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UAHC Study Examines Jewish Converts

TORONTO (JTA) — The majority of converts — 86 percent — taking part in a scientific study of conversions, were reported to feel that it is important to give their children a serious continuing Jewish education and almost all of them reported they intended to give their children such an education.

This was one of the findings of what was described as the first scientific effort to assess the impact of the conversion experience on the converts, on his or her born-Jewish spouse and on their non-Jewish and Jewish families. A report on the study, titled "New Jews: The Dynamics of Religious Conversion," was released at the 55th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Nearly 3000 leaders of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada are attending the Assembly through Dec. 11.

The study also found that converts had a socio-economic profile and education level comparable to that of born Jews and that only 15 percent came from homes in which religion was "very important." Many reported viewing their childhood religious backgrounds as "oppressive."

The study found converts become more active Jews as the length of their lives as converts increased. Parents of converts in the study, while generally resenting their children's decision to convert to Judaism, at first, "ultimately become reconciled," especially if the marriage is successful.

Positive Signs Noted

Rabbi Sanford Seltzer, director of Reform Judaism's "Task Force on Outreach," said there were many "positive

Dayan Says U.S. Misread Mideast Situation

NEW YORK (JTA) — Former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, said that if the United States, after exhausting all diplomatic means to free its hostages in Iran, decides to resort to military action, Israel will be willing to make the Haifa port and military airfields — "but not Israel soldiers" — available to the Americans.

But Dayan, speaking at a press conference, sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal, made it clear he is not advising the United States as to whether to use the military option in order to resolve the current Iranian crisis.

Dayan, who is on a speaking tour in the U.S. on behalf of the UJA, said that Americans should realize that the Iranian situation is part of a general feeling of unrest throughout the Mideast and the Moslem world. The events of recent weeks, in which American embassies were attacked in Iran, Pakistan, Libya and other countries, might have a severe effect on American prestige, Dayan warned.

"It will be very bad for the Mideast, the West and America if you (Americans) will lose your prestige," Dayan said, adding: "It's not exactly adding to the prestige of the U.S. when diplomats escaped through the back door (as in Libya) or were rescued from the top of the roof (as in Pakistan)."

Dayan said he thinks the U.S. "did not read correctly the situation in the Mideast . . . You don't read correctly the mood of the people in the Mideast," and as a result, the U.S. "made some mistakes" in handling the anti-American developments in the area. Dayan disclosed that Israel advised the U.S. a year in advance that the Shah might be toppled and that the Iranian army is weak. But he refused to disclose what the American response to the Israeli warning was.

signs" for Jewish life in the on-going conversion process which were being overlooked. He told the delegates that these included:

"The generally positive attitudes toward Jews and Judaism as evidenced by the choice of Jewish mates by non-Jews; the tendency of converts to actively embrace synagogue life and become practicing, observant Jews; the infusion of new blood into a Jewish community experiencing a decreasing birthrate; the proclivity of those who have chosen to retain their non-Jewish identities after marriage to Jews to forge ties with the Jewish community, nevertheless."

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Director of Israel Aliyah Center to Interview at JCC

Gad Flaisher, director of the Israel Aliyah Center for the New England Region, will be available for interviews at the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday, December 19.

Mr. Flaisher will discuss job opportunities, the Israeli way of life, long and short term programs, and opportunities for settling in Israel.

The Israel Aliyah Center also offers comprehensive services on investments, education, pilot fact-finding trips, and loans.

To make an appointment with Mr. Flaisher, the Israel Aliyah Center may be contacted at (617) 423-0868.



Religious Corporation Law Questioned in Synagogue Suit

NEW YORK (JTA) — A lawsuit in a New York court to block the sale of an abandoned but still usable synagogue building, described as the first lawsuit of its kind, may stimulate inquiries to determine the validity of such transactions extending far beyond New York State, according to Howard Zuckerman, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

In response to that lawsuit, filed in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, Judge Martin Stecher ordered a trial to determine whether conditions of the sale of the Kalvarier Synagogue, also known as the Pike Street Synagogue, on Manhattan's Lower East Side, to the Eastern Buddhist Association for \$180,000 had been made in accordance with the state's Religious Corporation Law. The sale was made by three Jews — Abraham Gulker and Saul Goldstein of Brooklyn and Seymour Shyman of Manhattan — claiming to be trustees of the congregation.

The 75-year-old synagogue building had long been abandoned by its original congregants but was being used for regular weekend worship by some 25 Jews in the area who contributed to the upkeep of the synagogue, according to Zuckerman.

Under the Religious Corporation Law, sale of religious property in New York State requires court approval. The sellers indicated in their application for such approval that the proceeds would be used to maintain the synagogue's cemetery in Ozone Park in Queens. The application was routinely approved in Stecher's court last January.

Judge Rules On The Suit

In response to the suit, Stecher ruled on Nov. 14 that the sellers did not comply with the law because, in the absence of by-laws providing otherwise, congregants must approve a sale of real property owned by the congregation and the sellers did not give required notice of the proposed sale or call a

meeting of the congregants to express their approval.

The worshippers who filed the suit last September in Stecher's court were joined as plaintiffs by the United Jewish Council of the East Side. They are represented by Sheldon Silver, a New York State Assemblyman from Manhattan and a COLPA member, and by Daniel Chazin, also a COLPA member, and Dennis Rapps, COLPA executive director, with assistance from Jeffrey Strashun, a recent Cardozo Law School graduate.

In issuing his ruling, Stecher ordered that the sale proceeds be placed in escrow and notified the Buddhist purchasers that they would be making changes in the building for their needs "at risk," since the expected trial could result in nullification of the sale. The purchasers have barred use of the building to the Jewish worshippers and it is currently unused.

In addition to freezing the transaction, Stecher ordered the two sides to undertake "discovery" proceedings by which lawyers

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British, PLO Official 'Unscheduled' Encounter

LONDON (JTA) — Britain's Deputy Foreign Minister Sir Ian Gilmour and Farouk Kaddoumi, the foreign minister of the Palestine Liberation Organization, met briefly in what the Foreign Office said was an "unscheduled" encounter at the Syrian Embassy. This is the first acknowledged meeting to take place in London between such a senior PLO official and a British Cabinet Minister.

The Foreign Office said that their talks were without substance and that the meeting did not mark any shift in Britain's Middle East policy. However, it has caused deep concern among Israeli circles and Israel Ambassador Shlomo Argov will raise it when he accompanies visiting Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir on a courtesy call to Gilmour's boss, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. Despite the British disclaimers, Israeli suspicions are deepened by the known pro-Arab sympathy of Sir Ian.

The meeting also follows persistent calls by the pro-Arab lobby here for Britain to end its "isolation" from Western Europe by becoming more amenable to the PLO.

The Gilmour-Kaddoumi meeting took place at a reception given by Syrian Ambassador Mohammed Omrane for delegates to a conference on Jerusalem organized by the Islamic Council for Europe and the Saudi Arabian Information Ministry.



AJCONGRESS HONORS MONDALE: Howard M. Squadron (right), President of the American Jewish Congress, presents the organization's Stephen Wise Award to Vice President Walter F. Mondale at a dinner held in New York. Vice President Mondale was lauded for "distinguished service to the nation and compassionate response to the social concerns of minority groups and all Americans."

Obituaries

SOPHIE SIEGEL

PROVIDENCE - Sophie Siegel, 90, of 578 Plainfield Street, a Providence resident most of her life, died December 4. She was the widow of Harry Siegel.

Born in Austria on March 15, 1889, she was a daughter of the late Lazar and Ida (Tropp) Trutt.

She was a member of Pioneer Women, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Temple Beth Israel.

She is survived by three sons, Louis Siegel of Danielson, Connecticut, Saul Siegel of Providence, and Mr. Maurice A. Siegel of Cranston; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services were held December 6 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial took place in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

SAMUEL WOODMAN

EAST PROVIDENCE - Samuel Woodman, 71, of 31 Arthur Avenue, died December 4. He was the husband of Beatrice (Garfinkel) Woodman.

Mr. Woodman was a merchant in the liquor business. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association and Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh.

Born January 7, 1908, he was a son of the late Max and Anna (Resnick) Woodman. He lived all his life in Providence.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Tess Steingold of Providence, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel on December 6, with burial taking place in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

SYLVIA HOROVITZ

PROVIDENCE - Sylvia Horovitz, 57, of 15 Verdale Avenue, who retired in 1969 from New England Supply Company where she was a secretary for 20 years, died December 5.

Born in Providence on March 21, 1922, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Gussie (Falk) Horovitz.

Her only survivors are two aunts and several cousins.

Graveside services were held December 7 in Sons of B'nai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket. Arrangements were made through the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

HARRY KATT

EAST PROVIDENCE - Harry Katt, 66, of Crescent View Avenue died December 8. He was the husband of Grace Katt.

He was born in Providence, April 13, 1913, son of the late William and Esther (Puchter) Katt, and had been a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

For many years, Mr. Katt was a self-employed wholesale automobile salesman and had been treasurer of the Rhode Island Used Car Dealers' Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Kathy Katt of Minneapolis, Minnesota; two sons, Gary A. Katt of Providence and Richard E. Katt of East Providence; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Gentile of Warwick; a brother, David Katt of Atlanta, Georgia; and five grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held December 9 in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made through the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel.

Background Report

Iranian Community in France

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA) — The large Iranian community in France, unofficially estimated at about 30,000 people, has kept out of sight and out of the public glare since the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini took power in Iran last January. There are no official statistics on how many in this community are Iranian Jewish refugees.

The Jewish refugees in France rarely contact community organizations. They are not in need of welfare or any other form of assistance. Most of them are middle class, speak fluent French, have friends in the country and manage by themselves. Since most of them consider France as a stop-over while waiting for visas for the United States or Canada, they do not become active in the French Jewish community and even fail to contact Jewish schools or other communal institutions.

More than half of the resident Iranian community in France consists of students who so far have avoided either organizing or participating in demonstrations, public meetings or any political pronouncements for or against Khomeini.

This exceptional discretion is due to the French legislation on aliens which enables the government to expel foreigners at the

slightest provocation. Political activities are generally regarded by the French government as sufficient reason to warrant an administrative expulsion order usually carried out within a few days. This arbitrary French attitude applies to practically all foreigners studying or living in this country and is frequently used against Arab workers or students.

Khomeini Was An Exception

Khomeini was the one exception to the rule. The Iranian religious leader was permitted to conduct his anti-Shah campaign from his residence at Neauphle-le-Chateau, outside Paris, at will. On Tuesday night, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing explained in a television interview, "Had we taken any action against him (then) our own people would have been in a situation in which the American hostages find themselves today."

During Khomeini's stay in France, hundreds of Iranian supporters called daily at his home. Most of them were Iranian workers or students from West Germany, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries. The other half of the Iranian resident community consists of middle class people, many of whom are opposed openly or more discreetly to the new Teheran regime.

Foreign Aid Bill Stalled

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Much of the current U.S. government fiscal year may have elapsed before the Congress adopts new foreign aid legislation, already two months overdue, and President Carter signs it into law. The Senate-House conference held its last session Nov. 1 in attempting to iron out differences between the appropriation bills passed in the two chambers and the likelihood is that the conferees will not reconvene until late January at the earliest.

The hangup involves a dozen items on which they disagree or have not decided but the main issues are on U.S. funding for the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, with the Senate being more liberal. Agreements have been reached with no dissent on most Middle East appropriations but until the legislation is formally determined all decisions are considered merely tentative.

The legislation calls for \$1.8 billion in military aid and economic supporting assistance for Israel; \$750 million for Egypt in economic supporting assistance exclusive of some \$250 million in Food for Peace products, and \$180 million for Jordan in economic and military support. The Senate bill is for \$8.140 billion while the House

measure is for \$7.746 billion for the fiscal year 1979-1980 that began last October 1.

The conferees agreed to pare down the funding for Syria to \$15 million from the \$60 million asked by the Administration but they disagreed on the Senate-approved measure that would prohibit use of the U.S. funds to the United Nations to be diverted to programs helping the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization. The item concerning the PLO includes a ban on funding also for Rhodesian guerrillas.

Congress will enter its year-end holiday recess either Dec. 14 or Dec. 21 and not return until probably Jan. 22. Should the conferees report to their respective chambers that they are unable to reach agreement, it is indicated that the Congress will vote a continuing resolution to fund the foreign aid programs on the last fiscal year's limitations until the new programs are legislated, which may not take place until late winter.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A tree was planted last week in the "International Women's Forest" of the Jewish National Fund in lower Galilee in honor of Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel. Nudel is serving a sentence in Siberia and has recently been reported ill and under medical treatment.

