

**Bruce Sundlun  
Heads NCCJ  
Awards Dinner**



**BRUCE SUNDLUN**

Bruce C. Sundlun, president and chief executive officer of the Outlet Company, has been named chairman of the 29th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner by Edward E. Mulligan, chairman of the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The award dinner will be held May 14 at the Chateau de Ville in Warwick.

Sundlun served as vice president and general counsel of the Outlet Co. from 1960 to 1976, when he assumed his present position. He also served as an incorporator of the Communications Satellite Corporation, to which he was appointed by President John F. Kennedy.

A native of Rhode Island, Sundlun is director of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the R.I. Urban Project, and president of the Ocean State Performing Arts Center. He serves as director to Trinity Square Repertory Theatre, Capital Center Commission and R.I. Legislative Pay Commission. In 1980 he was honored at the Israeli Bond Dinner.

**Increased Number Of Exit Visas  
Issued To Soviet Jews, Refuseniks**

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union has abruptly and without explanation resumed issuing visas to large numbers of Jews who have long sought to emigrate.

The number of Jews emigrating by way of Vienna, the principal exit route, fell off sharply in the middle of last year after reaching a peak of 51,000 in 1979. The total for 1980 was 21,471, according to figures issued by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Only 889 Jews arrived in Vienna in December and about 850 last month.

In the second week of January, however, according to Jewish sources in Moscow, the official attitude suddenly became more lenient. One source estimated that visas were currently being processed at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 a month in Moscow alone, with others being granted in Odessa, Kiev, Kharkov, Vilnius and other cities.

A Jewish scientist who has been waiting almost a decade for his visa, and has still heard nothing, said he estimated the rate was back at about 36,000 a year. He cautioned that it was unknown how long the change would last.

Another source reported that on one day last week the Interior Ministry issued 170 visas, staying open until 10 p.m. to complete the work.

**Received Permission**

Among those who have been granted permission to leave have been a number of people who have been repeatedly refused permission in the past. Jewish activists listed Lev Roitburd, an Odessa engineer; Emanuel L. Likhterov, a Moscow journalist; Yevgeny Zhitsky, a Moscow dentist, and Khanna A. Yelinson, a Moscow engineer, among those leaving.

Some of those who have been issued visas have been waiting for almost a decade. It is estimated that there are at least 10,000 peo-

ple, and possibly as many as 50,000, who have been refused visas. Exact figures are impossible to ascertain because many who are turned down keep the fact secret, fearing they may lose their jobs.

When the flow of visas was cut to a trickle last summer, Western diplomats and Jews active in the emigration movement at first thought the cutback had resulted from the fact that officials were busy processing visas for visitors to the Moscow Olympics. But the curtailment continued after the Olympics had ended.

Toward the end of last year, it was believed that the cutback was a reprisal against the U.S. for cutting trade with the Soviet Union after the intervention in Afghanistan.

**No One Knows Why**

There is speculation about the motives behind the apparent shift in policy, but no ready explanation.

One Western diplomat said it might have something to do with the forthcoming congress of the Communist Party, scheduled for later this month. Soviet officials may want to demonstrate humaneness.

But Jewish activists did not see a connection between the congress and the changed visa policy. Some suggested it may represent a hint to the U.S. of a willingness to negotiate on major issues.

One activist said Jews have learned to expect inexplicable changes in policy.



The Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region Women's American ORT, in celebration of 100 years of vocational and technical education, has donated a \$500 collection of vocational-technical library books to Toll Gate High School in honor and recognition of the "ORT Outstanding Educator of the Year Award" given to Robert J. Shapiro, principal of Toll Gate High School. The collection is now complete (Feb. 1981) and being used in the Technical Program.

Mrs. Dorothy Stevens, Toll Gate librarian (left); Mrs. Carolyn Salk, chairperson "ORT" 100 year Honors Committee; Mrs. Marsha Feital, ORT president 1981; and Dr. Jeanne Patric, Toll Gate librarian (right).

**European Initiative And Camp  
David Accords Are Compatible**

PARIS (JTA) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said he "welcomes" a European initiative but remains firmly committed to the Camp David agreements which are the basis for Middle East peace. The Egyptian leader made that position clear to the European leaders in Luxembourg and to President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Sadat said that the European initiative and the Camp David agreements are not incompatible but must be synchronized between the various interested countries. At a press conference in Luxembourg, Sadat said he welcomes a European initiative and "am even asking for one" because "Europe must take its share of the responsibility for peace either now or in the future, when guarantees in the area will be needed."

He also said he is in favor of "joint and simultaneous recognition between Israel and the Palestinians" but is opposed to the inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the negotiations at this state. He also said that Jordan should participate in the negotiations "after a full autonomy agreement is signed."

Sadat, who addressed the European Parliament yesterday at the invitation of its President, Simone Veil, conferred this morning with the current chairman of the European Council of Ministers, Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw.

In Paris, he was given a State reception by Giscard, who personally welcomed him at the airport. As if to publicly demonstrate the resumption of friendly Franco-Egyptian ties after a two-and-a-half years of relative

coldness, the two men rode together through the streets of Paris to the Palais Marigny, a former Rothschild home now used as an official residence for visiting chiefs of state.

Relations between Giscard and Sadat, once diplomatic allies and personal friends, cooled after France refused to support Sadat's historic trip to Jerusalem and the Camp David agreements.

The two men now seem to have moved closer to each other. France is prepared to accept the Camp David agreements as a "possible" basis for a global peace while Sadat is "welcoming" the European initiative engineered by the French President.

French opposition parties hinted that Giscard's State welcome was also motivated by electoral considerations. A Jewish organization, "Jewish Renewal," accused him outright of trying to lobby for the Jewish vote. Sadat is highly popular both with the general public and with the Jewish community which, by and large, sees him as the man who brought about Egyptian-Israeli peace.

A delegation representing the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF), led by its chairman, Baron Alain de Rothschild, and including Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat is due to meet Sadat tomorrow morning.

French and European diplomatic sources said that his meetings in Paris and Luxembourg have been "fruitful" and that both van der Klaauw and Commission chairman Gaston Thorn were "deeply impressed with his arguments."

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# Obituaries

## MOLLIE BLUM

PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Mollie Blum, 90, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Saturday, Feb. 14 at the home. She was the wife of the late Benjamin J. Blum.

Born in Rumania, she was a daughter of the late Morris and Rebecca (Marcowitz) Siegel. She had lived in Providence most of her life.

Mrs. Blum leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. Myrtle Bilgor of E. Falmouth, Mass. and Mrs. Sylvia Vadgers of Newton Center, Mass.; two sons, Maurice H. Blum of Mexico City, Mexico and Alvin S. Blum of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Wagner of Providence, Mrs. Gertrude Lazarus of Miami and Mrs. Tillie Kaplan of Providence; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope st., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

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

## BESSIE GRIMALDI

PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Bessie Grimaldi of 9 Park St., Providence died Friday, Feb. 13 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was the widow of Anthony Grimaldi.

Born in Portland, Maine, she was a daughter of the late Eli and Lena (Kriger) Perry. She had lived in Providence for 19 years.

Mrs. Grimaldi leaves a son, Gilbert Perry of Warwick; a brother, Theodore C. Perry of Miami Beach, Fla. and two grandchildren. The funeral service and burial were private. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Heart Association.

## ELSE WEIL-YOSSE

PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Else Weil-Yosse, 92, of 29 Holly St., died Monday, Feb. 16 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Morris Yosse. Her first husband, Simon Weil, died in 1951.

Born in Germany, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Malke (Rosenthal) Rosenbaum. She was a former resident of Boston from 1940-54 until moving to Miami Beach, Fla. She had lived in Providence only a few months.

She was a member of Temple Menorah in Miami Beach and a board member of its Sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah in Miami Beach and a lifelong member of the Immigrant Mutual Aid Society in Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Yosse leaves two sons, John H. Weil of Winthrop, Mass. and Manfred Weil of Providence; one brother, Helmut Rosenblum of Johannesburg, So. Africa; one sister, Mrs. Herta Heyman of Sheffield, England; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Shiva will be held at her late residence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Emanuel, Providence.

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## In Memoriam

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Leaves me.  
Though you died twenty-six years ago.  
LOVE, DAUGHTER THELMA

## US Condemns Anti-Israel Measures At UN Meeting

GENEVA (JTA) — Michael Novak, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting here, forcefully condemned two draft resolutions aimed against Israel today. One of them accused Israel of violating the human rights and right to self-determination of the Palestinian people and the other declared the Camp David accords and Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty to be without validity.

Novak, an appointee of the Reagan Administration who has emerged as the most vigorous American supporter of Israel at any UN forum to date, denounced the resolutions for denying Israel's right to exist and for condemning a process that has led to a peace treaty.

Nevertheless, both drafts were adopted by the 43-member commission by the automatic Arab-Third World majority although several Third World countries voted against the resolutions or abstained. On the second resolution, which upheld "the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination without external interference and the establishment of a fully independent sovereign state in Palestine, 11 negative votes were cast and seven countries abstained.

Seventeen countries voted against or abstained on the first resolution which condemned Israel for annexing East Jerusalem and for its colonization of the West Bank and alleged violence against Arab civilians.

Addressing himself to the resolution, Novak said, "The resolution supports the ab-

solute right of the Palestine Liberation Organization to a state 'in Palestine.'" There is, however, already a state in Palestine — Israel. This resolution makes no provision for the continued existence of Israel. Worse, it criticizes the essential foundation of peace in that area, put in place by Security Council Resolution 242, which affirms the right of all states in the area to exist and which calls for withdrawal from occupied territories.

"The resolution before us ignores Resolution 242 which lays the ground for a negotiated settlement, except to criticize Resolution 242. My delegation believes it principled and truthful to stand upon Resolution 242 in saying no to the exaggerated and one-sided draft before us."

Novak seemed particularly incensed by the resolution's declaration that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and other agreements "have no validity in so far as they purport to determine the future of the Palestinian people and of the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967." According to Novak, "This resolution would have us condemn a process of negotiation that resulted in a peace treaty. This Commission cannot really intend to tell the world that peace is a violation of human rights."

Novak said it was "a deliberate overstatement" by the Commission resolution to condemn Israel for not applying the Fourth Geneva Convention in the occupied areas and that this failure constitutes a threat to world peace.

## Nazi Deportation Trial Focuses On Identity Card

CLEVELAND — The latest of the Federal Government's efforts to uncover and prosecute former Nazis in this country may center on the authenticity of an alleged Nazi identification card issued 38 years ago in Poland.

Prosecutors claim the 1942 document, issued to Iwan Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian, was actually given to John Demjanjuk, a Cleveland suburbanite. The card indicates the defendant was in a German training camp for Ukrainian Nazi sympathizers, the prosecutors say, who would manage death camps at Treblinka and Sobibor in eastern Poland.

Defense efforts are focusing on casting doubt on the document's validity because it was obtained from Soviet sources. But Wolfgang Scheffler, a professor at the Free University of Berlin who is an expert on Nazi persecution of European Jews, says the card is authentic.

The Government is attempting to prove that Iwan Demjanjuk, who anglicized his name to John when he obtained U.S. citizenship in 1958, is the same "Ivan the Terrible" that survivors of the Treblinka death camp remember as being particularly brutal and sadistic. Demjanjuk, a 60-year-old Ford Motor Company mechanic, could be stripped of his citizenship and deported.

### First Case Since Fedorinko

Demjanjuk is the first alleged Nazi collaborator to be tried by the Government since last month's Supreme Court ruling upholding the denaturalization of Fedor Fedorinko on the ground that he concealed his association with the Nazis on his application to enter the U.S. as a displaced person after World War II.

Demjanjuk similarly is not being tried for committing atrocities against victims of the

Nazi Holocaust, but for lying on his application to enter the U.S. and later on his application for citizenship.

Evidence supporting allegations of Demjanjuk's participation in the Nazi atrocities is essential to the case, however, because it would prove that the information he withheld was significant to his application for admission to this country.

The alleged identity card was issued to Iwan Demjanjuk by the Nazi SS, the special branch that combined military and police functions of the Third Reich, and whose job it was to operate the concentration camps.

The card, a copy of the original now in Soviet archives, bears a photograph of a young man with close-cropped hair who appears to be the same person as the photo shown on Demjanjuk's 1951 application for a visa to the U.S. as a displaced person.

Under "special markings," the card contains the note, "scar on the back," which coincides with Demjanjuk's own account of a back wound suffered during service in a Soviet artillery battalion prior to his capture by the Germans in 1942.

Demjanjuk also had his blood type tattooed on the inside of his upper left arm, a practice that Professor Scheffler testified was limited to prisoners of war whom the SS trained to be guards.

Demjanjuk and his attorneys have said little, but in Government depositions he maintained that he spent the war in a German prisoner of war camp after his capture.

He has conceded that he served in the German military after his capture but denies that he joined the SS and also denies that he worked with other captured Ukrainians at the death camps at Treblinka and Sobibor in eastern Poland, as the Government contends.

## Multinational Force In Sinai Integral Part Of Peace Treaty: Begin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin said that the U.S. commitment to set up a multinational force to police the Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal was "an integral part of the peace treaty." This was his reply to reporters' questions about whether Israel would refuse to withdraw, in April 1982, unless such a force was established in good time and to Israel's satisfaction.

The Premier refused to amplify on the "integral part" formulation. He merely repeated it and said that an interpretation was unnecessary.

Asked about the "hypothetical" possibility that the autonomy negotiations would not have been resumed by the time Israel was required under the treaty to make its final withdrawal from Sinai, Begin replied: "I agree with you — that is a hypothetical possibility. Why should I talk about it?" He noted that he did not always decline to address himself to hypothetical possibilities. In this case, however, he chose to do so.

## German Film On Holocaust To Debut In N.Y. This Spring

NEW YORK — "David," the first German-made feature film on the Holocaust, will be shown in the United States beginning with an early spring opening in New York City, it was announced this week.

The motion picture was written and directed by Peter Lilienthal, a German Jew who with his family fled his native Berlin in 1939 as a boy of 10 and returned 17 years later from Uruguay to become a founder of the post-war German cinema. The film received the first prize "Golden Bear" award at the

1979 Berlin Film Festival. Distribution rights in the U.S. and Canada have been acquired by Kino International of New York City, headed by Donald Krim, who said he expected "David" to be released nationally in May after its New York opening.

Krim described the film as "the story of one Jewish boy's day-to-day survival of the Nazi terror and his ultimate escape to Palestine. It is a sensitive portrait of a harrowing period."

Burg warned in that statement that Israel would have to "draw conclusions" if Egypt did not fulfill its explicit undertaking to negotiate "continuously and in good faith" so as to achieve the autonomy agreement "at the earliest possible date." Israel, Burg noted, could not be expected to fulfill theirs only selectively. Asked about this, Begin said he did not recall that Burg had made this remark.

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## Terrorist Cell Uncovered

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A terrorist cell in the Jerusalem area, allegedly responsible for terrorist acts over a period of several years, has been uncovered by security forces. An army spokesman said the seven members of the cell, linked to El Fatah, have confessed to acts of murder, sabotage and arson.

The cell was formed independently in 1978 but later joined El Fatah, the terrorist arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Security forces who arrested the suspects found a hand grenade, a pistol, detonators, chemicals used to prepare explosives and a wireless set.

Among the terrorist acts confessed by the suspects were the murder of an Israeli soldier, Avraham Deutsch, near the Rockefeller Museum three years ago; the murder of Moshe Yoskovitch, a resident of B'nei Brak, near Gethsemane two years ago; and a hand grenade attack on the Dolphin Restaurant in East Jerusalem early this year. They are also suspected of two other murders, arms thefts and setting fire to cars.

