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## Million Israel Workers Strike Against Prices

TEL AVIV (JTA): Almost one million workers staged a four-hour general strike Monday to protest against soaring prices for basic food projects and commodities. Even those workers in defense and essential services who were exempted from the strike, like airline employees, joined in the protest. The strike, termed a huge success by Histadrut but denounced by the government as a political act designed to embarrass the government, included bank employees, dock workers and government and municipal employees. Even teachers went on strike, forcing many working mothers who were not supposed to strike to return home to get their children from schools.

The strike halted the operations of railroads and factories and hospitals and medical services operated on an emergency-only basis. Strikers called for the resignation of Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich and tens of thousands of strikers who gathered near the Histadrut headquarters this afternoon carried banners saying, "Ehrlich, you brought us bitter herbs too early. It is not yet Passover."

The Histadrut leadership decided on the action as a result of a decision by the

Ministerial Economic Committee over the weekend to further reduce price support subsidies for basic food items which had been as high as 80-100 percent. Histadrut Secretary General Yeruhah Meshel accused Ehrlich of taking advantage of the peace process to impose new financial burdens on the populace. "We will not agree that in the name of peace the government will deepen the social gaps," he said.

Ehrlich rejected the charge. He said it was only coincidental that the latest price hikes were mandated at the same time that an agreement was reached on a peace treaty with Egypt. He noted that the government's decision to reduce subsidies was taken when a peace treaty might be signed.

As of yesterday, the prices of bread, cooking oil, milk and dairy products went up by an average of 30 percent. A loaf of bread that sold for 10 cents Saturday cost 13 cents yesterday. The price of a quart of milk rose from 20-26 cents. This reflected the subsidy cuts which reduced the price supports for bread and oil to 65 percent, for milk and dairy products to 55 percent and for frozen chicken to 40 percent. But even after the cuts, the government will pay IL 9.20 for a kilo of oil which is sold at IL 15.

## First Prisoner Exchange With Arab Organization

TEL AVIV (JTA): Israel engaged in its first prisoner exchange with an Arab terrorist organization when, through the instrumentality of the International Red Cross in Geneva, it released 76 Arab prisoners in return for a single Israeli soldier captured in south Lebanon last April 4 by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command.

The exchange, which took place at a remote corner of Geneva airport, culminated almost a year of secret negotiations directed by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman with the approval of Premier Menachem Begin but without the knowledge of the rest of the Cabinet. The secrecy and the lopsided ratio of 76 Arabs for one Israeli has caused consternation in some Israeli circles.

The freed soldier, Avraham Amram, is one of six Israeli soldiers and civilians who strayed across enemy lines while on an unauthorized sightseeing tour in south Lebanon 11 months ago and were waylaid by Jibril's terrorists. Four of his companions were killed and two of them, one wounded, managed to return to Israeli territory.

A special chartered plane left Israel for Geneva with 66 of the Arab prisoners. Ten were released at an undisclosed spot in the Middle East. A few minutes after the Israeli plane landed, a Bulgarian airliner carrying Amram arrived from Beirut.

The exchange took place under the supervision of the Red Cross surrounded by a cordon of Swiss police. Half the Palestinian prisoners left their plane first and had their identities checked by Red Cross officials. Then Amram left his plane and was seated in a Red Cross car parked between the two aircraft. He was allowed to board the Israeli plane only after the last 33 Palestinians had been checked and boarded the Bulgarian plane. They were flown to Libya and Amram to Israel for debriefing and reunion with his wife, children and mother.

### Amram Describes His Ordeal

Amram arrived in Israel for an emotional

reunion with his wife and two children after nearly a year in captivity. He told reporters that he was tortured immediately after his capture by the terrorists and that no attempt was made to treat a hand injury he sustained. Later, however, his treatment improved, he said, and some of the guards even gave him gifts. But he was transferred from one place of imprisonment to another and each time he was beaten in the process. He said he was confined to a tiny cell.

Nevertheless, Amram appeared to be in good physical condition but will undergo thorough medical examinations. Asked how he happened to stray into a terrorist enclave, he blamed it on his guide. The guide, though wounded, found his way back to the Israeli lines.

### No Well-Known Terrorists Released

Israeli authorities said that two-thirds of the released Palestinians were common criminals and only one-third were serving sentences for terrorist acts. They stressed that the latter included no well-known terrorists such as Kozo Okamoto. Nevertheless, many Israelis felt the price was too high to pay for one soldier who fell into terrorist hands because he violated military orders. They also feared that the exchange might set a precedent for breaking Israel's firm policy of no deals with terrorist organizations.

Israeli authorities maintained that the exchange did not involve questions of policy but was an executive action undertaken on humanitarian grounds. They said the condition of Amram's family had warranted this approach.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command is a splinter group that broke away from George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in 1968 for ideological reasons. It is led by Ahmed Jibril, a former Syrian army officer, is pro-Syrian and has estimated strength of 500 members. It is represented on the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and while small, is considered an effective terrorist organization.

## Historic Meeting Between Pope And Delegation of World Jewish Leaders

ROME, (JTA) — Pope John Paul II told a 24-member delegation of world Jewish leaders that he hoped "the city of Jerusalem will be effectively guaranteed as a center of harmony for the followers of the three great monotheistic religions of Judaism, Islam and Christianity, for whom the city is a revered place of devotions."

Observers noted that the Pope's remarks in a private meeting with the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC) was the first time a Papal statement had omitted the phrase "with international guarantees" in regard to the holy places in Jerusalem. The IJCIC comprises five organizations: the Synagogue Council of America, American Jewish Committee, World Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith, and the Israel Interreligious Council. A similar papal audience was held by Pope Paul VI four years ago with a smaller IJCIC delegation.

During his meeting Pope John Paul II said he intended "to do everything in my power for the peace of that land (Israel) which is a holy for you as it is for us." In his weekly address to the crowd at St. Peter's Square last Sunday, the Pope had noted he was "closely following the new endeavors for a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis, hoping that this can be assured everywhere, in just consideration of the rights and legitimate aspirations of all peoples concerned."

The Pope's one-hour audience with the Jewish leaders from the United States, Israel, Europe and Latin America received front-page attention from L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican's official newspaper. The newspaper carried the full text of the Pope's remarks as well as the statement by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress, who led the delegation.

As members of the IJCIC pointed out at a press conference following the audience, the major significance of the meeting was the fact that it took place so soon in Pope John Paul II's papacy. The attention given to the meeting by L'Osservatore Romano tends to confirm the fact that the Vatican wishes to follow the path opened by Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI in improved Catholic-Jewish relations.

### Warm Greeting By The Pope

Committee members all spoke of the warmth and informality of Pope John Paul II. He greeted each of his Jewish guests with a handshake and a few words in their native language. Some members chatted in Polish with the Pope.

Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, who represented the WJC at the meeting, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the Pope was exchanging a few cordial words with him when he was called by his secretary for formal introductions. The Pope whispered to Siegman, "O.K., I didn't meet you" and dashed to the front of the room.

## Police Throughout Switzerland Are Investigating Anti-Semitic Incidents

GENEVA (JTA): Police here and in other cities in Switzerland are investigating a series of anti-Semitic incidents over the last few days. In Zurich, the door of a synagogue was destroyed by a bomb last Thursday causing an estimated 10,000 Francs in damages. The walls of the synagogue were daubed with slogans saying, "We shall kill you," "Heil Adolf," and "We are fighting the lies about the gas chambers."

### Improvement in Catholic-Jewish Relations

In his statement, Klutznick stressed the improvement that has come about in Catholic-Jewish relations as a result of the Nostra Aetate, promulgated by the Vatican Council in 1965 and the Catholic guidelines of 1975. Also mentioned was the need to continue the fight against all forms of anti-Semitism, the concerns for Soviet Jewry, the fundamental Jewish bond with Israel, and the positive results of ongoing work in revising both Catholic and Jewish school texts to eliminate unfavorable mutual stereotypes.

In reply, the Pope's address was rich with positive references to these two essential documents on Catholic-Jewish relations. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, the AJCommittee's director of interreligious affairs, said afterwards, "Today the guidelines and suggestions document received official endorsement by the Pope."

All the representatives agreed that the Pope had reaffirmed his commitment to dialogue. John Paul II emphasized the passages in the "guidelines" that say Christians should "strive to learn by what essential traits the Jews define themselves in the light of their own religious experience," adding, "I believe that both sides must continue their strong efforts to overcome the difficulties of the past, so as to fulfill God's commandment of love . . ."

In condemning anti-Semitism, the Pope linked it to a more general "repudiation" by the Catholic Church, "principle and in practice, all of such violations of human rights wherever they may occur throughout the world." Human rights is to be a main theme in the Pope's first encyclical, to be released Thursday.

### Pope: 'Shalom, Shalom'

At the close of his speech, Pope John Paul II mentioned, "how often both Jews and Christians pray to God with the same prayers taken from the book which we both consider to be the word of God." He added:

"It is for Him to give to both religious communities, so near to each other, that reconciliation and effective love which are at the same time his command and his gift. In this sense, I believe, each time that Jews recite the Shema Israel, each time that Christians recall the First and Second great Commandments, we are by God's grace, brought nearer to each other." The final words of the Pope to his Jewish visitors were: "Shalom, shalom."

Siegman told the JTA: "Perhaps we shouldn't strain interpretation by lending an exaggerated significance to each word spoken by the Pope. The real significance of this meeting lies in his having accepted to hold one so early. Before, his attitude to the Catholic-Jewish dialogue was a question mark. Now we know that he considers it important. Clearly we cannot overcome all differences overnight, but we know that he will encourage dialogue."

An anonymous phone caller to the Zurich newspaper "Blick" said that the Jewish school in that city would be set on fire if the American NBC-TV film "Holocaust" is shown on Swiss television as scheduled beginning April. In Lausanne and Geneva, anti-Semitic slogans have been painted on public walls.

Swiss Jewish community leaders said there is reason for concern but not for alarm.

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#### OSCAR I. COHEN

Funeral services for Oscar I. Cohen, 62, of 53 Leslie St., Cranston, who died March 13, were held March 15 at Temple Beth Torah. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Miriam (Levinson) Cohen, he was vice-president and director of sales for E. Rosen Company for whom he worked for 21 years. He was stricken at work and died in Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. Former president of Temple Beth Torah, he was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 6, 1916, son of the late Eli and Bella (Zilensky) Cohen. He lived in New York where he was employed in the candy industry, and was president of the Candy Square Club before moving to Cranston 21 years ago.

Active in the Israel bonds effort, he was awarded the United Jerusalem Award in 1977 by Israel. Mr. Cohen was a member of Roosevelt Lodge No. 42, National League of Mason's Clubs; the Rhode Island Trowel Club, and B'nai B'rith. He was a member of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Mogan of Hamden, Conn., and Mrs. Anita Gordon of Providence; two brothers, David Cohen and Louis Cohen, both of Brooklyn; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Moed of Fairlawn, N.J., and four grandchildren.

#### AGNES M. SYMONDS

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes M. Symonds, 84, who died March 14 in the Grand Island Health Care Center at Middletown, were held March 16 at Temple Beth-El. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

The widow of Louis J. L. Symonds, she came to Providence in 1946, formerly lived in the Regency, and on Arlington Avenue. A former member of the boards of directors of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, the state Ballet, and the Civic Choral, she was born in Pittsburgh on March 8, 1895, a daughter of the late Bernard and Golda Kreiger. She was past president of the Chopin Club; Narragansett Council of Camp Fire Girls; was a member of Temple Beth-El, the Miriam Hospital, and Providence Chapter of Hadassah.

Mrs. Symonds leaves a son, Alan E. Symonds of Providence; two daughters, Mrs. Susan O'Brien of Pawtucket and Miss Nancy Symonds of New York City; 17 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

#### RITA E. GORDEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Rita E. Gordon, 61, of 80 Cactus St. who died March 14, were held March 16, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The widow of Harry Gordon, she had been a practical nurse at the Kent Nursing Home. She was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Centredale, a daughter of the late Richard and Katherine (McMann) McMann, and lived in Providence most of her life. She leaves a son, Brian Gordon of Manchester, Mass.; a brother, James Paolino of Smithfield, and two grandchildren.

#### IRVING REYN

A graveside service for Irving Reyn, of 101 Warrington Street who died March 14, was held March 17 at Lincoln Park Cemetery where burial took place.

A retired produce dealer, he was born in Boston, a son of the late Louis and Sarah (Ellison) Reyn. He had lived in Providence for more than 75 years, was in the retail and wholesale produce business for 50 years in the East Greenwich and

Wickford areas. He retired five years ago.