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"DROP-IN"

The Connecticut Jewish Singles of the Westville Synagogue will hold a "drop-in" on Sunday, December 16 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven, Ct. "Do Your Own Thing," cards, dancing, scrabble, socializing, refreshments.

There is a donation asked. Further information may be obtained by phoning 389-0369.

MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Mothers' Association of Temple Beth David-Anshei Kovno will have a combination regular meeting/Chanukah party on Monday, December 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the temple social hall. Latkes will be served and members are requested to bring a small gift to exchange.

PIONEER WOMEN

Shalom Chapter Pioneer Women will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Solod, 841 Main Avenue, Warwick. A Chanukah party will take place and guest for the evening will be Rabbi George J. Astrachan, who will speak about "Maintaining a Jewish Tradition in a Non-Jewish World." Gifts will be exchanged.

SENIOR GUILD

The Majestic Senior Guild will have its annual Chanukah luncheon on December 18 at Temple Beth Torah at 12:00 noon. Rabbi Gerald B. Zelermyer will deliver the opening prayer and perform the benediction over the Chanukah candles.

The luncheon will consist of a five-course kosher catered sit-down meal. Entertainment following the luncheon will be a rendition of Hebrew and holiday songs by Cantor Aaron Marcus of Temple Beth Torah and his accompanist Joe DiBiasi.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connis are chairmen of this luncheon assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Simon Chorney and Mr. and Mrs. Al Kimel.

SEEKS MALE VOLUNTEERS

The Women's Center, a temporary shelter for women and children who are experiencing personal crisis is in the process of recruiting male volunteers to work in its children's program. Assisting in various forms of discussion, play, and field trips will be the duties.

Two hours per week is required and the hours are flexible. Further information may be obtained by contacting 861-2760.



FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM: Leonard Fein, editor of "Moment" Magazine has been awarded the Boris Smolar Award of the Council of Jewish Federations for excellence in journalism. The award cited three editorials by Mr. Fein dealing with the Egyptian-Israeli peace process. "Moment," published in Boston, just completed its first four years of publication. Fein, who is a Klutznick Family professor of contemporary Jewish studies at Brandeis University, is a popular lecturer in the Jewish community who has written widely on education, ethnic affairs, politics, and Israel.

PIONEER WOMEN

Pioneer Women of Rhode Island Club will hold its annual Chanukah luncheonette on Thursday, December 20 at the Jewish Community Center at 12:00 noon.

Mrs. Wendy Billig, accordionist and soloist will be the guest artist. She will conduct a sing-along.

Mrs. Diane Silk, cultural affairs chairperson will be program chairperson of the afternoon and she will bless the candles. The Annual Winola Drawing will take place. Mrs. Frances Schwartz, chairperson of Praesidium, will preside.

Her committee is comprised of Mrs. Leonard Bornstein, hostess, Mrs. Sidney Backman, treasurer, Mrs. Harry Ballon, secretary and publicity, Mrs. Abraham Grebstein, life membership, Mrs. Esther Sholes Harris, membership, Mrs. Sol Sonion and Mrs. Harry Uffer, financial secretaries, and Mrs. Samuel Solkoff, scholarship fund secretary.

POT LUCK DINNER

A pot luck dinner to celebrate Chanukah will be sponsored by the Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-50) at one of its member's homes on Saturday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. For further information, Judith Lantos may be contacted at the JCC at 861-8800.

R.I. JEWISH SINGLES

Elections for the Rhode Island Jewish Singles, Inc. were held at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, November 18. The newly elected officers are: Larry Winkler, president, Ilana Sack, vice president, Barry Golden, treasurer, Margie Gregerman, secretary, Beth Judish, programming chairman, and Stuart Solup, social chairman.

POT LUCK PARTY

The Single Adult Club of the Jewish Community Center will celebrate the holiday season with a pot luck party at the home of one of its members. They will meet together with their invited friends the evening of December 23. Reservations may be made up to December 18 by calling Judith Lantos at the JCC, 861-8800.

The club is for single persons 40 years of age and over who are divorced, widowed, or have never been married.

PIONEER WOMEN MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Dvora Dayan Club of Pioneer Women will be held on Monday evening, December 17 at 8:15 p.m. It will be held at the home of Ruth and

Sheldon Blustein, 11 Ruthven Street, Providence.

Seymour and Ceil Kreiger will lead all in a Chanukah sing-along. Refreshments will be served.

PERFORMERS' DIRECTORY

The second edition of the Directory of Performing Artists is currently being updated for distribution in May. This directory can help put performing arts groups or individuals in touch with sponsors of performing arts events.

Those performing groups and individuals who wish to be included in the latest directory, which is published by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, should submit the appropriate form, which is available from the State Arts Council, 334 Westminster Mall, Providence, R.I., 02903, or by calling (401) 277-3880.

GREETING CARD PROGRAM

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs will sponsor the Fourth Holiday Greeting Card program, department director Anna M. Tucker announced.

More than 150 nursing homes and other agencies will be contacted to identify seniors who would like to receive cards under the program. Delores Bergeron of the department will coordinate the program, which will extend until December 21.

Cards should be sent or delivered to "Holiday Greeting Cards," Department of Elderly Affairs, 79 Washington Street, Providence, 02903. Ms. Bergeron may also be contacted at 277-6880.

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Behind the Headlines

The Moral Issue of Nazis In the U.S.

By Rochelle Sidel Wolk

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (JTA) — Wearing the uniform of an SS officer, a young rabbi strides into the dining room of the Concord Hotel, among the 200 delegates who have gathered here for the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America on Nov. 11.

Few people recognize the rabbi, and some mistake him for a neo-Nazi, registering shock or fear. Nevertheless, no one confronts him or tries to throw him out. Most delegates continue to gorge themselves on the Concord's delicacies, a la "Goodbye Columbus." Their attitude seems to be: if we pretend he's not here, he'll disappear.

Frustrated in his efforts to place the issue of Nazi war criminals in America on the convention's agenda, Rabbi Paul Silton, Education Director of Temple Israel in Albany, N.Y., decided to create grass roots interest among the delegates by donning the startling attire.

With the cooperation of the Empire and New York Metropolitan Regions of the United Synagogue, Silton had arranged a regional meeting on the subject, as a sidelight of the convention. Costumed to dramatize the issue, he was passing out fact sheets and invitations to all of the delegates in the dining room.

Says Issue Demands Resolution

At this regional meeting, more than 120 delegates heard Charles Allen, Jr., noted expert on Nazi war criminals in the U.S., discuss the "deep moral issue that demands resolution." For more than 35 years, Nazi genocidists and collaborators have found haven here, he told the delegates, and the U.S. government has known of their Nazi past.

Ten years later, the issue was brought up again, after Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) employs Vincent Schiano and Tony Devito left the INS, charging systematic coverup of cases. Crediting Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.), current chairperson of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, and former Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D.Pa.), former chairman, with leadership in forcing the issue into the open, Allen said that he now has documented the presence of 286 alleged Nazi war criminals and collaborators living here.

"No American President has ever uttered one syllable about this issue," he said, urging pressure by citizens as "the only language that politicians can understand." While the FBI, CIA and State Department admitted utilizing some of these alleged Nazi war criminals in a 1978 report by the General Accounting Office of Congress, Allen said that he has documented evidence that 149 alleged Nazi criminals have been used by various U.S. agencies.

A special investigation unit was initiated in INS in 1974, and in May of 1979 the unit became the Office of Special

Investigation in the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, headed by Walter Rockler. Twelve cases are in the courts, with a file of some 200 being investigated. To date, not one Nazi war criminal has ever been deported from the United States. (Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan was extradited to West Germany where she is now on trial.)

"In all flat candor," Allen said, "the government has not been fast enough, certain enough, or accurate enough." He urged his audience to "encourage a positive, careful, scrupulous approach to the issue." The only source that can "force the final truth out" is Holtzman's committee, he explained. The committee has the powers of subpoena and contempt, and should hold hearings to force the intelligence agencies to reveal their complicity, he concluded.

An Act Of Desperation

Silton explained that he had been asking the leadership of the United Synagogue convention to put the issue on the agenda for many months. "The fact is that I've begged, implored, made trips to New York to ask the leadership of United Synagogue of America to make this one of the major items discussed at this convention. I was turned down," he said.

"You saw me the other night, thinking I was some kind of kook in an SS uniform, handing out information sheets," he continued. "I did that as an act of desperation. When I asked if I might hand them out immediately prior to the showing of the musical version of 'The Diary of Anne Frank,' I was told that they did not want me to interfere with an 'evening of entertainment.' The Holocaust has now become 'entertainment.'"

Largely through Silton's efforts, a resolution regarding the prosecution of Nazi war criminals was among the 30-odd resolutions presented to the delegates for their approval. Although United Synagogue had joined with other major Jewish organizations to monitor the effectiveness of prosecution of war criminals, publicize the need for eye-witnesses, and recommend that congregations contact representatives in Washington about the issue, this is the first time that a resolution was passed by the body, according to Muriel Berman, director of the Joint Commission on Social Action for United Synagogue.

The resolution calls upon the President, Congress, and the Justice Department to expedite denaturalization and deportation hearings of Nazi war criminals. It further calls on all government agencies to furnish necessary documents to the Office of Special Investigation, regarding alleged Nazi war criminals. "We will not remain silent to the fact that these murderers of men, women and children have been allowed to find refuge in our land," the resolution concludes.

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Q: I am 67 with a small Social Security, 1,900 shares of Chrysler that cost me \$16 and I'm worried. Also, I have American Electric Power, Carolina Power & Light, Ohio Edison, Portland G.E., 1,100 First Investors Fund for Income, and 25 units of Corporate Income Fund. I would appreciate your advice as I read your column daily. L.E. Florida

A: You should be worried about Chrysler (NYSE). You should also promise yourself that never again will you put so many eggs into one basket. Diversification is the soul of virtue when it comes to investing.

No one knows, of course, whether or not Chrysler will be rescued by the U.S. Government. The pressure on Uncle Sam to come to the company's aid is strong and may force that action in the end. But, taxpayers are not so enthusiastic about Chrysler and particularly when neither stockholders nor the union are willing to make much of a con-

tribution.

So holding the stock is a big risk, even at \$8. My advice is to hedge your bet by selling part now, and more later. Switch 600 shares to Union Carbide (NYSE) for a good 7.7% yield today and a chance of profit tomorrow at a modest risk. Later on, say in January, switch another 600 or so shares to another blue chip, such as American Telephone (NYSE). Then, in the spring, you can reassess Chrysler's chances and see whether a final sell is warranted, or whether the issue then has appeal as a speculation. Your other stocks and funds are OK.

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But Vitamins

By BERYL SEGAL

In two articles published in the *Herald*, previously delivered before an audience at Temple Emanu-El, Dr. Jacob Neusner, of Brown University, examines the problem of Jewish education. The question is posed: Is Jewish education an Aspirin or Penicillin? Is it the answer to all the ills that plague the Jewish community in America, or is it just following the usual advice of: Take an Aspirin and go to sleep.

The truth of the matter is that Jewish education is neither.

As a former teacher for many years, I can testify that none of us ever thought of the goals of Jewish education. We neither looked on the education as a deterrent to intermarriage or as a "key to the future of the Jewish community."

When a teacher stands before a classroom of children, he or she wants primarily to impart Jewish knowledge to the youngsters. The teacher is like a sower of seeds. Of course, the hope is that the seeds will come up full and abundant. But the teacher can do no more. The pupil is also in the hands of the parents, the peers, the community, the schools, the colleges, all the special circumstances.

Therefore, to think of the teacher as the supplier of medication is erroneous. He can be a good teacher or a mediocre one, excellent or even bad, but do not blame the teacher for all the ills of the community. Neither the teachers nor the schools are wonder workers, but neither are they guilty for all that is wrong with the Jewish community.

Several times we heard Dr. Neusner speak lightly of the work of the teacher. Why? Because he does not "produce" what is considered the desired product.

But how do we know that this is so? To answer we have taken the words of Dr. Neusner when he writes:

"But self-evidently, whoever has succeeded (with bringing people closer to Jewish commitments), it is not the Jewish teacher, it is not the Jewish school. For the things that the Jewish teacher taught these people are no longer in mind."

Well, this is not self-evident to us. We have no statistical data at hand, but every teacher who had the stamina to stay in one place for a number of years will tell you that

he meets young men and women at Federation gatherings, at synagogue functions, at meetings of local organizations, or on the streets who approach him with outstretched hands: Don't you remember me? I was your pupil at such and such a year.

Goodness knows, it is not a "scientific" sampling. But a teacher gets as much satisfaction from such meetings with former pupils now grown up, as from finding a gold nugget among piles of sand.