## Israeli Stabbed In Hebron

TEL AVIV — A curfew was imposed on the marketplace in the West Bank town of Hebron last week after an unknown assailant stabbed an Israeli student and stole his rifle. An army patrol took the wounded man to a hospital, where he was said to have wounds in the back, forehead and chin. During the curfew, soldiers searched houses and interrogated residents.

## Jewish Students Attack Arabs

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Four Jewish students at the Technion in Haifa were detained by police on suspicion of having beaten up three Arab students, one of them a girl, in the university dormitory in the early hours of the morning. One of the Jewish students was found with stab wounds near the student dorm.

Police said preliminary reports indicated the Jewish students, composed of members of a nationalist group, attacked the Arabs who were asleep in two rooms. The Arab students defended themselves and called for help, but the attackers fled before police arrived. The university's students' organization denounced the attack on the Arabs and called for peaceful relations between Jews and Arabs on campus.

## AJC Praises New Labor Dept. Rules On Employer Subsidies To Clubs

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Committee has applauded new U. S. Labor Department regulations that prohibit companies receiving Federal contracts from paying membership dues for their executives in clubs that exclude persons on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin, adding the hope that the Reagan Administration would implement these regulations vigorously.

Richard Davimos, Chair of AJC's National Committee on Social Discrimination, pointed out that though the regulations were due to take effect in February, they have been suspended for 60 days, along with many other regulations vigorously.

Commenting on the regulations themselves, Davimos said: "The inability of Jews, blacks, women and other minorities to join these clubs has hindered their opportunities for advancement in many corporations and businesses. Because a substantial percentage of memberships in private clubs are subsidized by employers for business purposes, the withdrawal of such payments by companies with Federal contracts can go a long way toward persuading exclusionary clubs to re-examine their policies and practices, and thus end what is a serious socially acceptable vestige of bigotry in our nation."

The regulations, issued by the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, prohibit employer payment or reimbursement of employee membership dues in clubs having discriminatory admissions policies except where an employer can show that the employee receives no business advantage from the membership.

The regulations make payment of dues to discriminatory clubs a violation of Executive Order 11246, which prohibits Federal contractors from discriminating in the terms or conditions of employment.

## William Korey: U.S. Should Oppose PLO Manipulation

PALM BEACH, FLA. — The United States should take action against the "manipulation" of the United Nations by the Palestine Liberation Organization, according to William Korey, international policy research director for B'nai B'rith.

Korey this week told a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that "double standards and selective morality" prevail at the U.N., particularly on Mideast matters. "In this area," he said, "the U.N. is dominated by a coalition of Arab, Soviet and militant Third World powers, manipulated by the terrorist PLO."

Speaking at a session of ADL's National Executive Committee meeting, Korey said the U.S. must "oppose and resist with resolute firmness and degeneration of the U.N., specifically its encouragement ... of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic bigotry through legitimization of the PLO."

Korey said the United States should cut off funding for any U.N. programs which are "tainted by the Zionism equals racism resolution" or which are dominated by the PLO. He cited two such programs — the General

Assembly's committee on rights of the Palestinian people and the Secretariat's Special Unit on Palestinian Rights — for which American financial support has already been withdrawn.

Not only should U.S. funding be dropped, Dr. Korey went on, but the United States should lead a drive at the U.N. to have both of these special units "put out of business."

The Special Unit on Palestinian Rights, Korey said, "makes a mockery of the traditional Secretariat function as an independent and nonpartisan institution, as spelled out in the U.N. Charter itself."

The PLO, Korey went on, "is not satisfied with merely manipulating U.N. bodies" but is seeking to control or dominate certain U.N. funding operations. At Copenhagen recently, he said, a "Plan of Action" was adopted for the U.N. Women's program which requires that the PLO be consulted on the expenditure of U.N. funds for Palestinian women.

More recently, he added, the UNESCO General Conference, meeting in Paris, voted to give the PLO similar consultative

authority in the expenditure of UNESCO funds for Palestinian education.

ADL has gone on record as calling for American reassessment of the level of its financial support for the United Nations in view of its anti-American and anti-Israel behavior in recent years. The U.S. contributes more than \$800,000,000 annually to the United Nations.

Korey said that a "most ingenious paradox" exists at the U.N. in terms of financial support from member nations. Referring to a November 15 resolution calling for Israeli withdrawal from territory taken in the 1967 war, Korey pointed out that the vote was "overwhelmingly lopsided — 112 to 7 with 24 abstentions."

The seven governments which opposed the Arab-sponsored resolution, Korey added, contribute to the U.N. almost as much as the 112 which voted for it.

These countries — the U.S., Canada, Australia, Norway, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Israel — provide 31 percent of the world body's funding, compared to 34 percent from the 112, Korey said.

## France, Egypt Reach Accord For Construction Of Nuclear Power Stations

PARIS (JTA) — France and Egypt have reached a tentative agreement for the construction of eight nuclear power stations in Egypt, President Anwar Sadat announced at a meeting with Egyptian students last week.

The agreement was due to be signed by French Minister for Energy Andre Giraud and his Egyptian counterpart, Ahmed Ezzedine Hilla, before Sadat's departure. It is understood that the project, one of the most ambitious yet developed by a Third World country, will provide all of Egypt's electric needs by the end of the century.

French and Egyptian sources stressed that the Franco-Egyptian nuclear cooperation program will be geared exclusively to peaceful usages. Other sources in Paris stressed, however, that the development of a nuclear industry, the construction of several nuclear power stations and the operation of research laboratories will provide Cairo with the expertise and means to develop a nuclear weapon should it choose to do so.

According to the agreement, reportedly finalized yesterday by Sadat and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Egyptian post-

graduate students and nuclear engineers will be trained in France's nuclear installations. France, one of the world's main exporters of nuclear reactors, reportedly cooperated with Israel in the late 1950s to help develop Israel's own nuclear installations at Dimona. French officials say that the Egyptian project, if finalized, would be one of the largest contracts in the field.

### Sadat Meets Jewish Delegation

Sadat met a French Jewish delegation to whom he said that the Camp David agreements remain "the cornerstone of my peace policy in the Middle East." A smiling and debonair Sadat, dressed in a turtle neck sweater and tennis shoes, told the delegation led by Alain de Rothschild, president of the Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF). "I rejoice not only every day but every moment about the peace process between Israel and Egypt."

Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat of France was also

part of the delegation which apparently called on Sadat to try to further press upon the French government the need to support the Camp David agreements. A European Jewish delegation also called on Sadat when he last visited Paris three years ago. This time the delegation consisted exclusively of CRIF representatives.

### A "Creeping Danger"

BONN (JTA) — Three members of an anti-Nazi Protestant group that opposed the Hitler regime have published an open letter in Mainz warning of the resurgence of neo-Nazism in West Germany and abroad.

The letter noted that during 1980 a wave of neo-Nazi activity in several European countries, including Germany, resulted in the deaths of more than 100 persons. They urged the religious community to take immediate action to alert the populace to the "creeping danger" of Nazism.

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## 52 Refuseniks Express Joy On Hostage Release

NEW YORK (JTA) — Fifty-two Moscow Jewish refuseniks have written to President Reagan expressing their "great joy" on the release of the 52 American hostages from Iran and, in reference to their own plight, asked if "right has also triumphed," it was reported here by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

The 52 Muscovites also requested that their sympathies be conveyed "to the families and friends of those who gave their lives attempting to free the hostages."

"Now that justice has finally prevailed," they continued, "we must ask you, Mr. President — has right also triumphed? To us, that is the most important question. There can be no peace and prosperity on earth without respect for law and morality." Among the signers were long-term refuseniks Prof. Alexander Lerner, Pavel Abramovich, Vladimir Prestin and Lev Blitstein.

Meanwhile, Dr. Alla Drugova, wife of former Prisoner of Conscience Dr. Joseph Begun, has been refused an exit visa for herself and their two sons on the grounds that her husband has access to "state secrets." From March 1977 until recent months Dr. Begun had served two sentences of internal banishment to Siberia, and is presently forbidden to live in Moscow with his family.

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## Anti-Jewish Extremists Steal Propaganda From Each Other

PALM BEACH, FLA. — Anti-Semites of the far left and far right are so strapped for new anti-Jewish propaganda that each is stealing materials from the other, according to Professor Alan Dershowitz of Harvard University law school.

"There are only so many lies that can be concocted about any group of people," he told leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. "The demand for the material simply exceeds the supply, so duplication and plagiarism, even among the strangest of bedfellows, has become commonplace."

Addressing a session of ADL's National Executive Committee meeting Dershowitz also cited another dimension of left wing — right wing cooperation. He said there are "cooperative ties and linkage among neo-Nazi and neo-fascist movements in Western Europe and evidence of support for those groups by Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization, both of which are in turn allies of the Soviet Union."

He pointed to reports attributed to the Bavarian Interior Ministry in West Germany which said that the leader of a neo-Nazi group had been in Beirut and Moscow two months before the Oktoberfest bombing which claimed 13 lives and left 200 injured. Dershowitz said the fact that the Nazi, Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, had been in Beirut suggested a link to the PLO. He also noted that the Bavarian Premier, Franz Josef Strauss, had told reporters that Hoffmann and members of his outlawed group had received money from Libyan dictator Muammar Khaddafi.

In discussing anti-Jewish propaganda, Dershowitz said it had reached "the most pervasive, massive and intense proportions since the fall of the Third Reich." Asserting that "the Jew is hated equally for his Jewishness by the extreme right and the ex-

treme left," he observed that Jacobo Timerman, the exiled Argentine journalist, was denounced by the right wing of his country, while Anatoly Shcharansky, the Soviet dissident, is in prison because, in the eyes of the authorities, "Zionism is Fascism." In both cases, said Professor Dershowitz, "Zionism is everything that those in power despise."

As an example of the way the left and right steal each other's material, Dershowitz pointed to a pamphlet on alleged Jewish control of the media which was distributed by an Iranian student group. "The article" was, ironically, a verbatim duplication, including the same *Der Stuermer*-type cover illustration, of an article that had appeared a year earlier in *The Crusader* and another neo-Nazi magazine," he said.

Dershowitz called the Soviet Union "the chief producer and purveyor of the current anti-Jewish media blitz," much of which, he said, "is simply the old poison of traditional anti-Semitism decanted from the old Czarist bottled and refilled into new bottles of recently legitimized anti-Zionism."

He said "the most dangerous anti-Jewish attitude is the singling out of Jewish institutions, and especially Israel, for special scrutiny, and the application of a double standard to things and people Jewish."

"The phenomenon," he continued, "has no accepted name, assumes a variety of forms, but its most obvious manifestation is the special and often glowing attention paid by the media, by intellectuals and by the government to any deviation by Israel, no matter how trivial, from the highest norms of human rights, civility and sacrifice."

He told the assembled Jewish leaders: "In the international arena, Jews are the underdogs. We need the support of others as well as ourselves. We are entitled to it. We have helped many others overcome. Now we must overcome."

## Egypt's Glorious History; Only Now Reawakening

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — The serious Israeli visiting Egypt sees more than the Pyramids and the dirty streets and the rapidly flowing Nile. He sees a remarkable panorama of history. Even the Jews, who speak proudly of their long history as a people, must stand in awe of the long record of the Egyptian nation. Its history, verified in the inscriptions in its monuments, goes back 5,200 years. The first of the Pyramids was built around 4,700 years ago, almost a thousand years before Abraham appeared on the scene.

In the centuries that followed Cheops, Thutmosis, Amenhotep, the various Rameses, and others built the tombs and the temples which in well-preserved condition thrill the tourists of the 20th century. For 2,500 years the Egyptian dynasties flourished, far longer than any other empire in history. Their cultural and physical achievements, pre-dating the Greeks and the Romans by many centuries, are still impressive.

One would expect that the modern Egyptians would be animated by a great spirit of national pride in this vast and ancient heritage. On our visit to the land of the Nile we discovered this is not so at all.

The well-read tourist knows more about Queen Nefertiti and the Pharaoh Akhnaton, who first introduced a form of monotheism, than the Egyptian of today. All this glorious ancient past, with its Pyramids and Sphinxes, its royal tombs and heroic sized statues, is of little concern to the residents, for in the Egyptian government schools the history of the country begins only in the 7th century, after the Arab invasion and the introduction of Islam.

We were told that an Egyptian can go through the school system, graduate from high school, and even complete university without once ever studying the glory of ancient Egypt — unless he is perhaps an archaeology major at college.

The political implications of these historical blinkers are clear. The Egyptian is reared to see himself and his people as part of the Islamic pan-Arab world. The Pyramid, which impresses visitors, is to most Egyptians, we were told, "just a pile of stones." They identify more with the nomads of the Arabian peninsula than with their own noble past.

There are Egyptians today who resent this falsification and abridgment of their own history, which results in unnatural political

alignments. "I am not an Arab, I am an Egyptian," more than one local intellectual is quoted as saying.

Their language is Arabic, and their religion is for the most part Mohammedanism, but their national identity, until now suppressed, is quite different from that of the other states which comprise the Arabic world.

It would appear that President Sadat is well aware of this situation, but any attempt to make a major change in the national character at this stage would provoke an Islamic counter-reaction. Yet, only such stress on the unique and individual nature of Egyptian nationhood can free this people from the alliances into which it has been forced with Arabic states far inferior to it in culture and in tradition.

These observations have a significance to the future history of the Middle East and, of course, to Israel's relations with its great neighbor to the south as well.

Egypt has all the makings of a mighty nation. It has a population of some 40 million people and it grows by a million a year, but it must overcome enormous economic problems and conquer a pitiful poverty which affects a large proportion of the population.

In recent centuries Egypt has been humiliated, plundered, depressed in many ways. Many of the national masterpieces of old were carried off and are to be found in museums overseas. Visiting Europeans raped the spectacular monuments by contemptuously carving their graffiti among the hieroglyphics on the walls and pillars of the Temples at Karnak (John Gordon, 1804; L. Bovry, Berlin, 1852; K. Wroblewski, 1850; Balthalone, 1918). In the Mehmet Ali Mosque in Cairo we saw the clocks presented by the French in "payment" for the obelisk which now stands at the Place de la Concorde in Paris.

A great and glorious nation was treated like the most primitive of desert sheikdoms. Sadat seeks to reverse the process. By daring to make a separate peace with Israel he asserted his nation's independence, but he still has a long way to go. Does he have the courage? Does he have the time?

The future of the Middle East is at stake. This is what the serious Israeli sees and thinks about when he visits this thrilling country just to the south.



## Your Money's Worth

How To Choose The Right Stock Market Adviser

by Sylvia Porter

For the first time in your lives, millions of you are trading in and out of stocks and reaching for far more exotic investment mediums in an effort to beat the dollar's decline in buying power as well as to build a nifty nestegg of profits.

Where are you turning for advice? Are you studying finance, economics, stock market techniques on your own? Trying to become sufficiently informed to rely on your own knowledge?

Too many signals are flying high that you are not being that sensible or even using minimal caution.

On the contrary, even assuming (as I do) that stocks generally are still among the best "bargains" around, huge numbers of you are gambling so blindly that you're all but destined to go broke.

You could be getting your guidance from one or more of the stock market letters so widely promoted, for instance.

The price tags on these letters, issued regularly and/or at "hot" times, range up into the high four figures. Some (such as the "tip" sheet issued by the Florida promoter who recently set off an historic stock market break by his "sell everything" during - the night phone calls) flourish because of their crude publicity techniques.

