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## Moynihan, Yadin Defend Israel's Latest Position At Peace Talks

CINCINNATI: U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan and Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin spoke out strongly this week against criticism of Israel's conduct in the negotiations for a peace treaty with Egypt.

Senator Moynihan said it is no wonder that Israel examines the peace treaty proposals "line by line, comma by comma — when they sign the treaty, they expect to abide by it."

The two men spoke at separate sessions of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's (NJCRAC) Plenary meeting here. The meeting began with a welcome to Israel's new Ambassador to the United States, Ephraim Evron, who reviewed the status of the negotiations to date and said American government officials have expressed greater understanding to the Israeli position in the last two weeks. He also told the Jewish leaders, "we have to face the future bold and united."

The 35-year old NJCRAC is the coordinating body for the policies and programs

of its membership of 11 major national agencies and 102 local community relations councils.

Yadin, who is leader of Israel's Democratic Movement for Change party, told an audience of some 400 American Jewish community leaders that international negotiations must always proceed with caution if they are to produce viable results. He pointed out that it took England nine years to negotiate entering into the European Common Market.

Yadin said that the Israeli government, at the time of President Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, had asked itself one question, "is he really interested in peace?" and concluded that the Egyptian President was sincere. He said that although there are some who are asking the question again in the light of recent developments, Israel's approach to the negotiations stemmed from that original conclusion. He emphasized that the proposal for autonomy for the West Bank had been made by Israel, not Egypt, and that it was Israel which offered to return the entire Sinai.

Senator Moynihan said that while Israel could be expected to abide faithfully with the terms of any treaty it signed, the history of treaties signed by Arab countries between themselves and with other nations, suggests that they are not reluctant to disregard them. He declared that since Israel is being asked "to surrender tangible strategic equity in the form of territory in return for a contractual commitment, it is not surprising that the Israeli government has approached a peace treaty with great care."

The Senator called for unwavering United States support for Israel as a democratic stronghold against increasing totalitarianism. Asserting that the United States has not been energetic enough in challenging the debasement of democratic concepts, he especially condemned what he described as "America's growing acceptance of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

## 1st Woman Rabbi Quits Post In NY

NEW YORK (JTA): The first woman rabbi in American history, Sally Preisand, confirmed reports she had resigned as associate rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, her first and only pulpit since she was ordained as a Reform rabbi. Declaring her six years in the Stephen Wise Synagogue had been a worthwhile experience, she declined comment on a Jewish Telegraphic Agency question on the reasons for her resignation. She said her resignation was effective July 1 and that she intended to stay in the rabbinate. She also declined comment on what she planned to do to stay in the rabbinate. She joined the Reform synagogue in August, 1972 as assistant rabbi and was advanced about two years ago to the position of associate rabbi.

## New U.S. Envoy Sees S. Arabia As Obstacle

WASHINGTON (JTA): Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Ephraim Evron, charged this week that "Saudi Arabia is the major factor which has delayed the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt" and called on "the American government to take new initiatives, especially in view of the developments in Iran, to prevail upon Saudi Arabia to endorse the agreements previously formulated at Camp David."

Evron addressed several hundred delegates to a special Torah convocation of the Rabbinical Council of America at Congregation Beth Shalom here. He said he is convinced that "President (Anwar) Sadat is sincere in his pursuit of peace" with Israel and "were it not for the intrusion of external pressures, particularly from Saudi Arabia, the pact would have been signed weeks ago." The Israeli envoy claimed that the recent Baghdad meeting of Arab ministers "with Saudi Arabia playing a pivotal role, was primarily responsible for the hardening of the Egyptian position."

Rabbi Sol Roth, first vice president of the Rabbinical Council, appealed to Jewish

federations and welfare funds throughout the U.S., and particularly the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York "to establish at least 3000 scholarships to enable newly arrived Russian Jewish immigrants to receive a religious education."

He warned that "Jewish schools are almost without exception in danger of financial bankruptcy due to rising costs of education which have driven tuition up sharply. The children of these Russian immigrants are ignorant of the basic rudiments of their faith," he said, "and their absorption into Jewish schools cannot be achieved without the financial assistance which only Jewish welfare funds can provide."

Roth said "It is to the credit of the federations that considerable assistance has been provided to these immigrants to help them become economically self-sufficient," adding, "I profoundly believe, however, that it is equally incumbent upon the federations to assure the fiscal costs to providing to the children of these Russian families the Jewish education they sorely lack."

## 3 Speakers Set For Talks After Trinity Square Play

Geraldine Foster, president of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will be one of three, after-theatre speakers for the Trinity Square Repertory Company production of the Clifford

scribers for the after-theatre symposia series.

Other after-theatre speakers for the play include Chester Smolski, anthropology professor at Rhode Island College and



UPSTAIRS AT THE TRINITY: Dan Butler, Howard London, Amy VanNostrand, David Kennett, Barbara Orson, Norman Smith and Daniel Von Bargaen will appear in the Trinity Square Repertory Company's Production of "Awake and Sing!" by Clifford Odets. The play which begins Friday, Feb. 2, will run until March 4.

Odets's classic, "Awake and Sing!"

Mrs. Foster also has compiled written materials dealing with "The American Jewish Family: The Immigrant Years." These materials are being mailed to sub-

Maury Klein, professor of history at the University of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Foster will be speaking at the theatre after the performance on Tuesday evening, February 13.

## Israeli Olympics Unit Claims No Rift Exists

TEL AVIV (JTA): The Israel Olympics Committee (IOC) Plenary announced this past week that it had not suspended sports relations with South Africa. It claimed that IOC chairman Yitzhak Ofek's statement that the IOC presidium had done so was an incorrect report in the press.

Chaim Wein, the IOC's vice chairman, said the relations with South Africa will continue as before with Israel following the rules set by international sports federations on South Africa. This means that Israel will continue to compete with South Africa in sports where international federations have not banned South Africa because of its apartheid policy.

The Plenary meeting came after a storm of protests in Israel over the reported action of the IOC. Both the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Culture and Education expressed anger that the action came without the government being consulted.

They said the IOC's statements had damaged Israel. At the same time they praised restraint shown by South Africa. It was noted that South African Jews and some South African sports figures expressed understanding of the situation in which Israel was being pressed.

Maccabi leaders were especially upset since they feared the decision would endanger the 11th Maccabiah scheduled for 1981. South African Jews are permitted to participate in the event, according to rules of international sports federations, and they were major participants in the last Maccabiah.

The Maccabi leaders had demanded that Ofek resign for mishandling the situation, improper negotiations, and for not consulting with the government. He refused and blamed all of the problem on misquotations by the press.

After the press reported that the IOC had

suspended sports relations with South Africa, Ofek told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the suspension was only until after the 1980 Moscow Olympics so as not to give the Soviet Union a pretext to bar Israel from Moscow.

The IOC acted after it was advised by Lord Killanan to refrain from sports relations with South Africa to prevent the adverse publicity such relations is causing Israel. The IOC presidium agreed to keep a low profile, but when the information was relayed to the press it was given as a suspension in relations. The IOC Plenary said it had discussed Killanan's recommendations but that it will continue its present policy.

## 6 Arab Students Ordered Confined By Israeli Army

TEL AVIV — Israeli authorities, concerned over a recent increase in guerrilla activities, have ordered six Israeli Arab students suspected of circulating a leaflet supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization to leave Jerusalem's Hebrew University and return to their homes.

They also announced that an Arab group in an occupied West Bank village that was responsible for 10 terrorist attacks in the Jerusalem area had been broken up.

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**B'NAI B'RITH HOPE CHAPTER**  
The monthly meeting of the Hope Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Harriet Priest, 590 Hope St.

The guest speaker will be Marsha Singer, maternal and child health social worker from the Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Singer will speak on child abuse.

A question and answer period will follow, and the evening will conclude with a social hour. Members and their guests are invited to attend this informative meeting.

**CRANSTON HADASSAH**  
The Cranston chapter of Hadassah will hold a party at the Jewish Home for the Aged on Monday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m., 99 Hillside Ave.

Evelyn Snow and the Hadassah Rockettes will provide the entertainment and refreshments will be served. Program chairwoman for the event is Irma Silverman.

**COMMUNITY SEUDAH**  
Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons Of Zion will host a community "Seudah Shlishis" Saturday, Feb. 3. The community is invited to participate in the "Third Meal" of the Sabbath with traditional melodies and discourses on Judaism. Gathering for Mincha service at 4 p.m., the atmosphere will take on a solemn mood since the Sabbath is slowly coming to an end.

Participating in the event will be the Providence Hebrew Day School, the New England Academy of Torah and the Providence Jewish Youth Council. Rabbi Nachman Cohen, dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School, will be the guest speaker.

All are invited to attend and reservations can be made by calling the synagogue at 331-9393.

# Obituaries

**ANNA POLLOCK**  
Funeral services for Anna Pollock, 98, of 99 Hillside Ave., the Jewish Home for the Aged, who died Monday, Jan. 22, after a two-month illness, were held Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

The widow of Benjamin Pollock, Mrs. Pollock was born in Russian on Dec. 20, 1880, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kushnerov. She had been a resident of Providence for more than 70 years.

Mrs. Pollock was a resident member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She is survived by three sons, Hyman Pollock of Fall River, Mass., Morris Pollock of Providence and Reuben Pollock of Cranston; two daughters, Mrs. Celia Reichen of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Mickey Rosa of Providence, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**GEORGE J. CHURNICK**  
Funeral services for George J. Churnick, 49, of 144 Garden St., Cranston, who died Wednesday, Jan. 24, after a three-week illness, were held Thursday, Jan. 25 in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

The husband of Estelle (Rubin) Churnick, Mr. Churnick was born in Providence, a son of the late Carl and Dora (Matusow) Churnick. He had lived in Cranston for 20 years.

Mr. Churnick was a self-employed electronic repairman for 10 years until he retired 19 years ago because of illness.

Mr. Churnick was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Cheryl Berger of Cumberland, Mrs. Vicki Pagliarini of Warwick, and Amy Churnick of Cranston; two brothers, Leonard Churnick of Cranston and Jack Churnick of Providence; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Segal of Pawtucket and Mrs. Adele Weintraub of Warwick and one grandchild.

**DAVID MORSE**  
Funeral services for David Morse, 62, of 8491 Old Kings Road, Jacksonville, Fla., who died there Friday, Jan. 26, at Memorial Hospital after an illness, were held Sunday, Jan. 28, at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

The husband of Estelle (Sanek) Morse, Mr. Morse was a controller for 15 years at the Jay Printing Co., Providence, leaving to become a self-employed accountant for 10 years. He retired four years ago.

Born in Providence on April 2, 1916, a son of the late Issac and Rebecca (Elmbogem) Moscovitz, he lived in Jacksonville for the last 3 1/2 years and lived most of his life in Providence.

He was a member of the Temple Beth-Israel Men's Club and a member of Congregation Ahavath Chesed and a member of Temple Beth-El. He was also a member of the Redwood Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Morse was a graduate of Bryant College and was a member of its alumni association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, R.C. Morse of Maspeth, Queens, N.Y.; a daughter, Maxine Goldberg of Wallingford, Pa.; a brother, Louis Morse of Providence; a sister, Rose Erickson of Warwick; and two grandchildren.

**JENNIE SILVERMAN**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Silverman, 74, of 243 Smith St., who died Saturday Jan. 27, at the Elmwood Health Center, were held Sunday, Jan. 28, at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The widow of Fred Silverman, Mrs. Silverman was a lifelong resident of Providence and was born July 29, 1904, a daughter of the late Louis and Ida (Senes) Rodman.

She leaves a brother, Joseph Rodman of Pawtucket and two grandchildren.

**ANNA SPIGEL**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Spigel, 69, of 135 Arnold Ave., Cranston, who died Sunday, Jan. 28, were held Monday, Jan. 29, at the Max J. Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

The wife of Morris Spigel, Mrs. Spigel was a bookkeeper for the Spigel Printing Co. of Warwick for 10 years, until she retired one year ago.

Mrs. Spigel was born in New Bedford, Mass., on March 21, 1909, a daughter of the late Harry and Rose (Rifkin) Drazen.

Mrs. Spigel was a member of Congregation Shaare-Zedek-Sons of Abraham.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Spigel is survived by two sons, Gerald and Robert I. Spigel, both of Warwick; a sister, Mrs. Shirley Bulotsky of New Bedford, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

**RUTH M. HANNAH**  
Funeral services for Ruth M. Hannah, 76, of New York City, who died in Providence on Thursday, Jan. 25, were held Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Max J. Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Hannah was a commercial artist in New York.

She was born in Russia on Sept. 29, 1902. Surviving Mrs. Hannah are a daughter, Mrs. Dody Giletti of Providence; a brother, Daniel Marshack of Toronto; two sisters, Mrs. Serry Swartz and Mrs. Anne Mandell, both of Toronto; and two grandchildren.

**SAUL D. WEXLER**  
Funeral services for Saul D. Wexler, 57, formerly of Cranston who died Thursday, Jan. 25 after a month-long illness, were held Sunday, Jan. 28, in Los Angeles, Calif.

