laude from the honors college of Michigan State University and received his MBA from the University of Chicago. He is a financial analyst employed as a consultant by Data Resources, Inc., in Chicago. A November wedding is planned.

**ADL Criticizes LA Bar**

LOS ANGELES: The Los Angeles County Bar Association (International Law Section) was sharply criticized by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for having excluded Israel from its recent conference, "The Middle East: Legal and Business Aspects."

STAY INFORMED. Read the Herald.

**Society**

**SON BORN**

Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Sock of 15 Smyth Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts, announce the birth of a son, Joshua Glenn, on December 12.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Myers of 111 Elton Street and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Sock of 44 Betsey Williams Drive, Cranston.

Paternal great-grandfather is Jacob Lake of Warwick.

**KESSLER-LADD**

Miss Margaret Ladd of New York, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ladd of Cranston, was married to Lyle Kessler of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kessler of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, December 11, at the National Arts Club in New York.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Elizabeth Glick served as matron of honor for her sister, and Dr. Thomas Glick was best man.

The couple will reside in New York.

**FIRST CHILD BORN**

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tobier of 8 Oakcrest Drive, East Brunswick, New Jersey, announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Michelle Dani, on September 23. Mrs. Tobier is the former Miss Jerilyn Levy.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Max Levy of Providence. Paternal grandparents are

**Beth Torah To Inaugurate Bet Talmud**

Temple Beth Torah (Cranston Jewish Center) will inaugurate The Academy for Jewish Learning and Living, Bet Talmud, starting January 16. The Academy will be a place where members of the community will have an opportunity not only to learn about Judaism, but also explore and experience Jewish living.

Bet Talmud is dedicated to providing quality Jewish learning for adults. The list of courses will include Hebrew language instruction, Bible, Symbols of Jewish Life, Contemporary American Judaism: Jewish Identity in a Secular Society, and Issues in Jewish prayers. Further dimensions are a Shabbaton, retreat and film-lecture series slated for spring. Bet Talmud, The

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tobier of Lakewood, New Jersey.

**COMPETITION WINNER**

Elizabeth H. Berger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon F. Berger of Laurel Avenue, has been selected as Rhode Island Century III Leaders winner in a competition sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Shell Oil Company.

Miss Berger will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and an all expense paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, to attend the Century III Leaders national meeting where 102 winners from 50 states and the District of Columbia will discuss the critical issues of today and participate in seminars emphasizing social and educational issues and leadership skills.

Miss Berger is a senior at Classical High School. Her father is executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

**DAUGHTER BORN**

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Wolf of Rochester, New York, announce the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Lane, on December 19.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Davoli of Utica, New York. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wolf of Warwick.

Paternal great-grandmother is Rose Kelberman of the Bronx, New York.

Academy for Jewish learning and living will officially start on Monday, January 16.

A celebration Shabbat service on Friday evening, January 6, will formally dedicate Bet Talmud. Keynote will be Rabbi Ron Herstik, coordinator for the Academy, together with Rabbi Gerald B. Zelermyer. Members of the community have been invited to join this service.

A brochure describing the Academy program and registration information are available by writing to Temple Beth Torah, Bet Talmud, Academy for Jewish Learning and Living, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905. Information can also be obtained by calling 941-4350.

**Menten Sentenced To Fifteen Years**

AMSTERDAM: Dutch multi-millionaire art collector Pieter Menten, 78, was sentenced by a special war crimes tribunal of the Amsterdam District Court to 15 years in prison for having participated in the mass murder of 20 to 30 persons, mainly Jews in the Polish village of Podhorodze in July 1941. The court did not find conclusive evidence of Menten's participation in the mass murder in the nearby Village of Yryce on Aug. 27, 1941, although it did not exclude his participation. The villages are now in the Soviet Union. The public prosecutor has demanded a life sentence.

The trial took 26 sessions and is the longest trial in Dutch history, Menten and his lawyer, Louis van Heyningen, have maintained that the charges against Menten are part of a Soviet conspiracy for which they used agents in Holland and elsewhere in the free world. The court rejected this claim. The court was presided over by Johan A. Schroeder, whose reading of the verdict took nearly two hours. The Menten trial received unprecedented publicity in the Dutch press. Menten can appeal to the Supreme Court within a fortnight.

**40-Year-Old Precedent**

CAIRO, Mena House Hotel: If, despite the mood at the opening session, the Mena House talks end without real progress but the participants want to pretend otherwise, they would do well to recall how this was done by Ramsay MacDonald and Zaghoul Pasha more than 40 years ago. The two men met here in the same hotel to discuss Egypt's desire for freedom from British rule. Their talks were fruitless because the British Prime Minister was already preparing to resign. This transcript of their talks tells the rest of the story:

MacDonald: "Shall we make an announcement saying that the door of negotiations was left open instead of negotiations have come to an end for one reason or another?" Zaghoul: "I don't see much difference." MacDonald: "Oh yes there is. It's much nicer for people to read that the door is left open than to say negotiations have failed." Zaghoul: "Right. I agree."

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## BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr

In this column I often mention that on Defense one should try to play the correct card. By this I meant that usually false-carding by one Defender would be more apt to fool his partner than the Declarer who has a better idea which cards are actually outstanding. However, every so often a situation will come up when it will be necessary to try to fool everyone. A good Defender should be ready to take advantage of that opportunity for it doesn't occur that often. Today's hand is a fine example.

	North		
	♦ A Q 8 2		
	♥ 4 3		
	♦ K 9 5		
	♦ A K Q 8		
West		East	
♦ 10 6 5		♦ J 9 4 3	
♦ J 8 7 5		♦ A K 9 2	
♦ A 8 4 2		♥ 7 6	
♦ 6 3		♦ 10 7 2	
	South		
	♦ K 7		
	♥ Q 10 6		
	♦ Q J 10 3		
	♦ J 9 5 4		

North was Dealer, no one vulnerable with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
1C	P	1D	P
1S	P	1NT	P
3NT	End		

The bidding was exactly as shown most of the time although two Norths were not as fond of their hand as the rest and only rebid two No Trump. South had enough to carry on to game anyhow so the contract was the same at every table.

West had a slight dilemma on the opening for we have mentioned that leading from four to the Jack is a very bad lead. However, in this hand he had little choice. All the other suits had been bid by the opponents and also someone some time had said that the unbid Major is usually a good lead. I don't go along with that exactly but certainly at the right time one can fit any lead into a saying. At any rate the normal lead in this hand was a low Heart.

I watched at each table as East delighted to have his partner lead the right suit, automatically won the King first, then played the Ace and then a third Heart won, of course, by Declarer's Queen. At this point Declarer still needed a Diamond trick to make the contract but after losing that Diamond Ace, only one more Heart could be cashed and now Declarer had more tricks than he needed. What could have been done?

Actually if Declarer knew just where the two Heart honors were nothing could have been done but put yourself in Declarer's spot if East should win the first trick with the Ace, not the King and then plays back a low Heart. Your natural inclination probably would be to think West must have led from the King or East would have won that card so as not to fool his partner and that your only chance now is for East to hold the Jack.

So Declarer will play his ten hopefully

but only to see it lose to West's Jack. Now we might encounter a West or two who will also be fooled by this and switch over to another suit and that is the chance East must take. However, even though West may not think his partner has that King he will most likely continue the same suit for lack of anything better to do and might be just as surprised as Declarer when East wins the third lead with that King. The difference is that West will be pleasantly surprised whereas we won't be able to say the same for South.

Moral: I still say that when defending always play the correct card. That means that the correct card might in rare cases by a False Card.

## Accustomed To His Face

JERUSALEM: Now that President Sadat has returned home to Cairo, Israeli journalists are reflecting on the impact upon the Israeli public of this historic visit.

The JCNS correspondent writes that the Israeli public was "bowed over" by President Sadat. In describing his departure from Ben Gurion airport, Tel Aviv, an Israeli TV commentator remarked: "We will miss President Sadat. We have grown used to him being here, his manner of speech, his gestures."

Delighted applauding crowds had greeted him everywhere.

There was even the unusual spectacle of normally cynical, hard-boiled reporters stopping in their tracks to applaud the visitor. Even some bereaved families who lost their sons in battle, whose pain and loss were poignantly recalled by several Israeli newspapers, were not resentful of the fact that conciliation might actually be taking place with the erstwhile major enemy.

At the same time, there was, in some quarters, a desperate attempt to ensure that Israelis should keep a sense of proportion, difficult though this was, in the face of the elation over the Egyptian leader's visit.

## 1st Jewish School Since 1492 to Open

TEL AVIV (JTA): Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef is leaving soon for Spain to attend the dedication of the first Jewish school in Madrid, the first such school in Spain since the expulsion of Jews from Spain by the Inquisition in 1492. Israeli religious circles are attaching great significance to Yosef's visit to Spain as it would mean the annulment of the "herem deraban" — the boycott of Spain declared by the rabbis of the Inquisition era. There are some 9000 Jews presently in Spain, 3000 of them in Madrid.

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## Imposter Rip-Off

NEW YORK: An imposter using the name of Rabbi Joseph Goldman, of Sacramento, California, has been mulcting rabbis in the southeast, it was revealed in the News Letter of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The come on is a call on the phone to the local rabbi asking for an immediate cash loan to repair a car a short distance away, with the promise of repayment on reaching home. Rabbi Norman Lipson, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, checked when he got such a call. It turned out that there is a Rabbi Joseph Goldman in Sacramento, and he reported that similar resort to the same ruse has been successful in various locations in the southeast, a section of the country the real Rabbi Goldman said he hadn't visited in years.

## No Merging Of Holocaust Day And Tisha b'Av

JERUSALEM: Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin has apparently agreed to drop his proposal to merge Holocaust Memorial Day with Tisha b'Av. Begin responded to a move by a group of Holocaust survivors who wanted the special memorial day to be held in April. They felt it would lose its significance if held on the same day as Tisha b'Av. Some secularists among the survivors had a different reason. They did not want the memorial day linked with a religious day.

Other objectors were a group of 25 spiritual leaders and intellectuals, who had made a special study of the subject at the request of Education Minister Zvulun Hammer. They noted that many Holocaust survivors were still alive, and "the present generation does not have a mandate to amalgamate the two days."

## Gaza Terror Cells

KHAN YUNIS: Several terrorist cells which were in stages of formation were cracked recently in the Khan Yunis and Rafah areas and 30 suspects have been arrested in possession of several kilograms of explosives.

Security forces said that the suspects belonged to several cells of the Fatah and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine organizations. Besides the explosives, various weapons were seized.



**OUR YOUNGER SET:** Rhonda Sheryl, seven years old, and Jennifer Gail Greenstone, three years old, are the daughters of Gp. Sgt. and Mrs. Harris P. Greenstone, who are presently living in Kailua, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. Mrs. Greenstone is

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Mrs. Greenstone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobson of Providence. Mr. Greenstone is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. David Kosofsky, also of Providence.

## Anti-Semitic Article Published By Soviet

NEW YORK (JTA): "The Poisonous Weapon of Zionism" characterized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews as "one of the most sinister and viciously anti-Semitic articles in years to have been printed in the Soviet press," appeared in the November 16 issue of the authoritative national military journal "Red Star." Written by L. Korneyev, it presents an unremittingly evil international Zionist network of anti-Soviet terror and subversion, the Soviet Jewry groups reported.

Though making the standard disclaimer that most Soviet Jews are "sincere patriots of the motherland," the groups said that "the clearly Stalinist tone of the article puts every Jew in the USSR under suspicion and sets the stage for a 'treason' trial of Anatoly Shcharansky as it concludes with the call for 'each Soviet person to display the greatest vigilance against the intrigues of our

class enemy."

