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**AMERICAN VIGIL FOR ETHIOPIAN JEWRY:** Members and supporters of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews demonstrated Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Isaiah Peace Wall in New York City, opposite the United Nations, in the first American vigil for the Jews of Ethiopia. These Jews are now being massacred, persecuted and sold into slavery in the now war-torn African country.

The protesters marched to the Wall from the Consulate General of Israel, where they had gathered in solidarity with a simultaneous vigil by the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel at Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office in Jerusalem.

See related story on page 7.

## U.S. Sends Atherton As Envoy To Israel, Talks Are Reheated

JERUSALEM (JTA): U.S. Special envoy Alfred Atherton had two working sessions this week with a team of Israeli legal specialists led by Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chief political aide to Premier Menachem Begin. Informed sources said there was substantial progress on Article IV of the draft peace treaty (the "review clause") and that the talks were now focusing on Article VI, paragraph five (the "priority of obligations" clause).

Atherton is expected to remain here over the weekend and then proceed to Cairo for talks. By then, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, a key figure on the Egyptian side of the negotiations, will have returned from Khartoum where he is

heading a large Egyptian delegation for cooperation talks with the Sudanese government.

Israeli sources reported a relaxed and businesslike atmosphere at the talks with Atherton. The American diplomat, flanked by State Department legal aide Herbert Hansell and U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, is apparently making special efforts to understand Israel's concerns and dispel the unpleasant memories of the tough talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance a month ago.

The breakthrough on Article IV, it was understood, flows from Israel's acceptance of the Egyptian contention that the article as presently drafted could conceivably enable Israel to refuse to review the Sinai security arrangements in the future.

Accordingly, an "explanatory note" is likely to be drafted, which will provide that the two sides have the right to call for a review and that if one of them does so call, the other will be obliged to take part in the review. The results of such a review would have to be agreed upon by both sides — as Article IV specifically states.

Still unclear is the time-span between the final Sinai withdrawal and the holding of a mandatory review. Israel rejected Egypt's proposal for a five-year deadline — or indeed for any specific deadline — arguing that this would give the treaty a transient quality. But informed sources expect that language will be found expressing the desirability of the review after a reasonable period of time.

During the sessions, the American team is understood to have submitted an exhaustive definition of circumstances in which Egypt would have the right to intervene against Israel under its inter-Arab defense treaties. These circumstances would be strictly circumscribed: They would not include, for instance, an Israeli punitive raid against Palestinian terrorist bases in Lebanon. The U.S. hopes in this

## U.S. Aid To Mideast Eyed Same For 1979

WASHINGTON (JTA): United States economic and military assistance to Israel, Egypt and other Middle East countries and "Gaza and the Jordan West Bank" in the Carter Administration's upcoming budget will be approximately in the same amount that have been allocated in each of the past two fiscal years, it was learned this week. The budget for the fiscal year will begin next Oct. 1.

Administration sources said they did not expect the military assistance to be increased because of austerity programming planned by the White House. In addition, the sources said White House experts believe that the Middle East countries, including Israel, do not require additional U.S. assistance.

The actual figures on the Mideast may not be disclosed until the presentation of them is formally made by the Administration to House and Senate committees, probably in March. This practice was followed last year because of Mideast sensitivity.

Neither will the budget show what amounts may be allocated to Israel and Egypt if a peace agreement is signed. At the Camp David conference last September, the U.S. had agreed to compensate Israel for the loss of its Sinai bases, the cost of its withdrawal from the Sinai and the es-

tablishment of new bases in the Negev. Egypt is expected to be rewarded with military assistance that thus far has been limited to training expenses in connection with the sale of U.S. military aircraft last year.

According to sources at the State Department, Israel will probably receive about \$1.972 billion of which \$785 million will be for budget assistance from the Agency for International Development, \$7.2 million in agricultural commodities under the Food for Peace Program and \$1 billion in military aid. This is apart from the Sinai funding.

Egypt's total is expected to be about \$935,785,000 apart from military assistance. AID's support will be \$750 million, Food for Peace \$184,831,000. Gaza and the "Jordan West Bank," as the budget reads, will receive \$1,055,000 and \$1,735,000, respectively, in Food for Peace.

Jordan is being provided with about \$232,623,000, of which \$100,523,000 is in military and economic assistance, \$93 million in AID budget support and \$7,523,000 in Food for Peace. Lebanon's allocation totals about \$79,183,000, with \$20 million from AID; \$8,583,000 in Food for Peace and \$50 million in economic assistance. Syria's total is put at about \$107,224,000, with \$90 million in AID funds and \$17,224,000 in Food for Peace.

That note stipulates that Article VI, paragraph 11, does not sever the peace treaty from the Camp David "framework for peace," the document dealing with the projected Palestinian autonomy. Article VI, paragraph 11 itself says the treaty must be executed "independently of any instrument external to this treaty."

Israel's view is that the article does sever the treaty, in operative terms, from the Camp David "framework." Otherwise, Israel argues, the treaty would be "linked" to the Palestinian autonomy which, in the final analysis, depends not on Israel or Egypt but on the Palestinians for its implementation.

## '78 Inflation In Israel Reached 50%

TEL AVIV: Israel's inflation rate approached 50 percent last year, according to official data released in Jerusalem this week.

The central bureau of statistics said consumer prices increased from January to December by 48.1 percent while average prices in 1978 were 50.6 percent higher than in 1977.

The inflation rate was the highest since it hit 54 percent in 1974 in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur war, when worldwide fuel prices rose sharply and Israeli currency was substantially devalued.

David Neumann, a spokesman for the statistics bureau, attributed last year's rises to steadily increasing foreign-exchange rates for imports, local inflation reflected in higher labor costs, higher fuel costs and creeping reductions in Government subsidies on basic food commodities.



**EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE:** Esther R. Landa, president of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), confers with Israeli President Yitzhak Navon (right), and U.S. Commissioner of Education, Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, during a recent U.S.-Israeli Colloquium on Educational Policy held in Jerusalem, January 1979.

The educational exchange between leading American and Israeli educators and policymakers was co-sponsored by the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University, the United States Office of Education and the Israeli Minister of Education.

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**Obituaries**

**HARVEY PANSY**  
Funeral services for Harvey Pansy, 30, of  
57 Michael Drive, Cranston, were held Sun-  
day, Jan. 21, at Mount Sinai Memorial  
Chapel.  
Mr. Pansy apparently drowned  
Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Exeter Country  
Club, when his snowmobile plunged  
through ice and snow on a pond.  
He was born in Providence on Dec. 28,  
1948, a son of Harold and Muriel (Cohen)  
Pansy of Cranston.  
He was a vice president of Panbro Sales  
Corp., a Providence equipment sales firm.  
He was a member of several construction  
organizations and a member of Temple  
Sinai in Cranston. He served in the Air  
Force in Alaska.  
Besides his parents, he is survived by a  
brother, Stephen Pansy, also of Cranston.

**S. CHARLOTTE BAKER**  
Funeral services for S. Charlotte Baker,  
81, formerly of Briggs Street, Cranston,  
who died Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Jewish  
Home for the Aged where she lived since  
last August, were held Friday, Jan. 19, at  
the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.  
Miss Baker sold furniture for several  
Providence stores for 50 years. She retired in  
1970.  
She was a life member of the Jewish  
Home for the Aged and the South  
Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.  
She also was a member of Temple Beth  
David-Anshe Kovno.  
Born in Providence on March 8, 1897,  
she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Ida  
(Chalemsky) Baker. She lived in Cranston  
and Providence.

**WILLIAM E. LIPSON**  
Funeral services for William E. Lipson,  
78, of 20 Lorimer Ave., who died Saturday,  
Jan. 20, in Venice, Fla. while vacationing,  
were held Monday, Jan. 22 at the Max  
Sugarman Memorial Chapel.  
The husband of Anna (Cort) Lipson, he  
was employed at the Gold Seal Rubber Co.  
for 45 years until his retirement in 1976.  
Born in New Bedford, Mass., May 26,  
1900, a son of the late Morris and Sarah  
(Clavner) Lipson, Mr. Lipson lived in  
Providence since 1930.  
He was a member of Temple Emanu-El,  
and a 50-year member of B'nai B'rith. He  
was a member of the Mount Hope Lodge  
A.F. & A.M. of Fall River, Mass. He was a  
32nd degree Mason and a member of the  
Aleppo Temple Shriners.  
Besides his wife, he is survived by two  
sons, Sheldon R. Lipson of Silver Spring,  
Md., and Dr. Maurice H. Lipson, of  
Seekonk, Mass., and five grandchildren.

**EDWARD FRIEDMAN**  
Funeral services for Edward I. Friedman,  
73, a prominent Rhode Island attorney who  
died Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Mount Sinai  
Hospital in Miami, Fla., after a long bout  
with cancer and other illnesses, were held  
Friday, Jan. 19, at Mount Sinai Memorial  
Chapel.  
Mr. Friedman, of 75 Oaklawn Ave.,  
Cranston, was the husband of Nettie  
(Kessler) Friedman.  
He was a highly successful trial lawyer  
who won hundreds of thousands of dollars  
in settlements over the years for the clients  
he represented in negligence and other law-  
suits.  
Mr. Friedman's name repeatedly made  
the newspapers during the past four  
decades, most often as a result of his cour-  
troom successes and failures, and because  
of his continued concern with the Rhode  
Island Workmen's Compensation Law.  
He was a legal advisor to the State  
Department of Labor from 1940 to 1953. In  
1953 he resigned the post, he said, to make  
more money as an attorney in private prac-  
tice, and because he wanted to speak out  
more strongly on Workmen's Compensa-  
tion issues.  
Mr. Friedman repeatedly called for com-  
promise during the 1950s been labor  
interests who wanted more liberal  
Workmen's Compensation benefits and  
business interests which wanted to limit  
what the law covered in order to reduce the  
cost, a battle which continues to this day.