But why in the world expect from the teacher, and for that matter the schools who teach little children such matters as preserving Judaism, or securing a future as Jews for our children? Don't you think that is too much to expect of little children who do not know their right hand from their left hand?

When I think of the roadblocks in the paths of the Jewish school it is a miracle that they achieve anything at all of the goals set before them.

Take the greatest of these roadblocks, the Bar and Bat Mitzvah cult. Every teacher can tell how disruptive that cult can be to learning. From the time the youngster is ten years old the preparations for the Great Day begins. It is dangled before the boys and girls as an incentive to go to school. Teachers can only smart under the system and can do nothing. By the time the youngsters reach the twelfth year they feel, with few exceptions, that they are free from attending classes. They hear it at home, they are encouraged by people who have nothing to do with the learning process, and then the teacher is expected to make full-fledged Jews out of these children.

Or the other cult, Hebrew, "conservational Hebrew." I concur entirely with Dr. Jacob Neusner that a "disproportionate amount of time is devoted to teaching Hebrew." Sidur reading, sidur understanding, is more important than the few hundreds of words the child memorizes and never uses.

This is probably the reason why students studying under Dr. Neusner have such uncomplimentary memories about the Sunday and Mid-week schools.

No Jewish education is not an Aspirin nor Penicillin, but it is rather Vitamins to sustain and to fortify Jewishness among the children.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1979

Dear Editor:

Sensitivity and discretion, I would like to think, have not yet gone out of style. Your paper could have used both last week. To print a non-kosher recipe in an Anglo-Jewish newspaper which serves a large Jewish population is to offend the sensibilities of all thinking Jews, whatever their private religious practices may be. The mixing of milk and meat (as instructed in one of your recipes) is clearly proscribed in the body of laws that makes our people unique and eternal; these laws should not be casually dismissed or carelessly overlooked by a public institution that claims to serve the entire Jewish community.

Sincerely yours,
Rebecca Keller

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Readers wishing to send questions to Mr. Sargent may send address them to: SUCCESSFUL INVESTING, LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE, TIMES-MIRROR SQUARE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., 90053.

Notices

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh will hold a Chanukah celebration for members and friends on Sunday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. in the social hall of the synagogue.

Normand Tilles, prominent community leader, will be the guest speaker of the evening. A past national commander of the Jewish War Veterans and vice president of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, he has traveled to Israel and the Soviet Union. He will speak on Israel and the present situation in the Middle East.

A bronze Chanukah candelabra is being donated by the family of the late Joseph Bernstein, in his memory.

ROY-GERSTEN

Cathy Marie Roy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nere Roy of West Warwick, and Gary Lyle Gersten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Levin of Cranston and the late Bertram Gersten were married November 11 at Governor Sprague Mansion in Cranston. A reception was held at the Golden Lantern Restaurant.

Lori E. Gersten was maid of honor, while best man was Carl M. Gersten. Jeffrey S. Roy was usher.

The bride presently attends the University of Rhode Island Extension Division and is employed by the State of Rhode Island Public Defender's Office.

The bridegroom was graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and is presently enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Providence College. He is employed as a civil engineer at Corner and Lada Company, Inc.

Cantor Charles Ross will present a program of Hebrew and Yiddish songs.

Traditional Chanukah refreshments will be served by a committee of the Sisterhood which includes Mrs. Joseph Bernstein, Mrs. Jessie Connis, Mrs. Molly Gornstein, and Miss Dorothy Berry, ex-officio.

DISCUSSION GROUP

"Is it Love or is it Infatuation?" will be the topic of a discussion group on personal relationships sponsored by the Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-50) at one of its member's homes on Tuesday, December 18 at 8:00 p.m. Judith Lantos may be contacted at the Jewish Community Center at 861-8800 for more information.



The bride's paternal grandmother is Mrs. Nere Roy of West Warwick. The bridegroom's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Hyman Brotman of Cranston. The couple will live in Cranston.

SOCIETY NEWS

FIRST CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Chase of 21 Larkspur Drive in Cranston announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Shara Jill.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Gama of 119 Bretton Woods Drive in Cranston. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chase of 99 Harvard Street, Cranston, are the paternal grandparents.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Lena Chase of Miami Beach, Florida.

BAR MITZVAH

Richard Vernon Brenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Margie Brenner of Woonsocket, became Bar Mitzvah on November 24 at Congregation B'nai Israel. Services were conducted by Rabbi William Kaufman. A reception followed the ceremony.

Participating in the festivities were the Bar Mitzvah's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brenner and Mrs. Lillian Miller and the late Dr. Julius M. Miller. Jeffrey and Tod Brenner, brothers of Richard, also took part.

Music was by Jerry Davis Orchestra

featuring David Greene.

Richard is a student at Woonsocket Junior High School.

RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Robert J. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wells of Scott Street in Pawtucket, is the recipient of a Beneficial-Hodson Scholarship at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Robert is a 1978 graduate of Charles E. Shea Senior High School, where he was class salutatorian. He was also named a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and was a member of the varsity tennis team for three years.

While attending Johns Hopkins, Robert has been a member of the Blue Key Society. He is also a founding father of the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. He is presently a sophomore majoring in the social and behavioral sciences.

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People interested in learning more about the Skillsbank may call VIA at 421-6547 in Providence to request an application and an opportunity to meet with staff to discuss procedures. Interviews will be conducted at the volunteer's convenience, either at the VIA office at 229 Waterman Street or at one's place of business.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Chanukah will be celebrated with a gala party at the Jewish Community Center on

Thursday, December 20 at 12:00 noon by the Golden Aged Club. Soloists will include Cantor Charles Ross, Rebbetzin Diane Silk, Nathan Malenbaum, and Lillian Schwartz, accompanied by Mary Cherlin at the piano.

The menu committee for the dinner being served consists of Benny Klehr, Gussie Goodman, and Isadore Shapiro.

PAID-UP MEETING

The Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold a paid-up membership meeting on Wednesday, December 19 at the Home. A tea will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting slated for 1:30.

The program of the day will feature Geraldine Foster giving a review of "The Life of Abraham Cahan."

Program chairperson is Mollie Sklut. Dorothy Lippman is president, and Belle Tuck is in charge of publicity.

Sinai Governor Visits Israel
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Egyptian Governor of El Arish and northern Sinai, Gen. Muhammad Shawkat, went to Israel for a five-day visit as a guest of the Foreign Ministry. He was feted by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman at a reception. Shawkat is a former Chief of Military Intelligence and is considered one of the rising stars in Egypt's political/military firmament. His host for this visit is Yosef Hadass, head of the "normalization" section at the Foreign Ministry.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Dr. Gerhart Riegner, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, announced that Daniel Lack of Geneva, legal advisor to the WJC Congress, has been appointed regional director of the Congress' European Branch by the WJC Congress Executive.

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★ Jewish Converts

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Data for the study were obtained through statistical records on 389 converts and response to questionnaires from 181 converts, plus personal interviews in 1978 and meetings with participants in a 15-week "Introduction to Judaism" course sponsored by the UAHC in Boston. The data showed that 48 percent of the Boston area converts in the sample were brought up as Catholics and 39 percent as Protestants, reflecting the heavily-Catholic make-up of the Boston area.

The study found that the converts reported feelings of being on "permanent probation" as Jews, rejection by their parents, and worry about having a Yule tree in their homes. More than 80 percent of the respondents said they had no regrets about their conversion, but some reported identity confusion, in-law troubles, non-acceptance by born-Jews, isolation, guilt feelings and negative parental reactions.

Dr. Steven Huberman, who directed the study, said that action should be taken to help converts with such problems. He said for a convert to become meaningfully Jewish requires "the help of family and community. It is the belief of the majority of the respon-

dents that although conversion involves tremendous stresses and strains, becoming and being Jewish is worth the struggle."

The study made a number of recommendations. One was that conversion courses should deal with the emotional aspects of conversion. Another was that rabbis should stay in contact with their converts after the conversion ceremony. The typical convert developed strong bonds of trust with his or her rabbi and converts reported that inability to maintain contact with the rabbi after conversion was felt as a real loss.

Another recommendation was to encourage converts to join synagogues. Converts see synagogues as the most important link to their new Jewish identity, next to their Jewish spouses and families, the study noted. The study found that while 57 percent of the converts belonged to a synagogue, only 18 percent had joined any other Jewish organization. The study said educational efforts are needed to explain the status of converts to born Jews.

"ME AND THE COLONEL"

Campus Jewish Appeal will be showing the movie, "Me and the Colonel," starring Danny Kaye on Thursday, December 13 in the Metcalf Auditorium on Thayer Street. Showings will be at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 p.m. There is a slight admission charge.

Solomon Schechter Students Celebrate Thanksgiving



Students of the Solomon Schechter Day School who participated in a traditional Thanksgiving meal and celebration are, left to right, back row, Naomi Fink, Adam Cutler, Jake Borkow, Michael Isenberg, Orly Vardeny, and Vladimir Metelitsa. Front row, left to right, are Joanna Garfinkel, Ellis Bojar, and Jessica Grossbard.

Students at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island celebrated Thanksgiving in the traditional and historical manner of eating a meal together. The first graders, dressed as Pilgrims, invited the kindergarten class, garbed as Indians, (in costumes created especially for the occasion by the students) to a traditional meal.

Pumpkin bread and applesauce was

provided by the Pilgrims and cranberry sauce and corn bread was brought by the Indians in appreciation.

The teachers and the children then discussed the meaning of Thanksgiving and what they were thankful for. Kindergarten teachers are Ruth Berenson and Janet Miller. First grade teachers are Judy Grossbard and Wendy Garf. Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer is the director of the school.

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\$64.5 Million Budget Adopted by JDC

NEW YORK (JTA) — The American Joint Distribution Committee adopted a \$64.5 million budget for 1980 at its 65th annual meeting.

Donald Robinson, who was re-elected for a third year term as president, told the more than 100 Board of Directors members who came from all over the United States and Canada that the largest single item in the budget is the expenditure for care and maintenance of Soviet emigrants which has increased from \$3.7 million in 1975 to \$23.8 million in 1979. "Fortunately we receive about 93 percent reimbursement of these expenditures from the U.S. Refugee Program," Robinson said.

Pointing to problems of inflation, Robinson noted that the 100 percent inflation rate in Israel could rise to 150 percent next year and this could do serious damage to the effectiveness of more than 100 programs in Israel supported by JDC. "If the JDC is to work out a balanced budget for 1980," he said, "it must operate within its income from the United Jewish Appeal and other sources."

The meeting, which was opened by Jack Weiler, past president of JDC who was re-elected chairman of the Board of Directors, featured an address by Isaac Bashevis Singer, 1978 Laureate in Literature. Singer, who immigrated from the Soviet Union to the United States in the 1930s, described the rescue efforts of the JDC as "the miracle of the 20th Century." He credited "The Joint" with rescuing millions including thousands of talented Jewish-Yiddish artists active in the theater, music, literature and the arts — some of whom achieved international acclaim.

He told the story of JDC bringing aid to his town after World War I. "We were hungry and cold," he said. "I remember getting a blanket from 'The Joint' and it kept me warm a long time."

Augmented Commitment To Jewish Education

In a report on the world operations of JDC, Ralph Goldman, who was re-elected executive vice president, called attention to the JDC commitment to education. "The year 1979 marked the beginning of our study of the JDC role in Jewish education, as well as an increase in our Yiddishkeit program for Soviet emigrants," he said. "It is clear that it is not enough for us to save bodies, though that in itself is a serious task. We must be certain that the fires of Jewish pride and commitment to Jewish values are kept burning. That is the reason," he added, "JDC plans augmented commitment to Jewish education in the 1980s."

Goldman called on world Jewry to share with the JDC the responsibility towards needy communities, "including Israel where educational and welfare programs are

demanding increased funds in view of the country's critical social and economic problems."

Aiding People Of Cambodia

Robinson complimented the American Jewish community for its generous response to the appeal to aid the people of Cambodia. "Funds are coming in daily," he said. "It is a demonstration of the generosity of the Jewish community and of the responsiveness of its institutions. This is the historic JDC role," he added, "Helping people to help people." The JDC is cooperating with the Catholic Relief Services and the Church World Service in the Interfaith Hunger Appeal.

A highlight of the meeting was presentation of the "Ma'asim Tovim" (Good Deeds) Award to Herbert Katzki, associate executive vice president of JDC. Katzki is retiring after 43 years as an executive officer in the agency's overseas rescue, relief and rehabilitation programs.

Notices

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will present its annual holiday concert on Saturday evening, December 22 in the Ocean State Theater. The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The program, conducted by Maestro Alvaro Cassuto, will open with the Concerto for the Night of Christmas by Corelli. The major work of the evening will be the Symphony No. 9 "Choral" by Beethoven.

