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Authenticity Of Anne Frank Diary Back In Court

Anne Frank died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp 35 years ago. She was only 16. Her name would have been one among millions of Jews who were hounded by the Nazis, one more entry in the death lists of Hitler's horror chambers, had it not been for the testimony she left behind: her diary — a loving account of how she and her family stood up to the strain of persecution and the fear of betrayal.

Next year, a court in Frankfurt, from where her father, Otto Frank, fled to Amsterdam in 1933 in search of refuge for his family, will have to decide whether Anne's diary is genuine.

Last week the Federal High Court in Karlsruhe quashed a ruling by the Frankfurt Higher Regional Court which restrained a German publisher from repeating his allegation that the diary was "a fraud" and "a swindle."

Explaining his decision, Presiding Judge Reinhold Weber emphasized that it was taken merely on formal and procedural grounds. He warned against drawing any conclusions about the diary's authenticity from the High Court's ruling to send the case back to the Frankfurt court.

The Frankfurt judges were criticized for not giving the defendant, Heinz Roth, a publisher, an opportunity to question the experts who had drafted advisory opinions on the diary's authenticity.

The High Court also dealt with an objection by Otto Frank, who died in Basle last August. He claimed that the dispute about the diary's authenticity did not relate to the law of property. This would have ruled out

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Anti-Semitic Assaults, Vandalism Up 100% In 1980, ADL Reports

NEW YORK — There was a sharp increase in assaults and vandalism against Jewish institutions, houses of worship, cemeteries and private property this year compared to 1979, according to a nationwide survey conducted annually by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The findings, which were made public by

Nathan Perlmutter, ADL's national director, revealed 377 reported anti-Semitic incidents in 1980 as against 129 in 1979. These included firebombings, swastika daubings, anti-Jewish graffiti and other vandalisms in 29 states and the District of Columbia.

The largest number of incidents — 120 — was reported from New York State, with 69 of

these in New York City's five boroughs and 39 in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. New Jersey came next with 69 reported incidents, Massachusetts with 34, California 27, Michigan 21, Illinois and Rhode Island 12 each, Minnesota 10, North Carolina 9, Connecticut 8, Missouri 8, Virginia 8, Arizona 6, Oregon 5, Colorado 4, Wisconsin 4, Tennessee 3, Florida, Nebraska, Ohio and Washington, each 2. One incident was reported in each of the following states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, DC.

In addition, Perlmutter said, there were 112 anti-Semitic incidents involving bodily assaults against Jews, harassments or threats by phone or mail directed at Jewish institutions, their officials or private Jewish citizens that were not included in the total of ADL's 1980 audit. He explained that this class of anti-Semitic activity was separately noted because it was not part of the 1979 audit and there was therefore no basis for comparison.

"The sheer statistics of anti-Jewish incidents suggest that there is a high quotient of anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish hostility which still exists just beneath the surface of American life," Perlmutter said.

The audit was based on reports from ADL's regional offices across the country. The data received by ADL indicated that 20 persons were arrested or apprehended in 11 of the total of 377 incidents. Of these, 14 were aged 17 or under. Mr. Perlmutter said, however, that on such limited information, no firm conclusions ought to be reached that teenagers or juveniles were mainly responsible.

He noted that two of those arrested — in connection with a fire at a Jewish temple in Los Angeles — were 24 and 35 years of age and were linked by police to the neo-Nazi National Socialist American Workers Party. The Los Angeles episode was the only one in which charges were brought against members of an organized hate group.

According to Perlmutter, the increase in the number of tabulated incidents in 1980 may stem partly from improved reporting procedures following last year's audit, which revealed 129 anti-Semitic episodes as against 49 in 1978. As a result of making those findings public, the report said, there was heightened awareness by local Jewish communities around the country and a greater tendency for victims to report anti-Semitic episodes to ADL.

Perlmutter said that there are still Jewish institutions and communities wary of reporting incidents because they fear publicity might encourage imitative behavior patterns that would result in further assaults. He added that even with the improved reporting procedures and greater

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STUDENTS at the Providence Hebrew Day School sing Israel's national anthem, *Hatikva*, during a flag raising ceremony held recently at the school. Senator Claiborne Pell presented the U.S. Flag to the school. (For story and more photos, see page 6).

Institute Of Jewish Studies Brings Together Branches Of Judaism

Highlighting the winter term of Temple Emanu-El's Institute of Jewish Studies will be a five-week course entitled "Symposium on Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism."

The symposium will be presented in both lectures and panel discussions. Three leaders in Rhode Island's Jewish communities will present and discuss a particular segment of American Judaism including basic backgrounds, principles, philosophies and practices.

Rabbi Jacob Rubenstein will discuss the basic issues of Orthodox Judaism. He received his undergraduate degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, his graduate degree from Harvard University and was ordained by Israel's Chief Justices of the Rabbinic Court.

He has lived in Providence for the past three and one half years while serving as rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom, Sons of Zion.

The rabbi has lectured extensively throughout the state and is active in community and educational organizations including the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Federation of R.I. and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Rabbi Theodore Friedman, currently the interim rabbi at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, will present the basic principles of the Conservative arm of Judaism. Rabbi Friedman, who has resided in Israel since 1970, holds a doctorate degree from Columbia University and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He is a former president of the Rabbinical Assembly, a member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El of Orangers and Maplewood, N.J.

In Jerusalem, he frequently lectures at the Hebrew University and the Chaim Greenberg Institute. The rabbi also contributes ex-

tensively to numerous Hebrew and English publications.

Rabbi George Astrachan will present the Reform movement's principles and philosophies. He was ordained by the Hebrew Union College, where he also received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Hebrew Letters.

The rabbi has been spiritual leader of Temple Sinai in Cranston since coming to Rhode Island in 1979. He has been active with the Jewish Federation of R.I., the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Retired Senior Citizen's Volunteer Program of Cranston and the International Institute.

The course will be given during the second hour of classes at the temple, 99 Taft Ave., on Tuesday evenings from 9:10 to 10 p.m. beginning on Jan. 6 and concluding Feb. 3. Tuition is \$4.

For further information contact Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer at 331-1616.



RABBI THEODORE FRIEDMAN



RABBI JACOB RUBENSTEIN



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Obituaries

SAMUEL GEREBOFF

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Gereboff of 229 Fifth St., a certified public accountant for 50 years, died Thursday, Dec. 25 at Rhode Island Hospital after a five-day illness. He was the husband of Sadye A. (Sherman) Gereboff.

He was a past president of the R.I. Society of Certified Public Accountants and worked for Gereboff and Co., Providence, for more than 50 years.

Gereboff was a board member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Providence Hebrew Day School. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Temple Beth-Am-Anshni Kovno, the New England Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He was also a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Federation, Miriam Hospital, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Metacomet Country Club.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Mayer and Bessie (Grabofsky) Gereboff.

Gereboff was a 1922 graduate of Boston University. He was a former director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service and a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, the National Jewish Hospital, the Meeting Street School and Roosevelt Lodge 42 F and AM.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Maurice L. Gereboff of Providence and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Fruman and Mrs. Helen Forman, both of Providence, and Miss Celia Gereboff of Cranston.

The funeral service was held in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Samuel and Sadye (Sherman) Gereboff Scholarship Fund at Boston University and the Providence Hebrew Day School, or The Jewish Home for the Aged.

JACOB FAIN

PROVIDENCE — Jacob Fain, 82, of 31 Arthur Ave., East Providence, died Wednesday, Dec. 24 at the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was the husband of Mrs. Molly (Silverman) Fain.

He was the owner of Grace Knitting Co. for about 50 years until his retirement in 1970.

A Providence resident most of his life, he was the son of the late Barnett and Ida Fain. He was a World War I navy veteran.

Fain was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club. He was also a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Roosevelt Lodge F and AM and B'nai B'rith.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Ms. Grace Black of Boston and Mrs. Myles Alper of Rehoboth, Mass. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Leo Rosen and Mrs. Lester Emers of Providence, and Mrs. Nathaniel Finegold of Westboro, Mass.; two brothers, Irving Fain and Archie Fain of Providence; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged.

PAULINE DROPKIN

FALL RIVER — Pauline Dropkin, 85, of 9 Loudin St., Pawtucket, died Friday, Dec. 26 at the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged. She was the widow of Morris Dropkin.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of Pesach Guterman.

The funeral service was held in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Knollwood Park Cemetery, N.Y.

ESTHER WHITE

CRANSTON — Mrs. Esther White, 67, of 85 Briggs St., a resident of Cranston for the last 15 years and retired saleswoman, died Wednesday, Dec. 24 at Rhode Island Hospital after a two year illness. She was the widow of Maurice White.

Born in Boston, Mass., she was the daughter of Sadie (Kaufman) Cardon of Providence and the late Joseph Cardon.

Mrs. White was an employee of the Outlet Co. and worked at the former City Hall Hardware Co., Providence.

She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her mother, she is survived by a brother, Dr. Hugh Cardon of New York City, and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Tolchinsky of Cranston.

A funeral service was held in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged.

ESTHER SARENSON

PROVIDENCE — Miss Esther Sarensen, 46, died Tuesday, Dec. 30 at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Julius and Minnie (Weinstein) Sarensen.

Miss Sarensen is survived by three brothers, Bernard Sarensen of Cranston, Nathan Sarensen of Pawtucket and Max Sarensen of Providence; a sister, Mrs. Frances Carrazo of Providence.

The funeral service was held in the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

DR. HERMAN B. TENIN

BRANFORD, CONN. — Dr. Herman B. Tenin, a New Haven oral surgeon, died Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven after a long illness. He was a recent resident of Connecticut Hospice, Inc.

Born in New Haven, Dr. Tenin was a son of the late Frank and Frances (Gold) Tenin. He attended the University of Alabama, graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry and practiced in New Haven for many years.

He was a member of the American Dental Association, the New Haven County Sheriff's Association, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, Laurel Link No. 15, where he was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner, New Haven Probus Club, the Elks, the Alpha Omega dental fraternity, the Second Company Governor's Horse Guard and the New Haven and Conn. Dental Association.

Dr. Tenin leaves two sons, Barry M. Tenin of Westport Conn. and Mitchell L. Tenin of Los Angeles; a daughter, Cheryl P. Tenin of Los Angeles; two sisters, Elizabeth Shrobe of New Haven and Beatrice Wertheimer of Pawtucket; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in the Weller Funeral Home, 425 George St., New Haven. Burial followed in the Mishkan Israel Cemetery, New Haven.

U.S. And Israel Deny U.S. Wanted Airfields

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli and American embassies in Cairo denied last week that any official request had been made by the U.S. to Egypt for use of the two military airfields in Sinai that Israel will evacuate when it completes its departure from the peninsula in 1982.

The denials were issued after Egypt's Deputy Premier, Fouad Moheiddin, declared in Parliament that Israel and the U.S. had "insisted" on the use of the airfields by U.S. forces.

AJC Reports Details Of Execution Of Iranian Jew

The case of Simon Farzami, the Iranian Jew executed Dec. 16, differed in one respect from that of other Jews jailed or executed by the Iranian regime, according to the American Jewish Committee.

Usually, word of an arrest in Iran filters out fairly rapidly as friends and relatives there contact those in other lands, seeking outside aid and intervention or, sometimes, funds for ransoms demanded by the Iranian authorities.

In this instance, the only word of arrest came via a monitored account in the Iranian press and news of the execution via an Arabic-language radio broadcast.

The reason seems to be that Farzami had no connection at all with other members of Iran's Jewish community. Other staff members of the newspaper with which he was connected, the *Teheran Journal*, apparently did not even know he was Jewish. Nor, insofar as can be determined, did any relatives or friends approach either Jewish organizations or the International Red Cross, which has intervened in the cases of other Jews at the request of kin.

AJC's own telephone inquiries about Farzami of Jews coming from Iran, both in the United States and in other lands, proved fruitless.

Farzami is the seventh Jew to die at the hands of Islamic revolutionary tribunals since the present regime came to power in Iran. Reports from Iran indicate that there may be as many as four hundred Jews in jail presently, but accurate figures are hard to come by.

Farzami's execution apparently was carried out in Teheran's Evin Prison, where his trial also took place, beginning Nov. 4. An account of his trial appeared in the local news service of the Teheran newspaper *Keyhan* on that date under the headline "Trial of American Spy Begins." He denied the charges, *Keyhan* said.

While newspaper accounts describe Farzami as an editor, for the Teheran court he was a "Jewish doctor of law, domiciled in Switzerland and resident in Teheran, aged 67, by profession an unofficial Persian-French translator." (That is, not accredited by the Justice Ministry as a translator.)

The court indictment alleged that Farzami was in contact with the American embassy and giving U. S. personnel information they required including material "on the identification of PLO members."

Prosecution charges, the indictment declared, were based on material in shredded documents found at the occupied United States embassy and subsequently put

together by the students there "with much difficulty and great care."

The kind of activities cited in the indictment would seem to be those normal to any working correspondent: correspondence with state personages, letters of invitations to various foreign embassies, and frequent travel abroad.

Emphasis was put in the indictment on meetings with U. S. embassy staff. With regard to these, the prosecution alleged, Farzami used codes, aliases, and precautions to prevent interception.

The prosecution also charged that Farzami had sent his wife a draft for a million rials (\$150,000) "to make good his escape," according to the indictment.