He leaves three sisters, Miss Ceyla and Miss Ann Reyn, both of Providence, and Mrs. Rose "Dolly" Brown of Woonsocket; and a brother, Harry Reyn of New York City.

#### MORRIS GOLDSTEIN

Funeral services for Morris Goldstein, 76, a Providence resident for 30 years who died March 15 while visiting relatives in North Hollywood, Calif., were held March 18 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Mary (Spigel) Goldstein, he was a self-employed housewares salesman for many years. He was born in Newark, N.J. on Feb. 3, 1903, a son of the late Louis and Pauline (Birke) Goldstein. He was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Gary Goldstein of Forest Hill, N.Y.; a daughter, Miss Paula Goldstein of North Hollywood, and a brother, Abraham Goldstein of Providence.

#### JOSEPH BERNSTEIN

Funeral services for Joseph Bernstein, 81, a Providence resident for more than 50 years who died March 3, were held March 4 at the Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Rose Anna (Lipsky) Bernstein, he was born in Odessa, Russia, August 12, 1897, a son of the late Joshua and Hrinka Bernstein. For 49 years, before his retirement four years ago, he was associated with the American Upholstery Company.

He was a member of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, Providence Lodge of Elks, No. 14, and a lifetime member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stanley Bernstein, director of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, and director of the Providence Department of Planning and Urban Development; Allan Brent of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Jennie Swetlowitz of Long Beach, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

#### MAE GOLDBERG

Funeral services for Miss Mae Goldberg, 84, who died March 20 at the Jewish Home for the Aged where she resided, were held March 21 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

She was born in Providence, May 30, 1894, a daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie (Simonovitz) Goldberg, and was a giftware buyer at the former Gerber's store, Providence, for about 20 years before retiring. She was a member of Temple Emanuel and Miriam Hospital.

Her only immediate survivor is a sister, Mrs. Sally G. Bonoff of Madison, Conn.

#### DAVID RESH

Funeral services for David Resh, 73, a lifelong resident of Providence who died March 19 while visiting friends at the Jewish Home for the Aged, were held March 21 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of Frances (Schultz) Resh, he was born on January 26, 1906, a son of the late Samuel and Mamie (Swartz) Resh. A partner of Wel-Made Mfg. Co., a Providence slipcover manufacturing for 30 years, he retired five years ago, and resided at 74 Homer Street.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Overseas Lodge, F&AM; the Palestine Shrine; Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham; Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ann Rosenbaum of Palo Alto, Calif.; a son, Fred L. Resh of Boulder, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. Anna E. Gorman of Cranston, and Mrs. Charlotte Shubow of Sharon, Mass., and three grandchildren.

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# Notices

## BROWN SPEAKER

Professor Shemaryahu Talmon of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will speak Thursday night, March 22 at 8 o'clock, on "The Babylonian Exile, a Turning Point in Jewish History." The Department of Religious Studies and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, is sponsoring the lecture which will be held in Rogers Hall.

## PIONEER WOMEN

The Pioneer Women of Rhode Island Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, March 27, at 12:30, in the Jewish Community Center.

Mrs. Samuel Solkoff will be the presiding officer while Mrs. Harry Sklut, program chairwoman for the day will introduce Irvin Lamm, director of the Jewish Home for the Aged. Mrs. Leonard Bornstein is hospitality chairman, the public is invited.

## SPRING DANCE

Bnai Zion Connecticut Singles Chapter 189 will hold a spring dance Sunday, April 1, 7 p.m. at the Agudas Achim Synagogue, 1244 North Main Street, West Hartford. Music will be by Michael Anthony, there will be an open bar, refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to the B'nai Zion Home for Retarded Children at Kfar Hashwedi, Jerusalem.

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Tickets are available from members of The Players and their guests. For information, the Barker Playhouse may be called at 421-2855.

## SINGLES WEEKEND

Bnai Zion Singles are sponsoring an "Invitation To a Happiness Weekend," May 11, 12 and 13 at Brown's Hotel, Loch Sheldrake, New York, for all singles over 28. Proceeds will go to the Home for Retarded Children at Rosh Ha'Ayin, Israel.

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Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of

America, will deliver the anniversary lecture, "The Future of America Judaism, the Views from the West and East," on Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. Both events are free, and open to the public at Hillel House.

## BETSY WALLACE TO SPEAK

Betsy Wallace will be guest speaker Monday night, 8 o'clock, at the meeting of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah at the Providence Jewish Community Center. Ms. Wallace will speak on "New Options in Breast Cancer Treatments," according to Hadassah President Sara Cokin. Harriet Barron is program chairperson, Miriam Plitt is in charge of publicity. The meeting is open to the public, refreshments will be served.

## MONDAY MEETING

The Mother's Association of Temple Beth David-Anshei Kovno will hold a regular meeting Monday night, 8 o'clock, at the Temple. Important donor business will be discussed, and excerpts from "A Bintel Brief" presented. Refreshments will be served.

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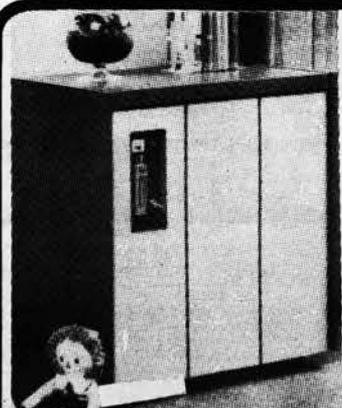
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DAN BUTLER, Barbara Orson, Robert J. Colonna are shown in Trinity Square Repertory Company's production of *Jack the Ripper*. Music is by Ron Pember, book and lyrics by Denis DeMarne and Ron Pember. The production is playing in the downstairs theater through April 14. The play is directed by Mr. Pember, set is by Robert D. Soule, lighting is by John F. Custer and the costumes are by Ann Morrell.

## Jack The Ripper Is Pleasant

Jack the Ripper, now having its American premiere at Trinity Square, is a musical thriller concerned mostly with the low life of London's Whitechapel district. It is a pleasant entertainment that never goes in one direction for long, moving back and forth between the real life of squalid streets and the parodies of life that are offered in a music hall frequented by whores, pimps and thieves.

It is, according to the program, a musical reconstruction of incidents relating to the East End murders between August 31 and November 9, 1888. The idea here is that the Ripper is Montague Druitt, a do-gooder whose hobby is hunting runaway girls, presumably to restore them to their homes. For some reason, perhaps lost in a rewrite, he's particularly interested in finding a Jeanette Marie Reilly, who turns out, of course, to be one of the Whitechapel whores. There are some skilfully designed scenes with eerie lighting and menacing figures moving in, in tophats and swirling capes, toward one or several women. And one scene shouldn't be funny but is—in which a small gang dreams up the soubriquet "Jack the Ripper" for the unknown killer because they need a catchy name for him in a letter they're writing to Queen Victoria.

There is variety here, good choreography, spirited singing and dancing, plenty of stage movement, some good singing and acting. The set is excellently planned for the small downstairs stage. It is a street corner bounded by aging houses and, upstage, a dock with what could be a gibbet standing starkly on one side. There are all sorts of half-seen stairways and alleys, and a sagging balcony on which a possibly retired madam rocks. There are not any long-to-be-remembered songs, but several are more than passable. One of the best numbers is in the production not in the program; it's a scene in which policeman dressed up like women in an attempt to attract the Ripper and give him his comeuppance.

A new comer to Trinity, Neva Small, plays the principal whore. She has an unforgettable voice and a haunting face, and her scenes have the tensions that are necessary. Barbara Orson's Lizzie and Robert J. Colonna's role as the Chairman are well done. Accents vary, as do costumes (for examples, some period footgear for the women, as well as some modern, quite different shoes). The scenes progress well but sometimes drag in the middle. It might help to have more stress

between the real-life and the music-hall scenes, instead of having them flow together. Maybe it's not possible to combine two such different elements in this way, so that comic and tragic are heightened by the contrast. Brecht's *Three-Penny Opera* is an obvious comparison, but that bitter comedy was all of a piece, each actor staying always within his character.

The cast also includes Bonnie Sacks Black, Amy Van Nostrand, Linda Martin, Monique Fowler, Mina Manente, Timothy Crowe, Robert Black, Peter Garty, Bob Anderson, Derek Meader, Dan Butler, Norman Smith, David C. Jones and two children, Arthur H. and Dorothea M. Roberts or Steven and Lisa Listengart. Richard Cumming is musical director and with Bruce Dyer, also furnishes the music. Robert D. Soule designed the set; John F. Custer, lighting; and Ann Morrell, costumes. Ron Pember, who directed and choreographed, wrote the music and, with Dennis DeMarne, the book and lyrics. Although neither as comic nor as thrilling as it may become with a little more work, *Jack the Ripper* is still better than many English imports and much more fun than most of the canned comedy on television.



## FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

### If I Forget You Jerusalem

By BERYL SEGAL

"If I forget you Jerusalem, May my right hand wither." These words spoken by the Rivers of Babylon so many years ago by Jews going into exile from their own land, might have been spoken today. This is an oath taken by Jews going into exile from their own land, might have been spoken today. This is an oath taken by Jews wherever they are, under whatever circumstances they live, never to forget Jerusalem.

This relationship between the people of Israel and the land of Israel cannot be explained in terms of economics, of politics, of culture. How can you explain the shiver that goes through your body whenever this label by the Mediterranean Sea is mentioned? It is not the greatest land in the world. It is not the most fertile piece of land in that part of the Middle East. We certainly did not have a peaceful moment in that land. Why, then, does it stir so much emotion with us? Why are Jews in America so disturbed by bad news and so elated by every ray of sunshine coming from Israel?

These reflections come to mind particularly at this time of the year when hundreds of volunteers man the telephones in our own cities and in cities all over the country to remind us of our duties to Israel. They did it last year and ten years ago and will probably do it again for many years to come, and we will no doubt respond with a greater intensity as the years go by.

Jews in America and Israel have a peculiar relationship. Though they do not intend to go there themselves and make their homes in Israel, they are ready to come to the aid of every call of the land.

"If I forget you Jerusalem" echoes again through the ages. A Jew may not even understand the words of the oath taken by his ancestors not to forget Jerusalem. American Jews may not be familiar with the text of the Psalmist, "By the Rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept," but the yearning is still there. We never forget Jerusalem. We are saddened by the troubles and gladdened by its triumphs.

Truly a mystery. A relationship that cannot be explained.

So many books have been written, so many articles in numerous magazines and learned journals have been published about this curious phenomenon, but it defies explanation. Why does a tree grow? Why does a bird fly? How do you explain the feeling of a Jew when he comes to Jerusalem? When he is taken on a tour in the countryside of Israel?

Is it common religion? But the religion as it is practiced in the Mea Sherim circles of Israel and the religion of American Jews are as far apart as East if from the West. And what about the secular Jews of America? Religion, they say, does not play any part in their lives?

Is it a common language? How many American Jews speak or understand Hebrew? Were it not for the English

language which is commonly spoken in Israel, the visitor would be lost.

Is it common history? Israel attracts immigrants from the Orient, from Africa, and from the Caucasian mountains with whom we never had contact for thousands of years. What do we, American Jews, have in common with the Jews of Yemen, Jews of Morocco, or Jews of India?

Yet we are all ready to call them brothers when they return to Israel as if they were just lost and torn away from our midst.

During the summer vacation flocks of Jewish youths will wander as in a dream on the streets of Jerusalem, will gather oranges in the groves of the Kibbutzim, will learn for the first time in their lives to attend to cows on Israeli farms. Some of them will remain there longer than the summer vacation. Others will return home dreaming of Israel.

There is a general agreement that Israel is the cement that holds American Jews together. It gives a common bond to

traditional, conservative, reform and secular Jews of America. To some it intensified their faith. To others it fills a void in their lives. All of them need Israel.

"If I forget you Jerusalem" is as real today as it was real when the verses were spoken many, many years ago.

We remember Jerusalem when the land calls us for financial assistance. We remember Jerusalem when our moral and political aid is needed. We will never forget Israel in her moments of trial as in her days of glory.