The diatribe, according to the two groups, "reveals" that:

- The "unbridled anti-Soviet demonstrations" and bombings in the U.S. are financed by "the military-industrial monopolies." "Few people know that of the 165 largest 'death concerns' in the West, 158 are controlled or actually belong to the pro-Zionist bourgeoisie of Jewish extraction."

- "The Zionists' terrorist organizations in the U.S. and Europe receive arms, instructors and cadres from the Israeli special services for whose activity terrorism became the major guideline long ago."

- "Israeli intelligence is subsidized by the 'Jewish section' of the Mafia," among others.

- "International Zionism has waged a fierce war against Soviet power from the very first day of the October Revolution."

## Campaign Joined By 'Anti-Nazi League'

LONDON: A new campaign against British racists has been launched. An 'Anti-Nazi League' has been formed and its first moves will be in connection with the by-election at Bournemouth East.

The league's members include members of Parliament, trade unionists, entertainers and academics.

It will distribute leaflets to every householder in Bournemouth East warning of National Front racist activities. A statement issued by the league suggested that there is a worrying prospect of a Nazi party gaining significant support in Britain. The league's campaign is

aimed at preparing for the general election when the National Front will put up more than 318 candidates and will be entitled to equal radio and television time with the major political parties.

The league was formed at a meeting at the House of Commons and its press officer is the former Young Liberal leader and now a Labor Party supporter, Peter Hain.

It is intended that the league will be a broad-based group attracting people from all sides of the political spectrum. It will be in touch with other anti-racist and anti-fascist groups.

## Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter



(Continued from page 4)

average income.

- The parents are easygoing, carefree and impulsive, have "limited pleasure postponement mechanisms," and rubber wills when confronted with high-pressure salesmen.

- Although the husband in most cases, is satisfied with his job, one in three wives is dissatisfied with her husband's pay and nags about it.

- The family doesn't read anything, not even this daily newspaper (you'll have to pass this test on).

- TV is the major communications medium in the family's life and TV disproportionately influences the couple's buying.

- The parents tend to blame their plight on vague unavoidable "circumstances" or superficial backbreaking straws, such as pregnancy, temporary loss of a job, buying a car — and thus they feel that their debt troubles are not really their fault.

- Neither husband nor wife assumes clear responsibility for managing the family's finances. Even among the couples who think they are sharing money management responsibilities, there is little indication of joint decision making. As one husband remarked, "We don't quibble about it. If either one of us wants to buy, we buy!"
- The family moves from house to house more often than the average U.S. family.

Most of you adequately cushion your personal debts with your regular earnings, your savings, your accumulated financial assets, your potential for rising future incomes.

But there is a growing minority — running into the millions of individuals as our population mounts and consumer debts balloon — always in deep financial trouble. Most often they are families just beginning to establish a home, with scant knowledge of how to handle their family finances (if any knowledge at all), and having extraordinary expenses related to child bearing.

### HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH

The crucial distinction between sound and unsound borrowing is whether or not you are carrying too much debt at any one time. And while there is considerable disagreement on the answers to this fundamental question, prolonged and profound study underlines that the following are clear WARNING SIGNALS that you are moving perilously close to the debt borderline and may already be crossing it.

- You are continually lengthening the repayment periods on your installment purchases and putting down smaller and smaller initial payments. Simultaneously, your interest load is increasing just because you are sinking deeper and deeper into debt for longer and longer spans of time. You are, in fact, beginning to run up interest charges on earlier interest!

- What you owe on your revolving charge accounts also is climbing steadily. These days, you're never out of debt to local stores at which you have revolving charge accounts.

- Before you have finished paying last month's bills, this month's are piling in. Now, you seem to be always behind in your payments and you're regularly receiving notices that you are delinquent. You might even be receiving an occasional notice threatening repossession or legal action against you — something which has never happened to you before.

- Slowly, but unquestionably, an ever-increasing share of your net income is going to pay your debts.

- You are so bedeviled by so many separate bills coming at you from so many sources each month that you turn to a lending institution for a loan to "consolidate" and pay off all your debts — leaving you with just this one big loan to meet.

- You still have your credit cards, however, and you continue to buy on credit, thereby adding more new bills on top of the big loan you must repay each month. You are, in blunt summary, pyramiding your debts. Before too long your salary will be attached, your car repossessed — and you'll even lose your home, if you do not recognize at once what is happening.

Only YOU can stop this vicious circle which you yourself have created. Here are more workable guidelines:

Keep your debt load below that 20 per cent of your after-tax income (not including your home mortgage). This means that if you earn \$800 a month in take-home pay, or \$9,600 after taxes a year, your debt limit would be under \$2,000 a year.

Do not owe more than 10 per cent of the amount you could pay for out of your income within the next 18 months. Again, say your take-home pay is \$800 a month; that gives you 10 per cent, or \$80, for debt repayments each month. With this monthly sum, you could pay off \$1,500 over 18 months. Your comfortable debt limit would be about \$1,500.

Do not owe more than one-third of your discretionary income for the year — meaning the income you have left after you have paid for the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. Once again, say you earn \$9,600 in take-home pay a year and you spend an average of \$200 a month for shelter, \$280 a month for food, \$50 a month for clothing. Your basic living costs are \$530 a month or \$6,360 over the year. Your discretionary income is, therefore, \$3,240. By this yardstick, your debt limit is \$1,080, one-third of your discretionary income of \$3,240.

Whichever system you select, follow it faithfully.

Also in deciding how much debt your family can handle comfortably, ask yourself: how stable is your family breadwinner's job and income (or both breadwinners' jobs and incomes)? Don't ever, ever depend on overtime as though it is a regular part of your salary. It can be ended suddenly, while your debts remain.

What are the odds on a layoff in your occupation and in your neighborhood? Are you eligible for unemployment compensation? Union benefits? How much? How long would these benefits finance your needs? How many protections does your family have against other disasters (outside of the disaster of unemployment) — such as insurance coverage for your home, health and life pension credits, cash savings and investments, equity in your home, etc.?

A final note here: don't blame your debt loads on the ever-rising cost of living. That's no answer. That's just trying to duck the realities of life in 1978.

### INJURED

JERUSALEM: Six persons were injured when a bomb exploded on crowded David Street, one of the main streets through the Old City of Jerusalem.

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By DR. JAY N. FISHBEIN

(I have been requested to write on the subject of torture of prisoners in Israel, and data has been supplied by Colette Avital of the Consulate General of Israel, Gerald Baumgarten, Research and Evaluation Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Institute of Jewish Affairs.)

The issue of human rights has long been at the center of international politics. However, the United Nations is informed of violations or alleged violations of human rights only in those countries where it is still possible to protest such violations.

In this crucial period when there is an unprecedented opportunity for the establishment of peace in the Middle East, the PLO has resurrected claims of abuse of Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza with charges of torture of Arab prisoners.

Why responsible investigative reporters would write an article without attempting to verify its accuracy, or the *Sunday Times* would publish it, remains a mystery. The four page story entitled "Israel and Torture" promptly found Israel guilty and warned that it made for "unpleasant reading." The article created quite a furor.

This "Insight" team questioned only the Arab side and made the rather naive assumption that statements by Arabs were all true and those by Israelis, false. The prisoners interviewed gave stories of marked similarity, which "Insight" considered adequate proof of their authenticity.

The Shin Beit (Israel Security Services) categorically denied the ex-prisoners graphic tales of ill-treatment as figments of the imagination. On July 10th the "Insight" team wrote again, this time in their own defense. They charged that Israelis used torture to gain information about terrorist groups and force confessions which are then used to obtain convictions in Israeli

courts. "We came away convinced that the Israeli government implements a policy of torture on Arab prisoners." This is a sad commentary, not on the Israeli government, but on the National Lawyers Guild, which very few people seem to have ever heard of.

Had the Guild made a responsible enquiry, they would have discovered that Israel places such a high value on human life that it is the only country in the Middle East with no death penalty. And this, despite the large number of civilian murders perpetrated by the PLO terrorists.

Israeli records show that during 1975, 216 persons brought before military tribunals were acquitted. The total number sentenced to more than ten years was 31 and 26 in 1976. These figures include those sentenced for all other crimes as well as security offenses. This would indicate that they receive a fair trial.

Israel's State Attorney, Gabriel Bach, stated that security officials must often act quickly to prevent loss of innocent lives. It is necessary to know whether other bombs have been planted and the location, before they become activated.

Israelis do not claim to treat terrorists with kid gloves, but "torture is not our system, it is theirs" a police source told a Reuters reporter. There is little doubt that some terrorists are subjected to intensive interrogation, but are not physically abused. A police officer who once forgot himself and slapped a surly prisoner was suspended, without pay. "After all, placing a bomb in a supermarket or a crowded bus terminal is a greater offense than stealing a set of hubcaps. Also, it must be remembered that they consider themselves to be at war with us. Israel is a country under siege. Our survival is at stake."

The *Sunday Times* reported that it received 384 letters from readers in England. Of

prisoners mentioned in the *Sunday Times* as having been tortured. Her father claimed to have been present and fainted at the sight of his daughter's suffering, according to the report in *The Times* article, which the attorney, Felicia Langer, supplied.

The *Jerusalem Post's* David Krivine spent a month in detailed investigations, and had this report regarding Miss Odeh, following an interview: "There was absolutely no visible physical mark to be seen. Rasmiah has an ulcer, and is on a diet; that is all. When she entered the interview room, in jeans and a dark T-shirt, I thought she was a member of the prison staff."

She talked intelligently, and had no complaints other than a shortage of novels to read, and the confiscation of her poems. She is studying French with two other terrorist prisoners, and was allowed to buy the necessary textbooks. "But, I won't forget what they did to me during the days of interrogation," she said. She denied that her father had been present at any of them.

She had been taken into custody after placing two bombs in a supermarket where two people were killed and others injured. "This," as the Israeli officer stated, "is murder in any language. It was necessary to find out if others had been planted, who had supplied the explosives, where the supply was stashed, and who her accomplices were." Interrogation is one thing; torture is another.

David Krivine also visited other prisoners whose experiences the paper had described in gory detail, and found nothing that would substantiate the stories of the "Insight" team. He also visited the Russian compound, which was described in *The Times* article as one of the interrogation centers, where "unspeakable atrocities are committed." A picture of it appeared in the paper, and it looked as forbidding as the Kremlin. The article went on to say that

## Human Rights vs Torture

courts. That torture is employed as a means of deterring the Arab population from resisting "tyrannical Israeli rule."

The "Insight" team apparently was unaware that according to Israeli law, confessions are inadmissible without corroborating evidence, and the courts would not accept a confession without supportive evidence, in rendering judgment.

The only corroboration of the tales of the former Arab prisoners was from Felicia Langer and Leah Tsemel, Israel attorneys, who have made a career of defending Palestinian terrorists. Both are members of *Rakah*, the Communist party in Israel. They fought Zionism with a vengeance.

The reporters ignored the fact that these attorneys have appeared as speakers on pro-Arab platforms in the United States and Europe, and have called for the dissolution of the State of Israel.

At no point in its investigations did the "Insight" team make an effort to confront Israel judicial or military officials with their evidence and charges.

Instead, the journalists set about to compile what they considered a strong circumstantial case. Their findings rested on the mutually corroborating accounts of five Palestinians.