The last Jews put to death prior to Farzami were Ibrahim Beroukhim, executed in July on trumped-up charges, and Albert Danielpour, summarily executed by a local court in the city of Hamadan last June 5 in violation of established Iranian judicial procedures. His summary trial was ordered by Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, known as the "hanging judge."

There were fears for the life of another member of the Danielpour family in prison, Amir, but he was released toward the end of November.

Even the other Iranian authorities have found Khalkhali's excesses too much to stomach. He first was removed as a head of the revolutionary tribunals earlier in the year and, more recently, as head of the special drug tribunal. The Iranian parliament has launched an investigation into charges of torture in the prisons under Khalkhali's direction. Khalkhali had laid a drug charge against Danielpour just prior to having him executed, so that he could claim Danielpour came under his court's aegis.

The list of the seven Jews executed by the Iranian regime prior to Farzami include:

Ibrahim Beroukhim, executed on July 31, 1980 in Teheran on trumped-up charges of "spying for Israel;"

Albert Danielpour, executed by a local court in the city of Hamadan last June 5 on false charges of being a U. S. and Israeli spy and drug-dealing;

Nosrat Guwell, executed on July 3, 1980 on drug and prostitution charges;

Jalal Massarrat, executed in Teheran on June 26, 1980 for alleged drug dealing and "corruption;"

Jamshid Yadeqar, convicted of drug charges and "corruption on earth," executed in Hamadan last June, and

Habib Elghanian, executed in May, 1979 for "connection with Israel" and "treason."



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Dinitz: Haig Is Israel's Friend

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Simcha Dinitz, Israel's former Ambassador to the United States, described U.S. Secretary of State-designate Gen. Alexander Haig as a friend of Israel who had shown sympathy for Israel's case in negotiations with the U.S. about the freeing of the Egyptian Third Army when it was entrapped near the Suez Canal during the Yom Kippur War.

Speaking on an Israel Radio Interview, Dinitz said that Haig's intervention prevented a crisis in Israel-U.S. relations at that time.

"Gen. Haig always showed a keen understanding of Israel's security needs and posture. . . immediately after the war, when the late Golda Meir (then Israeli Premier) came to Washington and had some very tough talks with the President and especially with Dr. Kissinger — the subject matter was the freeing of the Egyptian Third Army from Israeli forces then surrounding it — the conversation ended not in any very great accord.

"It was Gen. Haig who intervened at the very end of the talks with a view to improve the situation and showed a great understanding toward us, to prevent a crisis," Dinitz said.

Haig was serving at the time as a deputy to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Dinitz said Israel could expect President-elect Reagan to continue President Carter's policies towards the Camp David accords and the autonomy negotiations as there is always a basic continuity of policy after changes in the U.S. Administration. But he warned Israelis not to be surprised if there were some changes in emphasis once the new Administration settles in.

"I must caution that while every succeeding Administration undertakes what the previous one has implemented, especially in foreign policy, we have to understand that within the same framework different policy and different emphasis can take place," he said.

Dinitz said the new Administration would, for the first time, seek a solution to the Palestinian question apart from the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Pope Says No One Nation Can Claim Ownership Of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, quoted Pope John Paul II this week as declaring in an interview that "No one nation can claim exclusive ownership" of Jerusalem.

According to the semi-official daily, he was responding to a question on the Vatican's view of Israel's law declaring undivided Jerusalem its capital.

The Pontiff was quoted as saying further that "The Vatican categorically rejects the view that it is enough to protect the right to visit the holy places while leaving Jerusalem a united Jewish city under Jewish rule." He reportedly urged Israel not to obstruct attempts to bring peace to the Middle East. He said Moslems and Christians had a duty to work together "to achieve freedom for Jerusalem and restore the Holy City to all religious groups," Al Ahram reported.

Cabinet Votes Not To Support Knesset Bill Calling For Golan Annexation

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Cabinet has decided not to support a Knesset bill calling for annexation of the Golan Heights. A majority of the ministers voted last week to ask the Knesset to kill the measure when it is formally submitted by its author, Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor told reporters after the Cabinet meeting that the government felt the proposed bill would not change the security situation but would cause Israel political embarrassment.

The U.S. and other friendly countries have been urging the government not to back the bill. U.S. special Ambassador Sol Linowitz publicly cautioned against it when he was in Jerusalem last week.

Last Friday, the U.S. State Department declared, with reference to the Golan bill, "Our view has been and remains that the annexation of the Golan Heights or in fact any of the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 war would be contrary to United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and

338 on which the Camp David accords and all Middle East peace negotiations since 1967 have been based."

The statement added that "a move to annex would be profoundly disruptive to our joint efforts with others in the area to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace."

Cabinet sources reported that several ministers had stressed that annexation of the Golan now would rule out the possibility of peace negotiations with Syria at a later date. Some said it would bolster support for President Hafez Assad of Syria in the Arab world which is beginning to cool toward him because of his close ties with the Soviet Union.

Naor repeated Israel's position that the Golan Heights must remain in its hands for security reasons and that its future status should be decided in eventual peace talks with Syria. Meanwhile, he said, Israeli settlements on the Golan Heights should be increased and existing settlements strengthened.

Main Support For The Bill

The main support for Cohen's bill comes from the Golan settlers and the various kibbutz movements that represent them. The opposition Labor Party came under considerable pressure from its kibbutz movements at its national convention last week to back annexation. The party's stand to date has been equivocal. Victor Shemtov, chairman of Mapam, Labor's alignment partner, warned party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday that if Labor votes for the Golan bill, an alignment crisis would be inevitable.

Before the Cabinet decision, Likud has not formulated a position. Representatives of the religious settlements on the Golan were scheduled to meet today with the National Religious Party's Knesset faction to urge them to support the bill.

Cabinet sources said the Likud coalition would probably seek a discussion with Labor for a joint position on the Golan bill. Cohen, who also authored the controversial Jerusalem Law passed by the Knesset last July is expected to press her Golan bill.

Peres As Next Prime Minister Could Mean Progress In Autonomy Talks

TEL AVIV — The election of Shimon Peres as the leader of Israel's Labor Party could mean more progress in the Palestine autonomy talks.

Peres is considered likely to defeat Prime Minister Menachen Begin and his Likud coalition because of economic problems — including an inflation rate likely to reach 200 percent — and the lack of progress with Egypt and the U.S. in the autonomy talks.

Peres's position is that the Labor Party is willing to return most of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Arab hands, although he stresses that Israel should retain those "strips of land which are settled or which are necessary for security."

These areas include the Golan Heights

near Syria and the Jordan Valley, which separates Israel from Jordan.

The Begin government has insisted that Israel retain almost all the territory gained during the 1967 war, except the Gaza Strip adjoining Egypt.

A Role For Jordan

Peres also favors the "Jordanian option" for a peace settlement, which would bar the Palestine Liberation Organization from peace negotiations and provide instead for talks directly between Israel and Jordan, with the U.S. as mediator.

Some of President-elect Ronald Reagan's advisors favor this approach. Reagan said in a pre-election interview that he wanted to meet with Jordan's King Hussein, calling him a key figure in resolving the Middle East situation.

Jordan has formally rejected Peres's suggestions but King Hussein is trying to increase his influence on the West Bank and to prevent the PLO from taking part in negotiations. Observers say King Hussein's role in

the negotiations is likely to increase after the elections.

Peres is seen as likely to be more accommodating to the U.S., and unlikely to stage demonstrations of independence such as the declaration by Begin of Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem.

On the other hand, Peres is likely to be as obdurate as Begin on matters affecting Israel's military security.

On Inflation

The main domestic issue for Peres is inflation. His goal is to reduce inflation to under 100 percent, but he warns it will take longer than the four years the Likud coalition has held power to reform the country's economy.

Peres is said to favor increased tax rates for upper-income taxpayers, and strict currency-control restrictions which were removed by the Begin government.

Elections will be held by November and as early as next spring if Begin's coalition loses strength. Polls show Begin's government is in trouble.

Taiwan's Jewish Community Celebrates Anniversary, Marriage

TOKYO (JTA) — The Jewish community of Taipei, Taiwan, recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. Founded in 1975 by former members of the Jewish community in Japan, the Taipei community consists of approximately 50 families, the great majority of whom are involved in business and trade.

Located in a converted home in a fashionable Taipei suburb, the community schedules a full range of cultural and religious activities for its membership with careful provisions made for visitors.

Having no rabbi of its own, the lay leaders provide the membership with guidance. Y.S. Liberman, president and founder of the community, has directed its activities since its inception. The Jewish Center contains a synagogue, two classrooms for 15 children, a kitchen, pool, library, and social area.

A First For Taiwan

Recently, a prominent member of the

community, Jeffrey Schwartz, married a local Chinese woman, the former Margaret Wu. She had converted previously to Judaism.

The lavish ceremony was held in the famous Grand Hotel built by Madame Chiang Kai Shek. It was the first recorded Jewish-Chinese wedding in Taiwanese history and the event received extensive coverage both in the local newspapers and television.

Schwartz is president of the Four Star International Trading Company, one of the largest earners of foreign exchange for Taiwan.

The banquet room of the hotel was filled with thousands of fresh flowers made into Chinese lucky characters and the Star of David, surrounding a beautiful chuppah and two large handmade menorahs in honor of the Chanukah season.

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The Captives In The Jewish War Against The Jews:

"Jewish-Style" Jews Who Lack Commitment

by Jacob Neuser
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We still suffer, and always shall suffer, the wounds inflicted upon us by Hitler's war against the Jews. The murder of our people and the destruction of the great centers of its life and culture in America have left us weak and confused. I wish to speak about another war against the Jews, a war which goes on unabated, and which keeps us weak and confused. I refer, specifically, to the silent and subtle attack upon our being as Jews. This is an attack within the walls upon the things which make Jews Jewish. It is against the very heart and center of our life as a people, distinctive, distinct, and holy, upon this earth and within humanity.

Given the political security enjoyed by Jewry, given the high marks of commitment and devotion to "Jewish causes" exhibited by Jewry, you must wonder why I think there is an attack upon our being as Jews. If there is war, where is the blood? Where are the captives and the corpses?

My answer is not in the hard facts of intermarriage, the declining levels of donations to Jewish charities, the creeping disaffection with the State of Israel (without regard to a given policy), above all, the disinterest in things Jewish characteristic of at least half of our community.

The war of which I speak is not fought on the frontiers of the Jewish people in this country, but in the center, at the core of its loyalist population: interested, engaged, and devoted. So, once again, if there is war, where are the captives and the corpses? And

who is the enemy?

First, the captive: One of my favorite students, a Reform youth leader, destined for the rabbinate, and I discussed a Hillel chaplain. I remarked that she had done a good job of organizing things, but she did not have Jewish "resonance," I mean, she had no real feeling for Jewish ideas, Jewish books, Jewish learning. To her one Jewish activity was pretty much the same as any other, from dancing the hora to saying Kiddush on the Sabbath.

So, I remarked, she did not have much of a Jewish education. And she did not want one. The student replied, "Well, it depends upon what you mean by a Jewish education." When I recovered from my astonishment, I remarked, I mean by a Jewish education appreciation for and knowledge of the classical tradition of Judaism, including its modern expressions of all kinds, religious and secular. And this woman not only does not have such knowledge, but she also does not miss what she does not know.

"Jewish education" is not relative; it is absolute. Knowing how to dance the hora and knowing how to say Kiddush are not of equal value. Knowing the Torah is more important than knowing the Jewish population of Cape Town, South Africa, or the history of the Jews in Sydney, Australia.

Now when I reflected on this exchange, I realized that the student with whom I had this exchange — who had, after all, studied also with me! — had never heard things I had taught. The reason is that his set of assumptions and mine were so unrelated that he did not realize he was not hearing. I did not realize he was deaf to Judaism. He is so ac-

tive, engaged, and effective, that I took for granted there was a generative source for the activity and engagement, a source in understanding and caring. And I was perceived by him as yet another voice, among a babble of "Jewish voices," undifferentiatedly Jewish.

This is what I mean by "a captive" in the Jewish war against the Jews. I mean a child taken captive by gentiles (whether Jewish or other), who has been raised totally alien to the on-going and enduring teachings of Judaism. The result is that he is blameless for his unbelief. He is without guilt for his incapacity to feel and understand as a Jew. The capacity to feel and understand as a Jew, after all, is not something born into us. It is nurtured, and then, it is something we ourselves must nurture.

It indeed is hard to be a Jew, but not for the reasons people suppose. It is hard because it takes effort and work, the effort and work of learning and doing things, discipline and commitment. But our Judaism, I mean, the Judaism of the Jewish Jews, demands doing only some few things. Most of these things do not lay heavy demands on the person and the way of life of the person. So here is a captive, a child taken prisoner and kept away from the true and holy life of Israel, the Jewish people. That is why, in total commitment, he could say in all sincerity, "It depends what you mean by Jewish education." Unfortunately, it does not depend. Here is one kind of victim of the Jewish war against the Jews — a good Jew, a "Jewish leader," active in all parts of campus Jewish life, indeed, the youth leader of my own children's youth group and a very good one at that. Beneath the Jewish surface, behind the gossamer web of empty actions, he is at best 'Jewish-style' that is, as "kosher" as a kosher-style salami sandwich.