The husband of Judith (Elster) Wexler, Mr. Wexler lived in California for the last 18 years, and before that, had lived in Cranston for seven years.

Mr. Wexler, who was a toolmaker, was born in Providence, a son of the late Philip and Lena (Sugarman) Wexler.

Mr. Wexler was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons and the Shriners.

Besides his wife, Mr. Wexler is survived by two sons, Ronald of Cranston and Paul of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; a daughter, Janis Bolusky of Randallstown, Md.; two brothers, Joseph Wexler and William Wexler, both of Cranston; and two grandchildren.

# Society

## FREEDMAN-SIEGEL

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour J. Freedman of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Nancy Gale of New York City, to Joel Siegel of Brooklyn, N.Y., son of Mrs. Eva Siegel of Brooklyn.

The bride-to-be, a psychology major, received her B.S. degree from New York University, her B.A. degree from Hunter College and her master's degree from the Pratt Institute in creative therapies. She has made the Dean's List at all the schools she attended.

Mr. Siegel received a B.A. degree from Queens College with highest honors and will graduate from the Downstate Medical School, May, 1979.



MISS RENEE FREEDMAN

## BAR MITZVAH

Dean Eric Budnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Budnick, will become Bar Mitzvah at the Shabbat afternoon service on Feb. 3.

## MILLER-PERI

Miss Deborah L. Peri, of 400 Cecilia Place, Fort Lee, N.J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peri of 270 Elberon Ave., Paterson, N.J., became the bride of Richard A. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of 2 Honeysuckle Road, Warwick, on Sunday, Jan. 28, at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Rabbi Les Gutterman officiated at the 1 p.m. ceremony. The bride, wearing a white, beaded and lace gown by Priscilla, was given in marriage by her father, Emil. The bride was carrying a bouquet of colonial yellow and white roses.

Randi Miller, sister of the groom was maid of honor and Stanley Miller, brother of the groom, was the best man.

The wedding reception was held in Vincent's.

After a wedding trip to San Francisco and Hawaii, the couple will reside in Warwick.



MISS DEBORAH L. PERI

## LEVIN-LAMARCHE

Mr. and Mrs. J. Buddy Levin of 20 Summit Ave., Providence, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Beth to David Lawrence LaMarche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. LaMarche of Worcester, Mass.

Miss Levin is a graduate of Simmons College, Boston, and is presently employed as a registered nurse at Boston City Hospital.

Mr. LaMarche attends Wentworth College of Technology, Boston.

Miss Levin is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Paige of Providence and great-granddaughter of



Mrs. Simon Paige of Worcester, Mass. Mr. LaMarche is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaMarche of Florida. The couple will be married at Temple Emanu-El in September, 1979.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William Cohen of Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly of Providence, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Phyllis of Kibbutz Givat Haim Ichud, Israel, to Guillermo Adrian Lifschitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salomon Lifschitz of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Before going to Israel, Miss Cohen was a field representative for the Providence office of Israel Bonds. Her father was formerly the city manager of the Providence Israel Bond organization and now holds the same position in Pittsburgh.

Following a February 18 wedding in Pittsburgh, the couple will make their home in Israel.

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## ARRIVAL OF A NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Boris Abramson of 20 Hillside Ave., announce the birth of their first child and son, Jacob, born Jan. 9, 1979.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Israel Khelinsky. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Abramson, Moscow, USSR.

Great-grandmother is Broma Fridman. Great-grandparents, Jacob Fridman, Aaron Polinsky and Lyobov Polinsky are deceased.

# Study Urges 'OK' For Intermarriage

NEW YORK (JTA): An American Jewish Committee report on intermarriage released this week urged the American Jewish community and institutions to reach out to intermarried couples in an effort to have them become more involved in the community.

Yehuda Rosenman, director of the AJ Committee's Department of Jewish Communal Affairs said that with intermarriage increasing the Jewish community needs to change its attitude "not by accepting intermarriage as a norm but accepting in the community the intermarried couples."

Rosenman and Dr. Egon Mayer, an associate professor of sociology at Brooklyn College, who was research director for the study, also called for a more positive attitude toward converting the non-Jewish partner to Judaism. Mayer said that among the younger couples there was more of a tendency to convert to Judaism.

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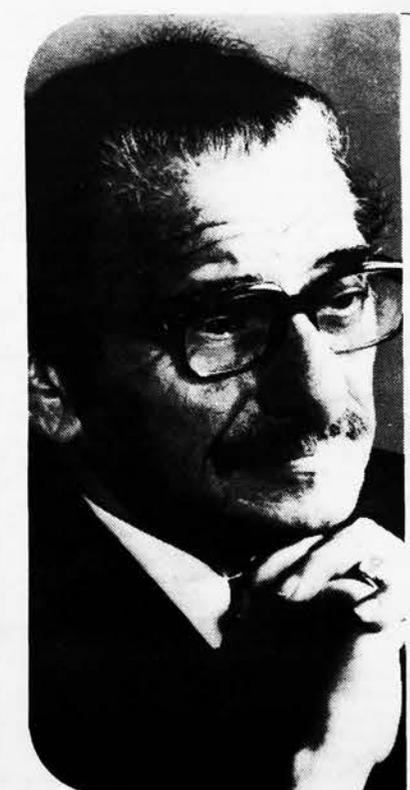
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## Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter



During the past holiday season, record numbers of travelers were "bumped" from their beds, if not from their plane seats or in the jargon of the hotel-motel industry, were given the "getting walked" treatment.

What's more, in the lodging trade, there are no government or agency regulations to curtail overbooking. This industry is a self-regulating and self-policing — and while the number of hotel-motel guests whose reservations are not honored each year is not known, I'll wager millions of you share with me the exhausting experience of arriving at your destination late at night holding a confirmed reservation, only to be told, "Sorry, there isn't a room for you." And in most parts of the world, you have no legal rights.

There are lots of explanations for the overbooking, of course (there always are). Computers break down. Reservations agents and clerks goof. The hotels-motels factor in the no-show percentages (guests who have booked, do not show up and don't bother to cancel).

Help, or the lack of it, if you are left stranded, depends on the hotel or motel chain with which you are dealing. Your best precaution anywhere in the world is to reconfirm your reservation shortly before you are due to arrive. With reconfirmation, you should be unpacking your bags shortly after check-in. If you cannot be accommodated, it's likely that you will be relocated.

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What can you do on your own to reduce this bumping?

\*Always make a reservation (hotels in

most cities are quite full these days).

\*Deal with known quantities, those hotels whose good reputations precede them or those with which you have had good dealings on previous occasions.

\*When possible, reconfirm your reservation, or have your travel agent reconfirm it for you.

\*If you plan to arrive late in the evening, secure your reservation with an acceptable credit card — or send the hotel a cash (check) advance deposit.

\*Work through a travel agent whose knowledge of the hotel and travel industries is competent. Good travel agents have valuable connections with hotels and hotel reservation networks and representatives who, in turn, know the policies and procedures of both chain and individual hotels-motels.

\*Or work through your corporate travel department whose employees, like travel agents, are trained and well-versed in the particulars of the travel industry.

\*Insist upon a written receipt of confirmation of your reservation. With it in hand when you arrive, there should be no question about your right to a room.

\*If you speak in person to a hotel-motel employee, note the name of the reservation clerk or agent to whom you speak.

\*If you know in advance you will not be using the reservation you make, cancel. Not only will it save you the cost of a night's room rate, but it also will cut down the no-show factor which is responsible for the overbooking by hotels in the first place.

What happens when your reservation is not honored because an already-lodged guest has overstayed his expected departure date?

With the exception of Hawaii (whose state legislature has empowered hotels to evict overstayers if the rooms are needed for new, reserve guests), most states and countries have no legal way to evict those who overstay. Hotel spokesmen say the situation is just as embarrassing as refusing you when you have a reservation.

As for overbooking at the world's finest hotels, Hotel Representatives Inc., a network representing 130 of these top hotels, says that it's usually due to conditions beyond the management's control such as a visiting head of state on last minute scheduling.



## FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY The Christmas-Chanukah Dilemma

By BERYL SEGAL

In about 20 years or so from now you will be reading again about the Christmas-Chanukah problem as you did this year, in 1978. The same arguments, expressed with the same vigor, and we venture to say, with the same unreasonableness, will undoubtedly be put forth again.

Chanukah falls at the same time as Christmas does, about every 20 years and it is traditionally during that time when the fuss concerning these two holidays flares up. When Chanukah falls during the season when Christmas trees begin to twinkle in our Christian neighbors' windows, and the radio and television stations dust off their program playlists of Christmas songs and features, then the fuss starts all over again.

This is also the time when the public schools present pageants and rehearse songs of the season and Jewish children turn into shepherds and Magis witnessing the birth of the Messiah. And that is also the signal for Jewish parents to begin worrying about their offspring. To take part in the Christmas play or not? To sing or not to sing? It doesn't occur to these parents that they only have to notify the administration of the schools, that their children be excused from participating in the Christmas programs or to do as so many parents are increasingly doing, sending them to private schools.

Instead, a national Jewish organization had the brilliant idea of demanding "equal time" from the public schools. They sent out Chanukah playlets and Chanukah songs to use during these programs. Give 10 minutes to Christmas and five minutes to Chanukah. I have my doubts whether that organization consulted any Jewish authority on the matter. In the meantime, they gave the stamp of approval to the Christmas observance in the public schools and we see the ridiculous sight of a little menorah beside a huge Christmas tree and we hear the strains of "Chanukah, o Chanukah" next to "Silent Night."

Had they consulted a rabbi or group of rabbis they would have been told that their intentions were good, but that the mixture of the holidays is not compatible. Christmas celebrates the birth of the Christ child, who brought peace on earth and goodwill toward men, while Chanukah commemorates the victory by an armed revolt, against an enemy who conquered their land. Besides, Chanukah is celebrated in the home, in the circle of the family. It is then that the father tells of the great miracle that happened in those days and in that season. The strong were defeated by the weak, the great army by the few and the evil by the righteous. It is an intimate holiday and the candles are small and their flames tell a story.

But no displays please, no special services at the synagogue and no demonstrations.

In the meantime, this partnership between Christmas and Chanukah produced some bizarre observances. In some homes they have both — the tree and the candles. In other homes, the children exchange gifts which are put under the Chanukah bush. In either case, the spirit of Christmas as well as the meaning of Chanukah are ignored.

This year, the Christmas-Chanukah dilemma brought to court the legality of putting up a nativity scene on the grounds of the City Hall in Chicago. The American Civil Liberties Union argued that the putting up and the taking down of the nativity scene is done with tax money, which the citizens of Chicago pay. It turned out the

whole affair was a tempest in a teacup. The nativity scene was put up by the plasterers union of the city. Jews, and others who object, may apply to another union and they will put up a symbol of their "religion" on the same grounds as the nativity scene was erected. The nativity is a symbol of the season and not a religious observance, the city of Chicago argued.

The height of stupidity was reached by a Jewish weekly newspaper when it called for a boycott against the New York Times because of an article that appeared during the Christmas-Chanukah season. In that article, Anna Roppe tells how the Christmas tree finally came to her home. The New York Times is charged with being anti-Semitic. The irony is that the writer of the article bears a nice Hebrew name. Roppe is "physician" in Hebrew. The New York Times was founded by a Jewish family. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus who was a Jew. So where does the anti-Semitism come in?

The Christmas-Chanukah dilemma comes every year at this time, but it was particularly bothersome in 1978 when the two holidays came on the same day. It will be renewed again in approximately 20 years from now, but isn't it time for every Jew to say: Chanukah is my holiday. It has nothing to do with Christmas. The celebration of Chanukah is a private one, an indoor one. Let our neighbors celebrate the birth of Christ, and we will observe a struggle that goes on for centuries, our liberation from the hand of oppressors. And let there be peace on earth.

### RECONSTRUCTION DATE CITED

JERUSALEM (JTA): The reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem will be completed within a year-and-a-half, managers of the government corporation in charge of the project said here. Some 450 flats have been sold since work in the Quarter began more than 10 years ago. Another 200 flats will be built to house some 4,000 residents. The corporation maintains special rules to assure the special character of the Quarter.

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- 7:30 p.m.
- Providence Chapter, Women's American ORT, Board Meeting
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1979
- 7:30 p.m.
- Providence Chapter, Women's American ORT, Fund Raiser
- 8:30 p.m.
- Providence Hebrew Day School, Melaveh Malkah
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1979
- 10:00 a.m.
- Temple Emanu-El, Men's Club, Minyanaires
- 2:00 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El, Institute Movie
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1979
- 12:30 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Open Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Telethon
- 8:00 p.m.
- Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham Sisterhood, Regular Meeting
- Hill at Brown University, Board Meeting
- Temple Beth Am, Board Meeting
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1979
- 12:30 p.m.
- Pioneer Women, Club One, Board Meeting
- Sisterhood Bowling League, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth El, Bowling
- 7:00 p.m.
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Telethon
- 7:30 p.m.
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Women's Division, Career Women's Steering Committee
- 8:00 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El, Adult Institute Seminar
- Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Board Room
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1979
- 10:00 a.m.
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Women's Division, Nominating Committee
- 12:00 noon
- Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.
- Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence, Board Meeting
- 8:00 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, Board Meeting
- Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Regular Meeting
- Temple Beth Torah Sisterhood, Combined Board and Regular Meeting
- Congregation Mishkan Tfilah Sisterhood, Regular Meeting
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One issue which should be liquidated, not on an income basis but rather for reasons of quality, is Dayton Power & Light. Earnings have made virtually no progress in the last decade and dividends have done little better. You might better your position by using the proceeds to add to shares of Middle South Utilities. The latter has increased both net and dividends 6% annually for the last ten years.