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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1979  
7:00 p.m.  
Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, Shabbath Dinner
- SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1979  
10:00 a.m.  
Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, Minyanaires
- Rhode Island Coordinating Committee for B'nai B'rith, Breakfast Affair  
1:30 p.m.
- Jewish Community Center, Human Sexuality Program  
2:00 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El, Senior Sunday Afternoon Program  
3:00 p.m.
- Hill at Brown University, Anniversary Celebration  
8:00 p.m.
- Jewish Community Center, Jewish Music Month, Piano Recital  
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1979  
12:30 p.m.
- Providence Chapter of Hadassah, Regular Meeting  
8:00 p.m.
- Jewish Activities Council, University of Rhode Island Student Lecture Series  
Pawtucket and Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah, Regular Meeting
- Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, General Meeting  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1979  
12:30 p.m.
- Sisterhood Bowling League, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth El, Sewing  
Pioneer Women Club One, Regular Meeting  
8:00 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El, Passover Workshops  
Elmgrove Chapter, Women's American ORT, Regular Meeting  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1979  
12:30 noon
- Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, Torah Fund Luncheon  
6:30 p.m.
- Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, Paid-Up Supper and Installation  
8:00 p.m.
- Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, Executive Board Meeting  
Hill at Brown University, Anniversary Celebration  
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1979  
7:00 p.m.
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Jerusalem Chapter of Hadassah, Auction

## Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter

#### Income Deductions

Not since income averaging as a device for saving on taxes was written into law many years ago, have so many millions of you had the chance to take advantage of this method of computing your tax to save money. The reason is because the galloping inflation in the U.S. since the mid-70's has pushed huge numbers of you into ever-rising income brackets, and without even being aware of it, countless taxpayers may meet this basic rule for saving taxes.

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If you are a married taxpayer, check your tax returns for '74, '75, '76 and '77. Add up your total income for those four years, and divide that total by four. Then study the following figures prepared by the Research Institute of America to find out whether income averaging will save taxes as against your usual computation.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1979

# Seven Husbands, Their Wives Taking Courses At Yeshiva U.

NEW YORK—Seven married couples are enrolled in the same graduate program at Yeshiva University in Manhattan.

The situation at the university's Bernard Revel Graduate School for Advanced Jewish Studies, is partly an accident, although the school has been encouraging more female students, while not necessarily seeking couples. Orthodox Judaism prohibits women from serving as rabbis, and generally separates the sexes beginning in grammar school. However, in recent years, many Orthodox women and men have insisted that women should be able to aspire to professional careers without violating Jewish religious laws.

As one of the main institutions serving the Orthodox community, the Revel School is encouraging Orthodox women to enroll in the most advanced courses in Jewish literature and history, well aware that they will be competing intellectually with men in the classroom, and also in the market for Jewish scholars. In fact, many of the women are the top students in their classes, and because of enhanced hiring opportunities for women, stand a better chance than men in landing jobs.

Because of the school policy, seven wives and seven husbands are among the 150 students. It is not likely that many graduate schools ever had such a high ratio of married couples, but the circumstances are somewhat different in the Orthodox Jewish community in which women have traditionally been directed to run the household or perhaps a family business.

Although they have had differing experiences, all of the couples agree that their studies are only an extension of their intense involvement in Orthodoxy, and that studying in the same program has been a positive experience.

Rabbi Barry Freundel of Great Neck, L.I., says he and his wife Beth don't argue about school because he's concentrating on Talmudic course, and his wife on Hebrew literature. They teach each other

a lot, he added. Rachel Bernstein Ebner of Washington Heights acknowledged that she and her husband David, a rabbi have argued about who was right and that they confine their academic discussions to outside the house. Their academic, religious and family lives all overlap, and they can't separate them.

Far more than most couples, these Orthodox couples describe common missions for themselves. Bryna Seidman Levy who has taught women in synagogues and colleges, has encouraged her husband of two months, Daniel Levy, to take classes at Yeshiva to prepare to move to Israel and teach there. Having so many couples enrolled was a pleasant surprise for Dr. Sid Z. Leiman, dean of the Revel School, one of 15 schools at Yeshiva. Although Orthodox tradition separates men and women in undergraduate schools, and most public roles, Dean Leiman said the study of Jewish history and culture was "academic, not theological," and was therefore open to women. Of the school's 150 students, 29 are women.

Because of the heavy work and study loads, the couples stagger their schedules. Rabbi Aryeh Oberstein of Brooklyn, perhaps the most traditional of the students interviewed, believes that women should concentrate on family roles. For Rifka Weingarten Oberstein, that includes teaching Hebrew to their 16-month old son, Joseph Solomon, who according to Rabbi Oberstein knew 250 words at the last count. Mrs. Oberstein works as a business representative for the New York Telephone Company during the day, while Rabbi Oberstein stays home with their son. He's proud that his wife is a master's-program student in Hebrew literature at Revel.

Mrs. Oberstein thinks a home where both parents study is marvelous for children. It means the man of the house knows he can have an intelligent conversation at home, and doesn't feel he has to

go out and meet with other men to find that.

Many centuries of tradition have bound Jewish women to the home, but Dean Leiman and Leo Landman, the dean of the faculty, point out that Jewish women also had role models: Deborah in the Book of Judges, who "functioned as a rabbi;" Beruriah, often cited as a second-century legal authority; the daughter of Samuel Ben-Ali in the 12th century, who ran a Talmudic school in Egypt, and Nechama Leibovitz of Israel, a contemporary scholar. "Bearded men all over the world write to her and treasure her responses," Dean Leiman said. "She is considered the greatest living teacher of biblical interpretation."

Nevertheless, the wives at Yeshiva point out that these women are exceptions to the tradition which is not easy to combat. Sometimes they wonder if the teachers are as critical of them as they are of the men. The women feel proud of the changes in Orthodox male attitudes. Bryna Levy who came to Yeshiva with degrees from Barnard College and McGill University, said she was often asked to interpret Jewish law, and wanted to be a role model, for other Jewish women. She said some people

had a negative view of women as students "because women approached Torah study with improper motivation, using it as a means of social protest to vent their anger."

Mrs. Levy said the skeptics would be persuaded "when people see other women approaching Torah learning with the proper motivation, a sincere thirst for Jewish knowledge. Some skeptics have

already been persuaded; teachers and the husbands agree that the wives are generally better students than the husbands. One wife was recently called by a

male friend of her husband for help with a term paper.

## No Damage By Shells In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV (JTA): A number of shells fired by Palestinian terrorists in south Lebanon landed near Metulla and Kiryat Shemona. There were no casualties and no damage. However, residents were forced into shelter for a while, interrupting Purim celebrations by the area's children. The shells hit Israel after a night-long duel between the terrorists and the Christian militia in south Lebanon.

## Israeli Pounds Have Lost Value

TEL AVIV (JTA): It now takes more than 20 Israeli Pounds to equal a U.S. dollar and the Pound is expected to drop in value further. The latest change came last Sunday after a 2.8 percent devaluation of the Pound.

## Jews In Persia Safe And Secure

NEW YORK (JTA): An overflow crowd attending a Purim program at a Manhattan synagogue heard a declaration from Teheran's Chief Rabbi David Shofet that Iran's 60,000 to 80,000 Jews had nothing to fear from the new regime.

Shofet, in a telephone conversation with Dr. William Berkowitz, Rabbi of Congregation Bnai Jeshurun, recorded just prior to the program, said that as Jews were celebrating the safety of the Jewish community achieved by Mordechai and Esther in ancient Persia, the Jewish community in present day Persia "is safe and secure." He said no Jews were killed in the Iranian revolution.

The rabbi, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, added that last Shabat a Jewish delegation visited Iranian Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan who told them that their "rights are the same, if not more" than under the Shah's rule.

Berkowitz, in a message to the Iranian Jews, assured them that they are not "forgotten" or "forsaken" by Jews elsewhere.

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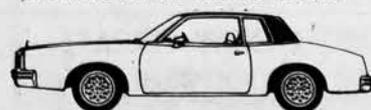
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# Black American Converted To Judaism Because of Perspective

A college student from the south who was working in a Boston animal hospital, Black, Israeli-American Larry Lewis began his journey to Israel 14 years ago when he decided to convert to Judaism.

Today, at age 33, he is a member of the Israeli Kibbutz (communal farm) and a reserve soldier in the Israeli Army. Talking about his decision to begin formal conversion studies, Larry said there is a concept in all Asian religions, and he became a Jew because in Judaism he found the theological perspective that best suited him. After six years in Israel, Lewis doesn't regret for a moment his decision to become a Jew. As a Zionist, he decided in 1972 to immigrate to Israel, and in early February, went to the Israel Aliyah Center in downtown San Francisco to arrange the trip.

Lewis didn't anticipate any trouble in Israel because of the color of his skin, and didn't find any. Months later, Larry found himself on the communal settlement called Kibbutz Gat, about 30 miles southeast of Tel Aviv. Here he studied intensive Hebrew, and earned his way by working on the kibbutz, an association of individual members who share the work, and the profits of the operation equally. By democratic vote of the membership, they accept or reject new applicants who wish to join the kibbutz. Larry, who is well liked by the Kibbutzniks, was unanimously accepted a few years ago.

He works eight hours a day, six days a week in the chicken houses, where there are over 18,000 laying hens. He has plenty of time to think on the job, and composes poetry in his head, then writes it down at the end of the day. He also writes to his family back in Alabama where he has seven brothers and sisters.

Kibbutz Gat has about 450 members, half of them under the age of 30. They come from Poland, Yugoslavia, Germany, Austria, France, England, Brazil and the United States. Apart from weekly films, general kibbutz meetings and a gala Shabbat meal on Friday night, Gat offers its members a variety of activities such as folk dancing, choir singing, lectures, trips throughout the country, handicrafts and much more. The kibbutz also has a swimming pool, library and a small museum.

When the Yom Kippur War began on October 6, 1973 Larry, who like almost all Israeli citizens must serve in the army, asked to be called up early. He was told to report to the induction center on October 24, which turned out to be the final day of the cease fire. Nevertheless, he went through basic training, his unit consisting of immigrants from many countries. Because he had served four years in the U.S. Army, he was obliged to serve only three months initially, with 40 days of reserve duty each year after. At the time of his induction, due to the Yom Kippur War, he was ordered to serve an

additional three months. Larry was one of the best marksmen in his basic training company.

Like most Israeli soldiers who hitchhike from place to place on roads in Israel, he spends a lot of time standing at crossroads waiting for a lift when he does his reserve duty each year. Speaking on the subjects of war and peace, Larry Lewis is serious and philosophical. He points out that Israel has fought four wars with her Arab neighbors, and during the 1973 war, five close friends at the Kibbutz Gat were lost. He doesn't hate the Arabs,

but does hate war, and his heart yearns for peace.

"It was Mohammed who first defined Jews as the people of the Book," Larry said. "I believe that if we can unashamedly see ourselves as Mohammed in his day saw us, and if our Arab neighbors would also share that vision, together we could find the strength to banish the sword. I think Blacks should look beyond the anti-Israel slogans being tossed around, and find out the facts for themselves. It is my belief that once they've done this, Black support for Israel will be second to none."

## Notices

### BENEFIT CONCERT

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation will sponsor a benefit concert, "The Best Of Classics, The Best Of Broadway," at Alumnae Hall, Brown University, Meeting Street, on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature Cecile Tondre, coloratura soprano, Esther Chester, pianist, Donna Hieken, flutist, and the Chester Trio which includes Esther Chester, Samuel Chester, violinist, and Cellist Roberta Plummer.

After intermission, Cecile Tondre will perform a program of musical comedy with orchestra Coletta and Company, and Joe Cerrito, accordionist. Proceeds from the concert will go to the research of Retinitis Pigmentosa (RF), an hereditary disease of deterioration of the retina which often causes blindness in young people.

Tax-deductible tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 728-1437 in Northern R.I.; 828-0520, Central R.I., or 539-8431, Southern R.I.

### WIESEL AT URI

Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Holocaust and world renowned writer will speak at URI Edward Auditorium Monday evening, March 26, at 8 o'clock. His talk is being sponsored by the URI Student Lecture Series in cooperation with the URI Jewish Activities Council. Sam Shlevin, the JAC Advisory Board President and Rabbi Keith Mark Karnofsky, the JAC Director, report that there are still a few tickets left. They can be had by calling the JAC at 1-792-2740.

Mr. Wiesel will speak on "Jew Today: The Jewish and Human Condition."

### SINGLES INVITED

Club E.M., a non-profit social group, invites singles between the ages of 21 and 39, to a "Spring Fever Disco," featuring Lotus Sunday night, March 25 at 8:30, at the Sidney Hill Country Club, 77 Florence St., Newton. Admission is \$4.00, for in-

formation call 361-5975 or 361-3456.

### PASSOVER WORKSHOP

The Temple Emanuel Couples Club under the direction of Cantor Ivan Perlman is having a Passover Workshop and Model Seder, at 3 o'clock the afternoon of April 1 at the Temple. Members, their families and friends are invited. For information call Allan or Ellen Gourse at 331-6811.