If this is the captive, what then is the corpse of the Jewish war against the Jews? If you will grant me that there can be people who are dead in the midst of life, then the corpse of which I speak is not difficult to identify. You know that there are people who

go through the motions of life, but do not live. They do a job but gain nothing from their achievement. They are ascetics without a holy cause, engaged in activity without inner effect or effort. Theirs is achievement without satisfaction; donation without commitment. The best example of this kind of living dead is the one who works hard without a calling and a purpose, who feels compelled to undertake Jewish activity, but who gets little from it.

Examples stand ready at hand: people who go through the motions of *davening*, but do not pray, fill up the synagogues but do not listen when the Torah is read. Of them we know full well. But what about people who go through the motions of giving money to Jewish causes, but do not fill up the synagogues and do not do those many other pleasant and enjoyable things which make being Jewish a source of joy and solace in this life?

They are, for instance, the Jews who study about Judaism in universities, but do not realize that the Judaism they study also enriches the lives of the people who practice that Judaism. Just now I attended a national meeting of scholars of religion, at which scores of Jewish scholars of Judaism gave lectures. At the Friday evening minyan only a handful were present. The rest missed the beauty and the irony of that quiet hour, in which, instead of talking about Judaism, we entered the state and condition of holiness which is Judaism.

And if these specialists in the study of Judaism stood apart from the practice, hence the pleasures, of Judaism, what shall we say of the cohort of people who see themselves as "Jewish leaders" by reason of the offices they hold? These are the proof that there need be no resurrection of the dead at the end of time, because before our very eyes, the dead yet move and speak, twitch as if alive.

This four-part series continues next week with a look at Jewish leaders who "labor without love." Watch for it, Jan. 8 in The Rhode Island Herald.

Biblical Gardens Recreate Days Of Old

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — For most of our knowledge of the ancient history of this country we rely on the written word of the Bible. Our imagination must fill in the lacunae and the details. No architectural plans have been preserved of the Ark of the Covenant or of the Temple in Jerusalem. Even archaeological reconstructions are fragmentary and conjectural. There are no recordings nor even musical notes of the Song of Miriam, or the melodies of the psalms, or the precise sounds of the hymns — only flat, narrative accounts.

One physical aspect of the life of those days is still available to us — that reflected in nature. The Jews of old lived essentially an agrarian life, and so the Bible is rich in its listing of trees and plants, fruits and grains and flowers, in its account of the growth and harvesting of crops, in its description of the greenery of the times. Much of this is still extant, in Israel or elsewhere.

What a great idea it would be if someone were to concentrate in one area in Israel all the diversified vegetation described or referred to in the Bible and Talmudic writing — and thus recreate a physical setting which together with the native rocks and mountains and skies, would constitute authentic witness to the written history of the people.

It is being done! In a 533-acre tract of hills and valleys located at historic Modi'in (remember the Macabees?) almost equidistant between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv lies the project known as Neot Kedumim. It is a beautiful phrase in Hebrew that somehow escapes suitable translation into English. Ancient Meadows, or Oasis of Yore, or Gardens of Antiquity or Pastures of Time Immemorial are some of the efforts but they are inadequate.

Neot Kedumim was created by Nogah Hareuveni, a man who has dedicated his life to this unusual undertaking. His biblical gardens are not a museum in any sense of the word. They are a complete, living, growing recreation of the country as it was in days of old.

The words of our ancient literature come alive as one wanders through the Dale of the Song of Songs, the Fields of the Seven Varieties, the Ascent of the Four Species, the Forest of Milk and Honey and other glens and dales and woodlands.

Names and phrases from the Bible take on color and scent and three dimensions here: the cedars of Lebanon: the myrtle and the hyssop; the vineyards in blossom and the olive trees; the spice beds and the date palms and the roses of Sharon.

The words of scripture assume new meaning in these surroundings. In the first chapter of Zechariah the prophet reports a vision on

the 24th day of Shevat, of a man on a red horse, and behind him horses red and sorrel and white. Those who have seen the wild anemones in full bloom in the fields in Shevat, in their multi-colored hues will awake with a start to the poetry of the prophet's words. The vineyards of Isaiah becomes an elegy in green at Neot Kedumim. And on the Hill of the Menorah are the moriah plants, the authentic horticultural inspirations of the seven and nine-branched Menorah. And the tamarisks of Abraham . . . the list is long.

Hareuveni has the devoted help of an inspired aide, Miss Helen Frankley. She, in turn, pointed out to us turban-headed Mahmoud, who serves as grounds foreman. Generous friends from overseas are helping to bring various aspects of Neot Kedumim to fruition, to use an appropriate word.

The gardens are not yet open to the public, but special arrangements can be made for escorted group tours. Early visitors, Christians no less than Jews, have responded enthusiastically. In the years to come Neot Kedumim will be one of the truly exciting, authentic and profound experiences in Israel.

Court Says Sports Magazine Is Fascist

VIENNA (JTA) — The contents of a magazine published by a leading Austrian sports organization fits the definition of fascist, a Vienna press court decided last week.

The ruling ended a two-year libel suit brought by the Oesterreichischer Turnerbund (OETB) against the Communist daily Volkstimme for labeling the magazine, Bundesturnzeitung, a neo-fascist publication. The OETB is one of the three largest sports clubs in the country.

The court stated that the magazine not only propagates nationalistic ideas but can reasonably be called outright fascist. The court defined fascism as the principle of absolute leadership; rejection of parliamentary democracy; militarism; racism; and nationalism.

In several issues, the Bundesturnzeitung published reviews of books that tried to excuse Nazi crimes, make Nazi war criminals appear as martyrs and accused the Allied nations of cruel and unjust acts during World War II. Several articles in the magazine glorified Nazi military leaders and political personalities of the Third Reich, the court said.

Holocaust Memorial Project

EDITOR:

The Rhode Island Heritage Commission, through its Jewish Subcommittee, Ruvain Klein, chairman, has taken under its auspices to erect a Holocaust Memorial in Rhode Island. The writer of this letter and Mrs. Lenka Rose have been appointed Committee Co-Chairmen to head this project.

Under this charter, we are calling on the Jewish population of Rhode Island to join with us in bringing to fulfillment this worthy and noble cause.

It will be 37 years, next Yom Hashoa, since the world has learned of the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis on European Jewry during World War II. The time is ripe for an aspiring and vibrant Jewish Community, like the one of the greater Providence and Rhode Island areas, to memorialize this epochal event in a proper manner.

Editor's Mailbox

It is incumbent upon us, as Jews, for the sake of past as well as future generations, to honor the Martyrs of the Holocaust with an imposing, visible, symbolic and, above all, lasting edifice. Other cities, all over the world, with Jewish populations larger and also smaller than ours, have done so or are in the process of doing so. The most recent centers to erect edifices were: New Haven, Connecticut; Dallas, Texas; Buffalo, New York; and Baltimore, Maryland.

In memorializing the Holocaust, in such a way, we will be providing a "Jewish identity" object for our own youth, as well as for those of the incoming Soviet Jewry and the generations to come. The realization of this project will enhance the standing and posture of the Jewish community in Rhode Island for both aesthetic and ecumenical reasons. A small park around the edifice would beautify any neighborhood, and our good Christian neighbors will probably heartily support this project.

As survivors of the Holocaust, our interest in this project is self-explanatory. The responsibility to erect a lasting symbol which

will preserve for posterity the image of momentous times in the history of Jewish people, lays heavily upon us as members of a rapidly diminishing group of Holocaust survivors.

Therefore, we sincerely hope that the Jewish population of Rhode Island will once more show its "kind heart" and generosity to respond affirmatively to our plea. Although there might be difficulties ahead, the reward will be uplifting and lasting.

The Heritage Commission is of the opinion that the erection of the Holocaust Memorial should be a community effort with the greatest participation possible.

Responses and comments on the subject can be sent to: *The Rhode Island Heritage Commission, The Old State House, 150 Benefit St., Providence, R.I. 02903. Attention: Jewish Subcommittee.*

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West Bank Mayor Returns Home To Hero's Welcome

RAMALLAH (JTA) — Mayor Karim Khalaf, crippled in a car bombing last June, returned to this West Bank town with a vow to "increase my efforts to establish a Palestinian state headed by the PLO." The mayor, who underwent medical treatment in the U.S. for the past six months, received a hero's welcome from the townspeople.

Israeli forces kept a low profile and did not interfere with the demonstration despite its political nature. Although the Military Government did not permit anybody but his immediate family to greet Khalaf when he crossed the Allenby bridge from Jordan, no attempt was made to disperse the hundreds of Ramallah residents, mostly high school and university students, who massed outside the town hall singing Palestinian songs, waving posters with nationalist slogans and forming the V for victory sign for television and press cameras in anticipation of the mayor's arrival.

When his car drove up, it was surrounded by masses of people cheering. "In the spirit of blood we shall redeem you brother Khalaf." The crowd stormed into the building following the mayor who blew kisses at them. He made a point of stressing that the attempt on his life did not change his views and would not halt his activities.

"I am returning to my office as Mayor," he told reporters after settling down at his desk. "I promise and I swear that I shall increase my efforts to establish a Palestinian state headed by the PLO." He also expressed confidence that American policy would change in the future and the U.S. would support a Palestinian state.

Khalaf was severely injured when a bomb exploded under his car last June 2, exactly one month after six yeshiva students were murdered in a terrorist ambush in Hebron. On the same day, Mayor Bassam Shaka of Nablus was mangled in a car bomb attack that cost him both his legs. A third bomb, intended for the Mayor of El Bireh, blinded an

Israeli Druze police sapper who was trying to dismantle it when it exploded. The attacks have been widely attributed to Jewish extremists. Those responsible have not yet been traced.

Khalaf had one foot amputated. He was treated at Ramallah Hospital and left for Houston, Texas in July for further medical treatment. Shaka, also treated abroad, is due to return to Nablus this week.

Knesset Rejects Bill To Recognize Reform Judaism

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A proposal to recognize non-Orthodox trends within Jewry was rejected in the Knesset by a vote of 42 to 26 last week.

The draft resolution, proposed by Amnon Rubinstein of the opposition Shinui (Change) Party, would have recognized the Reform movement, known in Israel as the Movement for Progressive Judaism, as a religious body on equal footing with the Orthodox rabbis.

It would have enabled Reform rabbis to perform weddings and to conduct other religious duties, including burial services, with the aid of the government.

Rubinstein said Israel is the only country in the Western world where rabbis other than those of an Orthodox trend were not allowed to perform religious functions. He said Reform rabbis did not represent merely a minority group but the majority of Jews in the Western world.

Replying for the government, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim asked the Knesset to reject the motion as passage of the law would interfere with the status quo which formed the basis for the establishment of all coalition governments in the past.

Kirkpatrick Supports Israel, Rejects PLO

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jeane Kirkpatrick, President-elect Reagan's nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, is regarded as both a strong supporter of Israel as an independent nation-state and an equally strong opponent of the Palestine Liberation Organization and its attempts to establish a state.

Kirkpatrick, who is 53 and a professor of political science at Georgetown University, said following her nomination yesterday that she has been "a Democrat all my life but that doesn't mean that I always agree with my party. Her nomination to the Cabinet level post in the incoming Republican Administration is subject to Senate confirmation but

that is considered a foregone conclusion.

Kirkpatrick's major disagreement with President Carter has been in the realm of foreign policy and she has stated her views about that frequently in Commentary, the monthly magazine published by the American Jewish Committee. She is associated with the Coalition for a Democratic Majority, co-chaired by Sens. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) and Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) which has long been fighting for firm U.S. support for Israel and Soviet Jewry.

She is also a scholar of the American Enterprise Institute, an influential conservative research organization in Washington.

Reform Leader Urges Abolition Of Israel's Chief Rabbinate

NEW YORK — A leader of American Reform Judaism has called for the abolition of Israel's Chief Rabbinate.

Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin, executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), cites the Chief Rabbis' intrusion into the Abuhazira scandal as "a blatant attempt to disrupt judicial processes to protect their own personal and political interest. . . . They have gone beyond limits in a democracy ruled by law. The time has come to abolish the Chief Rabbinate." Rabbi Youdovin's position is published in the December 10 edition of *Sh'ma Magazine*.

In mid-September, the Chief Rabbis issued a ruling that state's evidence is inadmissible on halachic grounds. Although state's evidence has been accepted in Israeli courts since the inception of the State, the Rabbinate had offered no objections until it became apparent that the government was building a case against the Minister of Religious Affairs, Mr. Aharon Abuhazira, on the testimony of a former associate who had confessed his participation in a conspiracy and had implicated the minister.

Rabbi Youdovin acknowledges that if Israel's Orthodox communities (totalling no more than 15% of the Jewish population) want to select Chief Rabbis to govern their internal affairs and advocate a halachic position in public discussions on various issues, this is their right. "But to invest politically chosen functionaries with state titles and vast powers over those who do not recognize their

authority constitutes a grave abrogation of democratic principles," he said.

The rabbi adds that a depoliticized Chief Rabbinate "might very well help the cause of religious Judaism in Israel. Stripped of their arbitrary power, the Rabbinate would have to rely on moral suasion to reach Israel's vast majority of unaffiliated Jews. They would have to convince, not coerce. Consequently, they would have to be more responsive to issues they have thus far ignored: questions of war and peace; the social gap; poverty; corrupt business practices. . . . To win loyalties, they would have to be prophets, not priests, or kings. In a word, they would have to be rabbis. . . . This would result in an Israel more authentically Jewish than the narrow theocracy for which Israel's politicized religious establishment yearns."