All of them claimed to have been taken to an interrogation center known as "The Palace of the End," where they were subjected to identical forms of torture. They were blindfolded and daily taken to the "frigidaire," a cold box, with spikes on the floor, so constructed that they could neither stand, lie or sit. One serious flaw existed in that they were unable to describe the location of this "room of torture." Subsequent searches by reporters making a room-by-room search failed to locate it.

A group of Methodist ministers on the assumption the stories were true, voiced concern in a letter to President Carter, and the leftist National Lawyers Guild sent ten representatives on a Middle East "Fact Finding Mission," headed by the Arab-American lawyer, Abdeen Jabara.

Apparently, they interrogated the same Palestinian prisoners. One of the Guild leaders, Professor John Quigley of Ohio University, on their return held a press conference at the United Nations, and sta-

this number 262 criticized the article as a "farrago of innuendo" without supporting evidence. Only 90 considered it a "courageous exposure." The others merely discussed associated matters.

The British Judiciary was more critical. Two law lords came down hard against the *Sunday Times*. Lord Justice Salmon said, "The Israel reply destroyed the credibility of the allegations." The former Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, termed the Israeli judiciary "manifestly independent." "I am certain that they would never have allowed things to pass that would have aroused criticism or complaint in the most meticulous English court."

This repudiation of the "Insight" reporters did not discourage Nicholas von Hoffman of this country, who reported the story with relish, in his syndicated column on July first. He delighted in utilizing the terms employed in the Soviet press after the Six Day War, comparing the Israelis to the Nazis. "If Heinrich Himmler were around today to read the *Sunday Times*, his stony heart might beat with pride."

In general, the Israeli press was more objective. *The Washington Post* carried a short item the day after the "Insight" team's report appeared. Earlier in the year it ran its own series on allegations of torture in Israeli prisons, but did not give them any credibility. *The New York Times* was a model of even-handedness. It ran six paragraphs on the accusations and six paragraphs on rebuttal.

This was followed by a Reuters dispatch from Israel by Bernard Edinger, who was permitted to interview Palestinian prisoners in Gaza, specifically to counter the "Insight" team's allegations, but failed to find anything to substantiate their conclusions. Systematic use of torture is repugnant to any fair minded individual. These articles clearly established the fact that torture of Arab prisoners by Israel was simply untrue. Andre Tschiffeli of the International Red Cross, said virtually the same thing. "We have never seen anything untoward . . . and certainly no indication of systematic torture authorized by the Israeli administration. We do not believe that it exists."

Miss Rasmiah Odeh was one of the

"terrible tortures were inflicted on prisoners in Barracks Four, including sexual assaults, even employing a special technique for beating a man's testicles."

Mr. Krivine visited these barracks and the interrogation where the atrocities are supposed to have occurred. He stated that he could definitely say, without fear of contradiction, that whoever chose Barracks Four for the purposes of cross examining detainees could not possibly have intended, even as a remote possibility, that violence would be used there.

He found it completely exposed to public view. The Russian Compound is in the middle of town. People are admitted to police headquarters freely, without any identity check. These so-called "barracks" are small buildings in a courtyard, where many people pass through during the course of the day, and can peer in through the window. Any cry of pain could be heard all over, even if the windows were bolted shut.

If prisoners were beaten they would have to be carried or dragged out into the open, to be returned to their place of detention. The *Sunday Times* noted that an "American charity worker saw such a case last year."

The traffic at police headquarters is considerable. It is crowded all day with people wandering in and out freely, Arab, Jew, tourists and visitors, local and foreign. No one aside from the unnamed American ever reported seeing beaten prisoners taken across the compound.

The *Jerusalem Post's* reporter secured permission to visit the prison block. He did not find them cowed or apprehensive, and none carried any sign of physical mistreatment. Most of the prisoners occupied large barrack rooms, containing ten to twenty beds. They spend the day in the prison yard where they smoked and chatted. Some are kept in separate cells, who are voluntarily cooperating, and isolated for their protection from the occasional fanatic members of the PLO.

It is only in unusual cases that any undue pressure is necessary during interrogation. The Arab delights in boasting of his exploits, and the terrorist is fully aware, even if the general Arab population may not be, that torture is forbidden, and he has

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### Magnes Hoped To Stop 'Jewish War Machine'

JERUSALEM: A rather sad reaction greeted the publication of a certain document included in an exhibition that

was arranged in memory of Dr. Y.L. Magnes, a former leader of the pacifist movement, Brit Shalom. Amongst the 320 papers that were displayed (supplied by the American government) was one that contained a communication from Dr. Magnes to the U.S. Secretary of State a few days

before the proclamation of the State of Israel.

On that date (the 4th of May, 1948) Magnes expressed himself as follows: He described Israel as "a work of art." He lamented the fact that funds which were coming from the United States were being

used for purposes of war. According to Magnes the Hagana (the Jewish self-defense organization) was using upward of \$4 million daily. Magnes appealed to Gen. Marshall asking that the flow of funds should be stopped so that "the Jewish war machine" will be forced to grind to a halt.

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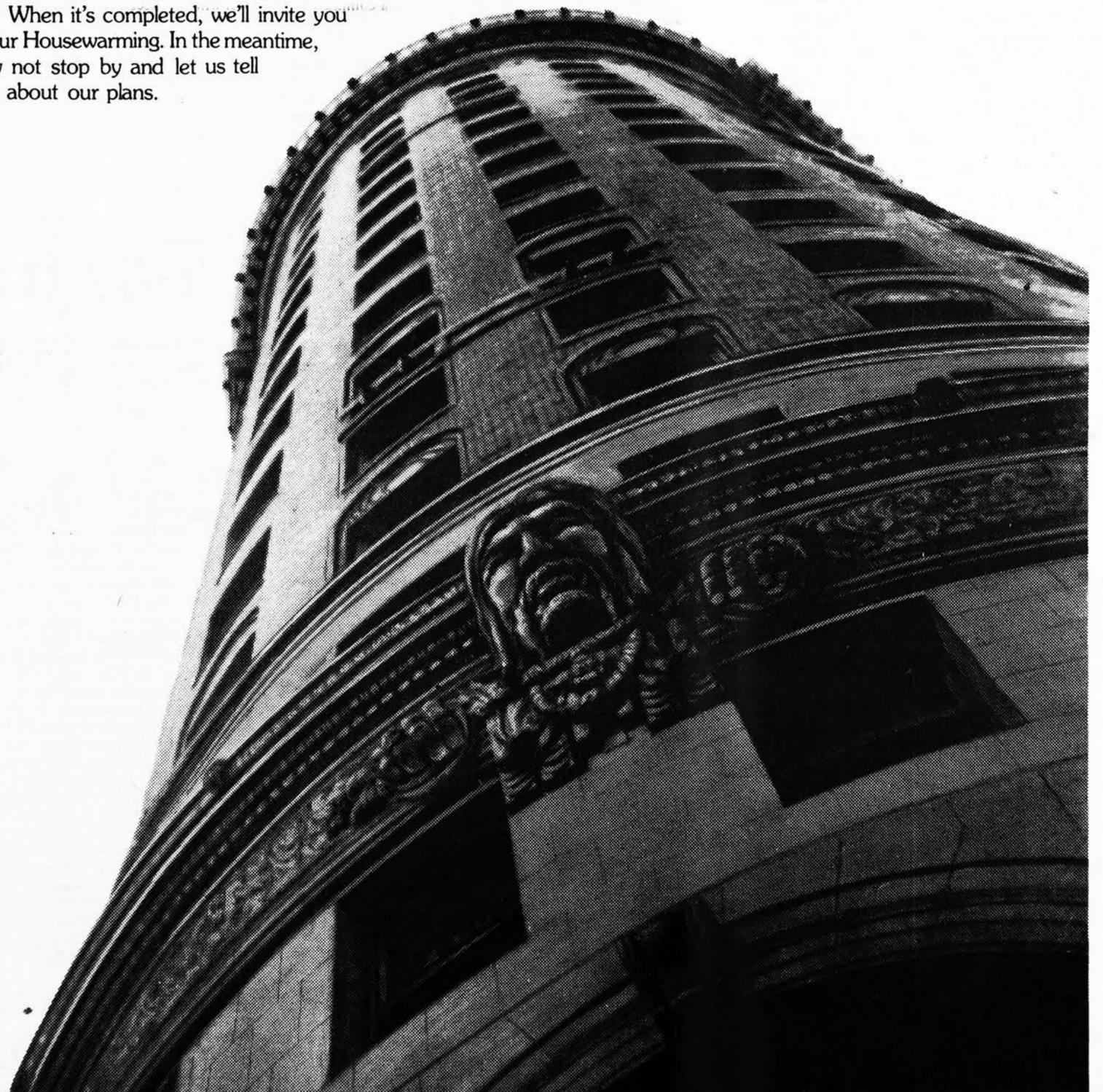
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## Special Analysis

## The Ismailia Summit

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): The statement read in Ismailia by President Anwar Sadat indicated that Israel and Egypt have actually reached a broad understanding of the future of the Sinai peninsula. However, the differences on the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip remain. The main subject of mutual concern to the two countries, therefore — the nature of the future border — is no longer a major stumbling block. Both leaders agreed that there was considerable progress on this subject.

Thus, the main gap exists on a subject in which Egypt has no direct geographical interest — the West Bank. In other words, Egypt is not yet ready to forego its role as defender of the Palestinians, although it may change its mind in the coming months. In this framework, the function of the two committees which Begin and Sadat decided to establish can be seen more clearly.

The military committee, to convene in Cairo, will deal with the technicalities of withdrawal from Sinai and turn the broad understanding reached in Ismailia into a detailed agreement. The political committee, which will convene in Jerusalem, will have the more difficult task of finding an accepted formula for a settlement in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

## Too Early To Compromise

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban said: "The Ismailia conference was a success, in that one achieved the maximum that could have been achieved there." Indeed, those who expected Begin to return from Ismailia with some kind of a written accord in his hand were expecting miracles. An issue as complex as the Palestinian problem cannot be solved within a 24-hour visit.

Moreover, even if the two parties were willing to compromise — and they actually said that this was the purpose of the two committees — both of them apparently felt that it was too early to compromise. Both of them also apparently agreed that it was time to slow down the momentum which

they so proudly achieved.

Meir Amit, Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) Knesset Member, said in reaction to the Ismailia summit: "It seems they have realized that the fast rate of events was no longer mandatory." Begin himself said today at a press conference upon his return to Israel: "Give us a chance."

Begin needed the time because he is not ready to make further compromises, and he is certainly not ready to convince the hardliners such as Gush Emunim that further concessions are justifiable, not that the Gush Emunim presents any political threat to Begin. But Begin, until now the main spokesman for Greater Israel, wants to postpone an all-out clash with the advocates of Greater Israel and hopes to convince even the smaller groups to support him.

Even the moderate chairman of the Labor Party, Shimon Peres, albeit congratulating Begin on the bold decisions made in connection with the peace plan, said Israel offered too much for an opening shot. Analysts noted that Begin could have come back from Ismailia after making further concessions and still win an overwhelming support in the Knesset.

## Signal To Arab World

Sadat was much more interested in postponing the hour of decision. By sticking to his old position of firm support in creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Sadat was actually signalling the Arab world that it was not too late to join the peace talks. Sadat, so far, has not given anything away that could be interpreted as betraying Arab solidarity.

Once an understanding exists on Sinai, the subject of direct mutual interest, discussions can start on the issue of the other occupied territories.

Sadat is not yet ready for a separate agreement with Israel. But the talks in Ismailia definitely paved the road for such an agreement when Sadat feels he can reach no better alternative.