### SWING INTO SPRING

The Rhode Island Jewish Singles will hold a "Swing Into Spring" dance for ages 18 to 35 Saturday night, March 31, 8:30, at Temple Beth Torah, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston.

There will be a cover charge of \$3.00.

### FEINSTEIN HONORED

Alan Shawn Feinstein of Cranston has been notified that the new printing laboratory at Boston University's School of Public Communications, has been named in his honor. A financial advisor and writer, Mr. Feinstein is a graduate of BU.

### CLASS REUNION

Hope High School's class of 1949 will hold its 30th reunion June 23 at the Quonset Point Officer's Club. Entertainment will be provided by Carol and Sandy, with music by the Drew-Corcoran Band.

For information call Chairman Noah Temkin at 421-1394 or Sheila Caplan Halperin at 942-7058.

Committee members are Corrine Andreezzi Caldaroni; Lorimer Dunklee; Lenore Kaufman Goldblatt; Claire Poindecker Gomes; Shelia Caplan Halperin; Owen J. Matthews; Dorothy Lynch Murphy; June Hadfield Narducci; Edith Weinbaum Norman; Emily Leo Paquin; Peter K. Rosedale; Charles Samdperil and Irving Silverman.

### MARTIN I. GLASSNER

Professor Martin I. Glassner, a former Department of State Foreign Service

Officer, and now a professor of Geography at Southern Conn. State College, will speak on "People, Politics and Problems of the West Bank," Thursday night, April 5, at 7:30 in Room 203 of the Memorial Union at URI.

Dr. Glassner was a visiting professor at Haifa University, Israel, is an authority on land-locked nations, and the author of a major book on the subject, "Access to the Sea For Developing Land-locked States." He will illustrate his talk with slides, the public is invited. Dr. Glassner's appearance is being sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the Jewish Activities Council, and the Visiting Scholars Committee.

Professor Dr. Mark Goldman of R. I. College will speak at the 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Warwick Social Seniors, Wednesday, March 28, at Temple Beth Am. Dr. Goldman will show slides portraying Jewish life in Cairo taken on his recent trip to Egypt.

### HUMAN SEXUALITY

Carla Hansen from the Pawtucket Family Service Society, and Brown Chaplain Dick Dannenfels will offer a four-part program on Human Sexuality starting Sunday afternoon, March 25, 1:30 to 3:30 at the R.I. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue.

The March 25 topic will be "Getting in Touch with Yourself and Others," followed by "Growing Up Female," on April 8; "Growing Up Male," April 22, and "Sexuality and Commitment," "What Makes a Good, Caring Relationship," on May 6.

### INDONESIAN MUSIC

The children's department of the R.I. Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with the Brown University Music Department will present, "An Hour of Indonesian Music," for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade and their parents, Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave.

Performers from Brown will give a musical demonstration with some of the unusual instruments of Indonesia, and explain how they work. Children will also have the opportunity to play the instruments themselves. The public is invited, tickets are \$1.75 for children, parents free.

### HADASSAH MEETING

The Providence Hadassah will conduct a board meeting Monday afternoon, 12:30, at the home of Mrs. Bernard Klemer, 51 Cambria Court, Pawtucket. Board and Activity List members are requested to attend.

### FIRST AMERICAN TOUR

Israel's number one Hassidic Rock Group, the Diaspora Yeshiva Band, will appear Wednesday night, April 4, 8 o'clock, at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, under auspices of Temple Beth Shalom. Prices are \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.50.

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When a grown-up buys a toy with a certain child in mind, he or she should make sure the toy is meant for a child of that age. And, the child should be allowed to play with the toy in his own way.

For instance, one expert points out, you should not expect a very young child to color within the lines of a coloring book until he gets the hang of it by himself, or insist that a little boy wind up a train engine before his hands are strong enough. He may become disenchanted with the toy.

Children will become interested in different toys at different stages of development, and you cannot hurry them. If you do, you may make them feel incompetent.

It's usually advisable to let your children show you how to play with a specific toy rather than the other way around!

An easy way to find toys especially designed for children under five is to order a free catalogue from Mothercare Catalogue, P.O. Box 238, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

# BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



Today's hand is another in which proper thought will allow the Declarer to make the contract. Yet almost every Declarer failed to make it. For most of them the necessary ingredients were there but too automatic play at the very first trick caused them their defeat. As I have mentioned so many times here, most Declarers play too quickly at trick one. Often it is too late to resurrect the hand.

partner to show a suit or strength. South also has no problem for he has a stopper in Spades, no Major suit and eight high card points. Every South did bid no trump and North was delighted to carry on to game.

Each West made the proper lead of the Spade Jack, the top of his interior sequence. I watched as most Declarers played Dummy's Queen or played low to the King. Whichever they all won that trick. Counting their tricks now adds to eight so the ninth must come from that Heart suit. Hearts will provide three or four tricks depending on whether or not the finesse works. When it is lost, East wasted no time returning his other Spade giving his partner five more tricks regardless of what Declarer won trick one with. Again most agreed that this would happen to everyone and so it did to most but it wasn't necessarily so.

To play Bridge effectively one should be able to count at least to thirteen. Had Declarer done this at trick one, using what he has been told, he might have reacted differently. If West has six Spades, East can only have two so let's take advantage of that knowledge. If we duck trick one we still have a sure Spade trick and it matters not what Spade West plays at trick two for that will leave East void of Spades. That Heart finesse can now be taken with immunity for if East does win he will have no Spade to return to West and the Spade suit is no longer a threat. This even allows an overtrick and really cannot cost even if that Heart finesse should win.

Moral: Many players allow the usage of artificial bids to throw them when actually they can help. Remember everything an artificial bid tells the partner you are entitled to know too.

### TO NAME STREET KHOUMEINI

TEL AVIV (JTA): The West Bank town of Kalkilia has decided to name one of its streets after Iran's new ruler, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The town council said the decision was taken because the Ayatollah has enhanced the image of the Islamic religion throughout the world.

## Israel Backing Asked By Begin

NEW YORK (JTA): Premier Menachem Begin, in his last public appearance before returning to Israel urged American Jewry to "stand together" behind Israel "under any circumstances."

"This is my ultimate appeal to you," Begin told more than 2000 representatives of Jewish communities from all over the United States at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. He pledged that American Jews will be "proud" of the Jewish State. "You know that Israel is ready to make sacrifices for peace, to take risks for peace," Begin told the enthusiastic crowd. Urging unity "under any circumstances" was interpreted by observers as a call for unity even if interpreted by observers as a call for unity even

if the efforts to reach a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt faltered.

Claiming the American Jewish community is "mightiest" in recent Jewish history and that American Jews at times underestimate their own influence, Begin said, "When the time comes, do not hesitate to use your influence." He added that if Israel will be strengthened as a result of this influence, America's interests will be served as well.

Begin, whose speech was hooked up by telephone to a gathering of Jewish leaders in Los Angeles, also appealed to American Jews to come to live in Israel. "Start a real movement of aliya. Yes, yes, we need you. Come, come to Eretz Yisrael, the land of our forefathers."

## Money's Worth

(Continued from page 4)

Equally, you can save at least \$100 if your 1974-77 average income is \$23,200 and your '78 income is \$34,533; if your 1974-77 average is \$28,200, and your '78 income is \$38,533; if your 1974-77 average is \$33,200 and your '78 income is \$46,533; if your 1974-77 average is \$39,200 and your '78 income is \$52,200; if your 1974-77 average is \$43,200 and your '78 income is \$58,533; if your 1974-77 average is \$53,200 and your '78 income is \$72,200; if your 1974-77 average is \$63,200 and your '78 income is \$82,533; if your 1974-77 average is \$93,200 and your '78 income is \$128,200; and if your 1974-77 average is \$103,200 and your '78 income is \$148,200. But if your 1974-77 average income is \$203,200, no savings are possible.

In computing your average income, your income for pre-'78 years must be increased by your zero bracket amount for '78.

To illustrate how income averaging can save taxes for you, let's say you're a single individual who had \$9,800 of taxable income in 1974; \$14,800 in 1975; \$22,800 in 1976; \$30,000 in 1977 and \$38,000 in 1978. This is not at all an unusual progression for these past few years of a wage-price spiral, with prices leapfrogging over wages, then wages leapfrogging over prices, etc.

On a \$38,000 taxable income, your regular income tax for 1978 would be

\$12,190. But by computing the '78 tax on Schedules G and TC with the use of income averaging, your 1978 tax comes to only \$11,510.

You, a single individual taxpayer, therefore, saves \$680 on your 1978 income tax simply by computing your tax in a different way, and using Schedules G and TC to submit the facts which will back up your tax savings.

You need not hunt for more deductions for yourself to reduce your 1978 tax substantially. You need not put yourself through tortuous mathematical computations to save on taxes. You need not even ~~bother~~ with the complex schedules until you have followed the simple instructions of checking your tax returns for the four base years, adding the income and dividing the total by four. Then all you, a married taxpayer, have to do is look at the above figures, to see if you can save at both with the complex schedules until you have followed the simple instructions of checking your tax returns for the four base years, adding the income and dividing the total by four. Then all you, a married taxpayer, have to do is look at the above figures, to see if you can save at least \$100.

You can also save smaller amounts with smaller increases over your average income for the '74-77 years. For instance, at the \$13,200 level, you can save taxes if your '78 income is over \$19,100. You can save at least \$100 when your '78 income hits the \$22,533 mark. So it goes, right down the table from \$7,200 to \$103,200.

This is vitally important! Do not overlook income averaging this year. Check at once whether you can qualify.

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

North and South were vulnerable, West-Dealer with this bidding:

W	N	E	S
2S	Dbl	P	2NT
P	3NT	End	

In most cases East and West were using Weak Two Bids and it is this fact that should have shown Declarer how he should have gone about giving himself the best chance to make his contract. An opening "Weak" Two bid shows a hand with a good six card suit but somewhat less than an opening bid. It describes this to his partner but it also gives out that same information to the other side if they can find some way to use it. Usually, however, what it does is cramp the bidding space for the opponents at the same time it gives partner a good idea of what to do.

In this hand North has no problem with his magnificent hand. If he had a Spade stopper himself he could have bid No Trump himself but he doesn't. His Double describes a good hand, not as good as it is, but allows

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**A:** You seem to be on the right track—the write-offs from rental property would help reduce your income tax liability while you are building assets for retirement. As for your investment portfolio, some of your holdings are questionable. Brooklyn Union Gas, Cincinnati Gas & Electric and Applied Power "B" are of interest only on a high yield basis. At your earnings level, the dividend income only compounds your tax difficulties. If any of these three are held at a loss—and this seems probable—sale would produce an offsetting loss for some of the capital gains you plan to take this year.

In December, Modular Computer (Modcomp) announced that it had received inquiries from two firms about stock purchase, and the shares have been strong as a result. In potential merger situations, just about anything can happen. With this in mind, you might be wise to pin down part of your profit at this time. The balance of your portfolio holdings have long-term appreciation potential and should be retained.

**Q:** I have an IRA rollover account which I established two years ago at retirement. My Kemper Fund has dropped in value although the dividend is the same. I have one more year to wait for the three-year rollover limit on another transfer. How do I go about changing this to a new investment next year? Also, what fund do you recommend? J.M. California

**A:** The three-year limit no longer applies; it has been reduced to one year. You may transfer without incurring tax liabilities from one IRA to another if the transfer is completed within 60 days, the entire account is transferred, and you have established a recipient IRA plan with no other funds in it. Therefore, you should choose a mutual fund, set up a plan, and then send a statement of intent to your present plan custodian requesting the transfer.

Since you are already in a Kemper fund, and I would say it is of high yield fixed income type from your description, your simplest strategy would be to stay within the Kemper group. One of the Kemper funds that would be better suited to your needs is the Kemper Total Return Fund. In the last decade, net asset value has risen 99% for an average growth rate of 7.1% annually. The transfer will be at net asset value — with no load fee required.

### NO-LOAD FUNDS IN TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

**Q:** Our daughter and her husband have seven exemptions, but are still in a 48% tax bracket. They are in their mid-30s and both working for a computer company. Could they each start an IRA account using a no-load fund which invests in electronic stocks? G.G. New Jersey

**A:** If the company or companies they work for have a pension plan, more of their salaries could be tax sheltered by enrolling. Otherwise, an Individual Retirement Account for each of them is feasible. This will shelter \$1,500 annually of each one's income for a total of \$3,000. Without IRA plans, only \$1,560 of the \$3,000 could be saved for retirement.