Despite the modest 4.5% yield on IBM, it should be held for its strong growth characteristics. The dividend has been boosted 19% to \$3.44 a share quarterly and the shares will be split four for one in the spring. For the year just ended, earnings should be about \$20.60 a share, and \$24 to \$25 seems attainable for this year. The balance of your portfolio fits in with your financial needs and should be held.

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# Poison Threat Of Fruit Is Condemned

AMSTERDAM (JTA): The Dutch government condemned a threat this week from an "Arab Revolutionary Army" (ARA) to poison citrus fruits shipped to Holland from Israel, calling it "a direct threat" to the health of the nation. The threat, contained in a letter, said the "campaign" would be carried out on a much larger scale than such contamination of Israeli citrus exports last year when some shipments of oranges were contaminated with mercury. The ARA letter said this time poison would be used which would make it more difficult to detect than mercury.

The Israel Embassy at the Hague said Israel had taken "all appropriate measures" to nullify all attempts to poison Israeli fruits and vegetables exported to Europe. An Embassy spokesman indicated that such letters had been mailed to several European governments, saying Israeli produce would be poisoned unless a "democratic state" was established in "Palestine."

The letters, mailed in London, were received also by government officials in Belgium, Denmark, Sweden and West Germany. A copy of the letter received at the Hague indicated it was sent to all nine members of the European Economic Community, and to Rumania and

Yugoslavia. After ARA sent a similar letter last year, threatening to use mercury, a number of oranges coming to Europe were found to have been injected with mercury. Six children, five Dutch and one West German, became slight-

ly ill after eating the contaminated fruit. Two million boxes of Israeli oranges and grapefruit arrive in Rotterdam each season.

The Dutch Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Agriculture and

National Health have coordinated programs to determine how the channels of distribution of the Israeli fruit can best be protected. Regional food inspectors and Dutch citizens have been asked to be very alert on the problem.

## ONE FOR THE RECORD

TEL AVIV (JTA): The Vietnamese community in Israel was increased by one with the birth of a baby last Friday at the hospital in Affuleh. A son was born to a young couple who arrived a day earlier from the refugee ship in Manila. Some have suggested that the baby be named Affuleh or, simply, Israel.



LUNCHEON KICKOFF: A donor kickoff luncheon was held on Jan. 22, at the home of Evelyn Striech of Cranston. This was the planning meeting for the annual Cranston chapter of Hadassah Donor Dinner, which will be held on April 23 at the Chateau DeVille. Donor chairman for the April event is Charlotte Jagolinzer. Hostesses for the afternoon kickoff were Doris Jacober and Helen Scribner.

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# Crime and Violence Mar Relations Of Some Groups

JERUSALEM — Asked once about reports of growing crime and political scandals, Golda Meir suggested two possible explanations — either idealism was on the want or Israel was becoming "a normal country."

What passes for normality elsewhere can take strange turns in Israel.

A seemingly clear-cut case of smuggling and terrorism provokes an uproar when the culprit declares himself a national hero.

A small-town mayor once hailed for budding literary prowess becomes the protagonist in a political controversy that will probably make grist for a marketable short story.

A new highway intended to smooth relations between religious and secular

communities turns into an obstacle course.

When the revelations surfaced early in October, they were shocking: an Israeli Jew was directly implicated in a Palestinian Arab terrorist plot to detonate 115 pounds of smuggled explosives outside a Jerusalem movie theater, according to security agents.

But almost immediately, the case against Yosef (Jo-Jo) Nidam, the 31-year-old suspect, ran into complications. The security services at first denied, but later admitted, that Nidam had volunteered the information that foiled the terrorist plot, that he had been put up for a few days at the elegant Jerusalem Plaza Hotel and that he had been wined and dined by security agents and high army officers who hailed him as a hero.

Reports circulated that Nidam would soon be freed because "he had saved Jerusalem from a major disaster." Since then, however, he has been shuttled between prison and court hearings and now stands accused of smuggling drugs and explosives into Israel.

He pleaded not guilty.

Was it a case of a "no-goodnik" with a long criminal record who seized the opportunity to help his countrymen? Or was it another example of efficient action by the security services, using perhaps a bit too much cunning to entrap the culprit?

**Offers to Cooperate With Police** —

The affair began when Nidam was picked up by the police in Jerusalem for driving a car without a permit. The drug smuggling charge was pending against him — he was out on bail — so he offered the police information on the bomb plot.

He agreed to meet with two Arab accomplices, who handed him a suitcase containing the explosives. The Arabs were picked up by security agents a short while later. A demolition squad defused the explosive in an empty lot, where the police had told Nidam to put it.

Nidam says he was then flown in a helicopter to the Lebanese border where he led security agents to paths that had been used for smuggling explosives and drugs. He contends that he was promised immunity from prosecution for his cooperation and even passports and visas to the United States for himself, his wife and two daughters.

Security officials, after first denying Nidam's version of the events, have confirmed parts of it. They point out that he is not being charged in the plot to detonate explosives at the Jerusalem movie theater but, instead, is being prosecuted for earlier smuggling of explosives and drugs into Israel.

Nidam says he never knowingly smuggled explosives and that when he discovered that a delivery contained a bomb, he risked his life to pass on the information to the authorities.

Jagged concrete blocks, known as dragon's teeth and used as antitank barriers by Jordan's Army during the 1967 war, still dot the hills of Ramot, a new residential district on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

The main peril now for Ramot residents on their way to central Jerusalem on Saturdays is the rock-throwing violence of Hasidic residents, angered by drivers violating the Sabbath.

"These people are really dangerous," said Judy Enteen, who moved to Ramot from Florida six months ago with her family.

"Now, honey, remember, you're talking about other Jews," she was chided by her husband, Norman.

"But look," she continued, "we're on our way to the synagogue and suddenly there are these people standing out on the road with their children screaming at us: 'Shabbaz! Shabbaz!' If it's Shabbaz, why aren't they in their synagogue minding their own business? What are they doing throwing rocks for? Worse, teaching their kids to be

violent like that on the Sabbath?"

**Some Roads Are Rerouted**

Confrontations between secular Israelis and religious zealots have occurred elsewhere over the last decades. Some roads have been rerouted or barricaded to calm Hasidic feelings.

For some religious groups, it is a case of out of sight, out of mind: one such community near the Tel Aviv airport was satisfied when the Government agreed to build a fence high enough to blot out the sacrilegious spectacle of Saturday traffic.

The Jerusalem municipal authorities, headed by Mayor Teddy Kollek, known for flexibility and skill in dealing with conflicting groups, could hardly be accused of lacking foresight at Ramot.

The old road connecting Ramot to Jerusalem is narrow, with blind curves that skirt dangerously close to another Hasidic community. The new four-lane road, built after frequent consultation with all neighborhood groups, seems to be judiciously distant from the Hasidic residences at Qiryat Zanz, a modern limestone apartment complex festooned with bright clotheslines.

**Roars From Stadium on Sabbath**

There is no question but that the traffic at the foot of the rock-strewn hills of Qiryat Zanz is visible. But when the skies are their usual brilliant blue, the Hasidim can also see the soccer stadium as well and hear the roars from it during games on the Sabbath.

"We demand that the police protect us," said Yosef Dagan, head of Ramot's neighborhood committee, who complained that officers at the scene did not attempt to restrain the Hasidim.

Six months ago, Yitzhak Kenan, Mayor of Beit Shean, a Jordan Valley town, won first prize in a national literary contest organized by the Education Ministry for stories on life in Oriental Jewish communities in Israel. Kenan's story was called "A Tale of a Bag."

Nowadays, interest in the community is focused on another "bag," a brown one belonging to Polet Samaja, the Mayor's mother-in-law. Political opponents of the Mayor have charged that he won the election last November by buying votes, and that his mother-in-law allegedly distributed the money on election day from a brown handbag.

The two strongly denied the allegations during court sessions in nearby Nazareth.

Kenan, a member of the Labor Party, won election by only 239 votes over Eli Cohen, the candidate from the Likud bloc, which last year took over the Government.

Relations between the two political groups are still unusually bitter in Beit Shean.

**Car Damaged by Vandals**

Only last week, vandals heavily damaged Cohen's automobile, smashing windows, tearing off the antenna and puncturing the tires. Cohen suspects the incident was related to his party's efforts to have the Nazareth court invalidate the election results and call a new vote.

## Exploded Bomb Hurts 22 In Crowded Jerusalem Market

JERUSALEM (JTA): A bomb exploded in the crowded Mahane Yehuda market this past week causing slight injuries to 22 people, most of whom were treated at Shaare Zedek Hospital and sent home. Hospital officials said most of the persons brought in after the explosion were suffering from shock.

The market place has been a frequent target of terrorist attacks, especially on Fridays when housewives do their Sabbath shopping. The bombing occurred at 10:50 a.m. local time, apparently timed to cause maximum casualties. The explosive device was concealed in a can deposited under a vegetable stand. El Fatah, the military arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization, claimed credit for the outrage.

The incident aggravated the running dispute between vendors who complain of insufficient police protection for the marketplace and the law enforcement authorities who are constantly urging civilians to be on the alert for suspicious looking objects.

The owner of the vegetable stand claimed that he had not seen the can containing the bomb. Police said it was there unnoticed for at least a half hour before the explosion. They said that even if police officers inspected every stand in the market, which is not possible, they could not have prevented the terrorist from planting the booby-trapped can since the crowds were so thick.

But the police were red-faced over the apparent laxity on their part which might have resulted in a tragedy of major proportions in Jerusalem last week. A special police investigating panel found a police sapper guilty of negligence when he failed to make a thorough inspection of a car parked on a busy Jerusalem street last Tuesday morning with a powerful explosive device concealed in its trunk.

The sapper was summoned by local shopkeepers who became suspicious of a silver Mercedes parked just off Ben Yehuda Street in front of a crowded cafe during the early morning rush hour. The sapper and other police officers made a perfunctory inspection of the vehicle and left. Almost

three hours passed before another police team, summoned by alarmed civilians, pried open the trunk and discovered a large bomb primed to explode within a short time. It was safely dismantled.

Police Inspector General Haim Tavori said that disciplinary action would be taken against the sapper but did not say whether it would be a reprimand, a loss of pay or a more serious penalty. The heroine of Ben Yehuda, meanwhile, was honored this week and presented with a 10,000 pound reward by a citizens group promoting security. She is Helen Stettner, a newspaper vendor, who was the first to report the parked car to police. Her first customer was Mayor Teddy Kollek who turned up at the newsstand with a kiss, a Jerusalem City Medal and warm words of appreciation for her vigilance.

## 102 Viet Refugees Land In Tel Aviv After Long Wait

TEL AVIV (JTA): After a 17-hour flight from Manila 102 Vietnamese refugees arrived via Athens at Ben Gurion Airport this week. They were greeted by Absorption and Housing Minister David Levy who headed a large delegation of Israelis and former Vietnamese refugees who settled in Israel in 1977. "We shall provide you with solid land to step on," Levy told the newcomers, referring to the weeks they had been stranded aboard a ship in Manila Bay.

The refugees, with tears in their eyes, thanked the Minister and the delegation. After a short ceremony at the airport they were taken by buses to Affuleh where they will stay for some time at a new immigrants absorption center. Even before their arrival in Affuleh, housewives there were preparing cookies and sweets for the new guests. Rooms were being prepared and decorated with flowers and tables were set with bowls of fresh fruit. The Vietnamese already in Israel will help the newcomers during their first period of adjustment.

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## Bikel Calms Passengers On Plane

NEW YORK (JTA): Actor-singer Theodore Bikel used his well-known talents as a folksinger one evening this week to keep calm his fellow passengers aboard a hijacked United Airlines 747 during the two hours they were held hostage at Kennedy Airport.

Bikel, who is chairman of the governing board of the American Jewish Congress, said he took down his guitar and did what he knows best, after the passengers aboard the Los Angeles-New York plane realized they had been hijacked. The hijacker, a woman who said she was carrying nitroglycerin, allowed 24 of the 131 passengers to be released when the plane landed.