**SAMUEL R. KRASNOW**  
Funeral services for Samuel R. Krasnow,  
56, of 12 Rolling Green Drive, Fall River,  
a retired hearing aid dealer who died Sunday,  
Jan. 21, at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital,  
Boston, were held Tuesday, Jan. 23, at  
Fisher Memorial Chapel.  
The husband of Muriel (Ginsberg)  
Krasnow, Mr. Krasnow was a member of  
the Massachusetts Hearing Aid Dealers  
Association.  
Born in Fall River, he was a son of Etta  
(Simowitz) Krasnow of Fall River, and the  
late Charles Krasnow.  
Besides his wife and mother, he leaves  
two daughters, Robin Krasnow of Long  
Beach, Calif., and Jaye Krasnow of  
Providence, and a brother, Erwin G.  
Krasnow of Chevy Chase, Md.

As a trial attorney, the case from which  
Mr. Friedman received the most publicity  
was tried in 1971. He represented the family  
of Eduardo Tirella, 42, an interior  
decorator and movie set designer who was  
killed on Oct. 7, 1966, by a car driven by  
Newport tobacco heiress Doris Duke. The  
family entered a \$1,250,000 negligence suit  
against Miss Duke, and the jury awarded  
\$75,000.  
In 1970, Mr. Friedman found himself the  
defendant rather than the counsel in a court  
action. The Internal Revenue Service charged  
him with willingly evading payment of  
\$36,579 in federal income taxes in 1963 and  
1964. In 1974, the charges were dismissed  
because of Mr. Friedman's bad health,  
which at that time included a 10-year bout  
with cancer and other ailments.  
Born in New York City on March 7,  
1905, Mr. Friedman was the son of the late  
Israel and Gussie (Lottman) Friedman.

**IRVING GLASBERG**  
Funeral services for Irving Glasberg of 89  
Sumter St., who died Friday, Jan. 19, at  
Rhode Island Hospital shortly after being  
admitted, were held Sunday, Jan. 21 at the  
Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.  
He was a bartender in the Providence  
area for the past 14 years.  
A lifelong resident of Providence, Mr.  
Glasberg was a son of the late Louis and  
Celia (Feiger) Glasberg.  
He was a member of the Fraternal Order  
of Eagles. He was a veteran of the Navy and  
he served in World War II in the Pacific  
Theatre.  
He is survived by five brothers, Benjamin  
Glasberg of Miami, Fla., Abraham  
Glasberg of Hartford, Conn., Philip  
Glasberg of Rumford, Seymour Glasberg  
of New York City, and Daniel Glasberg of  
Middletown; six sisters, Mrs. Anna  
Freeman of Allendale, Fla., Mrs. Esther  
Barish, Mrs. Dorothy Almon, Mrs. Molly  
Rosenblatt, Mrs. Bessie Laufgraven and  
Miss Goldie Glasberg, all of New York Ci-  
ty.

He was a Cranston resident for that 30  
years, living part-time in Hollywood, Fla.  
Mr. Friedman was graduated from  
Brown University, in 1926, and from New  
York University Law School in 1931. He  
was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in  
1933.

A former member of the Board of Govern-  
ors of the American Trial Lawyers  
Association, First Circuit, he had a private  
law practice in Providence from 1953 until  
his death.

Mr. Friedman, who was listed in Who's  
Who in the East, was past president and  
chairman of the board of the Touro Frater-  
nal Association. He was active nationally in  
numerous lawyers organizations and at one  
point, was named national chairman of the  
American Trial Lawyers' Association  
Workman's Compensation Division.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a  
daughter, Helene Genser of Cincinnati,  
Ohio; a son, Murray A. Friedman of  
Providence; a brother, Harry Friedman of  
Pittsburgh, Penn., and three grandchildren.

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## Editorial

### Iranian Fervor

What is sweeping through Iran recently, and what has been for the last 19 months, is a revival of Islamic fervor where religious leaders have been playing a key role in the reshaping of the politics of that part of the world. It has come to the point where any Iranian government, either the present one which is attempting to grasp some sort of power, or any other which might soon follow, will have to take seriously into consideration the popular feelings now being aroused and inflamed by the marches of the mullahs, the Islamic religious teachers.

Repercussions from the turmoil now persisting in this region, have already been felt throughout numerous portions of the world, as many countries have come to depend greatly upon Iran's oil exports. There is a growing feeling now among Israelis and its supporters, that the new fanaticism now steadily encroaching the rank and file of Iran and which has already announced that it will sell no more oil to Israel and South Africa and will support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) very strongly in the future, will lead to the direct isolation of Israel. This has long been a goal of devout Moslems and Arabs for years.

Middle East experts predict stiff political implications from this radical swing from a low-key, almost pro-Israel stance, as was taken by the now deposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi to a fanatic and threatening condition. Islamic leaders in Teheran view opposition to Israel as being almost a 'jihad' or religious war. This shift by Iran may also enable the country the opportunity to focus its military strength in Israel's direction rather than in no place particular.

The once prosperous and benevolently neutral feelings as they existed between Israel and Iran have now been replaced by a warring and static condition. The one dominant and leading force, the Ayatullah Rouhalla Khomeini, the Moslem divine who speaks from his exile in Paris and who is leading the revolution from there, has already called for the "elimination" of Israel, terming it a "sore in the Mideast." His numerous followers in Iran are echoing this same point, only second to shouts of "The Shah must die."

Israel's security has been hanging dangerously from this Iranian tether, too long. U.S. approval or recognition of any sort toward this country in any form or manner, should no longer be tolerated. Military equipment, including some of the most modern jet fighters should no longer be a U.S.-to-Iran export. With this recent geographic shift by Iran, Israel and its supporters need not face the ominous nation, shadows that loom above that unnecessarily



## FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

### Lonely In Condominiums

By BERYL SEGAL

Loneliness has been called the "American Disease." People are lonely in crowds. People are walking among hundreds of lonely souls and do not open up to one another. Lonely men and women live in loneliness each carrying with them sealed hearts and sealed lips.

And South Florida is the center of loneliness.

People escape from the cold north and find loneliness in the Southern sun. Elderly people leave the warmth of neighbors and friends in their cities and towns and find condominiums full of loneliness.

A recent study by three authorities shows that loneliness takes its toll among the elderly.

During our recent visit to Miami, we have observed these lonely people walking back and forth along "Condominium Row." Lusterless eyes, faces distorted and flabby, heads bent downward, as if afraid of meeting the eyes of strangers. Greetings go unanswered.

Those who write about the loneliness of the elderly are quick to declare that loneliness is not limited to elderly, and that not all elderly are subject to this disease.

One of them points a finger to the disco dance craze as symptoms of loneliness. Another discusses loneliness in school children. But we are concerned with loneliness among the elderly.

It is also pointed out that living alone is not synonymous with loneliness. Some want to be alone. Alone with a favorite book or with music. Viewing pictures alone or taking long walks alone. Just enjoying their own company.

Yet loneliness is incurable because people were not prepared in their youth for living alone in their old age.

Isn't the same true with people who retire from active life? People who never opened a book, never had any other interests than their business or their work, suddenly find so much time on their hands. The result is unhappiness. They cannot catch up with what they neglected for so long. Why can't these elderly people begin life again?

Some claim that the elderly are suspicious of other elderly people and are therefore reluctant to take the first step toward friendship. They fear being rejected. Others say the elderly lose their capacity to take the initiative. Like school children,

they must have teachers to advise them, to lead them.

The latter reasoning, the dependency of some elderly, is the basis for many centers in the Greater Miami region. The community centers and the synagogue programs gear their activities with this in mind. At any time of the day, you can see mini-busses drive up to condominiums and the elderly come out to take their seat in them. The mini-busses take them to all parts of the city to participate in some program of the person's choice. Many discover that they have hidden talents that they never suspected. They paint, they do woodwork, they sew, they knit, they sing in choirs. Some oldsters even excel in swimming and in calisthenics.

The centers become their second home. Here they eat and socialize. They debate the topics of the day and they listen to talks on world affairs. They are people among other people.

There is one prerequisite: The social worker must not act with condescension. They supervise, they show how to do certain things in which they are experts, but they must do it with understanding for the sensitivities of the elderly.

Loneliness cannot be cured, but we can fill in voids caused by being uprooted from the home environment. Most of the elderly in Greater Miami area belong in the same class. Most of the elderly walking around without a purpose, also belong to the group that never took part in any social activity.

They had their home, their friends and nothing else. On the other hand, men and women who were active, or were just members in some organization, find kindred folks and pick up their activities in their newly welcomed homes. If they

members of synagogues at home, they are welcomed with open arms in many religious groups. If they were members of a pro-Israel organization, they can find people who speak their own language. There are clubs of Haddassah and Mizrahi, Pioneer and ORT for those women who come from all corners of America.

Loneliness is a malady of getting old. We cannot reverse the process, but we can alleviate the malady and make life tolerable when the time comes.

## BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



Today's hand at first glance, looked like the easiest one the Declarer would have to play that session. All of a sudden the roof fell in on almost all of them because they failed to notice a possible pitfall. Call it carelessness, thoughtlessness or whatever you wish, this hand could have been guaranteed by making a certain play that wouldn't even have cost them anything at all. Some of our safety plays can give up a possible overtrick. Duplicate oriented players are understandably reluctant to do that but no one anywhere should fail to make a safety play that is free of charge.

North  
K Q 8  
J 7  
K 8 5 4  
K 10 7 2

West  
4  
A K 10 9 5 2  
Q 9 6  
A 5 3

South  
A J 10 9 6  
4  
A 7 3  
Q J 9 4

East  
7 5 3 2  
Q 8 6 3  
J 10 2  
8 6

South was Dealer, East and West vulnerable with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1S	2H	3S	P
4S	End		

After his partner opened the bidding and West made a vulnerable overcall at the two level, North didn't really have a perfect bid he could make. As the partnership was opening five card Majors, he felt the lesser of all evils was a call of Three Spades; he did have twelve high card points and fine

three card support for his partner. That forced the hand to game despite South having a bare minimum. Almost every pair played the hand in four Spades.