But no one has yet demonstrated with any degree of conviction that the price tag for one of these market letters and the value of its advice go hand in hand.

And never forget the bottom line: Most market letter-writers make their money from the subscriptions they sell and not by using their own investment advice!

Or could you be relying on the recommendations of the man/woman you call your broker? (He also might be called a registered representative, a customer's man or an account executive.)

If this is what you are doing in this period of wildly fluctuating stock and bond markets, don't create a tough and unnecessary problem for yourself by expecting the broker you choose to be right all the time. He/she won't be — and when he is wrong is precisely when you will be tempted to follow the tips of amateurs who claim they are making fortunes.

This way often lies disaster and right now, a dismally large percentage of the "new"

participants in the financial markets are taking this course. (Thus, the popularity of the market letters.)

Choosing and recommending stocks is not a science. It is an art. Your broker should be right enough of the time to help guide you toward your investment objectives and help you increase your assets. You should be able to trust his experience, research and judgment and you should feel comfortable with him. And that's all.

It's your money, your investment program, and basically your investment funds are your responsibility only.

Assuming you are not willing to pay fees for so-called professional investment counsel, how do you select a broker?

(1) Shop around as you would shop around for any service as vital as this. Ask your friends, business acquaintances, local banker, etc., for recommendations. Discuss your goals with the managers of at least three or four firms in your area. Seek guidance.

(2) Select your broker on the basis of your comparisons and the firms' advice to you. Tell your broker all the pertinent facts about your financial position, your aims. Find out how much service he can provide and what you can expect.

(3) Check into each firm's commission schedule. If all you are going to ask the broker to do is to execute your own buy-sell orders, you need not pay today's heavy commissions. "Go discount." If you expect advice, be prepared to pay commissions for it.

(4) Unless you are fully informed about a top-notch firm which is not a member of the New York Stock Exchange, choose an NYSE member. NYSE firms provide the best safeguard available for you.

### Editor's Note

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## "Our Greatest Danger Is Assimilation"

EDITOR:

Recently, several friends of mine have suggested that a monument in memory of the victims of the holocaust be erected. In my opinion, this is a worthy idea and I will contribute toward the cost of erecting it. However, while a monument certainly has its place, I hope that the community does not lose sight of the fact that the only true and living way in which we can pay homage to, and honor the memories of, the victims of the holocaust is by ensuring that our children and our children's children are committed Jews.

By so doing, we will be able to carry on, through the generations, our great heritage and ethical ideals, thereby enabling our people to perpetuate what Hitler, Stalin, the Nazis and Communists and all the other enemies of the Jewish people through the centuries, have attempted to destroy, namely, us, the Jewish people.

## Editor's Mailbox

All of us should bear in mind that our covenant with God is to pass on from generation to generation the commitment to Torah and the Mitzvot which help to preserve us as a people. Nothing short of this will do. However, many of us tend to forget this. Recently, I met a young man who told me that his grandfather had been killed by the Nazis while attending services in a Shul. When I learned that this young man did not intend to educate his child in the true Torah way, I pointed out to him that while the Nazis were not able to extinguish our people, the watered-down Judaism that he would be

providing to his children will inevitably lead to assimilation and terminate the long and proud heritage which has been passed on in his family from generation to generation.

Our greatest danger now is that of self-destruction through assimilation, whereby we will do to ourselves what the enemies of the Jewish people have been unsuccessful in achieving throughout the centuries. Let us awaken to the need of perpetuating our great people, with its long and glorious heritage, and realize that the only way to achieve this is through the education of our youth at a Hebrew day school.

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# Burg Pushing Egypt To Resume Autonomy Talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Israel's chief negotiator in the autonomy talks, has sharply prodded Egypt to resume the talks as soon as possible.

Burg stressed that Israel was ready to do so at any time and reminded the Egyptians that the two countries are committed under the Camp David accords to negotiate "continuously and in good faith" in order to reach agreement for autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip "at the earliest possible date."

"A party who does not fulfill his commitment to negotiate brings down upon himself the suspicion that he will not be scrupulous in fulfilling other commitments which he has undertaken," Burg said. He stressed that Israel was not responsible for the various cut-offs and delays in the negotiating process which was virtually suspended by Cairo last May. "If there is no negotiation there is certainly no chance of reaching agreement," Burg said.

His statement was issued in the wake of leaked reports of confidential cables from Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar in Cairo to the Foreign Ministry of a meeting he had last week with President Anwar Sadat. According to the reports, Sadat had expressed some reluctance to resume the negotiations and questioned whether resumption was practical at this time.

Burg said that if Egypt or the U.S., the third party to the negotiations, were delaying resumption pending the Israeli elections this spring, that would be an outright contravention of the Camp David agreements. "It is impossible to demand of Israel that it carry out its commitments under Camp David in full while other parties carry out their part only selectively," he said.

That remark was seen as a hint that Israel might review its commitment to complete its withdrawal from Sinai by April, 1982 if there was no satisfactory progress in the autonomy negotiations. Observers saw some irony in the fact that Israel appears now to insist on "linkage" between the implementation of the terms of its peace treaty with Egypt and the progress of autonomy.

## Not Official Government Position

Burg's tough words did not represent an official position of the government, however. His statement was released without prior consultation with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir or any other minister nor was it coordinated in advance with Premier Menachem Begin. An aide to Begin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Burg, as chairman of the autonomy negotiating team, was fully entitled to make such statements, especially as they reflected the government's feelings about the state of the autonomy talks.

Shamir himself is known to believe that a greater sense of urgency is necessary to spur the negotiations as the date for the final withdrawal from Sinai approaches. He has called on the parties to conclude the talks by the end of this year, regardless of the election outcome. Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party, has also given top priority to the conclusion of an autonomy agreement.

In what could be seen as a shift in Labor's advocacy of the "Jordanian option," Peres said last weekend that the time to test that option and to ascertain whether King Hussein is prepared to join the peace process would come only after an autonomy agreement is achieved and implemented — possibly first in Gaza which is the Egyptian view.

## Turmoil Over Leak Continues

Meanwhile, the foreign policy establishment was still in turmoil over the leakage of secret diplomatic traffic from Cairo. David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, is reportedly conducting an investigation to find the source of the leak.

Foreign Ministry sources insisted that the leak did not emanate from the ministry. They were inclined to blame the Prime Minister's Office or the offices of the two Deputy Premiers, Yigael Yadin and Simcha Ehrlich, both of which receive copies of diplomatic cables. But the Foreign Ministry denied reports that Shamir intends to stop circulating diplomatic messages to the Deputy Premiers and require them to come to the Foreign Ministry to read such communications.

# Schindler Assails "Pro-Life" Charge Equating Abortion With Genocide

WASHINGTON — The leader of Reform Judaism in the United States, speaking for "the preponderant majority of America's Jews," has vigorously rejected charges by "self-styled pro-life groups" equating abortion with the Nazi Holocaust.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called such accusations "a perversion of the truth," adding: "No one is compelled to undergo or perform an abortion. Everyone is free to choose life. Was the Holocaust this? Were those who stumbled out of the box-cars in Auschwitz free to turn to the right or to the left? Could those who entered those infamous showers choose oxygen instead of cyanide?"

"The Holocaust is unprecedented in its evil. It defies all analogy."

Rabbi Schindler spoke at a Washington, D.C. meeting last month sponsored by the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights marking the eighth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions supporting a woman's right to an abortion.

The Reform Jewish leader said he was glad "to add my voice in behalf of the preponderant majority of America's Jews, to those men and women of divergent theologies who are here to mark the anniversary of the 'freedom of choice' decision and to marshal our resources against those who seek to erode and to reverse it." He continued:

"Judaism makes therapeutic abortion a viable option. Rabbinic law assigns the fetus no juridical personality; it does not regard it as a living soul until it leaves the womb. Therefore Jewish law sanctions and even requires abortion when the life and well being of the mother commend such a step.

"Those who oppose us in our efforts claim that they are 'pro-life' and we are not. This is manifestly a malignity. We too affirm life. Judaism commands us to choose life and to live it fully.

"We join you in this coalition precisely for this reason. It is because we affirm life that we insist that parents be free to determine precisely how many children they can properly feed and educate and love. It is because we affirm life that we insist all women be free to choose just when and under

what conditions they bring life into this world.

"It is precisely because we value life that we are opposed to accidental and indiscriminate reproduction in a world which is already overpopulated and underfed. The cries of emerging life are a delight. But we must also hear the silent crying of parents who see the bloated bellies of their starving infants and are helpless to give them succor."

Rabbi Schindler cautioned that religious and political extremists have "grown in strength" and joined forces "to impose their particular brand of politics and morality on the laws of this land." Their means, the Reform leader said, "are manifestly a threat to the democratic process, and their goal of narrow theological and political conformity is discordantly alien to the principle of diversity that has guided our nation since its founding."

Warning that extremists have begun "a struggle for the character and for the soul of America that will endure for many years," Rabbi Schindler called for interfaith and intergroup "coalitions of decency to speak out together against bigotry and hatred of every kind."

## Israel Will Have Nuclear Power Stations

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel will produce between a quarter and a half of its electric power requirements from nuclear energy by the year 2000, according to Uzi Eilam, chairman of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission. At the present rate of planning and preparation three or four nuclear power stations, each of 1,000 megawatt capacity, will be constructed within the next 11 years, he said.

Experts are investigating a number of possible sites for construction of the first nuclear power plants. Most of the equipment will be built within Israel but agreement will have to be reached with another country for the supply of the nuclear core. Eilam said that Negev phosphates could be utilized for the supply of part of the uranium required to fuel the reactors.



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# SOCIETY NEWS

## Heidi Pivnick Weds John Vogt



MRS. JOHN VOGT

The marriage of Miss Heidi Pivnick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pivnick of Lansdowne Rd., Warwick, to John Vogt took place at a 7 p.m. service on Feb. 14 at Manning Chapel in Providence.

Officiating at the ceremony was Judge Alprin. The bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception followed at The Rhode Island Inn, Warwick.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Nancy K. Carroll of Cherry Ridge Rd., Acton, Mass., and the late Thomas R. Vogt.

The bride wore an off white chiffon gown with chantilly lace trim and matching picture hat. She carried a colonial bouquet of white silk roses.

Susan Sarcione was maid of honor and wore a burgundy chiffon gown. She carried a presentation bouquet of red roses.

Best man was Robert Wespiser.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe the couple will make their home in Ayer, Mass.

## Jason Golditch Becomes Bar Mitzvah

Jason Alan Golditch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Golditch of 153 Fourth St., Providence became Bar Mitzvah on Monday, Feb. 15 at Temple Emanu-El.

Jason's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Bessie Malenbaum of Providence. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Richards also of Providence.

## "Widow-To-Widow" Lecture Set By Elderly Affairs

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs' Widow-to-Widow Support Program will sponsor a discussion on "Going It Alone" Thursday, Feb. 26, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Red Cross Building, 150 Waterman St., Providence.

Judith Ferris, MSW, will be the guest speaker. She is a clinical therapist at the Providence Mental Health Center. Following her presentation, she will be available to answer questions or personal concerns.

Coffee will be served. Recent widows and widowers of all ages are welcome to attend the program. For further information, contact Sylvia Prescott at the Department of Elderly Affairs, 277-6880.

## Cogans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cogan of So. Windsor, Conn., have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, Alyssa Suzanne on Jan. 12, 1981.

Alyssa's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Simon Rifkin of 15 Paris St., Pawtucket. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cogan of Springfield, Mass.

## Cutlers Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Cutler of 107 Overhill Rd., Providence, have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Robert Charles on Jan. 24, 1981.

Charles' maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Noah Temkin of 114 Lauriston St., Providence. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Betty Cutler and the late Hyman Cutler of Providence.

Maternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. Leonard White of Hollywood, Fla. and Mrs. Charles Temkin of Providence.

## Dresslers Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Dressler of 38 Salina Ave., Johnston, have announced the birth of their first child, a son, James Robert on Jan. 10, 1981.

James' maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gennaro Colagiovanni of 120 George Waterman Rd., Johnston. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dressler of Del Ray Beach, Fla.

## Dresslers Reappointed Co-Chairmen Of Israel Bonds Program

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dressler of Providence have been reappointed co-chairmen of the Rhode Island Executive Committee for State of Israel Bonds and will direct the 1981 statewide campaign for Israel's economic development.

The announcement of the Dresslers' reappointment was made by Yitzhack Rager, president of the world wide Israel Bond Organization.

"Sidney and Yvonne Dressler have demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to the economic rebuilding of Israel. I am sure that under their continued leadership the 1981 campaign will produce even greater results," Rager said.

The 1981 drive takes on added significance

since it will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Israel Bonds, said the Dresslers. Rager added that since its inception, the Israel Bond program has channeled more than \$5 billion into every facet of Israel's economy.

The Rhode Island leaders said that "Israel Bond resources are needed more than ever before in view of the many challenges confronting Israel as a result of the peace treaty with Egypt."

"Israel must continue its economic growth to build for peace and, at the same time, meet the awesome task of developing the Negev to make it habitable and economically viable for the vast civilian population which will be moved there from the Sinai as mandated by the treaty with Egypt," said the Dresslers.

## Academy For Jewish Studies Begins Second Semester At Beth Sholom

The Academy for Jewish Studies at Congregation Beth Sholom - Sons of Zion, will begin its second semester with a wide range of formal courses, seminars, exhibits, films, Torah talks, holiday workshops, home study sessions and community M'lahav Malkahs.

Registration will take place Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the congregation office. Classes will begin at 7:30 p.m. for that evening. The first sessions for Monday or Wednesday evening will be held from 7 to 8:15 p.m. The second session will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue until 9:30 p.m.

The courses offered for this year are: Hebrew Ulpan, Topics in Jewish Life, All in the Family, Talmud: Tractate Shabbat, Ethical Dilemmas in the Torah (Part II), The Cycle of the Jewish Year, Mishna and the Development of Jewish Law, Hebrew for Beginners and How to Pray.

Joining the faculty this semester are Rabbi Avishai David, Rabbi Yacov Simha, Ada Paldor, Rabbi Sholom Strajcher and Rabbi Jake S. Rubenstein, director of the academy.

For catalogs with a description of the

courses, contact the synagogue office at 331-9393 or Rabbi Rubenstein.

Upcoming programs include the film, "Rendezvous with Freedom," a documentary on American Jewry to be shown Tuesday, March 3 in Rosenfield Hall. Judge Blanche Kay, scholar in residence from Israel, will discuss "The Rights of the Israeli Citizen: Arab and Jew" at a M'lahav Malkah on Saturday, March 7 at 8:30 p.m.

## Youth Group Reception Slated By Israel Bonds

A reception for the New Leadership division of the State of Israel Bonds in Rhode Island will be held on Monday, March 2 at the home of Lewis and Andrea Finkel.

The purpose of the reception is to discuss the youth group's participation in the 1981 New Leadership mission to Israel and plans for its 1981 Bond drive, according to Gary and Audrey Licht and Darrell and Susan Ross of Providence, New Leadership chairpersons.

## CALENDAR

### JCC Singles

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles of the Jewish Community Center will sponsor a Party Discussion Group at a member's home on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. The topic for the evening will be "Love? Friendship? Infatuation?" Reservations are necessary for this program.

### Club 385 Dance

Club 385 will sponsor a dance with Arnie "Woo-Woo" Ginsberg on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Community Hall at Temple Emanu-El, 385 Ward St., Newton.