The passengers and 12 crew members were released after an FBI agent who had been talking to the woman overpowered her. The woman had demanded that a 25-page religious message she had read by Charlton Heston or Linda Carter, TV's "Wonder Woman." The woman, who was later identified as Irene McKinney, a 49-year-old would-be actress, was scheduled to be arraigned in federal court in Brooklyn on a charge of air piracy. The bag which she said contained explosives was filled only with perfume and personal items. Bikel was helped in entertaining the passengers by Dino Martin, son of Dean Martin, and actor Sam Jaffe.

### TARIFF AGREEMENT SET

GENEVA (JTA): Israel and the Scandinavian countries have concluded negotiations on tax reduction in the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Finland will cut taxes on Israel citrus by 50% and on citrus juices by 40%. Norway promised to allow for more turkey meat to be imported from Israel. It will be four times more, which amounts to 20 tons instead of five tons. Sweden will permit special tariff reduction on flowers according to the seasons.

## Connally Presidential Bid Makes Note of Israeli Importance To U.S.

WASHINGTON (JTA): Former Treasury Secretary John Connally, announcing his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1980, said this week that the Middle East oil crisis brought about by the turmoil in Iran emphasized the "strategic importance" of Israel to the United States.

The three-time Governor of Texas, speaking at the National Press Club, also urged quick agreement by Egypt and Israel on a peace treaty but suggested they make their own arrangements without the

"intervention" of the United States which he said has failed.

Connally, whose political theme centered on "strong leadership both at home and abroad," did not mention Israel or Egypt in his prepared remarks but spoke extemporaneously when he was questioned about Iran, and then, in the course of discussing that situation, he suddenly swung into full endorsement of Israel both morally and strategically. He gave no accolade to any other Middle East country although his law firm in Houston is counselor for Arab oil

interests.

"I have long looked on Israel not only as a nation that deserves our support on a moral standpoint but I have long looked on Israel as a nation that deserves our support from a strategic standpoint," Connally began. "That clearly brings into sharp focus the strategic importance of the preservation and strength of the State of Israel today. Nothing could be more important at the moment than that."

"We recognize not only the moral commitment but the strategic necessity of maintaining the strength of Israel. This puts a new dimension, it seems to me, in the minds of a great many people who are dealing with the problem related to Iran and oil."

Connally, who a few minutes earlier was defending himself as a lawyer for Arabs, went on to say that "we are going to have to encourage and to do in whatever way we possibly can, to bring a resolution of the Israeli-Egyptian problem as quickly as possible if indeed they can do it. We clearly have shown our intervention is not the way it is going to be done but we are going to have recognize that this move in Iran closes the pincer movement — or probably will result in the closure of the pincers on the oil in the Middle East."

In this situation, he said, "Soviet interests" now are controlling the "mouth of the Red Sea" emphasizing that "we are indeed in a crisis situation — I mean it." Connally added "we need to move" not only in Iran "but in all the Middle East — what is left of the security and stability in the Middle East."

Connally acknowledged in response to a question that his Houston law firm, which he said has 208 lawyers, his Arab countries as clients but he said that would not create "a conflict of interest" for him because "as a candidate I won't be a member of the firm."

"Let me assure you that they have our professional ability," Connally said of the firm's Arab clients. "They don't have our philosophy or our conscience."

## Plight Of 'Boat People' Mulled At Rabbis Parley

LOS ANGELES: Recalling the plight of Jewish refugees from Hitler who were shunted from port to port and refused a haven, many of them to die later in the crematoria, the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, had a resolution before it when it convened here this past Sunday, Jan. 29, calling on the United States to welcome the "boat people" of Vietnam.

"There should be no question as to how Jews stand on this," commented Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the 1,100-member Assembly. Rabbi Kelman recalled how boatloads of Jews, denied a haven in Palestine by the British who maintained a tight blockade of the area even in the midst of the destruction of European Jewry, sailed west to America but were turned away. A handful of the refugees were allowed to land on some of the Caribbean Islands, but the great majority of the Jews were returned to Germany, there to be swept up in the Holocaust.

Some of the boats, which were turned away from Palestine sank, with a heavy loss of life.

"We cannot allow another people to suffer from the same heartlessness that our people suffered in those terrible days,"

Rabbi Kelman said. "We cannot remain indifferent to the misery of the Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees desperately trying to find a new home—the lack of the most elemental of sanitary facilities, the scarcity of food, even water, the plight of the old and the sick. The Jewish tradition unequivocally condemns even angels who celebrate their own survival while God's creatures are frowning in the sea."

While Rabbi Kelman said he did not want to predict the outcome of the vote on this resolution, he said he thought there would be little or no opposition to it.

A resolution, which will probably generate considerable heat, Rabbi Kelman said, is one calling for tax benefits to parents who send their children to religious schools. Similar resolutions have been presented to Rabbinical Assembly conventions in the past, only to be turned down, but with a steadily diminishing negative vote, Rabbi Kelman pointed out that other resolutions which will be up for consideration will ask support for the Equal Rights Amendment, urge endorsement and support for MERCAZ, the Movement for the Reaffirmation of Conservative Zionism, the new Zionist organization called into being at a founding convention last autumn.

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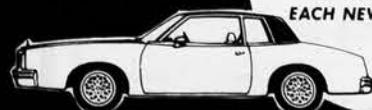
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## American TV Series Stagers A Nation

# 'Holocaust' Touches The Soul of Modern Germany

By Marc H. Tanenbaum

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national inter-religious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, was script consultant to the NBC-TV "Holocaust" series.

NEW YORK (JTA): Nothing — no book, no TV documentary, no film, no lecture — has touched the soul of modern Germany on the moral watershed tragedy of the Nazi Holocaust as has the NBC-TV series, "Holocaust." That dramatic but factual conclusion has emerged from a series of overseas telephone calls that I had with public officials in West Germany, and in particular, with leaders in the village of Oberammergau, last Thursday following the viewing of the third installment of "Holocaust."

According to reports from West Germany in major American newspapers, an estimated 14 million people, or 39 percent of the 34 million people in the viewing audience, watched the third of the four installments last Thursday night. This was up from 13 million viewers, or 36 percent last who watched the second installment, and 11 million, or 32 percent, who watched the first installment.

The viewing audience for each of the three installments was more than double the predicted 15 percent that was expected to watch the program over Westdeutsche Rundfunk (WDR) of Cologne, the regional station coordinating the telecasts. (The number of people watching the last installment was not available at the time of this report.)

The German officials I spoke with said that the figures reported in the American newspapers were underestimated, and that, in fact, some 20 million people had seen the second installment. That means that one in three potential regional viewers were exposed to the "Holocaust" account.

"That audience broke every record for regional television in Germany," one official told me.

"Quite Extraordinary" Experience  
More than 20,000 people called the WDR television offices following the Tuesday night showing, and two-thirds of the callers were in favor of "Holocaust" being televised in Germany. Many of the viewers told the TV station authorities that they either could not go on watching it, and some said that they could not sleep and had to take valium or sleeping pills, so powerful was the program's impact.

One authority told me, "The experience with the program ready has been quite extraordinary. Nobody, even the most sympathetic in the TV industry, expected such an emotional reaction. It has staggered everybody."

The effect has even spread to East Germany where, according to reports, many living beyond the West German regional broadcasting range are demanding to see the series. Regional television broadcasts can be received in East Berlin and in areas along the boundary, but most East German viewers are beyond their range. According to reports, among the East Germans who had seen the program and called to express their reactions, positive comments outnumbered negative comments 6-2.

Reactions In Oberammergau  
I spoke with several people in the village of Oberammergau who are involved in an effort to revise the anti-Semitic version of the Oberammergau Passion Play scheduled for production in April 1980. Hans Schwaighofer, director of the Rosner text of the Passion Play, told me: "Practically everybody in Oberammergau has watched the first two installments of "Holocaust."

The impact has been tremendous. There is a feeling of shock throughout much of Oberammergau. Many people are walking around the streets of the village saying, 'God's sake!' and shaking their heads in disbelief. How did we let that happen?"

The Oberammergau Town Council has sent around a questionnaire to all the villagers inviting them to sign up for the 1980 Passion Play. In light of the shocked feeling in the village in the wake of 'Holocaust' many are refusing to answer the questionnaire, and it is now being extended for another eight days.

Several hundred of the younger villagers identified with the Rosner text have indicated that they will refuse to act in the Daisenberger version of the Passion Play which has been condemned by Christian and Jewish authorities alike as "structurally anti-Semitic." Some Oberammergau officials told me that they now hope that the reaction to 'Holocaust' will play an important role in influencing the rejection of the anti-Jewish Daisenberger text of the play.

There were a good number of negative and hostile reactions of Germans who asked, "Why reopen old wounds? We should forget all this. It is enough time already."

Jewish Reaction Termed Positive  
Heinz Galinski, head of the Jewish community in West Berlin, said that "the reaction of the Jewish community throughout West Germany had been positive," adding that he had received many calls from Jews and non-Jews alike. There are about 27,000 Jews in West Germany today, a tragic remnant of the more than 500,000 Jews who lived in pre-war Germany.

Galinski said the "timing of the showing

was perfect. It comes a time when there is talk again of the Auschwitz lie," a reference to the Nazi effort to revise history and claim that the genocide of Jews never took place, "when some students are making jokes again about Jews, when the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes of murder is an issue and at a time when everybody seems to be preaching 'let us forget.'"

Perhaps the most significant response of all to "Holocaust" was that of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. In a debate in the lower house of the West German Parliament last Monday, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt commended the "Holocaust" series, said the film is a "must" in connection with the current controversy over extending the legal time limit under with the legal time limit under which Nazi war criminals can be prosecuted. He added that the series encourages critical and moral reflection which "is important in view of the decision each of us must make for himself in the course of this year on the statute of limitations."

Based on the impact already registered, the American Jewish Committee now plans to carry out a systematic study of responses to the entire series in Germany as well as in the 15 other countries in which the film is being shown, and then an intensive follow-up educational program in German religious and secular school systems. I have no hesitation in saying that if this "Holocaust" series had achieved nothing other than the impact that it has already had in Germany, it more than justified all the investment of time and energy in helping bring its message before millions of Germans who might otherwise have avoided facing the tragedy of the Holocaust.

## Libyans In U.S. Blast Press For Treatment Of Their Visit

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA): It seems that Billy Carter's "best friends" get their information on Jews and Jewry from the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." A delegation of 30 Libyans, whose U.S. visit was prompted by an invitation by President Carter's brother, Billy, stopped in San Francisco this week on a cross-country tour. During a conversation with the press, the delegation's chief spokesman, Ahmed Al-Shahati, said that Zionism "was racist" and according to "what we read in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, Zionism tries to give privileges to just a few," it was reported by Phil Bronstein, San Francisco Jewish Bulletin assistant editor.

Al-Shahati is the head of the Foreign Liaison of Libya's Congress, a kind of a Foreign Minister for the country. He and his delegation were escorted around Georgia by Billy Carter, who called the Libyans his "best friends." Carter aroused a storm of controversy by blasting what he called "Jewish pressure" on the press and politicians, who snubbed the Libyans. The Libyans are here on a "good will mission."

Al-Shahati, speaking through an interpreter spent a good deal of time blasting the American press for its "misinformation and propaganda" aimed at "giving a bad picture" of Libya. Pressed as to whom he thought was responsible for that "misinformation" he said "the world Zionists are behind this campaign, because they don't want to see good relations set up between the U.S. and the Arab people," Bronstein reported.

Asked about Libya's reputation for being a world haven and bankroller for terrorist organizations, Al-Shahati said this, too, was a plot. "We know that world Zionism is behind this rumor."

Al-Shahati also noted that eight C-130 planes the U.S. was planning to sell Libya, have been held up because of the "world Zionist influence" on the U.S. government. He also claimed that the reason few American politicians turned out to greet him during his tour was due to "Zionist influence." Al-Shahati told the Bulletin that he believed the world Zionists had great influence over U.S. media and politicians.

## UN Assembly Blasts Israel On Relations With S. Africa

UNITED NATIONS (JTA): Israel was condemned this week by the General Assembly in one resolution for its "continuing and increasing collaboration with the racist regime of South Africa" and in a second resolution for its alleged nuclear collaboration with the Pretoria government. While the first resolution was exclusively devoted to Israel, the "nuclear collaboration" resolution cited also the United States, France and West Germany.

The vote on the first resolution was 82-18 with 28 abstentions. The United States and other members of the Western bloc voted against the resolution. The vote on the second resolution was 19-5 with 23 abstentions. Israel did not participate in the vote of either resolution.

Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, in explaining Israel's position before the vote, declared: "Because

Israel has been singled out as the only country in the world for specific condemnation on its own in a special resolution, my delegation will not participate in the voting on the issues before us. I request that this non-participation be duly reflected in the record. We take this stand to express our abhorrence at the cynical debasement of this entire discussion."

These resolutions were part of the Assembly's vote on policies of apartheid of the South African government. Israel, which recorded its opposition to apartheid numerous times before, voted in favor of another resolution adopted by the Assembly which offered tribute to the memory of leaders and outstanding personalities who contributed to the struggles against apartheid and other forms of oppression.

