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## El Al Manager Killed In Istanbul

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Abraham Elazar, manager of El Al in Istanbul, was shot to death by unknown assassins who ambushed his car as he drove home from his office at the airport.

Two terrorist groups have claimed responsibility for the killing. Israeli Transport Minister Haim Landau cabled his Turkish counterpart to make every effort to apprehend the murderers and bring them to trial.

A previously unknown terrorist group in Beirut claimed that its gunmen killed Elazar because he was a "Zionist agent" and warned that it would continue to act against "agents of Zionism and imperialism" all over the world. The group identified itself as "The Encounter Front Against the Camp David Agreements."

In Istanbul earlier, an anonymous telephone caller told a newspaper that the assailants were members of the "Leninist-Marxist Underground," a group never heard of before and believed, in fact, to be a fake name intended to mislead the police. The caller also claimed that the Israeli airline executive was an agent of Israeli intelligence services.

### Alert Declared At Israeli Offices

As a result of the murder, an alert was declared at the Israeli Embassy in Ankara and at all other Israeli diplomatic and commercial offices in Turkey. Turkish terrorist groups are known to have close contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization and other Arab terrorist bands. A Turkish terrorist was captured during an Israeli raid on Arab terrorist bases in Lebanon and was handed over to the Turkish authorities.

On the other hand, some Israelis claim that Turkish officialdom is sympathetic to the Palestinians and that they enjoy freedom of movement on Turkish soil. Sources here suggested that the murder of Elazar may have been in retaliation for the recent slaying of two El Fatah officers in Nicosia, Cyprus. A PLO spokesman claimed Israeli agents were responsible.

## ABC to Air Documentary On Nazis in America

NEW YORK (JTA) — A television documentary to be aired this month will examine the fact that there are more than 200 alleged Nazi war criminals now living in the United States who may be responsible for the deaths of as many as two million people.

"ABC News Closeup — Escape From Justice: Nazi War Criminals in America" will be aired Sunday, Jan. 13 (7-8 p.m. EST) on the ABC Television Network. An ABC spokesman termed it the most comprehensive examination of Nazis in America ever televised — exploring how they got here, why they have been able to stay, and why effective legal action against them is starting only now.

This investigation of Nazi war criminals in America presents evidence indicating that some of them have been recruited, protected and even employed by the United States government. "Escape from Justice" will be narrated by ABC News correspondent Tim O'Brien, and will feature investigative reports by "Closeup" correspondent Michael Connor. Richard Gerdau is the producer.

Of the more than 200 cases involving alleged Nazi war criminals in the U.S. — only Argentina and West Germany are thought to have more — there are but 16 in litigation, according to ABC. One thing the defendants share in common is that for decades they lived untouched by the U.S. government, even though there was evidence of their war-time activity.

### Investigated 'Project Paperclip'

Connor investigated one top-level intelligence program, "Project Paperclip," which not only allowed some war criminals into this country, but did so with the official sanction of the government. From the end of World War II to the mid-1950s, it brought more than 900 German scientists to the U.S. Paperclip's goal, Connor says, was to recruit and "exploit" the best of German brainpower. Officially, Paperclip barred active Nazis, but screening procedures were lax and, in some cases, negligent.

Connor investigates two such Project Paperclip recruits: Otto Ambros, convicted at Nuremberg of slavery and mass murder and sentenced to eight years in prison. Ambros, according to the investigation, now works as a consultant for W.R. Grace & Company. The other is Maj. Gen. Walter P. Schreiber, a doctor who was the second ranking medical officer in the German army, and was later hired by the U.S. Air Force.

Two conclusions can be drawn from the evidence of Project Paperclip and the cases being pressed by the Justice Department, says O'Brien. First, the majority of alleged Nazi war criminals in this country have managed to avoid deportation because of simple negligence on the part of government agencies. Second, at least some of them have been protected by influential friends, including intelligence agencies of

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total of \$3.4 billion in military and economic assistance for the fiscal year 1981 which begins next Oct. 1.

According to officials here, the short-fall means that military expenditures will have to be reduced substantially and the government will be forced to implement even tougher economic austerity measures than those already announced.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman returned from Washington last week where he had spent a week conferring with President Carter, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Defense Secretary Harold Brown and other top officials on the new aid package. According to reports today, top U.S. officials complained to Weizman about Israel's West Bank settlement policy and about the lack of progress in the autonomy talks.

The \$3.4 billion Israel sought, double its present allocation, was expected to cover the loss of purchasing power of the U.S. dollar owing to inflation. Congress has already approved \$2.2 billion in military aid credits over the next three years to help Israel carry out the terms of its peace treaty with Egypt, including the redeployment of its forces from Sinai to the Negev. Congress also approved \$800 million in economic aid.

### Basis For Decision

The amount Israel will receive for fiscal 1981 will not be known until the administration announces its budget later this month. In announcing the additional \$200 million for military purposes, the White House said the increase "reflects our sympathy and concern for Israel's security and well-being."

The White House statement said "The decision was based on consideration of such factors as inflation and Israel's balance of payments deficit and takes into account the fact that the Israeli government has instituted since last November extremely tough austerity measures designed to overcome those economic problems."

The statement also stressed that Carter is determined to hold down federal expen-

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Cardiology at The Miriam, explained that "we initially became involved in the study as one of 33 collaborating centers throughout the country. We hope that by fully describing the abnormalities peculiar to people who get heart attacks we may eventually be able to accurately identify those people in our community who are at particular risk for the development of heart attacks but who are still free of any symptoms."

The parent study, known as the Beta-Blocker Heart Attack Trial (BHAT), involves studies of patients between the ages of 30-69 who have sustained recent heart attacks. These studies will eventually involve approximately 4300 patients throughout the country and will test the effectiveness of the drug propranolol in reducing the recurrence of heart attacks.

"Our study," points out Dr. Shulman, "will provide the largest and best documented survey of blood fat abnormalities in patients who have had recent heart attacks. We will be searching for special clues besides simple measurement of the blood cholesterol."

The research techniques were developed by Drs. Shulman, Peter Herbert, and Omar Henderson, during ten years of collaboration. It was specifically for the purpose of performing such studies in a community hospital that these investigators left the National Institutes of Health and came to The Miriam Hospital.

## Settlement Expands

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Work began recently under the protection of Israeli army guards, to expand the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron. The work, that of building additional housing, continued undisturbed despite a protest demonstration by a group of Arabs claiming ownership of the land known as Harsina Hill.

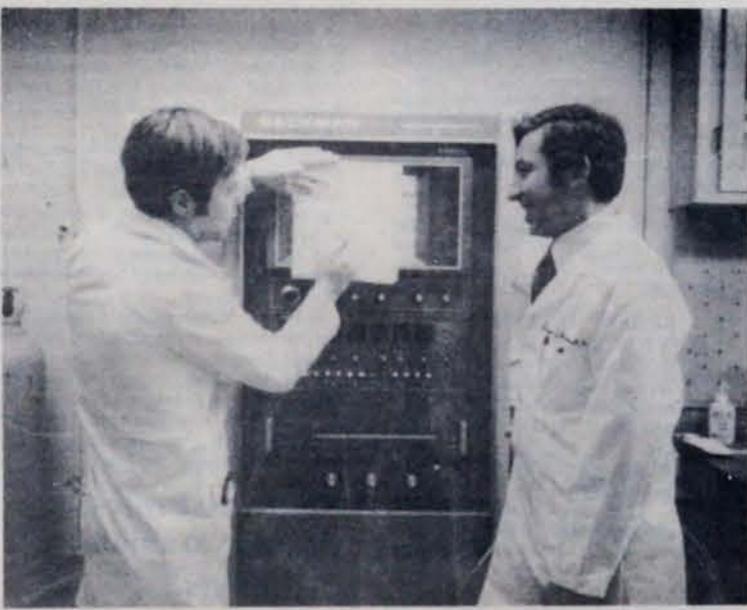
Although the hill was declared State land, the Arab villagers claimed they had proof that nearly 150 acres of that area were their own. The demonstration was led by Hebron Mayor Fahed Kawasme, who later appealed to Defense Minister Ezer Weizman to stop the project.

At the same time, it was learned that work has been completed on the reconstruction of the Hadassah building in Hebron — which still houses a group of Gush Emunim women despite a government order for their evacuation. The reconstruction work was described as a "humanitarian" gesture intended to improve the living conditions of the women and children living in the old building.

Meanwhile, unrest continued on the West Bank over the decision by the government to purchase the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electric Corporation. A representative of the firm left for Amman for consultations on the Israeli decision. The company is owned by Arab municipalities on the West Bank and receives a stipend from the Jordanian government although it has operated under Israeli rule since 1967. The decision to purchase the utility firm was made because the company has been unable to serve its customers adequately.

The company's directors have refrained so far from public acts of protest, but are considering legal action. The directors believe the government has no legal basis for purchasing the franchise of the company. At the same time, a delegation from the utility is scheduled to leave for several Arab countries on an emergency fund-raising tour to try and raise the necessary money needed to improve the electric company's service.

## Miriam Researchers Awarded Grant



Dr. Peter Herbert and Dr. Richard Shulman

A Miriam Hospital research team headed by Dr. Richard S. Shulman and Dr. Peter Herbert has recently received a grant of \$440,000 from the National Institutes of

Health to study certain blood fats and the proteins which carry these fats in the blood of patients who have had heart attacks.

Dr. Shulman, Director of the Division of

# Obituaries

## H.L. Goldberg dies; active in social work

**NEWPORT** — Herman L. Goldberg, 67, of 64 Washington St., retired executive director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service in Providence, died Dec. 25 at his vacation home in Humphrey Township, Parry Sound, Ontario. He was the husband of Naomi (Spivek) Goldberg.

Mr. Goldberg was executive director of the Jewish social agency from 1964 through 1970. He also was in private practice as a family therapist and marriage counselor. He was a member of the Rhode Island Public Welfare Commission.

Mr. Goldberg was a clinical member, supervisory status, of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and a registered social worker in Rhode Island. He was a past member of the American Association of Group Psychotherapy and the Massachusetts Gerontology Society, Boston Chapter.

Before coming to Providence he was executive director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Richmond, Va., where he was chairman of the Fifth District of the Virginia Council of Public Welfare.

Born in Boston Feb. 18, 1912 he was a son of the late Max and Sadie (Lehrman) Goldberg. He received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1935 and a master's in 1938 from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration.

He was a supervisor in the Washington, D.C. Juvenile Court and chief case analyst in the Clemency Board Division of the Army Adjutant General's office. While in the latter position he received the Civilian Meritorious Award.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Rachel Stern of Waterloo, Belgium and Richmond, Va., and Susan Goldberg of Los Angeles; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, Toronto.

**IDA SEIDMAN**, 69, of 25 Douglas Avenue, a retired business woman, died at home on December 26.

She was the wife of Philip Seidman. With her husband, she owned Phil's Dry Goods Store on Douglas Avenue for 45 years until their retirement two years ago.

A Providence resident for more than 45 years, she was born in Poland, November 19th, 1910, a daughter of the late Morris and Lena Golubchik.

She was a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School, Congregation Son of Jacob and its Sisterhood, the Jewish home for the aged, the Miriam Hospital Ladies Association, Hadassah, and Majestic Senior Guild.

Beside her husband she leaves two sons: M. David Seidman of Cranston, Michael J. Seidman of East Hartford, Conn.; two sisters: Mrs. Pauline Koch and Mrs. Helen Leckner, both of Long Island; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel.

### STANLEY J. PATLER

Stanley J. Patler, 46, of Woodbury, Long Island N.Y., died in Central General Hospital, Plainville, Long Island, after a long illness.

He was the husband of Deborah (Kornstein) Patler, formerly of Woonsocket.

Born in Philadelphia, Penn., August 19, 1933, he was the son of Lewis and Anne (Kolan) Patler. He had resided in Woonsocket.

He had served as director of sales and marketing for Katchum Laboratories, Inc., in Amityville, N.Y. He graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism in 1959, after having served as a navy medical corps man during the Korean war period.

Besides his wife and parents he is survived by his sister, Mrs. Louis (Carol) Leif, of Philadelphia.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in B'nai Israel Synagogue followed by burial in B'nai Israel Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made under the direction of Chevra-Kaddisha and the Holt Funeral Home.

Observance of memorial mass began Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kornstein, 183 Highland St., Woonsocket.

### ROBERT ALTENHAUS

**TAUNTON**, Mass. — Robert Altenhaus, 81, of 26 Mason Street, owner of the Spra Hat & Cap Co. for more than 50 years, died Thursday night in Morton Hospital. He was the husband of Natalie (Hoberman) Altenhaus.

General chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of the Taunton-Middleboro area for many years, he formerly was president of Congregation Agudath Achim.

Born in Austria, he was a son of the late Kasel and Goldie Altenhaus, and a Taunton resident most of his life.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, Saul Altenhaus of Miami.

His funeral was held at Congregation Agudath Achim, Winthrop Street, Burial

### LOUIS LaMED DEAD

**Detroit (JTA)** — Louis LaMed, a businessman and philanthropist who, over a 30-year span sponsored a wide variety of Hebrew and Yiddish literary and educational projects, died in Miami Beach, Fla. on Dec. 23 at the age of 82. Funeral services were held on Dec. 26 in Detroit, his home for 58 years.

LaMed was born in Novaya Ushitsa, Ukraine and was educated at the Kementz-Podolsk Yeshiva and at the Odessa Yeshiva where his life-long interest in Hebrew and Yiddish literature was inspired by such teachers as Chaim Nahman Bialik and by Mendele Moher Sforim Abramovitz who occasionally lectured at the school. He also studied for a year at the St. Vladimir University in Kiev before coming to the United States and settling in Detroit in 1921.

LaMed sought to make "peace" between Hebraists and Yiddishists. Toward that purpose he established the Louis LaMed Foundation for the Advancement of the Hebrew and Yiddish Literature in 1940. Its

aim was to stimulate creativity in Hebrew and Yiddish writing. Annual prizes were awarded for outstanding works published in both languages.

From 1941-1960, the foundation distributed 90 awards to authors totalling \$150,000. LaMed and his wife, Esther, also established a professorship in Jewish studies at Wayne State University in 1955 and in 1960 announced the creation of a fund to the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to encourage Jewish scholarship.

LaMed himself attended Wayne State University as a young man and earned a law degree at the University of Detroit. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1926 but never practiced his profession. Instead,

he entered the insurance business from which he retired in 1960. He was also the founder and owner of three furniture companies.

He was an honorary chairman of the Midrasha board of directors, a member of the board of the United Hebrew Schools in Detroit and served as chairman of the education division of the Jewish Welfare Federation. He was also active on the Jewish Community Council executive committee and the Jewish Center and Federation Apartments board of directors. He was a past president of the Sholom Aleichem Institute and a member of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

## Tragic Sites Memorialized

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — The Polish Embassy has given assurances that work is proceeding on memorializing Umschlagplatz in Warsaw, the place of deportation for more than a half-million Warsaw Jews to Nazi death camps, and the gravesite of more than 300 Jews, mostly children, in the village of Pysznica, near Treblinka.

Polish Ambassador Romuald Spasaski has written Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.) that the "works have already started to restore the mass grave" at Pysznica. He wrote "the surrounding area was leveled and fenced. The memorial stone commemorating the victims of Nazi activities is also being prepared."

Bronislaw Stowinski, the first secretary for information at the Embassy, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "work already has started" on Umschlagplatz where only a small plaque has marked the site and a gas station was built. The Polish government has given assurances to Elie Wiesel, chairman of the President's Com-

mission on the Holocaust, it would refurbish the site.