Naturally, every West led the Heart King and Ace and I watched almost every Declarer, without even thinking, ruff that second Heart. The light didn't dawn on them that they would have any difficulty at all to make this hand until they played the second round of Trumps and noted West discard, usually a Heart. As they had already used one of their own Trumps for ruffing they realized that East had as many Trumps as Declarer. To draw them all would take all of Declarer's. Meanwhile the club Ace had to be knocked out before three good Clubs could be scored. West could cash Hearts now if Declarer was out of Trumps.

This did happen to many Declarers. If they turned their attention to Clubs while one Trump remained in Dummy, West could wait one round and then win and give a signalling East a ruff to also set the hand. Surely a vulnerable overcall at the two level should make some sharp Declarers take note.

There had to be a long suit so a likelihood existed that Trumps might not break too well as is the case. Even if they did, please look at the Diamond suit in which there is a sure loser no matter how any suit breaks.

What can it cost a careful Declarer to discard that losing Diamond on the second Heart lead leaving himself with all five of his Trumps. Meanwhile Dummy is now also out of Hearts so no more Heart leads can hurt. Now all Declarer has to do is win, draw Trumps and give up that Club Ace. Sure looks easy now, doesn't it? And so it is.

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7:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1979

10:00 a.m.

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2:00 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1979

12:30 p.m.

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8:00 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1979

9:30 a.m.

Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region, Women's American ORT, Executive Board

**In Brief:**

**A 'Super' Move**

NEW YORK: The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith recommended the National Football League Management Council for transferring its Superbowl Gala Brunch, Saturday, Jan. 20, from the restricted Indian Creek Country Club, Miami, to a Miami Beach hotel.

"The Council changed its arrangements as soon as it learned from the Anti-Defamation League that the Indian Creek Country Club has a membership restricted to white Christians," Ira Gissen, director of ADL's national discriminations department, said. "The Council is to be applauded for its swift action."

A Council official said that those expected to attend the presidents and owners of all 28 NFL clubs and their guests from the United States Congress have been notified of the change in location.

**Double Withdrawal**

NEW YORK (JTA): The American Jewish Congress (AJC) has hailed the decision of two banks both subsidiaries of American corporations to withdraw from a syndicate organizing a \$33 million loan to Algeria after the Bank Rothschild of Zurich was excluded because of its Jewish ownership. The two banks that withdrew from the syndicate were Citicorp International Finance of Geneva and the Dow Banking Corporation of Geneva.

Shortly after the syndicate's blacklisting of Bank Rothschild was disclosed, Will Maslow, general counsel of the AJ, wrote to the subsidiaries' parent corporations, Citicorp and Dow Chemical Company. Noting that Treasury Department guidelines expressly forbade participation by American firms in syndicates that excluded banks on the basis of race, religion or national origin, Maslow also cited public declarations by both corporations to their shareholders stating company policy of non-participation in discriminatory arrangements. Officers at Dow and Citicorp immediately replied that they had withdrawn from the syndicate.

**Not Very Welcome**

BUENOS AIRES (JTA): The Israeli Consul, Avivi Pinhas, confirmed this week that 10 Israeli tourists were detained by Argentine authorities on two separate occasions early this month after crossing the border from Chile and were mistreated by the police. All were subsequently released. Pinhas said the tourists possessed valid Argentine visas. The Israeli Embassy has lodged a protest with the Argentine Foreign Ministry but has had no reply to date.

Pinhas said the first group of four tourists had been travelling in Peru and Chile. They were arrested when they entered Argentina during the first week of January and were manhandled by the police. They were apparently suspected of spying for Chile with which Argentina has a long-standing border dispute and other quarrels. They were finally released and allowed to proceed to Buenos Aires.

**TV 'Bombs' Eyed**

BONN — West German television stations and buildings used by Jewish groups were under guard this week to prevent bomb attacks during the telecast of "Holocaust."

The first episode of the American-produced series on Nazi efforts to exterminate the Jews was scheduled to be shown at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, on regional channels. Two bombs exploded last week at transmission stations in the north during the televising of a documentary leading up to "Holocaust." The authorities have said they suspect right-wing extremists of setting the bombs.

**Harvesters Hear This**

NEW YORK (JTA): Israel's collective agricultural communities (moshavim) have put out a worldwide call for volunteers urgently needed to harvest crops between now and April. According to Dani Kritchman, an Israel Aliya Center emissary specializing in moshavim, this is the first time these agricultural settlements have recruited volunteers. "Until now moshavim have been able to handle their harvests from within the country. Moshavim have grown, however, and their needs today are greater," he said. Moshavim seeking volunteer help are located in the Arava, Sinai, Red Sea area and Galilee and the primary crops to be harvested between now and April include flowers, melons and peppers.

**Chess Champ For Israel**

TEL AVIV — Viktor Korchnoi, three-time Soviet chess champion and runner-up in the world championship in Manila in October, announced on Israeli television this week that he would acquire Israeli citizenship and represent Israel in international competition.

Korchnoi, who has lived in Switzerland since he defected from the Soviet Union two years ago, has been playing exhibition games here against Israeli players.

**A Sino-Israeli Tie**

TEL AVIV: China may establish relations with Israel even before an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is signed, the afternoon newspaper Maariv said this week.

The paper quoted Liu Fou-tchin, an official of the United Nations Secretariat in New York who visited Israel last week.

At a meeting at the residence in Jerusalem of Maj. Gen. Emmanuel A. Erskine, the Ghanaian commander of the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon, commonly known as UNIFIL, last Monday, Liu was said to have told the Israelis that he had visited Peking three weeks ago and raised with Foreign Ministry officials there the possibility of diplomatic relations between China and Israel.

He was quoted as saying the response had been positive.

**Society**

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**

Mr. and Mrs. David Kreiger of 16 Beechwood Road, Woodbridge, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Amy Kreiger to Steven Lee Jacober of 241 West 97th St., New York, N.Y., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jacober of 785 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett.

Miss Kreiger is a graduate of Connecticut College, where she received her B.A. in 1977.

Mr. Kreiger attended Boston University, Hebrew University and received a B.A. from Providence College.

An August 12 wedding is planned.



BETH AMY KREIGER

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lightman of 1121 Powell Drive, Singer Island, Fla., announce the birth of their second child and first son, Mark Daniel, born on Jan. 16.

Mark's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Swartz of Pawtucket and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lightman of Inverrary, Fla.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Max Botvin, Louis Swartz and David Richards.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Rappoport of 28 Baldino Drive, Cranston, announce the birth of their second child and second son, Benjamin Mark, born Friday, Jan. 12.

Benjamin's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Singer of Troy, N.Y. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norton Rappoport of Warwick.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Sarah Rappoport of Providence and Max Pass, also of Providence.

**IRANIAN DEFECTORS REPORTED**

TEL AVIV (JTA): A number of Iranian soldiers in Lebanon defected to the Palestinian terrorists after military authorities in Teheran ordered their unit home, it was learned this week. The defectors were members of Iran's contingent in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). They included one sergeant and about a half dozen privates. All were said to be Shi'i Moslems. They reportedly crossed the lines into the terrorist-held stronghold of Nabatiyeh.

Meanwhile, a group of officers of the Lebanese regular army arrived in south Lebanon this past week and were assigned to liaison duties at UNIFIL headquarters. They were the first Lebanese army regulars posted to south Lebanon since the evacuation of Israeli forces last year. Their presence has disturbed the Christian militia

which regards the Lebanese army as pro-Syrian and likely to aid the terrorists. The officers arrived by helicopter without the knowledge of the militia commanders.

**BLUM DENOUNCES UN STUDY**

UNITED NATIONS (JTA): Yehuda Blum, Israel's UN Ambassador, expressed strong objections at a press conference here last week to the publication of a UN study entitled "The Origin and Evolution of the Palestine Problem." The study was sponsored by the Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, an anti-Israel body which serves the goals of the PLO. Blum referred to distortions of historical facts in the study and said that "even the most cursory reading of this document can leave no doubt that the means and machinery of the UN has been misused to disseminate highly selective and tendentious information."

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## Jewish Leaders Set For Visit To Israel

NEW YORK (JTA): Three hundred Jewish leaders from 51 communities throughout the United States and Canada, members of the State of Israel Bonds Prime Minister's Conference for 1979, will review new efforts to enhance the strength of the nation's economy and Israel's development needs with Premier Menachem Begin, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and other Israeli leaders in a weeklong conference in Jerusalem, Jan. 22-28. The conclave will focus on economic challenges that Israel faces in a year during which a peace treaty may be signed with Egypt.

In terming 1979 the year of building strength for peace, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, told the members they could be "part of the first phase of planning and development for peace, particularly in the Negev, Israel's Southland, which will serve as the pivot of much of the new development effort."

The delegation will be led by Rothberg and by Michael Arnon, the organization's president and chief executive officer. The conference, which will conclude Jan. 28, also will hear from President Yitzhak Navon, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and other important Israeli personalities.

A special ceremony will be held at the grave of Golda Meir, who served as Israel's Premier and was a founder of the Israel Bond Organization. During the conference

a new billion-dollar Israel bond Issue Bill will be presented to the Knesset in the presence of the conference delegates. They will be the guests of the Speaker of the Knesset, Yitzhak Shamir, at a special reception.



**GIFT PRESENTED:** Mr. and Mrs. James Kaplan presented the Miriam Hospital with a blood analysis machine for use in the hospital's hematology laboratory. This essential equipment is a gift from the family and friends of the Kaplans, honoring the couple's 45th wedding anniversary.

Accepting the gift for the hospital is Stanley Grossman (right), chairman of the Board of Trustees and George Katz, director of community relations.