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# ADL Calls Conference On Cults, Jews Seem Lured Most Often

NEW YORK (JTA): Jews are attracted to "cults" in somewhat greater proportion than their percentage of the population, according to Dr. Irving Louis Horowitz of the Rutgers University Department of Sociology. This general assessment was accepted by the score or so participants — educators, sociologists, political scientists, theologians and community relations experts — at a two-day Conference on Cults sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at the Summit Hotel this week.

The fact that large numbers of young

Jews become members of a new religious movements was given as a prime reason for the conference by Theodore Freedman, director of ADL's national program division. He said that although no hard facts are available, the ADL decided to critically examine the cult phenomenon because of reports from various parts of the country about the "involvement" of young Jews in various new religious movements, although the total number involved may not be as large as popularly imagined.

"The events in Jonestown" (Guyana), Freedman said, "appear to be symptomatic

of a malaise in American society and we decided to take a look at the phenomenon. There is deep concern about the political connotation of many religious cults and the possibility that there may be more Jonestowns."

Horowitz, indicating that the current rise of cults is a Christian as well as a Jewish problem, said it is a problem of the confrontation between science and Judaism "in which the rational component has created a schism as in all religions." He added that those attracted to cults seem to be "yearning for certainty."

To a comment that Hasidism is a "cult," Rabbi Israel Miller, vice president of Student Affairs at Yeshiva University, declared that "Hasidism does have all the characteristics of a cult — charismatic rabbi, uniform garb, warm, loving structure, the people live close to each other though not in common, use music — with one important difference, it adheres to the traditional value system of Judaism."

Miller stressed that while the Hasidim succeed, other branches of Judaism apparently fail in transmitting this value system to the next generation. He said, therefore, that "we have to seek out what is missing in our society that deprives us of this ability, that makes people feel they can move on to a greater good without these values." He noted that one problem in this area is that "we have permitted government to take over too much of our lives so that it has taken over responsibilities once accepted by the family and religion."

While no consensus developed in the course of the conference as to the best way to approach the rise of "cults" in the recent period, there seemed to be agreement that more study is essential.

# Jordan, PLO Are Eyed Reconciling Their Differences From The Past

DAMASCUS, Syria: Eight years after King Hussein expelled Palestinian guerrillas from his country in bitter fighting, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization have embarked upon a cautious yet controversial reconciliation.

In the wake of their show of solidarity at the Baghdad meeting of Arab leaders in November, Palestinian delegations have twice visited Amman to coordinate resistance to the peace settlement sketched out at Camp David. Later this month, Yasir Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, is expected to pay his first call on King Hussein in Amman since before hostilities erupted.

The dialogue has provoked angry debates in the Palestinian guerrilla movement and the issue is expected to be raised when the

Palestinian National Council, the P.L.O.'s legislative body, convenes in Damascus this week for a weeklong session.

Radicals have contended that the reconciliation will help King Hussein without advancing the military struggle against Israel.

### Advantages for Both Sides Seen

Western diplomats have seen advantages for both sides in a reconciliation. King Hussein's standing among the Palestinians living on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River is expected to rise, and the dialogue is seen as insurance that there will be no new attempts to undermine his regime, as the P.L.O. was accused of doing in 1970.

P.L.O. officials say closer ties would encourage Jordan to reject any role envisioned for it in the projected peace plans

between Egypt and Israel. Reconciliation with Jordan is also thought likely to give the P.L.O. a counterweight to its traditional dependence upon Syria.

The target appears to be Egypt as much as Israel, because the Baghdad meeting asked Jordan and the P.L.O. to cooperate in finding ways to stiffen popular resistance in the West Bank to any plan for less than complete self-rule and autonomy.

The Palestinian guerrillas are not being allowed to use Jordanian territory for raids against Israel as they did up to their expulsion. A joint communique that Jordan and the P.L.O. issued last month pledged each side not to interfere in the internal affairs of the other. It also declared that "any action that the Zionist enemy might take as a pretext" to attack Jordan would be avoided. "It is pretty clear that it will not be a return to the 1970 days," an Amman-based Western diplomat said recently.

### Jordan's Position Clear

According to official sources in Amman, the P.L.O. was "realistic" enough not to ask to reopen guerrilla bases in Jordan. Jordan's position was clear a month ago when its troops reportedly killed a guerrilla of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and captured another when they tried to cross through Jordanian territory into Israel.

Two major guerrilla organizations, Al Fatah and Al Saiqa, were represented in the talks with Jordan in November and December. But the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, under George Habash, has rejected the dialogue on grounds that Jordan is pro-American and might drag the Palestinians into an "imperialist-sponsored settlement" with Israel.

The Democratic Front's leader, Nayef Hawatmeh, has said that his group would

consider participating only if Jordan lets the guerrillas return to mount operations and recruit from among the Palestinian population, as has been done in Lebanon.

But an Al Fatah official, Hani al-Hassan, has contended that the dangers posed by an Israeli-Egyptian settlement make cooperation with Jordan essential. Zohair Mohsin of the Syrian-backed Al Saiqa has argued that Jordan remains an important confrontation state with influence on the West Bank.

### 'Working Papers' Pledge

The dialogue has been depicted in the Arab world as one result of the Baghdad meeting, but Jordanian officials said that the P.L.O. began trying to revive relations with Jordan two years ago. A P.L.O. delegation visited Amman in January 1977 but nothing concrete emerged, an official said.

Then last November, Khalid el-Fahoum, the speaker of the Palestinian National Council, led a delegation to Amman for talks. Later, both sides pledged in a "working paper" to cooperate in helping Palestinians under Israeli occupation.

In mid-December, a lower-ranking delegation came to Amman to discuss how to channel the \$100 million that wealthy Arab states pledged in Baghdad for the West Bank Palestinians. A third meeting was scheduled to take place this month on political and information policies. It now appears that this will be over-shadowed by a visit from Mr. Arafat himself.

So far, Jordan and the P.L.O. have concentrated on finding areas of agreement rather than divergence. But they differ on a number of issues, including the future of the West Bank and the Gaza. The P.L.O. wants a sovereign Palestinian state. Jordan is believed to prefer some federated arrangement, though it says it is up to the Palestinian inhabitants to decide.

# NJCRAC To Report On Plight of Falashas

CINCINNATI (JTA): In conjunction with Premier Menachem Begin's reiteration of Israel's recognition of the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia as "Jews in every respect," the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) will make a special effort to bring the situation of the Falashas to wider attention and to support agencies involved in trying to save them from chaotic conditions in Ethiopia.

The announcement came following a report made by Benjamin Abileah, director of Israel's Information Center in New York, to a session of the NJCRAC's Plenary meeting here. Prof. Howard Lenhoff, president of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, also addressed the meeting. Abileah said that a

delegation of Falasha Jews now living in Israel was received by Begin in Jerusalem Jan. 5, and Begin stressed the priority accorded by his government to the emigration of Falasha Jews to Israel.

The Falasha Jews who have lived in Ethiopia since the time of King Solomon, and who have resisted attempts to convert or subjugate them, have been estimated to once have numbered a quarter million, but they have been decimated by attrition and persecution. The estimated 28,000 Falashas now are caught between the chaotic conditions of civil war, invasion by hostile neighboring countries, and the depredations of marauding slavers. Many refugees are now homeless in neighboring territories, the Plenary meeting was told.

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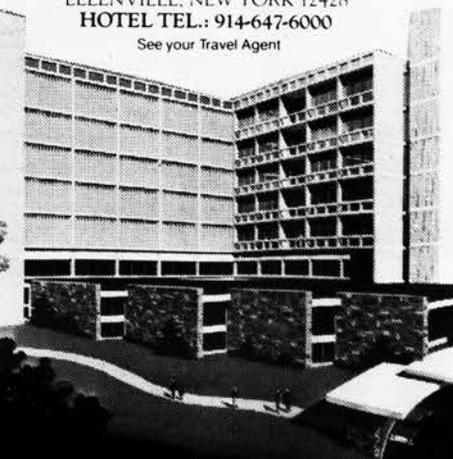
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# Carter Reaffirms Commitment To Israel In Speech

WASHINGTON (JTA): President Carter this week reaffirmed "firm commitment to Israel's survival and security" and vowed to use America's influence to establish an Egyptian-Israeli peace. In a brief passage on the Middle East in his State of

the Union address to a joint session of Congress, Carter spoke of building a "new foundation" for America and the world "so that all of us may live our lives in peace." However, he gave no new clues on policy toward Israel.

## Carter Calls Stalled Peace Talks 'Political'

JERUSALEM: The Israeli Government this week welcomed the United States effort to revive the stalled peace talks between Israel and Egypt, but indicated it did not expect an early breakthrough in the negotiations.

A spokesman for the Israeli Cabinet said that a new American mission headed by Alfred L. Atherton Jr., the special Middle East envoy, who arrives here next Tuesday, is expected to confine itself to exploring ways "to improve conditions for resumption of the negotiations."

In Cairo, the Egyptian Government also declared its willingness to resume talks while repeating demands for Palestinian autonomy.

The Israeli spokesman, Areyeh Naor, the Cabinet secretary said in a press briefing following a Cabinet meeting: "Nobody has any illusions that at this stage all the problems will be resolved. We will wait and see what Mr. Atherton has to say, and we

expect the negotiations will be resumed in due time."

The Egyptian-Israeli peace talks broke down last month, and both sides failed to reach a self-imposed Dec. 17 deadline to sign a treaty as agreed upon during the summit meeting at Camp David, Md., between President Carter, Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt and the previous September. There has been little visible evidence of flexibility on either side during recent weeks.

The deadlock resulted from Israel's rejection of proposals put forward by President Sadat and Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance last month in a last-minute effort to meet the deadline. Among the Egyptian requests was for an understanding that a review of security arrangements in the Sinai Peninsula would be mandatory if requested by either side after five years.

"In the Middle East — under most difficult circumstances — we have sought to help ancient enemies lay aside deep-seated differences that have produced four bitter wars in this century," the President said. "Our firm commitment to Israel's survival and security is rooted in our deep convictions and in our knowledge of the strategic importance to our nation of a stable Middle East. To promote peace and reconciliation in the region, we must retain the trust and confidence both of Israel and of the Arab nations that are sincerely searching for peace."

Continuing, Carter stated: "I am determined to use the full beneficial influence of our nation so that the precious opportunity for lasting peace between Israel and Egypt will not be lost."

The President followed this passage by saying that "the new foundation of international cooperation we seek excludes no nation. Cooperation with the Soviet Union serves the cause of peace, for in the nuclear

age world peace must include peace between the superpowers — and it must mean the control of nuclear arms."

Before Carter went to the Capitol to deliver his address, a senior White House official who briefed reporters about it, did not elaborate on the Middle East section. He said in response to a question on the possibility of a Camp David-style summit that such a summit was not excluded but that it was not an immediate option. He said that once U.S. special envoy Alfred Atherton completes his current mission to Israel and Egypt, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance may meet with Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. But the official would not go beyond that.

Carter in his address emphasized that "as long as I am President, at home and around the world, America's example and America's influence will be marshalled to advance the cause of human rights."

autonomy on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, was an integral part of the treaty.

The Israelis have objected to the first two demands on the ground that they might render the treaty meaningless if a future Egyptian Government changed its attitude toward Israel, or if a conflict broke out between Israel and other Arab countries.

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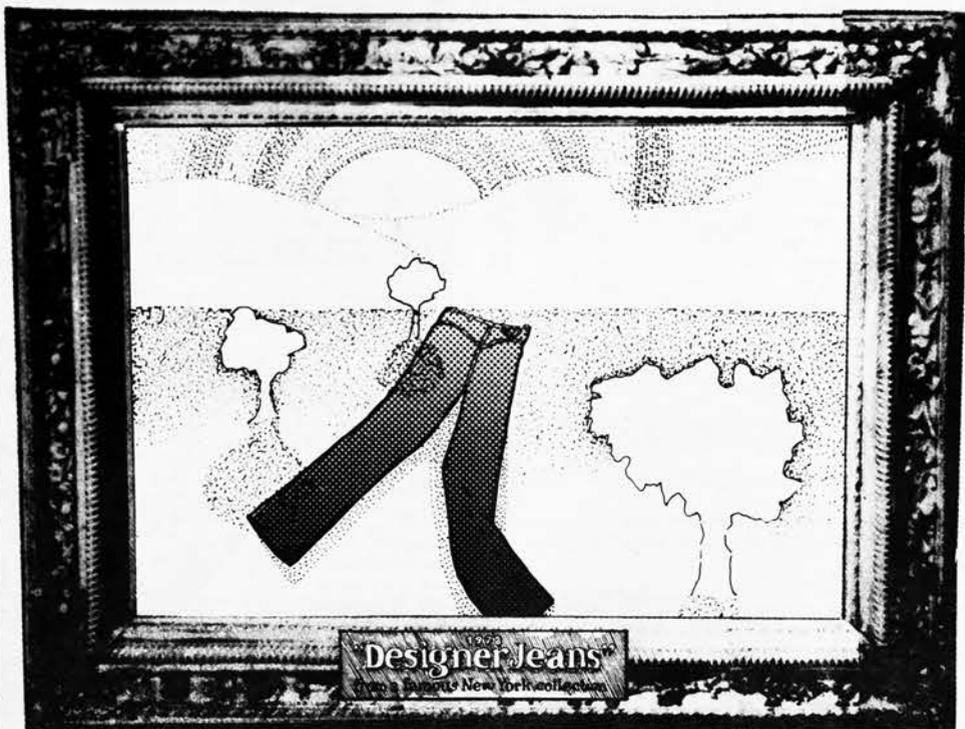
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# Notices

## RI BOY SCOUT SERVICE

On Friday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m., the traditional Sabbath Eve service will be conducted by Rabbi William E. Kaufman and Cantor Philip Macktaz and members of the Boy Scouts will also participate in the service.