Holtzman appealed to the State Department and the Polish Embassy to memorialize the Pysznica gravesite after Morris Krantz, a survivor of Treblinka, was unable to persuade Polish authorities to do it. Holtzman's office reported that as a teenager in 1942, Krantz "saw almost the entire Jewish population of Pysznica sent to concentration camps. Krantz, himself, was sent to Treblinka, but later escaped. He hid in the woods along with other Jewish children. One by one, these children were caught and executed and buried in a mass grave in a field near Pysznica."

"Krantz witnessed exterminations from his hiding place in the woods. For 37 years he has been determined that this sad burial ground not go unnoticed. In 1974, he learned from friends that the site has become a littered dump . . . He went to Poland and pleaded with the authorities. Promising a marker, they did nothing." Krantz then turned to Holtzman for aid.

## Students Protest Against Iranian Terrorists

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — About 1000 students from campuses across the United States and Canada rallied outside the White House in protest against the Iranian "terrorists" holding 50 American hostages in Teheran and "the PLO terrorists who trained them."

Chanting slogans such as "Free the 50 Now," "Hell No PLO" and "We Say No to Terrorists," the students called for national solidarity with the hostages and stressed that their captors were not students but terrorists masquerading as students.

The well-organized rally and march ended at DuPont Circle where the students staged a mock trial and handed down "guilty" verdicts against Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini — "a terrorist, not a saint" — the Iranian government, the Iranians holding the hostages and the PLO. The "charges" read against the PLO enumerated its acts of international terrorism including attacks at Athens Airport, the Lod Airport massacre and the murder of Israeli Olympic athletes at Munich.

The demonstration was co-sponsored by eight student organizations representing

campuses in 40 states and Canada. They were: The College Republican National Committee; College Democrats of America; Youth Institute for Peace in the Middle East; the North American Jewish Students' Network; Young Americans for Freedom; Young Social Democrats; Frontlash; Youth Labor Project for Voter Registration and Political Education; and the Young Republican National Federation.

The rally outside the White House lasted about 90 minutes. It was opened with an invocation recited by Rabbi Samuel Goldman of the Washington Board of Rabbis, and the singing of the American and Canadian national anthems. Fifty of the youths wore blindfolds and had their hands tied to simulate the American hostages held at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran.

A large though unspecified number of the students joined the daily vigil opposite the Soviet Embassy which has been conducted each day for the last 10 years to express solidarity with Soviet Jews seeking emigration. Natasha Levit-Milman, wife of refusnik Grigory Levit, was admitted to the Embassy briefly and was allowed to submit a letter on behalf of her husband. Milman, who immigrated to Israel from the USSR in 1977, is a student at Tel Aviv University.

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The Jewish National Fund announced that it will plant some 4500 acres of new forests throughout the country this winter, about 2000 acres of which will represent "political afforestation," the aim of which is to assert the State's claim to ownership of the land.

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# SOCIETY NEWS

## ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Weiss of Garden City, Cranston, have announced the engagement of their son, Fred Elliot, to Madeline Irene Lusk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John William Lusk of Yonkers, New York.

Mr. Weiss graduated from Cranston West High School and holds a bachelor of Fine Arts degree in film from Emerson College in Massachusetts. He is presently a filmmaker for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Warwick.

Miss Lusk is a graduate from Lincoln High School in Yonkers and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Emerson College in Boston. She is attending the Germain School of Photography in New York.

The couple are planning a May 1980 wedding.



**BAR MITZVAH:** Richard Vernon Brenner became Bar Mitzvah on November 24, 1979 at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Brenner of 395 Woodland Road, Woonsocket. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Lillian Miller and the late Dr. Julius M. Miller and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brenner.

## BAR MITZVAH

On Saturday, December 8th, Scott Allen Sherman was called to a Torah hand-carried to Kivajalein for the express purpose of his Bar Mitzvah.

Scott is the son of Elliot and Sharen Sherman, who have been on Kivajalein five years with R.C.A. Scott is in the seventh grade and has a brother Eric and a sister Michelle.

Rabbi Fred Natkin, Navy chaplain from Honolulu has taught the Bar Mitzvah Candidate during his periodic visits to Kivajalein, by telephone, through letters, tapes, records and programming texts. Rabbi Natkin arrived on Kivajalein Monday, November 28 to help Scott with his final preparations for his Bar Mitzvah, which was conducted at Yokohama Yuk Club.

Scott is the grandson of Betty and the late Hyman Cutter, Evelyn and Dave Sherman, and great-grandchild to Ida Sherman.

## Israel Bonds

A record-breaking total of more than \$3 million in Israel Bonds and other instruments was purchased in 1979 in Rhode Island to give the state its most successful campaign since the inception of the capital investment program in 1951, according to Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the worldwide Israel Bond Organization.

In making the announcement of the unprecedented campaign figure, Mr. Rothberg lauded the leadership of Arthur S. Robbins, who served as general chairman from 1977 to 1979, and led the statewide effort to its three most successful years in the history of Israel Bonds in Rhode Island.

"Mr. Robbins generated that unique kind of leadership that motivated community members to respond to Israel's urgent request for large-scale funds to sustain and fortify its economic strength," Mr. Rothberg declared.

Mr. Rothberg also acknowledged the "conscientious and dedicated efforts" of Mrs. Sheldon S. Sollosy, campaign treasurer, who led intensive cash collection drives that produced immediate funds for Israel.

The Israel Bond leader also expressed his thanks to the Rhode Island community for demonstrating its unity with the people of Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds and other financial instruments sold by the Israel Bond Organization.



**ENGAGED:** Mr. and Mrs. Murray I. Cerel of 30 West Blue Ridge Road, Cranston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha June Cerel, to Alan Jay Horovitz of 64 Amherst Road, Cranston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Horovitz. Miss Cerel is a 1979 graduate of Cranston High School West and expects to graduate from Lesley College in 1983. Mr. Horovitz is a 1977 graduate of Cranston West and will graduate from Providence College in 1981. The couple are planning their wedding on June 21, 1981.

## JBPSC Brunch

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles Club of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence will hold a brunch on Sunday, January 20, at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Harriet Gorodetsky, MSW, who will speak on the topic, "Ending a Relationship." There is a fee for the brunch program.

Babysitting will be available for the

brunch. To reserve a place for your child, call the JCC by January 16 at 861-8800.

## Family Films

A series of three family films will be shown at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, beginning with *Jack and the Beanstalk*, a full length animated feature on Sunday, January 13 at 2 p.m.

*Pippi Longstocking on the Run* will be shown Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m. The series will conclude with *The Absent Minded Professor* on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Paula Goldberg at the Center, 861-8800.

## Notices

### JBPS Discussion

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles (25-50) of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence will hold a discussion group at a member's home on Wednesday, January 16 at 8 p.m. Topic for the evening will be *Being Honest: Is It Always Best?* Fee is 50 cents for JCC members, \$1.00 for non-members, coffee and cake included. For reservations call the JCC at 861-8800.

### "Over 40" Singles Bowling

The Single Adult Club (40 and over) of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence will hold a bowling party at the Seekonk Bowling Lanes, Route 6, Seekonk, Mass., Sunday, January 20 at 4 p.m. Fees will be charged for renting shoes and for games. For reservations call the JCC at 861-8800.

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### Art Opening

An opening reception for an exhibit of linoleum prints, paintings and stained glass pieces by Providence artist Suzanne Neusner will take place Sunday, January 13 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence.

Neusner received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Tyler School of Fine Arts at Temple University in Philadelphia. She studied with world famous printmaker William Hayter in Paris.

The exhibit and sale of art work will continue through January 30. All are welcome to greet the artist at the opening reception. The gallery hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 to 4 p.m. Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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## FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

### Miriam Hospital in the Eighties

By BERYL SEGAL

Every time I come to the Miriam Hospital, either as a patient or as a visitor, I am bewildered by the number of physicians and laboratory facilities all working for the purpose of making the sick well.

My mind goes back to the days when the hospital was young and its prestige was low, and its finances were even lower, but the quality of its staff was, at least in my eyes, as high as the skies above Parade Street. At that time the two men who stood up above the Miriam Hospital staff were Dr. Alex Burgess, the inventor of the Burgess Box for cardiac patients, a device which is now looked upon as a child's toy, and Dr. Ira Noyes, the obstetrician and gynecologist. Not that they were higher in learning and in skill than the physicians of the Jewish faith but because they were gentiles. Dr. Burgess, by the way was the first physician forming the first link between Brown University and the Miriam, and Ira Noyes was even in those days called in on consultation. When I was a student at Brown University, Dr. Burgess was the university doctor in a small clinic. They were, of course, affiliated with the Rhode Island Hospital, "the Hospital."

Around these two physicians the medical staff clustered and drew courage. One has to understand the mood of the times to appreciate the effect of two gentle doctors coming from the Rhode Island Hospital to the poor Miriam.

Now I sit in the spacious office of Jerome Sapolsky, president of administration, and listen to his complaining not of lack of patients in the hospital, nor of competent medical personnel, but of space.

The capacity of the Miriam Hospital now is about 250 beds. These beds were occupied to the fullest during the past year. This is the best indication of the confidence of the community in the hospital, and also speaks well of the efficiency of the staff. The Miriam is a full fledged hospital, equipped to care for the health of the community.

Confidence of the community places great responsibility on the board of the administration of the hospital. Every year

medical science introduces new skills, new life saving devices, for giving healing and comfort to the patient. This is really what the hospital is all about. The outsider who is bewildered by what he sees in a modern hospital, must remember that all is for the health of the patient.

But the art of healing the sick is also more expensive with the passing of every year, and all the help the hospital gets from the government and the health care agencies can not catch up with the costs. Large endowment reserves and a generous community can span the gap between income from the patients and the costs to the hospital. Towards this the board is committed.

During the 1980's the board of the hospital will engage in the reevaluation of the role of the Miriam in the community. The Miriam is no longer just another hospital in the state. It has become a Resource Center, a pioneer, a pathfinder.

Mr. Sapolsky cites over a hundred pacemakers installed last year. Eight open heart surgery operations performed in a week. Countless cataract removal procedures by means never heard of before. Besides general surgery operations and orthodox medical treatments rendered every day of the year.

All of it is expensive and is hardly covered by the usual fees.

The reevaluation will solve some problems and will, it is hoped, recommend new approaches pointing the way to better health care. We must always keep this in mind. This is our commitment. This was our struggle through the years. This was the drive when our women distributed the first Miriam Hospital box to every household in the city.

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## Pentagon Views Of Israel

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — Contrasting accounts are being told of Defense Secretary Harold Brown's views towards Israel's usefulness in the Pentagon's strategy and his outlook for an American military presence in the Middle East. The varied accounts followed a luncheon meeting at the Pentagon with Brown and 15 representatives of Jewish communal organizations in their personal capacities. The discussion was not off the record although private along with the usual leakage is occurring.

A similar meeting with Brown was held 18 months ago and some comparisons with the recent session were pointed out by par-

ticipants. The major difference is that in this instance the Iranian-American crisis and its implications for the U.S. and Israel pervaded the talk.

Among those who had attended both were Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Max Kampelman, Richard Maass, Morris Amitay, Hyman Bookbinder, Irwin Field, Richard Shifter, Ben Epstein, Frank Lautenberg, Paul Berger and Alfred Moses.

One generalized account of Brown's presentations was on the following lines: Iran is falling apart and a leftist regime may take over with ominous significance for the oil sheikhdoms and Arab governments friendly to the U.S. In these circumstances,

# Editorial

## Restraint Versus Restoring Face

Finally, 70 days into the Iranian "crisis" and some two weeks after the successful invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union, President Carter has taken a bold step to assert U.S. interests in the Middle East area. He has declared a grain embargo against the Soviet Union. But, coming as it does after ten weeks of empty rhetoric and threats to the Ayatollah Khomeini, and countless "emergency" sessions of the U.N. Security Council, the Soviet grain embargo cannot begin to restore the image of a powerful and capable United States.

The U.S. under the Carter administration has become, in the eyes of our allies and enemies alike, a cowering, helpless nation that talks tough but will not take any aggressive actions, even in self-defense. This image has not evolved merely from Carter's show of restraint during the early phases (and later phases) of the Iranian situation. Restraint can be an admirable quality, particularly in a superpower. But restraint can and did slide into the stage of inertia and paralysis.

The factor that has been most disturbing, and has perhaps contributed most to this perception of American weakness, is our seeming fear of taking any risky actions on our own. Immediately following the seizure of the hostages, our government could have informed other countries that anyone who continued to trade with Iran, would not be allowed to trade with the U.S. We could have declared meaningful economic sanctions; we could have ordered Iranian embassy personnel out of the U.S. and enforced their departure; we could have established a visible military presence in the area.

But what the President has done instead is to take all his grievances to the floor of the United Nations. The United Nations has its place in world affairs: supervising cease-fires, conducting international trials, the host for conferences on global environmental and health issues, and even a forum in which to attempt to shame a nation. But shame and verbal censure are not deterrents to the Soviet Union or the P.L.O.

Even our allies on the U.N. Security Council are unwilling, after ten weeks of hot rhetoric, to vote for watered-down economic sanctions against Iran. England has stood by the United States in its verbal denunciations of the powers that control the hostages, France has barely been willing to issue a verbal condemnation. Japan, capitalizing on the ambiguity of policy issuing from Washington during the first few weeks of the crisis, bought enough oil from Iran to create a hundred-day stockpile.

For the United States to seek U.N. condemnation of someone or something we don't like is compromising for a number of reasons. First, it gives our so-called "friends" an illusion of having acted on our behalf. France or Germany can say, "We supported you by voting for your U.N. resolution." Every nation on earth realizes that the U.N. is utterly powerless to enforce its resolutions.

For a small nation like Costa Rica or Belgium to seek recognition of its problems and the support of other nations in the U.N. can make some sense, but for one of the world's giant superpowers to continually bring our unresolved plights there is embarrassing. Humility is an important trait, but most of us, during the course of our upbringings, also learned something about pride. If you invite someone to your house for dinner ten times and the party turns you down and fails to reciprocate, you refuse to extend further invitations.

The United States, in accepting constant berating, and enduring perpetual verbal abuse at the U.N. has lost face before the other nations of the world. Carter is going to have to take a number of meaningful initiatives in order to restore the image of a strong, sound nation, ready and able to support freedom and democracy around the globe. Let us hope that the actions will not have to be too erratic, and more extreme than would have been necessary earlier on in the gambit.

the U.S. must proceed with new urgency for a solution to the Palestine problem because as long as this problem percolates "moderate" Arabs are in danger.

The U.S., according to this account, can't use Israel's Sinai bases which are to be turned over to Egypt in 1981 because that move would jeopardize President Anwar Sadat's safety. Neither can the U.S. consider Israel as a strategic asset except in the most dire circumstances. The impression Brown gave was that Israel must adapt itself to President Carter's formula because in essence the U.S. support of Israel is fundamentally moral, not strategic.

When apprised of this account, some other participants expressed surprise. One found it "an unjustified, alarmist reaction" and that "an alarmist position is not warranted. There isn't the slightest basis for it." Brown did not show any reluctance, another group said, to assert Israel's importance to the U.S., a position he did not take 18 months ago.

Those participant's account, also generalized, differed in many respects from the one they criticized. They stressed Brown said there is no question Israel is a strategic asset to the U.S. They quoted him as saying "we start from that premise" that Israel is "a great strategic asset." While 18 months ago, Brown would not concede Israel's strategic importance, he now sees Israel differently.