Joining the Orchestra in the Beethoven work will be both the Rhode Island Civic Chorale, directed by Ronald Morris, and the Rhode Island College Chorus, led by Edward Markward. Soloists for the performance will be soprano Donna Roll, contralto Mary Langdon, tenor George Shirley, and bass John Seabury.

"CHANUKAH IN CHELM"

Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion will present "Chanukah in Chelm" on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. A production of Yiddish and Israeli music and humor, the program will center on the celebration of Chanukah in the legendary shtetl of Chelm.

Appearing in the production are Russell Raskin, Leslie Marks, Marjorie Kaplan, Richard Cherlin, Ellen Bernstein, Rivka Lapidus, and Moshe Faierstein starring as "Reb Moische." Also appearing on the program will be the K'Tonton Nursery School and guest singers.

All Center Chanukah Party At Jewish Community Center

The All Center Chanukah Party will take place at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 16, with various activities scheduled from 2:00-4:45 p.m.

"My Village," a dramatization (in English) of stories from masters of the Yiddish theatre, will be presented by Bob Colonna, director of the Rhode Island Shakespeare Theatre. Colonna has assembled popular Jewish European literature depicting daily life in the shtetl. He has brought together many aspects of shtetl life as seen in the literature: the contemplative world of the people, the interrelationships of the shtetl to the outside world, education, and family life.

The production is recommended for junior high school students and upwards. There is a charge for the play, with a slightly smaller fee for senior citizens, students with ID, and children.

Other activities scheduled for the party include a pre-school program for ages 3-5 which offers stories, creative dramatics, and an opportunity to make Chanukah decorations for the home. Registration is limited and there is a slight fee.

For children ages 4-12, there will be a chance to make Chanukah cards from 3-4 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

Maccabiah events will be held in the gym from 2-3 p.m. including games, relays,

aerobic exercises, and a colorful parachute for a new game dimension. The pool will be open all afternoon for family use.

The senior department will lead the annual menorah lighting ceremony outside the JCC at 4:00 p.m.

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In Israel, this search is concentrated at the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology. Scientists and engineers are at work on energy-related studies in many of the Institute's 20 departments and faculties. In addition, a new Energy Engineering Center has been at work on campus since 1978. The Center includes six divisions: the Solar Energy Laboratory, the Industrial Filter and Air Pollution Control Laboratory, the Multi-Phase Laboratory, the Oil Shale Combustion Laboratory, the Internal Combustion Engine Laboratory,

and the Turbine Engine Laboratory. The Center conducts basic and applied research and provides consulting services to industry in the fields of energy resources, energy saving and solar energy. It is part of the Technion's Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. One intriguing question is being posed by physicists: "Is it possible to build a power plant with no moving parts? Could a world economy based on hydrogen as fuel replace the present oil economy?"

The answer to these two questions may be yes, if scientists succeed in developing an economical method of converting chemical fuels to electricity. Joining in the search are a team of physicists at the Technion. At present, their investigations center on developing a "fuel cell" using a material

known as "cerium dioxide," a ceramic solid. A fuel cell is a device which generates electricity through a chemical reaction when fed a fuel like hydrogen.

Because the fuel cells operate through electrochemical reaction with no moving parts, they are more energy efficient than current power plants. The latter have unavoidable power losses; just 35% of the chemical energy employed in them actually becomes electricity. In a power plant based on fuel cells, the figure is double that, says Professor David Tannhauser, head of the research team in Technion's Department of Physics.

What has kept fuel cells from replacing conventional power plants until now? Their use has already been demonstrated in spacecraft, for example.

"Generally the bottleneck is the investment to build and maintain a power station based on fuel cells. It is not yet competitive in terms of cost," says Professor Tannhauser. "In spacecraft the expense was balanced against the weight saved, which was more important. For everyday use, you can't afford such a large investment."

The Technion physicists, and scientists around the world, are thus searching for a new material to use in making the cells that will reduce their cost, to make their common use economical. Professor Tannhauser says he is hopeful the materials breakthrough will occur.

"The chances are good of seeing fuel cells in operation one day," he says. "Con Edison in New York is already building an



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experimental 5 megawatt station with fuel cells. At what point the engineers say we have a system to build a pilot plant depends on many factors, including the price of oil."

Of course, should the oil supply run out entirely, as has been predicted, alternatives, like fuel cells, could appear very economical indeed.

Blum Itemizes Tremendous Arab Arms Build-Up

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, has warned that the "rejectionists' Eastern Front" — combining the armed forces of Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia — is "the most ominous threat to peace in the Middle East."

Addressing the General Assembly's debate on the Situation in the Mideast, Blum stated: "The vast quantities of the latest and most sophisticated weapons in the possession of these states will undoubtedly be augmented in time of war from the enormous arsenals available to them among the remaining rejectionist Arab states."

The Arab states "have today 500,000 more men under arms than has NATO and three times the artillery of the combined NATO forces," Blum said, adding, "They also have 3000 more tanks and several hundred more combat aircraft than NATO."

According to Blum, the Eastern Front alone is currently equivalent to NATO in

manpower and tanks and already has twice as much artillery. The Israeli envoy also claimed that "in terms of airpower, the Arab states, by 1980, will equal the combined Warsaw Pact forces and will be double that of NATO or three times that of the People's Republic of China. In terms of ground forces the Arab states have today almost as many tanks as the United States of America and more

artillery than it." Blum charged that the massive build-up of arms on the Eastern Front "has been accompanied by a diplomatic

offensive here at the United Nations to secure Judaea and Samaria as a forward base from which the rejectionist states and the PLO might be able to realize their dream, a war of annihilation against Israel."

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Special Report**Anti-Semitism in the U.S. Labor Party**

NEW YORK (JTA) — Lyndon LaRouche, Jr. and his United States Labor Party (USLP) have been labeled "neo-Nazi" by writer Dennis King in a series of articles that began Aug. 26 in *Our Town*, a Manhattan giveaway with a reported circulation of 163,000.

Calling the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC), of which USLP is the political arm, "a nationwide neo-Nazi organization" that provides "homegrown Nazism with resources and political skills unseen since the heyday of the German American Bund in the late 1930's," King says that LaRouche is the "fuehrer" for some 2500 NCLC-USLP members who are "far better educated and more highly motivated than those of the smaller Nazi sects." He also describes LaRouche as a "ruthless hate-monger who advocates the 'Final Solution' against American Jews."

King and *Our Town* publisher Ed Kayatt have been sued by LaRouche and USLP for \$20 million as a result of the series. They are also being sued by Computron, a computer software corporation that is connected with LaRouches. Attorney David Heller is handling both suits, as well as a slander suit against the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Use Of Code Words

King says that LaRouche, who is a candidate for President of the United States in 1980, uses code words such as "British" and "Zionist" for "Jew," and "humanist republic" for "Nazi-totalitarian state." According to the King series, on Feb. 17, 1978, LaRouche "took the big plunge and wrote of the necessity for a Final Solution against world Jewry," using code words.

"The LaRouche (Presidential) campaign represents the first attempt by neo-Nazism, as opposed to less drastic forms of lunacy, to force its way into the national electoral arena," King states. He quotes sources close to NCLC saying that LaRouche does not expect to win, but hopes to "emerge from the Presidential campaign as a major figure on the ultra-right in this country — a Nazified version of George Wallace." While on campaign tours, however, LaRouche "successfully concealed his anti-Semitic ideas" and "managed to avoid the image of a fanatic," King reports.

A two-part series by Howard Blum and Paul L. Montgomery in *The New York Times* on Oct. 7 and 8 states that the USLP has already raised over \$100,000 for the 1980 elections. Through airport sales of its publications, fund-raising drives among members and income from computer and printing companies, the USLP is expected to raise more than \$4 million this year.

Dominant Role In Three Firms

The *Times* articles report that USLP members have a "dominant role" in three Manhattan companies that have total revenues of \$5 million per year. These are the computer software Computron Technologies Corporation, which has among its clients Mobil Oil, Citibank, Bristol-Myers, and A T & T; World Composition Services, a computer typesetting complex that does work for the Ford Foundation and major publishers; and PMR Associates, a job printing shop.

Two former USLP members have charged that money from Computron is given, unreported, to the party, a potential violation of the federal campaign law.

Referring to *The Times* investigating team, King says that the NCLC held press conferences in July in Washington and New York City to claim that this was "part of a giant conspiracy involving the Anti-Defamation League, the liberal press, Israeli intelligence, Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.) and the Justice Department's newly created Nazi war crimes investigation unit."

King adds that "in effect, LaRouche served notice that he would use the antic harassment of his Presidential campaign as a pretext for launching a drive of the right to disband the Justice Department's investigation of Nazi war criminals."

Claims There Is A 'Hit Order'

"New Solidarity," the twice-weekly newspaper of the NCLC-USLP, says in a front-page article by Jeffrey Steinberg on Aug. 31 that "the organized crime-corrupt Justice Department mob (is) behind *Our Town*." Another article, entitled "Dirty Civiletti" and written by LaRouche, discusses a "hit order" to assassinate LaRouche:

"This (assassination) operation was conducted in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, the New York

Times, Israeli intelligence, and the Office of Special Investigation of the U.S. Department of Justice, a unit which reports directly to (Attorney General Benjamin) Civiletti. Civiletti was, in fact, the only top ranking Justice Department official to actively lobby for creation of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI)," LaRouche says.

Article Implicates The OSI

Another page one article in the same issue of "New Solidarity," entitled "The Case of Roy Cohen" by Criton Zoakos, also mentions the Justice Department's Nazi war criminal unit. Again, the OSI is implicated in an assassination attempt against LaRouche: "Israeli intelligence had completed preparations with Attorney General Civiletti to

provide a political 'cover' for the assassination by lending credence to the slander that 'LaRouche is a Nazi' through the so-called Office of Special Investigations created for precisely this specific purpose.

"Attorney General Civiletti had requested that in order for him to instruct the Office of Special Investigations to launch an investigation into the Labor Party's alleged 'Nazi connections,' he should be supplied with a cause to be provided by a series of articles in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Los Angeles Times*," Zoakos writes.

The Zoakos article concludes that "the OSI is a special dirty trick against the Presidential campaign of Lyndon M. LaRouche, Jr.," and that *The New York*

Times articles would "provide the excuse to Benjamin Civiletti to order the Office of Special Investigations to investigate the Labor Party and wreck LaRouche's campaign."

Since the OSI is responsible only for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi war criminals and collaborators who were connected with Hitler's mass murders and genocide during World War II, and not for investigating neo-Nazis, New Solidarity's accusations appear not only far-fetched but illogical. Whether they point to a link between the USLP and Nazi war criminals living in America or whether they are more of what the ADL has called the USLP's "conspiracy fantasia" is subject for further investigation.



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By Sylvia Porter



Inflation Quiz

(The following column is excerpted from Sylvia Porter's new best-selling book, *Sylvia Porter's New Money Book for the 80's*.)

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The answers are enclosed by parentheses and follow each question.

1. How many times during the last 10 years has inflation reached the double-digit range?

A. three times B. once C. twice

Answer: (C). In 1973-74 and in 1978-79.

2. How have U.S. auto prices risen compared to all other U.S. goods and services during the last five years?

A. more slowly B. about the same C. more quickly D. much more quickly

Answer: (D). About 100 percent faster.

3. Let's say you went to a market in the late 1960's and spent \$20 on food, how much would the same items have cost you in the late 1970's?

A. \$55 B. \$33 C. 42 D. \$60

Answer: (C). \$42.

4. Between the start and the end of the 1970's, which of the following basic necessities rose in price the fastest: food, housing, medical care, transportation, energy?

A. food B. housing C. energy D. transportation E. medical care

Answer: (C). Energy rose at an average rate of 10 percent a year during this period.

5. In the late 1970's, which of the following factors contributed most significantly to the higher cost of housing: interest rates, labor costs, land prices, building materials, or real estate taxes?

A. land prices B. real estate taxes C. labor costs and interest rates D. interest rates and building materials

Answer: (D). Interest rates and building materials.

6. How much do government-mandated safety and pollution-control devices add to the average price of an American-made car?

A. \$185-\$500 B. \$501-\$1,000 C. \$1,000 or more

Answer: (A). Official opinion is widely divided on whether the price tag is at the bottom or the top of the (A) range.

Now try this quiz for a revealing insight

into yourself.

How much money are you earning? How much are you spending each month? Are you managing to save enough? Should you borrow? Are you investing your dollars wisely?

These questions are of the most vital concern to you. Yet many of you seldom discuss them, even among your dearest friends and family members.