## U.S. Investments In Israel Up 50% More Firms Eyeing 1979 Prospects

NEW YORK (JTA): American investments in Israel in 1978 increased by 50 percent compared with the previous year and reached an estimated \$120 million, according to Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Israel's economic minister to the U.S. and Canada, and Uriel Lynn, director general of the Government of Israel Investment Authority for North America.

Declaring that 1978 was "a very good year" for North American investments in Israel, Lynn, addressing a press conference here this week together with Dinstein, said that "in 1978, many more American companies realized that Israel is an ideal location for their research and development and high-technology operations." He said that the last year's investments included investments by National Semiconductor, Motorola, Chromalloy and Baldwin and were part of 50 new projects.

"This is a 50 percent increase over the

\$80 million invested in 1977," Lynn said, noting that total foreign investment in Israel rose to an estimated \$165 million, an increase of 43 percent over \$115 million invested in 1977.

Both Dinstein and Lynn predicted that 1979 will even witness greater increase in investment in Israel by American companies. According to Dinstein, "hundreds of American firms are already involved in Israel economy," among them firms from the "big league of companies" in America.

According to Lynn, the reasons for the increase in American investment in Israel could be attributed to the liberalization of the Israeli economy in an effort to move toward a free-market system, including total elimination of foreign currency control for foreign investors; the weakening of the impact of the Arab-boycott against Israel in view of the anti-boycott laws passed by the American government; the

prospect of peace in the Mideast; and Israel's duty-free access to the European Economic Community (EEC).

Highlighting the new investments by U.S. companies in 1978 were projects in the high technology field, involving either new investments or expansions of existing facilities, Lynn said. He added that 1978 also signified a diversification of investments, a broadening beyond the high technology industries.

He observed that there is increasing interest in financial and real estate ventures. Canadian investors are about to buy the government's share in the largest mortgage bank in Israel; a group of investors from the midwest has indicated a desire to buy the government-owned Maritime Bank; a U.S. insurance company is finalizing negotiations to buy an insurance company in Israel.

There is also substantial private

investment in real estate and construction projects, Lynn said. A major U.S. company is exploring the possibility of setting up a village for senior citizens on the shores of the Mediterranean, similar to such complexes which it has built in U.S. Projects related to tourism are now being boosted, possibly with a view to the expected influx of tourists lured by reduced fares and the prospect of peace. Hyatt Hotels will manage its first hotel in Israel in the Haifa beach area.

### ANOTHER JORDANIAN DEMAND

JERUSALEM (JTA): Jordan has demanded that all West Bank municipalities stop using Israeli electricity and water, it was reported last Tuesday on Israel radio. To that effect, Jordan has frozen all municipal funds as a pressure tactic on the West Bank cities to comply with its demand. However, it hasn't worked and representatives of one city, Tulkarem, the first to have hooked up to the Israeli electricity network, visited Jordan in an attempt to persuade the authorities there to grant them their money. The request was denied.

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## The Most Forgotten Jews

# Falasha Jews — 'Strangers In Exile'

By Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum

They call themselves "Beta Israel," the House of Israel, and according to ancient legend, their origins track back some 3,000 years as lineal descendants of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The Ethiopians call them Falashas, a term generally taken to describe the black Jews of that country. In actual fact, Falasha is a term of contempt meaning "strangers" or "living in exile." That pejorative term for the black Jews of Ethiopia is a description of their actual condition, especially today.

Several centuries ago, there were about a

half million Falashas, once proud warriors, rulers of their own Ethiopian Kingdom. Today, there are less than 28,000 Falashas left in the 490 isolated villages in the central highlands of Ethiopia, mostly around Gondar. They have been decimated over the decades in Ethiopian inter-tribal warfare and by intense conversion efforts by missionaries. Ethiopia's recent revolution and civil war, the fighting over Eritrea and the Ogadon, have resulted in general havoc, destruction and refugee flight, only now simmering down. And it has meant, too, that several hundred Falasha families were

driven from their homes, others robbed of land and livestock, dozens murdered and still others sold into slavery in the Sudan.

Their poverty is beyond imagining. Denied the right to own land, they have become tenant farmers and craftsmen, who eke out an average yearly income of \$60 per month. That compares to \$90 for other Ethiopians, and \$250 for other Africans, hardly a living wage for any human being. They have no hospitals or physicians, they suffer from disease and malnutrition, and their present life expectancy is 36 years. The past year and a half, however, has seen the beginnings of a serious work training, school and medical program launched in Gondar, in which Jewish organizations and the Falashas participate actively.

Despite their tragic, even abominable, conditions, they have remained faithful Jews observing the Biblical way of life under the spiritual guidance of Kohanim, the priestly leaders. Since they have lived away from the mainstream of Jewish life for nearly a thousand years, for centuries many Rabbinic Jews found difficulty in a acknowledging them as Jews even though

they observed all the Biblical rites of the Torah, including circumcision, the Jewish festivals and holy days, and the Sabbath.

But their status as Jews has been clarified, and in 1908 44 chief rabbis

proclaimed their legitimacy as authentic Jews. The Chief Rabbis of Israel of today have also reaffirmed their status as Jews, tracing their origins to the Tribe of Dan.

In light of this understanding of their Jewish identity, some 300 Falashas have managed in recent years to find their way to Israel, the Promised Land to which they daily pray to return. These are words of their prayers from the Falasha liturgy:

"Hear our prayer, God, King of the Universe, so that the whole world can be happy with your rule. When you help your people Israel, you help all mankind. Have mercy on the city of Jerusalem. Let us enjoy your kingdom with your Chosen People in Israel."

Those prayers have not yet been responded to either by God or by man. The Falashas are today the most forgotten Jews in the world, and the time is long past due for the Jewish community in the United States and in Israel to help rescue them from their suffering, while there are still some Falashas left alive to save.

The bonds of Jewish peoplehood with the forgotten Falashas must now be strengthened, their suffering reduced, and the recent growing attempts to give their prayers for redemption meaning must now occupy a more central place in the consciousness of Jews and of all who cherish human rights and freedom.

## Iran Hebrew Schools Continue To Operate

NEW YORK (JTA): Rabbi Moshe Milstein, international executive vice-president of Ozar Hatorah (Love of Torah), said this week that he has received reports from the Ozar Hatorah staff in Iran that its schools there have been open for a total of 30 school days since the beginning of this semester last September, which included the period of the recent disturbances. The Iranian school year consists of 130 school days compared to 180 days in the United States.

According to the reports, disturbances were monitored daily and when it was determined that school attendance would interfere with safety, the programs were suspended. But even during those periods the educational process for students atten-

ding the Ozar Hatorah schools continued in local synagogues with the help of the schools' staffs. There were periods, the report noted, when the Ozar Hatorah school system was the only functioning educational facility in Iran.

Milstein said that according to the reports he received, the synagogues have become the temporary educational facilities in Iran. Not only are classes provided for the youngsters, but special classes have also been organized for adults. In addition, religious services at the synagogues were well attended. Milstein said Ozar Hatorah is determined to continue its program in Iran as it has for the past 32 years.

## ADL Urges Carter To Disassociate With Billy

ATLANTA (JTA): The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said this week that it would call upon President Carter to "dissociate himself and his Administration from the recent actions and derogatory statements" about Jews made by his brother, Billy Carter. Stuart Lewengrub, Southeast regional director of the ADL, also labeled as "untrue and inane" a charge by Billy Carter that the reason that he had his Libyan friends have not been able to meet with Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta was due to "Jewish pressure."

Carter was reported to have made that remark after Jackson sent word that he was too busy to receive a Libyan delegation that the President's brother was hosting on a visit to Georgia to establish a Libyan-Georgia Friendship Society.

Lewengrub called it "the latest example of his (Billy Carter's) anti-Semitic insinuations." He said, "We have more respect for the Mayor than to try to tell him with whom he should or shouldn't meet in this city. It seems to us that Billy Carter is falling more and more into the pattern of blaming Jews for his own displays of poor judgement. Billy would do better to take an objective look at the policies and practices of the Libyan government whose representatives he and his friends are hosting, their support of world-wide terrorism and their absolute hostility to the Middle East peace effort currently underway."

Last month, Carter was reprimanded by Lewengrub for using the terms "bastardized Jew" and "Pollack" during a fund-raising dinner honoring Phil Niekro, a sports figure of Polish descent.



**DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE:** These children were among the nearly 2,000 people who demonstrated in front of the home of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Jerusalem, this past week to urge Begin to oppose new settlements on the West Bank and to continue peace efforts with the Egyptians.

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# Violinist Perlman Portrayed In February 8 TV Special

A profile of Itzhak Perlman, "I Know I Played Every Note," an hour-long *Here To Make Music* special about the life and the music of one of the world's most skillful and nonchalant virtuoso violinists, will have its American television premier at 10 p.m., E.S.T. on Thursday, Feb. 8 on WSBE TV-36 in Providence.

The broadcast is the third of four hour-long *Here To Make Music* specials to originate on PBS from WTTW, Chicago. *Here To Make Music* is made possible on PBS by a grant from the Atlantic Richfield Company.

In the profile of Perlman, *Here To Make Music's* British producer-director Christopher Nupen displays his talent of showing great musicians as the multi-faceted, little-seen private persons they are on and off the concert stage. Nupen's two other *Here To Make Music* broadcasts this season were hailed by audiences and critics alike for how they captured the essences of musical personalities. One was a profile of the great violinist Pinchas Zukerman. The other showed five musicians — Perlman, Zukerman, Jacqueline Du Pre, Daniel Barenboim, and Zubin Mehta — joyously rehearsing and performing Franz Peter Schubert's *The Trout*.

Nupen, for the Perlman profile, filmed Perlman over a three-year period. The result was an intimate portrait of the young violinist relaxing with his family, practicing the violin, rehearsing for and performing in concerts, teaching, and making recordings.