## Concessions Causing Concern

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV (JTA): The imminent prospect that Israel will have to make serious concessions in order to maintain the current momentum toward peace has aroused concern among the strongest supporters of Premier Menachem Begin's Likud government. They are worried about the future status of the occupied territories and especially the fate of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and in northern Sinai.

Begin's references to "self-rule" for the West Bank and Gaza Strip populations and indications that Israel is prepared to return most of Sinai to Egypt drew sharp criticism in Herut circles. Members of the Greater Israel Movement, the ultra-nationalist Gush Emunim and other hard-liners have demanded clarification by Begin of what he has in mind. The government's policy so far has been to try to calm the fears aroused by Begin's peace proposals. Several hundred Gush followers, joined by representatives of Jordan Valley settlers, held a silent demonstration "of concern" outside the Premier's Office in Jerusalem shortly before the Cairo talks. They had asked for a meeting with Begin to get first hand information about the proposals before he took them to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at their meeting in Cairo.

Yehuda Etzion of Ofra, a Gush settlement in Samaria, said "We must prepare ourselves for the possibility that the peace talks will blow up. In that case, we shall face a difficult situation at home. The government will be faced with tremendous pressures to make more concessions," he said. The Gush leadership met with leaders of the Greater Israel Movement and Ein Vered, composed mainly of Labor Party

hard-liners. The three groups agreed to coordinate their actions should the Begin program prove unacceptable to them.

Meanwhile, Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori had the task of reassuring Likud's Histadrut faction at a meeting here. He insisted that there was no erosion or deviation by the government from Likud's election platform. "We said clearly we shall be ready for far-reaching concessions in Sinai, we said we shall not leave the Golan Heights and that there will be no third state between the sea and the desert. We stand on these points," Zipori said.

He stressed that Israeli forces will remain in Judaea and Samaria regardless of what form of local autonomy emerged. "The control over the borders will be in our hands," he said. He acknowledged that the question of the West Bank is difficult because Israel's problem is "to find a way of having our cake and eating it." In any case, he declared, "there is no intentions of giving up settlements in the administered territories."

But Zipori admitted something that government officials have rarely said in public. He told the Likud constituents that while there were big plans for settlements there were not enough settlers and those who were ready were not necessarily the type for such places. He criticized the Rafah salient settlers for behaving like feudal lords with thousands of Bedouins working for them.

## 'To Make Things Easier' Says Sadat Not Trying

CHICAGO (JTA): Nearly 1,000 men and women, all Chicago Jewish leaders, pledged gifts which brought the 1978 Jewish United Fund-Israel Emergency Campaign (JUF) to \$9,485 million, after hearing Abba Eban, Israel's former Foreign Minister, caution that President Anwar Sadat of Egypt "did not come to Israel to make things easier for us." He said Sadat "brings us nearer the moment of truth, the negotiating hour." Eban added: "Now it is time for Israel to determine the permissible limits of peace." The Israeli diplomat spoke at a special gifts dinner at Chicago's Palmer House.

The dinner was chaired by Edgar L. Cadden, 1978 JUF general chairman, and

## 'Proxy' Brides To Wed Three 'Jewish Brothers'

NEW YORK: Five months after 13 Syrian Jewish women were "adopted" by the Brooklyn community, the first of them is to be married. Two others will also become brides within a few weeks. The three marriages will be in synagogues, according to the ancient ritual for Syrian Jews, although none of the three women is to marry the "proxy" groom to whom she was promised in ceremony in Syria with a stand-in.

The ceremony requires the man's tallis, or prayer shawl, to be placed over the heads of the couple. The groom gives the bride a wedding ring, common in our own tradition, and also a coin of pure silver. Today's regulation United States coins do not contain silver, so the grooms will purchase older coins.

Some of the remaining ten women are now dating their proxy grooms and may marry them. Had the proxy ceremonies not taken place in Syria, the government there would likely not have permitted the women to migrate to the United States. The sanction of tradition among Syrian Jews allows for such proxy marriages with stand-ins.

## Bridging Two Worlds

Behind this first marriage in Brooklyn is the story of overlapping cultures, the pride of a community, the rabbi who has become a matchmaker and such organizations as the Women's American ORT and the New York Association for New Americans. The rabbi and the organizations have built a bridge between two worlds for women who have learned to ride a subway, speak English, get jobs, develop new independence, while retaining old customs.

Says Rabbi Sion Maslaton, the unofficial marriage broker, "These young women are not looking for careers. They want a home and children. And in this community, the young women — and the men, too — they live at home until they marry."

Despite the concern and warmth of this community for the immigrant Jewish Syrian women, there is one obstacle that has not been overcome — the longing of the women for their parents, brothers and sisters in Syria. Two of them — the youngest two — could not endure the separation from their families and returned to Syria.

"The hardest part for these young women," said Herbert Bernstein, executive director of the Association for New Americans, "is facing the possibility that they may never see their families again."

Glوريا Rosenbaum, of the same group, who has been working with the Syrian women, recalled that before the two youngest returned to Syria, one of them told her, "If I can't see my family, I will die."

The absence of family has cast a shadow over the approaching marriage of Sabah Yabo, who will marry Victor Setton on January 15, at Rabbi Maslaton's synagogue, the Ahi Ezer Congregation, at 1885 Ocean Parkway. The synagogue is part of the largest community in the United States of Jews of Syrian descent, with about 25,000 people.

The rabbi is appealing to the Syrian government to allow Miss Yabo's parents to come here for the wedding. The groom's parents, Ezra and Nazli Setton, have offered to pay for the round-trip plane tickets.

"If even one of the parents is allowed to come it would be a blessing," said Janet Zolta, the 23-year-old bride's "adoptive mother" in Brooklyn.

That the marriage will take place is largely the work of Rabbi Maslaton and his

wife, Victoria. As the story emerged the other night at the rabbi's home, at 2124 East Ninth Street, Miss Yabo and several other of the Jewish Syrian women laughed at times, knowing that similar intrigues were being conducted in their behalf.

The first meeting between Miss Yabo and Mr. Setton was in the lobby of the synagogue because in this Orthodox synagogue, men and women do not sit together, much less hold conversations.

That night the couple had their first date, dinner in a kosher restaurant and a movie that Miss Yabo recalled was "about cops and robbers and shooting."

There were other dates. He talked to her in Arabic, but she insisted that he translate everything to her in English because she wanted to become fluent in English as soon as possible.

About a month after the first meeting, Mr. Setton asked Miss Yabo to marry him and she replied, "I want to consult my parents."

She wrote to her parents, as did the rabbi, who assured them that the 29-year-old groom would make their daughter a good husband. The parents gave their approval and Miss Yabo accepted the proposal.

On the night of December 10, a Saturday, the groom and his parents paid the traditional engagement visit to the girl and her adoptive mother, sipping the customary shrob il loz, a liquid of ground almonds and sugar. Mr. Setton gave Miss Yabo an engagement ring and his mother gave her bracelets.

Later, the rabbi said that in his new role as matchmaker he had decided on one rule: "I introduce a man to only one girl at a time so he cannot bargain one against the other."

Rabbi Maslaton also feels a very deep responsibility because of the absence of the women's parents. In one instance, after one of the women had met a man through him and his wife, she inquired about the man. The rabbi suggested he might not make a good husband for her. She never saw him again.

"To all of us," he said, "these young women are like our own daughters."

Four of the women are living in the rabbi's two-story house. Three of the others, including Miss Yabo, live with Mrs. Zolta.

## Learning American Customs

The reason the families sent the daughters to the United States was that a shortage of eligible Jewish males had developed as the young men slipped out of Syria into Israel and many of the remaining young men did not want to marry because it would become difficult as a married man and father to escape to Israel.

"Syrian Jews," Rabbi Maslaton, who came here from Syria in 1920, "believe in children. They have seven, eight, 10, 12 children. Thank God, they grow up and get married and everything goes well."

But until these young women marry, they are learning American customs and New York life. Some of them have changed first names. For instance, Sabah Yabo is now Yvette. Other changes are from Chafika to Sophie; from Rachel to Sheila.

The young women are no longer afraid of subways. They do their own shopping for clothes. They have jobs in stores, in yeshivas, in the garment industry.

At one of the ORT schools attended by the young women — nearly all have finished their courses — Allyn Sinderbrand, who teaches and directs a program there, was much impressed by the speed with which the young women learned.

"They were anxious to learn as fast as possible," she said.

Diane Bloch, a vocational counselor for the New Americans group, commented that, "These girls have an advantage because they go to English-speaking homes at the end of the school day. And at school they have an advantage because they are accustomed to learning by rote and have developed well-trained memories."

The young women said they were occasionally amused by some of the questions they were asked. Said Stella Jraden, "People think that in Damascus we know nothing. They ask if we have television. These clothes I wear, I bought in Syria. Everybody thinks I bought them in New York."

Although the women are proud of their sophistication, they also admire their traditions. Thus, when Miss Yabo was asked how many children she would like to have, she replied, "Whatever God sends me."

## South African Jew Attacked

CAPE TOWN (JCN): Godfrey Issacson, the Progressive Federal Party's Provincial Council candidate in Maitland, Cape Town, South Africa, was recently dragged from his car and attacked by two white men when he was on his way to the PFP's campaign office.

The attack followed a series of anti-Semitic telephone calls to his office and home. One caller threatened to shoot him at his next public meeting.

# Human Rights vs Torture

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nothing to fear in regard to bodily harm. Israel, like the US, is a democracy, living in a glass house. Whatever happens is clearly visible to the world.

The Shin Beit men are skilled at interrogation. Only when time is of the essence are they persistent. Each person is carefully studied for his weakness which is probed and exploited. The more important the prisoner, the more susceptible he becomes to skillful questioning. Flattery and small favors as private accommodations, special courtesies, choice food and drink will loosen the tongue quicker than the use of torture, and be more productive.

To indicate his importance in the organization he will not only discuss events of the past, but divulge detailed plans for the future. Occasionally when in a talkative mood, he will request interrogation.

One prisoner, Abdul Karim, in the *In-sight Reports*, stated that he had been interrogated and tortured by an entire team of Shin Beit men. This organization consists of elite, hand picked men, almost all university graduates, who would hardly have to resort to torture. Jews traditionally abhor violence in any form.

It does not seem reasonable to believe that men of this caliber would spend endless hours torturing an illiterate villager, in the Russian Compound, and follow him to Sarafand, as *The Times* story indicated, where torture was continued. He was then visited in the Hebron gaol and repeatedly assaulted. He was taken home and severely beaten in the presence of his wife. Having reduced him to a hopeless cripple, battered to the point that he could not stand, speak or recognize his wife, he was carried on a stretcher to the Allenby Bridge and handed over to a waiting delegation, consisting of his family, Jordan representatives, medical personnel from the Jordanian Red Crescent, the Red Cross Chief in Amman and correspondents of the *Sunday Times*. This juicy morsel was seriously submitted as evidence of Israeli cruelty.

By the end of September the Arab Information Center had taken full page newspaper ads in key American cities, quoting the extraordinary charges in the *London Times* and the National Lawyers Guild findings. Various columnists and magazines picked up these news item for further exposure. Egypt was on record as having asked the UN General Assembly to discuss Israel's occupation policies.

Unfortunately, many Americans feel that any item in the *London Times* must be authentic. The paid advertisements appearing in prestigious papers impress the uninformed. Others, gauging the UN by its former prestige, are unaware that it has become so completely dominated by the Arabs and their allies as to be of limited importance. It would be difficult for them to realize that had Newton been an Israeli, his law of gravity would have been repealed.