There are three no-load funds that invest one-third or more of their assets in the fields of electronics, high technology, medical instruments, data processing and communications equipment. Price New Horizons Fund is the largest of them, with assets of over \$440 million. Since 1974, the fund has outperformed the S&P 500 Stock Average in all but one year. In the 1973-74 decline it dropped almost twice as fast as average. Write to this fund for a prospectus and information on an IRA account at: 100 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (call toll free 1-800-638-1527).

Explorer Fund, with assets of only \$10 million, is part of the large Vanguard group. Over the same 1973 through 1978 period, its performance has been on a par with Price New Horizons—some years doing better, some doing worse. The address for Explorer is P.O. Box 1100, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19482 (toll free 1-800-523-7910).

The third fund, Evergreen Fund, is also small (assets of \$13 million) and relatively new. It has outpaced the S&P in each year since 1974, but in 1973 dropped 26% versus a 15% decline in the average. Evergreen has been one of the top 25 funds in each of the last three years. The address is 600 Mamaroneck Avenue, Harrison, New York 10528 (914-698-5711). Your daughter and son-in-law have until April 15 to open an IRA account for 1978 income.

**To M.M. Connecticut:** Three top-quality stocks for your grandchildren are: Eastman Kodak, Schering-Plough and Xerox. These NYSE-listed issues all offer dividend reinvestment plans. Yields on them are about 4.5%. While this is a lower return than you had in mind, high-yield stocks generally do not offer the best growth potential. You should be able to buy 30 shares each of Eastman Kodak and Xerox and 50 shares of Schering-Plough with the \$5,000 you have earmarked for each gift.

### NEW GROWTH SELECTION ADVISED

**Q:** I am 35, plan to retire in 20 years, and am interested in growth potential and income. I own CG (Connecticut General) Fund and CG Income Fund. Do you advise adding to these two or putting my money in something else? Should they be held? G.B. California

**A:** CG Fund had a good year in 1978 and has been on a par with the average mutual fund over the past ten years. CG Income had a relatively poor total return showing last year (income plus capital gains); nevertheless, its longer-term record has been fairly good. These statistics make a reasonable case for holding the funds and I suggest that you retain them both.

However, I would put additional monies in something with better growth prospects. With many working years ahead before retirement, you should emphasize growth and de-emphasize income. Growth stocks, and funds that invest in them, seem to be winning an increasing following after being in the investor "doghouse" for several years. Price/earnings multiples have come down to historically low levels, despite continuing expansion in earnings and dividends. Thus, growth stocks and growth funds are more attractive investments than ever.

I suggest investing additional money in Babson (David L.) Investment Fund. Its management concentrates on selection of good-quality, rapidly growing companies. NYSE-listed stocks comprise about 90% of the \$211 million portfolio. Babson is a no-load fund; i.e., no sales charges are levied. This valuable feature means that each dollar invested buys a dollar's worth of the fund's assets.

Babson's ten-year performance has been above average. I believe this fund represents a solid choice for long-term appreciation. You can obtain all the necessary information by writing directly to: Babson (David L.) Investment Fund, Three Crown Center, 2440 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.

**Q:** I own some shares of Scott Paper and am wondering about the company's growth prospects. Would advise me to hold or sell? B.A. Nebraska

**A:** Scott ranks first in the production of disposable household paper products. Over two-thirds of sales come from these lines with most of the remainder accounted for by commercial papers. Earnings have been fairly cyclical, but the outlook for growth has been bolstered by new products, more aggressive marketing, a better price structure, and an improved supply-demand situation overseas.

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# Churchill, Eden Approved Auschwitz Raid, Bureaucrats Foiled Operation

LONDON (JTA): Both Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden, his wartime Foreign Secretary, agreed in principle to bomb the Auschwitz concentration camp to disrupt the Nazi extermination program in 1944. However, the plan was foiled by Foreign Office officials who failed to pass valuable details of the camp to the British Air Ministry.

The affair was described in a forthcoming book by British historian Bernard Wasserstein who calls it "a striking testimony to bureaucracy's ability to overturn ministerial decisions."

The book, "Britain and the Jews of Europe: 1939-1945," which will be published in the summer by Oxford University Press, was commissioned by the Institute of Jewish Affairs (IJA) which has released extracts about Auschwitz, following the discovery in the United States of aerial photographs of the camp, showing prisoners, the four crematoria and gas chambers.

According to Wasserstein, the Foreign Office's delaying action took place after, at its own request, it received from the Jewish Agency plans and descriptions of the Auschwitz and Treblinka camps. The plans had been ordered on behalf of the Air Ministry, with a view to bombing the camps or the railway lines bringing prisoners to their doom from all over Europe. On Aug. 18, 1944, I.J. Linton of the Jewish Agency sent the Foreign Office details of Auschwitz and Treblinka received from the Polish Interior Ministry-in-Exile.

### Foreign Office Was 'Technically Guilty'

Instead of passing the details to the Air Ministry, however, Foreign Office officials drew up a memorandum which concluded that it was "advisable to inform the Secretary of State for Air that we do not wish to pursue the idea." No reference was made to the requested topographical data, nor to the fact that the data had been received and withheld by the Foreign Office.

A few weeks later, Paul Mason, the newly appointed head of the Foreign Office's Refugee Department, discovered the plans of Auschwitz and Treblinka in the files and wrote a memo that the Foreign Office was "technically guilty of allowing the Air Ministry to get away with it without having given them the information they asked for as a prerequisite."

Besides the data supplied by the Jewish

Agency and the Polish Interior Ministry-in-Exile, the Allies had other information identifying the target. This was a report written by two Slovak Jews, Rudolf Vrba and Alfred Wetzler, who escaped from Auschwitz on April 17, 1944 and gave Jewish underground fighters in Slovakia a 30-page report containing details of Auschwitz and its extermination wing at Birkenau.

# Hasidic Rabbis March Against Road Project

NEW YORK — About 220 Hasidic rabbis marched to the Israeli Consulate General earlier this week and delivered petitions with an estimated 20,000 signatures, contending that Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem faced interference with their Sabbath because of a new road project. They also charged that graves of Talmudic scholars in Galilee had been desecrated.

The protest was organized by the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada, which said it represented more than 250,000 Jews. Its president, Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum, is the 92-year-old leader of the Satmar Hasidim and chief rabbi of a traditional court in Jerusalem.

That same night the congress also conducted a rally at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden to emphasize its complaint over what it called "Israel's scorn of Orthodox practices." The rabbis arrived from Brooklyn's Williamsburg, Borough Park and Crown Heights sections mostly in three buses, debarked at First Avenue and 42nd street, then marched behind a protest banner to the consulate building at 800 Second Avenue and 43rd Street.

Deputy Consul-General Yosef Ben-Aharon said he would relay the petition to his Government. There have been roads closed on Sabbaths when a community majority requests, he told the rabbis. But he also cautioned them not to demonstrate against Israel, because they would play into the hands of those who want to detract Israel.

Rabbi Ephroim Stein, administrator of a Brooklyn Orthodox School, led the delegation, which included Rabbi Martin Berkowitz, executive director of the congress, and Rabbi Chaim M. Stauber, a New York City Human Rights Com-

This was passed to Dr. Gerhart Riegner, the World Jewish Congress representative in Geneva, who forwarded it to the British, American and exiled Czechoslovak governments.

The IJA says that the lack of topographical data on Auschwitz was therefore no explanation for the refusal by the U.S. and Britain to carry out the bombing.

missioner.

The protest was only coincidental with the new Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement, Rabbi Stein said, and his group prayed and hoped for peace. He said the rabbinical congress had opposed establishment of a government in Israel, believing a state should await the coming of the Messiah and eternal redemption. But the rabbi noted that members lived peacefully in the land without participating in its government. Rabbi Teitelbaum, he said, has been a principal contributor to two villages of his followers - Kiryas Maharit in the Jerusalem area and Kiryas Joel near Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Stein said the controversial road in northern Jerusalem was being constructed through the Sanhardia Hamirkevet community built by Orthodox Jews after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. He said the road was to be linked to a sports stadium, now in its first stages, and Orthodox believers saw heavy traffic coming to disturb Sabbath observances. In Galilee, Rabbi Stein stated, a road to a military establishment near Safed, built a year ago, disrupted three sites of multiple graves of scholars, some more than 2,000 years old. Archeologists, he continued, then took some bones and displayed them in a museum - an act his movement considered to be further desecration.

Rabbi Stein proposed that an international body to supervise other holy places might preserve 50 other such grave sites and restore those already disrupted. Rabbi Teitelbaum founded the Satmar movement in the Rumanian community of that name in 1906. During World War II, he was imprisoned in the Bergen-Belsen Nazi concentration camp. He came to Brooklyn's Williamsburg section in 1946.

# Two West Bank Residents Killed

TEL AVIV (JTA): Two West Bank residents were killed and a third was wounded when Israeli border police opened fire on demonstrators in Halhoul, a village near Hebron. The victims were identified as Masri el Anani, 21 and a 17-year-old girl student, Rabaya Shalalda, who died of wounds at Hebron Hospital. Another student, Yusuf Saleh Badawi, sustained slight injuries.

The Military Government ordered an immediate investigation of the incident, described as the worst in the wave of violence that has swept the West Bank during the past week in protest against an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. Gen. Moshe Levi, commander of the central front, rushed to Halhoul where a curfew was imposed. Disorders also occurred in East Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem, Beth Shour and Jericho. In several instances border police used tear gas bombs to disperse demonstrators.

Meanwhile, a dispute has arisen over the use of weapons by Gush Emunim settlers from Ofra to disperse Arabs who set up a roadblock outside the nearby Arab town of Ramallah Monday. The army declared that the use of arms by civilian settlers was illegal and demanded that the Gush give up their weapons. The Gush refused. Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who heads the ministerial settlement committee, visited Ofra today accompanied by Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori to discuss the situation. The army insists that the Gush refrain from firing on demonstrators in Arab towns.

# Israel Exports Show Increase

BRUSSELS (JTA): Israel's exports to Belgium amounted to \$201,035,000 last year compared with \$158,717,000 in 1977 according to Moshe Tamari, who is in charge of trade and economic affairs at the Israel Embassy here. He said that exports rose, in particular, in the electronic and chemical fields as well as in the textile branch despite the current crisis in this industry in Belgium. Tamari said that the trade agreement between the European Common Market and Israel helped Israeli exports of industrial products to the Market countries.

### ASK MEETING

UNITED NATIONS (JTA): Jordan requested a meeting of the Security Council to discuss Israel's settlements on the West Bank. The request was made in a letter addressed to this month's President of the Council, Kuwait's UN Ambassador Abdalla Yaccoub Bishara.

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## Full Schedule Of Activities Planned For April At URI By Jewish Council

A full schedule for April has been arranged by URI's Jewish Activities Council, according to JAC Advisory Board President Samuel Shlevin, and Rabbi Keith Karnofsky, JAC Director.

On Thursday night, April 5 at 7:30, Professor Martin I. Glassner of Southern Conn. State College will speak on "People, Politics, and Problems of the West Bank," Room 203 of the Memorial Union. Dr. Glassner who did extensive research work on the area while teaching at Haifa University, is sponsored by the Department of Political Science, JAC, and the Visiting Scholars Committee. His visit to URI has been arranged by Professor Norman Zucker of the Department of Political Science.

For the days URI is in session during Passover, the JAC is arranging a complete Kosher-for-Passover meal plan. Rebates

are available for students who hold dining hall meal books, and others can sign up for the Passover meals at the JAC office.

On Wednesday night, April 18, 7:30, in the Memorial Union, Author-Critic Alfred Kazin will speak. He's a former Literary Editor of the New Republic, and Editor of Fortune Magazine. Currently, he's distinguished professor of English at Hunter College and is also teaching at Notre Dame University as White Professor of English.

His visit has been arranged in cooperation with Professor Mark Goldman of the URI English Department, and is being partially underwritten by a contribution from a fund established by Mrs. Jeannette Nathans of Westerly, in memory of her late husband, Samuel. The talk is free, and open to the public.

## Anti-Boycott Law Passed By Baltimore City Council

BALTIMORE: For enacting a law barring contractors who participate in the Arab boycott from doing business with the city, the Baltimore City Council has been lauded by the American Jewish Congress.

Jean Goldstein, director of the Congress in Maryland, said the measure would "help Baltimore fight the Arab boycott, as well as buttress the city's commitment to integrity and morality in its contractual dealings." She also said the new legislation is a necessary supplement to the already existing Federal anti boycott law. With the amendment, both contractors

and citizens of Baltimore will be further protected from foreign pressures that would subvert the traditions of freedom and fair trade in America.

The American Jewish spokesman concluded: "Baltimore has the right and a moral obligation to refrain from doing business with any firm that engages in the pernicious practice of blackmail and discrimination inherent in the Arab boycott. The new measure makes this moral right the law of our city."