Herbert B. Stern, president of the Congregation B'nai Israel will give the welcome, and the Boy Scout Oath will be led by Julian Besette, chairman of "Scout is Reverent" Service.

Bishop Louis E. Gelineau will give the greeting and Stanley Turkel, president of the Narragansett Council Boy Scouts will make an address.

Congregation B'nai Israel is located at 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket.

## SABBATH WORSHIP

Temple Beth-El announces that their Sabbath worship services will begin at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 and Rubbi Gutterman will speak.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, Sabbath worship services will convene at 10 a.m.

## TEMPLE EMANU-EL SISTERHOOD

On Monday, Feb. 5, at 12:30 p.m., the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood will have an open board meeting. Ruth Ades, formerly of Providence, will be the guest speaker. Ruth, who is now president of the New England chapter of the Women's League of Conservative Judaism, will have as her topic of discussion, "Sisterhood and You — A Dialogue."

Martha Cohen and Ruth Horvitz will host the coffee hour preceding the meeting. Elaine Kroll is program chairman and Vida Barron, ex-officio.

## FRIENDS OF PARI

At their January board meeting, the Friends of the Handicapped voted to purchase specially designed feeding equipment for the children at the regional center for special services. These children are severely handicapped, both physically and emotionally. This therapy equipment will facilitate the ability of the children to feed themselves, in many cases not possible heretofore.

The Friends of the Handicapped are dedicated to purchasing therapeutic and recreational equipment and will hold their annual fund-raising event, May Day Fun Day at Ledgemont Country Club on May 16. Mrs. Nathan Samdperil will be chairperson.

# Journey To The Interior

## JACOB NEUSNER

(This is the second of a three part report on Professor Neusner's observations of Middle Western universities and Jewish communities.)

I came to Minnesota because I believe in mass institutions, open admissions (somewhere, if not everywhere), above all a nation which has full and ready access to its institutions of learning and of culture. That is for the sake of the vitality and inner power of universities, as well as of the social and cultural vitality of the nation which pays for them.

I wanted to have the experience of teaching at the largest of the great state universities. Minnesota is one which, I think, succeeds in joining class to mass, in a way that my own university would not attempt. And in a way in which most mass institutions do not attempt either.

Minnesota is excellent and has 65,000 students.

The students mainly are commuters, a great many of them work more than 20 hours a week. In general the university is not the center of their lives, as it is at Brown. It is something which has to compete—not always successfully—for their attention. It was my conception that after an encounter with the biggest and the best of the biggest (or, at least, one of the best), I could hold my head up in conversations with professors who do not teach within fifty miles of the Atlantic or Pacific coasts. These are the colleagues who do not teach the one student of five or eight or ten who has survived an admissions competition. They do not teach students who mostly live in university residential halls, eat together, have long days to spend in the library, if they want, or anywhere else they want, and in general live a privileged and remarkably expensive life. I could say, "Yes, I too have been there." Now I have. What did I learn?

The first thing I learned is that the professors were not entirely wrong (though I think they have been discouraged by too little success) in thinking that their students are not used to using their minds and had best be told what to think. In a university as large as Minnesota, as in any public school

and college, the classroom is a cross-section of the city. My students were as young as sixteen or seventeen, and as old as sixty or seventy. Indeed, the novelty I most noticed in Minnesota was the older women and men who came to my course and did the work. Most of them, to be sure, seem to me ineducable, because they cannot follow a logical argument for more than two steps, and never have a clear notion of what is relevant and what is not. But by far the most perceptive student, and the one who learned by far the most, was a Jewish woman in her early fifties.

Still, the variety of capacities in a public university classroom is its single most striking trait. A few students had good muzzel-velocity, some were inarticulate. A few of them could follow an argument through its stages and even reverse its course. Many could not follow any sort of discussion. Some of them could be relied upon to read and understand what they read. Many could not be expected to read. So what I learned, which I did not expect to learn, was that elite universities are really better than mass universities, in that the educational achievements of the students are markedly greater. Perhaps this is not so in the natural sciences and mathematics, but in the humanities, I think it is clear that a selected student body is easier to teach, enjoys challenge and stimulation from its own midst and can be relied upon to provide its own motivation for hard work and clear thought.

That is not to suggest that public universities do not have good students. On the contrary, I have always believed that there is not a single college and university in this country without its share, however small, of first class young people. I am more than ever convinced that that is the case. But I also have to concede that, while culture should be diffused, some universities really do have a greater opportunity for serious and solid educational work than others. The work of those others is all the more important on that account. For a university like Minnesota has a profound impact upon the everyday culture of its region. Ivy League universities have a profound impact, at best, upon the high culture of a

small class of people, widely scattered across the major cities of the country. It is not the same thing. They make a difference. We don't.

Another conviction, which, happily, I now may affirm on the basis of the sample of my experience, is that there is no faculty in this country entirely lacking in teachers of vitality, intelligence and intellectual power. Minnesota, if I may boast, is exceptionally rich in interesting scholars. I learned much from people there, in history, art and art history, humanities, classics and other fields. I met a good number of colleagues whom I should have been glad to bring back with me to Brown, and many whom I miss. The administration, for its part, seemed to me less boastful of its faculty than it should be and of the achievements of the university in both education and scholarship. I think administrations of state universities tend to be cowed and discouraged because of public hostility to government spending. It is difficult to find fault with this discouragement. But I think a better case can be made for the public university than has been made. More is to be said about why this, above all, is where we should be glad and proud to spend our money. In all, to generalize, I found the faculty far better than the students (which is not the case at some of the "ivy-type" small colleges, where the students are brighter and more interesting than the faculty), and the administration somewhere in-between.

Minneapolis and St. Paul are separate cities. They say that the East ends at Saint Paul, and the West begins at Minneapolis. The two Jewish communities are separate as well, each with its own Jewish federation, for example. Both cities justifiably take pride in the excellence of daily life in them, their cleanliness, their natural beauty. I do not think there is a prettier drive in America than the one down the Saint Paul side of the Mississippi River, from the University of Minnesota to the airport. I took it five times. I cannot forget it. Apart from the vicious Siberian climate in the Winter, I think the people in the Twin Cities who maintain it is the nicest place in the world to live cannot be far from right.

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## The Misuse Of TV Documentaries

By Robert E. Segal

The uses of the dynamic power of television affecting the Jewish community have deepened anxiety lately for those who dread any promotion of American homegrown Nazism along with those who are dismayed when Palestinian terrorists are portrayed in any role other than destroyers of lives and property.

In the first instance, the Public Broadcast System's act of televising "The California Reich," a 58-minute documentary about West Coast would-be Nazis filmed two years ago, the television industry displayed the decency of adding an opening and closing statement effective in dousing the fire. Had the film been shown as a straight account of California kooks imitating the methods of Hitler's swastika-stamped marchers trying to blow up a storm against American Jews, television stations might have had a plague of arson on their hands.

William J. McCarter, president of WTTW in Chicago, refused to run "The California Reich," referring to it as "almost a recruitment film." A number of other stations tossed the film back into the can. Fortunately, the documentary, when shown elsewhere, carried the agreed upon prologue and epilogue, putting the film in context and editorializing against the bombast, strutting, racism, and yammering laced through the picture.

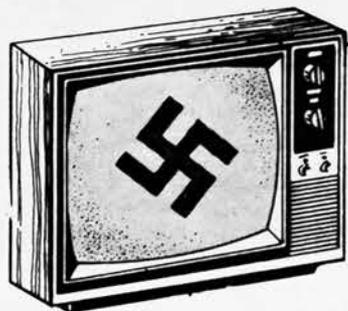
ABC's screening of "Terror In The Promised Land" proved a much more explosive event. Boiling decades of Arab struggles against Jews in the Middle East down to a "news close-up" inclined to justify, if not glorify, Arab terrorism, the producers of this telecast displayed alarming insensitivity and were promptly and properly excoriated for their waywardness.

Dore Schary, one of America's foremost scriptwriters and producers, hit the mark most expertly in his denunciation of ABC's program. "To refer to the PLO cause (as the film did) as an extension of the Holocaust is a brutal comparison and disgusting in its implications," Schary declared. "The Holocaust cost the lives of six million of our people. The only Palestinians who have died have been those who have either killed or tried to kill Israelis. There has been no breath of genocide."

Challenging the tendency of the documentary to portray Palestinian terrorists as examples of freedom fighters akin to those honored for their courage and

sacrifice in World War II, Schary made another telling point. He said he wanted the producers to examine in detail the claim that the PLO trains its men and women to die, to prefer suicide in their cause. "If all of them are so committed, why is it that Israeli jails are full of terrorists who surrendered once they were attacked?" he asked.

Other penetrating questions were raised elsewhere: "Why did not the film point out that there was no move to create a Palestinian state between 1948 and 1967 when the West Bank and Gaza were under Arab rule?" "Why distort history by claiming that the Middle East war is one between European Jews and Palestinian Arabs?"



Why omit pre-1948, Arab-Jewish conflict? Why skip over Arab harassment and murder of Jews in Arab lands?"

Frank Reynolds, who introduced "Terror In The Promised Land" for ABC viewers, is not alone in his tendency to tilt Arabward. Nicholas von Hoffman, widely read syndicated columnist, has urged his readers to keep up on Middle East developments by reading the pro-PLO Middle East Resource Center publications. A sample of von Hoffman's slant in his editorial comment that what Israel wants is "the pauperization and displacement of the entire population of the occupied West Bank."

Frightening is the power of television and the printed work. The American public deserves to be fully and honestly informed; the democratic process is wounded severely when those who produce television scripts and news columns let their prejudices and ill-informed judgments carry them away.

## NY Genealogist Links Up Family Heritages

Hundreds of Americans — including some who believed they had only Protestant or Roman Catholic ancestors — are discovering more about their Jewish heritage through the work of Malcolm Stern, a genealogist in New York City.

"In my line of work, I'm dealing as much with Christians as with Jews," said Rabbi Stern, adding that he has been generally greeted with enthusiasm by the people he approached.

"Some people would resist, would prefer not to discuss it," he said. "But in most cases, if their relatives were far enough back, they thought it was romantic, and they were very proud to be able to claim Jewish heritage."

The impetus for Rabbi Stern's work is his epic "First American Jewish Families: 500 Genealogies, 1954-1977," soon to be published by Ktav Publishing House in New York.

The book may shed a little light on the background of most of America's four million Jews whose ancestors arrived during the mass German and East European immigrations from 1840 through 1921, and whose histories were often obscured by hasty immigration processes and the abrupt break with the past. But earlier family records are often found in graveyards, court records, early synagogue records and in some family archives.

### Sought Out Christians

As a placement officer with the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinical association of the Reform movement, Rabbi Stern is professionally involved in Judaism. But in the course of researching his book he also looked talked with Americans whose families have been Christian for many generations.

One of the most rewarding associations has been with John McKay Scefall, a 20-year-old student at the University of Georgia, who was raised in Macon, Ga.

"We've been Presbyterians since before the Civil War, and my mother is a sixth-generation McKay, and I'm firm in my religious beliefs," said the young man in his gentle, mid-Georgia drawl. "But we've also known we've had Jewish ancestry."

The Scefalls were among the leading families of Savannah and other cities for several centuries. With each generation, the Scefall's father and mother raised him with an awareness of his roots.

"When I was 13, I had tried to create a family tree," Scefall said. "But we got to a point where we could not go any further. Around the 1830's or 1840's there had been a major family break, a lot of ill will, as you might imagine. We had heard that my great-great-grandfather had been converted to Methodism by his wife, but the records were obscure."

### The 'Missing Link'

Scefall — who is a history major at the University of Georgia in Athens — had heard of Rabbi Stern's first work, "Americans of Jewish Descent," which was acknowledged as the source of Stephen Birmingham's best-selling book about Sephardic Jews, "The Grandees." Scefall wrote to Rabbi Stern, and the two began trying to find his "missing link" of an ancestor.

Working from the past toward the present, Rabbi Stern had been unable to trace any family for one Benjamin Scefall, who was born in 1771 and died in 1835 in

Savannah, but whose records claimed no children.

After John McKay Scefall discovered some family records at Athens, he and Rabbi Stern reasoned that when Benjamin Scefall had heard that his only son, Mordecai, had converted to Christianity, he had disowned him.