New York Mayor Koch Calls U.N. Anti-Semitic

JERUSALEM — New York City Mayor Edward Koch, in Israel on a Mideast "pleasure trip," lashed out last week at the United Nations as "anti-Semitic," and urged Israel to resist U.N. pressure on the Jerusalem issue.

Koch said that some members of the U.N. would "sell their own grandmothers."

With so many conflicts in the world, the mayor told Israel Television, "I can't understand why so much attention is given at the U.N. to Israel. I really do understand. They're anti-Semitic. And I don't mean anti-Jew and anti-Arab. I mean anti-Jew."

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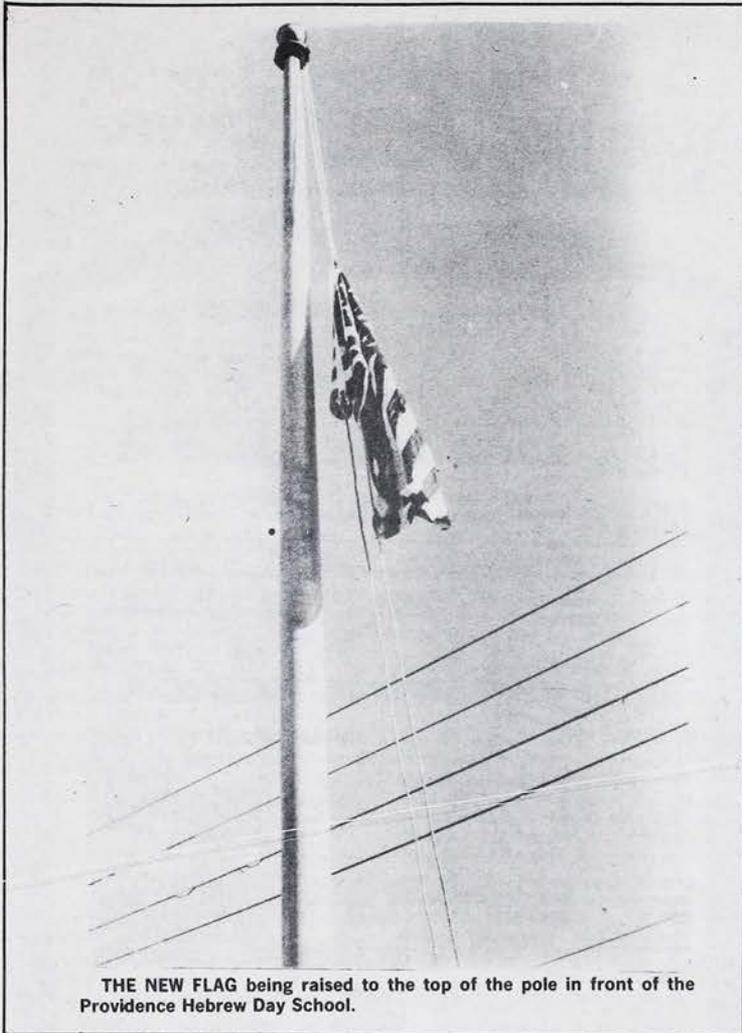
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Senator Pell Presents U.S. Flag To Hebrew Day School

At the request of Senator Claiborne Pell, a flag was flown over the United States Capitol on Sept. 30, 1980 for the Providence Hebrew Day School. The senator presented the U.S. flag to the dean of the school, Rabbi Strajcher and the executive director, Sam Shlevin, at a flag-raising ceremony held at the school.

Before the presentation and actual raising of the flag, Rabbi Strajcher made introductory remarks to the students and teachers attending the ceremony. "Judaism teaches us to appreciate and say thank you for those things God does for us and those things our fellow man does for us. Part of saying thank you is when we see our flag, to give respect for what it stands for and give honor to our country," said Rabbi Strajcher.

"As we accept this flag, we offer our prayers for the well-being of our govern-

ment and those being held hostage in Iran," added the rabbi.

The flag was also accepted by three students from the school, Amy Fishbein, Meyer Brown and Marjorie Ingall. Senator Pell stated, during the presentation, that it was an honor to be able to present the flag to the school and he also extended a welcome to persons in the audience from the Soviet Union attending the ceremony.

"All nations pay respect to some symbol of worship, whether it be a king or government, but in America we have only one symbol, the flag," said the senator.

Following the ceremony, the senator along with Shlevin, Rabbi Strajcher and some of the students weathered the cold temperatures to raise the new U.S. flag, which replaces a tattered old one, to the top of the flagpole in front of the school.



SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL (right), Sam Shlevin (center) and Rabbi Strajcher (left) look on as the flag rises to the top of the pole.

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Roth's appeal. But the High Court decided that, although the father's cause of action was to protect his honor, pecuniary interests did play a part in the case.

It follows from this that Otto Frank's heirs are entitled to pursue their action for a restraining order on Roth. But it also means that the protracted dispute will continue even after the death of the only survivor of the Frank family.

There have been repeated claims by right-wing propagandists that the diary, believed to have been written by Anne while she was hiding in Amsterdam, was compiled after the

war. But all such attempts to cast a slur on what has become part of world literature — 14 million copies have been printed — were dismissed by the courts on the basis of three reports by handwriting experts, who confirmed the diary's authenticity.

But the latest attack by a Hamburg pensioner gave the story a new twist. In an appeal against a fine for defaming the diary, the lawyers for Ernst Romer, aged 76, persuaded the Hamburg Regional Court in March 1978 to ask the help of forensic scientists from the Federal Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BKA), in Wiesbaden, in establishing the diary's date of origin.

★ Anti-Semitism

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awareness of the problem, the number of incidents for 1980 is undoubtedly higher than 1979 and, in any year, is higher than reported.

Among the findings of the ADL survey were the following:

— Almost 65 percent of the 377 anti-Semitic incidents were reported from five northeastern states — New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut;

— Forty-one percent of the total incidents were directed against Jewish institutions,

such as houses of worship, schools, community centers and cemeteries;

— Forty-two percent took place at private Jewish properties such as homes or stores, while the remainder occurred on public property or in the streets;

"The findings," Perlmutter said, "underscore once again that anti-Semitism and other forms of racial and religious bigotry remain a virulent social disease. What is called for is greater public concern manifested through strengthened law enforcement, realistic penalties, and expanded educational programs."

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Local Congregations Erect New Temples

Congregation Ohawe Sholam Builds House Of Worship In Pawtucket

by Linda A. Acciardo

For about 28 years, the plot of land in Pawtucket on East Avenue between Loudin and Glenwood Streets remained barren and unused. A modern, impressive building has been erected on that spot and serves as the new home for Ohawe Sholam Synagogue.

In October of 1979, Rabbi Kaplan, Mayor Dennis M. Lynch and R.I. Secretary of State, Robert Burns, joined in a groundbreaking ceremony which set the wheels in motion for the digging of the foundation for the new synagogue in Pawtucket.

The plot of land, owned by the members since 1951, was purchased to develop a cultural or religious facility for the community, according to Elliot Brown, president of the temple. The decision to construct the new synagogue on this spot was made "because the Jewish population moved into that area and the new location was more accessible to the members," said Brown.

The former home of Ohawe Sholam was located on High and Jackson Streets in an old structure built in the 1920's. Years ago this was the active center of the Pawtucket Jewish community.

The exterior of the new structure is finished. The interior needs additional work done in the large kosher kitchen.

All rooms in the building are on one main

level. A small foyer room, which serves as a chapel, has been placed near the entrance of the temple. This chapel is used for smaller services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Plans have been made also to conduct services in this room twice a day during the week. Behind the reading table in the chapel is a tall oak ark purchased new for this temple.

The main sanctuary will serve as a multi-purpose room for large services, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and gatherings. The room itself is rectangular in shape with the bimah placed directly in front of one wall with high windows that provide a bright and airy atmosphere.

The kitchen is located off the main sanctuary and contains two large stoves with ovens. Two extra ovens have been added to be used when warming catered foods. To the side of the main lobby, another room serves a dual purpose, as office space and classrooms.

The Eternal Light from the old temple will be used in the new building. Two tablets with the ten commandments on them will be placed outside the synagogue. "We're working on a place for it now," said Brown.

The building, which at this point costs an estimated \$200,000, will be dedicated in the spring of 1981, according to Passman. "We are all very proud of our new temple," he said.

Old School Building Transformed Into Temple Habonim Of Barrington



RABBI JAMES ROSENBERG of Temple Habonim standing at the bimah of the new sanctuary.

Along the coast of Narragansett Bay in Barrington, an old school administration building on New Meadow Road has been transformed into a house of worship for the members of Temple Habonim.

When the town of Barrington put the building up for sale, the members of Temple Habonim placed their bid and later purchased the structure.

In June of 1980, carrying their Torahs, the members walked from the old temple on County Road to their new home about two miles away. The Sunday service, which began at the old location, was concluded in the new building which had no walls, heat or running water.

Renovation of the structure, originally built as a school house in the 1860's, had begun in February and was not yet completed.

At the old location, families were limited as to the number of guests they could invite for activities at the temple, said Rabbi James Rosenberg, spiritual leader since 1974. There was inadequate seating in the sanctuary for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, confirmations on Shavuot and gatherings. The library was inaccessible to the handicapped.

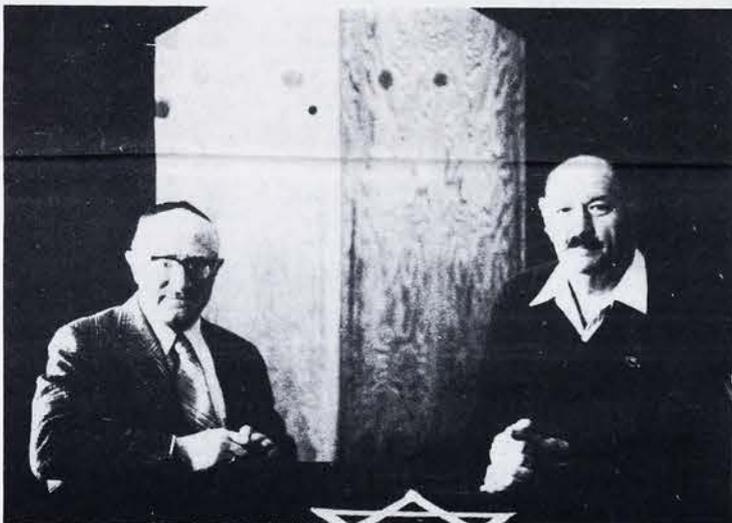
On the exterior of their new home, the paint is peeling off the shutters and the entire building reflects its age. Inside, the main level houses the sanctuary, rabbi's office, kitchen, library and rest rooms. All rooms have been completely renovated yet still retain the basic structure with high ceilings and large windows.

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The large, modern sanctuary room has two sliding partitions used to increase or decrease the size for large or intimate gatherings. The carpeted, semi-circle shaped bimah sits at the front of the room. "For the first time in its history, the temple was able to invite the larger Barrington community for Interfaith Thanksgiving feast, said the rabbi.

The basement has been transformed from a dark "dungeon" into a brightly lit area comprised of six carpeted classrooms, one youth room and a smaller kitchen area used to prepare snacks for the students. The congregation includes about 100 families.

The dedication of Temple Habonim took place on Nov. 9, 1980 when a number of residents of the Barrington Jewish community were honored for their service to the temple.



CHAIRMAN of the building committee, Carl Passman, (left) and Elliot Brown, president of Ohawe Sholam Synagogue stand at the bimah of the new chapel.

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Waldheim Rejects Clerics' Request To Stage Hunger Strike At UN

NEW YORK (JTA) — United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has rejected a request by three rabbis and two nuns to permit them to stage a hunger strike at the UN on behalf of the American hostages in Iran and four Catholic women murdered in El Salvador.

The request had been made in a telegram to the Secretary General earlier this week in light of the fact that he granted permission to Mayors Fahd Kawasme of Hebron and Mohammed Milhim of Halhoul to hold a hunger strike on UN premises to protest their expulsion by Israeli authorities.

One of the rabbis, Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Waldheim's response was hand-delivered to him by a UN messenger while he was attending a wedding in Brooklyn. It was contained in a letter signed by Clayton Timbrell, Assistant Secretary General for General Services, and stated in part:

"As you are no doubt aware, the expulsion of these mayors has been the expressed subject of three separate resolutions of the Security Council which considered it imperative that the mayors be enabled to return to their homes and resume their responsibilities."

Waldheim's Argument Rejected

Weiss said "I categorically reject" Waldheim's argument. He told the JTA that his group, the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee of Clergy Opposed to Terrorism, will continue to pursue the matter vigorously with the UN. He said it has not been decided yet what form of action would be taken but that it may include further representations to Secretary General's Office and approaches to

the U.S. Mission to the UN.

Responding to Timbrell's letter, Weiss said that "The American hostages have also been the subject of numerous resolutions in the UN. The reaction of the Secretary General points to the hypocrisy and double standard of the UN."