New York City passed a similar bill last August.

## Israeli Basketball Team Is Slandered

TEL AVIV (JTA): Police had to intervene to prevent a riot in Varese, Italy when a visiting Israeli basketball team was greeted at the stadium with anti-Semitic epithets and signs saying, "Jews, go back to the death camps from where you came."

Scuffles developed when a group of Israelis, who had come to cheer the Tel Aviv Maccabi team, the European champions in 1977, tried to tear down the signs. Although the police quieted the crowd, the game was played in an atmosphere of tension. Fans of

the local basketball team, the Italian champions, rooted for the players by waving large class crosses. The Israelis lost the game by a score of 71-58 and with it their chance to compete in this year's European championship tournament.

MK Mordechai Virshovsky of the Shai (Change) faction presented a motion in the Knesset that would bar Israeli teams or delegations from attending any event where anti-Semitic demonstrations occur.

### PROMISED VISAS

NEW YORK (JTA): Moscow activist Irina Gildengorn and her husband Bronislav Lainer, who have been refused exit visas to Israel since 1974, have now been promised visas and expect to leave within the next two months, it was reported

by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. Ms. Gildengorn is the leader of the women's group of Moscow refusniks who have staged numerous demonstrations and sit-ins at the Kremlin during the last 18 months.

## Israeli Youth Delegation Visits The United States

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK (JTA) — A delegation of 70 Israeli high school students has been bringing the "message of young Israel" to American youth since February 8, according to the head of the delegation, Yehoshua Trigor, all members of the delegation "are doing a splendid job."

"The purpose of the delegation," Trigor explained in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "is to leave a residue of good will" among American youth. He said that this is the seventh annual Ministry youth delegation to the U.S. which the Israel Foreign Ministry is sponsoring.

"The United States is important to Israel and the members of the delegation are here to convey information to American high school students, to present them with the problems and achievements of Israeli youth," said Trigor, a former diplomat who has been heading the delegation for the last few years.

The members of the delegation — 35 boys and 35 girls between the ages of 16 to 18 — are all top students in their classes from all parts of Israel. They were selected for their knowledge of Israeli society, Jewish tradition and history and fluency in English. All were trained in two seminars —

sponsored by the Foreign Ministry and by the Education Ministry — before going on their mission.

During their two-month tour across the United States, the members of the delegation are staying with American families ("usually Jewish families"), Trigor said. Appearing in teams of two, the youngsters lecture in schools for about six hours each day. "In the first 10 days of their tour, the members of the delegation appeared in 120 schools across the United States, talked with some 60 Jewish groups and youth movements, gave 20 TV interviews, 30 radio interviews and 50 interviews to the press," Trigor said with obvious satisfaction.

According to him, the youths' stay with Jewish families exposes the Israeli youngsters to the love and devotion of American Jews to Israel. "This is very important," Trigor observed, adding: "When they return to Israel they can tell not only about the U.S. in general but also about the Jewish community here and its warmth to Israel." He said that the whole operation is financed by Israel's Foreign Ministry, including the preparatory seminars in Israel.

## Journalists Laud Jerusalem Setup

JERUSALEM (JTA): Praise for Israel was almost unanimous among the hundreds of journalists who used the two special press centers set up in the capital during the three days of President Carter's visit.

The main center, at the Jerusalem Theater, which housed scores of telex machines, typewriters, and broadcasting booths, was established in addition to a smaller communications network set up at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel to accommodate the White House press corps. This included 180 American reporters, broadcasters and technicians. The reason given for the establishment of the second center was its proximity to the Americans' living quarters at the hotel.

While the lay-out of the Jerusalem Theater is more or less suited to accommodate the large number of journalists that was not the case at the Jerusalem Hilton. There, a teleprinter machine rested in a bathtub, while a bed nearby held additional equipment. Single rooms were converted to broadcasting studios and telex machines and typewriters were crowded on the hotel's lower floor.

The services provided by the center were extensive and well-organized. The

Government Press Office provided almost instantaneous translation copies of statements made to the press, while Israel Television's extended coverage of the Carter visit's highlights was transmitted over dozens of TV sets in the center.

Journalists lauded the Communication Ministry for its efforts in establishing the center, praise which seemed especially cogent considering the reporters' less fortunate efforts in relaying information from Egypt. A Communication Ministry official noted that a large number of written news reports and taped radio spots were brought to Israel from Egypt on Saturday by journalists accompanying Carter because the hour or so wait was compensated for by the superior service facilities in Israel.

### LABOR UNREST

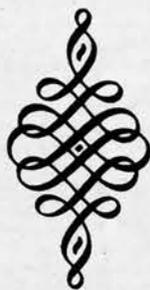
TEL AVIV (JTA): A new wave of labor unrest has begun, mainly among salaried professionals in government service and public institutions. It is taking the form of partial strikes, work slowdowns and various "sanctions," usually to support demands for higher wages.

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# SECOND HUNDRED YEARS WAR

DR. JAY N. FISHBEIN

(Continued from last week)

Supplied with ample funds, the PLO made good use of the media and invaded television, where they are busily engaged in distorting history with a vengeance. Recently ABC screened "Terror in the Promised Land" which glorified Arab terrorism, and compared Israeli "abuse" of Arabs with the Holocaust. Nowhere is there any reference to the hundreds of thousands of Jews who were terrorized and ejected from Arab lands, after being stripped of every possession.

Nor is there any mention of the helpless Jews still living in Arab lands who are refused permission to leave, and retained as hostages, to be abused whenever Arabs suffer some humiliation at Israeli hands.

On March 1, 1973 eight Palestinian gunmen entered the Saudi Arabian embassy in Khartoum, the capital of the Sudan, where they seized a number of diplomats attending a farewell party for the American Ambassador, George Moore. The Arab hostages were soon released, but the Ambassador, his successor, Cleo Noel Jr., and the Belgian representative were dragged to the basement, beaten and murdered. It was later disclosed that Yasir Arafat himself had supervised this act of terrorism.

The Sudanese president expressed indignation at this violation of protocol and deliberate act of terrorism and murder, promised that the gunmen would be brought to a speedy trial and punished. Because of this response Washington rewarded him with a \$15 million loan and 20,000 tons of wheat.

Notwithstanding this promise, the terrorists were soon released.

It should be noted that at no time has any terrorist who committed murder ever been punished in any Moslem country. Terrorists from abroad who escaped to a Moslem country were always given sanctuary, regardless of the atrocity. Even European countries that arrested terrorists quickly released them and gave them safe conduct out of the country.

It is interesting to contemplate what would have happened if a member of the Jewish Defense League would have shot a PLO terrorist in this country. One can readily picture the hue and cry that would have been raised about the "wanton murder" and the entire race would have been vilified for this "atrocious crime."

In addressing the Egyptians, President Sadat stated with vehemence, "Israel wants peace, but they refuse to surrender Arab occupied land. They say they are giving me the Sinai, but they give me nothing. The Sinai belongs to me, and I will never give up an inch of my territory."

Unfortunately, the countries dependent on Arab oil, alarmed by the loss of Iran and the increase in price, give him encouragement. Sadat feels that with these countries prodding the US, Washington will in turn apply greater pressure on Israel. Because President Carter has so openly favored Sadat, Moshe Dayan prefers to keep the president out of future talks.

Israel cannot afford to depend upon the ever changing whim of the Arab. There is no way of determining how Sadat would react if the Arabs went to war with Israel, and he was pressured to join. With the coercion that could be exerted by the united Arab countries, any Israeli agreement would have little value. With the Islamic fervor the Ayatollah has generated, failure to fall in line would result either in his removal from office in a coup by younger officers, or even his assassination. The Soviets have already made several attempts to have him replaced by one more amenable.

His successor would certainly be more chauvinistic. No one can predict the emotional and erratic behavior of the Arab. With the entire Sinai yielded to Sadat, President Assad of Syria would expect equal consideration, and Israel dare not return the Golan heights and again place their settlements at the mercy of Syrian guns.

For all their blustering and bombast, the Saudis are greatly concerned. They are well aware that to the left-wing Baathists they represent a symbol of outdated tribal monarchy. Prince Saud admitted that the "trouble in Iran has shown more than ever that lasting peace is a top priority in the Mideast." Although the Saudis ambition was to lead the Arab world, they are faced with stiff opposition from the "rejection" front, and the groundswell of Arab defiance. They realize that to appease the unappeasable, far reaching concessions must be obtained, and have accordingly pressured Washington to help in this impasse.

Prince Saud explained: "The US knows our position and basic requirements of peace. Self determination for the Palestinians and total Israeli withdrawal from Arab land, including Jerusalem." President Carter made every effort to have these wishes gratified, even at the risk of placing Israel in dire peril.

In Israel the question of peace is on everyone's tongue. It has caused painful splits within the fabric of Israeli politics. Members of the different parties have engaged in acrimonious disputes, and long standing personal friendships and alliances have shattered under the weight of these political and ideological differences.

The ultra-religious Jews such as the Gush Emunim and Neturei Karta, consider Judea and Samaria to be part of *Eretz Hakodesh*, or Holy Land, that must be retained at all costs. They are bitter over the fact that Jordan, the major portion of Eretz Israel has already been lost and are in no mood for further concessions.

The current obstacles are the changes Sadat introduced since the Camp David agreement, which renders the prospects of peace even more uncertain. With the PLO and terrorist organizations bitterly opposed to the Camp David agreement, and encouraged with the Ayatollah's support and the huge Iranian armaments, the road to peace will be a rocky one.

About eight years ago King Hussein expelled the Palestinian guerrillas after bitter fighting, and the PLO vowed eternal vengeance. Now that they are attempting to close the circle around Israel, Hussein is being courted, as the PLO contends that the dangers posed by an Israeli-Egyptian settlement make cooperation with Jordan essential.

The mood in Israel is gloomy. There are differences in the Knesset which are aggravated by personal rivalries. Since becoming premier, Begin has urged the opposition Labor Party to join the government, but the Laborites will do nothing that will enhance the premier, hoping to return to power soon.

Former Premier Yitzak Rabin on one hand and former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon on the other, disagree with the policies of Shimon Peres, the former Defense Minister.

From the time Israel came into being, obstacles have been numerous and have since multiplied. Although the United Nations created the State of Israel, no one expected it to survive, or would sell arms to enable it to defend itself.

Although President Truman promptly recognized the State of Israel, government agencies were exceedingly zealous in ferreting out military supplies being prepared for shipment to Israel. Guns and ammunition collected with great difficulty and sacrifice were confiscated, and those involved sentenced to prison. As before the war, the world remained divided between the two camps. One wanted to expel the Jews and the other refused to accept them.

When Arab forces were repulsed, a UN cease fire was arranged to prevent a complete rout, and when the war ended in 1949, the State Department compelled Israel to withdraw from the Sinai. After the War of 1956, Israel was again obligated to return the Sinai to Egypt. Nasser celebrated the war as a great Egyptian victory, and boasted he had defeated England, France and Israel and expelled them from his territory.

When Nasser brought his armies to the border of Israel in 1967 and threatened her with extinction, none of the great powers honored their commitment to Israel. When to their surprise, Israel defeated the Arab armies in the Six-Day War, she was vilified for having waged an "aggressive war." DeGaulle became so incensed that he refused to deliver planes Israel had purchased and paid for.

Auschwitz remains a disturbing reproach for Christianity, and the State of Israel being the Jewish Declaration of Independence from Christian charity, becomes an added reproach for Christian anti-Semitism.

The Christian world refused to believe the horrors of the concentration camps, yet when reports were definitely confirmed, were still apathetic. Finally, when the camps were liberated and photographs of the crematoria appeared, showing the remains of charred bodies, with hundreds of naked, emaciated bodies stacked high throughout the camp grounds, it sent shock waves of horror, indignation and disbelief around the world. Golda Meir once said, "I hope the day will come when my people will not have to look for Christian pity."

The world prefers to dismiss the Holocaust as a temporary lapse by a small group of sadists. Historians prefer to ignore it completely. Christian theologians excuse the horrors of this mass slaughter of defenseless men, women and children as "the prejudice and superstition of a small number." The Nazi Holocaust destroys this pretense. It was produced by an infinite, implacable hatred of the Jew of long standing, that was pursued tenaciously, even at the risk of losing the war.

For the first time in history, murder became an industry, where people were systematically worked and starved to death, and even in death were denied a decent burial. Their bodies were converted into soap and fertilizer; gold teeth were extracted and their hair utilized for mattresses.

The struggle for existence that began in the early thirties, with the Nazi rise to power, still continues. The arena however, has been transferred from Germany to Israel. Should the State of Israel be destroyed, it would mark the end of the four thousand year existence of the Jewish people.