Sadat, Brown reportedly said, is unwilling to grant base rights in the Sinai to any foreign power. Saudi Arabia requires a settlement of the Palestinian question. However, Brown did not imply failure thus far to involve the Palestinian Arabs in the

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peace process is Israel's fault.

When the two accounts were broached to another source, he responded that both accounts could be drawn from the discussion. Brown did speak out on the need to solve the Palestinian issue that troubles Saudi Arabia particularly. When asked about Israel's strategic place, Brown said "grudgingly" that Israel has some strategic value. This source observed Brown is "not a great believer" in Israel's strategic usefulness.

# First R.I. Jewish Baby of 1980

The first Rhode Island Jewish baby of 1980 was born on January 2, 1980, at Women's and Infants' hospital to Lon and Lisa Cohen. The Cohens who live on Smithfield Road in North Providence, are the proud parents of an 8 lb. 8 oz. boy, whom they named Landon Colt.

Lon is originally from Providence and his wife, Lisa is from Scituate, R.I. Lon was previously an automobile lease salesman for Elliot Leases Cars in Providence, and Lisa was a secretary at George Nathan Associates in Smithfield.

The young couple was particularly excited about the birth of their boy because it is their first child. Lon, 25, and Lisa, 22, had attended Lamaze classes together, and they both found the birth experience extremely moving.

Says Lon, "I really think anyone having a



## Orthodox Vandals

**NEW YORK** — A Conservative temple in Brooklyn was vandalized last Saturday by a group of Orthodox Jews who claimed that the congregation's religious practices were "destroying" Judaism.

The Orthodox group, calling itself TORAH, claimed responsibility for breaking two stained glass windows and spraying swastikas in black paint on the walls.

A spokesman for TORAH, which stands for Tough Orthodox Rabbis and Hasidim, felt that the practices of the Brooklyn congregation were "heretical."

Posters put up at the temple, the only non-Orthodox synagogue in the largely Hasidic community, listed several grievances, including a charge that men and women were allowed to sit together without the traditional mechitzah, or partition, separating them.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith also reported that assaults against Jewish institutions, cemeteries, houses of worship and private property have more than doubled in the past year across the country.

They said that 129 incidents had been reported in 1979 as compared to 49 in 1978. New Jersey and New York topped the list with 38 and 26 respectively.

Fifty-one of these incidents were on homes or stores owned by Jews, said Nathan Perlmuter, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, and includes such acts as desecrations, swastika daubings, anti-Jewish graffiti, arson attempts and firebombing.

## Mexico's Oil Price Hike Hits Israel

**MEXICO CITY** (JTA) — Israel will pay about 30 percent more for Mexican oil during the first quarter of 1980 than it did last year and can expect to pay still more later as a result of price hikes announced by the State-owned oil company, Pemex.

The price of Mexican crude oil was raised from \$24.60 to \$30 per barrel effective for the first three months of the new year and is subject to an upward revision at any time during the subsequent three months, the announcement said. Mexico became a major supplier of oil to Israel after Iranian oil was cut off by the revolutionary regime in Teheran. Mexico also sells oil to the U.S., Japan, France, Spain, Yugoslavia and several Latin American countries.

It is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) but Pemex said prices are revised every three months to keep up with international levels. The company deals directly with client countries rather than with individual speculators on the spot market.

## El Al Expands

**TEL AVIV** (JTA) — In an effort to increase first class passenger facilities, El Al has opened the King David Lounge at Ben Gurion Airport which is also available to VVIPs — very, very important persons. Meanwhile, El Al is reporting a significant increase in bookings.

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## Adoption Case Meets Protest

**NEW YORK** — A Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge indicated last week that he was going to allow a 7 year old Jewish girl to be adopted by an upstate New York Christian couple. This announcement was met by protest from some two dozen Hasidic Jews outside the courthouse.

He explained to a lawyer for the Hasidim that he would let the adoption go through unless the lawyer could show that the move was not in the child's best interests.

The judge, Leonard E. Yoswein, said "we have to consider the upset of a 7-year old child who has spent most of her life in foster homes and who now has a chance of a permanent life with a family."

Further hearings were scheduled for later in the week where a Jewish couple will try to gain adoption of the child, who has Down's syndrome.

## Predicted Drop For Israelis C-O-L

**TEL AVIV** (JTA) — Yaakov Ne'eman, Director General of the Finance Ministry, predicted a levelling-off of Israel's cost-of-living index by next April and a possible downward trend by August, provided there is no international crisis that sends oil prices soaring to new heights.

Addressing a group of judges and lawyers at a seminar on Israel's current problems, Ne'eman said recent developments have yielded promising signs for the fight against inflation. He referred to the government's new policy of reducing or eliminating price subsidies, the freezing of credit, the settlement with El Al employees and other workers and cuts in the national budget.

The Finance Ministry official said the economic situation is worse than it was in the early 1950s when Israel, a new nation, was beset by shortages and was forced to ration many essentials. It is more difficult now to see the dark picture because there is an abundance of goods, the shops are crowded and people drive large cars, he said.

But Ne'eman warned that Israelis must understand that the road between abundance and bankruptcy is very short. If Israel were to default on even one small payment of its loans it would be considered bankrupt and would have to suffer the consequences, he said.

## Nazi Documentary

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the U.S. government.

Government prosecution of alleged Nazi war criminals is not an easy assignment, the documentary notes. O'Brien points out: "The fighting and violence of World War II involved millions of soldiers. Now, 40 years after the war began, the U.S. Justice Department finds itself probing the history of that violence, trying to distinguish between some who may have been good soldiers, and others who may have been unprincipled killers. It is a task made difficult and, in some cases, impossible, by the passage of time."

The ABC documentary was filmed in West Germany, Rumania, Austria, France and throughout the United States. Richard Richter is senior producer of the ABC News documentary unit. Pamela Hill is executive producer of the documentary unit.

"ABC News Closeup — Escape from Justice" Nazi War Criminals in America" will carry the following advisory: "This program contains graphic historical film. Parental discretion is advised."

baby should do it that way. My wife really appreciated the support I gave her during her labor, and it's really an incredible thing to see."

The couple is looking forward to the new year, and sees the birth of their child as a sign of good luck for the future. "Things are really looking up," quips Lon, "if only he would sleep a little longer at night."

As winners of the First Jewish Baby contest, the Cohens will receive gifts from the merchants who helped sponsor the contest. From Almacs they will receive a case of baby food, from the Clark Flower Shop a floral arrangement, a homecoming cake from Korb's bakery, a silver spoon from Ross-Simons, a Baby Record Book from Wayland Toy and Book Store, and a Gift Certificate from Village Flower Shop. The couple will also receive a gift subscription to the Rhode Island Herald.

## CHILDREN READ FOR ELDERLY

Children of the Providence Hebrew Day School, Pawtucket Library and the Blackstone Valley Writers Guild read their original poems to the Senior Citizens at the Jewish Community Center Thursday, December 27th after lunch.

The children's readings were accompanied by a talented seventeen year old guitar player, Lindsay Adler, a student at School One.

The group's leader, Mrs. Carolyn Schwartz, hopes the children's efforts will motivate the senior adults to reciprocate, and put on a show of their own original work. She has been teaching the seniors at the Jewish Community Center in addition to the children at the Hebrew Day School.

Children who performed include Diane Deutsch, Larry Schwartz, Alicia Hartman, Jody Harris, Robin Aronson, Mary Ann Kanakry, Ezra Zuckerman, and Shana Hammond. Mrs. Schwartz read poems by Beth Kaufman, Jackie Massouda, and David Gordon, who were unable to attend.

## Israel Welcomes U.S. Military

**JERUSALEM** (JTA) — The Prime Minister's Office said that if the United States should ask Israel for use of its naval or air bases, the request would receive favorable consideration. (It was reported in Washington today that the U.S. was considering for the first time, accepting offers of military bases in Israel and Egypt in light of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.)

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said while he was in the U.S. last week that Israel would be favorably inclined toward an American request for air or naval facilities. A White House spokesman said later that the U.S. was informed of this attitude. American naval units of the Sixth Fleet have visited the Israeli ports of Haifa and Ashdod on several occasions in recent years.

## ★ Military Aid

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diture. Weizman came in for sharp criticism in some quarters today for failing to persuade the Administration of Israel's need for a larger aid package. The Defense Minister, who reported on his mission to Premier Menachem Begin this morning, rejected the criticism. He maintained that Israel would have received even less were it not for his efforts and challenged anybody to do better. Weizman said he was not surprised by the White House announcement, considering the inflationary pressures in the U.S.

Officials here were disappointed on two levels. According to some sources, the relatively small addition to the aid package, spread over three years, meant that Washington did not see "Israel as an asset." As for the immediate impact, it was generally agreed that Israel will have to take stringent measures to cope with the "new economic reality."

Fear was expressed that Israel would have to draw on its foreign currency reserves to finance urgent defense needs. Dr. Eliezer Sheffer, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel, warned that the country's balance of payments deficit would reach \$5 billion this year if the government failed to implement austerity measures. These include manpower cuts in public service, a freeze on salaries and a 4-6 percent cut in the budget. Even if those measures are adopted, the deficit would be \$4 billion, he said.

Other measures that may have to be considered are a more rapid devaluation of the Pound to make exports more profitable and a reduction of imports. Some experts said the government would have to reconsider its liberal policy regarding foreign currency holdings. While Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafni has ruled that out on grounds that the national deficit stemmed from excessive imports rather than excessive purchase of foreign currency by individuals, another expert remarked, "It is hard to accept that Israel has such a tough time getting dollars whereas its citizens can buy as many dollars as they wish."

The immediate practical implications of the limited aid package include reduced production of warplanes, missiles and ammunition. Army exercises will be less extensive and soldiers will use less live ammunition. Some 4000 employees will face dismissal from defense industries and civilian industries that supply the army. The government will have to hike the price of imports and spur exports by every possible means.

Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz said he was grateful to the U.S. for its aid to Israel but that aid will not satisfy Israel's needs in either the military or civilian sectors. Weizman noted, in a statement to Yediot Achronot today, that the U.S. Administration has decided not to increase its aid to a number of countries and, in some cases, to reduce it.

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# In Search of Cairo Jews

By Herman Spector

When I returned from Israel and Egypt, friends asked, "What was your most memorable experience?" Without hesitation, I said it was my search for Jews in Cairo.

I was traveling with a group. Our itinerary brought us to the old city of Cairo to visit the ancient Cairo synagogue, Ben Ezra. To get there, we walked through some of the worst areas of human habitation I have ever encountered. Open sewers, excrement in the streets, flies and insects seemed to be the norm. The synagogue is situated in such surroundings. We lingered for a while to examine the ancient, religious appurtenances, and to take pictures.

While returning to our air-conditioned bus, I had an urge to talk with Egyptian Jews in Cairo. I wanted to learn, first hand, of Jewish survival in Egypt. But, I had no idea where to start. I had no names of Jews in Cairo, and even if I did I would be at a loss on how to contact them. The fact that all written material not within the hotel setting was in Arabic, made my task seem impossible. At first, I thought of asking our tour guide, who spoke English of course, to provide me with the name, address and telephone number of a Jew in Cairo. However, I discounted that source because tour guides probably are instructed to avoid situations which might involve international sensitivities, and notwithstanding Camp David's progress, peace still hangs in the balance.

According to our schedule for the next day, we would return to our hotel at about 4:45 P.M., and I knew my only opportunity to make the attempt would be at that time. I pondered over an approach.

In our room, there was a hotel brochure listing the various facilities in Cairo like shops, tours, banks, restaurants, nightclubs, and the like. Under the heading "Religious Services," reference was made to the hotel's *Visitor Guide*. That booklet was not in our room.

The next morning, before tour time, I asked a pleasant young lady behind the hotel counter for a copy of the *Visitor Guide*. I opened it to the page on religious services, and to my dismay, only mosques and churches were listed. No synagogues. I pointed out to the clerk that the guide book did not have any information on synagogues. I asked her to please find out for me, as a tourist, the location of the big synagogue in Cairo. Apparently, this was an unusual request because she didn't know for certain. She sent an associate to find out. While we were waiting, she said she thought it was located on Adly Street and circled it on a small street map of Cairo. She asked me, "Are you Jew?" I said I was. She extended her hand and said, "Welcome." In response to my question, she said she was Moslem. (I speculated that hotel managements in Egypt instructed their staffs that since Jewish tourists were beginning to come to Egypt, all personnel

were to extend appropriate courtesies to this new breed of tourists.) When the information arrived, she offered to write on a piece of paper, in Arabic, the name and address of the synagogue. I thanked her for her kindness, and joined my tour group.

My excitement increased as the day wore on. I envisioned all kinds of interesting prospects that awaited me. Would the local rabbi be there? Would a minyan of Egyptian Jews come for services? If I took notes and pictures, would they feel inhibited? If I didn't, would I remember everything they told me? Would one of them invite me to his home to meet his family, show me around, and discuss things in greater depth? My fantasies invigorated me.

At about 4:30 P.M., we secured a cab in front of the hotel. My wife insisted on accompanying me. She refused to sit in the hotel lobby and worry, while I disappeared into this Moslem country. The driver did not speak English. I showed him the written address. He nodded with understanding, and we launched ourselves into the horrendous Cairo traffic. We rode for about 20-minutes. We came to a commercial section, bustling with activity — not from tourists but from local people. The driver stopped and pointed to a building, indicating we had reached our destination.

As we got out of the cab, an armed guard approached us, and stretched out his hand. I automatically responded. My wife and I began to examine the building which reminded us of a large upper-Manhattan brownstone. We pointed out the Mogen-David high on the front wall. The guard remained, and smiled whenever I looked at him. Thinking he could be the source for more information, I asked him if the synagogue was open for services, and whether Jews lived in the neighborhood. He didn't understand English, and I didn't know Arabic. After realizing we could not communicate, he motioned us to follow him. He led us around the corner of the synagogue building, down a narrow alley to where an elderly gentleman dressed in local garb was sitting on a chair. The gentleman rose, extended his hand and greeted me.

I shook his hand, not understanding what he said. I tried to communicate with him — in English, Yiddish, Hebrew — but there was no sign he understood. The guard was still there. I looked at the guard, who obviously was Egyptian. I looked at the other, who apparently was Egyptian, and possibly Jewish. I didn't know. The guard said something to him, and pointed to an iron gate. He nodded, smiled, opened the gate and gestured us in. We entered a rather large courtyard, surprisingly clean. We saw a large plaque with Hebrew inscriptions attached to the rear of the synagogue building. I don't remember the words. (We brought neither camera nor notebook). The gentleman pointed to a corner of the yard and said, "Sukkah." Indeed, there stood a Sukkah with dried branches still on top. My wife and I walked with him toward the

Sukkah, and stood for a few moments. Suddenly, I had a chilling feeling. I glanced over my shoulder, and there was the guard, not more than two feet from me. In fact, he would not leave us. As we strolled back and forth desperately trying to communicate, he attached himself to us like a leech. I was becoming exasperated. My objective was to have conversations with Jews in Cairo, to learn, first hand, the true situation there. I was getting nowhere. I stopped, and looked the gentleman in the eye and asked him again, this time slowly and directly, in Hebrew, "Are you a Jew?" He nodded his head affirmatively, but didn't say anything. At that instant, I had palpitations. I recalled the experiences Americans had when going to Russia to talk to Jews there, but couldn't extract true information from them because the Jews feared the omnipresent Russian guards and secret police.

Was I in the same situation here, in Egypt? Could my persistence bring trouble to this gentleman who might be a Jew, but couldn't talk freely? My wife sensed the same thing. We looked at each other and nodded that we should leave.