The private money matters of individuals the nation over remain a mystery. In an age that places great emphasis on full disclosure, frankness and public revelation of private lives, personal finances are still taboo.

Why? Why are private financial affairs one of the few types of affairs still locked in the closet?

One overriding explanation for the silence is . . . your own lack of information.

Who can talk about what they don't know? And most of you know little about the economics of your own everyday life. You have only a vague notion of how much money you spend each month and even less of an idea of precisely where it goes.

Your reluctance to look hard at your own financial habits feeds on itself; you end up frightened, guilty, confused. Since you feel neither trained nor qualified to deal with money, you procrastinate, sometimes crashing head over heels into debt, other times falling prey to a fast-talking con artist or "expert" who sounds as though he knows all the answers. And often you just muddle through, hoping that you can make it through life before your ignorance catches up with you, and you discover too late the answers to so many of the questions you never took the time or worked up the courage to ask.

To avoid such futile fumbling, you must learn the basics about how not only to survive in the U.S. economic jungle but also how to triumph in the marketplace. And when you come across financial language or situations that you do not fully understand (wage garnishment, vesting requirements, price-earnings ratios, for instance), you must find out where and how to get help. And above all, the decade of the sobering '70's has told you that you MUST: *Do-it-on-your-own!* And on your own, make your own life in the United States financially rewarding in the two decades left of the 20th century.



HONORED BY SEMINARY: Before a capacity audience at the 15th annual awards dinner meeting of the New England Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mrs. Max Alperin, (second from left) received the Seminary's National Community Service Award. Presenting the award (left to right) were Dr. Simon Greenberg, vice chancellor of the Seminary; Mrs. Alperin; Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman of Temple Emanu-El; and Melvin A. Ross, chairman of the dinner meeting and chairman of the New England Friends of the Seminary.

Synagogue Council of America Begins Cambodian Relief Fund

NEW YORK (JTA) — Declaring that "We dare not postpone even for one minute our role in helping to prevent Holocaust II which threatens to become a reality in Cambodia," Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, president of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA), announced that several thousand Conservative, Orthodox and Reform congregations throughout the nation have joined together in a Cambodian relief campaign.

Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum, executive vice president and the new director of the

SCA's Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research, said more than \$10,000 has been sent to the SCA in the last few days. The SCA is the national coordinating agency for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbinic and congregational organizations.

At the invitation of Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, Mandelbaum participated in two White House meetings with President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter to rally American support for the Cambodian



TO CHAIR TREASURER'S NIGHT: Treasurer's Night, planned for December 18, is being chaired by Gladys (Mrs. Sheldon) Sollosy, working with Arthur S. Robbins, general chairman of State of Israel Bonds.

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Executive committee and active bond leaders are all urged to attend this night called for 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the State of Israel Bond office.

Alleged War Criminal Soobzokov Served With Denaturalization Papers

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

NEW YORK (JTA) — Alleged Nazi war criminal Tschirim Soobzokov was served with denaturalization papers by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark and the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. A resident of Paterson, N.J., Soobzokov, 61, is chief inspector of the Purchasing Department of Passaic County. He is accused of having committed war crimes during the years 1942-45 after he went over to the Nazis when they invaded his home region of Krasnodar in the Trans-Caucasus region of Russia.

Upon entry into the U.S. from Amman, Jordan in 1955, he swore on his visa application that he "was with the German army" from 1942-45. In 1977, Soobzokov brought libel suits of over \$10 million against Howard Blum, author of "Wanted! The Search for Nazis in America," the New York Times, the Times' book subsidiary and the Literary Guild.

Soobzokov served in the North Caucasus Region created by the Nazis. He is charged with having been a member of a punitive unit that joined the German army and SS in various killing operations, but he denies this. According to the Berlin Documentation Center, on Jan. 4, 1945, Soobzokov was assigned to a unit of the Waffen-SS as an Obersturmfuehrer or 1st Lt.

Before that date "It can be assumed that . . . (he) performed services with organizations such as SS-Bandenkampfvergaende, SS-Einsatzgruppen or similar irregular forces," a Berlin Documentation Center

analysis states. Einsatzgruppen were mobile killing units whose special targets were Jews, Gypsies, partisans and other civilians.

Articles by Nazi war crimes authority Charles R. Allen, Jr. in the December 1977 and March 1978 issues of Jewish Currents and by investigative reporter Herb Jaffe in a Newark Star-Ledger series in March, April and May 1978, documented Soobzokov's Nazi past and also his employment by American intelligence agencies.

Government sources credited both the Allen articles and Jaffe's series with having a great impact on the decision to file denaturalization papers against Soobzokov. Another alleged Nazi war criminal against whom the government filed denaturalization papers last month may also have been used by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Other Cases Pending

Allen says that Karl Linnas, of Greenlawn, N.Y., has been active in political emigre groups such as the Assembly of Captive Nations which has been linked with U.S. intelligence operations. Linnas is the subject of a Freedom of Information Act request by Allen to ascertain if he is one of the 44 alleged Nazi war criminals the FBI admitted utilizing or contacting.

In a March 1978 report, the General Accounting Office of the House of Representatives said that the CIA admitted contacting at least 22 accused Nazi war criminals and employing at least 16. The FBI admitted having "contacted" 44 alleged Nazi war criminals and having employed seven. Allen says he has documented evidence that at least 149 Nazi war criminals have been utilized by U.S. intelligence agencies.

The suits against Soobzokov and Linnas and suits against Wolodimir Osidach of Philadelphia and Bohan Kozly, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., also filed last month, bring the total of active denaturalization and deportation cases against alleged Nazi war criminals to 16. These four are the first new cases that the Justice Department announced since forming its special unit for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi war criminals in 1974.

Relief Campaign. At the White House meetings Mandelbaum referred to the deep concern of Jews for the tragic events in Cambodia. "Having lived through the Holocaust, Jews especially want to help prevent the danger of Holocaust II in Cambodia," he declared.

Mandelbaum said that "many in the Jewish community, as in America generally, want to do something to help, but they don't know where to turn. The Synagogue Council of America is inviting all to participate in this vital cause."

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Islam and the Jews in Our Time

By Solly Press

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — Who speaks for Islam today? The learned Arabian Muslim or the secular Baathist Party functionary of Syria? Or perhaps the proselyte Muslim from Bangladesh or the believer from northern Nigeria?

Howbeit, to Israel and Jewry nowadays, Islam appears as a monolithic hostile bloc set to debase and destroy them. And to those who pay lip service to Islam, even if they hardly possess a fleeting knowledge of their holy writings, Jewry is an enemy against whom some "holy" jihad must be waged.

Yet Islam remains silent about millions of Muslims under Marxist rule. Such destructive notions reflect the words of the ignorant and the ranting of fools, and ill become Islam's great teachers of peace and brotherhood. They are seemingly spun "according to the designs and purposes of the troublemakers who feign Islam," as an Islamic declaration stated in Baghdad a generation ago.

The Koran Mentions The Torah

Those who feign Islam may be reminded that the Koran mentions the Torah by name, speaks of Abraham 70 times, and mentions Moses in 34 suras. The Hebrew Kings and Prophets occur frequently in the Koran, and Gabriel plays a

significant role in the birth of Islam in Arabia, the land of Ishmael.

The feigners of Islam overlook the fact that the Torah records the names of Omar, Abdel, Salah and Hassan, among several other "Islamic" personalities. As readily overlooked by Islam's fanatics are the great and abiding similarities between Judaism and Islam, closer than either is to the third sister, Christianity.

Not only do both pray to the same all-merciful God, neither recognizes any mediator between the individual and his creator. Indeed, both Islam and Judaism still share a similar set of customs, languages, and history.

The best of Jewish scholarship points out the mutual closeness by way of, say, the Biblical and Talmudic expression "Ribon ha-Olamim" (Lord of the World) and the Koran's "rab al-Alamin." The similarities range from divine election to pro-Israelite, anti-Pharaonic themes. Guess to whom Deuteronomy 18:18 refers: "I shall raise up for them a prophet among their own brothers."

Prof. Norman Bentwich used to remind his readers that the Prophet Muhammed himself made a covenant with the Jews of Eilat, the same historic port nowadays coveted by those who loudly proclaim loyalty to his teachings. As quickly skim-

Chabad-Lubavitch Celebrates Brith Milah - Pidyon Haben

Chabad-Lubavitch of Southeastern New England will be holding a community wide Chanukah evening celebrating the Brith Milah-Pidyon Haben of ten recently arrived Russian children. The celebration will take place on Tuesday, December 18 at the Providence Hebrew Day School at 7:00 p.m.

Chabad Lubavitch will be honoring ten

Russian boys who have gone through the ritual of Brith Milah (circumcision) and will experience Pidyon Haben (redemption of the first born). Included in the ceremonies will be Velvel Metelitsa, Ytzchok Gershon Mamaysky, Avrohom Krasner, Shaya Samuel Herman, Moshe Shkolnikov, Yosef Naydich, Raphael Zalman Suslovich, Alexander Shutin, Label Shnayder, and Baruch Gorkin.



med over is the fact that the Davidic exilarch Bostanai (Bustani) was the brother-in-law of the Ishmaelite Caliph Omar. This was long before Spain's golden age.

"Islam," remarked Prof. S.D. Goitein, "is from the very flesh and bone of Judaism," a theme supported by the Koran itself: "We believe in what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes." The Koran appears also to contain a special message for Israelites, Ishmaelites, Syrians, Lebanese and Sheban Ethiopians: "Allah ordains that blood relations are closer to one another than to other believers (proselytes)."

Misinterpretations Of Islam

So whence the animosity towards Jewry? If the Koran itself contains the fruits of Biblical and Talmudic Judaism, the animosity can only arise from blatant misinterpretations of Islam itself, a blindness worse than endemic trachoma. Though Araby itself is not inhospitable to fanatics in our times, possibly the most far-fetched misinterpretations of Islam arise among those whose ancestors were converted by Ishmael's scimitar. Thus a North African Islamicist, one Taha of Cairo, wrote these lines:

"Why should I simply repeat what the ancients said? The Hebrew Torah may speak to us about Abraham and Ishmael, and the Arab Koran may tell us about them too. But the mention of these names in the Torah and the Koran is not sufficient to establish their historical existence, let alone the story which tells us

about the emigration of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, to Mecca and the birth of the Arabized Arabs (sic!) there. We are compelled to see in this story a kind of fiction intended to establish the relations of Jews and Arabs on the one hand, and Islam and Judaism and the Koran and the Torah on the other."

It is less surprising to learn that this Islamic questioner of the Koran, Taha, was a contemporary of Gamal Abdel Nasser, whose Egypt often upset the purist Saudis on religious grounds, to the point of ruptured diplomatic links.

From Zeal To Alienation

Proselytes are said to veer from fanatic zeal to intellectual reluctance and even alienation. If so, Muslims are no exception. The Shias of Iran seem to represent the former, the Neo-Destour of Tunisia appear to reflect the latter. Examples of both can no doubt be found from the Malayalam countries and Pakistan to the Muslim areas of tropical Africa.

Sometimes the Arabians themselves suffer ignominy at the hand of those their ancestors forcibly converted — from the Eatimid heresy to Shia excesses. Did not those whom Paul converted to at least the Ten Commandments provide his people with an inquisition?

Whatever the dangerous analogies, it remains true that today's anti-Israel stances come most stridently from those whose holy book contains all that is necessary to understand Jewry's love for Zion — Zionism. So, the question remains: who will yet speak for the true Islam?

★ Religious Law

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for each side may seek evidence of the validity of the relevant claims of the other side. Rapps cited, as an example, the legal right of the defendants to require the plaintiffs to prove they met the basic requirements of a congregation — regular worship and contributions to the upkeep of the synagogue building.

Says Ruling In Accord With Halacha

Rapps said that Stecher's grant of voting status to regular worshippers is in accord with a statement by Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, considered one of the world's leading authorities on Halacha. Rapps said the judge's grant was also in accordance with the position of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, considered the largest American Orthodox synagogue group, as contained in an affidavit signed by its president, Julius Berman. Rapps added that the statements provide the Halachic definition of a worshipper. One of the issues to be decided at the trial is whether the plaintiffs are in fact regular worshippers at the Pike Street Synagogue.

Similarly, Rapps said, the plaintiffs have a legal right to determine whether the sellers are bona fide trustees of the congregation and authorized to make the sale, even if they have been ruled by Stecher as having failed

to give notice of intention to sell to the congregation and arrange for congregants to approve or disapprove the sale. Another factual issue on which Stecher seeks information is whether the three sellers have not been worshippers at the synagogue for many years, as charged by the plaintiffs.