The educated and better informed are aware that Israel is a democracy—the only one in the entire Middle East, and as a democracy, subject to the same restrictions that we are. The fact that a Communist Party can exist in Israel and that two Israeli attorney members of that party could have

the freedom to maliciously attack Israel, with complete impunity should be revealing. Very few are apparently aware that no one, including attorney or journalist enjoy such privileges in any Arab country.

The average person is not only unaware of the Middle East situation, but seems to be totally indifferent. The Vietnamese fiasco has so demoralized the country, it has become fearful of becoming embroiled in any other foreign issue.

The Soviets were involved in numerous foreign adventures, but their total cost has been negligible compared to our vast expenditure in South Vietnam alone. Also, they were careful not to become entangled personally, but are willing to fight to the last Cuban or the last Ethiopian.

If a literate society such as ours can be so ignorant of current events, it is easy to see why the Arab populations should be so credulous. The Moslem of the former Turkish empire lived in ignorance, poverty and squalor. The government was totally unconcerned with their welfare, interested only in collecting taxes. Graft and corruption was the accepted practice.

In May 1945, Syria and Lebanon asserted their independence from France. Lebanon, ruled by the Arab Christian majority, was far more advanced. Syria plunged abruptly from biblical times into the twentieth century. During the past quarter of a century there have been thirty successful coups d'etat and at least forty-five more unsuccessful ones in the Arab world.

Since 1949 there have been more than eighty known political assassinations in the Arab states. These murders have claimed the lives of nineteen heads of state and prime ministers. During the same period there have been twelve inter-Arab wars and civil wars, the latter often involving external Arab states. Three Arab governments—Iraq, Syria and Sudan—have on one or more occasions committed acts of mass murder against their own citizens. Violence of extremist PLO elements has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Arabs. Distrust and hatred is endemic in Moslem countries.

Family and tribal feuds go on for centuries, which is typical of a backward people. The closest we have come to this has been the feud between the Hatfields and McCoys, backward, mountain people who carried on a feud for generations, long after the cause was forgotten.

Saudi Arabia is probably the wealthiest country in the world on a per capita basis, yet it lacks culture. Even superficial culture has to be acquired and this takes centuries. No nation has as yet attained real culture. If Germany, considered probably the most cultured in Europe, could prove to be so degenerate as to slaughter millions for no other reason than race or religion, the human race has no right to be considered humane. Hitler and the Nazis would not have dared engaged in genocide if they had not felt that they had the tacit approval of the people.

The Syrians and Iraqis have shown primitive cruelty to the point of sadism. The Syrians have slaughtered and tortured prisoners of war. No neutral observers, the International Red Cross or reporters have ever been permitted to visit prisons or see

Israeli prisoners. They never released a count, possibly for fear that they might have to account for those that died under torture. Pilots were particularly vulnerable, and were subjected to such extended periods of torture as to be permanently unfit for duty and required months of treatment before they could be returned to society.

It is no wonder that the Arab public believes tales of Israel torture of prisoners when they witness it in their own countries, as a state policy. In Syria, Jews are not permitted to live or to leave. Any Jew trying to escape the country receives a year's sentence if caught. If they succeed in escaping, the Syrians take vengeance on the family who are tortured until they reveal the names of those who helped them leave the country.

When the Six Day War broke out in 1967, there were only about 3,000 Jews in Egypt out of over 100,000 prior to the War of Independence. Iraq has 3,000 out of 130,000 and Syria 4,500 out of 40,000. These remnants are treated as hostages, and subject to every kind of mistreatment. During periods of tension their plight is even more perilous.

From the time these countries gained their independence, the annual incomes from the last census taken in 1975 are:

Israel	\$3,380
Iraq	\$1,180
(oil rich)	
Jordan	\$440
Syria	\$330
Egypt	\$300

Since Israel became independent, swamps were drained, barren wastes made productive, millions of trees were planted, numerous citrus groves developed, and tremendous strides made in agriculture. Technology has made significant advances. Beautiful cities have sprouted on desert wasteland.

The Arab sees these wonders on television and cinema with amazement and envy. Over the years fiery orators have mesmerized these illiterate peasants into believing that he has been robbed of this land and that it belongs to him. The Arab does not reason but is guided by emotion, and is unable to accept the fact that what they failed to accomplish over the centuries, the Israeli brought about in less than thirty years of unremitting toil and sacrifice.

In contrast to what transpires in Arab countries, Israeli officials are elected and die from natural causes. The army plays a minor role, and a military coup d'etat would be impossible.

Had torture been conducted against Arab prisoners, it would not have been necessary for the public to be informed by the *London Sunday Times*. They would have read the story much earlier in the *Jerusalem Post*.

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## Reunited Soviet Artists Celebrate In Rare Style

TEL AVIV: Two Russian artists who have emigrated to Israel from Russia, separately, have been reunited here and jointly announced that they will build a temple in Jerusalem. Not the religious sort of temple, one of the artists will sacrifice his Soviet-made suitcase as a burnt offering to the "evil angel" which he contends hovers over all Jews born in Russia.

In October, a more than 10-year association of the two avant-garde painters was interrupted when Aleksandr Melamid, 32, was permitted to emigrate to Israel with his wife and two children. Recently, however, an exit visa was approved for Vitali Komar, 34, a bachelor. He arrived in Israel from Vienna, the transit point for Soviet Jewish emigrants.

According to Mr. Komar, he and Mr. Melamid had decided to join "the fashionable tide to Israel," because they had run out of ideas for mocking Socialist realism a year ago and felt they had reached

a dead end in Moscow. They had both been expelled from the Union of Graphic Artists there.

Mr. Melamid interjected, "Having decided on that move, what was more natural for Jews coming to Jerusalem for the first time than to build a temple."

### Pyramid of Aluminum

"It's not a religious thing," Mr. Komar resumed. "It's our own temple — the Komar-Melamid temple."

It is to be a pyramid-shaped structure 16 feet high, fashioned from aluminum sheeting, supported by aluminum legs and topped with a five-pointed star. For the ritual, which the general public will be invited to attend, the pyramid is to be tipped over on one side.

When the suitcase sacrifice is over, the artists said, friends are to be asked to hammer the structure to bits. The remnants are then

to be gathered together and reassembled like an archeological find.

The artists said they would record the entire sequence in oils under an agreement with a New York dealer, Ronald Feldman, who has scheduled a showing of both oils and reassembled pyramid in September at his Fine Arts Gallery at 33 East 74th Street. It was at this gallery that some of their art work, smuggled out of the Soviet Union, was first shown in February, 1976, attracting great attention.

Mr. Komar, a solemn-looking man, who was interviewed a few hours after his arrival, and his partner, a spare impish figure, spoke through an interpreter, Aleksandr Goldfarb, Mr. Melamid's cousin.

Asked whether the burning of the suitcase was meant to symbolize the end of a Jew's wanderings, Mr. Komar said, "You may understand it that way," but he suggested another meaning.

"Apocryphal Jewish literature says human beings have two natures, one good and one evil," he said, "Jews born in Russia have an evil angel over them. You may if you like interpret the sacrifice as an offering to this evil angel to shake off its heritage."

### Stone Marks the Spot

The artists said the Komar-Melamid temple would rise in Gehzna, the Valley of Hinnon, where Hebrew kings in biblical times sometimes celebrated idolatrous rites. In Jewish lore, the valley is regarded as hell.

The construction site is now marked by a stone that Mr. Melamid took to Rome last month and placed beside the Arch of Titus, the Roman commander who destroyed the temple and crushed the Jewish nation in AD 70.

"It was a message to Titus announcing that a temple will be built in Jerusalem," Mr. Melamid explained.

# Israeli Occupation Touching Every Aspect Of Arab Life

JERUSALEM: Following the latest talks in Egypt between Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, the dividing line in agreement was clearly the Palestinian issue; how to deal with Arab residents of the Israeli occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza strip.

Sadat voiced strongly his belief that there should be an independent Palestinian state, whereas Israel wishes to establish self-rule for the Palestinians, but retain a security presence for strategic purposes.

Since the end of the 1967 Middle East war, in June, the West Bank and Gaza — like Syria's Golan Heights and vast stretches of Egypt's Sinai — have been governed by an Israeli military administration.

Gen. Avraham Orly is the overall head of that administration. He presides over a bureaucracy similar to that of an old-time British colonial governor, in that it impinges directly on every facet of life in the area except security. Security here is under the supervision of the Israeli defense force.

General Orly holds the title of "coordinator of the administered territories" as the Israelis take great pain to avoid the use of the word "occupation." The general's functionaries are involved in education, health, welfare, transportation, economics, labor, agriculture, commerce, finance, tourism, religious affairs, national parks and antiquities.

## Arabs Are Employed

In each of the bureaucratic subdivisions, the head is an Israeli, although Palestinian Arabs are employed in the various departments.

The guidelines of the Israeli occupiers are to maintain a "minimum presence" to intervene as little as possible in internal affairs and to assure the success of the "open bridges" policy with Jordan.

The "open bridges" policy was put into effect shortly after the 1967 war by Moshe Dayan, now Foreign Minister of Israel and then its Defense Minister. It permitted contact between the residents of the West Bank and Gaza with Jordan and is now responsible for the movement of millions of dollars worth of goods and produce from the territories to Jordan as well as hundreds of thousands of visits back and forth each year by Jordanians and Palestinians living under Israeli rule.

According to official Israeli statistics, the territories exported goods totaling 536 million Israeli pounds (roughly \$35 million) to Jordan last year, compared with 1968 exports of 54 million pounds (\$3.6 million).

Most of the exports are clothing, wood furniture, textile and agricultural products. Farming is the predominant occupation of Gaza and the West Bank.

But despite the espousal of an Israeli "minimum presence" the fact that the military administration reaches into every aspect of life in the territories has been a source of discontent to the Palestinians.

Mr. Begin's plan, which is seen as an attempt to grant civil or home rule to the residents while firmly resisting militant Palestinian demands for a separate state between Israel and Jordan, would extricate the Israelis from the welter of domestic concerns they now oversee.

Such a plan envisions the creation of separate Arab agencies to run day-to-day life of the areas, and presumably the mayors of the municipalities, who are the dominant political figures in the territories, would no longer be frustrated by having to consult with the local Israeli area governor on essentially municipal matters.

Each of the territories has an area governor. Each is divided into districts. Thus, the West Bank is divided into the following districts: Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarm, Jenin and the Jordan Valley.

The area of security would, as far as is known, be little affected by Mr. Begin's proposal. The existing Arab police forces in the territories, which deal with petty crime and traffic infractions, would presumably still be responsible to Israeli authorities since there is no indication that Mr. Begin is calling for Israel to relinquish its control over both internal and external security in the territories.

## No Hint On Foreign Contacts

Also the Begin plan, as made public to date, contains no signs that whatever type of elected internal Palestinian governing body is created would be able to have offi-

cial foreign contacts.

The area under current Israeli control where most Palestinians are employed is in education, although the Israelis maintain control over curriculum content and have in the past expunged texts and other teaching tools that they have regarded as anti-Jewish or anti-Israeli.

The local civil courts function, still using the Jordanian laws they employed before 1967. Many of the villages and towns in the West Bank and Gaza are run by the large established families that have maintained a dynastic, even feudal, control over them for many years. This includes the large militant towns of the West Bank like Nablus and Ramallah where the current leadership, which espouses loyalty to the Palestine Liberation Organization, are members, although more radical than their older relatives, of these governing families.

## Almost Tribal System

The almost tribal system, and the rivalries it has sometimes spawned, cannot be overlooked when trying to foresee how some sort of home-rule government on the West Bank and in Gaza could emerge.