Perlman's nonchalance at times appears to overshadow his tremendous knowledge of music and astounding technical proficiency. As producer Nupen explores the breadth and maturity of Perlman's vast repertoire, it is clear that the virtuoso violinist is at ease with the music of the 18th century Italian Baroque master Antonio Vivaldi as he is with the rollicking "Rags" of 20th century American ragtime

pianist-composer Scott Joplin.

The title of the Perlman profile, *I Know I Played Every Note*, is taken from an off-hand remark Perlman makes after playing the extraordinarily difficult "Paganini No. 5." As Nupen notes in his narration of the film, such virtuoso showpieces give particular evidence of Perlman's command of the violin.

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Perlman said. "My parents got the message. They gave me a real violin."

Struck by polio at the age of four, Perlman today walks with crutches. Recalling his initial adjustment to his handicap, which in no way dulled his appetite for studying the violin, Perlman said, "It reduced my speed, but not my mobility. I get around, but a dancer I am not."

In the broadcast, the peripatetic Perlman

other musicians. "I love performing," Perlman says in *I Know I Played Every Note*. "Music is a give-and-take situation. You have to really have the contact. If you don't have that adrenalin working in you . . . you might as well play in the bathroom or the kitchen."

Humble about his talents and modest about his formidable musical achievements, Perlman describes his musical goals "simply to search for the best way to play something and then to go on to the next search." About Perlman's search for musical perfection, *The New York Times* music critic Robert Sherman wrote that "even his posture and facial expressions echo the joy that pervades his music making."

Toby, Perlman's wife, also is a violinist and a graduate of New York's Juilliard School of music, where Perlman studied under Ivan Galamian and Dorothy DeLay. Perlman's wife says of him, "He's a very normal man. He doesn't pick up his dirty clothes and put them in the hamper. He thinks dinner is going to appear on the table by magic, and that the children will get home from their various activities because they will fly."

In contrast to Perlman's frenetic and often lonely life as a musician whose talents constantly are in demand all over the world, Perlman's family life appears to be the epitome of harmony. "Whenever I go away by myself to give concerts, I am always very miserable. I am really very upset," Perlman told Nupen during the filming of the broadcast. "I always say that if I could have a steady job in New York playing the fiddle, I would take it."



**A PROFILE OF ITZHAK PERLMAN:** "I Know I Played Every Note," a WSBE TV-36 special explores the life and the astounding virtuosity of the great violinist. The third in a series of four *Here To Make Music* specials, the one-hour broadcast will have its American premier at 10 p.m. (E.S.T.) on Thursday, Feb. 8.

be typical of a musical Wunderkind, Perlman decided when he was three years old that he wanted to play the violin. His parents, misunderstanding the seriousness of his intent, bought him a toy instrument, which he deliberately broke. "It did not make the magic sounds I had heard,"

is seen moving about with seeming ease. He drives a car, plays tennis, and cooks for his family with abandon. "In his soul," Perlman's wife tells Nupen, "he must want to run."

A most relaxed virtuoso, Perlman thrives on his contact with audiences and with

## 'The Shadow Box,' A Play About Death Serves As An Affirmation Of Life

Trinity Square Repertory Company presents *The Shadow Box*, by Michael Cristofer, directed by Peter Gerety, with sets designed by Robert D. Soule, costumes by Ann Morrell, lighting by John F. Custer. The cast: Joe, Ed Hall; Steve, Jeffrey Duarte or Daniel Pina; Maggie, Barbara Meek; Brian, Timothy Crowe; Mark, Robert Black; Beverly, Margo Skinner; Agnes, Mina Manente; Felicity, Elizabeth Moore; Interviewer, David C. Jones.

*The Shadow Box*, a play about death, is an affirmation of life, and Trinity has given it a powerful production.

The play moves between and within three family groups in the setting of hospital cottages for the terminally ill. The three patients are Joe, a working man who has struggled all his life in situations he couldn't get out of; Felicity, an old woman who has lived too long; and Brian, who talks almost without stopping and shakes because he is frightened. The only hospital person is an interviewer who is generally heard from a control room behind and above the audience, trying impersonally to help each patient understand what is going on and accept the inevitable—and his matter-of-fact, clinical question-answer-statement sessions furnish the audience with needed release from the tensions of the three households.

Each patient has come to some kind of acceptance of his mortality but although Joe's wife knows he is dying, she can't admit it. Steve, their lovable teenager, hasn't yet been told why they are vacationing on the pine-wooded hospital grounds; but they

are a family and will come to terms with the worst. Felicity and her old-maid daughter Agnes are less happily matched. The absent daughter, who had spirit and beauty, is the one whom Felicity yearns for, while earnest, downtrodden Agnes tries to cope with her impudent, plucky parent. Cottage Two contains Brian, an amiable eccentric, and the handsome young man he has befriended. Brian's former wife invades their cheerful menage. She is outrageously dressed, slightly drunk, and immediately belligerent about Mark's presence. They are the liveliest, breeziest, most articulate of the three groups and therefore move the discussion of death along more obviously than the other characters can.

One scene supposed to be background, dimmed out, showed a character's movement from anger to despair to some sort of peace: Mark was sitting in the kitchen with a bottle of Scotch, his movements slow and minimal, and it was impossible not to watch him. Felicity, whether awake or asleep, is always very much onstage. She brings home the reality of illness, death and the spirit that fights back.

This is a play that moves swiftly, and Gerety (familiar to Trinity audiences as an actor rather than a director) has kept it

moving. The casting was intelligent, the acting is excellent, and this exploration of mortality is not depressing. *The Shadow Box* ends with an impassioned and triumphant choral declamation.

*Shadow Box* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1977, for reasons that are obvious when one sees it. Highly recommended.

LOIS ATWOOD



**ROBERT BLACK** in Trinity Square Repertory Company's production of *The Shadow Box* by Michael Cristofer, playing in the downstairs theatre through February 11, is directed by Peter Gerety, set by Robert D. Soule, lighting by John F. Custer, costumes by Ann Morrell.

## Israeli Consul Reported Kidnapped

WASHINGTON (JTA): Information reaching the State Department said that Israel's Consul General to El Salvador, Ernesto Liebes, and a woman accompanying him were kidnapped last Thursday by a group of armed men on the Panamerican Highway about five kilometers from downtown San Salvador.

The Department's information said that witnesses reported the Consul was driving a "Cherokee" vehicle when a similar vehicle with four men collided with his. After the accident, Liebes got out of his car, thinking that it was just a regular collision. The individuals took advantage of that moment to force him at the point of a machine

gun to board their vehicle. The woman who was with Liebes called out for help and a group of persons quickly gathered at the scene. National police arrived

within three minutes, it was reported. The report said it was not yet known who carried out the kidnapping. Neither was the woman identified in the report.



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## Census May Show Drop In USSR Jews

LONDON (JTA): With a new national census beginning this week in the Soviet Union, it is believed that the result could show a Jewish population of not more than 1.9 million, compared with 2.1 million in 1970.

This is the result of the emigration of 180,000 Jews since the last census in 1970, in addition to the decline shown in previous decades. However, the figure will depend mainly on whether there will be a large change in national identification in census declarations. This is the conclusion of an analysis by Dr. L. Hirszowicz of the Institute of Jewish Affairs.

The numbers of Jews in the five preceding Russian censuses were as follows: 1897-five million (according to language) and 5.2 million according to religion; 1926-2.7 million; 1939-3 million; 1959-2.26 million; and 1970-2.1 million.

Since the 1917 revolution, all the censuses have omitted the religion question and recognized Jews as a nationality. Between 1959 and 1970, the number of Jews dropped by 117,000, through natural causes and perhaps through their changing their national identity. The loss between 1970 and 1979 must be much greater — about 270,000, if one adds these processes to the roughly 180,000 emigrants.

Another clue to the real number of Jews will be in the answers concerning a person's national language where it differs from his first language. A further decline in the number of Yiddish speakers may be expected, but, Hirszowicz believes, the decline may be overstated due to the way the question is formulated.

## U.S. Announces F-15s Will be Sent To Saudi Arabia For 'Security'

WASHINGTON (JTA): The United States announced this week that it is sending 12 armed F-15 fighter jets and 300 or more American airmen to Saudi Arabia in the next two days in a demonstration of "security" for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Middle East "region" that may be threatened by the continuing turmoil in Iran.

However, the Pentagon told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the F-15s will leave the U.S. about Jan. 20 for Saudi Arabia because time is needed to complete logistical arrangements, including permission for overflights en route. According to the Pentagon, 250 to 300 airmen will accompany the planes, including about 36 pilots. The others will be support personnel, as the U.S. has no support base in Saudi Arabia.

The Pentagon disclosed that the "purpose of the deployment will be for the demonstration of the F-15 aircraft." The State Department clarified this later by emphasizing that it "is not a training mission" but "a highly visible fly-in" in which the American jets will "do some highly visible flights."

The State Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, emphasized that the planes were being sent "at the invitation" of Saudi Arabia. "They wish the flight to come in," he said. He said the planes would be in Saudi Arabia for "a relatively short period" but "the dates are not determined." The Pentagon also said that the planes would remain in Saudi



**26TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:** The largest group ever of Miriam Hospital employees, retirees, their families and guests attended the Miriam Hospital's 26th Annual Employee Dinner Dance held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Venus de Milo in Swansea, Mass. Over 1,100 people gathered for dinner and dancing at the annual affair, which is sponsored by the hospital and staff association. Stanley Grossman, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Henry Izeman, president of the Staff Association and Jerome R. Sapolsky, president of the hospital, spoke briefly. Nancy Burke, chief physical therapist, served as chairwoman of the event.

Arabia for "a short period of time."

Asked by reporters if the fly-in was discussed with Israel and Egypt and was for their security too, Carter replied, "I am sure Israel was told and others as well." He said he was not aware of any fly-in plan for Israel. Asked if the U.S. was concerned with Israel's security, he replied, "certainly."