By that time, both the guard and the gentleman were talking to me frequently using a word sounding like "mafule." (Later, the hotel clerk told me the word means "closed.") I had stated several times I wanted to attend services in the synagogue, that I had to leave with my group at 5:00 the next morning. Now, they were pointing to my wrist watch, and holding up various fingers. I presumed they were trying to tell me when services would next be held. But, I wasn't sure.

My heart wanted to give the gentleman a gift of some money, but my mind warned me not to. The risk of endangering his

welfare outweighed the benefits of any modest sum of money I would give him.

After making one last attempt without even getting a spark, I shook his hand firmly, and waved good-bye. The guard went with my wife and me, escorting us through the narrow alley back to the street. I looked behind me. It was now dusk. The elderly gentleman, who might be Jewish, was slowly closing the gate of the courtyard of the synagogue in Cairo, Egypt. I sensed he was watching our receding figures.

I wondered what was going through his mind. I wonder, as I write this account on the plane returning to the United States, whether a tear welled in his eye as he watched this American Jew and his wife fade away, forever. I wonder whether he grieved because I, who came and went with the wind, would return to my own country without having heard his story.

As for myself, I probably never will go back to Cairo. But, while I was there, I yearned to talk to Egyptian Jews. I had the time and I was at the place. But, the opportunity slipped from my grasp. I feel that I failed.

The day after I arrived home, I called the Embassy of Israel, the Embassy of Egypt, and the American Sephardic Federation. I learned that Menachem Begin, during his reciprocal trip to Egypt, visited both the Ben Ezra and the Adly Street (Shaar Shamayim) synagogues. The gentleman I met at the Adly Street synagogue is Jewish. He is the Gabbai. The guard is stationed there by the Egyptian government to safeguard the building from pilfering.

I am awaiting more information on Jews in Egypt.

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## Extension Sought at Elon Moreh

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government may apply to the Supreme Court for an extension of the deadline for the evacuation of Elon Moreh because inclement weather has slowed construction of the new settlement at Djebel Kebir. Mattiyahu Drobless, head of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, said that there was little chance of completing the work by Jan. 3, the date set by the Cabinet five weeks ago.

Drobless said an additional week or two might be necessary. He said he submits progress reports twice a day to Premier Menachem Begin who has taken a direct interest in the building operation. In an effort to speed it up, Air Force helicopters are lifting heavy earth-moving equipment to Djebel Kebir which is perched on a hill top about six miles from Elon Moreh.

The new settlement is being built by the government, the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency to accommodate the Gush Emunim settlers who must abandon Elon Moreh. The Supreme Court ruled last Oct. 22 that the settlement was established illegally on seized Arab lands and ordered its removal within 30 days. A small portion of the land was restored to its Arab owners last month. But the Cabinet allowed the settlers to remain until the end of the year while the new site was prepared on State-owned land.

The Elon Moreh settlers have pointedly

ignored the work being done on their behalf. They insist that they will not leave voluntarily unless the government introduces legislation barring any future legal challenges to Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. There is little chance that such a measure could command a majority in either the Cabinet or the Knesset. But the government is anxious to avoid a clash between the settlers and the army.

### Terrorist Base Reported in Cyprus

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Greek Cypriot police are keeping a close watch on Palestinian terrorist activity in Cyprus where the Palestinians have reportedly set up a maritime training base to prepare recruits for sea-borne terrorist assaults on Israel, it was learned here today. The Greek Cypriots are said to have asked the Lebanese authorities to exchange information on the movements of Palestinians. But, according to the reports, the terrorists enjoy freedom of movement in the Turkish zone of Cyprus where the authorities close their eyes to their activity. The base's existence was disclosed by an Arab terrorist recently captured by the Christian militia in south Lebanon, Maariv reported today.

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# Notices

## GOLDGRABER TO SPEAK

Hayim Goldgraber, a political analyst and student of Middle East affairs, will be the guest speaker at an open dinner meeting of the Westerly Lodge of B'nai B'rith to be held on Saturday night, January 26, at Gramps Restaurant on High Street. He will speak on the topic, "Israel and the Middle East; A Look into the 1980's".

A 7th generation Israeli, Mr. Goldgraber writes for the Moment Magazine, is a doctoral candidate at Brandeis University, and is a professor at the Hebrew Teachers College in Brookline.

Reservations for the dinner meeting may be made by writing to or calling Joseph Lewiss, lodge secretary. Members and guests are urged to make their reservations by January 23.

## BROTHERHOOD AWARD

For the fifth consecutive year, the Westerly Lodge of B'nai B'rith is sponsoring a Brotherhood Award. Churches of all denominations and some lay organizations have been invited to name representatives to a committee which will select the individual who, by his or her activities in the community, best exemplifies the principles inherent in the award. The person selected by the committee will receive a plaque commemorating the honor at a public ceremony sometime during the latter part of February.

Last year's recipient was Mrs. Jean Townsend. Those receiving the award in previous years include Chief of Police James Gulluscio, George Kent of Westerly Community Chorus, and Senator James J. Federico.

Co-chairing the program for the Westerly B'nai B'rith are Larry Wasserman and Joseph Lewiss.

## PIONEER WOMEN OF R.I.

Pioneer Women of R.I. Club 1 will not hold their regular meetings January and February. They will resume in March.

During a recent meeting, Mrs. David Friedman was reappointed for the second year as the Donor Luncheon Chairperson, which will be held on May 15, 1980. Co-chairpersons are Mrs. Abraham Grebstein and Mrs. Charles Lappin.

## ORT OFFERS LOX BOX

The Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT is selling lox boxes on Super Bowl Sunday, January 20, 1980. The kosher lox box which will be delivered before 12:00 p.m. will include 4 bagels, a quarter pound lox, a quarter pound cream cheese, onion, tomato, and two danish. The price is six dollars.

According to Susan Bromberg, project chairperson, the proceeds will go to the social assistance program which helps to give ORT students around the world money needed for their meals and extra curricular activities.

Anyone interested in ordering a lox box for themselves, friends, or a relative, and for providing a student in Israel, call Gail Siegel at 732-0288 or Julia Ehrlichman at 781-6849.

## COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Youth in grades nine - twelve can learn to develop communication skills while improving self-confidence at a four session Communications Workshop beginning Monday, January 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence.

Students will learn how to communicate more effectively with their parents, friends and teachers. Instructors will be Ivy Marwil, M.S.W., and Ronna Tapper-Goldman, M.S.W., both affiliated with Jewish Family and Children Services of Rhode Island. They have had extensive experience working with youth and their communication skills.

Workshop sessions will continue on January 28, February 4 and February 11. Fee for the series is \$15 for Center members, \$45 for non-members. For further information contact David Unger at the Center 861-8800.

## TROWEL CLUB DINNER

The R.I. Trowel Club #740 announced that its 54th annual dinner meeting and installation will be held on Thursday evening, January 17th at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk. John Seplocha, National League of Masonic Clubs Vice President and National Director will be the installing officer. Aaron Cohen will be honored with the appointment of Secretary Treasurer, Emeritus.

## GUEST LECTURER

"The Nature of Man: A Rabbinic Perspective" will be the topic of a lecture/discussion by guest speaker Rabbi Stanley Davids on Friday, January 11 at Temple Habonim, 147 County Road, Barrington, Rhode Island, following the regularly scheduled 8:00 Shabbat Services.

Rabbi Davids will focus on the similarities between the works of Sigmund Freud and the teachings of the rabbis as they relate to an understanding of human nature. He is Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanuel, Worcester, and is instructor in Judaism at Clark University. He also holds a great deal of honors and distinctions, including being a founding member of the Northeast Region Union of American Hebrew Congregations/CCAR Joint Commission on Youth and a member of both the CCAR Committee on Cultic Proselytization and the Committee on Medical Ethics. The public is invited.

## YIDDISH FILM FESTIVAL

A whole new generation is discovering the treasures of the Yiddish language. To meet the growing interest, the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, is sponsoring a four part Yiddish film series beginning January 6 and continuing throughout the month. All films will be shown on Sundays at 2 p.m.

These films will give viewers an opportunity to appreciate the rich folklore and literature which evolved in the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe and Russia before this culture was cut off in Europe by the events of World War II. The films include *Laughter Through Tears*, January 13, *A Brivele der Mamen*, January 20, *The Jazz Singer*, February 17, and *The Cantor's Son*, March 2.

Tickets for individual films are \$2.75 for non-members, \$1.75 for JCC members. Series tickets are \$6.00 for members, \$8.00 for non-members. Sponsor Series are \$12. For further information contact the Center at 861-8800.

## NARRAGANSETT ORT MEETING

The Narragansett Chapter of the Women's American ORT will hold its monthly meeting on January 17th at the home of Dorothy Rosen at 34 Rangeley Road, Cranston, at 12:15 p.m. Call 942-0985 if there are any questions. The guest speaker will be Rabbi George J. Astrachan from the Temple Sinai.

## CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club of Providence will meet Monday January 14th at the Central Congregational Church on Angell Street at 8 p.m. The program will be "Front Lens Attachments," a program produced by the Spiratone Co. as an instructional aid to beginner and advanced photographers. It will demonstrate the use of Multiple Image, Cross-Screen, Diffraction, Colored Filters, Diffusion, Close-Up and Wide Angle lenses, equipment which requires no special skill. There will be a presentation of slides taken by the company's customers, staff members, and contestants who have won prizes.

Meetings are open to the public. Entrance is at the rear of the church on Stimson.

## COMMUNAL EXECUTIVES SEMINAR

Jewish communal executives who head up intermediate size Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHAs will grapple with management problems and issues at the 1980 JWBSponsored Intermediate Cities Center Executives Seminar, to be held from January 13 to the 17th at the Holiday Inn in Hollywood, Florida.

Herman Markowitz, Executive Vice-President, Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix, will be the keynote speaker and he will address the issue of "Federation's Expectations vis-a-vis Jewish Community Center Realities." Arthur Rotman, Executive Vice-President of JWB, will follow Mr. Markowitz as a discussant offering a national perspective on this relationship between JCCs and their Federations. Among the executives attending the program will be Ramon Berger of Providence, R.I.

**CORRECTION:** The Lox Box sponsored by Women's American ORT will contain 2 Danish, not the 4 listed in last week's Herald ad.

## Philharmonic Performances

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Alvaro Cassuto, will present its first concert of 1980 on Saturday evening, January 19 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ocean State Theater. The concert will feature pianist Leon Fleisher, who is this year's Jean Madeira Memorial Soloist.

The program will open with a suite called "From the Southwest" by Gideon Waldrop, who is the Dean of Music at the Juilliard School in New York. He will attend the performance.

Following the Suite, the Philharmonic will perform Ravel's Piano Concerto For the Left Hand. This work is one of several written originally for pianist Paul Wittgenstein, who lost his right arm during World War I. It will be performed by Leon Fleisher, who has been called one of the most gifted of the younger generation of American keyboard artists. Born in San Francisco, he began playing piano at the age of four and gave his first public recital at age 7. He made his New York debut at Carnegie Hall when he was 16 as a soloist with Pierre Monteux and the New York Philharmonic. At age 24, he placed first in the prestigious Queen Elizabeth of Belgium Competition.

In addition to his pianistic career, Mr. Fleisher is also the Resident Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony, the Mellon Professor of Music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, and the co-director of the Theater Chamber Players of the Kennedy Center.

Following intermission, the concert will conclude with a performance of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2, subtitled "Little Russian."

Tickets for this concert are \$9, \$8 and \$7 each. The Ocean State box office may be called at 421-9075 for reservations.

## EMANU-EL SERIES

On Friday evening, January 11, Temple Emanu-El will hold the second in its series of three on conversion to Judaism. The series opened on January 4 with a session, "Family Tensions, and How Families

Cope," presented by Dr. Nathan Epstein, Director of Butler Hospital.

On January 11, Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer will discuss the Halachic process of conversion, the way in which one becomes a Jew. This discussion will follow Friday evening services which begin at 8:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After services, an Oneg Shabbat will precede the talk by Rabbi Kaunfer, and then the congregation will be divided into small discussion groups led by assigned group leaders. Special groups will be set up for those in the 10th-12th grades. There are articles and volumes on the subjects of intermarriage and conversion in the Temple Library. Chairmen of this series are Ivy and Toby Marwil.

## PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S ORT

The Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT will be holding the January meeting on the 17th. The meeting will be held at the home of Deborah Denby, 138 Harvard Street, Cranston, at 7:45 p.m.

The evening's program will be presented by Kitchen Caravan with an oriental cooking demonstration.

For further information, call 943-7746.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

The South Providence Hebrew Association held their annual raffle on December 30, 1979, at their board meeting. The winners are: Jeff Cohen, \$100 U.S. Bond; Evan Kirshenbaum, \$50 U.S. Bond; Jordan Factor, \$25 U.S. Bond; and Evelyn Rappaport, \$25 U.S. Bond.

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## Technology Aids Farming at Weizmann Institute

**REHOVOT, Israel** — Faster ripening and improved yields of certain important agricultural crops can now be attained, thanks to a new variety of protective plastic field covers designed at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The modified polyethylene sheeting — being produced in pilot quantities under license by Israel Petrochemical Enterprises, Haifa, which sponsored the research and participated in the product development — has already been used in growing sweet peppers, strawberries and grapes under Ministry of Agriculture supervision.

According to developers Yael Allingham and Prof. David Vofsi (Weizmann Institute Dept. of Plastics Research), the use of plastic coverings to protect crops is particularly widespread in Mediterranean countries in which mini- and full-scale plastic tunnels are employed to reduce water evaporation and maintain warmer ground temperatures during cool nights. Both these factors provide speedier and healthier plant development.

Field tests, comparing the newly-developed tunnel material with standard polyethylene and other protective plastics show superior performance for the Institute-developed modified polyethylene film.

Using this film product, strawberry field trials, for example, have produced 50% more early fruit than fields covered by standard polyethylene, while total yield was increased by about 10%. Since early fruit usually fetches higher prices, the new covering significantly increases farmers' earnings, particularly since the new film costs little more than regular polyethylene.

Tests on peppers, grown in plastic-covered, walk-in tunnels (32 meters long and 4.8 meters wide) have yielded similar results. However, with grapes, although the use of the modified plastic improved the early harvest by 50%, total yield was somewhat lower than that of standard polyethylene.

Supported by Israel's Ministry of Agriculture, extensive field trials for the upcoming 1979-80 season will include flowers (particularly roses), cucumbers and grapevines. Uri Barak and his coworkers at the Ministry's Agro-Meteorological Department are supervising these tests.

The use of polyethylene protection for improving crop yields has been practiced in Israel for the past 10 years. During the severe frost of 1972-3, it was noticed that plants protected by polyethylene tunnels were lost while those in adjacent tunnels

covered by polyvinylchloride, which is virtually impervious to heat loss via radiation, survived the cold. Unfortunately polyvinylchloride is not a very practical material for crop protection. It is more expensive than polyethylene (one of the cheapest plastics available) and presents an environmental hazard because it cannot be disposed of by incineration.

As a result, the Israel Petrochemical Enterprises approached the Weizmann Institute in the hope of finding a suitable additive for polyethylene able to absorb the infrared "heat" radiation and improve temperature control by the inexpensive plastic. Institute scientists selected a phosphorous-containing component that provided the polyethylene with the necessary radiation-absorbing properties.

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Eagerly awaiting results from the 1979-80 trials, Ms. Allingham says: "Last winter was particularly mild. If this year's weather is a bit harsher, our modified coverings can really show their full worth."