When these fact-finding procedures are completed, attorneys for the two sides will submit briefs to Stecher, who will decide whether to rule on the basis of the documents or to order a trial, Zuckerman said, adding it might take three or four months for Stecher to act.

Wider Aspects Of The Case

In discussing the wider aspects of the case, Zuckerman stressed that, had there been no court challenge by the small group of Jews worshipping at the synagogue and contributing to its maintenance, the transaction would have taken place with no question raised as to the legal right of the sellers to make such a sale.

Rapps said the situation pointed to the lack of some mechanism in the Religious Corporation Law to enforce a requirement of proof of authority to make such transactions, such as a requirement of proof of authority to make such transactions, such as a requirement that would-be sellers provide notice to the office of the Attorney General and/or interested Jewish community agencies for public inspection by concerned persons.

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Begin Averts Crisis Over Abortion Law Again

Final Showdown With Aguda to Come Within Two Weeks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The coalition crisis over the abortions law has been averted for the present, and coalition leaders say they are confident it will be resolved finally soon. The turnabout came when Premier Menachem Begin decided to impose what is known as the "Transfer Law" on the abortions amendment. This means in effect turning the vote on the

amendment into a vote of confidence in the government. Begin did this after the six coalition "rebels" who opposed the amendment at its first reading informed him that they would vote for it if he turned it into an issue of confidence by imposing upon it the "Transfer Law." The six are Sarah Doron, Ehud Olmert, Zalman Shoval, Avraham Katz and Yitzhak Berman, all of Likud; and

Aviva Nof of the Democratic Movement.

A compromise reached earlier between the Likud's Liberal Party "rebels" and the Aguda Knesset faction to reword the abortion amendment was apparently abandoned after the Aguda "Sages" flatly rejected it. The Likud MKs who had opposed the original amendment on grounds of conscience in-

dicated that they will now vote for it since Begin has made the issue one of confidence in the government. The compromise would have eliminated clause five of the abortion law which allows abortions for socio-economic reasons, as demanded by the Aguda. But it would have transferred much of the substance of clause five to clause four. This was unacceptable to the rebbes.

Begin's Tactic Buys Time

As a result of Begin's new tactic, Aguda Israel's "Council of Sages," which convened in Jerusalem, gave its Knesseters another two weeks in which to ensure that the amendment goes through. According to the Sage's decision, if the amendment is not passed by then, the party must leave the coalition immediately and automatically. "This is our final session on this subject," the 13 Sages who attended the meeting

declared. Three Council members did not attend.

Aguda Knesseters said later the Sages had been unanimous — in the wake of confident assurances by Knesseters Shlomo Lorincz and Menachem Porush that the government majority for the amendment was now secured. The Knesseters said they had informed the Sages that Labor Party members in the Knesset were saying that Begin had erred, and that there was no majority. "But this is groundless," Porush said. His own calculations showed a clear majority, he asserted.

The Laborites' skepticism is based among other things, upon the assumption that the two ultra-nationalist Tehiya Knesset members Geula Cohen and Moshe Shamir, who supported the amendment at the first reading will oppose it now that it has become a matter of con-

fidence. Cohen indeed told this reporter that she would urge the Tehiya central committee to instruct her and Shamir to vote against the government.

Furthermore, Rabbi Menahem Hacohen, of the Labor Party, who abstained in the original vote, can be expected to vote with his party now that the issue is only technically that of confidence — and in fact that of the government's survival. But the Aguda members and coalition leaders say they have taken these factors into account and are still confident of their majority.

The "Transfer Law" imposition will not apply, Begin has made clear, to the Democratic Movement's six members — since the DM is not a party to the coalition agreement with Aguda on matters of religion as are Likud and the National Religious Party. Nevertheless, coalition leaders expect at least some DM Knesseters to vote with the government. It is not yet known when precisely the vote will be taken.

Knesset Investigating Modai Choice of Oil Middlemen

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset's Economic Committee summoned Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai to explain why two companies owned by close personal friends of Premier Menachem Begin were selected to serve as middlemen in the delivery of Sinai oil to Israel until the normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt allows the two countries to deal directly. Eyebrows were raised when it was reported that the companies would receive fees and commissions amounting to about \$1 million for services they will perform only during the months of January and February, 1980.

Modai hotly denied this. He said the two contractors would receive only \$20,000 and that the rest of the amount represented expenses that Israel would have had to assume anyway if it transported the oil itself. He insisted that there was no preferential treatment and that the two firms were, in fact, doing Israel a favor that other companies approached by the government had refused to do.

One of the companies is owned by the Israeli millionaire Shaul Eisenberg, 58, who runs a world-wide commercial empire from Israel and has been associated with successive governments since the late Pinhas Sapir was Finance Minister. The other company belongs to Nissim Gaon, a well-known philanthropist and president of the World Sephardi Federation. Both are long-time associates of Begin. A third firm involved in the deal is British-owned and has been operating in the Sinai area for some time.

Gad Yaacobi, a Labor MK who is chairman of the Economic Committee, said he wanted to know how the companies were selected and who made the decision. Modai said it was the Egyptians who determined which companies would be chosen. He said that at the outset of negotiations over Sinai oil, the Egyptians submitted a list of five corporations out of which Israel was to choose four. The Eisenberg and Gaon companies were among the four chosen. Subsequently, the number was reduced to three companies at Egypt's request.

Modai explained that under the agreement with Egypt, the movement of Sinai oil to Israel would be handled in three stages. During the first stage, until the end of this year, the British firm would act as middleman. In the second stage, beginning in January, the Eisenberg and

Gaon companies would join. At the end of February when the normalization of relations takes effect under the terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, Israel's three national oil companies will take over and the oil will be trans-

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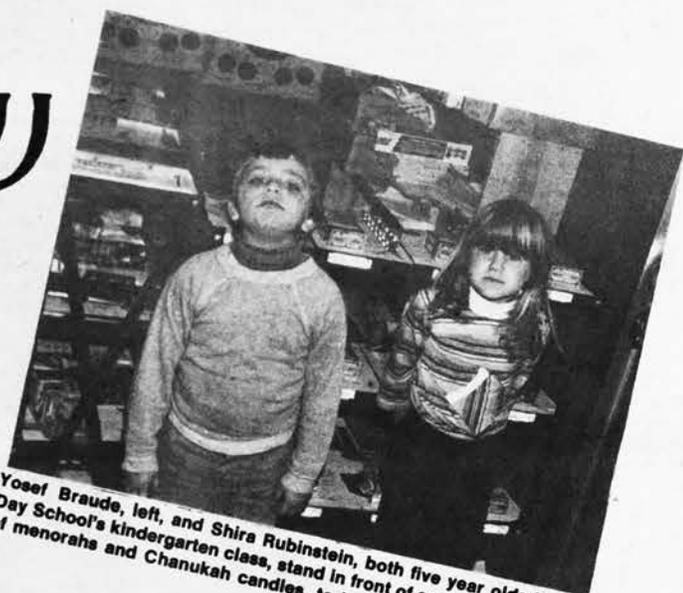
PREPARING FOR CHANUKAH



With Providence Hebrew Day School director Rabbi Kopi Saltman in the background, Mrs. Shoshanna Weinberg assists more students in the fine art of dreidel making for the Chanukah holiday. Galina Freyden, left, 5, seems to be pursuing her craft fairly independently as Inessa Shkolnikov, also 5, receives most of Mrs. Weinberg's attention.



Lending assistance in making the traditional Chanukah dreidel is Mrs. Shoshanna Weinberg, kindergarten teacher at the Hebrew Day School. Participating in the activity are, left to right, Keith Brynes of Providence, Karen Marcus of Cranston, and Miriam Kessler, also of Cranston. All three children are five years old.



Yosef Braude, left, and Shira Rubinstein, both five year olds in the Day School's kindergarten class, stand in front of several shelves full of menorahs and Chanukah candles, to be given to the students.



Hanging up Chanukah paintings done by their second grade class are, left to right, Sharon Silverman, 7, of Warwick, Michele Levy, 7, of Providence, and Robert London, 7, of Cranston.



Students of the fourth and fifth grades rehearse songs for a Chanukah party to be held at the Hebrew Day School on Monday night, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. The group is under the direction of Cantor Aaron Marcus.

Where it Started: Chanukah in Jerusalem

By Dvora Waysman

Through the open windows, I can hear voices singing 'Maoz Tsur' — from quivering childish soprano to deep baritone. The melody is the same in every Jewish home around the world, for this is Chanukah, the Feast of Lights. But there is something different about it for me now

... I am hearing it in Jerusalem, and it has a very special significance.

I am walking near my home in Kiryat Moshe. It is a religious neighborhood — but in a relaxed, non-oppressive sort of way. There is room here for all kinds of Jews — the crocheted 'kipot' type form the majority, with a few black ones, a very few 'shtrreimels' and a scattering of bare heads.

It is just after sunset and on almost every window ledge or balcony there is a 'Chanukiah' burning. Most are made of copper, decorated with designs of lions, vines, pomegranates or eagles. In the distance, a giant menorah, visible all over Jerusalem, sits atop the Knesset. Other 'menorot' are illuminating the tops of public buildings and water towers.

Great Miracle

Chanukah in Jerusalem is not only a feast of light, it involves all the senses. There is the smell of 'sofganyot' — wonderful jam-filled (and very fattening!) doughnuts frying in oil, and the taste of 'latkes' of all kinds. Children are singing, and showing each other their 'Chanukah gelt' (money) and 'dreidels' — the four-sided spinning top with the Hebrew letters Nun, Gimel, Hei and Shin, standing for "Ness gadol haya poh" — "A great miracle happened here" (outside Israel it is 'sham' "there").

On the first night, the 'shamash' lights just one candle; on the second night two are lit, and an extra one each evening until on the last night all eight are burning. Some people burn oil, but must use multi-colored candles lest those that decorate children's birthday cakes.

This is Chanukah in Jerusalem, and I can't help contrasting it with those I remember from Australia, where I was born. There, Chanukah had to compete with "Ten shopping days to Christmas" and giant effigies of Santa Claus and Christmas trees in the streets and shop windows. It became rather overshadowed and its significance somehow diminished.

As with other festivals in the cycle of the Jewish year, Chanukah has a dual origin — historical and seasonal. Long before the Maccabees, there was an established Winter festival at this time (ref: Babylonian Talmud, Avodah Zarah 8 b). One reason was for the gradual increase in daylight after the ominous, steadily darkening days of late autumn. Another was connected with the kindling of fire, an ancient Jewish custom at the dedication of the Temple altar. Yet a third was the festive act of carrying wands wreathed with leaves, branches of fruit and palm fronds (ref: 2 Maccabees 10.5-8). Whether Chanukah draws its source from the historical or the seasonal, the central motif is light.

In our time, Chanukah signifies the struggle of the weak against the strong, and the few against the many. It is very meaningful in Israel today, which has had to fight five wars in its short history, always against far greater odds.

Eternal Capital

But here in Jerusalem one can celebrate it fully and absorb the meaning of the first Chanukah, which happened in this very city more than 2,000 years ago. The historical story is well-known. Judah the Maccabee led a revolt against the Hellenistic Syrians who occupied the land of Israel around 165 B.C.E., and he was victorious. There is a miracle associated with the victory. When the Temple was to be rededicated, only one cruse of sacramental oil was found. It was supposed to burn for just one day, but miraculously it lasted for eight days until other pure oil could be prepared.

Weak Against Strong, Few Against Many

What a wonderful feeling to walk, at Chanukah, through the very streets where Judah Maccabee led his victorious army 2,000 years ago. One can visualize them bearing their wands as they offered hymns and praise. Today, the voices are of children singing "Maoz Tsur" as their fathers recite the blessings on the 'Chanukiah'. The brave little candles send forth their light from the windowsills and balconies of Jerusalem, eternal capital of the Jewish people.

Chanukah is a magic potpourri of light and song, dreidels, latkes and Chanukah gelt. We are celebrating a miracle. My own miracle is that I am celebrating it in Jerusalem. How lucky I am!

Weizman Delighted by Shaka Release

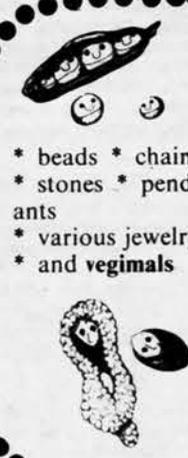
LONDON (JTA) — Israel's Defense Minister Ezer Weizman expressed his "delight" at the revocation of the deportation order against Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus, and stressed that the decision was taken by the Israeli military authorities and not at the behest of the government. Weizman gave the news at a luncheon with British newspaper editors, during which he received a telephone call from Israel and was told that Shaka had conveyed his regards to him.