By linking the Scefalls, old and new, Rabbi Stern was able to provide the young man with the names of over 1,000 relatives he did not know he had, including a link through the Levy family of Savannah, which is related to Asser Levy, the first known Jew in North America. He moved from Recife, Brazil, to New Amsterdam, probably in 1654.

"Last summer I got in my car and I drove along the East Coast from Florida to Boston," Scefall said. "I stopped with some of my relatives. None of the Jewish ones are named Scefall, which is kind of sad, but that's the way it goes. I stayed with the Philip Steel family in Philadelphia and the Jack Coleman family of Jacksonville, who are both still Jewish. I went to service with some of them. I had a blast. Even though it is not my religion, I was glad to see them preserving the Jewish heritage. They view their religion as part of their life. They are such a close-knit people."

### Under Lock and Key

There have been many such rewards for Rabbi Stern and some setbacks. He got in touch with one family — which has long since been Episcopalian — about its Jewish origins, and the matriarch of the family promptly ordered the family archives put under lock and key in a university. However, her son later had the records removed and made available to Rabbi Stern.

Among those mentioned in the book is Gordon Gray, the former Secretary of the Army and president of the University of North Carolina. His lineage was traced through a 19th-century ancestor named Jacob Cohen, a patriarch descended from the Jewish Lions family of Surinam (South America), Philadelphia and New York.

Reached in Florida recently, Gray said he been contacted by Rabbi Stern but said, "I haven't seen the book. We've been Christians for many generations. Why don't you talk to Rabbi Stern?"

Genealogy has been a preoccupation for Rabbi Stern since he was in grammar school and, for project, traced 13 generations of Charlemagne. The nephew of two early Reform rabbis, he studied at the Reform Seminary, Hebrew Union College, under Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, who introduced him to genealogy. Later, Dr. Marcus put him in touch with some early investigation by Dr. Walter Max Kraus, and these were expanded into Rabbi Stern's first book, "Americans of Jewish Descent."

The current work, which lists 40,000 names, includes Americans like Haym Salomon, one of the financiers of the American Revolution; Commodore Uriah Phillips Levy, a leader in the American Navy; Emma Lazarus, whose poem, "The New Colossus," is displayed at the Statue of Liberty, and Bernard Baruch, adviser to several Presidents.

The work, which costs \$75, is being subsidized by the American Jewish Historical Society and the American Jewish Archives.

## BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr

I don't like to write about wild, distributional hands in which no one really knows what to do mainly because there is so little time to find out about important things. Today's hand is different because, even though it is even more distributional than most hands, that fact should point out to an alert Declarer exactly how he must play the hand to make his Grand Slam. He must figure the hand out in its entirety right after he finishes playing to the first trick. At least he has no problem on that trick. And after he has planned his attack, he can proceed briskly thereafter. One variation and all is lost.

<p><b>North</b></p> <p>♦ K J 9 5 3</p> <p>♥ K Q</p> <p>♦ Q 6 4</p> <p>♣ J 10 7</p>	<p><b>East</b></p> <p>♦ Q 4 2</p> <p>♥ J 8 7 6 2</p> <p>♦ 9 7 5 3</p> <p>♣ 8</p>	<p><b>West</b></p> <p>♣ Void</p> <p>♥ 5</p> <p>♦ A K J 10 8 2</p> <p>♣ Q 9 6 4 3 2</p>	<p><b>South</b></p> <p>♦ A 10 8 7 6</p> <p>♥ A 10 9 4 3</p> <p>♦ Void</p> <p>♣ A K 5</p>
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South was Dealer, both sides vulnerable with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1S	2D	3S	P
6S	7C	DbI	7D
7S	End		

Obviously, with such weird hands, the bidding probably went differently at each table. After South opened one Spade, some Wests used the Unusual No Trump to show both long Minors. Their hand was much

too strong. Some preempted at either the four or five level. Actually at this point, no West really knows just which side has the better cards so his proper action is two Diamonds to give himself a chance to bid Clubs later. North can easily bid three Spades over a two level bid and now everyone has a fairly good idea of each side's strength. Over a preemptive bid most North jumped right to six where most of them played the hand. Two enterprising Souths went on to seven voluntarily figuring their void enough extra. When the bidding went as shown, West, in fact, just about forced South to bid the Grand Slam.

Once in Seven, one slip and the hand will go down. I watched the hand several times with only one Declarer failing to capture the Trump Queen. West's bidding practically told Declarer that East would most likely have the Trumps. But catching that Queen is not enough. As you can see, the Hearts cannot be set up as East has five. Also, the Club finesse will lose, the bidding helping tell that.

Most Declarers started with Trumps, playing low to Dummy, nodding in satisfaction when West showed out. They did pick up East's Queen but still wound up short when the Hearts failed to split well enough. This would have worked had the Hearts split as well as 4-2 but they didn't. The bidding should then have shown that no suit would break well.

To make the hand all you have to do is decide that East has the Trump Queen and then plan your play completely around that very fact. And I mean completely. As long as you do this you do not have to bother about how the Hearts split or the location of the Club Queen. You do, however, have to plan the timing of your play.

## Libya, Italy Reach Accord

ROME (JTA): Libya's Foreign Minister Ali Triki left Rome with an agreement for Italian-Libyan economic, technological and scientific cooperation and a prediction that the Saudi Arabian monarchy will fall as the

Libyan monarchy fell in 1969 and as the Iranian monarchy is expected to fall now that the Shah has left.

In an interview last weekend with the newspaper, Messaggero, Triki said that Iran would now "adopt the correct attitude toward the Zionist enemy," meaning Israel, and "will now give its support to its Palestinian brothers." He did not say what form that support would take.

The Italo-Libyan agreement covers a wide range of enterprises including notable increases in Italian oil imports from Libya that presently amount to 16 million tons a year, some 15 percent of Italy's consumption. In addition, a bi-national fishing society was set up in the waters off Sicily and Italian investments in Libya and exports of petrochemicals and industrial goods are expected to increase.

Italy is also interested in safeguarding the health insurance and social security benefits of the 15,000 skilled and unskilled Italian workers living in Libya which was an Italian colony before World War II.

After ruffing the Diamond lead, play a low Heart to Dummy and a low Trump back finessing East's Queen and noting West failing. Now we are all set with another Heart to Dummy and a Diamond ruff. Next ruff a Heart (West has shown out there too) and ruff the last Diamond. Now cash the Trump Ace, Declarer's last Trump. Ruff another Heart and play Dummy's Trump King. This will drop East's Queen and on it Declarer can discard his own small Club. This leaves his last three cards the Heart Ace and the two high Clubs and adds to thirteen tricks.

Moral: Often the more the opponents bid the more they tell you. Listen and then take full advantage.

# The Second Hundred Years War

By DR. JAY N. FISHBEIN

(The material for this article was supplied by Ariel Kerem of the Information Department, Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C., the Consul General, Boston, Massachusetts, and Gerald Baumgarten of B'nai B'rith.)

With the Egyptians within easy rocket range of Israeli settlements, including Tel Aviv, and with the PLO in the Judean hills, Israel would be placed in mortal danger. American security guarantees have proven worthless in the past, and Israel places little faith in them now.

The president inspires scant confidence with his betrayal of Taiwan. While he received no assurance from the People's Republic of China, it is his "considered opinion" that Taiwan would not be invaded. He also feels that he can depend upon Arab promises that Israel would not be attacked, but this is hardly reassuring to a small country, surrounded on all sides by implacable enemies dedicated to her destruction. They have not forgotten Arab threats of "wading to victory through seas of blood, and a horizon blazing with fire."

Israel has been victorious in every war with the Arabs, yet each time it was forced to relinquish the fruits of victory under pressure from Washington and Russia. They have been disheartened by this repetitious favoring of the aggressors, and now President Carter who offered his services as an "honest broker" is forcing a peace that plainly courts disaster.

While Yasir Arafat has been quoted frequently in the American and European press as to his willingness to make peace with Israel, if the West Bank was returned, he stated clearly and concisely in the Arab press: "I am not a man of settlements or concessions. I will fight until every inch of Palestine is returned . . ." This pint-sized terrorist, who has been discredited by many of his own people, blithely brushes aside Resolution 242 of the UN Security Council, that had been accepted by all member of the UN as the base for Middle East peace, yet will eagerly solicit UN support in denouncing Israel for imaginary violations.

King Hussein, with the Palestinians outnumbering his Bedouin, has no interest in a Palestinian state on the West Bank, which would constitute as great a threat to Jordan as to Israel. He was a pariah in the Arab world when he ousted the PLO from Jordan, and only recently did he regain its good graces.

As an inducement not to accept the Camp David

agreement, and join the anti-Israel coalition, he was promised financial aid at the Baghdad meeting, to the tune of \$1.2 billion, which to an impoverished desert kingdom is a strong inducement. In addition, he was promised favorable terms by the Soviets on a big phosphate deal.

Soviet aggressiveness and American vacillation, indicates that the Russians will soon become the paramount military power in the area.

The Saudis were dismayed when the Soviets moved into Ethiopia, and with their base at Aden, gained control of the straits to the Red Sea through which most of the oil to the West and Japan passes. Russia extended its power to Afghanistan and to South Yemen, where they built a powerful base, using Cubans and East Germans, with Soviet military advisors. From these bases they constitute a threat not only to the Mideast, but to all of Africa.

The Chinese have long warned that the Soviets are trying to gain control of the oil resources of the Middle East, but the State Department either fails to recognize the seriousness of the situation, or is uncertain what action to take. The Soviets brazenly ordered the US to keep out of Iran, and the CIA still insists it finds no evidence of Soviet involvement in Iran.

There can be little doubt that the Soviets engineered the turmoil in Iran. European intelligence and the Saudi secret service, which seems to be superior to the CIA, which was taken completely by surprise when the rioting broke out, has evidence that members of the Marxist-led "Popular Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arab Gulf," organized the Iranian oil strike. Thousands of Soviet agents entered Iran to organize the anti-Shah and anti-American demonstrations.

The Soviets have taken advantage of the turmoil and violated Iran's air space without being challenged. Flights of MIG fighter planes have flown over the country without interference. A squadron of F-5s stationed near the Soviet border had been sabotaged, for which the Soviets are also believed responsible.

This Soviet aggressiveness has OPEC extremely concerned, particularly the Saudis, and they prodded Washington to take more positive action. At a recent Washington dinner the Saudi Ambassador stunned his guests with his deep concern about Soviet designs in the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf and the Arabian peninsula.

The Ambassador went on to say: "Our friends do not

seem to realize that a crisis of historic magnitude is close at hand for the Western world, and for those that share its values in our entire area." He also described how a pro-Soviet regime took over the government in Afghanistan, and set up training bases for Iranian and Pakistani terrorists.

The Pakistani envoy was even more pessimistic. "I fear that historians will look back at 1978 as a watershed year when the balance of power shifted to the Soviets."

The tremendous armaments accumulated by the Moslem states is proving more of a liability than an asset. The Soviets by their devious maneuvering may succeed in disrupting or closing down the oil fields. Even a partial interruption of the flow of oil could cripple the West. While Israel faces an uncertain future, that of the oil producing countries as well as the West is not more promising.

We are witnessing the end of an era: The decline and fall of the remaining absolute monarchies of the Middle East. The vacuum created will be filled by one of the two superpowers. The fate of the West depends upon the outcome.

Is this where the legendary Armageddon will be fought — the final battle between the giants? Or will it revert to the cold war as they struggle for supremacy in their deadly chess game?

It is tragic that at a time when Washington sorely needs statesmen able to act decisively, it finds itself in the hands of petty, short-sighted politicians of mediocre caliber. At a time when men of vision and imagination are needed, with an understanding of foreign policy, we have dreamers.

Washington overlooks the fact that this small democracy is the only country the US can depend upon in the Middle East, and its stability is of greater importance now than it has ever been.

We have reason to be concerned when a man like the late George S. Brown could rise to the prestigious position of Joint Chief of Staff and display so little knowledge of history, economics, diplomacy or geopolitics, as to vehemently denounce "the Jewish influence in this country; their control of the banks, news media and motion pictures is unbelievable." He topped off this criticism by calling Israel "a burden to the U.S." There are too many men like General Brown in important positions, and this is tragic.

## Ex-British Leader Sees No Mideast Peace Until Gaza Dilemma Is Solved

NEW YORK (JTA): Former British Prime Minister Harold Wilson said this week that he does not believe that Israel will be able to solve the problem of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank until there is a government of national unity. He explained that a freeze on new Jewish settlements on the West Bank and the future of the existing ones was the hardest question faced by Israeli Premier Menachem Begin. "I can't see him (Begin) giving in easily on the settlements," Wilson said.

Wilson's suggestion came during a press conference in his suite at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, conducted under the auspices of the American Technion Society. He came here from Los Angeles where he had been speaking on behalf of the Haifa Technion. The former Labor Prime Minister indicated that a national unity government in Israel might have to be headed by a Labor Premier, but added that he saw no reason why it could not also be led by Begin.