In addition, there are distinctions between West Bank residents and Gazans. The people of the West Bank generally have a higher standard of living and most of them carry Jordanian passports. The Gazans have been buffeted stateless people for many years and many of them recall their years under Egyptian dominion with bitterness. It is not unusual for a West Banker to look at a Gazan with condescension.

There are many other links between Israel and the West Bank that are not political but would be expected to have political implications in discussing a solution to the decade-old Israeli occupation. These include water lines, electrical grids, telephone links and other practical matters of day-to-day life that illustrate a growing economic linkage between the conquered and the victor.

A major point of contention is the string of Israeli settlements that have been established in the occupied territories. There is no sign so far that the Israeli Government is contemplating their removal or abandonment. On the contrary, Mr. Begin has issued a general call for freedom of movement between Israel and the territories by Arabs and Jews that foresees the perpetuation of the thriving Israeli communities on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

# Studying Fish To Learn More About Aviation

HAIFA: Why do fish travel in schools? Why do other forms of marine life propel themselves through bursts of energy followed by gliding rather than by continuous exertion of force?

A Technion - Israel Institute of Technology scientist examining these phenomena has come to the conclusion that these animals behave the way they do in order to conserve power. His findings could have applications leading to energy savings in the operation of aircraft and marine vehicles.

"Animals swim and move in a very energetically efficient way, saving energy as much as possible," said Dr. Daniel Weihs of Technion aeronautical engineering faculty. "One can learn from them to make better use of energy."

Dr. Weihs, who began his investigations in this area several years ago, most recently completed a study to determine the possible advantages of the pulsed jet locomotion of marine life over continuous jet emission. The latter is employed in aircraft.

Salps, cephalopods, and jellyfish have evolved means of movement by jet propulsion. This propulsive jet is, with few exceptions, produced in pulses, i.e. bursts of energy followed by gliding, Dr. Weihs explained.

"From a purely anatomical standpoint, development of continuous jet propulsion seems feasible, so that there may have been some evolutionary incentive for pulsing," he said.

Study of the movement of this marine life showed gains, in certain cases, of tens of per cents in thrust can be obtained through use of this pulsing movement.

"By moving in bursts and glides it is possible to work at your most efficient power or just glide. Therefore, on the average, you save energy and make the best use of that produced," Dr. Weihs said.

# Vandalism And The Synagogue

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK (JTA): Officials of central agencies for Conservative and Orthodox synagogues in New York City, responding to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey on the impact of the severe cuts in police and fire protection services in New York City in 1974 and 1975, reported their affiliated congregations had also been compelled to change procedures. But, in contrast to the Orthodox synagogues, no Conservative synagogues had to be closed or abandoned during the difficult periods.

Rabbi Morris Feldman, executive director of the Metropolitan region of the United Synagogue, said he doubted there had been a major increase in vandalism against conservative synagogues in New York City during the 1974-75 period, adding there were few Conservative Synagogues in deteriorating neighborhoods. But, he said, some of the 176 Conservative synagogues in the metropolitan area had reported difficulties.

A notice in the November news bulletin of the regional office said "there has been an increase in the vandalism perpetrated" against affiliated synagogues. The bulletin quoted Feldman as suggesting that every affected congregation consult with its local police precinct to get recommendations on the most effective means of coping with such problems. A meeting of the Conservative Brooklyn-Staten Island Presidents' Council at Temple Shalom of Flatbush last Oct. 20 heard a list of recommendations from police officer Anthony Luizzo of the 63rd Precinct on security procedures. The officer recommended surveys of all synagogues by the police crime prevention bureau to determine how safe doors of the synagogue building were, places where the building was vulnerable and on whether a burglar alarm system was needed. He disclosed that each police precinct has a team of officers who visit house of worship to help protect them from vandalism.

## On Increase In NY

Acts of vandalism against Orthodox synagogues in New York City have increased in recent years but "there seems to be no correlation between this and the police cutbacks," according to David Merzel, community relations director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (UOJCA). On the basis of replies to questionnaires sent to affiliated synagogues in the New York area, he reported, "in the stable areas of the city, vandalism remains low while in deteriorating areas, the rate is increasing as neighborhoods deteriorate still further." Merzel said the

UOJCA did not have the statistics on how many member synagogues have closed in recent years, "although some have."

He said it was difficult to compile such data because some congregations move to new neighborhoods "and others slowly die out over a period of time." Merzel said it was his impression that the police cutbacks "had little to do with these closings since the neighborhoods had long been deteriorating and the closings were inevitable." He said the UOJCA office is asked for advice on reducing vandalism and that it recommends burglar alarms, gates or wire mesh on windows, better lighting of the exterior of the synagogue building and similar security measures. Merzel reported that information was lacking on the precise impact of police cutbacks on synagogues procedures but that "some synagogues provide an escort service for elderly congregants." He said the UOJCA office had not received any reports of arson attempts on any affiliated synagogues.

Rabbi Ephraim Sturm, executive vice-president of Young Israel, an association of Orthodox congregations with more than 100 member synagogues in the metropolitan area, stressed that vandalism and arson in changing New York City neighborhoods "is not confined to houses of worship. In our present moral standards, neither private nor public property is sacred." However, he added, he did not believe there had been any significant increase in burglary against Young Israel synagogues in the metropolitan area since 1974.

Sturm reported that two Young Israel synagogues, one of which was forced to close in 1970 and one this year, were sold to Black Jews for "pittance" prices. He said a third synagogue, the Young Israel of Mesilath Yeshurun in The Bronx, was abandoned, not because of vandalism "but simply because there were no more Jews in the immediate neighborhood." Sturm stated he had not received any reports of arson attempts. He said the Young Israel of the Rockaways in Queens, which is no longer functioning, is now in the process of being sold. Because the building is empty, it has been broken into several times. He expressed the belief that all the Young Israel synagogues which have ceased to function during the past three years — those in Laurelton and Arverne in Queens, Mesilath Yeshurun and University Heights in The Bronx, and Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn — were victims of changing neighborhoods rather than of the cuts in police and fire protection.

Earlier, Dr. Weihs used his expertise in fluid mechanics to tackle the question of why fish swim in schools. He found that "the symmetry of fish swimming patterns is the secret of hydromechanical efficiency that enables the school to outswim the individual fish."

# More Soviet Jews Choosing Israel

VIENNA: A higher percentage of Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union, over the past few months, are opting to resettle in Israel rather than elsewhere in the West, in comparison with the percentage reflected earlier this year and throughout last year. The report came from welfare workers here.

During this month, 960 Soviet Jews passed through Vienna — the channel for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union — and 510 of them decided to move to Israel. The remaining 450 chose to go to the United States and other Western countries, instead. A refugee official here said, "The December figures confirm a trend that began in the spring. Before May, 50 percent and more of the Jewish emigrants wanted to go to America and other Western countries. Now slightly more than 50 percent decide to go to Israel."

## More Get Exit Visas

This same source said he had no ready explanation for the change. He noted, however, that Moscow has recently been permitting larger numbers of Jews to emigrate.

Officials and welfare workers here, Austrian and others, suggested that the change reflected the circumstance that the Soviet Union was now allowing emigration by Jews who had been waiting for years and that these were mainly people determined

to start a new life in Israel. Before Dr. Weihs's study, numerous theories were put forward to explain the phenomenon of schooling - genetic and physiological reasons were offered, the foremost among them being that the school configuration could reduce the danger of attack by predators.

Some other sources noted that the apparent reversal of the resettlement destination started roughly with the coming to power earlier this year of Prime Minister Menahem Begin, who has begun to curtail Israeli socialism in favor of expanded private enterprise.

"Jews who have been living and suffering in the Soviet society may prefer a non-socialist to a socialist system," said an Austrian welfare worker, who declined to be identified.

## Peace Moves Help

The same source predicted that the new peace moves in the Middle East, heralded by the visit to Israel by Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat, would further raise the number of Soviet Jews who would choose Israel as their destination.

The welfare worker and other people who are interviewing the Jewish emigrants said they had found what they termed "enormous interest" among them in the latest developments in the Middle East.

According to the most recent figures, the number of Jews who arrived here from the Soviet Union this year has been about 20 percent higher than last year.

## Morocco's King Has Maintained Strong Ties With The Jews

RABAT, Morocco: King Hassan II of Morocco began intriguing dialogue with Israelis and other Jews long before Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt ever set foot in Jerusalem, in many ways anticipating the dramatic initiative of the Egyptian president.

Among the firmest backers of President Sadat's move, King Hassan manages to stay on good terms with a wide range of Arab leaders and sees the recent move as a possible breakthrough for Arab moderates like himself. However, the Moroccan Government officially denies persistent speculation that the king may have played a matchmaking role between the Egyptians and the Israelis.

According to Moroccan Information Minister Larbi Khattabi, "Morocco was not au courant of the voyage of Mr. Sadat, and it has not played a role in organizing it. It was a complete surprise for Morocco. It was an initiative of President Sadat."

The minister, in a recent interview, specifically denied published reports that King Hassan had a secret rendezvous in Tangier during September with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel. He further denied a meeting six months earlier with former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In the usually well-informed Rabat diplomatic corps, there is puzzlement over what role King Hassan, who tightly controls the conduct of Morocco's foreign relations, may have played in bringing Israel and Egypt together. Just before Mr. Sadat's trip to Israel was confirmed, it is recalled here, Moroccan and Egyptian envoys were known to be bustling between Rabat and Cairo.

Also, once President Sadat had made his historic speech in Israel's parliament, King Hassan became the first Arab leader to come publicly to his support — a position that he has stoutly maintained. As Arab opposition to Mr. Sadat mounted, the King decided December 1 to postpone a long-planned state visit to the United States, citing the situation in the Middle East. "We cannot and must not leave President Anwar Sadat alone in his battle for peace," the King said at a meeting of Arab justice ministers recently.

One European diplomat said of the king: "My impression is that he did not play a role in the mechanics of the visit, but certainly at the level of philosophy he had a chance to further the idea." The diplomat was alluding to the position that Hassan has tried to carve out Morocco as an Arab nation that treats its own Jews well and can talk easily with Israelis.

Though Morocco's Jewish population has plummeted from 280,000 at the end of World War II to roughly 20,000 today, Moroccan Jews have viewed King Hassan and his father before him as protectors. During the 1967 Middle East war, for example, a union orator was summarily jailed for making anti-Semitic remarks and accusing the Government of collusion with Zionists.

David Amar, a Moroccan Jewish leader, told the World Jewish Congress last month: "Our presence among you today is due to the wish of my country and its monarch to relax and relieve the tensions that have existed for many years between Arabs and Jews." Mr. Amar, one of the richest men in the country, is a business associate of one of the King's cousins.

King Hassan has long contended that the combination of "Jewish genius" and Arab wealth could convert the Middle East into an economic power center. But he has gone

further than just expressing his sentiments: Early this year, according to reliable political informants, a Moroccan delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture visited Israel to study desert cultivation techniques.

Then, in May, the King received Andre Chouraqui, an Algerian-born Israeli who is Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem. An author, Mr. Chouraqui presented the King with a copy of a book he has written on North African Jewry. A month later, Shaul Ben Simhon, a member of the Israeli Labor Party, visited Morocco and met with several Cabinet ministers.

### Met With Zionist Leader

Tamara Golan, an Israeli journalist, has made two visits to Morocco this year, and Rabbi Menahem Hacohen, a member of Israel's parliament, is reported to have been invited by "a high personality" in Morocco — believed by many to be Ahmed Ben Souada, one of the King's closest advisers.