Weiss charged that "Two mayors who have encouraged terrorism and are guilty of instigating the murders of two Jews from New York in the attack in Hebron (last May) where six were murdered have been granted unique treatment in the UN while expression of concern for the American hostages has been denied. We will not tolerate nor accept any decision which allows the freedom of demonstration for the two PLO supporters while denying the same right of demonstration for the American hostages and Jews murdered in Hebron."

In addition to Weiss, the Ad Hoc Committee consists of Rabbis Kenneth Hain of Congregation Orach Chaim of Manhattan and Reuven Grodner of Young Israel of Scarsdale; and the nuns, Sister Rose Thering, professor of education at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, and Ann Patrick Ware, vice president of the National Coalition of American Nuns.

Mayors End Their Hunger Strike

Meanwhile, the two mayors, who began their hunger strike inside the UN last week following the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the Security Council calling on Israel to permit them to return to their homes, ended their action.

Their decision to do so followed an appeal by Waldheim and U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry, who is this month's Security Council president, and several Arab

delegates. Waldheim told the mayors that he would continue his efforts to have the Council resolution implemented. The mayors said they would continue their hunger strike at an undisclosed place.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Trattner said the plight of the two mayors had been discussed with Premier Menachem Begin of Israel. The U.S. concern was reportedly expressed by Samuel Lewis, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, and by Sol Linowitz, President Carter's special envoy to the Mideast.

Longest War Crimes Trial Nearing End

BONN (JTA) — The longest war crimes trial ever held in West Germany may be nearing its end. The Dusseldorf court where nine former SS officials have been on trial for more than five years on charges of complicity in the murders of 250,000 inmates of the Maidanek death camp, is expected to hear the summations by prosecution and defense some time next month. But first, the judges and attorneys will fly to Warsaw on Jan. 5 to hear testimony from the final witnesses. Responsibility for prolonging the trial rests with the defense lawyers. Although it was to have wound up by the end of this month, they submitted a flood of new petitions and invited additional witnesses.

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Surprise Delay In Abuhazira

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir dropped a bombshell in the Knesset's House Committee last week, delaying for at least two weeks its decision over whether to remove the immunity of Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhazira who has been indicted on three counts of bribe-taking.

The committee was thrown into confusion by a letter from Zamir charging that the police "used trickery" in building its case against the minister.

The Attorney General, who had been pressing hard for a waiver of immunity in order to bring Abuhazira to trial and seemed at the point of getting it, said he did not know beforehand of the alleged "trickery" and did not explain its exact nature.

In his letter, read by committee chairman Moshe Meiron, Zamir said the police resorted to a trick to persuade former B'nei Brak Mayor Yisrael Gottlieb, to turn state's evidence against Abuhazira. Gottlieb is the prosecution's chief witness. He was reportedly convinced to testify by a police emissary who was a personal friend and used Gottlieb's trust in him to overcome his reluctance to testify.

A recording of the police emissary's conversation with Gottlieb will be turned over to the committee at the end of this week or sometime next week.

Zamir admitted that it was only after a new round of discussions with the police that he found out that he had not been kept fully informed of the investigation that led to the indictment and that a secret recording of the police conversations with Gottlieb existed.

Zamir's letter reached the committee while it was in the midst of a discussion of what clause in the law should be used to lift Abuhazira's immunity as a Knesset member.

Finance

The New Prime Rate: Local Businesses Feel The Pinch

by Peter Alexander

"Give me some time to blow the man down," goes the old sea shanty. That's just what the new prime rate is doing to some local businesses, while others are feeling only a pinch.

One area of business not heard about in recent months is the private aircraft business. Skylanes, run by Joe Ludovici, is Southern New England's oldest Cessna dealership.

"He's not interested," says Ludovici, "because of a retail financing plan which means he has to pay it off in 5 years."

Cessna itself offers a financing plan, but only on new planes, not used models. Their interest rates are from 16.5 to 17 percent.

Gerry Emple of Gerry's Fruitworks says that the new prime has not affected him at all. "I pay cash for everything." But higher transportation costs are affecting Gerry because at this time of year, a majority of the

The Prime Rate And How It Grew

Dec. 29	21.5 percent	July 20	11.25	Mar. 14	18.5
Nov. 17	16.24	May 28	14.5	Feb. 15	15.25
Sept. 25	12.5	May 6	18.5	Oct. 9 (79)	14.5

Source: Citibank New York

Ludovici says that both the air school and the private sales have been hurt by the new prime rate.

Cessna planes are floor-planned at 14 percent interest, which is also what the rental rate is based on. When the prime moves over 14 percent, that's when Skylanes starts to get burned. "We lose \$2.86 per hour the plane is up. Now each plane flies about 500 hours a year and we have 10 planes."

So the new prime rate, which hit 21.5 percent on Dec. 29 at Citibank in New York, is costing Skylanes \$1,400 a year in lost revenue per plane, or \$14,000 for the entire fleet.

According to Ludovici, the person interested in purchasing a plane doesn't mind 10 to 12 percent in interest rates, but over that, a prospective buyer simply chooses not to buy, hoping that the prime rate will be lower.

produce is coming from California and Florida.

"We experienced a good year, but for 1981 I don't know. I just don't know. March, April and May will tell the story for us," says Victor Coppola, General Manager of Jake Kaplans. Like Skylanes, Coppola observed that the new prime is affecting flow planning and the amount of cars a dealer can stock. Coppola thinks many new car buyers have become used car buyers simply because the cost of purchasing is just too high.

A former elementary school teacher, Michael of Michael's Catering has been in business for just a year. "When I went for a loan I got a floating rate. So every three months my rate is adjusted. Sometimes it works to my advantage, but most times to my detriment."

Successful Investing

Lost Certificates

by David R. Sargent



Q— My question may be a little farfetched, but a recent article in my paper on the robbing of safety deposit boxes in banks has me worried. Since we do keep our stock certificates in the bank safety deposit boxes, how would we go about replacing them if robbed? Also, what steps should we take to prevent sale of our certificates by the robbers?

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A— To answer your second question first, you should report your loss immediately to the company's transfer agent, so that a stop can be placed on the stock to prevent its resale. Send all the identifying data available, including certificate number, if known.

Second, contact the company itself. Since reissuing certificates is a headache and an extra expense for the company, you may expect to be required to meet certain conditions. Strict requirements are imposed to minimize the number of cases where the lost certificate is merely misplaced. Conditions vary from one company to another, but you will probably be asked to furnish a perpetual indemnity bond. This is to protect the company against any losses it might incur should the stock be reissued. If you recover the lost certificate within a year, you may be entitled to a rebate on some of the surety bond premium.

The procedure is much the same with bonds, but pertinent data should be sent to the company's bond trustee. On registered bonds, the company has your name recorded as the owner, but "bearer" or coupon bonds are payable to whomever has physical possession of them.

Despite the risk of a bank robbery, your

certificates are more than likely safer in the safe deposit box than in your own home. Banks are not liable for the contents unless negligence or employee theft can be proven, but your homeowners policy may cover such contents. If the contents of your safe deposit box are covered under a separate schedule or policy, be sure you keep a list of the contents at home.

And despite the trouble, you are also wise to opt for possession of your securities in the first place. If you arrange for safekeeping with your broker, then you will receive dividend income via the broker or some outside service, usually paid only once a month or quarter, and you may lose significant interest income.

Day School Pupils Learn Finance

HOUSTON (JTA) — A group of pupils in the Hebrew Academy here has been buying common stock and doing well in a unique program to learn about finance.

The group of fifth to ninth graders have purchased stocks in two firms, one an oil producer and one a gold producer. Both have advanced in price, and dividends are being distributed to the youthful investors, according to Geraldine Nussbaum, principal of general studies at the Academy.

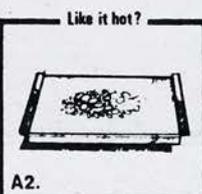
She said the students are building up a portfolio of stocks which help them learn mathematics and foster habits of saving. She said the stock buying program was an extension of mathematics and social studies at the day school.

She said another contribution to the pupils' knowledge of mathematics and financing is a banking program for them recently organized by the academy in cooperation with a local savings bank.

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Your Money's Worth

The Debit Card:
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— by Sylvia Porter

As our nation's dangerously feverish credit card buying binge at last shows signs of tapering off — in response to tortuously steep borrowing costs, some restraints (though voluntary) on reckless buying — banks and other financial organizations are launching a new blitz to sell you a different kind of plastic passport to easy spending: the DEBIT card.

Roughly 1.4 million of its new debit cards already have been issued, says Visa. A new debit card, dubbed Master Card II, has meanwhile just been presented by Master Card's Interbank Card Association to America's plastic-prone "cashless" society.

Precisely what is a debit card? How does it differ from the now familiar credit card? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? What kind is for you?

The answers depend on your own needs — and wants. Visa and Interbank forecast rosy futures for their products, of course. Other organizations warn of the dangers in each type of spending-lending device.

The card groups, bank associations and individual banks believe the debit cards, and other so-called "electronic fund transfer" mediums eventually will outstrip the credit card side of the business. And they hope this will help reduce bank paperwork.

In the 15 years since the nation began to be flooded with (often unsolicited) credit card offers and in some cases, with unrequested cards themselves — the plastic loan business has become gigantic. There are now about 542 million cards in circulation accounting for an aggregate \$145 billion in annual buying in the U.S. alone, estimates Spencer Nilson, a Santa Monica, Calif., consultant.

Banks have only a part. In terms of cards issued, about half belong to department stores and other local retail merchants. These 272 million credit cards account for about \$43 billion of the nation's annual revenues — roughly \$157 per card, per year.

The biggest business, though, is done by the two big bank credit cards, says Nilson: about \$57 billion a year via 123 million cards, a \$451 annual card average. Oil companies come next, with an estimated 119 million credit cards, annual total \$21.4 billion, \$180 a card.

The so-called travel and entertainment cards (American Express, Diners, Carte Blanche), started in the late 1950s, have fewer than 11 million customers. But the three do an estimated \$14 billion a year, \$1,300 per card — much in business-related, expense-account spending. Hotel and car rental firms issue 17 million cards, take in \$12 billion a year, a \$688 average.

But huge though the credit card volume is, it represents less than 7.5 percent of the nation's income. An overwhelming 93 percent — almost \$2 trillion — is via check or cash.

Debit cards, claim the banks, can change this. Visa, as an example, cites a study show-

ing about half of all families are reluctant to use credit cards, fearing they will MIS-use them. The National Foundation for Consumer Credit, Inc., a Washington-based, non-profit group, sees dangers in both. Adds NFCC President Robert Gibson:

"Banks may be less restrictive in using debit cards," encouraging impulse-buying. Both types foster "instant gratification."

The three "cons" of debit vs. credit cards are:

(1) With the debit card, your bank balance is charged immediately. You forfeit the 30-45 days of what amounts to the interest-free loan you get with a credit card if you pay the balance in full before your monthly statement deadline.

(2) Your debit card may not have loan (overdraft) privileges. If it does, your interest charge could be higher than credit charges in some instances.

(3) Perhaps most important, your debit card probably does NOT give you the same protection against loss, theft or unauthorized use which you automatically get on a credit card. With a credit card, your MAXIMUM loss is \$50 — or less if you notify the card issuer before charges are made.

On debit cards, your maximum loss could be UNLIMITED, if you fail to notify the issuer within 60 days of receiving your monthly statement. If notice is more than two business days late, your maximum loss rises to \$500 PER DEBIT CARD.

So be sure which card you are getting. With Visa, you can't tell by the card; they are the same. With Interbank, Master Card is the credit plastic, Master Card II is the debit device.

Which kind is for you?

American Geologist Picks Two Sites For Oil

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An American geologist who claims to have been right 22 times out of 22 when advising prospectors where to drill for oil has picked two sites in Israel where he is confident oil will be found.

Dr. Rex Peterson, 48, president of the Satellite Oil Research and Development Corporation and lecturer at the University of Nebraska, spent 12 years developing his method of interpreting satellite pictures of the earth's structure, mainly structural faults.

After extensive work in Israel, including ground work on the basis of his satellite data interpretation, he has now told the Harav Investment and Development Company to drill on two spots in the Kirat Gat area.

The company, established by Dr. Robert Moses, of Ontario, has been granted a drilling concession for a 13,000 square mile area. It will be joined in the venture by the Overland Dome Petroleum Company and the Global Oil Company in searching for oil and gas in Israel.

Wiener Library Moves To Tel Aviv University

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Wiener Library, described as the world's largest, most important and most comprehensive source of information on anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and fascism, has been moved from London to Tel Aviv University.

The collection, which has been referred to as a chamber of horrors, was established in Amsterdam in 1933 by Dr. Alfred Wiener, a German Jewish scholar who early on recognized the dangers of the rising Nazi Party and began to devote himself to documenting its practices.

Wiener moved it in 1939 to London, where it opened on the very day World War II broke out. During the war the library, which he continued to head, was extensively used by the British intelligence services as a major source for information about German affairs and by the British Broadcasting Corporation for its counter-propaganda services.

After the war, the library was expanded by the addition of eye-witness accounts of Nazi atrocities, transcripts of the Nuremberg and Eichmann war crimes trials, and documents from the gestapo and Nazi Party archives.

Wiener died in 1964. Since then the library which bears his name has been headed by Prof. Walter Laqueur, who divides his time between London and Tel Aviv, where he is on the faculty of the Tel Aviv University.