He said that during his visits to Israel, most recently as the British representative at Golda Meir's funeral, he found the need for such a government stressed by foreign

observers and some Israelis. He said a national unity government was also necessary because of "Israel's chronic economic problem," particularly because of the "enormous power" of Histadrut.

Begin, since becoming Premier, has urged the opposition Labor Alignment to join the government, but it has refused. Wilson noted that such governments are difficult to create since the opposition always believes it will be back in power soon and the party in power wants to hold on to it. Asked whether he agreed with President Carter that the Israeli settlements on the West Bank were illegal, Wilson replied. "I don't think one will get very far with that." He said that while the West Bank and Gaza is a difficult problem, he saw some opportunity in the proposal to give the inhabitants there, self-rule.

### Possibility Of Peace Treaty Seen

Wilson said that he was saw a possibility that Israel and Egypt would achieve a peace treaty this year but cautioned that the negotiations will be long. He praised Carter for his achievements at Camp David but stressed that any Mideast settlement must be reached "bilaterally" between Israel and

Egypt.

The former Prime Minister said that Britain and West Europe can help the present negotiations by "keeping out" and watching hopefully, although they would be glad to help if asked. While not mentioning the U.S. specifically, he said, "I don't think anyone outside is in a position to force a settlement" on Israel or Egypt.

Wilson also stressed that any peace treaty must ensure that the Straits of Tiran remain open to Israel. He recalled that in 1967, when he was Prime Minister, he and President Johnson had agreed to send a British-American force of three or four warships through the straits after Egyptian President Gamal Nasser had closed it to Israeli shipping. But before this could be worked out, Israel "cleared" the straits up effectively in the Six Day War, Wilson explained.

Wilson also noted that the new government of Iran will be more Moslem Arab oriented and because of that, Israel will be more politically isolated. He said this could also mean a cutoff in Iranian oil to Israel, although he did not know if this would actually happen.

## Yiddish Group Urged Formed

NEW YORK (JTA): S.L. Schneiderman, the writer and past president of the Yiddish Pen Center, made a passionate appeal to start a worldwide Hoveve Yiddish ("Friends of Yiddish") movement, patterned on the historic Hoveve Zion movement at the end of the last century. This movement of "Friends" of the Yiddish language and literature should embrace secular as well as religious Jews of every conviction who have a sentiment for Yiddish, the language of our martyred brethren, he said.

Speaking at the banquet at the Roosevelt Hotel celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Jewish Cultural Congress in which over 500 representatives of various Jewish organizations in New York and outside New York participated, Schneiderman warned:

"We are the last generation of Yiddish-speaking Jews who have the duty to preserve the values of the Yiddish civilization that has produced a great literature that achieved the highest recognition of the Nobel committee in Sweden that has awarded the 1978 literary prize to the Yiddish novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer." Julius Schatz, director of the Commission on Jewish Life and Culture of the American Jewish Congress, stated in the name of AJCongress president Howard Squadron, that his organization is supporting the movement for "Friends of Yiddish."

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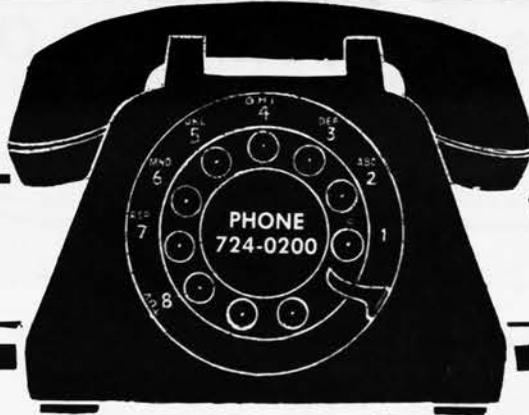
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## Palestine Issue Plagues Iran-Israeli Relations

TEL AVIV (JTA): An associate of Iranian exiled religious leader Ayatullah Khomeini indicated to two Israeli journalists that a new Islamic regime in Iran would continue to maintain relations with Israel if the latter agreed to a solution of the

Palestinian issue in accordance with United Nations resolutions.

Dr. Ibrahim Yazdi, a senior advisor to Khomeini, told co-respondents of Maariv and Al Hamishmar in France that the only quarrel the Ayatullah's anti-Shah

movement has with Israel is over the oppression of Palestinians who lost their land and Israel's alleged aid to Savak, the Shah's hated secret police, according to reports published in the two newspapers this week.

Yazdi received the Israelis in the Ayatullah's guest room in Neauphle-le-Chateau near Paris, Khomeini's headquarters during his exile from Iran. Other advisors present denied anti-Semitic statements attributed to Khomeini and disclosed that a delegation of Iranian Jews had in fact visited the Ayatullah several weeks ago.

Yazdi stressed that for the time being internal Iranian issues will have priority over foreign policy matters and that the new regime Khomeini intends to establish in Iran will neither sever relations with any country nor establish new relations, at least in its early stages.

According to the Israeli journalists, Khomeini's followers are not well acquainted with Middle Eastern problems and repeat the usual cliches. The more confident they feel, the less they express hostility to Jews and Israel, the reporters noted. What seemed to irk them most was their perception of Israel's role in training the Savak.

Asked for proof of this, Yazdi said it was an "open secret." He said the American news media had more than once published reports of cooperation between the Central

Intelligence Agency, Savak and the Israeli secret services. He charged that the Israelis not only trained Savak but cooperated with it.

(In an interview last week, Khomeini asserted that "We are against Israel and we will never help Israel. We will cut off all diplomatic relations. However, sending our army against Israel in any future probable war needs a thorough study, and at this time I do not have anything to say on that.")

(The Ayatullah's statement came in response to a reporter's question on the CBS-TV program, "Face the Nation," last Sunday. The reporter had asked him if he would put Iran's army into action against Israel if there were another war in the Middle East. The interview was conducted in Pontchartrain, France.)

(The Ayatullah also denied that he had made any anti-Semitic statements. This response was in conflict with passages in a book based on lectures he delivered in Persian in Iraq in 1970, "Islamic Government." The little-known book, published in Arabic, quotes him as expressing extreme hostility against Jews, whom he accuses of "plotting against Islam" and preparing the way to rule over the entire planet.)

It was learned here, meanwhile, that the Jewish Agency has been forced to close down its offices in Teheran because of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish threats.

## Minn. Judge Rapped For Biased Remarks

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (JTA): The Jewish Community Relations Council, Anti-Defamation League of Minnesota and the Dakotas, at its board meeting last week, voted to file a formal complaint with the Minnesota State Board on Judicial Standards concerning Judge C. William Sykora's recent remarks to an alleged shoplifter. According to the complaint, he had told the defendant, a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, "Well, with your experience over in Germany and I was over there and saw some of those concentration camps if anybody, if anything would teach a person to learn and obey the law, I would think that it would be that."

The complaint stated that "the Jewish community was shocked and disturbed" by the Judge's remarks, and that he "not only demeaned her (the defendant) as a person, but was an affront to the entire Jewish com-

munity." It was added that Judge Sykora "reflects a total lack of understanding of Nazi Germany and the perversion of law under that tyrannical regime, and of the process that inevitably led to genocide."

During the Hitler era, "more than 400 decrees and edicts were issued and laws passed against Germany's Jewish citizens, which ultimately led to the destruction of much of European Jewry as well as the deaths of millions of non-Jews," the complaint stated. "The experience of Nazi Germany and its debasement of the law should never be invoked as a lesson for obedience to the law in our society. Such an equation is an affront to the citizenry of any society that reverses the law." It concluded by urging that the Minnesota State Board on Judicial Standards take "appropriate action" because the Judge has brought his "office into disrepute."

## 1980 Olympics Eyed OK For Israeli Team

LONDON (JTA): The International Amateur Athletic Federation forces no difficulties for Israeli athletes at the Moscow Olympics next year. The Soviet Union had given assurances that all Asian group states, including Israel, would be allowed to participate, the Federation said this week.

Earlier, the Federation placed a four-month ban on international competitions in 21 countries who took part in last month's Asian Games in Bangkok, from which Israel had been excluded. It also banned their athletes from participating in other international competitions until April 14. The countries who had taken part in the Bangkok Games had committed a "deliberate breach" of the rules of the Federation which had refused to authorize the games because of the ban on Israel.

## Notice

### TWINS CLUB OF R.I.

The Midland Chapter of Mothers of Twins, which is a member of the National Organization of Mothers of Twins, will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in Auditorium A of Kent County Hospital.

In addition the regular order of business, Nancy Saccoia, one of the mothers of twins, will teach the club members and their husbands, line dancing. Refreshments will be served.

## Russia's Treatment of Jews There Mars U.S. Jewry OK On Arms Pact

CINCINNATI (JTA): Jerry Goodman, the executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry suggested this week that American Jews would support "flexibility" in U.S.-Soviet trade relations if the USSR would "standardize and humanize" its treatment of its Jewish population.

Goodman told several hundred Jewish community leaders at a program planning

session of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's plenary meeting here, "If the harassment of new (emigration) applicants does not mount again, and if the 1979 level continues to remain relatively high... (we) will be asked to be flexible on the linkage of trade to emigration. We have insisted that when the time is appropriate we would be flexible in the matter of trade relations." Goodman's

remarks were contained in a major policy paper outlining the tactics and objectives in 1979 for the Soviet Jewry movement in the United States.

Nearly 29,000 Jews left the USSR last year, the highest annual total since 35,000 left in 1973. The U.S. trade policy now offers credits and Most Favored Nation status to Communist countries that allow freer emigration. The major piece of legislation in this area is the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment, principally intended to promote increased Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

"We are for detente and, of course, peace," Goodman said, "but detente requires reciprocal obligations. It is not a one-way street." The Soviet Union, he said, must alter its emigration policy, end anti-Semitism and allow its Jewish population the freedom to satisfy their religious and cultural desires.

"The achievement of an increased rate of emigration which could reach its own level, not obstructed by restrictions, is critical. The process must be standardized and humanized. If denials by reason of 'state security' are to be considered valid, these should be defined and made known in advance so the arbitrariness can be removed," said Goodman.

Hard core refusenik cases should be processed expeditiously, said Goodman, and Prisoners of Conscience should be freed from Soviet prisons, labor camps and exile as soon as the law allows. "It would be a significant gesture if the POC's were released within the next few months. Since nearly all of them have wives and children, such an act of humanity and compassion would be well received in the United States," he said.

Goodman added that those Jews who remain in the Soviet Union should have "the full rights of every other Soviet nationality — the right to their cultural, historical and religious heritage, the right to have Hebrew books and newspapers printed, synagogues open and functioning and trained rabbis and teachers available. Simply put, we want the Jews who remain to survive as a people; and to have the means to do so as part of their daily lives."

### REFUSENIK THREATENED

NEW YORK (JTA): Refusenik Victor Brailovsky is being threatened with "Parasitism" charges.

## Jordan Eyes New Plan By Israel For Canal

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Jordanian government expressed interest in an Israeli plan to connect the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea by an inland canal, Yediot Achronot reported this week. The plan calls for the digging of a canal from Haifa, through the Valley of Jezreel, to the town of Beisan all the way down to the Dead Sea.

More details on the Jordanian reaction to the plan were presented last Tuesday, according to the paper, before a Knesset committee by Shlomo Gur, director of the team which is planning the project. The committee is a joint body to the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, the Finance Committee and the Economic Committee.

According to the plan, the part of the canal between Haifa and Beisan will allow for navigation. It will then link up with the Jordan River, all the way down to the Dead Sea. By taking advantage of the

differences in the elevations between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, a number of power stations can be built along the Jordan River which will allow for cheaper electricity.

Also, according to the plan, a harbor will be built in Beisan which could serve Jordan as well. Under the present situation Jordan has only one water outlet — the port of Aqaba on the Red Sea. The Beisan port would give the Jordanians access to the Mediterranean.

The plan was raised in the Knesset by former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. The committee heard a comprehensive report last Tuesday on the economic advantages of the program. Dr. Zvi Arad, of Tel Aviv University, said there was no doubt that such a project would be economically feasible for Israel.

## Begin Seeking Access For Iranian Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA): Officials in Premier Menachem Begin's bureau asserted that he and the government had been acting energetically for a lengthy period now to arrange means of bringing Iranian Jews to Israel. The officials said most of what was being done had to be kept secret for the present. They noted that at the moment, Iranian Jews who wished to do so could leave the country and their distinct implication was that not many were choosing to leave despite Israel's efforts to avail them of the opportunity and facilities to do so.

The officials strongly denied sharp allegations of neglect and mishandling of the situation made last Sunday by leading Labor Party figures, among them former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. The officials accused Labor of seeking to make "political capital" out of the Iranian situation. Any complaints or comments that Labor had could have been raised more appropriately and more effectively in secret forums, not in public, the officials observed.

Their comments were prompted by charges from Allon of "massive mismanagement" on the part of the government and the Jewish Agency in regard to the Iranian Jewry situation.

Knesseter Uzi Baram scored the government's "conspiracy of silence" motivated by its desire not to offend the Shah.

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