Last summer King Hassan met with Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and he had planned to meet with a number of prominent leaders of American Jewry on his visit to the United States this month.

## Socialist Idealism To Bitterest Of Realism

MOSCOW: A Chicago native, Abe Stolar left the States 46 years ago to live in the Soviet Union and help to build Communism there. Today he finds himself in an empty apartment and his family gave up along with Soviet citizenship when they anticipated emigrating to Israel two years ago. Formerly a young idealist, Mr. Stolar now lives at the edges of Soviet life.

He and his family had become "unpersons," turned back inexplicably as they were about to board the plane. He now finds himself hovering between people and places he loyally avoided during all his years as a Soviet citizen: the forbidden dissident circle and the tightly guarded building of the American Embassy.

Nothing had turned Abe Stolar against the system — not even the death of his father during Stalin's purges. He took the arrest of his sister, Eva, fatalistically; he kept quiet about his own job loss in 1949 in the wave of government anti-Semitism which swept the country.

But now he says, "They have made enemies of us," and he has left that world. "On the day we were leaving we were still friends. We didn't know anything then. Now we are fleeing a plague."

Appeals on the behalf of the Stolars have been made by American Jewish groups, by family friends and, in September, by 35 members of Congress — all to no avail.

Mr. Stolar, a small 65-year-old man with a pencil-line moustache, is a Jew, and he has been an American citizen again since he had the courage to walk past the guards at the embassy in July 1975. His 18-year-old son, Michael, also has an American passport, while his Russian-born wife, Gita, now has Israeli citizenship. The family had to pay \$1,360 and give up Soviet nationality before trying to leave in the spring of 1975. They want neither the money nor the nationality back.

### Comfortable Standards

It was not out of bitterness that they wanted to leave. "My wife and I had both reached retirement age," Mr. Stolar said in a strong Chicago accent — the sort of



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English students learned at Tuley High School, in a working class district, in the 1920's. His wife explained in Russian, "We wanted to have a look at the world. We thought that in Israel we'd have freedom to travel where we liked."

Mr. Stolar's work as a translator for Moscow's radio over two decades and his wife's work as an analytical chemist had given them both a comfortable life by Soviet standards. They shipped their expensive drapes and carpets and their clothes and other possessions to Haifa in 1975, sold their three-room cooperative apartment, gave away their refrigerator and disposed of their ruble savings.

With exit visas approved, they went to the airport as stateless persons to fly to Vienna, the first stop for Soviet Jews bound for Israel. "The emigration police told us there was a small problem with my wife's visa," Mr. Stolar recalled. "They even advised that we make a reservation on the next day's plane. But when we went to the visa office, they told us they had gotten a cable from the factory where my wife had worked saying that she had done secret work and we couldn't emigrate for two years."

They came back to their empty apartment. More than two years later they are still in it and it is still almost empty. Only the refrigerator was returned, and sympathetic neighbors donated a few pieces of furniture — a tiny, narrow bed, a flimsy table. The Stolars tried to find out why they had not been allowed to go.

Describing the family's background, Mr. Stolar said, "My father was an old time American Communist. He came ahead of us and told us to come in 1931 and bring only two years' worth of clothing. The country would have everything, he thought, at the end of the first Five-Year Plan in 1933.

### Disillusionment, A Plague

His mother became disillusioned and his father, who was made editor in chief of the English-language Moscow News, was a victim at the peak of the Stalin purges in 1937. "They came for him at home one night and we never saw him again," his son recalled. "We thought there had been a mistake. It was like when we tried to leave. We didn't know anything then."

Special food supplies for foreigners ended. Young Abe, who had just finished art school, saw his first-job applications turned down. "I didn't get a job until I learned to lie," he explained.

On New Year's Eve in 1942, while he was serving as a private in the Soviet Army after Hitler attacked, Mr. Stolar lost an eye and all his teeth when a hand grenade exploded in his trench on the front between Moscow and Leningrad.

After the war — he was in uniform for six years — he got a job as a translator and part-time announcer for Radio Moscow. He lost that position in 1949 when Stalin's wrath turned against the Jews. While he was designing propaganda posters for a Moscow auto factory in 1951, his sister, also at The Moscow News, was arrested for "anti-Soviet slander" and was in a prison camp until 1956. He went back to radio in

1954 and met his wife, like himself a non-observant Jew, two years later.

By that time, as he puts it, "Stalin had croaked" and life became a bit easier. Michael was born in 1958 and Mr. and Mrs. Stolar were making a good living. When they retired, she in 1973 and he the next year, they decided to follow his sister to Israel.

### 'Maybe Anti-Semitism

"We got all the necessary permits, including a clearance from my wife's factory, which takes months," Mr. Stolar said in the barren apartment on the southwestern outskirts of Moscow. "She never had any security clearance and never did any classified work, and when she asked friends at the factory what had happened they said, 'Maybe it was anti-Semitism.'"

Two years went by, and in October, when Mrs. Stolar appealed to the visa and emigration office, she was told, "No one ever promised you could leave in two years."

After 15 months of being told they were no longer eligible for their pensions because they were no longer Soviet citizens and being refused permission to leave for Israel because they were, they got their retirement income back — \$320 a month.

There is little for them to do while they wait. They take Hebrew lessons; he gives lessons in English conversation to dissidents he met through other Jews refused permission to emigrate; he translates at some of their sessions with the foreign press.

The politics of dissidence does not seem to engage him: he affects humorous cynicism and renders the dissidents' accounts of outrage and persecution as if they had taken place on another planet. "Where you live such a life," he said, "all you think about is surviving — let the day pass."

The American Consul here, Clifford H. Gross, said, "We regard Mr. Stolar as an American citizen, and we have appealed to the Soviets to review his case sympathetically in view of our special concern." So far the answer remains no.

## Hits Standards

LONDON (JCNS): A scathing attack on the standards of Jewish communal observance was made at the annual prize distribution of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education, by its director of education, Tony Brown.

He said: "What people are being taught is that being Jewish is nice but not very important, and not worth too much effort. We cannot alter society simply by providing more and better Jewish education."

The guest speaker, Mark Kosky, president of the London Board for Shechita, said that the maxim "religion cannot be taught it must also be caught," was more pertinent today than ever before. All speakers stressed that Jewish education could not work without back-up from the children's parents and a good home environment.

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## US To Admit 5000 Soviet Refugees

WASHINGTON (JTA): The Justice Department has announced that 5000 refugees from the Soviet Union, most of them Jews now at processing centers in Rome, will be admitted to the United States under the parole authority exercised by the Attorney General. Attorney General Griffin Bell indicated that he was acting to alleviate the backlog at the Rome centers.

Their entry between now and next May 1, will bring to 9000 the number of Soviet refugees admitted to the U.S. in a 12-month period. An Administration spokesman said the first would be arriving in the next few weeks. Paroles are temporary permits that allow refugees to enter the country before immigration formalities are completed. They are issued because the law limits the number of immigrants admissible in any one year.

According to the Justice Department,

2550 Soviet refugees were allowed to enter the U.S. between August, 1973 and May, 1974. Another 4000 were admitted earlier last year. Meanwhile, Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on immigration, citizenship and international law, said he has introduced legislation to end the piecemeal approach to the admission of refugees and to regularize their entry in a normal flow and for emergency situations. He said he expected action on his measure early this year.

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# What Does It Mean To Be A Jew In Contemporary America?

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seeking not Judaism but symbols and signs of 'being Jewish.' And the very striking modes of Jewishness they did adopt showed the profound assimilation which already had completed its process.

Let me digress and relate one true story which handsomely illustrates the ignorant piety of the fourth generation. A sign of 'being Jewish' adopted by many young people, not of Orthodox upbringing, was to wear a *kippah* under all circumstances. Normally, when one sees a *kippah*, we assume many other forms of observance, surely, for instance, eating only kosher food in kosher dishes, observing all aspects of the Sabbath, daily prayer morning and night, a certain level (even) of Jewish literacy. But what does it mean to see a *kippah* covered head eating a hamburger at McDonald's? When the Israelis saw our newest American invention, they had a great laugh. So seeing a young American Jew, riding the bus in Tel Aviv on the Sabbath, wearing a *kippah*, created nothing short of a sensation for the Israeli (non-religious) passengers!

More to the point: If we may take the central myth of American Jewish consciousness over the past ten years, it is the story of Holocaust-and-redemption, destruction and rebuilding or death and resurrection (to use the appropriate religious terms). This tale is drummed into our heads by every sort of Jewish medium of communication.

Since the Holocaust was a negligible force in Jewish cultural and religious life before the 1967 War, as shown by the fact that the classics of Judaic theology in the 1950s and early 1960s scarcely mention it as a significant problem, we have to ask, Why is it that the Holocaust has become so powerful a symbol? Why do people want to hear about the Holocaust, whose parents were immune to the appeal of those tragic events? On what basis is there popular response to Jewish theologians who create what they call "Holocaust theologies" and who hold solemn meetings in cathedrals on "Judaism after Auschwitz" and the like? I think once more we have to return to the 1967 war itself, and the dreadful weeks preceding it. Then, as many will recall, all of us feared the worst. Our fears were confirmed when the nations of the world reneged on their promises. It was the end of the Jewish state, and, many supposed, also of the Jewish people. The Holocaust then was experienced by people who scarcely before had known about the terrible holy places of massacre and mass destruction. The dramatic war and its triumphant conclusion meant that Holocaust indeed was over, salvation was here, and the return to the Wall meant the end of history as Jews had known it. The fact that the 1967 War created more problems than it solved, that the triumph led to a spirit of imperial triumphalism for which, in the end, both the State of Israel and the Jewish people were to pay all too dearly—that fact was seen by only a few.

Then it was that the Holocaust theologians, journalists, publicists, fund-raisers, organizers, speakers, novelists—the whole phalanx of Jewish public relations—took up the theme of salvation through politics, the fantastic and hopeless pronouncement of the State as the beginning of redemption. A messianic fervor swept over the Jewish people, both there and here, and on that fervor were built the flawed structures of consciousness and culture which today we see about us. Anyone who could cite a few passages from Scripture and put on a good cry in public became a Judaic theologian, and the more tears, the more profound he seemed to be.

It is a mark of the assimilation expressed through ethnic assertion that the old Jewish reservation about messianism is scarcely remembered. For to understand our people's long history of nay-saying in the face of false messiahs, both Jewish and gentile, we have to know our people's equally long history of yea-saying to Torah and its claim to sanctify the present and to regain in the here-and-now a foretaste of eternity.

Holocaust and Redemption theology is easy and appeals to people with no access to Jewish piety, learning and tradition. Further, the powerful appeal well serves the interests of people who know precisely what they want from our community, but who have nothing much to give to our community, I mean, the fund-raisers.

So they organize their ghoulish trips to

Auschwitz and to Jerusalem, make the memory of dead people into an instrument for the guilt and coercion of the living, and represent Judaism as a religion for cemeteries and battlefields. Judaism, a religion of the present and the future, affirms life and looks not to Auschwitz but to Sinai. But the Judaism of Sinai has not been heard from much these days, and the life giving symbols and signs of Torah have been obscured by clouds of death and hot air. Hitler is represented as a negative symbol, rather than Moses as a positive one. So we are told we should be Jewish not because God has called us into being but in order to spite Hitler. A more spurious argument has never been put forth onto the stage of Judaic thought, a more ignorant and a more destructive conception of the well-springs of Judaism has never been drawn before our people's eyes. But many were served, ignoramus pretending to be learned, fund raisers seeking easy access to emotions, but, too, people of good intention who had no clear notion of what they had to do to achieve their good intention: to be Jewish again.