### Social Seniors

The Social Seniors of Warwick will participate in the Shabbat Services on Friday, Feb. 20 at 8:15 p.m. at Temple Beth Am-Beth David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. The following members will take part: Lester Aptel, Gertrude Abrams, Milton Mezzoff, Bertha Mezzoff, Gertrude Hassenfeld, Evelyn and Jack Kagen, Morris Kritz, Sara Greene, Ben and Lillian Wiatrak, Samuel Richmond, Ethel Troberman, Mildred Schleffer and Elle Zalciker.

The regular social meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Am-Beth David. A Card Party, including Bridge, Canasta, Mah Jong and Rummy O will take place. Refreshments will be served.

Payment should be made by March 11 for the trip to the Nevele scheduled for May 1.

### Touro Association

The Touro Fraternal Association will hold its February business meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. at Touro Hall.

### Fashion Show Slated By Elm Grove ORT

The Elm Grove Chapter of Women's American ORT will present its third annual "Bouquet of Spring Fashions Show and Dinner" on Monday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel's Garden Room. Tickets are now on sale for this event.

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## Soviet Jews, Like Hostages, Are "Chips" In World Bargaining

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, who defended Anatoly Shecharansky at his trial as a Soviet Prisoner of Conscience, sees Soviet Jews and the Americans who had been held hostage in Iran as "chips in the international bargaining game."

Like the now freed Americans, the Soviet Jews are "anxious to breathe the air of freedom," Dershowitz told about 170 members of the House of Representatives and the Senate and their aides at a meeting on Soviet Jewry at the Capitol last week.

The meeting, a biennial gathering conducted by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, was sponsored by Senators Carl Levin (D.Mich.) and Pete Domenici (R.N.M.), and Representatives Michael Barnes (D.Md) and Jack Kemp (R.N.Y.). Its purpose was to familiarize new members of Congress with the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Dmitri Simes, a professor at Johns Hopkins University and himself a Soviet Jewish immigrant, said that the effort to help Soviet Jews must be "realistic and persistent." Prof. Richard Pipes of Harvard, an advisor to President Reagan on Soviet affairs, had to cancel his appearance when he was called to the White House.

During the session, a phone call was placed to Dr. Alexander Lerner in Moscow but the connection could not be made. The Moscow

## Israeli Publishers Recall Fear At Book Fair

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli publishers who returned from displaying their publications at the international book fair in Cairo said there were moments when they feared for their physical well-being.

Benzion Yehoshua, of the Hebrew University Magnes Press, said no policemen were visible when Palestine Liberation Organization supporters at a neighboring booth demonstrated with signs, reading: "Palestine is Arab." On the following day guards were present and kept the Palestinians and leftwing Egyptian students some distance away.

Yehoshua said the Israelis displayed an Israeli flag on their stand, which was not strictly an Israeli stand but a display arranged by an Egyptian publisher, and did this only after the Palestinians had raised their own flags. The Israeli stand was then moved to the main international pavilion where much interest was shown in the Israeli books in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

The Israeli publishers thought the student demonstrations were less anti-Israel than a way of expressing opposition to President Anwar Sadat. Yehoshua said one Egyptian called at the Israeli display to ask for a copy of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" in Hebrew. "I don't think it was a provocation. It seemed as though he had heard of the Protocols and simply wanted to see them in Hebrew," Yehoshua said.

operator said there was no answer from Lerner. Davida Manon, the Council's executive director, discounted the operator's statement, saying that the call had been arranged in advance and in person by a traveler to Moscow.

Dershowitz said negotiating with the Soviets was much like using a vending machine. He said one puts in a coin and if no candy comes out one can put in another coin or kick the machine but "you can't talk to it." The Council, which was founded in 1970 with six groups and now has organizations in 28 cities, is headed by Robert Gordon, a Boston businessman.

## Bulgarian Jews Well-Treated

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The 5,000 member Jewish community in Bulgaria — remnants of a community once numbering hundreds of thousands — experiences some "private and personal" anti-Semitism but nothing on the official level, Prof. Israel Salvator, 72-year-old chairman of the community, told Israelis of Bulgarian origin.

Salvator met with many former Bulgarian Jews in Jaffa, where thousands have taken up residence. He said the mainly elderly Jews left in Bulgaria were carefully and correctly treated by the government. Of the 250 members of the Bulgarian parliament, six are Jews.

Salvator came to Israel to attend the recent meeting of the World Jewish Congress as an observer. He teaches the history of medicine at Sofia University.

## "Who Is Jew" Law Back On Agenda

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A fluke vote by a minority of the Knesset's Legal Committee put the controversial "Who is a Jew?" law on the Knesset agenda after having been frozen in committee for three years. But the full 15-member committee will take a re-vote and the measure is expected to be soundly defeated.

Inspired by the Orthodox parties, the "Who is a Jew" amendment to the Law of Return defines a Jew as a person born of a Jewish mother or converted "according to halacha." The latter stipulation excludes persons converted by other than Orthodox rabbis.

Premier Menachem Begin's coalition pledged, in return for the support of the Aguda Israel bloc, "to make every effort" to secure a Knesset majority for the amendment. But Begin has been frustrated by the firm opposition within coalition ranks, notably Likud's Liberal Party wing and the Democratic Movement.

Four coalition members of the Legal Committee who support the amendment found themselves temporarily alone. Under the chairmanship of David Glass of the National Religious Party they voted 4-0 to send the measure to the Knesset.

## Government's Bid For Takeover Of Arab Electric Franchise Denied

JERUSALEM — A Government bid to take control of an Arab electricity franchise was denied by Israel's Supreme Court, but it approved a takeover in East Jerusalem, the mainly Arab populated area of the city annexed by Israel.

The court ruling, met with satisfaction by both Government and company officials, kept intact one of the last remaining symbols of Palestinian authority in that sector.

When the Government announced its intention to buy the franchise, Arab leaders vowed a fight in court. The East Jerusalem Electric Company had the authority to provide power since 1928 under British rule with a League of Nations mandate.

Because the Government's bid was political in nature, the court maintained that the takeover was acceptable only within Israel proper, not in an area under military rule. The West Bank, also captured from Jordan, has not been annexed.

Since the company's offices and generators are in Jerusalem, the court decision still leaves the final disposition vague.

### One Company, One Concession

"I hope ultimately total justice will prevail," said Anwar Nuseibeh, a former Defense Minister of Jordan who is chairman

of the company's board of directors and pleased with the court outcome. "It is one company, one concession. The generators are in Jerusalem, and it would be impossible to supply the subscribers in the West Bank with electricity" if the company was divided, he said.

The company, with diesel generators, provides power to 350,000 Arabs in East Jerusalem and the Bethlehem, Ramallah and Jericho areas of the West Bank. In addition, it serves many of the 20,000 Jewish settlers now living in scattered townships in the West Bank.

The company rejected an offer two years ago to sell that part of the concession serving the Jewish settlements to the Government because of Palestinian objection. Jordan and the PLO had supported the sale for financial reasons, while West Bank radicals opposed it to maintain some control over their institution. Their stand was upheld.

A provision of the franchise was announced by the Israeli Energy Minister, Yitzhak Modai, on Dec. 31, 1979 which made possible the sale of the concession with a year's notice at five-year intervals to the sovereign authority. The transfer date was set for Jan. 1, 1981 and was stayed by the Supreme Court pending judgment.

## Begin Expresses Mixed Feelings About Sadat's Luxembourg Speech

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin said that he was pleased by President Anwar Sadat's solid commitment to the Camp David process, expressed in his speech to the Parliament of Europe in Luxembourg. But he was less happy with Sadat's support of Palestinian self-determination.

Speaking to reporters, Begin noted with satisfaction that the Egyptian leader ignored the Palestine Liberation Organization in his speech and stressed to the Europeans that he had "not come to sell out Camp David." That, said Begin, was a "positive pronouncement." However, he recalled that at his summit meeting with Sadat in Ismailia in 1978, and later at Camp David, Israel flatly rejec-

ted Palestinian self-determination "because it means in plain terms a Palestinian state which would be a mortal danger to Israel."

Begin appeared to be optimistic of getting the autonomy talks underway again. He said if the Egyptians are ready to resume the negotiations, significant progress could be made before the Knesset elections June 30. Israel has not been told explicitly by Sadat that he did not want to resume the talks at this time, Begin said, adding that Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir would be discussing that matter when he meets with Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington next week.

## Unemployment At 5 Percent

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Yisrael Goralnik, Director General of the Ministry of Social Betterment, has disclosed that 75,000 Israelis are presently unemployed, representing 5.2 percent of the country's work force, compared to 39,000 or 2.9 percent of the work force in 1979.

The doubling of the unemployment rate in the past two years may force the government to initiate large-scale work projects, including the construction of public buildings cancelled for budgetary reasons, he said.

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## Pope Meets Chief Rabbi Of Rome In First Such Meeting In 2,000 Years

ROME (JTA) — Pope John Paul II and the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, met last week in what the Jewish community officially termed "an event of historical import" and which most observers saw as a calculated effort by the Vatican to enhance its relations with the Jewish community which, generally, have been good.

The encounter took place in a building adjacent to the Church of San Carlo Ai Catinari on the Piazza Cairola, in the heart of the Roman ghetto, the oldest in Europe. The Pontiff was accompanied by Cardinal Ugo Poletti and Msgr. Jorge Mejia, Secretary of The Vatican Secretariate for Religious Relations with the Jews. Toaff had with him Assistant Chief Rabbi Alberto Piattelli and a small delegation representing Rome's Jewish community.

It was the first time in the 2,000 years of variegated relations between the Church of Rome and the Jewish community that a chief rabbi of the city has accepted an invitation to meet with a Pope. Although Rome's Jews never suffered pogroms or similar persecutions, they have been, in past centuries, sub-

jected to many levels of humiliation, including forced attendance at sermons aimed at their conversion in the very church compound that was the scene of the meeting.

Just two months ago, the Pope's second Encyclical dealing with distortions of justice in the modern world, drew a sharp reaction from Jewish circles because of its reference to the Biblical injunction, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," as "the form of distortion of justice" at the time of Jesus.

The Pope's decision to meet with the Chief Rabbi of Rome and the simultaneous publication today in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano of an editorial entitled "Dives in Misericordia: An Encyclical for Christians and Jews" indicated in an oblique way a desire to assuage the feelings of Jews who felt offended by the earlier Encyclical which, by the very nature of an Encyclical, cannot be re-written. As observers with experience in Vatican diplomacy know, the Church leaves nothing to pure coincidence.

Toaff told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency later that "This was a first contact. To evaluate its impact, we will have to wait for future developments." That cautious appraisal was shared by others in the Jewish

community who had hoped the Pope would make some specific apologetic reference to past relations between the Church and the Jewish community.

### Pope's Comments Are Generalities

The Pope, however, limited his comments to generalities. He said in effect that it was good for mutual relations to emphasize the present and above all the future. He presented Toaff with a silver Vatican medal and the other members with copper medals. He spoke of the Holocaust, the great sufferings of the Jews, the common religious heritage that unites Catholics and Jews and on themes touched by the rabbi in his speech which stressed the issues on which Catholics and Jews are united.

A statement issued after the meeting by the Rome Jewish Community declared: "In the moment in which a Roman Pontiff meets the Chief Rabbi of Rome and representatives of the Roman Jewish Community near the area which for over 2,000 years witnessed infinite pain and both ancient and recent mourning, the Jews of Rome recognize this encounter as an event of historical import and the real point of departure for a new chapter in the relations of the great monotheistic religions."

## Novak Denounces Arabs For Charging Israel With Human Rights Violations

GENEVA (JTA) — An impassioned denunciation of Arab charges that Israel violates human rights in the occupied territories was delivered here by Michael Novak, the new head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. "I was shocked at hearing so much hatred, so many lies, such squalid, racism, such despicable anti-Semitism all in the

sacred name of human rights."

He spoke last week in response to the speech by Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, who opened the Commission's debate on alleged Israeli violations with bitter attacks on Israel and on the United States for supporting it.

Novak's speech was awaited with interest by the delegates inasmuch as he is the first appointee of the Reagan Administration to address the international forum. They were clearly taken aback by the vehemence with which he castigated the Arabs and his unqualified defense of Israel in terms much stronger than any used by previous American delegates.

Novak apparently had instructions to take a tough line against Israel's foes and that is believed here to signal the tone of the new Administration's rhetoric in future debates in UN bodies.

Kaddoumi himself was extremely harsh, accusing the former Carter Administration of "advertising its hypocritical campaign for human rights" while "simultaneously aiding Israel to build a military arsenal, to improve methods of torture, to speed up its process of Judaization" in the territories. He urged the Reagan Administration to "begin by censuring Israel" but observed that "indeed, this will not take place as Reagan like Carter will revel in isolating the Egyptian regime from the rest of the Arab nation," a reference to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Novak, in response, declared: "I have heard here attacks upon Zionism in accents of a murderous hatred not heard since the days of the Nazis. It is as though this chamber has retrogressed by 40 years, as though this is not 1981 but 1941 and not Geneva but along the Hitler-Stalin axis."

Novak, a theologian and journalist, was a founding member of the Coalition for a Democratic Majority and supported Reagan's election. He is of Czech origin and non-Jewish. He opened his speech by remarking:

"I was touched when the Pope (John Paul II) went to Auschwitz. In an address to the UN he called attention to the Human Rights

## Lubavitch Women Meet In Chicago

CHICAGO — The 19th Annual Mid-Winter Convention of the Lubavitch Women's Organization will be held this year in Chicago, Feb. 20 to 22. More than 500 women from the Chicago area and representatives from Lubavitch Women's chapters all over the United States and Canada will attend.

The convention theme is "The Year of 'Hakhef' — Inspiring the Individual and Community in Unity Through the Study and Observance of Torah."

The women will discuss important issues which the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, has placed on the agenda for world-wide activity by Jewish women, including the negation of family planning, the Torah-true education of their children, the observance of Kashrut, Shabbos and Holiday candle lighting, and Taharat Hamishpocha — the observance of Mikvah and the attending laws of Family Purity.

The women will seek the ways and means of implementing on a wider scale all the recent massive campaigns to reach out to all Jewish children to bring them closer to the Torah-true way of life, and to reach Jewish parents directly and through the children, as in the Biblical promise that "the hearts of parents will return through the children."

A special message by the Rebbe to the convention will be conveyed at the main session on Sunday, Feb. 22.

## AJC Calls For Investigation

NEW YORK (JTA) — The American Jewish Congress has called for a Federal investigation of an El Paso, Texas law firm, Craven & Craven, that placed a help wanted ad in the Texas Bar Journal seeking a "Christian attorney." In a letter to Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of the Federal Equal Opportunity Commission, Stephen Gutow, chairman of AJCongress' Dallas Chapter's Commission on Law and Social Action, said "We find it particularly troubling that lawyers are willing to openly flaunt their disobedience of the law in a journal dedicated to the advancement of the legal profession."

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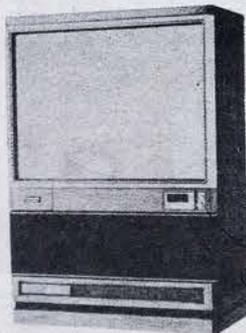
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## HIAS Accepting Applications For Ann S. Petluck Awards

NEW YORK — The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) is now accepting applications for the fifth annual Ann S. Petluck Memorial Awards, to be presented at the agency's 101st annual meeting in New York City March 23.