## Kabbala and the Messianic Era

conclusion

By Dr. Jay N. Fishbein

The Renaissance and Reformation period seemed to offer a ray of hope for a brief period. Martin Luther sought the friendship of the Jews, but when they realized that what he had in mind was mass conversion, they turned away as they had from Mohammed who had simply asked to be accepted as a Prophet. Martin Luther made considerable concessions that he felt certain would find ready acceptance.

He published a pamphlet, *That Jesus Was Born a Jew*, and declared that Jews were kinsmen and brothers of the Saviour; that God had entrusted the Holy Scriptures to their care. The Jews soon discovered that Luther's offer was no different from what the Catholic Church had been attempting for centuries — namely baptism.

They also realized that once again they were confronted by a religion that was dominated by a desire for power, and that the Protestant Church was as anti-Semitic as the Catholic. When the Jews rejected his offer, Luther bitterly cursed them as "stiff-necked ingrates" who stubbornly refused to accept God's will.

When Luther recognized the failure of his missionary propaganda, he completely reversed himself and wrote a series of treatises against these "Brothers of the Saviour" which accused them of utter depravity, in which there was hardly an argument that had not already been used by the Catholic Church, namely desecration of the host, ritual murder, and the poisoning of wells. Trials for ritual murder became so common in the German states, that the Emperor Charles V finally had to call a halt.

Although Jews had refused to participate in the Reformation, they were not to be spared from the horrors of the Christian wars that came to be known as the Thirty Years' War, which decimated the population and devastated the continent. They were continually being expelled from one German country and driven into another; then invited to return, only to be expelled again at a later date.

Eventually, the Jews were found to be indispensable, as vast sums were required for the conduct of the war, and only Jews could be depended upon to raise it. As there was now concern about their ability to raise the necessary sums, it of necessity involved concern about their security. Thus for a time they could count on being permitted to live undisturbed. It could not wipe out memories of the past, and the discipline imposed by the martyrdom of centuries of oppression helped forge the character of the Jew. It never succumbed to resignation or despair.

For a period of about two hundred years the Polish kingdom had gradually been extended to the Ukraine. This vast territory was regarded as a conquered province and the king and nobility exploited the population unmercifully, reducing them to serfdom. Fanatical religious hatred also separated the Polish nobility from the Ukrainian peasant. Although both were Christian, the Poles were Catholic while the Ukrainians were members of the Orthodox Greek Church.

The Cossacks revolted, led by their Hetman, Bogdan Chmielnicki. They succeeded in defeating the Polish troops, and took revenge on their Polish oppressors. The Jew was not only an "infidel" but also a tyrant. Since the Jews were literate and excellent administrators, they were selected by the Polish nobility to handle their estates. The Jew thus became the symbol of oppression,

and the battle-cry became "Down with the Pans and the Jews!" In the ensuing pogroms, more than a hundred thousand Jews were slaughtered and hundreds of Jewish villagers put to the flames. These mass murders were Europe's worst pogroms up to this time, far exceeding those of preceding centuries, including the period of the crusades.

The newly elected Polish king, Jan Casimir, finally compelled Hetman Chmielnicki to sign a treaty of peace. The Jewish remnant collected itself and began to rebuild their ravaged villages and start life afresh. This period of peace was not to last long. War soon began with Gustavus of Sweden. The Swedes invaded Poland, but the Jews were well treated in the villages that were overrun by them.

The Poles who had treated the Jews shabbily and had made life miserable, now demanded that they participate actively in this religious war with Sweden. The Jews refused, preferring to remain neutral. They were branded by the Poles as traitors and massacred without mercy. Approximately half a million Jews were slaughtered. In eastern Ukraine not a single Jew was left alive. About 700 communities were completely wiped out, and the Jewish center in Poland annihilated.

So great was the massacre that the Jews referred to the catastrophe as the *Third Hurhan*, or the third destruction of the temple. The surviving Jews were reduced to utter poverty and misery. It was such events that brought on the Messianic Era with its false Messiahs.

The Kabbalah seemed to offer their only hope. It promised that the Messiah would come only after enormous Jewish suffering. The Chmielnicki massacres with its attendant horrors and the religious wars that followed they felt certainly indicated that the arrival of the Messiah was imminent, and thus the ground was prepared for Sabbatai Zevi, the first of the so-called Messiahs. He was eagerly received not only by the Jews but by equally credulous gentiles. Zevi was learned in Kabbalah, and impressed everyone with whom he came in contact with his apparent supernatural powers, and soon gathered a huge following of enthusiastic disciples.

He led his followers throughout the Middle East, and was received with wild enthusiasm in every country he visited. The only ones that failed to be impressed were the rabbis who unanimously denounced him, but failed to affect his popularity. Amid cries that "the Messiah has come!" Jews throughout Europe flocked to his side, selling their property, and abandoning their families as they prepared for the journey to the Holy Land.

Zevi made the fatal error of arriving in Constantinople with an enormous following, where he was promptly arrested on orders of the sultan, and offered the grim choice of conversion to the Moslem faith or execution. Shabbatai Zevi unfortunately was not cast in the martyr's mold and chose conversion.

His defection crushed and demoralized the Jewish world. However, Zevi's downfall failed to discourage other would-be Messiahs and only stimulated a series of new adventurers, with equally disheartening results.

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# Israel Information Center Issues Document Against Palestinian State

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Faced with increasing international support for the Palestinians' demand for "self-determination" the Israeli government has

recently published an explanatory document setting out its objections to the idea of an independent Palestinian state.



**STUDENTS** at the Solomon Schechter Day School of R.I. spent an exciting morning preparing for Shabbat dinner. Each child in the first grade class baked a challah for the occasion. Expertise in the kneading and baking process was provided by Natalie Percelay, an active member of the Rhode Island Jewish community, and a regular volunteer at the school. Wendy Garf, Hebrew specialist at the school, spoke to the children about Shabbat, and its importance to them as Jews. The Schechter School, located at 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, was founded in 1978 to provide a secular and Jewish education within the framework of the Conservative Jewish movement. It is certified by the Rhode Island State Department of Education, and offers a half-day kindergarten, and a full day first grade. In 1980-81, there will also be a second grade. Director of the school is Rabbi Alvan Kauner, and he may be reached at 331-1816 for any information concerning the school.

**LEFT TO RIGHT (front)** Rachel Alexander, Estee Coshak, Julianne Sassen, Eliezer Kauner, Steven Miller, Dorie Fain, Saul Metnick, Michael Zuller, Michael Robinson, Daniel Stein, (back row) Natalie Percelay, Wendy Garf.

## Support For Special-Ed Programs

NEW YORK (JTA) — An authority on special education has called for increased Federation support of programs in Jewish schools for the learning disabled, declaring that three out of four such children "will be able to return the investment made in them by the Jewish community."

Dr. Bennett Rackman, a teacher trainer for the New York City Board of Education's Division of Special Education, bases his projection on the fact that "at least 75 percent of the special education population about whom Jewish educators are concerned" is comprised of children who are "minimally handicapped."

Writing in the current issue of *The Pedagogic Reporter*, professional journal of the American Association for Jewish Education, Rackman says "the American Jewish community of the 21st Century" will have as great a need for "committed followers" as it will have for leaders. This need can be met in part by today's minimally handicapped students who, he says, have the potential to "become contributing members to UJA and Federation as adults."

### Cites Need For Community Support

While stressing the efficacy of Jewish special education for these children, Rackman cites an accompanying need for community support of "earmarked programs serving the Jewish retarded." He notes, however, that the funding required for these programs, "which might be considered 'gemilut hasadim'" (pure charity), is "quite small by comparison with the amount of money needed to help the marginally impaired."

Rackman says that bureaus of Jewish education in several cities throughout the country (e.g. Chicago, Washington, Atlanta) have been successful in establishing communitywide Jewish special education programs. But he says the preponderance of parents who want some Jewish education for their learning disabled children are faced with bleak, and sometimes tragic, alternatives.

"Not many school administrators are knowledgeable in the area of special education and may seek to hide their ignorance by stating they cannot help such children," Rackman says. Subsequently, many parents who receive no guidance from the Jewish community "turn away disheartened" and "may even turn to other religions for solace and help," he says, adding: "Whole families

The publication, issued by the Israel Information Center, states, among other things, that the Camp David accords provide for ensuring the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians as recognized by the signatories of the accords — Israel and Egypt — and the accords, therefore, limited the conventional connotation of the term,

"legitimate rights." They did not accept the Palestinian interpretation of the term, that is a separate, independent state.

The far reaching significance of this position is that Israel considers itself one of the primary parties entitled to participate in deciding what comprises the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians, regardless of the international community's views on the subject. What the Israel government believes to be non-legitimate is the idea of "self-determination" in the sense of a separate state. This is not legitimate because it would endanger Israel's own security.

Israel's basic approach — which underlies the autonomy proposals — is that in a series of discussion some modicum of understanding could be worked out which would give the Palestinian people a framework for a moderate alternative leadership to the Palestine Liberation Organization which objects to any solution other than full "self-determination."

### Israel's Basic Objections

The pamphlet anchors Israel's objections to a Palestinian state in the following arguments:

- \* A Palestinian state would be a PLO state, namely a state which would be administered by a terrorist organization that rejects the idea of coming to terms with the existence of the State of Israel, or limiting Palestine to the confines of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The PLO, moreover, would continue to serve as a convenient political tool of the rejectionist Arab states and the Soviet Union in their perennial quest to destabilize the region, the pamphlet contends.

- \* A Palestinian state would place Israel's major centers of population and the country's industrial infrastructure under the constant threat of the gun. The pamphlet reminds the reader of some basic statistics: most of Israel's population and much of its industrial infrastructure is situated in the coastal plain which lies between the Mediterranean Sea and the mountains of the West Bank.

The pre-1967 armistice lines converted this coastal plain into a narrow corridor ranging from 9-15 miles wide linking the north and the south of Israel. Tel Aviv, Israel's largest metropolitan center, was a mere 11 miles from Jordanian army positions. Jerusalem was encircled on three sides by Jordan's Arab Legion. The importance of strategic depth for Israel was dramatically illustrated in the Yom Kippur War when Israel was taken by surprise and both Egypt and Syria made substantial territorial gains.

The threat posed by these gains, the pamphlet stresses, was mitigated to a large extent by the distance of the lines from the heartland of Israel. Had the Arab attack been launched from the pre-1967 armistice lines, Israel would have been sliced in two, Jerusalem cut off from the rest of the country and the major centers of population would have been overrun by enemy forces.

### Controlling The Air Space

Israel's entire air space could be fully controlled from the areas of the Palestinian state. Ben Gurion Airport would be within easy range of the simplest anti-aircraft missiles, which would be deployed from across the pre-1967 armistice lines. Anti-aircraft missiles would control almost all of Israel's air space and would thus pose a constant threat to the country's main communications link with the rest of the world. The effectiveness of Israel's Air Force would be severely impaired as would be its preemptive capability.

- \* A Palestinian state would serve as a launching-pad for attack upon Israel by radical and uncompromising Arab states, and as a base for assaults by the various terrorists that might well continue operating independently of a centralized, responsible Palestinian government.

The pamphlet claims, moreover, that the range and the destructive capacity of the artillery in Arab arsenals has more than doubled since 1967. The terrorist organizations, too, have acquired substantial quantities of artillery and rockets from the Soviet Union and other sources. Consequently, over 90 percent of Israel's civilian population and industrial infrastructure would be within comfortable range, and therefore vulnerable, if a Palestinian state were established on the West Bank and Gaza.

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# Jewish Drop-Outs: A Calamity in the Making?

By Alon Ben-meir

By now, Jews have mastered the art of creating a tragic situation and then very carefully and diligently formulating a rationale to explain it. Jewish leaders both inside and outside of Israel are perfectly capable of over-arguing an issue and then of announcing that a satisfactory solution has been reached when in reality, nothing of any substance has been achieved. Even occasionally when a compromise is reached, it has usually been emptied of meaning and serves neither the need nor the intended purpose.

The issue of the Jewish drop-outs (*Noshrim*) is one of those painful and perhaps fateful dilemmas that has been debated for the last several years without anyone reaching a practical solution. It is tragic that more than 70% of Russian Jewry emigrating on an Israeli visa do not settle in Israel, but instead, opt to reside in other countries, primarily the U.S. This is without doubt one of the most alarming developments of modern Jewish history, and it has serious implications for the well-being of both Israel and World Jewry.

The problem of the *Noshrim* did not evolve overnight. In the early 1970's, more than 95% of the Russian Jews who were allowed to leave the Soviet Union emigrated to Israel. What transpired during the last 7-9 years is not difficult to fathom. It was brought about by the lack of a coherent Israeli national policy; by the absence of proper coordination between the various Jewish organizations involved; by an inflated bureaucracy in Israel; and finally, by jealousy, blind competition, and self-righteousness. All of these shortcomings came into play, leaving an issue of extraordinary magnitude and ramifications up to the whims of self-appointed, misguided individuals in both the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (H.I.A.S.) and the Joint Distribution Committee. The problem is not new. Scores of official and semi-official studies have been conducted on this issue, and numerous explanations have been offered on the reasons contributing to this development. Although many people understand and appreciate the acuteness of the situation, still no meaningful solution is in sight to rectify it.

Six arguments are presented to explain the *Noshrim*:

**First**, we are told that the drop-outs are simply misinformed. Having been constantly subjected to anti-Israel propaganda, their only antidote became the Voice of America. Thus, seduced, the U.S., not Israel, became their preferred destination. Their choice was further reinforced, it is said, by rumors about the difficult life that earlier Russian emigres experienced in Israel. This explanation is misleading at worst, and simplistic at best. Indeed, anyone who is familiar with the history of Jewish emigration from Russia will attest that anti-Israel propaganda was just as fierce and pointed seven years ago as it is today. Yet, statistics verify that more than 90% of these earlier immigrants opted for Israel. Although the possibility of a "difficult life" is certainly cited as one discouraging factor, in reality, Israel's immigration procedures and bureaucratic red tape can be blamed for the considerable disenchantment that many Russian emigres expressed. In this area, Israel can, and indeed must, correct its inefficient bureaucracy and make absorption into Israeli society a positive rather than an anxious experience.

**Second**, the fact is often cited that Russian Jews who elect to immigrate to the U.S. are usually offered better accommodations than those en route to Israel. For example, while in Vienna, they are given the opportunity to visit the city and are generally treated as welcome guests. On the other hand, those bound for Israel are confined to special quarters and are allegedly deprived of all the pleasures that the others take for granted. This argument lacks credibility because any person who is concerned about his future and fulfilling a life-long dream would not sacrifice that for a temporary excursion to Vienna or Rome. Furthermore, this whole argument could be eliminated once Israel became the only option available to them. Observers who visited the "special quarters" reserved for emigres bound for Israel have confirmed that the atmosphere in these quarters was comforting and very pleasant.

**Third**, the psychological and emotional conditions of the immigrant Jews is cited as a contributing factor. Having been persecuted because of their Jewishness, many seize the first opportunity to relieve themselves of their Jewish identity once they reach the "promised land" of the U.S. Unlike Israel,

the U.S. offers them a more conducive environment to achieve just that. In a recent article Edward Kuznetsov ("Outsmarting the Past," *The National Jewish Monthly*, October 1979, pp. 6-10) states: "Barely Jews, drop-outs refuse to understand the hidden potential in the opportunity to become Israeli. They close their ears, so as not to hear the past with all its sufferings, groans and prayers. They want to slip out of history, to be outside history and not to listen to its roar. Too weak to cope with the past, they strive to outsmart it. Yesterday they were Jews; today they are anything but Jews. Yet they do not have the desire to be Israelis. They hope to lose themselves among the

organized, highly politically oriented, reactionary, and in principle are opposed to any change that might remotely weaken our domain. In short, we have learned to reinforce this pathetic pattern and have finally come to accept it as a way of life.