It was Weizman's only encounter with the press during a 24-hour visit here as a guest of the Joint Israel Appeal. In his address, Weizman complained about the lack of support which Europe has been giving to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. He said

Europe had completely underrated the sincerity and growing momentum of the Egyptian-Israeli relationship, as well as its importance as a stabilizing factor in the Middle East. This momentum would grow even more following the establishment of diplomatic relations, he said.

In Egypt it was dependent not only on President Anwar Sadat but had deep popular support. It was also having a beneficial effect on Jordan and other countries on Israel's eastern flank, despite their outward opposition to Camp David, Weizman said. In this context, he deplored Britain's decisions to sell Jordan 275 Chieftain tanks, saying the sale would complicate matters for Jordan as well as Israel.

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Joan Nathan Explores the Sociology of Food

By Kathleen Hart

Joan Nathan, who was born and raised in Providence, is the author of a new cookbook just released by Schocken Books. *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen* is more than just a wonderful Jewish cookbook, however. It is a history, a religious study and sociological treatise as well.

"I'm interested in food and people," says Joan. "It's really the sociology of food, the history behind why people eat what they eat, that has intrigued me."

And certainly, there is no culture with richer and more intricate dietary laws and traditions than the Jewish culture. In this exciting book, which took Joan over four years to research and write, recipes and their concomitant traditions are sampled from the Jewish neighborhoods as varied as Morocco, Spain, Greece, Eastern Europe, the Ukraine, San Francisco, Maryland, Providence, R.I., and Turkey. The roots and folklore behind the recipes and rituals are often traced back thousands of years.

While one might fear that so much research could create a rather heavy tome, just the opposite is true of Joan's labors. The book is delightfully readable, its tone is light, upbeat. Joan Nathan, like many other Jews of the 1970's, has become "passionately involved in discovering my roots." Because of her earnest, personal quest, Joan has been able to approach the subject with a freshness and enthusiasm that a strict scholar would lack. Many of the vignettes which precede the recipes are quite humorous as well as informative. Preceding the recipe for "Friday Night Brisket" is the following history:

"In the ancient world, garlic was known as an aphrodisiac and the phrase 'to eat garlic' was therefore a euphemism for sexual

intercourse. Since a husband is supposed to fulfill his marital obligation to his wife — at least on Friday night — rabbis have suggested that more garlic and less salt be used in dishes at the Sabbath meal. Thus, Jews became known as the 'garlic eaters.'

"Foods can be divided into two categories — those that 'chill' the body and therefore have a quieting effect on procreative powers, and those that 'heat' the body and awaken sexual desires. Salt is in the first category; garlic and onion in the second."

The Jewish Holiday Kitchen is organized according to the holidays, including: the Sabbath, Rosh Hashanna, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Hukkah, Purim, Passover and Shavuot; and according to the life cycle, including, Brit Milah, Bar Mitzvah, Marriage and Death. Ms. Nathan has included menus for the various celebratory occasions in life, and recipes for many of these menu items.

While the book is international in flavor, it is in many respects a Providence book. Joan and her husband Allen Gerson currently live in Chevy Chase, Maryland, but many of the book's contributors are Rhode Islanders. Joan's parents, Pearl and Ernest Nathan are Providence residents. Her aunt Lisl Regensteiner, who is a Cranston resident, contributed much of Joan's knowledge of her culinary roots.

Jacob Licht, father of Rhode Island's former governor Frank Licht, is shown making the famous matzah brei he has been making all his life. Chaya and Beryl Segal contributed much of the background on Ukrainian traditions and Chaya's recipe for Kamish Broit is featured.

Out of the hundreds of Jewish cookbooks that Ms. Nathan perused in the Library of Congress, the one she found most exciting



Joan Nathan in Providence following publication of her latest book, *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*. A co-author of another cookbook, Joan also writes for the *Boston Globe* and the *Washington Post*.

was the one from Woonsocket, Rhode Island! *The Community Cookbook of Congregation B'nai Israel*, now out of print, was put together in 1947 by women who at that time were predominantly octogenarians.

In fact, Joan Nathan's study of people and food has centered around the oldest members of each community, for it is they who can bring to life the customs of the old country, recreate of the older ways. She has interviewed these old people in attempt to preserve the things they alone know.

Joan mentions Ada Baum Lipschitz, who died just before the book was published, as one of these very special contributors. "Ada Lipschitz was 84 years old and had very bad arthritis in her hands. But every Friday, Ada found that her hands would miraculously spring back to life for the making of hallah," Joan narrates. "And she always separated some of the dough from her weekly hallah, blessed it, and then burned it in the oven in accordance with biblical commandments."

Younger assimilated Jewish women can learn much about their heritage from reading the words and customs of the older women in *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*. And everyone, whether observant of Kashrut or not, can enjoy the 200 mouth-watering recipes within its pages.

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By Robert E. Starr



Although a Slam should not be bid on the combined holding of the North and South cards, as those cards happen to break twelve tricks are right there to be taken. The reason this hand is shown is that it was played in a Duplicate Tournament where that overtrick is so important. If an Ace isn't led at trick one, a very unlikely happening, seven is certain. But again that carelessness or thoughtlessness deprived many of the Declarers their chance to make that extra trick. There was no reason, after that lead, that every Declarer shouldn't make all the tricks but some didn't.

North
 ♠ A Q 6 2
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ K
 ♣ A Q 9 8 6 4

West
 ♠ K 8 3
 ♥ 7 5 4
 ♦ A Q 6 4 2
 ♣ J 2

East
 ♠ J 7 5 4
 ♥ J 6 2
 ♦ J 10 8 7
 ♣ 7 5

South
 ♠ 10 9
 ♥ A Q 10 9 8
 ♦ 9 5 3
 ♣ K 10 3

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

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

After South rebid his Hearts some Norths still felt that their doubleton King was not enough support so went on to other things. Two bid Clubs again ending in game there. The lead of the Diamond Jack held that contract to six but that is not as good as any number of Hearts. Most Declarers,

feeling that they really had no other choice, jumped right to game in Hearts. At least their singleton Diamond gave them some ruffing value with Hearts Trump.

If West happened to get his hands on the Diamond Ace as his opening lead that would be the end but unless the contract is a Slam very few players would lead from a tenace such as the Ace and Queen. Some Wests led a Trump, others the Club Jack, remember the suit had not been rebid.

The Trump lead guaranteed that suit's breaking but as it broke anyhow it made no difference. After the lead and finding that the Trumps do break, Declarer can count five Trumps, six Clubs and one or two Spades depending on the success of the Spade finesse. As you can see it works so you should wonder why I am writing this article. If everyone saw all these things that seem so easy later on there would never be a Bridge column as everyone would do exactly the same correct thing.

This is what happened more than once. Declarer started to extract Trumps and while this is going on the first player to have to make a discard is the Dummy. This seems inconsequential but I watched as three Declarers couldn't wait to get rid of Dummy's Diamond King. Does this matter, there are no Trumps to ruff Diamonds with but no ruffs are needed. But this did make a difference later.

Now Declarer ran those Clubs and each discarded the three losing Diamonds in his own hand. But now where were they? In Dummy with nothing left but Spades and no longer could that finesse be taken. Had the Diamond been left in Dummy it would be simple to ruff it to get back into Declarer's hand to take that Spade finesse. It certainly served those non-thinkers right when the finesse would have worked for nothing would have mattered except the principle if it had failed.

Moral: Even seemingly insignificant discards might make a difference in the long run.

complishment for the Jewish people of those same leaders. On the contrary, if they are to be a test-case, then we have to conclude the way to produce effective and important Jewish leaders is to close all the schools. What should be done instead I shall shortly specify.

Then I observed that since Jewish education means school, and school means pretty much what we now have, it is taken for granted that more is better than less, and that day schools are better than synagogue schools. Yet more "Hebrew school" is not yet shown to be better than less Hebrew school.

Then I suggested three major flaws in our thinking about Jewish education.

First, we assume that there is a correlation between our purposes for Jewish education and the practical work of Jewish schools. Hebrew language study, upon which we lay so much stress, bears no clear relationship — indeed, only limited relevance — to our goals for Jewish education. It is one useful means, not the whole purpose.

Second, we assume that Jewish education means schools and in particular the formal classroom. Yet, as the example of Federation leadership suggests, there must be

another kind of Jewish education entirely. It is demonstrably successful. And it is not through schooling. Moreover, in my own experience, the thirst for learning seems to derive from a different source from the classroom, because year after year my most interested and committed students turn out to be products of youth groups, Reform and Conservative. Students least interested in Jewish studies in college turn out to be not only the indifferent, with no schooling at all, but also the most highly "educated," those from day schools and afternoon synagogue schools. Since one fair measure for the success of education is the continuing thirst for knowledge, the informal educational programs of the Reform and Conservative movements, and also summer study and work programs in the State of Israel, turn out to be demonstrably more successful educational institutions, although they are not schools, than the Hebrew schools and the day schools.

Third, Jewish education should be understood as its own regard, as an end in itself, and not as a means to some other end. No thinking on the purposes and nature of Jewish education can be authentically Jewish if it is not founded upon that central conviction of the Jewish religion.

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Jewish Education: Aspirin or Penicillin?

By Jacob Neusner
Brown University

This is the fourth part in an address delivered by Professor Neusner at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

This leads me to the third flaw in our thinking about Jewish education, with which I began. We treat education as a means to an end, as indoctrination or training, not as an end in itself. That conception of education is American, it is not Jewish. It has no roots in the Judaic religious tradition. On the contrary, the conception of classical Judaism is that the study of Torah — which we must translate, Jewish education — is an end in itself. The very act of learning is religiously consequential. Indeed, it is the most important thing Jews do. The reason the learned man is revered in classical Judaism is simply that he has become learned, not that he can do what others cannot. The sage is revered because he embodies what everyone should be. It is, furthermore, understood that there are no teachers, above the others, but that all are, or can become, teachers of one another. We are all Jewish educators, teaching our Jewish lessons through precept and example. We all teach one another about the potentialities of Jewishness. None of us is without a Jewish message, a Jewish insight. None of us is better than any other, more authentic than any other, once in touch with the classical sources of Judaism.

Our tradition is profoundly aristocratic and profoundly egalitarian at the same time. It is aristocratic in its stress upon the aristocracy of learning, upon the measure of a person in accord with his or her devotion to Torah. Some people are better than others, in this respect. But it is egalitarian in the stress upon the obligation of everyone to engage in the tasks and processes of learning, in its recognition that the world is the school, the streets are the classrooms, the synagogue the locus of culture, and all men and women are equally disciples, equally masters. For to Torah the Jewish people is

the people of Torah, the people formed upon the foundations of Torah. I need not retell the many stories which convey that value. These are well known and thrice told.

I wish only to dwell upon the deeply flawed foundation of our thinking about Jewish education: we ask that learning serve some goal extrinsic to learning. We think we have the right to measure success in quantitative terms. But this misses the point of Jewish education. If it is important, if it is central, it is not because it will succeed in indoctrinating young people to do the things we want them to do. It is not a process of indoctrination at all. Its success or failure is not to be measured in terms of whether people know this fact or that fact, do this thing or that thing. Jewish education is a success when it is happening. I believe Temple Emanu-El's adult education institute, taught as it is by members of the congregation, illustrates the values I advocate in these statements. Everyone is a learner. Everyone can become a teacher. And the learning and teaching are themselves their own reward. Since I am not known to hand on compliments for no reason, enjoy that one.

Let me now summarize the main points I have made. I pointed out that fantastic claims have been made in behalf of Jewish education, meaning Jewish schooling. It is supposed to solve all our problems, to solve "the Jewish problem" in America. But the claims set an impossible standard.

First, we have yet to distinguish success from failure.

Second, we have yet to uncover the hard facts of success or failure, the things we can indeed measure and add up. I presented a concrete example. Leadership of Jewish Federations demonstrably shows devotion to the Jewish people. Yet there is no correlation — except a negative one — between the Jewish education of the Federation leadership and the devotion and ac-

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Elon Moreh Settlers Vote Against Evacuation

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The prospect for a peaceful evacuation of Elon Moreh dimmed when the settlers voted in defiance of both the government and their own Gush Emunim leadership, not to leave voluntarily when the time limit for their departure lapses less than a month from now.

After a protracted debate, the 27 families and several single males who comprise the settlement vowed to remain unless a law is passed that would prevent the Israeli courts from challenging Jewish settlements on the West Bank in the future.

Premier Menachem Begin is not likely to submit such legislation if only because he knows he cannot muster a majority for it in the Knesset or in his own Cabinet. A source close to the Prime Minister said he has indicated that he would resign if the forcible

evacuation of Elon Moreh resulted in "the spilling of Jewish blood."