Information Contained In The Library

The library contains over 60,000 books, reference works, pamphlets and periodicals, one million newspaper clippings, 1500 eye-witness accounts of Nazi persecution from diaries, unpublished memoirs and interviews, 40,000 documents relating to the Nuremberg trials and the Eichmann trial, literature on the various publications and editions of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," dossiers on war criminals, and some 5,000 documents relating to the Jewish question from the records of the gestapo, the chancellery of the Nazi Party, and the German foreign office.

It also comprises up-to-date material on modern manifestations of anti-Semitism, including material published by Arab propaganda offices.

The Wiener Library, which is continually being expanded by the addition of new current material and older documents now being discovered, is a major source of information for all scholars doing research on the Nazi period and anti-Semitism.

A complete copy of the collection remains in London, on microfilm. During his lifetime Wiener made frequent efforts to have the library transferred to Israel. The move was finally made possible by a donation from an undisclosed benefactor.

Children's Games Included

The collection includes a number of children's games widely sold during the Nazi period. One of them, entitled "Juden Raus" (Jews Out), is in the form of the children's game of snakes and ladders, or the modern game of monopoly, in which pawns depicting Jews in medieval hats and clothes were to be moved about a board until they were finally expelled with the Note: "Go to Palestine." In reverse, the child player was told: "If you are the first to expel six Jews, you are the undoubted victor."

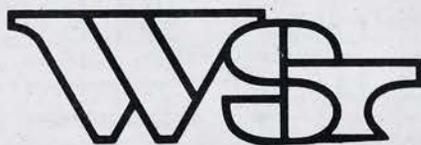
Addressing a ceremony last week marking the Wiener Library transfer to Israel, Tel Aviv University rector Yoram Dinstein described it as "one of the most important collections now housed in the University." He said: "We now have the most important tool for research into anti-Semitism and the Nazis. The only collection approaching it is the German Institute for Contemporary History in Munich."

Prof. Saul Friedlander, of Tel Aviv University, said: "The Wiener Library can help us prove to the world that there is a clear and direct connection between anti-Semitism in the past and anti-Semitism today."

Oral History Of Atlanta Jews

ATLANTA (JTA) — A collection of tape recording cassettes, the start of a project to record the oral history of Atlanta Jewry, has been presented to the library of Emory University by the Atlanta chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

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Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Sometimes it is quite difficult to convince newer players that with an eight card Trump holding, four in each hand is often better than five opposite three and seldom worse. Today's hand is a fine example although not too many pairs ended in the superior contract.

North
 ♠ K J 10 3
 ♥ K 8 6 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 5 4 3

West
 ♠ 8 2
 ♥ Q 5 3
 ♦ K Q 7 6 2
 ♣ K 9 8

East
 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ A 10 8 5 3
 ♣ Q 10 7 2

South
 ♠ A Q 9 7 5
 ♥ A 9 7 4
 ♦ J
 ♣ A J 6

East and West were vulnerable, East Dealer with this bidding:

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

Some Souths, after Partner's raise, thought they had heard enough and jumped right to game, in Spades. Some felt they barely had enough to try for the game and rebid three, again Spades. Usually North felt he had said enough and passed. Those Souths with the

right attitude decided to make that try with a bid in their other four card Major. First, it couldn't cost anything, their partner could always take them back to Spades. They would pass if North merely bid three. But with less than ten North might raise Spades with but three and hold four or even more Hearts and be unable to show them right then. To bid at the two level in a different suit one needs at least ten high-card points.

Those playing in Spades had to lose one Heart, one Diamond and two Clubs for a total of nine tricks, making three but down one in four. There is no way for Spade bidders to make another trick.

Those in Hearts, however, found a completely different situation. Against both contracts West usually led his Diamond Queen, continuing when it held, Declarer ruffing. In Spades he would ruff with one of his five card suit which would have been a trick anyhow. But in Hearts see what happens. He can ruff in his own hand and still have four Trumps in Dummy. After pulling Trumps twice, leaving a high one still out if he wants, he can start the Spades and be able to discard one of those two losing Clubs on his own fifth Spade thus holding his Club losers to one.

With Hearts Trump he can ruff his third Club in Dummy after discarding one whereas if Spades were Trump the four Hearts in each hand will fall together and one still has to be lost no matter what.

Obviously, this hand shows that the 4-4 fit not only is better than 5-3 but sometimes even 5-4, a holding of nine Trumps. The reason is you can obtain discards on the longer suit when it is not the Trump suit. You can't get any discards on Trumps.

Moral: Always try to find a four opposite four card fit if possible even when you already have found another good fit that seems good enough. It might not be.

Flower Power Israeli Industry Blooms 'Round The World

The flower growing industry in Israel is only about a decade old — but one in every three moshav members now grows cut flowers for export.

About 6,000 families make their living from these productive enterprises. The main flower crops are roses, gladioli and carnations — but others are rapidly being added to the "export menu," such as the statice, a blue flower that has become popular in Europe, the gerbera and the chrysanthemum.

Some 650,000 flowers are shipped abroad annually in speedy jet planes by Agrexco to their destinations in Europe, the east coast of America and even Japan, which is a growing market for Israeli agricultural products. In America, synagogues have organized a scheme whereby Jews buy Israeli flowers for the festivals — which leads to sales of thousands of blooms.

This growing industry did not come into its own without a great deal of research. Much of this took place at the Hebrew University's Department of Ornamental Horticulture in Rehovot.

At the university, flowers that formerly bloomed in spring and summer were induced to bloom in the winter, at the right time for

selling them in Britain and Europe, when it is too cold for local flower growing. This particular experiment was made with the statice — it was in effect put to sleep and allowed to wake up when winter came.

Research was done on shipping the flowers at the right humidity and temperature so that they would arrive fresh on the market in their country of destination. This involved new methods of freight, shipping, and even new materials for packing that were evolved by Israel's plastic factories.

Israel also evolved new methods of building greenhouses for flower growing and also for other crops. The "Q" company in Tel Aviv developed a polycarbonate material, Qualex, a form of translucent, unbreakable plastic sheeting that is now used for building greenhouses in Holland, Britain, and of course in Israel itself, where it has proved popular in the Negev settlements.

But all these far-reaching developments do not mean that everything has gone smoothly in the flower industry. There is a conflict between Agrexco, the agricultural exporting company, and private flower exporters.

Agrexco claims that the private exporters are undercutting prices on the European

Jewish Neighborhoods Help Preserve Communal Life

NEW YORK — The preservation of Jewish neighborhoods should be a major emphasis of Jewish communal life because of their close link to the continuity of the Jewish people, according to a study just published by the American Jewish Committee.

Titled "Jewish Neighborhoods in Transition," the study of four neighborhoods was prepared by Dr. Janice Goldstein, an urban consultant, and is one of a series of occasional "Pertinent Papers" issued by AJC's Domestic Affairs Department, directed by Seymour Samet.

The study urges American Jewish leaders to "look at their neighborhoods not just as places where Jews happen to live, but as physical habitats, whole geographic areas hospitable to the creation and maintenance of Jewish communal life in the coming decades.

The four communities discussed are South Miami Beach, Beverly-Fairfax in Los Angeles, Wynnefield in Philadelphia, and Cleveland Heights, a suburb on the east side of Cleveland.

The report notes that "Jews have been traditionally mobile. As their economic and social position has improved, they have moved away from first and second generation neighborhoods, initially to homes in more affluent city areas, and ultimately from the central cities to the suburbs."

The study adds, however, that the entire housing situation in the United States has been changing because of new factors in the economy, which are likely to affect Jewish mobility in the coming decades.

"High interest rates and spiraling rents have constricted the existing housing market," the report states, "and inflation and the energy crisis have slowed construction and forced up the price of new homes. As transportation costs have risen, more and more working couples look for housing closer to their jobs, real estate values in the city and close-in suburbs escalate sharply, limiting

mobility and choices for many middle-income Americans. In cities and suburbs, rental units are being converted to condominiums and cooperatives, and for the elderly and others of limited incomes, desirable housing and neighborhoods are becoming ever more difficult to find."

The report offers some "tentative predictions," which it recommends for consideration by Jewish leaders who are concerned about the stabilization or revitalization of Jewish neighborhoods. They are the following:

— "Affluent Jews, unimpeded by financial considerations or closeness to jobs, will continue to move to new, more desirable housing in suburban and exurban areas and to luxury housing in the central cities.

— "Young and older single Jewish persons and single parent families of moderate means will find it hard to pay the exorbitant rents or purchase price of homes in neighborhoods they wish to live in. They will need help with down payments if they wish to buy and to keep monthly payments manageable.

— "Two-income couples will find it easier to rent or buy homes but will have fewer choices in the cities. They are potential purchasers and renters of housing in gentrifying neighborhoods.

— "The plight of elderly, low and moderate income Jews will be especially troublesome. Perhaps as many as a half-million will need some financial and housing counseling assistance in finding and maintaining suitable retirement housing.

— "It will be hard for Jewish families with school-age children (the baby boom generation) to find neighborhoods with affordable housing and good public schools so common three decades ago. Some may buy older homes in close-in suburbs or the center city and either send their children to Jewish day schools or work to improve the neighborhood public schools — or both."

Javits Receives ADL Award

NEW YORK — Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York this week was named recipient of the Haym Salomon Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in honor of "his contributions to America's democratic society."

The Senator will accept the award, according to Maxwell E. Greenberg, ADL's national chairman, at the League's National Inaugural Dinner at the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida, on Feb. 12, 1981.

Soviets Jail Five In Anniversary Vigil

MOSCOW — Five persons were jailed last week on charges of hooliganism following a Christmas Eve vigil outside the Lenin Library in Moscow to commemorate an abortive airplane hijack ten years ago by Jews trying to escape to the West, according to dissident sources.

Nine other participants in the vigil were detained and questioned at a nearby police station for four hours, the sources said.

Germany's Jewish Community Shocked By Murder Of Jewish Leader

BONN (JTA) — The murder of a prominent Jewish leader in Erlangen, Bavaria last week has shocked West Germany's Jewish community because of its apparent racial and political motivation.

The victim, Shlomo Levin, 69, chairman of the Association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation, was shot to death along with a friend, Frida Poeschke, 57, in the latter's home. Poeschke, who is not Jewish, was the widow of a Social Democratic anti-Nazi activist.

Police have assigned a 20-member homicide squad to investigate the crime and have offered a 20,000 Mark reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Immediately after the shooting, the police said the assailants would be found among enemies of Israel and the Jews but they did not repeat that speculation and insisted later that there were no clues.

No organization or individual has claimed for the killings. Premier Franz-Josef Strauss of Bavaria denounced the crime and promised that every effort will be made to trace those responsible.

Levin came to West Germany in the late 1950's from Israel where he is known to have a family. He was chairman for several years of the Jewish community of Nuremberg, near Erlangen, and for a time owned the Ner Tamid Publishing Company which specialized in Jewish books.

Werner Nachman, chairman of the Jewish community of West Germany, condemned the murder which, he said, was aimed against all democrats in the country. He denied a rumor that Levin had been a personal aide to Moshe Dayan when the latter was Israel's Defense Minister. A similar denial was issued by the Israel Embassy in Bonn.

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German Terrorists Repatriated

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Germans convicted of terrorist activities in 1979 were repatriated last week before completing half of their nominal 10-year sentences. Their early release was arranged in conversations between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and West German officials during Shamir's recent visit to Europe, Foreign Ministry circles said.

Thomas Reuter and Brigitte Schultz, both 30, were brought to Israel and tried secretly, together with three Arabs, in 1976. Sentences on the two Germans, members of a German terrorist group affiliated to the Bader-Meinhoff group, were handed down only at the end of 1979. Even then, news of the trial was kept secret in Israel, until details were published abroad.

According to reports from abroad, they were implicated in a plot to shoot down an El Al plane in Nairobi, Kenya in January 1976. The plot was foiled and the three Arabs due to have carried out the actual attack with Soviet-made shoulder-fired rockets were stopped at the airport before the El Al plane landed. They are now serving 18-year sentences in Israel.

Part of the secrecy surrounding the trial of all five is understood to have been at the request of the Kenyan authorities who cooperated in their detention and handed them over to the Israelis for trial in Israel.

Their release was among the demands put forward by terrorists who hijacked an Air France plane to Entebbe in 1976 from where the hostages were released in the famous Israeli rescue mission. The hostages said after their release their guards at Entebbe had included West Germans.

Schultz and Reuter were sentenced to 10 years in prison, but the term was halved under an agreement between the prosecution and defense whereby their time in prison would be cut to five years in return for written confessions.

Children Of Survivors Criticize Holocaust Council

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Generation After (TGA), an organization of children of Holocaust survivors, whose honorary president is Simon Wiesenthal, has demanded that all members of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council resign because of the "shameful chapter in American history, the presence of Nazi criminals in our country."

Steven Raber, TGA chairperson, noted that for 35 years, "the United States government has implemented a policy of giving free shelter to vicious practitioners of Nazi genocide."

According to TGA, the issue of Nazi war criminals is not being considered on the Council's agenda "because the Council, incredibly enough, wishes to leave this matter in the hands of the Justice Department."

A Council source, who asked not to be identified, conceded that the matter of the

Florence Prag Kahn

First Jewish Woman In Congress

by Irena Penzik Narell

In 1924, the first Jewish woman to do so, Florence Prag Kahn, entered the United States Congress. No novice to politics or Washington, she had been the wife of a congressman, his advisor-secretary-critic and hostess since 1899.