The United Nations is so paranoid about Israel that half of its time is devoted to the condemnation of that state, even to the exclusion of all other world problems. This Assembly born out of the tragedy of World War II has degenerated into a forum described as "rapidly



becoming one of the most corrupt creations in the entire history of human institutions."

Israel remains under constant attack. This small country in the Mideast is a social democracy, and the nearest approach to a free socialist state in the world. Zionism has created the first and only real democracy in that part of the world that never knew democracy and freedom of speech.

The government has such a profound respect for human life that despite every conceivable provocation, has consistently refused to execute a single captured terrorist.

Despite confirmed evidence of torture inflicted upon Israeli prisoners by Arab countries, it is Israel that is under attack for violating human rights. The qualities this small country has assembled in its brief existence as a state, is a perpetual reproach to most of the new countries whose representatives swagger about the UN.

The extermination of Israel has been the prime objective of the Terrorist International, and is given the full support of the Assembly created for the preservation of peace. Can Paul Johnson be right when he sadly states, "I fear that the candles of civilization are burning low!"

When the Arabs staged their surprise attack on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar and was hard pressed, no country would sell arms. England even refused to supply replacement parts for tanks she had sold. The US State Department vacillated, while munitions ran short, and had to be rationed at the front, with unnecessary casualties resulting.

When Israel crossed the canal and surrounded the Egyptian third army, the Soviets and the US pressured Israel to permit supplies to pass through to them, under threat of moving in the supplies themselves.

While the UN was loudly censuring Israel for "aggression" Nasser was engaged in war in Yemen, bombing defenseless villages and using poison gas. Not only did the UN and the great powers remain silent in the presence of this senseless slaughter, but the United States shipped tons of food to Egypt to bolster her seriously sagging economy.

The US and Israel had been encouraged to feel that since the Soviets had been ejected from Egypt the threat of war was receding, only to find that Russia was busily engaged in shipping considerable armaments the following year, both before and during the Yom Kippur War, and thousands of Soviet military technicians were training the Egyptians in their use. Despite an agreement between the US and the Soviets to notify each other of threatened hostilities, they chose to remain silent.

Among the Egyptians the Yom Kippur War is considered a great victory and a turning point in the tide of history against the "Zionist usurper." Sadat claimed "the Egyptians and Arabs proved to have fought that war and won it. If the US had not interfered with massive aid the victory would have been far greater."

The Carter promise of a nuclear reactor to Egypt generated hope for atomic armament for the Arabs. The military confidence the Yom Kippur War generated, and the vast wealth of OPEC, spurred ambitious plans for the establishment of an Arab arms industry. The Saudis stated that they are ready to supply the financial backing for Egypt's nuclear development.

With President Carter's statement that the Israeli settlements on the West Bank are illegal and that the West Bank, Gaza and the Old City of Jerusalem should be turned over to the Palestinians, a situation has been created that is fraught with danger. Having conceded the Sinai at the Camp David meeting, these new measures recently introduced make a peaceful solution ever more difficult. Israel will never agree to endanger Jerusalem and Tel Aviv by placing them under the threat of Palestinian guns. The president's presence at Camp David will not enhance prospects for peace.

Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping on his recent visit suggested that the US bolster its Mideast position by strengthening Israel as a strategic asset. It is quite surprising to find the vice-premier whose country has no diplomatic relations with Israel, so fully aware of the Middle East situation.

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An engagement party honoring Barbara Ann Willner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Willner of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Farze Ivan Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Klein of Warwick, was held Sunday, March 11, at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk.

Guests were present from California, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Miss Willner is a graduate of the Un-

iversity of California at Los Angeles, achieving a BA in Biology. She is currently concluding graduate studies at St. Louis University. School of Hospital, where she will receive her master's degree in Hospital Administration in June.

Mr. Klein, an AB Biology graduate of Brown University, will be entering his third year of studies at St. Louis University School of Medicine in July. A June 24 wedding is planned in Sherman Oaks, California.

## Sisterhood Of Temple Emanu-El List Luncheon Program On March 28

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El will feature on its Torah Fund Luncheon program on Wednesday, March 28, the Cabaret Ensemble Group '79. The group is sponsored by the Brown University Alumni Relations office, and directed by Bob Krausz, a Brown student and member of the Temple Emanu-El choir.

The student group of seven will be starting its spring tour of the East with

the Emanu-El performance, and will present a wide variety program of popular music. Jani Rosen is chairman for the event which the Sisterhood sponsors annually for support of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Reservations for the program which will be presented in the temple meeting house, can be made by calling the Temple office, 351-1616.

## Notices

### MATUNUCK THEATRE

The Theatre-by-the-Sea at Matunuck will present 13 weeks of summer stock this year, the longest season in the theatre's history.

Producer Tommy Brent announced that the old barn playhouse will open its 46th season Friday night, June 8, with a production of the recent Broadway comedy hit, *Same Time Next Year*, featuring Nikki Bruno. It will play through June 17.

Four Broadway musicals will follow, each playing three weeks. *The Sound of Music*, by Rogers Rodgers and Hammerstein, will play June 19 through July 8; *Man of LaMancha*, July 10 through July 29; *Chicago*, July 31 through August 19; *Over Here*, August 21 through September 9. *Over Here*, is the nostalgic musical about the 1940's that starred the Andrews Sisters and John Travolta on Broadway.

Season subscriptions and theatre parties are being booked now, and individual tickets will go on sale May 7. Further information may be obtained by writing Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, R. I., 02879.

### SABBATH SERVICES

Arthur S. Tamkin, PhD, a clinical psychologist, will discuss "Hypnosis in the Treatment of Psychological Disorders," during the Sabbath Eve services at Temple Beth Israel on March 23.

Dr. Tamkin, has an AB degree from Harvard; PhD degree from Duke, and attended Hebrew Teachers College in Boston. He retired in 1973, as chief psychologist at the Providence VA Hospital, and is currently chief psychologist at Fuller Memorial Hospital.

The 8:10 services will be conducted by Rabbi Jacob Handler.

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## Rally For Anatoly Shcharansky Held By Student Group

NEW YORK (JTA): Avital Shcharansky, wife of imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky, failed in an attempt Sunday to get Soviet officials to accept a wedding ring for her husband. Mrs. Shcharansky, who was forced to leave the Soviet Union the day after her marriage, made her attempt following a rally at the Park East Synagogue in Manhattan marking the second anniversary of Shcharansky's arrest by the KGB in Moscow, March 15, 1977. Shcharansky's original ring was confiscated as "state property" recently when he was transferred from Vladimir to Chistopol prison.

Following the rally, Mrs. Shcharansky left the synagogue and walked across the street to deliver the ring to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. Meanwhile, a group of angry demonstrators filed out of the synagogue to stand at a nearby corner chanting slogans as people inside the Mission peered out of windows. But Soviet officials refused to come to the door.

Mrs. Shcharansky's gesture had been authorized by an order from a State Supreme Court judge obtained by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, sponsors of the rally. She was accompanied to the Mission by Lynn Singer, president of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, and Rabbi Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. But police barred Reps. William Green (R. NY) and Theodore Weiss (D. NY) from accompanying them.

Glenn Richter, the SSSJ's national coordinator, said the barring of the two Congressmen was a clear violation of the understanding between Steven Shaprio, the New York Civil Liberties Union attorney that represented the SSSJ at the hearing, and Rosemary Carroll, legal counsel for the Police Department that the "Congressmen would go with the delegation."

Standing in front of the closed door of the Mission, Mrs. Shcharansky declared: "In the past two years we have had more Prisoners of Zion than ever before. Why should those who have committed no sin be sitting in prison in Siberia? I pray that God will strengthen our hands and that we will see them."

Mrs. Shcharansky earlier told the crowd of some 500 persons at the rally that based upon information in a letter from Shcharansky, received by his mother two weeks ago, his physical condition was

satisfactory. But she said her husband's parents were denied their semi-annual visit with Shcharansky which was set for last month. She said her husband has not received any of her letters during the last two years nor the hundreds of letters sent from well-wishers around the world.

Mrs. Shcharansky urged Americans to "continue and strengthen your efforts to free Anatoly." She declared that "I can't believe that he will remain there for 13 years. We must continue to work together and then you are all invited to our home in Jerusalem."

## U.S. Might Slash PLO Contributions

WASHINGTON (JTA): The House Foreign Affairs Committee passed an amendment offered by Rep. Lester L. Wolff (D. NY) which reduces the U.S. contribution to the United Nations for the American share of costs of the two Palestine Liberation Organization propaganda units there. The Wolff Amendment cuts the U.S. contribution by 25 percent of the costs of the Special Unit on Palestinian Rights and the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

"UN recognition of the PLO has legitimized that group as a political entity in the eyes of many. This has given them a status which has done much to frustrate United States policy in seeking peace in the Middle East," Wolff said. Citing recent events in Iran, Wolff decried the PLO's consistent role in turning the Arab nations from the peace process.

"I would not advocate cutting funds for the UN just because I do not like a program or disagree with a political persuasion," he said. "But having a group which regularly takes credit for terrorist violence against civilians represented in a body whose aim is the peaceful resolution of conflicts is outrageous," Wolff said. He pointed out that there is precedent for withholding funds, as when the United States refused to pay for certain UNESCO programs several years ago, but paid UNESCO in full when the situation improved.

"To withhold even this relatively small amount will show how serious we are about our objections to having terrorists at the UN," Wolff said.

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# New York City Police Department Encouraging Orthodox Jews To Join

NEW YORK (JTA): For the first time in the history of the New York City Police Department, top police are encouraging enrollment of Orthodox Jews in the force, according to Louis Weiser, the president of the Council of Jewish Organizations in Civil Service. Weiser, who is also a former president of the Shomrim Society, which is comprised of Jewish police, said filing for examinations for a new list of police officers candidates opened March 1 and will continue until May 30.

He said the written examination will be held on a Saturday, June 30, and that a special Sabbath observer test will be held on Sunday, July 1. A similar Sabbath observer test for Jewish candidates was held for the prior list in 1973, Weiser told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, but, as far as he knows, no Orthodox Jews joined the force from that list.

He said the current examinations, to develop a new four-year list, may be the last opportunity for Jewish young people to enter the police force in any substantial numbers. Apart from the fact that the police department wants to broaden minority representation, Weiser said there is a possibility that "selective certification" — the appointment of a candidate out of his or her examination rank for preferential hiring — may be extended to cover applicants with fluency in languages other than Spanish, as at present.

Weiser said preferential hiring on that basis had been held legal by the courts if the

police department demonstrates to the city's personnel department the need for personnel with such special qualifications. He said the process may be broadened for the new list to include candidates fluent in Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish and other languages.

He said that if that preferential hiring procedure was broadened to include such additional languages, the applicant would be asked to indicate fluency in one of the languages and be given a test, if he or she passed the examination, to confirm the claimed fluency.

## Meetings Have Been Held

Weiser said Police Commissioner Robert McGire has shown strong interest in the program to attract more Jews, including Orthodox Jews, to the force. He said meetings had been held with members of the Orthodox community on recruitment of Orthodox Jews and the police department officials had promised full cooperation. One of the problems is that a federal grant of \$250,000 for recruitment of minority members for the examination will not be available in full for that purpose. Weiser said the City Board of Estimate had disallowed use of \$150,000 of the grant for public media to reach minorities.

He also reported that top police officials were examining the problems anticipated in observant Jews joining the force, including provisions for absence for Jewish holidays and for the Jewish Sabbath, not only in police duties but at the Police Academy.

Weiser said that currently, only 750

Jewish men and women are on the force, compared with some 2400 Black and Hispanic police. He noted that the city's problems of budget austerity raised questions about employment opportunities for those passing the examinations and meeting other requirements for appointment. He said there were currently about 11,000 police officers eligible for retirement and that the normal attrition rate is estimated at 1200 to 1400 yearly.

Weiser said it was estimated that between 5000 and 6000 successful candidates would be appointed from the new list, though he added it was not possible to estimate now how many of the jobs left open by attrition might be left unfilled for budgetary reasons. He said the Shomrim Society was getting the cooperation of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in its efforts to recruit Jews for the examination. He added that the ADL would sponsor one of the examination classes, in cooperation with the Shomrim Society on April 22-23 at the ADL offices here.

Several years ago, the police department sponsored a campaign to recruit more Jews but that campaign was not aimed specifically to include Orthodox Jews. Weiser said there was even a possibility that Hasidic Jews might be approached to take the examination. He said there was no information immediately available as to the number of Jews who had filed to take the examination since filing began March 1.