**Fifth**, to add insult to injury, we begin to speak in terms of "freedom of choice," a view supported by H.I.A.S. and other American agencies: what a paradox! Freedom of choice for whom? If we are admitting to the whole world and to ourselves that the majority of these drop-outs are misinformed and misguided, how could they make an intelligent choice? To clarify the concept of "freedom of choice" to those who

There is no easy solution to the problem. Certainly, half-measures will render both Israel and the Jewish people a serious disservice. The time has come for defining real causes and devising the proper solutions. Russian Jews should immigrate to Israel, and Israel must be given first priority. No Russian Jews should be allowed to immigrate anywhere else before given the opportunity to visit Israel. No Jewish organizations should be allowed to perpetuate itself at the expense of Israel's ultimate future. No agency, Jewish or otherwise, should be involved in the drop-outs rehabilitation without thorough consideration of all other aspects, and finally, no vague compromises



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heterogeneous Western populations and at last rid themselves of the difficult time of being a Jew." This may be the case for many of them. However, this "revelation" should encourage us to walk the extra mile and to go beyond the call of duty to demonstrate to so-called Jews that being an Israeli is not a burden but a privilege. It is hardly believable that if the only option open to them was settling in Israel, they would have chosen to remain in Russia. In fact, when this hypothetical question was asked by Jewish agency representatives, virtually every respondent stated that they would have selected Israel without any hesitation. Beyond that, however, no Russian emigre should be given the false impression that religious observance is mandatory in Israel. On the contrary, Israel is the only country where a Jew can maintain his identity without observing the rituals and maintaining the facade to which many Diaspora Jews have grown accustomed as a way of asserting their Jewishness.

**Fourth**, some officials of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, including its World Chairman, Arye Dulzin, have repeatedly stated that the majority of Russian emigres would have immigrated to Israel if H.I.A.S. had not been ready and willing to assist any Jew who wanted to settle in other countries. The fact that Israel must compete with the U.S. definitely puts the former at a serious disadvantage. Whether or not any other agency is to blame is hardly relevant. It is ironic that we Jews continue to create one agency after another, and yet hopelessly fail to cope with our creations. H.I.A.S. was formed to help displaced Jews and refugees after World War II, but now for "humanitarian" reasons, it creates a totally unjustified competition between Jewish "homelands." It must be made abundantly clear that Russian Jews are not displaced people or refugees. They have a right to immigrate to Israel where they have a place to stay and live as free people. Now more than ever before in the evolution of Jewish redemption, Israel's national interests must take priority over those of the Jewish organizations. We are over-

supposedly don't understand what to select is deliberately misleading. For the more than two million Jews who immigrated to Israel during the 1940's and 1950's, there was no freedom of choice; only Israel could fulfill their highest aspiration. Much has transpired since the early immigration of the 1940's and 1950's. Israel's ability to absorb new emigres is far greater and more adequate today than ever before. Unlike the Russian emigre who is provided with job training and the means for earning a living, most Jews emigrating from Arab lands and segments of Eastern European Jewry were offered only the bare necessities. Originally, camps Maabarot were erected, and tin shacks and tents housing families of 8-10 members were hastily assembled. Many thousands of families lived for more than ten years under such deplorable conditions. In the 1940's and 1950's, America did not assist those emigres, and "freedom of choice" did not exist. Yet, the absence of "freedom of choice" solidified the creation of the state of Israel. Israel's very future may well depend on the continuation of the same premise.

**Sixth**, it is argued that if the Israeli government had insisted on a policy change, the whole picture would have been different today. The reason behind the Israeli government's lack of resolve is its concern over the position of the U.S. Jewish leadership. It is known that the majority of these leaders do not support any change in the current policy, be it out of misplaced guilt, poor coordination, or mistaken assessment of the situation, and they continue to advocate the overused cliche of "freedom of choice." In this respect, I believe that the Israeli government should assume the greater part of the blame. The preoccupation of Israeli leaders with matters of war and peace has often camouflaged the critical issue of Jewish immigration. Both Menachem Begin and his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, refused to take a firm position on the drop-out problem. Both leaders have not lived up to the call and the responsibility of Israel's demographic dilemma, a problem that has a direct bearing on the attitudes of the Arab states toward Israel and to which the drop-outs contribute considerably.

should be worked out to please or appease this or other agencies. The Jewish national character and aspirations are at stake. The whole *raison d'être* behind the creation of Israel is at stake. The credibility of Israel and World Jewry is at stake.

In conclusion, we must mobilize all of our human resources and enact a coherent policy — a policy geared to bringing every single Russian Jew with an Israeli visa to the real promised land. Even if the Russian Jews decide to emigrate from Israel after a reasonable stay (6-12 months) and exercise their "freedom of choice," they have at least enriched themselves with Jewish values and contributed in a small way to Israel's strength. Those who elect to emigrate from Israel should be able to do so totally and completely at their expense. In a "Jerusalem Post" article ("Drop-outs and Survival," *The Jerusalem Post*, April 29-May 5, 1979, p. 10), Yosef Godell states: "However, there is every reason why Israel should press for an arrangement whereby Soviet Jewish arrivals in Vienna are taken directly to a waiting El Al airliner rather than to the Vienna transit camp. Soviet Jewish emigrants should be permitted to preserve whatever realistic option they have of going to the U.S. for sometime . . . after coming to Israel. But their processing and initial absorption should be and can be done in Israel." The U.S. and Israel can work out an arrangement whereby U.S. immigration laws defining displaced persons would remain applicable, and thus, U.S. displaced persons' visas and U.S. government matching funds would still be available. To accomplish this, every responsible Jew must act. Moreover, it is incumbent on the Israeli government, especially the Prime Minister, to take a firm, definitive position. There is no room for ambivalence, no time for equivocation, and no reason for lack of resolve and half-measures. The Soviet Union must not be handed any cause to slow or stop Jewish emigration. If we Jews do not solve this problem, we will be held accountable not only to our generation but to future generations for one of the biggest blunders in our history — a blunder which may undermine the very existence of Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

## Peres Sees No U.S. Opposition

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Shimon Peres, chairman of the opposition Labor Party, said recently that he had "not encountered any American opposition" to the idea that Israeli settlements could remain along the Jordan Valley in a future peace settlement. Similarly, Peres told correspondents here, the U.S. was prepared to see the Israeli army remain on the Jordan River under a peace agreement.

Peres warned that if Israel did not take the diplomatic initiative during 1980 it would face massive American pressure for either a return to Geneva or a return to the

Rogers Plan in 1981. He said this was because any newly elected or re-elected administration would feel free to squeeze Israel, especially since by that time Israel's foreign debt would be in the order of \$20 billion and its dependence on Washington would be nearly total.

The U.S. "will not have to exert pressure but merely to refuse to increase its aid," Peres warned. He recommended that an Israeli initiative be taken in one or more of the following directions:

Implementing autonomy in Gaza first, since the Egyptians, he said, believed it

## In Praise of Hebrew Day Schools

By Thomas W. Pearlman

There are over 500 Hebrew Day Schools in America and Canada. Every city with a Jewish community having more than 5,000 persons has a Hebrew Day School. One of the great sages said a few years ago that, following the Holocaust, God has performed two miracles for the benefit of the Jewish people. The first miracle was the establishment of the State of Israel. The second miracle was the establishment of the Hebrew Day Schools. For thousands of years, the Jews always sent their children to day schools, realizing that they could get the best and most thorough education in a full day environment.

In America, when the Jews came here in large numbers in the early 1900's, they did not establish day schools, but hired a melamed (teacher) who came to the home or sent their children to afternoon schools and Sunday schools. Genuinely concerned and serious parents soon began to realize that this type of education was a failure. Most keenly aware of this realization were the great and outstanding leaders of the Jewish community, such as Rabbi Aaron Kotler, who realized that unless Jews founded day schools, disaster for the Jewish people would lie not too far ahead. Assimilation and intermarriage were rampant. The loss of young people from our faith had to be reversed. Instead, a crash program for our youth was needed. Our youth had to be taught to develop an understanding and love, in depth, of their great heritage and ethical ideals.

The Providence Hebrew Day School was founded in 1946 by committed parents who responded to this need. Several prior attempts to found a day school in Providence had been unsuccessful. Presently, the Providence Hebrew Day School has almost 300 students ranging from kindergarten through the 12th grade. The high school division of the School is known as the New England Academy of Torah and was founded in 1968. The school has gained an outstanding reputation, both in the local community and nationally, because it has developed not only committed Jews, but also students who have been admitted to the finest colleges and universities, such as Brown, Columbia, Yale, Harvard, and the University of Pennsylvania, etc. In fact, among all New England and Rhode Island high schools, its graduates have one of the best acceptance rates to Ivy League colleges.

Today, we see one family after another disintegrating because, while the parents gave their children almost everything, including all sorts of material things, they failed to give them the most important of all things, namely an adequate education, coupled with character-building. Look around you! Look at the wealthiest of families! Look at those who have been considered to be among the finest of families, and you will find, unfortunately, by the third or fourth generation, that most of these families have disintegrated because they have failed to develop the character, set of values, and wisdom available in our great Jewish heritage.

The other day, I called upon a grandfather who has been very successful financially and who owns several apartment houses, as well as a very successful business. I asked him for \$100 to help cover some of the expenses that will be incurred by the Day School in educating several Russian-Jewish children who have recently arrived here. These children will be taught not only in Hebrew and English language studies, but also in regard to basic things that most American Jews take for granted. The grandfather took me out and showed me this Cadillac, whereupon he said "Look at

this Cadillac, I can only get \$350 as a trade-in on it." He said, "Furthermore, I have to send my grandchildren to private schools, I cannot afford to give any money to charity."

I realized, what a fool this grandfather is. He thinks that he is helping his grandchildren by sending them to private schools, where they may receive an education in something, but certainly not in developing what is most important to our children, namely a real set of values and moral and ethical ideals. He is worried about replacing his old Cadillac with a new \$15,000 to \$20,000 Cadillac, but yet he has no money to spend for helping to preserve our valuable Jewish heritage. I can tell you, friends, that I have watched this family, and I can see the path that the grandchildren will take. I can predict that they will not support Israel. I know that very few, if any of them, unless a miracle occurs, will consider themselves to be Jewish in another few years.

What are the common objections to the Hebrew Day School that some people might foolishly have, without having thought through their answers? One common objection is "I can teach my children values at home." The next common objection I've run into from parents is the old permissive cliche of "let my children do what they want." How foolish this is and how inconsistent when thought through. Naturally, a child is going to run outside when it's raining out without thinking to put on a raincoat or rubbers until he gets cold and wet a few times and then matures and grows up. It is a parent's duty to make sure that the child wears the raincoat and puts on the rubbers. How much more so when outside it is raining filth, pornography, immorality, unethical conduct, and drugs, any one of these things which, if an innocent child becomes involved with, can totally ruin his or her life, both from mental and physical points of view. Why all of a sudden do parents, without thinking, permit their young, innocent children to fall into these gambits without sufficient preparation?

Another common objection by parents is that "I can't afford it." "I'm saving up to send my children to college." My friends, on the college scene, if you are unaware of what is going on, you will find that over half of the college students are mixed up in drugs, premarital sex, cults, and similar exploits. In fact, a recent report has indicated that over 50 percent of the children involved in the Moonies, the Jesus freaks, and the Hari Krishnas, are from Jewish homes. These children are lost, depressed, unhappy, and wandering about in a spiritual vacuum, because they haven't learned the great wisdom and beauty of their own heritage, which is the heritage of their own antecedents that has survived through the years in spite of much adversity, and of the Torah and Talmud.

My friends, if you love your grandchildren, if you love your children, don't put the money aside to buy him or her a new car. Don't put the money aside to send him or her to college. Put the money aside now to give them a sense of direction to their lives, a real sense of true moral and ethical values. A Hebrew Day School education may not be a cure-all for all of the world's ills, but it will certainly go a long way toward preparing our children and grandchildren to make their way successfully in this world and be better able to cope with problems than if they had not had such an education. At the same time, they will be better human beings, both morally and ethically, and will be enjoying their lives to the fullest by living with a true and pure set of real values.

the Palestine problem 30 years ago were sounded with the release of the British Cabinet papers of 1949. They recalled that Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, complained to the Cabinet about "the instability" and "vacillation" of American policy in the Middle East.

For example, President Truman had promised support for a United Nations resolution backing the internationalization of Jerusalem yet shortly afterwards, the U.S. State Department seemed to be offering different proposals, particularly with regard to Trans-Jordan.

In the debate, Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister, challenged the basis of Britain's whole approach to the region. He doubted if Britain's position could be maintained through the support of "unstable and reactionary" Arab governments. Instead he wanted Britain to befriend the Jews who would give her all the facilities needed to establish strong military bases in Palestine.

### Britain Criticized

LONDON (JTA) — Echoes of Britain's disagreement with the United States over

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By Sylvia Porter



### Calendar For Bargains

(The following column is excerpted from *Sylvia Porter's New Money Book For The 80's*.)

February is an excellent month in which to buy air conditioners, used cars, rugs and lamps. Do so — and you can save 10 to 30 percent or even more on each item's cost.

August is a fine month in which to buy furs, fans, gardening equipment and men's coats. Do so — and you can easily save 10 to 30 percent or more.

Buy refrigerators in January . . . Buy millinery in July . . . Buy toys during the post-Christmas clearances . . . And bathing suits during the post-July 4 markdowns.

These are the seasonal savings — and they are and will continue to be available throughout the years. Merely by planning your spending to take advantage of the seasonal sales the year round, you can

easily slash your spending by hundreds of dollars! Just by ignoring the seasonal "bargain calendar" I submit below, you can "waste" hundreds of dollars.

There are three major periods for storewide clearance sales after Easter, after July 4 and after Christmas. These are excellent times to pick up clothes, linens, dozens of other items, although you may run into shortages of styles, sizes and colors if you don't shop early in the sales. There also are the well-publicized August white sales; specials for George Washington's birthday; for Columbus Day; Veterans Day; similar holidays.

Do not let the simplicity of the following calendar mislead you into downgrading its importance to your pocketbook! This bargain guide alone can put you well on the way to beating any foreseeable price spiral in the future. This strategy of timing your buying alone can more than offset any apparent annual rise in the cost of living.

## Oldest Legal Papers Identified

Fifteen years of reconstructing and deciphering fragments of worm-eaten papyrus rolls have led a Harvard University professor to identify what he calls the oldest legal documents known to have originated in ancient Palestine.

Frank M. Cross, a professor of Semitic languages, said that the papers resemble present day bills of sale with contracts for loans, sales of slaves and property. Cross said they are significant because they provide insights into the aspects of legal history, and how legal methods and customs developed.

Dr. Cross found that the legal formulation on these scrolls differed from earlier legal documents. He also found that the conditions for the length of slavery were much harsher than those ordained in the Pentateuch.

The scrolls were found in a cave 8 miles north of Jericho, buried with the bones of more than 100 Samaritan noblemen from the Province of Samaria who had been massacred by Alexander the Great's soldiers in 331 B.C. The rolls date between 375 and 335 B.C.

An earlier discovery had been made in Mesopotamia of Cuneiform tablets covering real estate transactions, loans, adoptions, and temple archives that dated from 2500 to 300 B.C. And marriage deeds and sales contracts of the fifth century B.C. had been found in Southern Egypt, but the documents reconstructed by Dr. Cross are the first Palestinian legal documents that have been found. They differ in structure and content from the other documents in that they go into greater detail over the legal transaction.