### U.S.-Saudi Relationship

The State Department spokesman explained that the fly-in demonstrates "the close relationship" of the U.S. with Saudi Arabia and the Saudis with the U.S. But he refused to acknowledge that the U.S. is concerned about the stability of the Saudi leadership should the tumultuous events in Iran spread. "It is not a question of security" for the Saudi kingdom, Carter said, adding that he was not "expressing any concern of the stability of the regime in Saudi Arabia." He described the fly-in as an "orientation," not "a training flight" to train Saudi pilots.

Last spring, Saudi Arabia was authorized to purchase 60 F-15s. Carter said Saudi Arabia "is currently scheduled" to begin training its pilots in the U.S. in 1981, and that delivery of the planes, the most highly sophisticated fighters in the U.S. arsenal, would be in 1982. "I know of no change" in this schedule, Carter said when asked if Saudi Arabia was worried that the Administration would reconsider the sale of the F-15s. Some concern has been expressed in Congress that the fall of the Shah's government might result in Soviet acquisition

of the technology embodied in the highly sophisticated military equipment the U.S. has sold to Iran.

### Possibility Of An Attack

Carter would not discuss whether the fly-in was related to the possibility of an attack on Saudi Arabia by Iraq or Yemen. However, he said, the U.S. is involved in the "security of the kingdom" of Saudi Arabia and also "clearly the security of the region." He said the decision to send the planes to Saudi Arabia was taken "in the last week or so." Asked if the decision was made at about the time Saudi Arabia supported a 14 1/2 percent increase in oil prices, Carter replied, "I don't know."

Asked how the F-15s would be refueled on their flight to Saudi Arabia, Carter said the "logistical steps are being worked out with various possible host governments." He said there would be back-up military equipment in support of the 12 planes but did not amplify. He disclosed, however, that the F-15s would be armed with 20 millimeter guns. He stressed that he was "not conceding" that the fly-in is "an increase" of U.S. involvement.

According to sources here, the planes are expected to land at Riyadh, the Saudi capital, and to be moved from there to various locations in Saudi Arabia. While the State Department said that such fly-ins have taken place in the past, other sources said it was unusual and that it was intended as another signal to the Soviet Union of U.S. opposition to any outside intervention in Iranian affairs.

## Levich Named To Post

TEL AVIV (JTA): Prof. Benjamin Levich, the highest ranking Jewish scientist to be permitted to leave the Soviet Union, has announced he is joining the faculty of Tel Aviv University as a professor of physio-chemical mechanics. The university plans to establish a chair and a research team for the 61-year-old former head of the chemical engineering department at Moscow University.

Levich was relieved of his post in 1972 after he applied for an exit visa to Israel. Yuval Ne'eman, the former president of Tel Aviv University and other Israeli scientists maintained regular phone conversations with Levich in Moscow on scientific subjects and he was named a professor at Tel Aviv University while he was still in Moscow.

## 100 Viets Are Set To Enter Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA): The selection of 100 Vietnamese refugees that Israel has agreed to admit will be made in Manila by the representatives of various international refugee aid organizations in cooperation with the Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines, Moshe Raviv, it was announced this week. The inter-ministerial committee in charge of the project said the refugees will arrive here next week.

They will be selected from among more than 1,000 homeless Vietnamese who have been stranded for weeks aboard a ship in Manila Bay. Raviv has visited the refugees and is in close touch with the international organizations assisting them, the committee reported. They are expected to leave Manila next Tuesday for Athens from where a special plane will bring them to Ben Gurion Airport on Wednesday. The plane will carry a medical team to attend any refugees who may be sick or feeble after their ordeal.

A spokesman for the inter-ministerial committee said preparations have been completed for their reception and absorption in Israel. "All we have to do now is wait for them to come," he said.

## U.S. Non-Jew Asks For Israeli Burial

TEL AVIV (JTA): A hero of Israel's war for independence was buried with full honors at the Haifa military cemetery this week. He was Wayne Peake, an American non-Jew who was one of the first combat pilots in Israel's fledgling air force in 1948. Peake died in Los Angeles last week at the age of 55 after a long battle with cancer. In compliance with his wishes, his body was flown to Israel for burial.

His wife and three children were joined at the funeral services last Tuesday by other present and former Israel Air Force pilots, among them Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Mordechai Hod, director general of El Al, who are veterans of the 101st

Squadron of which Peake was a member 30 years ago.

Peake, who was a U.S. Air Force pilot during World War II, was one of the many American, British and South African pilots, Jewish and non-Jewish, who volunteered to fight for Israel. After the war, Peake returned to the U.S. and joined the Flying Tiger Airlines, an international cargo carrier. He visited Israel again in 1967, after the Six-Day War. When he first fell ill he asked Flying Tiger boss William Gelford to arrange for burial in Israel. Gelford passed on his request to Hod who, like Weizman, is a former Commander of the Israel Air Force.

It was decided to give Peake a military

funeral of the kind reserved for Israel's war heroes. Many Flying Tiger pilots and associates of Peake came to Israel to attend the services. Peake was laid to rest near the grave of another American volunteer, Buzz Beurling who was killed when his plane crashed while ferrying medical supplies to Israel from Rome.

### BAN ISSUED

VIENNA (JTA): The Austrian Court confirmed the ban of an issue of the right-wing "National Zeitung," which included an article entitled "The 20th Century Fraud: The End of the Six-Million-Lie."

## How Religious Jews View Peace

# Mideast Conflict Eyed As A 'War of Mitzvah'

TEL AVIV (JTA): Religious Jews in Israel and overseas are no less divided than secular Jews over the issue of compromises for peace, specifically how much territory Israel should be prepared to give up in exchange for a full and binding peace with its Arab neighbors. For secular Jews, the primary consideration is the effects territorial withdrawals will have on Israel's security. There is another dimension, however, for religious Jews.

They regard areas such as Judaea and Samaria to be part of Eretz Israel — "Eretz Hakodesh" or the Holy Land. For the religious Jew, this means that the land must be defended and going to war to defend that land is an aspect of "kiddush hashem" (ready to give one's life for God's sake). It is seen as a "war of mitzvah."

But this runs smack into another issue,

that of the possibility of loss of life in a war and its impingement on the commandment of "pikuah nefesh" (saving life). The question arising from this situation is how to reconcile or relate kiddush hashem with pikuah nefesh in terms of defending Eretz Israel.

One Orthodox scholar, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of Bar Ilan University, has addressed himself to the problem of when the commandment of pikuah nefesh takes precedence over the commandment of kiddush hashem. Put another way, is the saving of lives more important than Israel's rule over what the Orthodox regard as the entire "land of Israel."

### Ongoing Debate On The Issue

Many other rabbinical and Orthodox lay leaders have debated this matter. One

prominent scholar, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik of Boston, has expressed the view that saving lives is superior to all other considerations, even from a religious point of view. However, the question is not clear cut. Who, for example, is to decide when or where pikuah nefesh takes precedence over a "war of mitzvah?"

Rackman, formerly the senior rabbi at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York and a former professor of Judaic studies at City University in New York, takes the view of the late president of Yeshiva University, Dr. Samuel Belkin. Belkin maintained that knowledgeable laymen should be consulted before halachic decisions are made. A rabbi will sanction eating on Yom Kippur if a qualified physician orders it to save a life.

Rackman believes this should apply to political matters as well. Although he does not consider himself a dove, he supports Soloveitchik's opinion that pikuah nefesh should always be the dominant consideration and that war, therefore, should be averted by all means. Nevertheless, Rackman insists that whatever concessions are made to avoid war, Israel can never give up Judaea and Samaria.

He holds that Jews have a God-given right to settle those territories and believes they can co-exist there with the Arabs just as Arabs live in Israel. He doesn't think that Jews will ever be a majority on the West Bank and therefore is suspicious of Arab insistence that Jewish settlement be stopped. According to Rackman, that attitude puts

into question Arab sincerity to make peace with Israel.

The ideal situation, he said, would be a mature society in which dual sovereignty is possible, meaning two languages and two flags on the West Bank, with the residents there able to choose between Israeli or Jordanian citizenship. As for Jerusalem, however, Rackman believes there can be only Jewish sovereignty although Arab residents could have the right to vote for the Jordanian parliament.

### Critical Of Some U.S. Jewish Leaders

Rackman is highly critical of some American Jewish leaders. He claims they do not have the "guts" of British Jewry in the 1940s when Jews in Palestine were struggling against the Mandatory authorities. He feels American Jews try not to antagonize or embarrass the Administration in Washington when they differ with its Middle East policies.

Rackman said that Bar Ilan University, though under Orthodox sponsorship, is not necessarily religious if the composition of its student body is taken into account. He noted that there are many kibbutzniks attending, as well as Arabs and Druze students of both sexes. According to Rackman, Arab parents of girls prefer Bar Ilan for their daughters because of the strict separation of the sexes. He also said that on the campus there are both supporters and opponents of the Gush Emunim. He described the university, with a student body of 8,000, as religiously oriented but open to every idea and school of thought.

## Peace Efforts Linger, Now At Crucial Stage

NEW YORK (JTA): The efforts this week to attempt to resolve the "two or three outstanding crucial problems" that have deadlocked the peace treaty talks between Israel and Egypt represent a "very crucial stage" in the peace process, Israeli Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin said here at a breakfast meeting with editors at the Regency Hotel. He identified the crucial problems as Egypt's demands to revise Article IV and Article VI of the draft peace treaty, the issues of review and priority obligations, respectively.

Yadin's meeting took place against the background of President Carter's statement this week in Atlanta that he would "not hesitate" to invite Premier Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to another summit meeting if he thought that was necessary to expedite the Israeli-Egyptian peace talks. Last Saturday, the Carter Administration announced it was sending a small high-level delegation to Israel and Egypt this week to try to unglue the stuck peace talks.