# Notices

## HADASSAH AUCTION

The Jerusalem Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Second Annual Goods & Services Auction Saturday night, March 31, 7:30, at the Villa del Rio Clubhouse, next to Warwick Mall.

To be auctioned are a dinner for eight; moonlight ride on Narragansett Bay; resort vacations at Grossinger's and the Concord. Ronnie Struminski will be the auctioneer, the public is invited, there won't be an admission charge.

Co-Chairmen Annette Fain and Sondra Medwin are being assisted by Lynn Ross, fund-raising vice-president; Ellen Grebstein; Carol Kaplan; Judy Lazaroff; Debbie Litman; Evelyn Trop-Pober; Donna Seigel; Fran Weisman; Roberta Wilfand, and Francine Beranbaum, ex-officio. Proceeds will benefit the Hadassah Israel Education Services.

## GOLDEN WEEKEND

The B'nai B'rith Girls, with 1,800 chapters throughout the world, are in their 50th year, and will celebrate "Golden Weekend" March 23 through the 25th.

The organization offers young Jewish women an opportunity to explore their religion; coordinate and participate in creative services, and learn the Jewish tradition. Each chapter plays a dominating role in its community by donating baskets at Thanksgiving; visiting Jewish Homes for the Aged and presenting cultural speakers.

# Brooklyn Rabbi Claims Hasidim Cult Desecrated His Synagogue

NEW YORK (JTA): A Brooklyn rabbi charged that members of "a cult" that is a "fragment of Hasidim" was responsible for desecrating his synagogue in the Borough Park section last weekend because he had delivered a sermon earlier in the day criticizing their attacks on Israel. Rabbi Israel Schorr of Congregation Beth-El told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that this was not the first instance of desecration and harassment by the group which he identified as belonging to the Satmar Hasidic group.

He attributed the swastikas, Stars of David and Hebrew and Yiddish epithets scrawled on the walls of his synagogue directly to his own expressions of outrage from the pulpit against an anti-Israel rally at Madison Square Garden last week sponsored by the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada. The rally protested what the Congress charged was the denial of religious freedom to Orthodox Jews in Israel.

Rabbi Efraim Stein, spokesman for the sponsoring group, said, when asked to comment, that he hadn't "the slightest idea" who was responsible for the defacement of Schorr's synagogue and ridiculed the idea that it was the "result of any sermon" Schorr delivered.

He told the JTA that his own congregation, Yetev Lev of Satmar, which is located in Borough Park only a few blocks from Congregation Beth-El, was similarly defaced by unidentified vandals last Thurs-

day night. He said that if Schorr knew who the perpetrators were he had the obligation to report them to the police.

Schorr told the JTA that only last week police arrested five persons pasting slogans on his synagogue's walls and bulletin board. He said he believed they were released with summonses. He said that his 470-member congregation, which has just celebrated its 77th anniversary, and himself personally have been targets of harassment for the past year-and-a-half and other incidents going back 3-4 years. He said these included telephoned bomb scares, false alarms that brought fire engines to the synagogue and, in one case, an undertaker "to fetch my body."

Schorr said that in his Saturday sermon he defended Israel and its impending peace treaty with Egypt. But he also inveighed against the use of such terms as "Nazis," "Kristallnacht" and "Holocaust" to describe alleged actions by Israeli authorities against Orthodox Jews. Such terms were used in leaflets publicizing last week's rally at Madison Square Garden and at the rally itself.

Stein, who told the JTA last Friday that his group planned to continue its protests, said the Congress which sponsored the rally last Thursday is not a Satmar group. He claimed that it represented virtually all Hasidic groups except the Lubavitcher Movement. The rally was attended by some 5000 people.

# Two Prominent Iranian Jews Arrested, Being Held In Prison

PARIS MARCH (JTA): The former president of the Iranian Jewish community, Habib el Ghanian, was reportedly arrested last week by police, according to reports reaching Paris from Teheran. Another prominent Iranian Jewish businessman, Ruhollah Ray, was also reportedly arrested that same day. The two are being held in Teheran's special prison for political suspects. They have not been formally charged but are reportedly accused of "corruption" and of "having profited from the Shah's regime."

According to other reports from Teheran, police officials have drawn up a list of some 4000 Jewish "suspects" who will not be allowed to leave the country once Iran's borders will open for male nationals. For the last few weeks no Iranian males have been allowed out of the country except for official missions on behalf of the new regime.

According to Jewish sources, Iran's Jews are increasingly anxious as to their future.

Many are sending their children abroad and several hundred Iranian Jewish children arrived last week in Rome. The children, who are being carded for by the Lubavitcher Movement and the Otzar Hatorah organization, are housed in Ostia while waiting for transportation to the United States.

These two organizations have reportedly been promised American visas for the children who are expected to number over 1000 before the end of the month. Reliable sources say the Iranian authorities made no difficulty in permitting the children to leave and the American immigration authorities promised all necessary assistance.

Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin, who is in Paris for an international symposium on Soviet Jewry, told a press conference here over the weekend that all Jews who want to leave Iran will be helped by the Agency.

# Americans Urged To Aid Soviet Jews By Sending Matzos To USSR Embassy

NEWARK, N.J. (JTA): A group of New Jersey teenagers is appealing to the American public to help Soviet Jews by sending matzos to the Soviet Union's Embassy in Washington in advance of the Passover holiday beginning April 11.

Susan Jeanette Kuperstein, a 17-year-old Springfield, N.J. high school senior and spokesperson for the New Jersey Region of United Synagogue Youth (USY), said USY members believe that if the Soviet Embassy is swamped with matzos, Soviet authorities will allow the unleavened bread to be shipped to the USSR "for its more than three million harshly restricted Jews, many of whom desperately want to leave that country for freedom." As it is, she said, "only a small matzo production is allowed in the Communist nation."

Ms. Kuperstein noted that President Carter has said the Soviet Union appears to be

allowing an increasing number of Jews to leave that country and that the United States is close to granting the Soviet Union Most Favored Nation status. "If the Soviets are sincere about permitting Jews to leave the USSR, and are really serious in seeking Most Favored Nation status, they will prove their good intentions by accepting the matzos sent to the Embassy and work out an arrangement to ship it to their country," she said. "This is a test of Soviet sincerity." The executive board of the New Jersey USY decided on the campaign, according to Mark Mulgay of Summit, N.J., regional executive social actions vice president. Other USY regions throughout the country, with a membership comprising youngsters from 14 to 18 years old who attend Conservative synagogues, are expected to take part in the campaign, Mulgay said. There are 65 USY chapters in New Jersey.

# New Party Being Eyed In Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA): Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, former president of Tel Aviv University, announced he is forming a new political party to fight against any territorial concessions by Israel. Ne'eman, a physicist who returned this week to Israel after a year's sabbatical, said he would seek to unite all forces in Israel's existing parties opposed to the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement into a new party to run in the next Knesset election.

Calling the peace agreement "the Purim disaster of 1979," he said it was more serious than the "disaster" of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. He called on "all those with eyes in their heads and uncowed spirits" to

join his movement which "seeks to save Israel and Zionism. We will combat this government's defeatism and seek positions of power that will enable us to repeal the sentences passed on Yamit and Ophira," two of the Sinai settlements that are slated to be removed under the peace agreement. "The next Knesset will rebuild that which the present one is currently destroying," he said.

Ne'eman, who said the new party will be set up within a month, disclosed that a number of well-known figures have already joined the new group but refused to reveal their names.

# Austrian Writer Gets Acquitted

VIENNA (JTA): An Austrian journalist, who had praised Adolf Hitler as "the only man who showed us how to avoid a world war," was acquitted yesterday of the charge of spreading Nazi propaganda. By a vote of 7-1 the jury of a district court at Feldkirch in western Austria acquitted Walter Ochsensberg who was tried under an Austrian law which prohibits Nazi propaganda.

The 37-year-old defendant claimed that the statements published under a pen name in the magazine "Sieg" (Victory), were not his own but a quotation of remarks made by a friend who died several years ago. Nevertheless, Ochsensberg said, he felt that the statement was correct.

"It was Hitler who showed the Germans and the whites of the world the one and only alternative, how we can avoid a new world war — the second world war — and the danger of an ensuing collapse

of our culture," the statements read. "It was an historic infamy when Hitler was taken aback by the West and the Third Reich, a bastion against Bolshevism, was torn down."

# Israeli Cabinet Gets New Budget

JERUSALEM (JTA): Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has presented an IL 304 billion budget for the fiscal year 1979-80 for Knesset approval. The new budget is about 45 percent higher than this year's, which was IL 208 billion.

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# Fourth Draft Brings Many Differences

By Lisa Palmieri-Billig

ROME (JTA): The 50th anniversary of the signing of the Italian Church-State Concordat (incorporated into the Constitution in 1947) was greeted with as much contention as celebration.

The fourth draft of the Concordat's revision, drawn up by a special committee of experts designated by the Italian Parliament, shows evidence of Catholic forces retreating back into self-protective positions that have already mobilized secular political groups into preparations for a more frontal clash.

If the present government crisis degenerates into a call for premature general elections, the evening-out of differences will take even longer than now expected. Several of the controversies directly or indirectly involve the interests of Italian Jewry. One is the recognition of Roman Catholicism as the official state religion in Italy as decreed by the 1929 Concordat.

The Italian Senate suggested the elimination of this concept. But while the third draft of the revision stated, "The principle of Catholicism being the state religion of Italy is no longer to be considered binding," the fourth draft softened the statement into, "The recognition of the principle... is no longer to be considered binding."

### Situations Of Uneven Treatment

Requests in the "note" to the special committee for the Concordat by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, are aimed mostly at attaining a new democratic equality of all religions before Italian law. The special status of Roman Catholicism in Italy has created many situations of uneven treatment.

For example: At present, crimes against Catholicism and its institutions are punishable by law while similar crimes against Judaism and its institutions are not. Another bone of contention is the teaching of religion in the school system. The 1929 Concordat considered the inculcation of Catholic doctrine to be "the crowning aim" of public education.

Contesting this notion, the Italian Senate requested the Concordat committee to change the status of religion in the public school curriculum from "compulsory" to "voluntary." But again, the fourth draft of the revision falls back to the position of religion as a "required" subject, offering the possibility, however, of students being excused on request, as in the past.

Italian Jewry sides with the Senate on this matter, in consideration of the lesser psychological pressures brought to bear on Jewish children when left free to choose or not choose to study religion, rather than having to ask permission to be "excused" from attending a class that is compulsory for the majority.

A third matter bearing directly on the future of Jewish institutions in Italy is the effect of a law passed in 1975 aimed at the transferral of all religious public welfare institutions to the local regional governments in Italy.

### Lawsuit Against Jewish Welfare Institutions

This law was amended in 1977 to exclude institutions sponsoring "activity inherent to the religious-educational sphere." The 27 Jewish institutions spread throughout Italy (schools, nurseries, hospitals, social work agencies, orphanages, old age homes and social centers) caring for the needs of Italy's 40,000 Jews, and 35 percent of the much more numerous Catholic institutions received exemption from a hand-over to the state, on this basis.

But in the present political climate of radicalized controversy, sections of the Socialist and Communist parties have objected to these exemptions. The regional administration of Piedmont has filed a lawsuit against Jewish welfare institutions in the cities of the region (Turin, Vercelli, Casale and Alessandria), and the Jewish nursery school of Rome, challenging the qualifications that entitle them to remain under Jewish management.

### Demands By Jewish Community

To illustrate the "religious-educational function" of its institutions, the Union of Italian Jewish Communities originally pointed out the special Jewish requirements for kosher food, Sabbath and Jewish holiday observance, the teaching and observance of Jewish history, law and tradition. Reminded of this, Socialist Party leaders replied by assuring Italian Jewry that the case will not be officially pursued by the party. But to date the lawsuit has not been withdrawn. If it is not activated within two years, however, it automatically expires.

Other demands of Italian Jewry's "note" to the Concordat committee, which will be up for discussion, include the possibility (now lacking) for rabbis to offer religious assistance in hospitals, prisons and in the army. Presently only Catholic priests may officiate in these public places.

Italian Jews have also requested the transferral of the Jewish catacombs in Italy from Catholic jurisdiction to the Italian government as a first step for subsequent management by an international Jewish body such as the Heritage Committee of the World Jewish Congress which recently made a preliminary survey of the situation.

Italian Jews are asking further that marriage legislation be revised to validate Jewish wedding ceremonies and place them on a par with Catholic weddings. At present, the rites of Catholic priests are legally binding while weddings officiated over by rabbis are considered incomplete, requiring additional authorization by the Italian government.

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