Awards of \$400 each will be given to three refugees "who have made exceptional progress or shown outstanding promise in resettling in the United States." There are no restrictions on age or sex.

Individuals (or organizations representing them) may obtain applications for the awards by writing to HIAS, 200 Park Avenue South, New York City 10003. Filing deadline is March 2. Winners will be noti-

fied on or before March 9, and need not be present at the HIAS annual meeting to receive their awards and stipends.

The awards are named for Ann S. Petluck, a social work administrator who specialized in immigration and refugee work. She profoundly influenced the practice of migration casework and helped reshape United States immigration law. She served as associate director of the United Service for New Americans until its merger with HIAS in 1954 and then as director of U.S. operations of the merged organization until 1964, when she became deputy representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She died in 1974.

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**RURAL RHODE ISLAND**, photograph of a roadside barn on Route 44 in Gloucester, by Charles M. Silverman.

The photography of Charles Silverman will be on display at Gallery 401, in the Jewish Community Center, March 1 to 17. Silverman will exhibit 30 black and white nature, scenic and still life photographs, all of which will be for sale. An opening reception, to which the public is invited, will be held Sunday, March 1 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the gallery.

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## Nature Lovers Pay Price For Peace

MIZPE RAMON, Israel — Environmentalists and nature lovers may be paying a high price for the peace treaty with Egypt with Israel.

As the Israeli army and air force evacuate the Sinai to fulfill their obligations, large forces are moving into the adjacent Negev and setting up bases, firing ranges and practice areas for maneuvers. About half of the desert wilderness, which has long fascinated geologists, archaeologists, botanists and wildlife experts, will be closed to civilians.

There are negotiations going on with the army to influence the location and sizes of bases and roads and to keep some of the most beautiful and interesting areas free of damage and open to the public.

Two environmental agencies, the Government's Nature Reserves Authority and the private Society for the Protection of Nature, have been negotiating with the army and say the problem stems from the fact that Israel has "a big army and a little country."

### Agreement On Some Areas

Adir Schapiro, director of the Reserves Authority, said the army had agreed to designating about 35 percent of the three million acres of the Negev as nature reserves on which no training or military construction

would take place.

Three other major reserves are planned and now awaiting Government approval, one covering most of the Judean Desert, one in the mountains north of Eilat and a third including a 25-mile-long crater and its surrounding area in the western Negev. Some of the closed land may be opened on holidays and weekends for organized tours.

The environmentalists are disappointed

about one area they have lost: a region about 60 miles north of Eilat with an unusual concentration of gazelles, rabbits and rare birds. It is to become a training zone, and nature lovers say they doubt much nature will remain there.

The Negev, which encompasses 60 percent of the area of Israel proper, is an arid and barren stretch of wilderness with some hills, mountains and canyons. It has traditionally

been regarded as an object to be battled over rather than preserved, to be developed rather than protected.

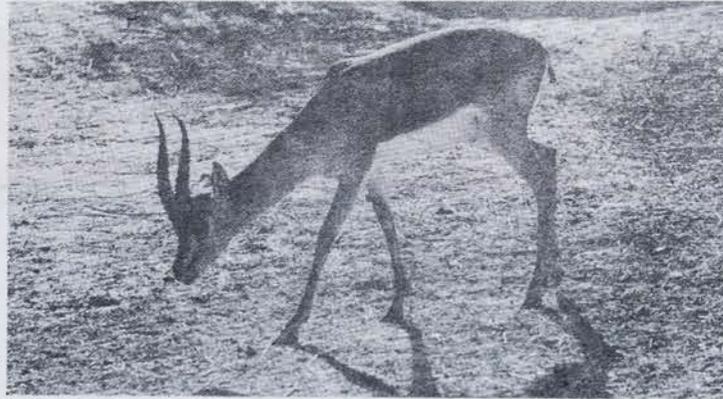
Experts say the Negev supports plant and animal life that is on the verge of extinction, with some plant varieties existing only in the Negev. There are 45 species of reptiles and 55 of birds, including some such as the eagle and the Egyptian vulture that have disappeared farther north in Israel.

The private agency is more critical of the army and less willing to give up land than the government authority. Dan Perry, deputy of the authority, says there is some benefit to army control of the desert: there will be a large protected area safe for nature.

The authority has successfully convinced the army to make some sacrifices for the sake of ecology. Where commanders wanted wide, straight roads, for example, environmentalists convinced them to settle for narrower, steeper roads so the amount of earth removal is reduced.

Even half the Negev is small compared to the expanses of the Sinai to which the army has become accustomed. There is less room to train and maneuver.

Because of Israel's security problems, ecologists are willing to make some sacrifices as well and temper their criticisms.



GAZELLE at a nature reserve in the Negev.

## The Jews Of Central America

### Amid Revolution And Turmoil, A Few Communities Thrive

Geographically, Central America, the area between Mexico in the north and Colombia in the south, comprises the tiny British colony of Belize and six countries: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Historically, however, Panama was never politically associated with the other Central American countries; indeed, until it achieved independence in 1903, it was part of Colombia and its links were with South America. For this reason, the Jewish roof organization of the area is called the Federation of Jewish Communities of Central America and Panama (FEDECO), an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress.

Today this area, particularly its northern part, is subject to political violence that threatens the survival of the Jewish communities there and, indeed, of free societies generally. About 22 million people live there, among them between 8,000 and 9,000 Jews.

(Other estimates are much higher. The figures in this article were furnished by one of the leaders of FEDECO and approximate those in the *American Jewish Year Book*, 1980)

The turmoil in Nicaragua, which culminated in the revolutionary war that forced the Somoza regime out of power, has both inspired revolutionary forces in the area and filled with a sense of urgency those working for peaceful change.

Certain conditions are common to most of the countries: essentially agricultural economies; wide-spread poverty and illiteracy; concentration of wealth in the hands of a few; large Indian or mestizo (person of mixed Indian and European, usually Spanish ancestry) populations; economic exploitation of varying degrees of subtlety; political power traditionally personal rather than institutional; limits on civil rights and political freedom; strong Catholic Church influence generally supporting the status quo.

An additional factor from a Jewish point of view is the existence of large communities of Christian Arab descent that have on occasion shown a responsiveness to Arab League and PLO propaganda.

Nicaragua's neighbor, El Salvador — its population density is one of the highest in Latin America and its per capita income one of the lowest — can be considered to be in a state of civil war. The ruling junta is under armed attack from both the extreme left and the extreme right and its desperate efforts to

institute social and economic reforms before it is too late are undermined by the violence sweeping the country.

Honduras, by comparison, seems an island of quiet. It is much less densely populated and social and economic contrasts are not as great. There is, for the time being at any rate, stability, although leftist activism is on the increase.

Guatemala is subject to increasingly frequent outbreaks of violence, a spillover from Nicaragua and El Salvador, but the government, while adopting a hard line against extremists, is genuinely trying to educate its people in democracy and to ameliorate social and economic injustices. The difficulties that confront the government are great and it is impossible to predict the country's future. What happens in El Salvador will considerably influence the way Guatemala will go.

Costa Rica, with a population predominantly of European, mainly Spanish, origin, has a traditionally liberal government. Roman Catholicism is the state religion, but other faiths are permitted. The country's literacy rate is one of the highest in Latin America. All forms of news media are free of censorship. An ominous development, however, is the alarming recent increase in radical violence.

Panama is one of the smallest of the Latin American countries in terms of population, but ranks comparatively high in terms of per capita wealth and social amenities due in substantial measure to the inter-oceanic canal that was cut across its waist in 1904-1914. Panama is one of the world's most important centers of entrepot activity, its economy being based on international commerce and transit trade. It has also developed into one of the leading Spanish-language banking centers. The country is beginning to exploit natural resources that have not been touched since independence was achieved. Head of the government is the supreme revolutionary leader, General Omar Torrijos Herrera.

At its peak the Jewish community of Nicaragua was only about 200 in number. It was a prosperous, well-integrated, respected segment of the middle class and its reaction to the revolution was that of the middle class in general. Today there are not more than two or three Jews left.

The Jewish community of El Salvador is tiny. Formal institutional life is rudimentary,

but all necessities are covered by institutions that came into being as a result of the influx of immigrants during the thirties and forties. The approximately 300 Jews in the country have a rabbi, study groups and a roof organization, but their future is filled with uncertainty.

The Jewish population of Guatemala has been variously estimated at somewhere between 1,300 and 2,000. It is probably closer to the lower estimate. The first Jews of recent history arrived from Germany after 1880. They were followed in the 1920s by Sephardic Jews of Mid-Eastern origin and in the pre-World War II era by a wave of Ashkenazi Jews from Europe. Three congregations thus came into being and in due course a roof organization, a Zionist organization, WIZO, B'nai B'rith, and a liberal synagogue. A Jewish day school was established but did not survive and was replaced by a "Sabbath" school.

In spite of its small size, the Jewish community of Guatemala is a vigorous one and its future would be bright were it not for the political uncertainties ahead.

Honduras has some 150 Jews who live in two cities: the capital, Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Zula, an industrial city. They are mainly Ashkenazim who came after World War I. There is a Central Jewish Committee and a constant effort by a dedicated group of leaders to maintain and nurture their Jewish heritage.

There are about 2,000 Jews in Costa Rica, almost totally concentrated in the capital San Jose. The present-day community was founded by the Turkish and East European Jews who reached Costa Rica during the post-World War I period. They were followed by German refugees after 1933 and most recently by refugees from Allende's Chile. The community is almost entirely Ashkenazi. It maintains a central roof body, the "Centro Israelita," a synagogue and Jewish institutions such as B'nai B'rith and WIZO.

While most of the older generation were merchants, there is today a substantial group of Jewish professional men and they are well integrated into Costa Rican life. As in Panama, mixed marriages are almost nonexistent.

The oldest and largest Jewish community in Central America is that of Panama. Estimates of its size vary. A precise figure will have to await the results of the census presently in its final stages, but one community

leader estimates that today it numbers some 4,000 souls (in a country of two million).

Sephardi Jews from the Caribbean and Ashkenazi Jews from Europe began arriving in the Isthmus in the early part of the 19th century, an immigration spurred by the economic activity in Panama that followed the Californian gold rush of 1848. People would travel from the eastern United States to Panama and by the Transisthmian railroad in Panama, completed in 1855, to Pacific coastal ports. By 1876 there were enough Jews in Panama to found the first congregation, Kol Shearith Israel.

This congregation is still active today and has given the community as well as the country some of its outstanding leaders. One of its members, Max Delvalle, was from 1964 to 1968 the elected first vice-president of the republic and acted as president of the republic for a time. The Jews who came from the Caribbean were originally from Holland and Brazil and although many of other origins joined the congregation later, it retains its Sephardic character. Its services today, however, are Reform rather than the original Orthodox.

In the early part of the present century, Jews from the Near East began to arrive and by 1933 they were strong enough to form their own congregation. Today they constitute perhaps 75 percent of the total Jewish population of Panama. Shortly before World War II there began an immigration of Ashkenazi Jews from Europe who in due course also established their congregation. Most recently a numerically quite significant immigration from Israel is making its presence felt.

The community operates a comprehensive day school, the Albert Einstein Institute, with grades up to college level. It maintains high standards and many prominent non-Jewish Panamanians send their children there. A second day school has now started to function. The great majority of Jewish youth attend these schools. There is the usual network of Jewish institutions and organizations, including WIZO and B'nai B'rith. All are coordinated by the Central Council.

Except for a small community in Colon, the Atlantic terminal port of the Panama Canal, and small groups in various provincial cities, the Jews of the country live in the capital, Panama City.

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# Conference Of Christians And Jews Sponsors Ethnic Forum: Ethnotherapy Heals Anxiety, Lifts Self-Esteem

by Heather Magier

The sudden surge a few years ago of a renewed interest in one's roots was part of the shift, beginning in the 1960's, away from the melting pot vision of America toward a greater willingness to deal with individuals and their cultures.

This shift from the "melting pot" to the "mosaic" vision of America led to the recognition among those involved in counseling that a person's sense of ethnic identity can have a profound effect on mental health.

Ethnotherapy, an increasingly popular method of group counseling based on this realization, will be the focus of this year's ethnic forum sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The forum will be on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Sayles Hall at Brown University.

## The Goal: Enhancing Well-Being

Commenting on the value of ethnotherapy, Alvin Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical

feels all our lives as individuals."

A study on "Jewish Identity and Self-Esteem," by California psychologist Judith Weinstein-Klein is credited with breaking new ground in the field of ethnotherapy. Her study was based on a two-year research project with young Jewish adults undergoing therapy for ethnic identity problems. Her findings: Jews who had high positive scores on ethnic identity tests also scored well on measurements of self-esteem and integration with society. Conversely, as ethnic identity scores declined, revealing negative or ambivalent feelings about being Jewish, so did indicators of general psychological well-being.

Weinstein-Klein's work followed research in the 1960's with Black groups, conducted by Dr. Price Cobbs. His sessions were developed to change whites' attitudes about race, according to Weinstein-Klein's report, and to change the deprecating inherited self-images of Blacks.

"Many of the same dynamics can be seen in Jewish ethnotherapy groups, but here the black-white confrontation takes place between the Jews in the room and their own internalized anti-Semite, or their internalized self-ideal formed by the majority culture," Weinstein-Klein reported in her study.

Speaking about the Weinstein-Klein study at the forum will be Irving M. Levine, director of the Institute on Pluralism and Group Identity of the American Jewish Committee, who said about ethnotherapy: "The search for identity has, until recently, been seen mainly in terms of individual self-development. Today, we are now ready to concede that a healthy individual must also be nourished by a broader identity which includes attachments to both the historic and contemporary community. This is now to be viewed as both essential and therapeutic."

## The Key: Ethnic Identity

Larry Sternberg, assistant area director of the New England region of the AJC, helped plan the ethnic forum. Ethnotherapy is im-



**THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Fourth Annual Ethnic Forum, entitled "Exploring Ethnic Self-Esteem: Uses of Ethnotherapy," includes (left to right, front row) Jeanne E. Adams, R.I. Department MHRH, Division of Mental Health; Judy Hoskins, R.I. Council of Mental Health Centers, Inc.; Miriam T. Kohn, Committee Chairman; Gladys Watts, R.I. Heritage Commission, Committee Co-Chairman; Marilyn Woloohojian, NCCJ Heritage Committee Chairman; (second row) Larry Sternberg, American Jewish Committee; Joseph Finkle, NCCJ Publicity Chairman; Charlotte I. Penn, NCCJ Director; Prof. Brian Hayden, Dept. of Psychology, Brown University; Nellie Ayvasian, Director, International Institute. Also on the committee are Errol Hunt, Director, Urban League; Richard Weir, Director, R.I. Mental Health Association; Sarah Murphy, Urban League.

portant, he says, because "especially among minority groups, it is important to acknowledge ethnic identity."

Ethnotherapy, Sternberg explains, is based on the idea that identity formation is the key to mental health and that a person's identity is formed not only by family but also by social environment, especially among

The ethnic forum, Penn says, will give Rhode Islanders — both professionals and laymen — the opportunity to find out about these new therapy techniques.

"Any educator," Sternberg adds, "is apt to benefit from knowing the tendency of all people to pick up on societal images and how this affects behavior is very important."



**CHARLOTTE PENN**

School, said: "For too long the issue of one's ethnic identity and background has been ignored in the process of psychotherapy. Too much emphasis was placed on the individual psyche without the proper consideration to one's cultural background and ethnic perspective."