The cave where the documents were found is practically inaccessible by foot, being high on the side of a ravine in the Jordan River Valley. Many ancient documents, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, have been found in this area, all preserved by the hot, dry climate.

Dr. Cross said that the documents had been found by local tribesmen in 1961. Archeological experts in Jerusalem know of his command of Aramaic and of his previous work in translating part of the Dead Sea Scrolls' and so notified him of the find. A year later he went to Jerusalem to examine the rolls and acquired them from the tribesmen for study by himself and other experts.

The scrolls were rolled up, tied with string and sealed with a wax-like mixture of what seemed to be clay and vegetable gum. Dr. Cross and other experts unrolled the fragile sheets that measured about 14 by 18 inches.

"When I looked at them I could tell that many of them were legal documents," he said.

The first of 8 documents Dr. Cross finished translating this year was a contract for the sale of slave at 45 shekels, "which was about a month's pay," he said. "He must have been a good slave, because the going price was only 30 shekels. And remember that Jesus was sold for the rough

equivalent of 30 shekels."

Dr. Cross said that the text of this slave sale included details of the business transaction (price, description of the slave, etc.) and an unusual personal guarantee. This was in the form of a written personal bond between the buyer and the seller.

"There is significance here for biblical historians, 'because there is no reference too,'" Dr. Cross said in these slave contracts to the biblical orders that Hebrew slaves should be freed after the seventh year, which is in the Pentateuch, which the Samaritans used as their basic religious text. They should have been bound by biblical law. And although the slaves were all Hebrews, the slave documents made no mention of the seven-year clause.

"We think this is evidence that the rich noblemen felt they were above the law and ignored it. They didn't want to give away their slaves; they wanted to keep them forever," he said.

Dr. Cross wrote a scientific paper a while after the discovery that explained the find and the events surrounding it, but did not include details of the then-undeciphered writings. Now, after years of putting together an infinitely intricate jigsaw puzzle, he is preparing a manuscript on the context of the documents called "The Samaritan Papyri."

It will be published in about two years as part of a scholarly historical series called "Discoveries in the Judean Desert," published by the Clarendon Press in Oxford, England.

## First Reform Wedding

The traditional wedding ceremony was broken last month when four Reform rabbis performed a marriage between a young American couple, causing irritation between the Reform and Orthodox movements in Israel.

Since marriage certificates are traditionally issued by Orthodox rabbis, the Reform rabbi was showing he wanted to break the strong hold the Orthodox movement holds over key religious elements.

"It was to establish equality and pluralism," said Rabbi Adi Assabi, head of the Reform movement in Israel, "and to break the total monopoly of Orthodoxy over Jewish life in this country."

The matter will most likely appear in court since religious and civil leaders probably will not recognize the marriage between the American-born couple, Karen Dickstein, 21, and Howard Levine, 24, who is serving in the Israeli army.

However, an Orthodox rabbi, Moshe Hedaya, was invited to witness the marriage. It was reported that Rabbi Hedaya knew of the wedding in advance, approved the procedure, and issued the marriage certificate.

The certificate was then registered with

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Air conditioners	February, July, August
Appliances	January
Art supplies	January, February
Bathing suits	After July 4, August
Batteries and mufflers	September
Bedding	February, August
Bicycles	January, February, September, October, November
Blankets	January, May, November, December
Books	January
Building materials, lumber	June
Camping equipment	August
Carriages	January, August
Cars (new)	August, September
(used)	February, November, December
Car seat covers	February, November
Children's clothing	July, September, November, December
China	January, February, September, October
Christmas gifts	Any time but Christmas
Clothes (spring)	March
Clothes dryers	January, February, March, April
Coats (women's, children's)	April, August, November, December
(men's)	January, August
(winter)	March
Costume jewelry	January
Curtains	February
Dishes	January, February, September
Drapes and curtains	February, August
Dresses	January, April, June, November
Fans	August
Fishing equipment	October
Frozen foods	June
Fuel oil	July
Furniture	January, February, June, August, September
Furs	January, August
Gardening equipment	August, September
Glassware	January, February, September, October
Handbags	January, May, July
Hardware	August, September
Hats (children's)	July, December
(men's)	January, July
(women's)	February, April, July
Home appliances	July
Home furnishings	January, February, August
Hosiery	March, October
Housecoats	April, May, June, October, November
Housewares	January, February, April, July
Infants' wear	January, March, April
Lamps	February, August, September
Laundry appliances	March
Linens	January, May
Lingerie	January, May, July
Luggage	March
Men's clothing	August, December
Men's shirts	January, February, July
Paints	August, September
Party items	December
Piece goods	June, September, November
Quilts	January, November, December
Radios, phonographs	January, February, July
Ranges	April, November
Refrigerators and freezers	January, July
Rugs and carpets	August, September
School clothes	August, October
School supplies	August, October
Shoes (boys' and girls')	January, March, July
(men's and women's)	January, July, November, December
Silverware	February, October
Skates	March
Ski equipment	March
Sportswear	January, February, May, July
Stereo equipment	January, February, July
Storm windows	January, February, March
Suits (men's and boys')	April, November, December
Summer clothes and fabrics	June, July
Summer sports equipment	July
Tablecloths	January, May
Television sets	May, June
Tires	May, end of August
Toiletries	January, July
Toilet water and colognes	July
Towels	January, May, August
Toys	January, February
Water heaters	January, November

the Interior Ministry, making it the first certified Reform wedding. Later, however, disagreement came about over who presided over the ceremony. Rabbi Hedaya asserts that he did, while Rabbi Assabi said that photos and tapes will prove that he did.

Shlomo Goren, the Chief Ashkenazic Rabbi of Israel, stated on Israeli television the wedding "never happened" and that the Reform rabbi "participated only in the folkloristic parts" of the wedding and not the part involving Jewish law.

The angered Rabbi Assabi then had his attorney write to Rabbi Goren demanding

an apology for his "lie" or else face a libel suit. He also pointed out that there were 300 wedding guests who could act as witnesses. Rabbi Goren could not be reached for comment.

Rabbi Assabi said he was bitter about the "political pressure" from the Orthodox rabbis. Rabbi Hedaya, the Orthodox rabbi at the ceremony, Rabbi Assabi said, "should only be commended for his original decision — the wedding was performed in accordance with halakha — and it is unfortunate that under pressure from the chief rabbinate, lies are being told."

# SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

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**Q:** I am buying Standard Brands (NYSE) for my daughter under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act in a dividend reinvestment account. Is this a good selection for future education needs? Also, do you still like Norton Simon? L.A. Nevada

A: Standard Brands is a major diversified packaged foods company. Consumer foods accounted for 83% of 1978 earnings; food ingredients provided the remaining 17%. Its long list of well-known brands includes Planters peanuts, Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars, Fleischmann's and Blue Bonnet margarine, Fleischmann's yeast, Tender Leaf tea, and Chase & Sanborn coffee.

The company is also one of the original developers of high fructose corn syrups. Its Clinton Corn Processing subsidiary remains a major producer of HFCS, with about one billion pounds annual capacity (dry basis). That operation's contribution to corporate net was negligible in more recent years, as overcapacity conditions plagued the corn wet milling industry.

However, improved pricing benefited corn refining operations during 1979. Per-share net rose to \$2.12 vs. \$1.86 in the nine months ended in September. At least \$3.00

should be reported for all of last year, up from \$2.68 in 1978. This would mean that Standard Brands' earnings and dividends have both increased for 24 consecutive years — a record any management would be happy to achieve.

Efforts are being made to expand into promising food and beverage areas. About \$30 million has been spent recently (and another \$30 million has been earmarked) to acquire new brands in order to complete the distilled spirit line by adding bourbon, Canadian whiskey, and vodka. As a result, alcoholic beverage sales could grow from \$100-110 million in 1979 to \$175-200 million this year.

Plans are also under way to increase the capacity of the Curtiss Candy division by about 20% in 1980. Management anticipates another earnings increase this year "similar" to last year's. In addition, the present \$1.48 annual dividend rate assures that payments to stockholders will be higher this year than last. Standard Brands is a sound choice for accumulating future education funds, or for any other long-range growth objective.

I continue to believe that Norton Simon (which was recently discussed in this

column) is a good selection for growth-oriented investors. This diversified consumer products company offers a dividend reinvestment plan for the convenience of stockholders who want to buy additional shares.

**Q:** Recently I bought some shares in a high income type of fund. I plan to invest some money every month toward my retirement and to have all the dividends reinvested. I am 32. I would like your comment on this. S.S. Iowa

A: You have taken the first and most important step toward your retirement, started an investment plan. Now what you need to do is to supplement it so that it will keep pace with rising living costs. The type of mutual fund you have chosen provides a good current rate of return, because interest rates are high now. The fund's portfolio is made up of high return bonds and shorter-term debt issues. This type of security pays a fixed rate of interest during its life, but does not offer any hopes for either income or capital growth. While the price of the fund may move up slightly in response to a drop in interest rates, it cannot provide the kind of growth that common stock or stock funds offer.

My suggestion would be to start a second retirement plan with a no-load fund such as Twentieth Century Growth Fund, 605 West 47th Street, Kansas City, MO 64112. After

## U.S. Reps Hope to Change Policy Toward Lebanon

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Toby Moffett (D. Conn.) has left for a 10-day trip to Lebanon, Syria and Israel. Moffett, who is a Lebanese American, is accompanied by a group of six Lebanese Americans, including two Lebanese American Congressmen, Reps. Nick Joe Rahall (D. W. Va.) and Mary Rose Oakar (D. Ohio). The delegation was appointed by House Speaker Thomas O'Neill (D. Mass.).

Moffett said he plans to meet with President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon about developing a separate U.S. policy on Lebanon similar to U.S. policy with Israel and Egypt. He said that until now Lebanon has been just one of the Middle East countries in terms of U.S. policy. Now "it is feared that Lebanon will be dealt away as a small chip in a large Middle East poker game," Moffett said.

He noted that his visit to Lebanon is a symbolic show of support for that nation's central government and that it is the "culmination of a long-term effort to get the United States government and the House of Representatives to focus itself on Lebanon and later talk to the State Department to develop a separate U.S. policy on Lebanon."

In Israel, Moffett said, he hopes to learn more about the country. He said he will meet with Premier Menachem Begin, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, and members of the Knesset. He said he wants to learn more about Israel's perspective on south Lebanon, and ways of getting the Palestine Liberation Organization out of Lebanon. He will also visit Syria and meet with President Hafez Assad in an effort to determine whether Assad is adamant against the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement as the American media claims he is.

making your initial purchase, you should make regular periodic investments as well as having all distributions reinvested. In the last five years, this fund has grown at a 21% annual rate.

**Q:** We own 210 shares of INA stock selling at about \$40. During the past ten years, it has not moved up and the dividend is only \$3. We would appreciate your advice on this stock. W.K. New Jersey.

A: In the last decade, INA stock has fluctuated from a high of \$7 1/2 in 1971 to a low of 19 1/4 in 1974. The current trading price is up 150% from the low set six years ago. During that same period, the dividend was increased at an 8% annual compounded rate. The most recent boost in the rate was a 10% increase last month, putting the annual dividend at \$3.30 a share.

This financial services firm is diversifying its operating base while management continues to strengthen its position in commercial property-casualty insurance. About half of pretax income is derived from the commercial sector. Underwriting results in recent years from casualty business (primarily workers' compensation) have produced losses. However, management has improved the quality of this business and improved results should be seen. In its life insurance business, INA has achieved above-average growth in the last ten years, 25% annual gains in premiums compared with an industry average of 9%.

Long-term prospects for its growing hospital management business are promising. Yielding close to 7% annually, INA should be held for further improvement.

## Israel Seeks Sale of Kfir Jets Abroad

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel has renewed its request to the U.S. for permission to sell its Kfir jet interceptor to potential customers abroad. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman raised the matter with American officials during his visit to Washington to discuss military and economic aid, it was learned from reliable sources today. Two countries are reported to be interested in the Kfir but American approval is required because the Israel-made plane is powered by an American engine.

Several years ago, the U.S. nullified a deal to sell Kfirs to Ecuador because it opposed the introduction of advanced jets to Latin American countries. If the American position on Kfir sales changes, Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), which manufactures the plane, would be able to extricate itself from its present financial difficulties.

IAI, Israel's largest military-related industry, employing 20,000 workers, has suffered a loss of income because of the cut-back in orders from Israel's defense establishment. The company manufactures Gabriel surface-to-air missiles and a long line of electronic and advanced armaments for export.

Last year, its exports netted \$326 million. But the reduction of expenditures by the Defense Ministry forced it to dismiss almost all of its temporary workers and to shift others to different departments.

The management is now considering whether to produce a second generation jet combat plane designed locally or in cooperation with other countries. IAI would prefer an all-Israeli plane to reduce the Air Force's dependence on foreign components.

## Argentine Minister of Culture Resigns

Crespo Montes resigned earlier this month after speaking at the Jewish Cultural Center in Buenos Aires to mark the publication in Argentina of the 300th work in a series dealing with the participation of Jews in the nation's cultural activities. According to his superior, Dr. Juan Rafael Llerena Amadeo, who heads the Ministry of Culture and Education, the resignation was for "personal reasons." Llerena Amadeo refused to elaborate when questioned at a press conference in Buenos Aires.

Argentine Jewish organizations criticized the departure of Crespo Montes and the controversy has been given wide publicity in the Argentine press.

The Sociedad Hebraica Argentina (SHA) which sponsored Crespo Montes' speech, issued a statement expressing "profound consternation" over his resignation. Pointing out that those who have spoken on its platform include Albert Einstein, Jacques Maritain and Jorge Luis Borges, the SHA said it "could not accept or believe that at this stage of Argentine social and intellectual development there are persons or circles who consider the delivery of a speech at the SHA incompatible with a high level ministry official's public function."

### May Be The Latest Victim

Asked to comment in New York on the case, Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said, "Dr. Crespo Montes may be the latest victim in a struggle within Argentina over the principle of cultural pluralism. I share the concern of the SHA in Argentina."

In his speech, Crespo Montes said, "The contribution which Jewish culture has made and can continue to make to our common Argentine culture is of unquestionable worth." He further pointed out that many Jews have contributed their brilliance, inspiration and tenacity to Argentine culture and to enhancing Argentina's image abroad in the fields of letters, the arts, the sciences and education."

In connection with the issue of cultural pluralism in Argentina, informed sources said Llerena Amadeo was the principal architect of a course in moral and civil development that was introduced into the nation's schools last March. Members of the Jewish community have raised objections to the Catholic ideological content of the course, which is mandatory for all first year high school students in public and private schools. Next year the course will also be required for high school sophomores.

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think most whites feel this way. However, the NCCJ survey shows that no more than 37% of all whites in fact think blacks are trying to move too fast, a dramatic decline of 34 points!

#### BUSING

—Although both races express apprehension about busing children to school for racial purposes, when the 35% of all black families and 10% of all white families whose offspring have been bused are asked how the busing worked out, 63% of the blacks and 56% of the whites report the experience was "very satisfactory." An additional 25% of the blacks and 23% of the whites report the busing was "partly satisfactory." Only 8% of the blacks and 16% of the whites say the busing was "not satisfactory." When they volunteer why they feel that way, both black and white parents report that "there just are no problems, no complaints from the children" and that "the children learn to live with each other."

—On the key, front-line issue of integrated housing, the number of whites who say they would be upset "a little, some, or a lot" by blacks moving into their own neighborhoods has dropped dramatically since 1963, from 62% to 39% today. On the controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision which gave the green light to public housing for blacks in the Chicago suburbs, in only two years' time white attitudes have shifted from 40-34% against the decision to 45-35% in favor of that court-mandate.