(To be continued next week)

## Witness Accuses LI Man Of Beating Jews In WWII

NEW YORK: A 73-year-old retired carpenter from Mineola, Long Island, was a former police "commandant" in Nazi-occupied Latvia during World War II, according to the testimony of an Israeli woman here last week. She further noted that this man rounded up Jews — including members of her family — for execution at the Dvinsk ghetto in 1941 and 1942.

The witness, Lea Kaner, a concentration camp survivor, testified that the suspect, Boleslavs Maikovskis, was with three other policemen who raided a ghetto building on November 9, 1941. The war crimes deportation case against the suspect, opened for the first time to the public, resumed in a heavily guarded Federal hearing room.

The witness, speaking in clipped sentences through a Yiddish interpreter, commented, "My mother did not have a work permit. She hid under the bed. They pulled her out and beat her. They had some sort of clubs."

"They pushed her out," she added, "I never saw her again."

In two of four other "actions," or round-ups, she said she witnessed, she testified that Mr. Maikovskis and others took away her cousin and her mother's sister, both of whom disappeared and were presumably executed.

"We knew Maikovskis because he came to take people out in the actions; he came specifically for the actions," she said. "Whoever didn't want to go he beat with a stick."

### Suspect Remains Impassive

Through the testimony and numerous objections by his lawyer, Joseph J. Lombardo, Mr. Maikovskis, in a dark blue suit and modish large glasses, remained impassive. Yesterday, in an immigration hearing room at 26 Federal Plaza, he again invoked the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination and declined to take the witness stand.

cause order across the street, from Judge Robert L. Carter of Federal District Court, which called on Mr. Maikovskis to explain in court on Dec. 22 why he should not be compelled to testify. The Government's position is that since he is facing a civil, not criminal, proceeding, he may not properly invoke the Fifth Amendment.

### Litigation Delayed Hearing

The proceedings resumed yesterday after a six-week adjournment over litigation to open the hearing room to spectators. Immigration Judge Francis J. Lyons, who is hearing the case, without a jury, as is customary, closed the proceedings in October to all but reporters on security grounds. But the New York Civil Liberties Union, representing two members of the militant Jewish Defense League, sued in Federal Court and won an opening of the proceedings.

About 20 members of the J.D.L. and Concerned Jewish Youth were admitted as

## Lebanon Now Demanding A 'Total Withdrawal'

BEIRUT, Lebanon: The withdrawal of all Palestinians from Lebanon as a condition for national reconciliation from the deep divisions created by civil war was demanded last week by a Lebanese Christian leader.

According to Dory Chamoun, secretary general of the right-wing National Liberal Party, he would not agree to a Palestinian withdrawal only from the south of Lebanon bordering on Israel. Instead, he demanded "total withdrawal."

Mr. Chamoun told Lebanese reporters that "I believe that as long as there is one Palestinian in Lebanon, he will be used as an instrument to intervene in our internal affairs, thus the impossibility of reaching national reconciliation."

Mr. Chamoun generally speaks for his father, former President Camille Chamoun, leader of the Lebanese front which was the right-wing coalition that led the fight against the Palestinian-Lebanese Moslem forces during the 19-month civil war.

### Uneasy Over Peace Terms

Mr. Chamoun's statement reflects a growing concern among Lebanese that a Middle East peace settlement would mean that Palestinians would remain where they were. The bulk of the Palestinian refugees — about 400,000 — are in Lebanon.

The Lebanese authorities, in private, expressed fears that Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat's meeting with Menahem Begin in Ismailia on Sunday would lead to a separate peace treaty and would leave the Palestinian problem unresolved.

The Government's chief concern is that if there is no legal progress in the current Israeli-Egyptian talks, Lebanon will again become the stage for inter-Arab disputes and violence. On the other hand, right-wing Christian political sectors are apprehensive that Egypt and Israel will reach an overall settlement, including the Palestinian question, at Lebanon's expense.

### Fear 'Homeland' In Lebanon

There is growing concern here that a plan may be emerging to give the Palestinians southern Lebanon as a "homeland," in compensation for their lost territories. The Lebanese will not accept any kind of an imposed solution against the interests of the country, Dory Chamoun emphasized, in what was seen as a rejection of any plan to settle Palestinians in Lebanon permanently.

"Even if all the Arab countries as well as the big powers accept, we are not willing to pay the price of the errors of others and their plots," Mr. Chamoun declared.

There have been widespread rumors here, particularly in the right-wing Christian press and political circles, that the Palestinians were "buying up south Lebanon" as a means of insuring their presence.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has denied these rumors and insists that southern Lebanon is not a substitute for Palestine.

The probable basis for the rumors and the increasing Christian uneasiness is the fact that the Palestinian guerrillas are still in the south and give no indication that they intend to pull out.

The PLO and Lebanese authorities reached an agreement in July to limit the Palestinian military presence. Syrian peacekeeping forces have been placed around the Palestinian camps and heavy arms were removed. The Palestinians also agreed to turn their border positions over to the Lebanese Army and to pull back six miles from the Israeli border. However, this was not carried out.

spectators. But in an action considered highly unusual by the Government, Judge Lyons ordered that all present in the hearing room must give security guards their names and addresses.

## Ex-POWs Fly

TEL AVIV: The Boeing 707 El Al jet selected to fly the Israeli delegation to the Cairo conference was piloted by three former Air Force officers who were once prisoners of war in Egypt. Two Egyptian-born Israelis were among its six-man cabin crew.

### Settlements

JERUSALEM (JTA) : The Jewish National Fund is currently preparing the first phase of the infrastructure for the new settlement of Iddan to be completed this year in the Arava near Ein Hatzeva. The JNF will also prepare the land for the establishment of three other settlements in the Arava region to be completed between 1978-1980. They are : Tsofar, Samar II, and Neot Ha-Kikkar II.

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He began his banking career as a trust examiner with the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, Massachusetts. Immediately prior to his appointment at Columbus National he served as trust officer in charge of the Trust Department of a Massachusetts bank.

**SCHENECTADY**

Haim Morag has been appointed executive director of the Schenectady Jewish Community Council, according to Philip Ziffer, Council president in Schenectady, New York.

**Hungarian Academy Publishes Biography**

LONDON (JCNS) — The Hungarian Academy of Science has published a biography of the late Eugen Prager, the well known publisher, writes the official Jewish paper of Hungary, Uj Elet.

Eugen Prager, who came from a Hungarian Jewish family from Budapest, established the famous Eugen Prager Verlag, first in Vienna, then in Czechoslovakia, and after the Second World War in London.

In pre-war Czechoslovakia, he published novels by famous contemporary authors, such as Lion Feuchtwanger, Olbracht, Egon Erwin and Karel Capek. He also published the works of President Masaryk in five columns, among them a study of anti-Semitism. He was active in the Central European social democratic movement and later, in England he published monographs for the Labor Party.

Eugen Prager, who was the founder of the Federation of Hungarian Jews in Great Britain, died here 10 years ago.

**Musical Family Leaves Russia**

COPENHAGEN: Miss Luba Kokchenko, a Jewish harpist who was allowed to leave Kiev, in the Soviet Union, four years ago, has been reunited with her family here. She is a member of the Royal Theatre orchestra in the Danish capital.

After Miss Kokchenko joined the orchestra, her father, Vladimir Novak, applied for exit permits for Denmark for himself; his wife, Margarita; his son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Olga; and his younger daughter, Martha.

Novak was a violinist in the State symphony orchestra for 35 years. Michael also played the violin in the orchestra. Mrs. Novak is a piano teacher, Martha plays the violin, and Michael's wife plays the oboe.

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**A:** There are approximately 5,000 saving & loan associations in the country. Of these all but 20% are insured by the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, an instrumentality of the Federal Government. Another 10% are covered under similar insurance corporations authorized by the states of Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio and North Carolina. All Federally chartered institutions must be covered by FSLIC, while two-thirds of the state-chartered S&Ls are also under this Government agency.

Make sure before you deposit that the particular association has depositor insurance protection. Then, if you don't mind tying your cash up for the amount of time required to earn the 8 1/4% interest, I see no reason not to make the investment. The \$2,-800 in annual interest would pay for a very pleasant vacation — bon voyage.

**Q: I have in the past used a dividend reinvestment plan which charged a 5% bank fee. This seemed exorbitant to me as a broker only charges 2%. What is your comment? A.S., Iowa**

**A:** The bank fee of 5% is high, but remember there is a \$2.50 maximum charge. So, if you want to save on fees, you should invest cash as well as dividends. If your quarterly dividend was only \$5.00, your bank fee of 25¢ plus a 1% commission fee would mean 30¢ or 6% of your money was going into fees. If, however, \$100.00 was invested quarterly your commission would be \$1.00 and your bank fee \$2.50 (the maximum) for a total of \$3.50 or 3 1/2%. At \$500.00 the charges would be \$7.50 or 1 1/2% of the amount invested. Furthermore, you would have to look a bit to find a broker willing to make some of the smaller transac-

tions that are possible through DIPs. Approximately 125 companies either invest shareholders' dividends free of charge or at a 5% discount from market price.

**OLD AGE — WHEN IS IT?**

**Q: Am I pursuing the best course to protect my old age (whenever that is)? I am 70, in good health and from a family with a consistent record for longevity. My income at present exceeds my needs so I am using the 95% reinvestment privilege to acquire more shares in Southern Company (NYSE). I also hold shares of Texaco (NYSE), with a very low cost base.**

**A:** I'd say old age is a long way away for you, so why not start dividend investment plans in some other stock? Two companies with discount plans are American Electric Power (NYSE) and Public Service of Indiana (NYSE). Your commitment in Southern Co. is large enough now and should be balanced with other securities. Texaco, which is an attractive stock for your needs, also has a dividend reinvestment plan. This plan does require the inventory to pay a small bank fee as well as pro rata commission costs.

I am forwarding a revised and updated copy of my "Portfolio Building with Dividend Reinvestment Plans," which gives you the details of about 450 company plans. Other readers may have a copy free of cost by writing to me c/o Successful Investing, 210 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116.

**Q: I inherited a list of stocks valued at \$27,-500 last January. My wife and I would like to have investments which will add to our income. What changes do you suggest we make on the enclosed list of stocks? D.F., Ohio**

**A:** Quite a few changes are indicated in your inherited portfolio, which, incidentally, has a current value in excess of \$31,000. Federal Resources (OTC), North American National (OTC) and Rapid American (NYSE) are highly speculative, pay no dividends and should be sold. Your two mutual funds have mediocre performance records and pay only minimal dividends. These should be redeemed.

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**Terrorists Get Special Rights**

HAMBURG: West German terrorists were receiving special training and enjoying absolute freedom of movement in Iraq, according to the local leading West German illustrated Stern.

Some of the terrorists were holding Iraqi Army officers' passports and were being drilled for new terrorist tasks in army camps outside Baghdad, the article said. One camp, Habaniyah, headed by Dr. Haddad, the "chief of the airplane hijackers in the Middle East," was situated about 50 miles outside the Iraqi capital on the road of Syria. It was at this place that the group which recently hijacked the German Lufthansa jet, Landshut, had been trained. Iraqi Airways had even put a jet of the same type at the disposal of the terrorists on which to practice the hijacking, Stern reported.

**Goldenberg Elected**

TEL AVIV: Dr. Amnon Goldenberg has been elected chairman of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute Memorial Foundation, succeeding the late Meyer Weisgal who died last month. Goldenberg was elected to the post several days before Weisgal's death but the announcement was withheld pending completion of the Shiva period.

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