Charlotte Penn, director of the NCCJ in Providence, was intrigued when she first heard about ethnotherapy and found support from organizations throughout the community because, she says, "ethnic identity af-

*"We have new and impressive confirmation that how you feel about your ethnic background has a direct relationship to how you feel about yourself. . . The ethnotherapy technique combines a new research approach with a method of healing clients' anxieties about themselves and their group attachments."*

Irving M. Levine



**LARRY STERNBERG**

Panel moderator will be Rhett S. Jones, director of Afro-American Studies and associate professor of History and Afro-American Studies at Brown University.

In addition to Levine, panelists will include: Sylvia S. Meshberg, deputy director of Step One, Phoenix House, New York, and W.R. Varieur, director of the Family Counseling Center in Pawtucket and a psychotherapist in private practice.

Members of several ethnic communities have been invited to respond to the presentation, among them Cape Verdean, Native American Indian, Hmong, Black, Polish, Italian, Portuguese and Latin American.

There will be a period for questions from the audience.

Co-sponsors of the forum are the American Jewish Committee, the Urban League of R.I., Brown University Department of Psychology, R.I. Heritage Commission, International Institute, Mental Health Association of R.I., and R.I. Council of Community Mental Health Centers.

minority groups.

The purpose of the therapy sessions "is to deal with the individual's positive, negative and ambivalent feelings about themselves," Sternberg says. "Minority groups feel the tension between outside society's definition of what they are, and how much is based on positive group feelings. Do they feel Jewish because of anti-Semitism, or because they identify positively (with Jews)? Outside culture plays a large role in defining who you are."

"All ethnic groups," Penn adds, "live with these anxieties."

After participating in the ethnotherapy sessions, people had better self-esteem and better feelings about their ethnic identity, Sternberg says. "The group therapy is based on a commonality of ethnicity and the ability to play out feelings, to deal with and solve them."

## Benefits For Everyone

Although geared primarily to people who feel "hampered by anxiety about who they are," Sternberg says, "many people, whether they realize it or not, have negative feelings (about their ethnic identity)." Ethnotherapy can therefore be beneficial not only to those who actively seek help.

For this reason, Penn says, the awareness of these factors is important to all involved in counseling, whether it be with young people or senior citizens.



**WHEN PLANNING** this Fourth Annual Ethnic Forum, Charlotte Penn and Larry Sternberg found interest throughout the community because, as Penn explained, "ethnic identity affects all our lives as individuals."

## Civil Servant Works To Prevent Consumer Fraud

by Linda A. Acciaro

Name a consumer fraud issue and he promptly rattles off details of the regulation and offers a relevant court case which was fought to enforce the law and protect the interests of the average Rhode Island consumer.

Joshua Teverow, a special assistant attorney since 1978 and now director of the Consumer Protection Unit of the Department of the Attorney General, has been appointed to guard against warranty violations, deceptive advertising, con-games, landlord/tenant disputes, mail order schemes and all other forms of consumer fraud.

The unit has performed so successfully that last year more than a half million dollars was returned to consumers in the state as a result of mediation or legal prosecution.

Each year about 5,000 people call in complaints to the unit's investigators at offices located in Providence, Kent County, So. County, Woonsocket and Newport. "A lot of complaints could be avoided if Rhode Islanders were aware of their rights and knew what to look out for," Teverow said, citing unit pricing laws and health spa laws as simply two examples.

Every consumer has the right to compare prices of products sold at different outlets. The Unit Pricing Law states that commodities must be marked in unit prices (i.e., per lb) for an accurate comparison when specials are advertised. The law also covers the availability of the specials to the consumer.

Health spa laws protect the consumer against signing misleading and deceptive contracts which were commonplace in the past. The length of the contract should never be so excessive "that the consumer becomes liable for huge sums of money," Teverow said. The law prohibits the length as well as giving the consumer the right to cancel the contract in the case of an unfortunate crippling accident or relocation.

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At one time, this unit handled only consumer complaints. But, under the direction of Attorney General Dennis J. Roberts, it has expanded to include three important areas, advertising monitoring, special projects and consumer education.

In an effort to educate the public, the 28-year-old lawyer and his staff operate an active speakers' bureau. The unit schedules lectures at colleges, schools, homes for the elderly and other groups "to provide a general overview of their consumer rights in the marketplace" — an awesome task when one considers that legislation can change and laws can be amended at any time.

Keeping abreast of new developments and policies seems relatively simple for Teverow. He's organized. There's not a file out of place in his cabinets or on his desk and still he says, "My desk is usually more organized than this."

"There are plenty of people who are sharper in intellect, but because I'm extremely well-organized it allows me to accomplish more."

With his staff, Teverow not only informs the public of its rights, but reaches the businessman through seminars about his responsibilities to the consumer. "A lot of problems don't come from businesses which are intentionally trying to rip off the public." Instead, Teverow says, the problems arise from businessmen unaware of their obligations.

### Free Trip Schemes

Education for businessmen is not a complete solution because there are companies which habitually seek out persons who can be cheated by well-planned con-games. Free



**JOSHUA TEVEROW, director of the Consumer Protection Unit, says that he enjoys both the administrative and legal aspects of his job. "I have the best of both worlds. I love my work."**

trip schemes are notoriously deceptive. "There is a national company which makes its living by deceiving consumers into believing they have won a free trip to Las Vegas or Florida," Teverow says.

The consumer is asked to provide a small deposit and not until later does he realize he is responsible for the expenses of airfare, meals, taxes and tips. "That small deposit usually covers two nights in a hotel which is about what the place is worth."

In addition, part of the trip requires that the person sit and listen to a presentation where he will be pressured into purchasing a condominium or making some other investment with the company. It's a promotional gimmick, Teverow says, and unfortunately many consumers are enticed into the costly trap.

### Authority Of Protection Unit

"We don't have the authority to sue for individual cases of fraud," Teverow said. If the unit has little jurisdiction over sole complaints, what can it actively do to protect the consumer? A great deal can be done when a pattern of consumer complaints warrant a class action suit in the public interest.

A consumer contacts one of the offices and explains the problem. The complaint is assigned to an investigator who maintains contact with both the consumer and the business to reconcile the difference. Both parties are informed of their rights under Rhode Island and Federal Consumer Laws.

In some cases, the incident cannot be resolved and the unit can only refer the consumer to Small Claims Court or a private at-

torney. If, however, there are sufficient numbers of complaints to warrant a class action suit in the public interest, Teverow can then quickly combat the violation.

It is the responsibility of each of the five office managers to alert Teverow when a pattern of complaints develop. Twenty or thirty complaints about the same illegal conduct points to a violation against the general public. Teverow can then intercede because it is in the public interest.

Strides have been made to rectify the situation of isolated complaints where the unit has no jurisdiction. Under the Special Projects Division, an experimental Consumer Arbitration Program was established a year ago in cooperation with the Rhode Island Builders Association. The association

has agreed to include a binding arbitration clause in its business contracts.

Over 125 lawyers have volunteered to serve as arbitrators in consumer-fraud disputes. "Under Rhode Island law a decision reached by arbitration is just as binding as a court decision," Teverow hopes to expand the program to include other areas of business which will make a precommitment to arbitration. Both the consumer and the business will be legally bound to whatever decision is made by the arbitrator.

### Investigations

One staff member deals exclusively with deceptive advertising detection. By scanning newspapers, television commercials and radio ads, the advertising monitor located a \$1 million liquidation sale which required further investigation. The furniture store placing the ad gave the consumers the impression that the liquidation was a court ordered sale for the benefit of creditors. "It looked like a bankruptcy sale, but no papers were filed in court. Under threat of litigation the company has agreed not to advertise through unacceptable means."

The unit is also able to take action even when the consumers themselves don't want protection. One such incident occurred in the spring of 1978 involving a chain letter scheme in Woonsocket. "This case created nationwide notoriety because we were one of the first, if not the first, to use the courts to stop this kind of scheme."

Instead of using the mails, the company set up a store front to contact prospective in-

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vestors. The deal was to invest \$1000 and receive a \$60,000 return. "The chances are overwhelmingly against any participants making money from chain letter gimmicks." In addition, the company used "illegal and misleading" ways to lure the people into the scheme.

In the ensuing court battle, not only did the company fight to challenge the jurisdiction of the Attorney General, but the people, which the unit set out to protect in the con, were angry with the Attorney General for "not letting them play their game."

"We never received so many letters and telegrams stating that the people had the right to lose their money." With new, innovative legal strategies the case was won by the Attorney General's office.

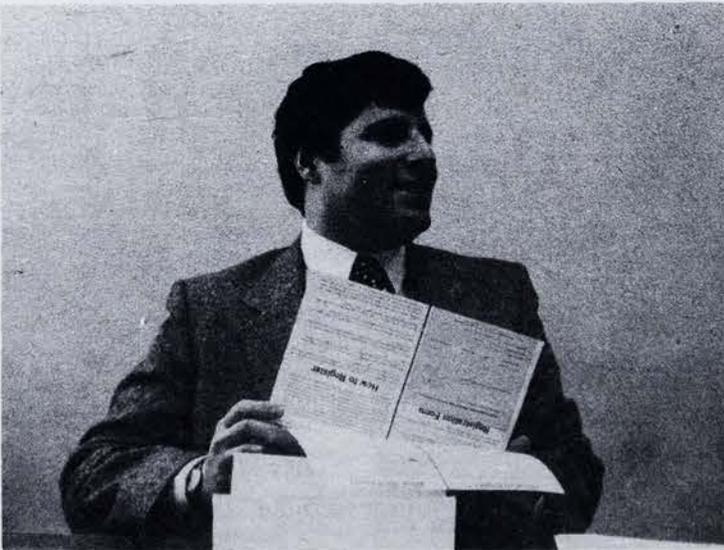
In the majority of cases, the consumer is genuinely looking for fair treatment and restitution. "Our goal is compliance and we take no particular pleasure in prosecuting businessmen for violating consumer laws. We prefer to prevent fraud through education."

### Forefront Of Consumerism

The Rhode Island unit is one of the most active agencies in the New England area, Teverow said. Although he lobbies for better consumer protection, guards charitable trusts, represents the interests of a number of commissions and sits on the board of various other agencies, Teverow still says his main frustration is "not being able to do enough."

"There are so many consumer issues that I would like to have the time and staff to work on. I'm proud of what we have done, but we could do more."

While Teverow and his staff are working on getting results for the consumer, the public itself can lend a hand by being more aware of its rights. Teverow encourages anyone with a complaint to call one of the branches. Group presentations can also be arranged and some pamphlets are available on specific subjects such as landlord/tenant rights. Educating oneself is a powerful weapon against consumer fraud.



**"Don't be deceived by impressions," says Teverow about reading advertised specials and price comparisons.**

# Local Police Work To Prevent Crime

by Linda A. Acciaro

"Crime does pay and it pays very well," Commander John J. Mulhearn told the members of the Shalom Chapter of Pioneer Women at a recent "Crime Prevention" program.

Breaking and entering, auto theft, vandalism and shoplifting occur repeatedly in every city and town in the country, but here in Rhode Island "you can almost commit murder and get away with it," Mulhearn said. He cites two reasons: the permissiveness of society, public officials and the judicial system and the lack of effective deterrent crime programs in this part of the country.

"The day and age is here to hit the criminal prior to committing the overt act," said Mulhearn, who heads the Crime Prevention Unit at the Warwick Police Department. The unit was formed two years ago and its programs are specifically aimed at reducing the incidence of breaking and entering and auto theft.

The average age of a "housebreaker" is between 12 and 17. Both male and female teenagers contribute to the 4.9 housebreaks per day which occur each year in the city of Warwick alone.

The majority of crimes are committed between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Ninety percent of crimes occur during the working hours and only a few happen throughout the night when households are asleep.

serious crimes in Rhode Island, is a possible three-to-five-year prison sentence.

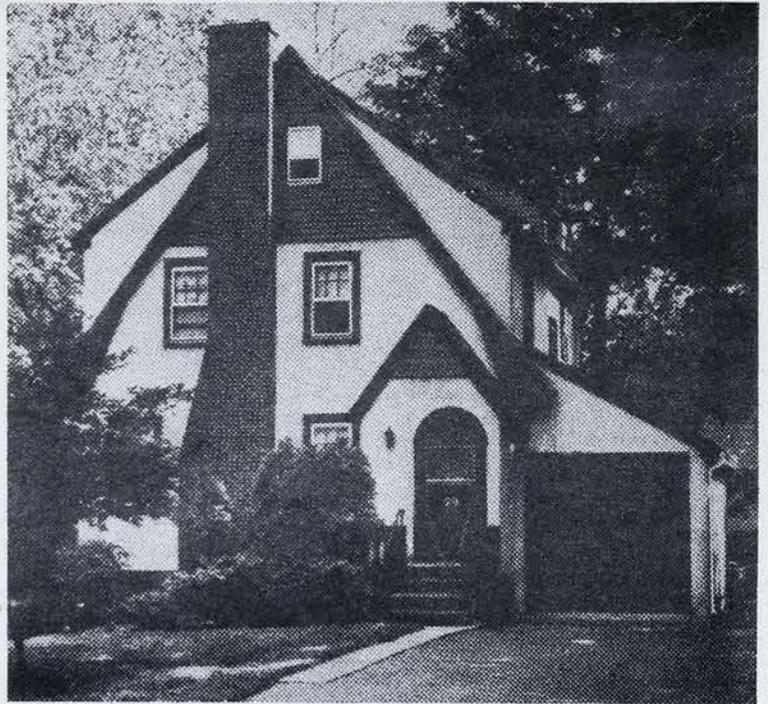
Mulhearn is in favor of releasing the names of juveniles who have been apprehended while breaking into a home. The department would release the names, "in hopes that the parents would do something to never let it happen again," said Jim Ross, an aide to the commander.

## Operation Identification

One of the oldest and probably most effective crime prevention programs in the country is marking and identifying personal property. An electric marking pen inscribes items with a person's social security number and initials so they can be traced back to the owner if stolen. At the same time, window stickers are placed in a front and rear windows of the home indicating to potential housebreakers that the occupant is a member of "Operation Identification."

A full description of the property is also listed and a copy given to the police department. If any marked goods are stolen or lost the police can enter the social security number into a computer system which matches the description of the goods with the location of where the items were stolen.

The program can be an excellent housebreaking deterrent if "we can get a number of people involved," Mulhearn said. The window stickers will become a known symbol to housebreakers and they will be reluctant to steal items they know have been



**THE WINDOW** on the first floor of this home, protected by shrubbery, is an excellent spot for an intruder to break into the home unnoticed. Always trim shrubbery to expose windows and doors.

but even with 12 men assigned to the stake out "it becomes a physical impossibility to apprehend them all," Mulhearn said.

The crime is so widespread that stolen cars are even pre-ordered. "Dope addicts will steal a car and sell it for \$40," Mulhearn said.