Gray-haired, high spirited with flashing brown eyes, she was the mother of two grown sons when elected to the vacancy created by her husband's death.

Florence Kahn had accompanied the California congressman Julius Kahn on over 30 transcontinental journeys from their native San Francisco to the nation's capital before making her trek alone to face new responsibilities.

California had enfranchised women in 1911, but it was only five years before Florence Kahn's election that universal suffrage had been enacted. Only one other woman would serve with her in the 68th Congress. Mrs. Mary Nolan, widow of congressional veteran John Nolan of San Francisco, was also elected to her husband's seat.

Given Florence Kahn's character and personality it would be hard to picture her as unequal to the challenge. Present in the gallery for countless debates, she was an astute politician. Her ancestors had made the arduous journey to the west during the gold rush period, surviving with family values and Jewish tradition fully intact. The inheritor of their pioneer spirit, she would make her own mark in Congress.

Florence, who had lost her father at ten, was highly influenced by her remarkable mother. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley and following her mother's example, also became a teacher of English until she married the newly elected Congressman Julius Kahn.

The Kahns were Republicans, as were the overwhelming majority of their constituency. Patriotically devoted to the United States, Julius was so popular with his electorate that no one could be found to run against him. In primaries he often captured both the Republican and Democratic nominations.

The power structure in San Francisco "loved him." Though never wealthy, the Kahns were members of the exclusive Temple Emanu-El, where their sons were bar mitzvahed. They counted most of the influential San Francisco Jews among the friends and fans.

Florence shared her husband's loyalty to San Francisco, and to military preparedness, but was strongly individualistic in both her convictions and style. An independent, highly opinionated California woman, she was elected to seven successive terms. During her tenure she accomplished more for San Francisco than her husband had done in all the years of his service.

Through uncanny legislative ability she obtained funds for a new Federal office building, a marine hospital, the construction of a new mint, as well as several important military installations, and piloted legislation for the construction of the now indispensable San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

The San Francisco Chronicle in August 1926 called her "a Republican who knows how to get things done."

In April 1929, while the military budget was under discussion, Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth paid Mrs. Kahn the ultimate compliment of asking her to take the chair for a day.

New Jewish Agenda Has Founding Conference

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The founding conference of the New Jewish Agenda, attended by nearly 700 participants, opened here with a program aimed at creating a progressive-oriented national membership organization that will provide a home for Jews who do not feel at home in the present organized Jewish community, according to Rabbi Gerald Serotta, chairman of the NJA steering committee and keynote speaker.

Serotta, associate director of the Hillel Foundation at Rutgers University, stated that, "Any New Jewish Agenda must stand with the unique role of Jewish identity as a prism for viewing the world. Through Agenda we have a unique opportunity to repair some of the painful separations in our fragmented Jewish community. These separations have kept us from fulfilling our Jewish destiny of bringing a vision of universal justice to all mankind," he said.

Serotta said that by the time the conference ends next week he hoped it will have

a witty, brilliant woman, she would often meet the press with her hat slightly askew on top of her carelessly done up hair. She wore a black velvet band around her neck, refused to "slick" herself up, get a permanent or go on a diet. When asked in 1928 to what she attributed her immense plurality over her husband's votes, she replied without batting an eyelash: "Sex appeal."

Would she favor a birth control law? "I will if you make it retroactive," came the flashing reply. Her lack of vanity extended to the discarding of all her clippings and personal letters. Thus a great store of Kahn witticisms has been lost forever.

In an era when the women's vote was generally considered to be on the "dry" side, Mrs. Kahn became a vociferous spokesperson against Prohibition. She was supported in this by her California wine-producing constituency, and a firm belief that the law (The Volstead Act) was hypocritical, and unenforceable, needing drastic reform.

In 1936 Mrs. Kahn, was defeated in a Roosevelt landslide, and returned permanently to her San Francisco family and a host of friends. In praising her Eleanor Roosevelt wrote: "Mrs. Kahn would be welcomed to the House with open arms."

Florence Kahn died of a heart attack in 1948, eight days after her 80th birthday.

Her district had been a melting pot of middle and upper class Germans, French, Chinese, Irish and Jews. She had been at home with them all, friendly as an old hat.

She had dined at the White House with eight presidents, heard secret confessions and given advice to presidents' wives, Rabbi Alvin I. Fine and Cantor Reuben R. Rinder officiated at her funeral from San Francisco's Temple Emanu-El, attended by hundreds.

American Jewry can indeed reflect with pride on the life and career of a unique woman — Florence Prag Kahn.

accomplished three things: endorsement of a vision for a national membership organization; ratification of interim leadership until elections can be held; and adoption of a Conference Unity statement to give the new organization direction.

Attendance at the conference far exceeded the 500 expected and 300 would-be participants were turned away for lack of space, conference organizers said. The participants are a mix of young and older people from all walks of life.

Serotta observed that the delegates represented a "wide political spectrum" and were all the more striking because they ranged from "committed secularist to every flavor of religious outlook — Conservative, Reconstructionist, Reform, Orthodox and the other 90 percent of us who don't use any of those labels."

He called such a coalition "both crazy and exciting," observing that it is an "experiment that can have a profound impact on the life of the Jewish community."

war criminals would not be on the Council's agenda for the foreseeable future.

Raber said that "To erect a memorial to the millions of Nazi victims on the one hand, and to allow their murderers to walk around free and to live in splendor on the other hand, is a base hypocrisy and an insult to the memory of the dead eleven million innocent men, women and children and to the entire human race."

The Council, Raber added, "has no moral right to serve this hypocritical purpose if it wants to be the spokesperson for the victims and survivors. In fact, it constitutes a betrayal of the legacy of the Holocaust. One cannot pat the back of the criminal and the victim at the same time."

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- 1. Somebody is buying.** If "Nobody's buying," is your battle cry, guess again. Somebody is buying. Even at 7% unemployment, 93% of the workable population is still employed. That 93% still must purchase goods and materials.
- 2. Know Your Customers.** Not just by name and address, but by what they like to buy. Effective merchandising meets the needs and wants of your clientele.
- 3. Do know your customers name and address.** It takes less than a minute to fill out a sales slip. That sales slip, plus the credit card slips are your tickets to activating your customer list throughout the year by using direct mail.

- 4. Track your sales by zip code.** Tracking sales by zips shows you what areas prefer what merchandise, and it also provides you with a way of evaluating your newspaper purchases. Always seek to match circulation and sales.
- 5. Understand how consumers re-prioritize their needs.** In a recessionary period, psychological necessities become luxuries. Evaluate your stock. How much of it is psychological necessities? And who's continuing to purchase those products as opposed to who isn't?
- 6. Give a reason to buy from you.** This is more important than you can know. 15 stores may carry the same item. Why should someone buy it from you as opposed to Ann & Hope?
- 7. Don't stop advertising.** This bit of advice comes from the research department of McGraw-Hill. Their findings: companies that

continued advertising during the recession gained substantial business from competition who stopped advertising.

- 8. Advertise smarter.** Make every dollar count. Throw out traditional media usage patterns and experiment. For example, one company cut down the size of their weekly ad. To get more for their money they had the reduced ad broken into 4 smaller versions run on 4 separate pages. Result: multiple exposure within one issue increased recognition and did not hurt cash register sales.

- 9. Buy media that reaches people who can afford to buy.** Certain zone editions of the Journal have more purchasing power than others. Some weeklies have more buying power than others. The check: circulation analysis by 5 digit zip code.

- 10. Make the Herald part of your buy.** The Jewish Herald circulation falls into top income zip code areas. Our readership can afford to buy what you have. For more information call the Jewish Herald at 724-0200.

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Kosher Home Exchange: Low-Cost Vacation

Home exchanges are a well-established way of taking a low-cost vacation. Now a new enterprise, London-based Kosher Home Exchange International, is making this form of vacation available to observers of Kashruth.

The basic idea is simple: exchangers spend their vacations rent-free in each other's homes at the same time. As well as enjoying a vacation at substantially reduced cost, the scheme gives exchangers the opportunity of experiencing community life in other parts of the world first-hand.

For an inclusive fee of about \$35, one can enter one's home in the directory and receive a full copy of the directory, which will include all the other homes available for a summer 1981 exchange in Israel, England and the United States.

On receipt of the directory, subscribers can then match themselves up by correspondence until an exchange is finalized.

Kosher Home Exchange International says there is a feeling of mutual respect when two families exchange homes, with the result that they often take greater care of their exchange partner's home than they might of their own.

For further information, write: Kosher Home Exchange International, 28, Wessex Gardens, London NW11 9RT, England.

Giscard Meets New Chief Rabbi

PARIS (JTA) — President Valéry Giscard D'Estaing received France's new Chief Rabbi, Rene Sirat, to congratulate him upon his appointment and to assure him of the French government's desire to fully cooperate with the Jewish community. The outgoing Chief Rabbi, Jacob Kaplan, accompanied Sirat to take official leave from the President.

After the meeting French sources said Giscard assured Sirat that he and his government will do all in their power to stamp out anti-Semitism in all its forms and will do their best to help and encourage Jewish culture and education in France. Sirat is due to meet Giscard again next week when he will present the Jewish community's New Year's seasonal greetings to the President.

Swiss Protestants Sign Petition For United Jerusalem

GENEVA (JTA) — A Swiss Protestant group from Zurich that calls itself "Swiss Israel Shalom" has announced that it has obtained 5,845 signatures on a petition to be presented to the Swiss Government calling for the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel.

It also calls on the Swiss authorities to be true to their policy of neutrality and close the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Geneva and expel the PLO delegate to the United Nations in Geneva, Daud Barakat. Most of the signatures were collected following Sunday service in Protestant churches in Switzerland.

One of the initiators of the petition told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that most of the signatures were from non-Jews and that young people were the ones who signed most readily. He added that many others were willing to sign the part relating to the closure of the PLO office but were reluctant to sign the part on Jerusalem.

Breaking The Chemical Pesticide Habit Everyone Benefits Except Mosquitoes

The world's appalling death rate from mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria, yellow fever, dengue and encephalitis may someday plummet as a direct result of the research of Ben Gurion University biologist Dr. Joel Margalit.

His discovery of a new strain of Bacillus, known as *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, promises to help mankind kick the chemical pesticide habit, which has become so ecologically damaging in recent years.

Margalit, who has studied the insect world for twenty years, explains that when the synthetic pesticides were first introduced in the 1940's, they were very effective on the insects and were considered relatively harmless to other animal species, including man.

Over time, however, the creatures became increasingly resistant to the sprays. With chemical pesticides, the number of people suffering from malaria in India, for instance, dropped from 10 million to 60,000 by 1962.

But by 1969, the figure rose again to 7 million because of the insects' resistance. To bring the numbers down, more powerful toxic pesticides had to be synthesized and applied in larger and more potent doses which became health hazards themselves.

As an alternative, scientists in the 1960's turned to natural bio-control agents to spray crops. Today, they are in widespread use, but until Margalit isolated the bacteria, no effective bio-control agent existed to combat the lethal mosquito.

Beginning their work in 1976, he and an associate, Dr. Leonard Goldberg of the Uni-

versity of California at Berkeley, searched throughout Israel to find the proper bacterial sample.

Finally, in 1977, at the bottom of a swampy riverbed near Kibbutz Tzelim, about sixty kilometers west of Beersheva, they discovered larvae which had mysteriously died.

"We became very excited," remembers Margalit. After bringing them back to the lab to isolate the killing agent, we introduced the bacillus to healthy mosquito larvae which died within half an hour."

Sensing they were onto something potentially very big, they sent the microorganisms to the famed Institut Pasteur in Paris. The report which came back confirmed their hopes: It was indeed a new strain which was extremely virulent to mosquito larvae.

This tiny *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* produces a crystalline protein substance during spore formation which acts as a poison to mosquito larvae by paralyzing their digestive systems soon after they eat the bacteria.

At a Prague meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1978, Margalit's findings were endorsed by the body and he was named to the Expert Committee of the Scientific Working Group on Biological Control of Insect Vectors (Disease Carriers). His research has been partially funded by the WHO.

In October 1979, Margalit journeyed to Kenya, where he worked closely with local entomologists on the possibility of transporting the Bacillus to eliminate the

mosquito larvae of Africa.

Currently Margalit is looking into the best methods for field application of his product. "Because it harms no other form of animal life except the mosquito, it need not pass the stringent environmental tests necessary for chemical sprays," he says. "Also, it has a shelf life of at least a year."



DR. JOEL MARGALIT

Equally important, Margalit has a strong hunch, as yet unproven conclusively, that the cost of producing his mosquito fighter is comparable to chemical pesticides.

"Every way you look at it," the biologist says, "everybody benefits except the mosquito."

Jay Pabian Admitted To R.I. And Mass. Bars

Jay M. Pabian has recently been admitted to both the Rhode Island and Massachusetts bars. A graduate of Brandeis University and New England School of Law, Pabian is presently attending the Northeastern Graduate School of Professional Accounting.

Pabian is also an Associate Professor of Law at New England School of Law. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pabian of Pawtucket. He and his wife, Audrey Bigney Pabian, reside in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Israel Export Institute Joins Int'l Fairs

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Export Institute will participate in 50 international fairs during the 1981 to 1982 fiscal year compared to 36 during 1980 to 1981, according to Institute chairman Yitzhak Weiman.