#### BAKKE

—The Bakke decision of the U.S. Supreme Court turns out to be a critical threshold event in changing white attitudes toward affirmative action programs for blacks and other minorities in both the jobs and higher education areas. Once the concept of "rigid quotas" is ruled out, white conscience about discrimination and lack of opportunity for minorities begins to surface again. By 70-21% a majority of whites feel that "as long as there are no rigid quotas, it makes sense to give special training and advice to women and minorities so that they may perform better on the job." By nearly 71-21% margin, whites also agree now that "after years of discrimination, it is only fair to make sure that women and minorities are given every chance to have equal opportunities in employment and education." A bottom line on affirmative action programs: by 67-17%, a majority of whites favor such programs for blacks in industry, and a comparable 68-15% majority favor affirmative action programs for blacks in higher education.

—Since 1963, there have been dramatic shifts in white attitudes toward a variety of contact situations with blacks: the number worried about "a black family moving in next door to you" has dropped from 51% to 27%; the number concerned about "your child bringing a black child home to supper" has gone down from 42% to 20%; the number concerned about a black "using the same public restroom as you" has gone down from 24% to 7%.

#### EXPLOSIVE ISSUE

—Despite these significant changes, one important front-line issue still shows a huge gap between blacks and whites: the area of jobs for blacks. A substantial 43% of all



THIRTEEN NEW IMMIGRANTS are among the 56 entering nursing students to the Henrietta Szold-Hadassah School of Nursing in Jerusalem this term. Five are from the United States, one from Iran, one from the U.S.S.R. and the others are from Morocco, India, Rumania, and France. They were also joined by nurses from Swaziland and Malawi who take special courses in Eye Nursing.

Sitting with their instructors on the lawn of the School, at a welcoming ceremony conducted by third-year students, they heard from Marian Lewin-Epstein, chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, how Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah as well as of the Nursing School, had sent the first Medical Unit of 48 doctors and nurses to Palestine in 1918. "Today the School excels in science and technology and has reached new heights in teaching," she said.

Above, house mother Hella Hauser gathers new students (in dark uniforms), second-and third-year students (in white) and African nurses just arrived from Swaziland and Malawi who are attending for a course in Eye Nursing, around her.

## Demographics of the Eighties

By Hillel Goldberg

The shape of Jewry is changing. The shifts are both in the locale and the nature of large chunks of world Jewry. Here are some present trends which, all other things being equal, will accelerate in the eighties.

One, the move to the Sun Belt. The great expanse of the south, stretching from California through Texas to Georgia and Florida, is the fastest growing favorite of American Jewry. Greater Miami will overtake Los Angeles as the second largest Jewish city in the world. As the birth rate drops and the median age of American Jewry rises, it is the South which will benefit, for warm sun and mild climate are of major importance to older people.

Two, the attenuation of Israel. Eretz Yisrael now has a greater number of Jewish inhabitants than at any time in the past 1900 years. It will continue to be the demographic center of the Jewish people. But within Israel the percentage of Jewish inhabitants will drop as the Arab birth rate and the Israeli thirst for abortions — legal or illegal — continues apace. Consequently, aliyah will rise in priority for the Israeli government, and this, in turn, will focus at-

tention on the nature of Orthodoxy in the U.S. Forty percent of present Olim (immigrants to Israel) are religious, and 80 percent of those Olim who remain in Israel are religious. The reservoir of potential religious Olim in America will drop.

Which brings us to number three, the explosion of the nonmodern Orthodox in America. For more than three decades the numbers of the nonmodern orthodox, who are generally less sympathetic to Israel and Zionism than other Jews, has skyrocketed.

In the eighties more and more we will witness and hear about nonmodern Orthodox Jews who nurture their own institutions, wholly separated from the whole string of present American Jewish Institutions, be they the UJA, The Synagogue Council of America, The Council of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, or even the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Hitherto this nonmodern Orthodox grouping has been an exotic, small minority. But as high birthrates, the quadrupling of family size over each 25 years, continues, the present organizational structure of America Jewry

will be faced with its greatest challenge in history.

Four, Russian Jews will continue to emigrate in greater or lesser numbers, will continue to shun Israel, will continue to form their own ghettos, and, worst of all, to assimilate, for the sustenance of their Jewish identity — external oppression — will be gone.

Five, pockets of Jewry around the world, in Iran, in South America, in Europe outside of England and France and Berlin (the high pensions are attracting Jews back to Berlin), will continue to shrink drastically.

Demography, then, will pose monumental problems to World Jewry in the eighties. Unless, of course, remedial steps are taken. Unless intermarriage is, once again, stigmatized. Unless aliyah is made more attractive, unless the Jewish birth rate is reversed, unless the conditions and the renumeration of Jewish communal workers, including Rabbis, are upgraded, unless serious Jewish education is nurtured, unless the Jewish family is refurbished, and unless nonmodern Orthodox can be brought to a more balanced view of Zionism.

**BRIDGE**

By Robert E. Starr



Today's hand contains nothing fancy. All it shows is the fact that the way most of the Declarers played it, they played to go down whereas an alternate plan could easily work. Almost every hand bears out the fact that few players actually go far enough into the hand before starting out to play it. True, many would have to take too long while others would never be able to figure things out correctly. But at least all should try much harder than they do now.

**North**  
K Q 6  
4  
A K 8  
Q J 7 5 4 2

**West**  
7 4  
K Q J 9  
10 7 5 3  
K 10 9

**East**  
J 9 2  
10 7 5 3  
Q 9 6  
A 8 3

**South**  
A 10 8 5 3  
A 8 6 2  
J 4 2  
6

Neither side vulnerable, North Dealer with this bidding:

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

Even though South had but nine points and North's rebid confirmed a minimum opening bid, I feel South quite justified in trying for game. He did have a supported five card suit which helps. And as long as he going to make another bid it costs him nothing to mention his other Major. First of all, North could have raised Spades on three and have four Hearts. To mention Hearts in that case would be a reverse bid showing more strength than he has. North can always go back to Spades and in this case if he just bids three South should pass.

## Violence at Aguda Israel Meeting

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Violence erupted at a meeting of the Aguda Israel's Central Committee last Sunday night. MK Shlomo Lorincz, one of the faction's leaders, narrowly escaped injury when he was assaulted by about 100 enraged Gerer hasidim who came from their Ashdod community with the avowed purpose of demanding his ouster and breaking up the meeting. Lorincz escaped unscathed, but the pushing, shoving and shouting underscored the serious disputes within the ultra-Orthodox party.

The Central Committee met to nominate delegates to the Sixth "Knessia Gedolah" (World Congress) of the International Agudath Israel movement which begins Jan. 7 in Jerusalem. Thousands of delegates from the United States and Europe are scheduled to attend the one-week congress.

But after Sunday night's fracas Lorincz said that he and his Tzirei Aguda (Young Guard) faction would boycott the congress. Aguda sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Lorincz's mentor, Rabbi Eliezer Shach of Bnei Brak, has also threatened not to attend.

The Gerer hasids are the strongest faction numerically within the Aguda and their rebbe, Simcha Bunim Alter, is considered the most influential member of the Aguda "Council of Sages." They were offended by two interviews recently given by Lorincz. One appeared in the popular Tel Aviv magazine, Monit, where Lorincz discussed Aguda politics with editor Nahum Barnea.

It was not the contents of the interview that bothered the hasids but the fact that Monit displayed a scantly clad girl on its cover that week and published similar "lascivious" photographs alongside Lorincz's interview. More serious from the Gerer viewpoint was another Lorincz interview in Haaretz in which the Aguda leader agreed with the questioner's statement that the standard of the "Council of Sages" has declined. According to the Gerer, he was also less than respectful toward their rebbe.

Lorincz claimed in a radio interview that he never heard of Monit and certainly had no idea that it purveyed "lascivious" material. He acknowledged acquaint-

North should take this opportunity to show his own strength and should rebid just as if his partner had bid three Spades himself. If North would have gone on to four in that case he should bid four now over three Hearts.

At any rate to make four Spades is the problem. With the lead of the Heart King, most Declarers, seeing that singleton in Dummy, tried for Heart ruffs. That was to delight the Defense no end when they helped by allowing Dummy to ruff still another one when they got in. Only this time an honor had to be used, a luxury that couldn't be afforded. No matter how the play went from here sooner or later the hand would go down. Either one or two Trumps and a Heart, plus a trick in each other suit had to be lost. So ruffing Hearts couldn't work.

What then? The only alternative is in the Club suit which can be set up and used. The entries are there and as long as Trumps break normally it can be done. At trick two lead a Club. Nothing the Defense does can hurt. A Heart can be ruffed low in Dummy, a Trump lead won in Dummy for a second Club. You will see that no defense can do any harm. As Dummy's two high Trumps are to be used as entries sooner or later Declarer must return to his own hand to pull the last Trump. The only way to do it will be by playing a fourth round of Clubs which by this time will be high. It costs Declarer nothing to discard his losing Diamond while one opponent has to ruff.

Now he can ruff the third Diamond if necessary to draw Trumps but by this time two rounds of drawing plus the ruff used to stop that discard will have exhausted all the outstanding Trumps anyhow. Even should something happen to foil this plan such as a very bad break, at least this has a good chance of working, the other none.

Moral: Unless you have a fantastic overabundance of high Trumps, usually ruffing with a high one should be avoided if possible.

## Goren Retraction Demanded

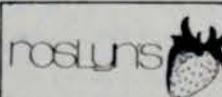
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Movement for Progressive Judaism said yesterday that it will take legal action for slander against Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren unless he retracts, within 48 hours, a disparaging remark he allegedly made about a wedding ceremony performed by a Reform rabbi. "Legal steps will be taken," said Rabbi Adi Assabi, director of the Reform movement in Israel, who officiated at the wedding of Karen Dickenstein, 21, and Howard Levin, at Kibbutz Yahel last Sunday.

Dickenstein, of Michigan, is a new immigrant to Israel. Levin, a recent immigrant to Israel, is now doing his army service in the Israel Defense Force. The congregation at the wedding included the young members of the kibbutz, Israel's sole Reform kibbutz, and invited guests.

Goren was quoted as saying that the wedding "never happened" and also of asserting that the Reform rabbi "participated only in the folkloristic parts, not in the halachic parts" of the ceremony.

The Reform group demanded the retraction in a letter to Goren. A similar demand was made in a letter to the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Eilat, Moshe Hedaya, who was a witness at the wedding and signed the formal marriage documents required by the Ministry of Interior. Hedaya was quoted in the press as declaring that he alone had officiated but had allowed Assabi to read the

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# Arabs Angered by Israeli Utility Move

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A new political uproar burst in East Jerusalem and on the West Bank after the government notified the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electric Co. that it intends to purchase the utility in one year. Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai said the decision was purely technical and was made because the company has been unable to serve its customers adequately.

But West Bank leaders and executives of the company immediately denounced it as a political move aimed at tightening Israel's grip on the territory and vowed to fight it in the Israeli courts and abroad if necessary. According to the government's announcement, the effective date of the purchase will be Jan. 1, 1981. No price was mentioned.

The electric company is owned by Arab municipalities on the West Bank and receives a stipend from the Jordanian government although it has operated under Israeli rule since 1967. It supplies electric power to Jewish neighborhoods in East Jerusalem as well as to the Arab sections and to Jewish settlements on the West Bank

and Arab villages. Its concession extends for a radius of 20 miles, centered on the Old City of Jerusalem and it serves about 60,000 customers in all.

But the rapid growth of East Jerusalem has caused severe strains. There have been frequent power blackouts and Israeli customers have accused the utility of deliberately cutting off their electric supplies. The Energy Ministry has found those accusations to be groundless. Nevertheless, it believes that the company is unable to fulfill its functions and cannot cope with growing demands.

#### Acted On Original Franchise

If the purchase is effected, Israel's National Electric Co. will take over the franchise. The 400 Arab employees reportedly have been assured that they would retain their jobs. Modai said the government acted on the basis of a clause in the original franchise, which the British Mandatory authorities granted to Arab owners in 1928, that allowed the British High Commissioner for Palestine to exercise an option

to purchase the franchise.

The government served notice of its intention on the utility's board of directors on January 1st. Board chairman Anwar Nusseibeh, a former Jordanian Defense Minister, convened the board which promptly rejected the notice and lodged a formal protest. Nusseibeh said the decision would be fought by "every legal means including the (Israeli) Supreme Court and the International Court at The Hague."

Mayor Fahed Kawasme of Hebron said the company was "the property of the Palestinian people and is not up for sale." West Bank chambers of commerce, meeting in Jerusalem, also condemned the govern-

ment's decision. Leading Arab businessmen demanded that Modai reverse it. Protest telegrams were sent to Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and to Brig. Gen. Binyamin Ben-Elizer, military commander of the West Bank.

Officials at Jerusalem's City Hall did not conceal their unhappiness over the decision. Some senior officials warned that the move might jeopardize efforts to promote cooperation between Jews and Arabs in the city and concern was expressed that Arab extremists might use the occasion for their own ends. Mayor Teddy Kollek has declined comment. He spent the day visiting the mayors of nearby Arab towns to convey New Year greetings.

#### Nazi Victims Payed

BONN (JTA) — West Germany's Parliament has agreed, in principle, to pay new reparations to Jewish victims of Nazism. These reparations would be the last payment to Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. But the proposed additional payments have become entangled with efforts to discuss restoration of the pension rights of Hitler-era civil servants never cleared by the de-Nazification courts.

That linkage is considered "unfortunate" by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who was reportedly described by a spokesman as wanting "to do everything possible to avoid coupling the fate of victims and their oppressors."

Before Christmas, the Christian Democratic opposition in Parliament gained backing for a plan to pay \$255 million in new reparations but only in exchange for debate on the fate of other groups affected by the Nazi era. The debate, scheduled for March 31, would discuss possible benefits for Gypsies and others who did not get any reparations but also to former career military officers, members of the

SS elite guard and Nazi civil servants.

Schmidt, who said he wanted the full backing of all West German parties for what he called "a last material gesture" to Jewish victims, originally sought to have the \$255 million included in the 1980 budget. He received assurances from Helmut Kohl, head of the Christian Democratic Union, and from Philip Jenninger, manager of the parliamentary group of Bavaria's Christian Social Union, that the two parties would cooperate but the leaders were voted down by their parliamentary groups.

The result was an agreement in principle to include the reparations for Jews in a supplementary budget for 1980 but in conjunction with a discussion of pensions for Germans not cleared by de-Nazification courts.

The agreement calls for making \$139 million available to Jewish victims in 1980, with additional grants of \$58 million in each of the two following years. Of this total, \$23 million would go to the Jewish community in West Germany and the balance to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which is headed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann.



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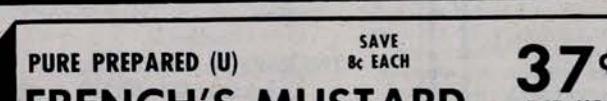
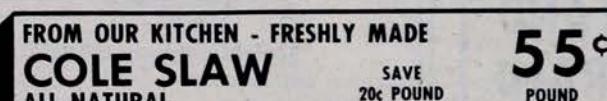
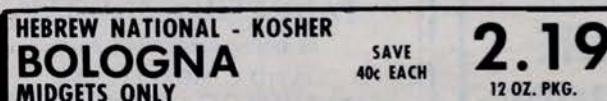
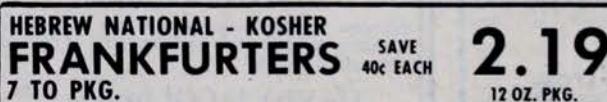
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