"Irrespective of the different moods in Israel, the government will stick to the letter and spirit of the Camp David accords," Yadin said. "Israel's determination is strong. It wants to sign a peace treaty. If the issue of the two Articles and the side letter dealing with autonomy (on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip) can be resolved, there is no reason not to sign the treaty. However, if the Egyptians insist on their demands, their deviations from the Camp David accords, then we face a difficult situation."

### Effect Of Events In Iran

Yadin underlined that it is to the interest of both Egypt and Israel, as well as to the United States "to stick to what was agreed at Camp David." This is especially so, he said in reply to a question, because of the upheaval in Iran. He observed that this event, "which for the first time cannot be blamed on the Israeli-Arab conflict," may introduce "far reaching effects, both short-range and long-range, on many issues in the peace talks."

The immediate effect, following the repeated assertions by Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar of Iran that oil shipments will not be resumed to Israel, will be to strengthen the opposition in Israel which has been balking all along about giving up Israel's supply of oil in Sinai under a peace treaty with Egypt.

There will be more insistent demands by the opposition, and even by those supporting Israel's withdrawal from Sinai, that any peace treaty with Egypt must include a clear-cut policy regarding assurances of oil supply to Israel, Yadin said. Otherwise, he warned, there may be more voices added to the present opposition for Israel not to sign a peace treaty unless Israel is guaranteed with a supply of oil.

The Deputy Premier also stressed another effect of the upheaval in Iran by noting that "Iran was a clear-cut asset to the United States, and that asset is now lost." Assets, he said, "should be cherished," and underscored that "Israel is an asset to the United States and this should be viewed positively." The issue of oil will be a test of whether the U.S. views Israel as an asset, Yadin said by way of noting that the U.S. is honoring its commitment under the second interim Sinai agreement between Israel and Egypt to assure Israel's future oil supply.

### Due To Meet With Vance

Yadin, who arrived here this week after a brief stop-over in London where he met

with British Foreign Secretary David Owen and Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher, said, he would meet with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Washington Jan. 22. Until then his schedule calls for meetings with Jewish leaders in this country, including the United Jewish Appeal and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, to discuss "especially" Project Renewal.

Yadin said he would also meet with "public opinion media" to explain Israel's position on a whole array of issues. In addition, he will visit Canada to assist Hadassah-WIZO there in their project to establish funds for post-doctoral students in Israel's universities. These funds are necessary, he explained, because budget cutbacks to institutions of higher learning are limiting the number of "new, creative and brilliant" students that can be accepted.

### Believes U.S. Will Be More Objective

In answer to a question, Yadin said there are no plans for him to meet with President Carter. However, regarding the state of U.S.-Israel relations, he said that there was a general feeling a few weeks ago in Israel that Carter was being "counter-productive" when he claimed that Israel was to blame for the stalemate in the peace talks. "We felt that the U.S. was not playing the role of an honest broker" in the peace process by making this claim. "But I believe now that once the peace talks resume, the U.S. will be more objective."

Yadin noted that the talks between Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil in Brussels over the Christmas weekend in no small measure prompted the Carter Administration to send the delegation to Israel and Egypt.

The Deputy Premier said that the Dayan-Khalil talks clarified the differences between the countries and helped to clarify ways in which these differences could be resolved. As a result, the American delegation, Ambassador-at-Large Alfred Atherton, State Department legal advisor Herbert Hansell, and the Department's Israel Desk officer David Korn are expected to deal in a hopefully more relaxed atmosphere with Article IV and Article VI of the draft treaty.

Yadin said he was "cautiously optimistic" that the basis for resumed peace talks will be set this week and that the talks may actually get going again within the next few weeks. Reaffirming that Israel wants peace and is ready to sign on the dotted line, he paid homage to Begin by noting that "if anyone in Israel can deliver what the Camp David agreements say, it is Begin."

### Sadat Rebuffed

JERUSALEM (JTA): West Bank public figures recently rejected an Egyptian invitation to visit Cairo in order to discuss the future of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, it was reported Sunday in Maariv. It was revealed that the invitation, conveyed to leading Arab personalities on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem, came from Egyptian diplomats stationed in Western Europe, in an attempt to increase the participation of West Bank residents in their future.

The West Bank and East Jerusalem figures rejected the invitation because they felt the Israeli autonomy plan does not sufficiently deal with their needs.



LINCOLN MEZUZAH: Jewish and American ideals of freedom and compassion merge uniquely in this carved wooden mezuzah inside the door of United Jewish Appeal Executive Vice Chairman Irving Bernstein. This is one of two mezuzahs sculpted by artist Bruce Magidsohn from a beam in a Springfield, Illinois building once used by Abraham Lincoln as a law office. It was presented to Mr. Bernstein by noted Springfield author, James E. Myers.

### JERUSALEM AS CAPITAL URGED

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Nathan M. Goldberg, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States called upon the Carter administration this week to "recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel and to immediately open a branch office of the American Embassy in Israel's capital."

Speaking on behalf of JWV's 100,000 members, Goldberg stated that "Jerusalem, the legal capital of Israel, deserves the official recognition of the United States

government, in keeping with the platform of the Democratic party which nominated Carter for the presidency, for it was this platform upon which Carter was elected."

Goldberg pointed out that recent actions by the President and his brother Billy show a need for Carter to stem the apparent tide of significant doubts concerning his commitment to Israel and the issue of human rights. "I can think of no better way for the President to dispel these doubts than by immediately correcting this injustice to Israel and concerned Americans of all faiths," said Goldberg.

## The Franco-Israeli Relation

# Recent Tensions Mar Franco-Israeli Relations

PARIS (JTA): At the time of the French President's recent visit to Spain, a veteran French politician looked at the pictures showing President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and King Juan Carlos, standing side by side and commented: "How strange. Here we have a President who would like to be King and a King who would like to be President."

The French President has given his administration a "royal" tone. At the Elysee Palace, old and oft forgotten customs and protocols have been reintroduced, often after a two-century lapse. Former royal hunting lodges have been brought to life and a coterie of advisors have turned into a royal retinue. In political affairs, the "royal" trend is also felt. Policies are changed or adopted practically overnight and often without consulting or even informing Cabinet members or Parliament.

This trend is especially visible in foreign affairs over which the President maintains solid control. The recent appointment of the former Elysee Secretary General, Jean Francois-Poncet, as France's new Foreign Minister, replacing former career diplomat Louis de Guiringaud, has removed even the former pretense of a normal autonomous department. French diplomats stress that the new minister, who has been working with Giscard for over 10 years, "does not even have to be given orders. He can guess them before they are handed out."

This single-handed control over France's foreign affairs has enabled Giscard to change and mold French policy in the Middle East, practically at will. For the first few years after his election, this change had been towards a normalization of Franco-Israeli relations.

Both because of his own character he intensely dislikes a situation of stress and animosity and because of the two major elections, which marked the first four years of his administration (municipal and then parliamentary elections with a strong left-wing opposition), the general tone given by the President was towards mending the fences with Israel.

Gone were the former anti-Israel declarations, the "moral" sermons and the diplomatic initiatives launched by Charles de Gaulle and his successor, Georges Pompidou. French diplomats, acting on clear Presidential orders, kept a discreet silence whenever the Middle East came up for discussion at the United Nations or at the joint meetings of the nine European Economic Community (EEC) member state representatives.

The President and administration members stopped talking about a "Palestinian state" and government spokesman used "ifs" and "buts" when talking about Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967.

The situation changed abruptly a couple of weeks ago. Suddenly and without giving any advance notice, France broke the former ECC solidarity during a major UN vote. While all its eight ECC partners, including traditionally pro-Arab Italy and Ireland, voted against a violently pro-Palestinian resolution at the general Assembly, France abstained.

At the same time, Giscard encouraged Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in his new demands for a revision of the Camp David agreements. Diplomatic sources in Paris say that Giscard on two different occasions told Sadat, presumably either by telephone or through diplomatic representatives, that he advises him not to sign the agreements in their original form.

During Jordan's King Hussein's recent visit to Paris, Giscard, according to these same sources, encouraged him to continue refusing to take part in the post-camp David negotiations and adopt an attitude of "wait and see." France, according to these usually well-informed diplomats, was the only West European country to have fully supported Hussein's policy of non-involvement in the talks and of demands for a full Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. There seem to be several reasons for Giscard's new Mideast policy:

France continued to believe that no real Middle East settlement can be obtained without the full participation of the Palestinians and without a comprehensive settlement between Israel and all the Arab states. Immediately after Sadat's trip to Jerusalem in November 1977, France was the only Western country to openly express doubts as to the success of his mission.

The recent difficulties in the negotiations and the failure of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission to Jerusalem and Cairo last month, have reportedly further strengthened Giscard's initial doubts.

### Pessimistic About Peace Process

The French President is now, according to these sources, almost certain that the current peace process cannot succeed. Even if an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty were to be signed its implementation would be practically impossible and major problems would crop up within weeks making the treaty unapplicable.

Giscard tends to blame Israel for the failure of the peace process. What is worse in his eyes, he tends to regard Israel's leaders as lacking realism and failing to take advantage of a unique chance to try

and reach a global and comprehensive agreement with all their neighbors.

France believes that the Moslem world is slowly being won over by the extremists and that the process which had started in Iran will spread to such other countries as Turkey and Egypt. In accordance with this belief, France has granted political asylum to the Shah's main opponent Ayatollah Khomeini and has done nothing to try and prevent him from launching appeals for violence from his French residence.

The tension in Israeli-American relations is generally thought by experts to be deeper and more serious than it is generally assumed. French analysts believe that the current tension is the start of a long range process of cooling relations between America and Israel.

### Consequences Foreseen

This new French approach can have serious consequences for Israel. On Jan. 1, France assumed chairmanship of the EEC for a six-month term. French representatives will chair all joint meetings of the nine member states, will prepare the basic files and draw up the agendas for the subjects to be discussed.