They will include three in Egypt, for Israel's first-ever showing in a former enemy country. They are a book fair, a general fair and a fair for laboratory equipment.

Weiman said about 4,400 Israeli firms will display their wares in the international exhibitions, a 10 percent increase over the current year.

Equipment and products to be shown include automotive spare parts, airplane equipment, safety equipment, electronics, textiles, building equipment, plastics and packaging, industrial sub-contracting equipment, processed foods, books, furniture, medical and laboratory equipment, agricultural equipment and fashions.

Anti-Semitism In Argentina "Contrary To Tradition"

NEW YORK (JTA) — "Isolated acts" of anti-Semitism do not reflect the feelings of the government or people of Argentina and are "contrary to the country's national tradition," Interior Minister General Albano Harguindeguy told leading Jewish community representatives in Buenos Aires last week.

The meeting between the minister and top officials of the DAIA, the umbrella agency of the Argentine Jewish community headed by Dr. Mario Gorenstein, is part of a permanent, on-going dialogue Jewish leadership conducts with government officials on matters of Jewish concern, according to Jacob Kovadloff, Director of the American Jewish Committee's Latin American Department. Kovadloff has just returned from a swing through South American Jewish communities on behalf of the AJCommittee.

Some weeks ago, Gen. Jorge Videla, in an interview with an Israeli newspaper, tended to minimize anti-Semitic incidents brought to his attention, Kovadloff said. "Our meetings have not given us full satisfaction," Gorenstein declared before the DAIA just a few days ago in discussing the rise in anti-Semitism in Argentina over the past several months.

Observers in Argentina are hopeful for significant improvement both in official Argentine reaction to anti-Semitism and on human rights issues, Kovadloff said, when Gen. Roberto Viola takes over as the nation's president next March 20. The DAIA leadership had the opportunity to meet with Viola some time ago, Kovadloff reported.

In their encounters with Viola and Harguindeguy, DAIA leaders complained

sharply about the airing of a virulently anti-Jewish program on the "Videoshow" television series and the desecration of a Jewish cemetery as illustrations of the recent spurt in anti-Semitic activity that had to be combated.

It is encouraging to note, Kovadloff said, that leading Argentine newspapers such as "Clarín," "La Prensa" and "La Nación," major Catholic groups and the Argentine Bar Association have shown spontaneous solidarity and support for Jewish communal denunciations of anti-Semitism. The community is disappointed, however, Kovadloff reported, that Argentine trade unions and leading political figures have failed to express such support.

The call of Jewish communal leadership for active prosecution and punishment of anti-Semitic acts followed an upsurge of anti-Semitic publications in Argentina. Last July, too, there were bomb attacks on several Jewish schools, fortunately without casualties.

One of the most vicious anti-Semitic publications is the neo-Nazi magazine "Papeles," issued by the Aryan Nationalist Integral Party. This was supposed to be banned by the government following an earlier meeting between DAIA leadership and the Minister of Interior but the ban never was announced and Papeles continues to appear.

do speak out forcefully in the name of the community on issues directly affecting Jews, Kovadloff declared, they feel they can intervene only as individuals when it comes to political and other matters that divide the entire country. Misunderstanding of this position, he said, is probably at the root of charges of inaction sometimes leveled against Argentine Jewish community leaders from abroad.

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Nashville Favorites And Bible Grace Lebanese Airwaves

LEBANON — Nestled in a remote corner of the southern Lebanese frontier is a reinforced concrete bunker whose looks belie its purpose. What could be taken for a military emplacement is actually the home of a most unusual radio station.

WORD, the station's call letters, is the source of a constant, rhythmic flow of Nashville favorites, interspersed with regular newscasts in English and Arabic and one minute Bible readings every 15 minutes.

"People out in the villages are humming John Denver and Johnny Cash songs. It's a remarkable thing to see," says Chuck Pollak, the station's 28-year-old manager. "And we have heard from foreign correspondents all over the Mideast saying they enjoy our special brand of music together with the religious format."

The radio station was established a short while ago by American businessman and Christian Evangelical leader George Otis, through his religious organization, High Adventure Ministries, and its thousands of supporters in the U.S. and Canada. The commitment Otis has shown toward his besieged fellow Christians in southern Lebanon is the exception, not the rule, according to Pollak.

"I am not proud of world Christianity's response to the emergency going on here," Pollak says. "We have a situation here where trained terrorists are holed up in a fortified position less than a few miles away, taking potshots at Christian villages as they wish, and there is no outcry or protest virtually anywhere."

"It is ironic, but not really surprising, that Israel, the Jewish state, is the only force really helping us in our struggle just to survive."

Pollak is far from his last professional role as manager of station KBSN in mid-Texas. Why did he come here, literally risking life and limb to start an impromptu broadcasting

hub?

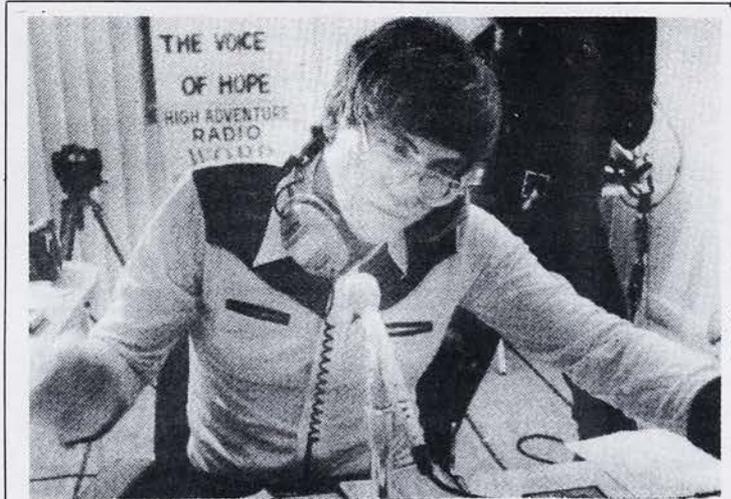
"I thought about it a lot, I prayed a lot and it seemed that it was really the thing to do. These people here must not feel abandoned. And in this objective there is no doubt that we are succeeding way beyond our early expectations."

"It may seem unusual on the surface that we have chosen country music to broadcast here," Pollak says, "but just think about what attracts audiences. Even though the lyrics are not generally understood, the beat is what grabs people, the mood, the lure of something exotic from another culture. Well, country and western has all these elements, plus the fact that we're a novelty. We're unique since we have a real monopoly on the market for the whole Mideast."

The station will soon up its juice to 25 kilowatts which will mean it will have the capacity to reach every corner of not only Lebanon, but Israel, Jordan and Syria — and parts of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Iran.

Besides news, music and commentary by Lebanese Christian spokesman, Francis Rizak, broadcaster Pollak makes sure that his audience gets a regular diet of prayers and inspiration. "Remember that little four-year-old we reported wounded last week by an incoming shell?" says Pollak. "Well, our prayers have been answered and he's getting out of the hospital today."

Pollak is convinced that "fundamentally, we have God on our side." He also looks to heaven to explain WORD's quick success. Its unusual blend of country and western music, faith and encouragement to the Christian fighters for freedom in Lebanon will not soon be matched. But what else can be expected from a station whose "Top 40" list includes both "Bo Jangles" and Rock of Ages?"



CHUCK POLLAK, WORD station manager, says people enjoy the special brand of music in a religious format.

Israel Unveils New Chancery

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel unveiled last week its magnificent and spacious new chancery in Washington in the presence of about 500 leading Washington officials, including U.S. government officials, diplomats, business and professional leaders.

The four-story brick structure, the design and color of which reflect contemporary construction in Jerusalem, houses all the Israeli offices that, for the past several years, have been scattered in three buildings.

The Embassy itself, the residence of Israel's Ambassador, also is considerably closer to the chancery. Under Secretary of State David Newsom, the top U.S. official present, lauded Ambassador Ephraim Evron's services and friendship, and added: "On this day, a special occasion, I can congratulate the government of Israel on this beautiful symbol of the beauties of Israel, and also congratulate my good friend, Ephraim Evron."

Newsom also observed "the very sincere hope" of the State Department that the Camp David peace process will continue. He noted that the "very fundamental and frank discussion" between Israel and the United States "made this process possible and will be carried on."

Washington's Mayor, Marion Barry, expressed the "friendship and kinship of the people of Israel and the people of Washington." Barry is Black and Washington's population is three-quarters Black. Both Barry and Newsom spoke at the ground-breaking ceremonies for the chancery on Israel's Independence Day in May, 1979.

Israel's chancery, located at Van Ness Street and Reno Road, is the first in the "international center" established by the State Department for a dozen chanceries. None other has yet been built, although options have been taken by various governments.

The center adjoins the University of the District of Columbia and is in a well-to-do residential area of northwest Washington.

In keeping with modern security requirements, the building is protected by brick and metal fencing and an entrance that permits easy access only with the approval of a secluded guard. The cost of the building and its furnishings totalled \$5 million overall, Evron said.

Dominating the chancery is the atrium that involves the building's four floors and leads to a large hall for conferences and

receptions. Works of some 50 Israeli artists decorate the interior and exterior, making the structure a showcase of Israeli art. Works include those of Ruben Rubin, Menasha Kadishman, Yigal Tomaikas, and Yisrael Shemi.

Planning for the building began in 1977 during Premier Menachem Begin's first trip to the United States, when former Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and former White House Chief of Protocol, Evan Dobell, signed an agreement leasing to Israel land in the international center.

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Jewish-Hispanic Self-Help Effort Brings Revitalization Grant To N.Y.

BOROUGH PARK, N.Y. — Things have been changing in the ten years since Jewish residents of Brooklyn's Borough Park section were attacked by bands of youths.

Mirla Meisels, wife of Rabbi Shabse Meisels, led the fight against running away from the problem, and the efforts have paid off with a \$150,000 grant to help revitalize the neighborhood.

Mrs. Meisels persuaded many Orthodox Jewish families not to sell their homes, and persuaded Puerto Rican and Italian neighbors to join in an association aimed at reversing the section's decline.

The programs to help Borough Park and nearby Sunset Park are among 27 self-help community groups in 12 states that will receive a total of \$2.7 million in grants and loans from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a private organization backed by the Ford Foundation and seven other companies.

The recently announced awards are the first, aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods and stimulating industrial development.

Mitchell Sviridoff, executive director of the corporation, said Ford's approval should enable the groups to raise \$27 million from banks, private business and government agencies.

The smooth working relationship between the leaders of predominantly Jewish and largely Puerto Rican neighborhoods, Sviridoff said, had interested the financial backers and persuaded them to provide some initial funds to help renovate apartment houses for elderly and low income

tenants.

Working closely with Mrs. Meisels was Evelyn Aquila, who has ties to both the Irish and Italian communities (her parents were Irish, her husband's Italian).

Three years ago, when Agudath Israel of America set out to preserve the Borough Park areas, it was a turning point in the community. The Southern Brooklyn Community Organization was established as a multi-ethnic self-help group, with Rabbi Samuel Lefkowitz, a 35-year-old trained as a social worker, as its director.

The group received \$65,000 from the Ford Foundation to organize in 1977, and \$65,000 the next year to advance its development program.

Backers hope to attract \$12 million in private investments to revitalize the 100-block area. Borough Park has 150,000 Jewish residents, one of the largest such communities in the country.

Rabbi Lefkowitz soon formed a partnership with Wilfredo Lugo, head of the Sunset Park Redevelopment Committee.

The association between the two men has resulted in plans to halt the deterioration of the neighborhood.

The local support corporation will provide \$150,000 over the next two years for the two community organizations. Maimonides Medical Center has provided a \$200,000 low interest loan and \$246,000 has been received from the Federal, state and city governments.

Msgr. Geno Baroni, assistant secretary of the Federal Housing and Urban Develop-

ment Department, said the successful relationship between Lugo and Rabbi Lefkowitz could be a model for "the partnership of the '80's."

Liberators Of Nazi Camps Plan Meeting In Washington Next Fall

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, the federal organization that will establish a memorial to the victims of Nazism, has announced it will sponsor the first "International Conference of Liberators of Concentration Camps" in Washington next autumn. The specific dates have not been set for the gathering to which delegations from ten countries are expected to attend.

Elie Wiesel, chairman of the Council and himself a survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, said the conference will honor the Allied Forces who liberated Nazi concentration camps and that every effort will be made to locate medical corps personnel, military correspondents and photographers, and every commanding officer of each army that had participated in the liberation as well as the chief of staff, the battalion commander, and the officer of the detachment that first entered each camp.

Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia,

France, New Zealand, Poland, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia have been invited by the Council to send a formal delegation made up of individuals who participated in camp liberations.

Initial contact with these countries was made through the Department of State. The U.S. Army Center of Military History, commanded by Brigadier General James Collins Jr., will provide liaison between the Department of Defense and the Council. The U.S., the host country, is the home of more than 5,000 survivors of these camps.

Miles Lerman, chairman of the Council's Committee on International Relations and a resistance fighter during the Nazi occupation of Europe, has met with representatives of American veterans organizations to seek their help in locating American liberators, the Council said. The Council's offices are at 425 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004.

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