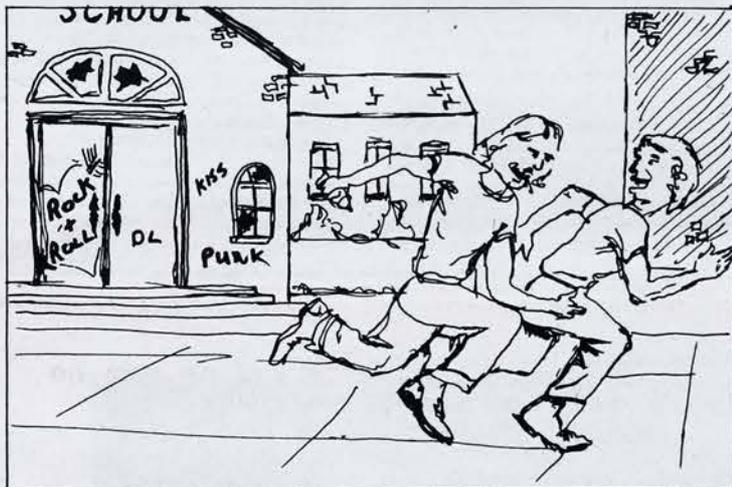
## Auto Identification

Four thousand cars have been marked with identification numbers in the city of Warwick. From that total only one has been stolen. "We have marked a substantial number of cars to prove that the program is a deterrent to auto theft," Mulhearn said. As part of the "Operation Identification" program, Warwick police have distributed I.D. numbers with a metal marking pin into the dash window. "If you stole a car with an I.D. number, to resell it you would have to replace the glass. Most criminals are not willing to spend the money," adds Mulhearn.

Anyone in the state can be given an I.D. number from the Warwick police. It takes 10 minutes to mark the car and have a Crime Prevention Sticker placed on the driver's window to dissuade a would-be thief.

## Vandalism

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The public reports only six to eight percent of these visible crimes. "It's unreal," says Mulhearn. "Everyone says 'let the cop do it,' but it is the obligation of every citizen and taxpayer to help the police protect them. If we could educate our public to call in something suspicious, apprehension on the scene would occur more often."

## Breaking And Entering

It can be a traumatic experience for a homeowner to find his property ransacked, valuables stolen and items of sentimental value gone. It is even more devastating to know that one's home has been easily invaded and the intruder will probably never be punished for the crime. "They can destroy a house, take whatever they want and go practically free. It's shameful," says Mulhearn.

A first time offender never goes to jail. The conviction for a "B and E," one of the most

marked, he says. In addition, the "fence" will be hurt because he will not handle marked goods that could lead to his apprehension.

"Unfortunately, this good program suffers severely from apathy," Mulhearn said.

## Auto Theft

Rhode Island ranks second in the country in the number of auto thefts committed yearly, behind Massachusetts. For years there have been no defined programs to deal with this \$10 billion dollar business nationwide.

In 1975, Mulhearn was assigned to a stake out detail at the Warwick malls to prevent car thefts. "We spotted a theft in progress and I told the men 'let them steal the car to time them.'" Thirty-seven seconds after the car was parked, the thieves had gotten inside, started the engine and driven out of the parking lot. They were eventually apprehended.



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Mulhearn says there has been some success on a small scale in neighborhood meetings between duty captains and residents of areas that have been vandalized. The captain will hear the complaints of the residents. The following day he will talk to the children in the neighborhood. "When people realize that neighborhood problems are caused by neighborhood kids' then prevention can begin at home."

Most parents refuse to believe their children could be involved with vandalism, car theft, breaking and entering or shoplifting.

He suggests that periodically parents make sure "that when children say they are going to the movies, that's really where they have gone."

## Citizen Patrol

Mulhearn says he does encourage and would support a good citizen patrol group which would alert the police to any suspicious person or activity. "Citizen patrols are helpful when the members remember where their duties end. But, a vigilante attitude within the group will result in arrests. We will not permit it."

"We would like to change the attitude that 'what my neighbor does is none of my business,'" said Mulhearn. "Whatever we do on a community-wide basis has got to be effective," adds Mulhearn.

"We have to stand up as a group and be counted. I'm confident that with community involvement we could have a tremendous impact on the crime statistics," he adds.

## Ten Crime Prevention Tips

1. Take notice of strangers in your neighborhood and call police.
2. Get the license plate number of unfamiliar cars in neighborhood and contact police.
3. Never leave your home in complete darkness. Lights deter would-be housebreakers.
4. Pin windows down rather than using key locks which are expensive and dangerous.
5. Be diligent in cutting shrubbery close to windows around the house. High bushes serve as camouflage for housebreakers.
6. Take photographs of expensive jewelry, silver and furs and have all other valuables marked with your social security number and initials.
7. Have your mail stopped by the Post Office or picked up by a neighbor when on vacation.
8. If someone breaks into your home — "start screaming." It will frighten the intruder who will panic and flee.  
Call police immediately and make sure you give your name and address.
9. Don't buy a dog thinking he will protect you and your home from intruders. Robbers are usually able to get past watchdogs.
10. Guns as protection are unwise. More relatives are injured by guns than intruders.

# Lard Scandal Of The 19th Century

## The First Scientific Kashruth Tests

by Dr. I. Harold Sharfman

"Certified Kosher": These two words have become such an integral part of the Jewish tradition and lifestyle that it is assumed by many to have accompanied Jews throughout the world whenever they moved to new homelands. It is interesting to note that it wasn't until 1851 that the phrase was incorporated into the culinary arts of American Jewry. And even then, it was only after years of research and dedication that standards were set and met by food manufacturers.

The "Father" of the American "Certified Kosher" was a New York City judge named Mordecai Manuel Noah. A friend of such historical notables as Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren, Noah gained his appointment as Judge of the Court of Sessions for the City of New York in 1841. A politician, he also authored numerous books and plays. In fact, during his own time, his popularity as a writer rivaled the fame of one Edgar Allen Poe.

One of his little known and most adventurous undertakings was the establishment of a Jewish Homeland on an island in the Niagara River which he named "Ararat." At an elaborate ceremony in Buffalo on September 15, 1825, Noah invited the oppressed Jews of Europe and the hounded American Indians, whom he believed to be descendants of the Ten Tribes of Israel, to join with

American Jews in settling the new Homeland. The project failed when not one Jew settled on the island so he turned his energies to another dream, the establishment of a Homeland in Israel which he felt would and should be paid for by the Christian community. In his appeals for money he told his gentile listeners that "it was their greatest duty to help Jews regain the land of their fathers."

Because of his inordinate interest and dedication to the Jewish community, his wife bestowed on him the title of *Mashgiach*, "Kosher Overseer." As an orthodox woman, her immediate concern was with maintaining her kitchen according to the principles of kashruth. Her intense devotion to this cause caught the interest of her imaginative husband and between them they began the long and difficult journey toward the establishment of scientific testing of questionable ingredients in products to be sold under the stamp "Certified Kosher."

Their attack began on one of the staples of the diet, oil; in particular, olive oil. In 1842, lard appeared in large quantities on the American market. Cincinnati became the "lard capital of the world," producing more than 11,000,000 pounds of the product in 1849. So possessive were they of their new found wealth and power that a law was passed by insurance companies that allowed them to charge one-fourth of one percent ex-

tra for insurance on all property and buildings in which camphine was used, housed or stored.

As if to affirm its qualities, the *Baltimore Sun* of August 24, 1842 reported that "lard oil is used for almost all purposes to which sperm and olive oil have hitherto been applied and with a large saving. It burns well in lamps, acts well on machinery of all sorts, on wool to be manufactured, and it is said that sometimes it gets upon salads and is eaten."

Lard, forbidden in the kosher diet, is composed of hog fat, which is melted and strained clear. The tempting cheapness and ready availability of lard moved many unscrupulous manufacturers to admix lard oil with olive oil, and pass it off as "pure olive oil," reaping high profits through this guise. Some companies went to such great lengths as to ship their admixed lard abroad to Italy and France, have it rebottled and imported back into this country labeled "pure olive oil." As the rabbis in the talmud remarked, "the walls have ears" for rumors of this scam spread quickly among the community.

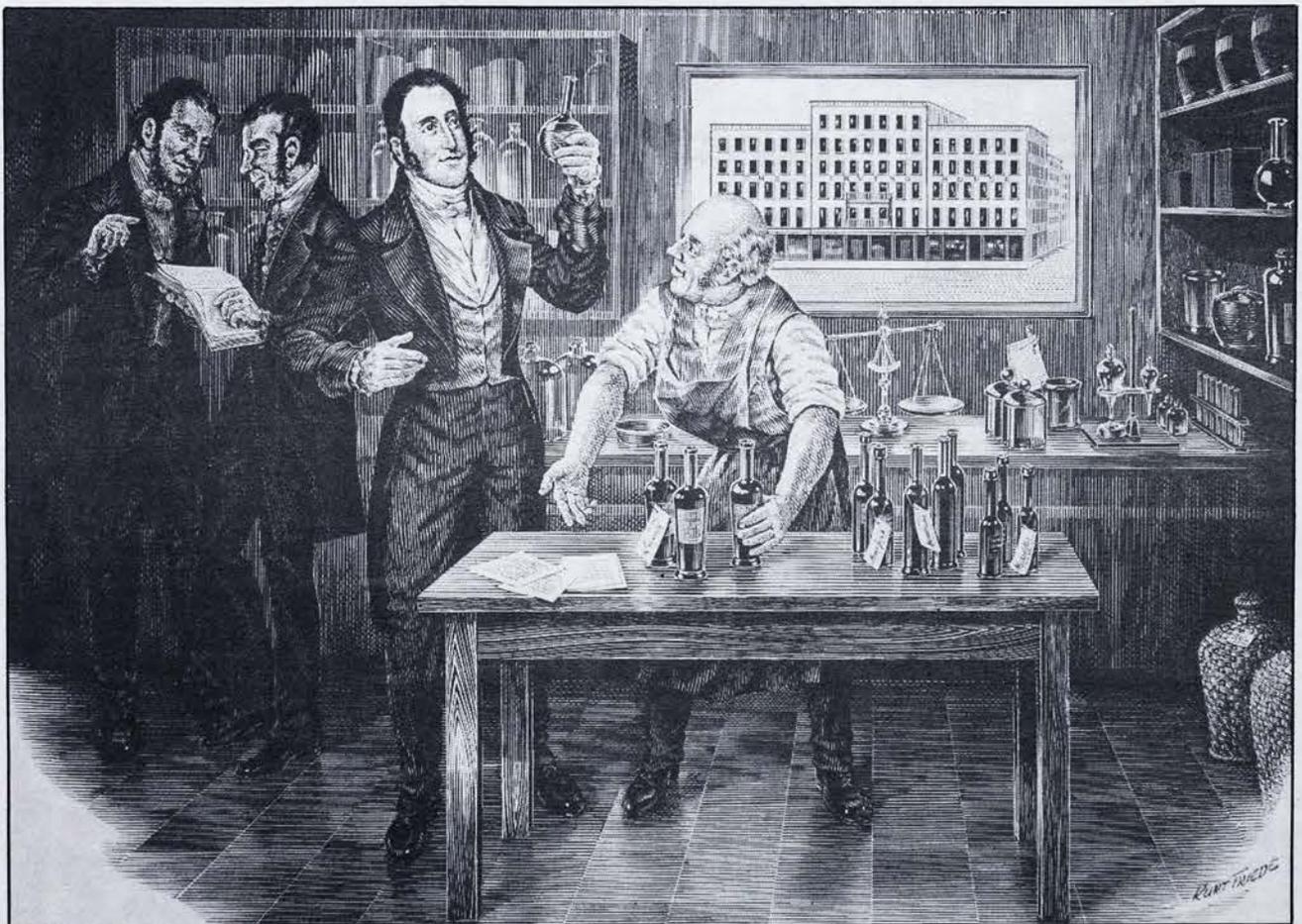
The "Mashgiach" wasted no time. He, together with a friend Joseph Dreyfous, called upon Professor Lawrence Reid, a researcher in science who taught Chemistry at the College of Pharmacy of New York, to devise a test to determine what was and what wasn't "pure olive oil." Professor Reid found

that by immersing the oil in ice at a temperature of 36 degrees fahrenheit, any lard present could readily be detected. The oil separated and the lard would congeal. He devised a second, even more technical test, both of which gave proof to real and "fake" olive oil.

Armed with this information, Noah arranged with the publisher of the *Occident*, in Philadelphia, the distinguished Reverend Isaac Leeser, "Reader" of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, to run the story of the tests. As spokesman for American Orthodox Jewry, Leeser's credibility added weight to Noah's discovery.

At the same time he began correspondence with the rabbis of France and Italy suggesting that they oversee the production of the oils for purity and indicate their approval with a seal and "Certified Kosher" stamp on each acceptable product. It wasn't until seven years later, in 1851, that Reverend Leeser received news from the Chief Rabbi of the Consistory of Marseilles that the process of guarantee had been established. Thus did the application of the relatively new science of modern chemistry to determine the kosher status of a food product finally begin to make an impact on food manufacturers and processors in the United States.

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FIRST SCIENTIFIC KASHRUTH TEST IN 1844: Judge Mordecai Manuel Noah analyzes content of Florence Oil Flask in a kashruth test devised by Dr. Lawrence Reid at the College of Pharmacy, New York City.

# Grand Rabbi Of France Discusses Jews, Anti-Semitism And Politics

What follows are excerpts of a television interview of Rene Sirat, Grand Rabbi of France with Jean-Pierre Elkabbach and Alain Duhamel hosts of "Cards on the Table" Televised Jan. 12, 1981, Paris

**Question:** In the view of many people, (there is the development of) a new balance of power in the Jewish community.

**Answer:** Balance of power, no. There has certainly been an evolution in France's Jewish community. To mention a figure: in 1955, there were four kosher butcher shops in the Paris area, that is butcher shops that sold ritually slaughtered meat. Now there are 120. This is essentially due to the work of the President of the Rabbinical Court of Paris, who is my mentor and whose teachings I followed from the age of nine until a little while ago, about a quarter of an hour or an hour ago. This is really something basic. It is proof of the striking changes which have come about. There is in fact a quite different community (now) which is shouldering its responsibilities.

## Renewed Interest In Jewish Heritage

**Question:** Catholic observance is in a critical state in France; Protestant observance is as well; is the observance of the Jewish religion in a critical state and if so, how do you plan to deal with the situation?

**Answer:** I can tell you that there is a renewal of Jewish observance in France. The example of the kosher butcher shops is striking, but just walk around Paris, around the Paris area, in the suburbs or in other parts of the country on Yom Kippur and you will see how many temples are full of people who overflow into the streets as they crowd to attend services. I wish they would come for more than just Yom Kippur services, but anyway this is a totally new phenomenon and it is quite spectacular.

Full-time Jewish schools have sprung up in the past few years in a really remarkable way and consequently it is obvious that we are seeing a renaissance. Another example is the number of students who have enrolled in recent years in the Rabbinical School of France. We are training rabbis for all of Europe, up to and including Greece.

**Question:** How do you explain this renaissance in religious observance and faith?

**Answer:** There are several reasons. First of all, there is a renewal and a desire on the part of young and not-so-young people to deepen their knowledge of Judaism. Then there is also the situation of our society and the problems it presents, which lead people to feel, as the prophet said, that "I will go out to join my people." As a result they ultimately try to turn to the eternal values of Judaism.

This is something fundamental, a very significant phenomenon.

In 1955 I was chaplain to Jewish students in the Paris region and I organized some classes. The students taking them numbered perhaps in the dozens; now they number in the thousands. At that time we set up courses such as an introduction to Jewish thought and an introduction to Hebrew literature, whereas today the students want access to the original texts. They want to really know the texts and, as a result, that means learning Hebrew.

## Question Of Assimilation

**Question:** Isn't the question of assimilation at a critical point now, aren't the Jews of France putting the idea of assimilation into doubt, as if assimilation would lead in a way to their disappearance as Jews?

**Answer:** I believe that Jews are full-fledged citizens of this country. All you have to do is visit any synagogue in France — I remember the synagogue in Algeria, where I was born — and read the marble plaque bearing the names of all those who gave their lives for France during the First World War, or at the time of the tragic events of 1939-1945. So they have entirely fulfilled (their responsibilities as citizens); they continue to do so and this is quite natural. But they do indeed have a great interest in — more than an interest, a fascination for — the values of Judaism, which some of them are discovering.