The chairmanship, which passes by rotation among the nine, gives the country holding it extra weight in influencing ECC policies. When the country happens to be, as is the case now, the most politically ambitious among the nine, it gives the chairmanship still more weight in having its views adopted as joint policy by its eight European partners.

Three more European countries Spain, Portugal and Greece are due to join the EEC in the coming months. All three are known for their anti-Israel stand and two of them, Greece and Spain, have no normal diplomatic relations with Israel. Their entry into the EEC will also jeopardize Israel's exports to Europe.

All three, especially Spain and Greece, export products similar to Israel's: citrus, citrus by-products, agricultural products, flowers and light industry. From the date of their admission, all three will enjoy an easing of customs dues, which will rapidly disappear as they integrate into the community, and thus jeopardize Israel's already sick economy. France has advocated their admission into the ECC and is their strongest supporter so far. Therefore, it appears that difficult days lie ahead for Israel in its relations with France and Western Europe.

## Genocide Pact Eyed Passing In 1979 Term

WASHINGTON (JTA): Senate ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention "looks better" in the 96th Congressional session that began this past week than at any time since President Truman approved it 22 years ago, according to Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wisc.), the Senate's most determined advocate of the measure.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency shortly before the current Congress held its first session, Proxmire said that chances for success are better because of the atrocities in Cambodia and Uganda and the effect of the NBC-TV series "Holocaust" last spring, which he said had "a deep emotional response all over the country."

Proxmire said he had been talking to a number of Senators since they began arriving here Jan. 3 and he believes that 50-60 of the 100 Senators favor the Convention. Two-thirds of the Senate is needed to ratify an international treaty. The legislation will be adopted by the Senate, Proxmire believes, if former California Governor Ronald Reagan, who looms as the leading potential Republican Party nominee for

President in 1980, is neutral or friendly to the Convention.

Conservative members of the Senate have historically felt that the Convention would abridge the U.S. Constitution, and Reagan's position may persuade his Senate supporters not to oppose it.

On every Senate business day for the past two years, Proxmire has urged that body to take the Convention. His speeches and statements testify to the doggedness with which he has fought to have the U.S. abide by the measure which was adopted in the wake of the Nazi atrocities. Every President, Secretary of State and Attorney General since 1949 has backed the Convention.

The American Bar Association, which had been a persistent opponent, finally approved it in 1976, thus improving the chances for passage. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has voted out the measure for Senate debate four times, is expected to do so again in the current session. Senate conservatives last session blocked its passage by parliamentary maneuvers.

## Young's Statements On PLO Are His Own

WASHINGTON (JTA): The State Department said this week that the views expressed on the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) by the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young, are Young's "personal observations" and represent no policy change by the U.S. toward the PLO. The Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, stressed that Young "understands and supports our policy regarding the PLO."

He was responding to questions about Young's statements in an interview with Interdependent, the organ of the United Nations Association of the United States, that American diplomacy is hampered by the lack of "effective relationship with the Palestinian people." While acknowledging the "tremendous influence" of the PLO in Arab countries, Young stopped short of advocating recognition of the terrorist organization.

The envoy said the basic reasons for the absence of a link between the U.S. and the PLO is that Israel is opposed to it. "I don't necessarily quarrel with that, because I think that Israel is going to have to make the decisions about how it's going to relate to the Palestinian people," he said. Despite Israel's opposition, Young added, the U.S. "should have some way of relating to the Palestinian people." He noted that

Washington is "working on" this, but hasn't "reached a conclusion."

Young characterized the PLO's UN representatives as "very skilled politicians and very intelligent, decent human beings." He said they have acted as a "moderating influence" in the UN and that he would favor doing business with the PLO at the world body because it would bolster those elements in the PLO who favor a "political process to liberation" rather than terrorism and the destruction of Israel.

The basic reason for what Young termed the frustration of the Camp David accords is that the Palestinians do not feel that the accords assure them the self-determination they want. A link between the U.S. and the PLO would solve that, Young noted, adding, "that's what we are working on."

Hodding Carter was asked if Young's statements mean that the U.S. is undertaking "a serious review of policies" toward the PLO. He replied "no," and added, "We have not changed our policy regarding the PLO. Our only contacts with the PLO in New York City — and nowhere else — are incidental and related to our responsibilities as host country to the UN." Carter said, "We have sought to engage Palestinians in the process described in the Camp David agreements. Those agreements envisage the Palestinians in the process."

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# Journey To The Interior

**JACOB NEUSNER**

(This is a report on Professor Neusner's observations in his travels in the Middle West last autumn, covering universities and Jewish communities. First of three parts.)

Last fall I traveled. And I traveled and traveled and traveled. The reason was that I like to travel, see things, meet people, and do so at every chance. Many chances came last fall, and I took them all. What did I learn about America and, especially, about universities and Jews—my two favorite subjects?

Let me explain, first of all, which universities and which Jews. I had been invited to serve as Hill Foundation Visiting Professor at the University of Minnesota for the fall quarter. Since I could not bring my four children and wife for a brief period of ten weeks, it was agreed that I should commute from Providence to Minneapolis-St. Paul every other week. So, to begin with, there were five round-trips to the Twin Cities, out on Monday, home on Thursday night. Then there was (supposed to be) a trip to a temple in Duluth. In the meantime, I was appointed by the President to serve as a member of the National Council on the Humanities—so there were two trips to Washington, once in October, then for two days in November. Then there was a lecture at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota. And another in a synagogue in Montreal, an overnight trip. I am chairman of the History of Judaism section of the American Academy of Religion, so there was a three-day trip to New Orleans. There was yet a lecture at a synagogue in New York City, one at the University of Chicago, and another at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. In the Twin Cities there was a Hill Professor public lec-

ture, a public symposium (broadcast on a university radio station), lunches every day I was there with members of the faculty or students or administration, conferences with Humanities officials for the Minnesota Commission on the Humanities in connection with my NEH work, conferences with the executives of the Federation of Public Programs in the Humanities, lectures for various smaller Jewish community groups, for instance, a *Breira*-group in Minneapolis, the faculty of the Minneapolis Talmud Torah, and so on; and then, in December, plenary lectures for the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, and the American Academy for Jewish Research, in New York. But the main thing was the University of Minnesota.

Professors at Ivy League universities are not supposed to know about "the real world." I went to Minnesota to find out. Our students, after all, survive a highly competitive process of selection. We do not have to go searching for books; our university libraries are excellent. We teach humane and easy assignments. Our administrations are accessible and friendly. They are ourselves. But 'out there' where the real world is, there are supposed to be sullen students, churlish deans, no books, and life is hard. So nothing we suggest about the shape of a curriculum and the purpose of university education in the liberal arts need be taken seriously. We don't know how things really are.

When I got to Minnesota, the professors warned me that "Minnesota students won't read." They told me about the "Minnesota poker-face," that is, the student who sits through lectures with no facial expression whatever, no visible response to anything, any question, even any joke. My peculiar mode of teaching, which is to insist that the

students discover the points I want to make through their response to questions of mine and through their discussion (even) with one another, would not be possible in Minnesota. It was lecture to whom it may concern or die. We Ivy League professors should not expect to transfer to a mass institution what we can do with elite students.

Before I go on with the narrative, let me tell about how I dealt with the alleged "Minnesota poker-face." As I said, I teach by asking questions. So, after appropriate beginnings, I asked my first important question.

"Is the question clear?"

"Yes."

"Does everyone understand it?" A ritual nodding of the heads.

"Does everybody know why it is an important question, and why it is the first that has to be asked—before we can do anything else?" More ritual nodding.

Then I: "Fine, so what's the answer?" Silence.

Not a half a minute of silence, and not a minute.

I timed the silence. I come from stubborn folk. I was not going to say another word until someone attempted an answer. So I sat on the top of the desk, and the students sat in their chairs. I looked out the window, on an early fall day, in the bright, clear Minnesota air, over the handsome brick buildings of the University of Minnesota. I know they're brick. I counted the bricks. The students stared at the ceiling or at me.

After twenty minutes of silence, someone spoke.

The answer was not relevant.

I said so.

Another twenty minutes of silence.

Then things got started.

In other words, I dealt with the poker-face by making clear that I was serious. I asked a question because I wanted an answer to that question. Once we all agreed it was a right question and in what seemed to be the right time and place, it was then the students' task to deal with it.

From that point onward, they did. Not all of them, not very happily, and not often with real success. But they tried their best. This meant doing the reading on time, so that they would have facts and ideas with which to shape their answers and their questions.

At the end, I am sorry to report, the whole thing collapsed. After steadfastly preparing with some care and even critical acumen for most of the course, for the final session, at what to me was the crucial point in the unfolding interpretive scheme I had worked so hard to present, the students, it turned out, were too busy to master the assigned reading (some claim they did it, but none made any sense of it, except one middle aged lady, of whom more below).

So I went back to the first day. This time, instead of waiting out an answer, I walked out.

People don't do that every day—and professors had better not. But once in a while, it may have an educational result. I don't know whether it did.

I do know that one *can* teach in a vast, big-ten university. One can teach in much the same way that teaching is done in a small school such as Brown; expect the students to learn on their own and work reasonably carefully; and in all ways give of oneself and demand the students do the same. My fundamental faith in the worth of mass education was shaken in Minnesota, but it came out stronger, strengthened as well as tempered by reality.

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**Israel To Order Freighters From Japan And Europe**

TEL AVIV — Israel's national shipping line, Zim, said it plans to order 15 freighters from Japanese and European shipyards at a cost of about \$200 million.

The purchases are part of a major overhaul of the Zim line, which has bought 28 ships costing \$300 million over the past five years.

The line's general manager, Yehuda Roten, said construction of the new vessels should be completed within two years. The purchase includes two large container ships, several grain carriers and a number of smaller ships.

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