The Elon Moreh settlers voted early this morning but their decision was not made public. Gush Emunim leaders are apparently trying to bring about a change of mind or at least convince the settlers to formulate their decision on more "positive sounding terms." The all-night debate was attended by Gush leaders, including MK Haim Druckman of the National Religious Party. They reportedly counseled the settlers to accept the government's offer of an alternative site at Djebel Kibir some six miles away, but to no avail.

Clash With Army Not Inevitable

Some observers said, however, that the settlers' decision did not make a clash with



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Pictured left to right are Rene Kelly, Jerome R. Sapolsky, president of the Miriam Hospital, Beverly Kelly, Rene's mother, Nancy Grossman, daughter of Stanley Grossman.

the army inevitable. They said the settlers' determination not to leave of their own accord did not necessarily mean that they would offer active resistance to troops sent in to remove them. In this way they could claim that they had remained loyal to their ideological claim that Jews have a right to settle anywhere in "Eretz Israel," the observers said.

The removal of Elon Moreh was ordered by the Supreme Court Oct. 22 on grounds that the settlement was established illegally on seized Arab lands. The high court acted on an appeal by local Arab villagers. It set a 30-day deadline for the evacuation but this was observed only in part. Some 30 acres of land were returned to their Arab owners last month but the Cabinet extended the deadline for full evacuation until the end of the year.

The reason given was to allow the government time to prepare the alternative site on

State-owned land at Djebel Kibir. At the same time, however, the government made it clear that it would not begin work on the new site unless the Elon Moreh settlers agreed to move voluntarily. Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori and other government sources have indicated that the army will move in to evacuate the settlers before the deadline is up unless they agree to move.

Benny Katzover, leader of the Elon Moreh settlers, said that he would seek another meeting with Begin to try to persuade him to initiate legislation that would bar future court challenges. Begin's office had no comment. But Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the NRP, a leading supporter of the Gush Emunim, expressed impatience with the Elon Moreh settlers. He said he would support their forcible removal if they did not accept the government's alternative site.

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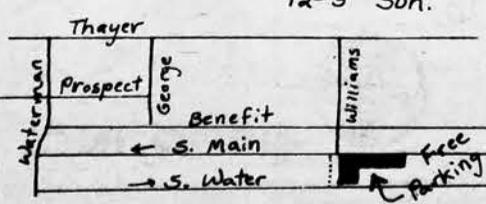
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The New Islam

Part II

By Dr. Jay N. Fishbein

The Saudis feel confident only in the loyalty of the Bedouin of their own tribe, who constitute the royal guard, and receive preferential treatment.

Because of peace with Israel, Sadat has become the pariah of the Middle East, despite his personal piety. Sadat has the confidence of his people who number about half of the population of the Arab world. They have fought four wars, have borne the brunt of the fighting, and suffered the highest number of casualties. They look for economic improvement, but considering the volatility of the Muslim, the mood can change over night if improvement does not materialize soon.

Egypt is a Muslim but not an Arab country. Islam is the state religion, and the majority of the *Ulama*, the mullahs of Egypt, tend to uphold the government, partly because they are dependent on Cairo for financial support. Sadat issued a strong warning against religious interference in Egypt's political life.

The Sudan is linked to Egypt by a defense treaty. Both countries are under pressure, from within and without. President Numeiri has been plagued by coups and intrigues since the country became independent in 1956. The National Front is anxious to have the Sudan become an Islamic state, like neighboring Libya. Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi has been responsible for much of the intrigue, and has engaged assassins to eliminate Numeiri, but without success thus far. If either the Sudan or Egypt were to fall, the other would not long survive.

The surrounding Muslim countries along with the West have been uneasy with the Khomeini revolution in Iran. Iraq, a neighboring state is particularly concerned. While ruled by the Baath Party, its leadership is Sunni, with more than half the population Shiites. In Iraq as in Iran, the mullahs have a tradition of political activism, and there have been numerous clashes between the religious

element and the army, which is all-Sunni.

Because of the dissent, Gen. Saddam Hussein maintains a tough police state, even more aggressive than that the Shah had been accused of. Hussein, who has always been the strongman in Iraq, recently replaced Ahmad Hassan al Bakr as president, who resigned apparently because of ill health. In Arab countries if a leader finds the opposition strong and desires to remain in good health, he finds it convenient to retire due to "ill health."

Hussein is the Baath Party's chief ideologue of Pan-Arab socialism. The Iraqi jails hold thousands of political prisoners. Many are murdered and simply disappear. Fortunately President Hussein has not had to contend with any religious leader of the stature of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Iraq agreed to form a union with Syria, provided that President Assad withdrew from Lebanon, but too much treasure and blood has been expended, for Assad to agree. Furthermore, he is aware that should war with Israel erupt, Iraq would be duty bound to come to his aid.

Another concern is the revival of unrest among the two million Kurds who are agitating with their brethren in Iran and Turkey for an autonomous Kurdistan state of their own.

The revolution in Iran has not been an unmix blessing for the Soviet Union, where there are 50 million Muslim who constitute a demographic time bomb. Currently, they constitute a third of the population of the Soviet Union, and with their higher birth rate, have been a cause of concern. The Muslim enjoy more freedom than any other religious group. The mosques are full on Fridays and religious holidays. Small delegations have even been allowed to leave the country to participate in the Hajj — the pilgrimage to Mecca. Because of their Muslim population they will have to be circumspect in their dealings with the Muslim world.

Elizabeth Holtzman Urges Carter Dismiss NSC Representative

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY) has urged President Carter to consider the "immediate dismissal" of a member of the National Security Council staff who characterized as "silly" the concern expressed over an interview that Radio Free Europe broadcast last May with Valerian Trifa who is under investigation as a suspected Nazi war criminal.

In a letter to the President Holtzman wrote that the statements made by Paul Henze, who has been on the NSC staff since the beginning of the Carter Administration, are "unconscionable and grounds for his immediate dismissal."

Radio Free Europe, on May 1, 1979, broadcast a 45-minute interview with Trifa, a naturalized American citizen, who, Holtzman pointed out in her letter, is "alleged to have incited atrocities against Jews in Bucharest during World War II." She pointed out further that "no mention was made during the broadcast that the Department of Justice had initiated proceedings against Trifa in May, 1975 to strip him of his citizenship because of his alleged participation in war crimes and that the case was expected to go to trial in Federal Court in Detroit in the near future."

Trifa, a Bishop, heads the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America. The interview came under wide attack at the time. John Gronouski, a former Postmaster General and chairman of the U.S. Board for International Broadcasting which oversees the operations of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, strongly deplored it and expressed the wish that it had never taken place.

Claimed White House Viewpoint Reflected

In her letter to the President, Holtzman noted that she had directed an investigation by the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee of which she is chairperson of "the circumstances surrounding the airing of the interview." She wrote that "According to evidence I have received in the course of my investigation, Mr. Henze, during the Board for International Broadcasting's meeting of August 5, 1979, characterized concern about the interview as 'silly' and stated flatly that it 'certainly isn't serious from the point of view of the White House'."

Holtzman's letter reported that "Despite strenuous protests from several Board members, Mr. Henze continued in the following vein: 'Let me state the White House position on this issue: Bishop Trifa as an American citizen, represents an important ethnic group.' Similar statements were made by Mr. Henze at a Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty Board of Directors meeting. Not only does Mr. Henze evidently find nothing seriously wrong in Radio Free Europe providing a platform for alleged Nazi war criminals under charges by the Department of Justice, but he implies that the propriety of the interview should be judged solely on whether Trifa's 'ethnic group' would approve of or be placated by the broadcast," Holtzman wrote.

Would Call Others To Account She observed that Henze's

statements "are outrageous enough if they represent only Mr. Henze's personal feeling on this matter." But, she added, "if his comments ac-

curately reflect the position of, or were sanctioned by Dr. (Zbigniew) Brzezinski (chairman of the National Security Council) or other White

House officials, they too should be called to account."

The JTA placed two calls to Henze's office in an effort to obtain his reactions and two

calls to the National Security Council.

At the Board for International Broadcasting, Walter Roberts, the executive director, said he could not discuss the matter until he received the text of Rep. Holtzman's letter. The JTA learned, however, that minutes were kept of the

Board's Aug. 15 meeting and that Henze's statement reported by Holtzman were apparently accurate. "There is no question, the record is clear," the JTA was informed by a source at the Board. Holtzman noted that Henze "apparently serves as a National Security Council liaison with the Board."

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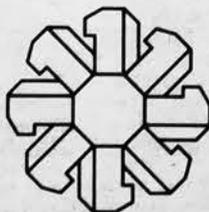
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Linowitz Discloses Previous Carter Administration Offer

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sol Linowitz, President Carter's new Special Ambassador to the Middle East, said today that Israel's claim that some settlements on the West Bank "are necessary for its security" was "demonstrable" and that the Israeli Military Government's decision to revoke the deportation order against Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus was a "positive development." He also said that he thought Israel was not receiving sufficient credit for giving up the Sinai oilfields, a "great contribution to the peace process."

Linowitz made these comments in the course of a wide-ranging press conference with Israeli and American Jewish reporters on the eve of his departure for the Middle East on his first official trip.

Linowitz offered his views with respect to the settlements issue when he was asked if there has been a "slight change" in U.S. policy inasmuch as President Carter, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and the State Department have repeatedly

said that Israeli civilian settlements in the occupied Arab territories are "illegal." Linowitz said, "My approach, my understanding are necessary for its security" and "that is demonstrable."

But, he added, he also "understands" that "Israel was going beyond that" and "Israel has to recognize its policy is not demonstrable to its security" and has an effect "on the ongoing negotiations between Egypt and Israel." He said his understanding is that the Administration opposes the "unlimited proliferation" of settlements on the West Bank and Gaza. Asked if the 32 new settlements proposed by the government of Premier Menachem Begin were regarded as "proliferation," Linowitz replied, "I don't know."

Contribution To Peace Process

Replying to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the new envoy said "The world is not giving attention" to the "great contribution to the peace process" that Israel is making

by returning the Sinai oilfields to Egypt. He characterized that as a "tremendous undertaking," noting that Israel was "giving up energy at this particular time" and "Israel did not get the credit Israel was entitled to get." World attention was focussed on the settlements and the Shaka case, he observed while giving up the oilfields was a dramatic action by Israel in keeping with its commitments.

Asked if he thought dropping the expulsion order against Shaka was a "positive development," Linowitz replied, "It is indeed." He said that Vance was in touch with Begin about the effects the expulsion of Shaka would have on the autonomy talks and on other factors and events in the region. The restoration of Shaka to office "removes this disruptive element from the negotiations and therefore characterizes it as a positive development," he said.

Earlier Turned Down Post

Linowitz disclosed that he was first offered the post of Special Ambassador to the Middle East by Vance before the Camp David conference in September 1978. He said he turned it down at the time because he felt a summit conference was essential before he could be effective. Now that the way has been cleared

for a solution of the Palestinian problem on the West Bank, he feels that there is "a chance" for a settlement.

Linowitz also disclosed that Carter had declined to discuss the new political assignment for his predecessor, Robert Strauss, until he, Linowitz accepted the job of Special Ambassador. Strauss has since

been appointed manager of the President's re-election campaign. Linowitz said that in discussing his assignment with the President, he had noted that both he and Strauss are Jewish. He reported that the President told him that he had "thought it over carefully and that he did not think it would be a problem."

Hurwitz Threatens to Withdraw Government Support from El Al

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz threatened to withdraw government support from El Al unless all parties involved with Israel's national airline find a way to rehabilitate the money-losing carrier.

Addressing the Likud Knesset faction, Hurwitz said that the company loses about \$70 million a year and noted that its projected loss for next year is \$110 million. "There is no justification for a society that has to double the price of milk for its children to finance a company that loses so much

money," Hurwitz said. He warned El Al workers that "they had better understand that things cannot continue as they are."

El Al has been plagued by labor strife during the past few years and the Likud MKs appeared to agree with the Finance Minister that the government-subsidized airline should be shut down if its huge losses are not stemmed.

Eliezer Shostak remarked that El Al's poor labor relations have been poisoning the entire economy for the last two years. Menachem Savidor told Hurwitz "You should have closed El Al after

the last strike last weekend." Ehud Olmert concurred. "El Al is your big test. You must go to the bitter end on this," he said.

Hurwitz defended his economic austerity program. He said it would produce "a significant drop" in the rate of inflation "within five to 10 months." Hurwitz spoke in the Knesset a few hours after Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel promised more than 5000 angry demonstrators outside labor federation headquarters that Histadrut would fight against the new hardships imposed by Hurwitz's program.

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