## Is There A "Jewish Vote"?

**Question:** Do you think that the identity of a Jewish community in France can or should be based on a political identity? For example, what do you think of the concept of the "Jewish vote" that came up a while back?

**Answer:** There is no such thing as the Jewish vote. It is something that people have discussed, that newspapers have mentioned frequently; it is a term that has been used, but Jews vote on the basis of their personal choices, their political options, and that is the way things should be. Each person should make his choice on the basis of his personal values, his own choices as a citizen. So it is ridiculous, misguided, for those who know the rabbinate, for those who know the consistency and the major institutions, to believe that instructions of advice could be issued from the Rue Saint-Georges (the central Jewish consistory and the Grand Rabbi's Office).

**Question:** Do you mean that the Jewish vote is naturally pluralistic, just like the Catholic vote and the Protestant vote and the vote of people who don't believe in anything?

**Answer:** Of course. As citizens of this country, Jews vote according to their opinions, whether we're talking about municipal, legislative or presidential elections. They cast their votes according to their individual choices, and that is absolutely how things should be. That is a very fundamental truth.

## Roots In France

**Question:** Generally speaking, for you, does belonging to the Jewish community in a country like France involve putting down permanent geographic roots or is it a stopping point along the way to a possible future return to Israel?

**Answer:** First of all I would like to say that the Jewish community in France has very, very deep roots; I believe there have been Jews in this country since the (first years) of the Christian era — since the year 36. We have a very long history. In the Middle Ages there was a large community until Philip IV the Fair expelled them in 1306. Later the Jews of Provence were expelled in 1501 and then came the important events which as you know took place at the time of the French Revolution and the Declaration of the Rights of Man. So the community is a very long-established one.

But we Jews know that the Messianic Era is coming soon; an act of will is sufficient and then the question is what the Messiah's role will in fact be: It is first of all to bring peace to the whole of humanity. One cannot have peace simply for oneself and ignore the fate of other nations. So then the time to return will truly be here. The faithful will make their choices... there are very respectable people who have decided to go to Israel and this is absolutely their privilege.

## Anti-Semitism Countered Forcefully By French

**Question:** For a good while after the war, no one dared show any anti-Semitism of any description. Do you think there is a resurgence of anti-Semitism in France today? You are aware, for example, that after the Rue Copernic episode the American press presented France as a country where there was a particularly strong threat of anti-Semitism. Do you think that is true?

**Answer:** There have been anti-Semitic incidents that hurt us deeply, but there has also been the magnificent reaction of the people of France, and from the bottom of my heart, personally and for my community, I would truly like to express our gratitude to the people of France who reacted spontaneously and forcefully. Hundreds of thousands of people marched from the Place de la Nation to the Place de la République in Paris. In nearly all the major cities around France there was a spontaneous reaction by French people because they realized that anti-Semitism is only perhaps the most visible tip of the iceberg; anti-Semitism is the forerunner of racism, and racism is horrible. We Jews know it well; we have unfortunately experienced it; we know what racism is.

**Question:** Has there been marked anti-Semitism in France over recent months or years? If so, do you think that situation is peculiar to France?

**Answer:** There are neo-Nazi groups that have... perhaps not been taken seriously enough — that have in fact expressed anti-Semitism, it is true. One of the aims of all these incidents — shooting at child-care centers, at a Jewish school, at synagogues, and then the Rue Copernic incident — was most certainly to alienate the Jewish community in France. The result was the opposite, because there was this strong reaction. But there have been incidents — I think some anti-Semitic slogans appeared last night at Clichy and a number of graves were desecrated at Rosny-sous-Bois. This is thoroughly regrettable. It is serious and we have to be constantly on guard. Not just the Jewish community... but all of France, because, after all, this is a cancer that could quickly invade the healthy body of our country.

**Question:** Following the Rue Copernic incident, do you feel you now have the protection you requested, and at the time, did you get the impression that the French leaders were being too indifferent or lax?

**Answer:** First of all, I think that after the genocide, the death of six million Jews, everyone believed that anti-Semitism was finally, once and for all, dead and buried. That is not the case. But since the Rue Copernic a number of measures have been taken. Jewish institutions in the Paris region and, I believe, in many of the major cities of France are under guard. I would like to express our gratitude to all those who, night after night, in the cold and the snow, spend hours guarding synagogues and Jewish institutions. I think they deserve a word of thanks. That was something that had to be done and was done, but there's also got to be an effort to root out racism from the hearts of those who feel it. I think there is also a whole process of education that should be enacted, starting with elementary schools, but there, perhaps, it will be up to the teachers.

## Jewish Backlash

**Question:** Would you denounce all forms of retaliation or blackmail and perhaps even recourse to violence, since there is a degree of activism, of extremism among some young people?

**Answer:** I'll tell you what I found quite uplifting — and I was quite touched; it was the responsibility the Jewish community displayed, because after the Rue Copernic incident it might well have fallen into the trap of retaliatory violence. But it didn't. And that proves that after all we are dealing with an adult community that knows how to keep its head, meet its responsibilities. The most striking proof is that it did not fall into the trap of violent reaction.

I said earlier how thankful I was to all those who had guarded synagogues and Jewish institutions; that is how things should be handled, and not by some self-defense groups.

## France And Israel

**Question:** When the French government talks about the right of the Palestinians to self-determination and then also speaks of its desire to participate in security guarantees for Israel, do you think... it is being sincere?

**Answer:** I'd like to tell you a personal story, if I may. I had the historic privilege of being General de Gaulle's translator at the time General de Gaulle and the then Prime Minister, Georges Pompidou, received the Prime Minister of Israel. General de Gaulle welcomed him with these words: "I greet you as the Prime Minister of our friend and ally, Israel." I've not heard this statement repudiated by any one of the Presidents since 1965. There are of course a number of political vicissitudes, but I think that France and the French people feel a great friendship for Israel. I don't believe that it is just the Jews of this country who are friends of Israel; a wide spectrum of the French people are.

**Question:** The French people and the French leaders as well?

**Answer:** French leaders, too, of course. I have no reason to doubt their friendship for Israel. That seems to me to be obvious.

**Question:** You yourself said... that "when the higher interests of Israel are at stake we will let it be known at the highest levels of government in our country that we will not permit the destruction of Israel." do you think that some people would accept Israel's destruction? Without a protest?

**Answer:** It was my duty as Grand Rabbi of France to say that we would intervene and would speak out if Israel's higher interests, in other words, its existence, were endangered. We would inform the highest levels of government in this country of the position of the Jewish community — I might say that at such a moment it would be the position of practically the entire Jewish community. Having said this, I should add that this is a purely academic question. But it is my duty to anticipate such matters.

**Question:** Are you willing to grant that a French government may be in complete disagreement with a policy pursued by the Israeli government without exposing itself to accusations of anti-Semitism?

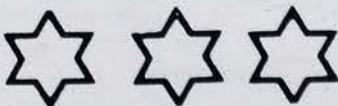
**Answer:** There's a situation in the Bible that seems to me to answer your question perfectly. In Genesis chapter 44 there's a touching dialogue between Judah and Joseph when the young brother, Benjamin, is unjustly accused of theft and the situation seems hopeless. Joseph is dressed as a viceroy of Egypt. He is a stranger. Nobody knows he is Judah's brother. Judah says to Joseph: "You asked us 'Have you a father or a brother?' We told my lord, 'We have an old father and a young brother.'" This means, if we translate it into contemporary language, that we Jews of France have an elderly father — this is Judah's reply; that is, we are faithful to our traditions and to our Jewish identity. We also have a young brother who is in the country of Canaan for whom we feel unlimited affection, love and friendship. And so we have both an old father and a young brother.

## Criticism Of Israeli Policies

**Question:** You said a moment ago that the rabbis had foreseen every situation and had a solution and an answer for everything. We have another example of this now. But to be more specific, is it anti-Semitic to criticize Mr. Begin's policies in the occupied territories when this policy is promoted by the religious party in Israel?

**Answer:** Criticizing Mr. Begin's policy — he's still Prime Minister — is perfectly legitimate since we criticize the policy of various other governments. But you have to be careful, for when a country is in danger you should know just how far you can go with your criticism because you can sometimes trigger a process that might have very grave consequences. I think I can say that we're now engaged in a process in which this kind of question doesn't come up. Four years ago it was unthinkable that we could go to Cairo but now I really believe that in a few years we will be traveling to Damascus and Amman. Since Camp David and the agreements, there has been a peace treaty between the most important state in the Middle East and Israel, and now anything is possible. It's a question of time.

Don't ask me, the Grand Rabbi, to talk to you about the political side because in the first place I'm not competent to do so. But I do know that in the Camp David accords, there was also discussion of the status of the Palestinians. Some talks are under way; I think it's something that will still take much time but there are lots of international discussions, for instance between the United States and Panama, that went on for years. One can't expect everything all at once, but I do believe it is an important process.



by Dave Seidman



# Rhode Island Jewish Bowling Congress

## BOWLING NEWS



### Bloom Pockar

This month consisted of four nights of bowling highlighted by the Mayors winning the first half. The Mayors team consists of Nate Altman, Harry Portney, Neil Gouse, & Neil Cohen. Outside of the winning team, all other teams were shuffled around to get a better balance. Scores posted were Duffy Giglio with 151/393, Sherwin Zaidman 136/364, Al Walker 138/366, Paul Finstein 146/362, Herb Singer 133/357, Alan Hopfenberg 134/359, Jerry Bloom 128/344, Moe Filler 131/345, Emis Miller 125/343, and Neil Cohen 143/352. Good singles were bowled by Joe Weisman 131, Phil Chopak 130, Ralph Nathans 130, Stan Roberts 129, and Neil Gouse 129; while Mel Bloom hit 126, Julius Nasberg managed 124, Nate Altman 121, and Billy Nasberg hit 119. To date the best league high threes are Neil Cohen's 433, Sherwin Zaidman's 418, Duffy Giglio's 407, Dave Greenberg's 392, Al Walker's 380 and Alan Hopfenberg's 379. Best league singles to date are Sherwin Zaidman 170, Duffy Giglio 161, Neil Cohen 160, Dave Greenberg 154, Hy Grossberg 153, Moe Filler 150. Top average belongs to Duffy G. with 123 followed by Neil Cohen 117 and Sherwin Zaidman 115.

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### K. O. P. Tenpin

Recap of the month showed that on the seventh top honors went to Brent Goldstein with 192/547 followed by Sandy Shaw 187/529, Max Cohen 193/505, and Wayne DeCosta with a 135 average hitting a 194 game. The ladies were led by Judy Lieberman with 188/508, Michele O'Neil 164/453, Elsie Markowitz 168/446, and Liz Spelman with a 110 average going outstanding with 175/406. The following week saw Lee Nulman show the way with 225/626, Dave Cokin 225/566, Barry Dressler with a 145 average hitting 212/515 for his best effort of the year, Stu Solup 206/503, Brent Goldstein 194/502, and Abe Shore with a 132 average going 174/467. Elsie Markowitz shined with 191/503, Judy Lieberman had 194/460, Pauline DeCosta 160/443, and Cathy Guillemette managed a 160. Cutty Sark with Dave Cokin, Brent Goldstein, Cathy Guillemette, and Bruce White won the first half championship this night. The 21st was led by Max Cohen with a 206/571, Al Meier with a 154 average had his best effort with 219/561, and on the 28th Dave Cokin led all with 222/577, Max Cohen had 204/563, Stu Solup hit 202/534, Marc Dorsen 183/523, Barry Golden 191/516, Brent Goldstein 219, Bruce White's 115 average improved with 197, Elsie Markowitz hit 197/471, Judi Robinson 176/454 and Pauline DeCosta 431.

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### Castaways

Izzy Nachbar led the way with a fine 408 but was chased by George Goldstein who managed 406. Irrepressible Ron Chorney shot his average up to 139 with a strong 161/393. Irwin Levy hit 159/366 and Dick Kumins had 158/388. Syd and Alan Exter are deadlocked for second in average with 122. Steve Platkin had a 155, George Goldstein 151, Mark Exter 147/372, Izzy Nachbar 372, Izzy also had a 144, and Sam Miller hit 144. Some good bowling was turned in by Stan Dorchuck with 145/372 and Sid Green just missed the 400 barrier with his solid 395. The Aries team consisting of Irv Kaiser, Stan Dorchuck, Alan Silver and Syd Exter turned in a fine 1402 triple. The Leo team of Sid Chorney, Sam Wilk, Sam Green, and Ron Chorney managed 1369. Taurus which has Miles Goldberg, Len Klehr, Sid Green, and Izzy Nachbar took top single honors for the month with 484 which was two points better than Cancer's 482. Nice try to Marshall S., Al Alter, Irv Max, and Georgia G. Taurus also is to be congratulated as they won the first half championship on the last night with a four-zip victory. The cream rose to the top.

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### Bud Trinkle

This month's "Holy-Cow" award goes to Aaron "easy game" Soren. He smashed his

all time high with a 232/603 and collected a strike jackpot in the process. Not to be outdone was "Karate" Jeff Fine who also took a jackpot this month. Tim Miller and Mike Owen both crushed their personal highs with a 231 and 219, respectively. Bill "bounce" Ciesynski banged out a 221/604 and Len Varga had a mediocre month this time with 626. Bruce Wasser and Larry Segal have been the most valuable bowlers as their averages go up each week. Other fine scores were by Roger Wilgus 221/567, Howie Wasser 231/575, Jim Aiello 215/589, Sam Feingold 212/557, Maxie Cohen 197/527, Larry Scheer 549, Dick Lyons 523, Lenny Waldman 179, and Max Fine had 154.

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### K.O.P. Duckpins

January's cold temps saw some hot bowling from John Raleigh and Joe Matzner. John had 171/408 and Joe hit 174/384. Bowlers hitting personal highs for the year were Syd Matzner 131, and Scott Altman 135. Harvey Rosenblatt continued his torrid streak with 356 and 375 while clinging to the average lead with 114. Evan Cronson's average moved to 112 with his 348 series. Doing some strong bowling this month was Aaron Fox with 353 and 337, and Larry Priest had 343 and 335. Izzy Krasnoff got into the act with a nifty 125. Aaron Fox is moving up in the average department as he is now at 109. Larry Priest at 107 and Joe Matzner 106 are beginning to breathe down Harvey and Evan's back. Good to have Mort Hamer back after being on the disabled list with an injury. The league would like to extend get well wishes to Bill Smith. Finally, the second half is under way and the Esquire team of Harv Rosenblatt, Syd Matzner, and Scott Altman, and Sir Knight, Morris Miller have pushed themselves into an early lead.

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### Beth-El

In the Beth-El Men's League, the first half is complete, and the champs are "Olympia," who copped the title with one of the most exciting victories in recent memory. The odds against them winning four games against "Busch" on the final night had to be high, but that's what they did, sweeping through the first two games behind anchorman Rich Fain, and then the big one, thanks to a sensational 228 by Jeff "Dad" Cutler. (Jeff and his lovely wife, Sue, just became parents for the first time). There were other outstanding feats in the first half that must be noted, like Benny Diaz' 730 series, the second highest in league history, and "Budweiser's" 833 team hi-game. Early second half highlights include an 11-1 start by "Coors," led by Alan Rappoport and Brent Goldstein. Individually, a high five for Mike Sugerman, with a brilliant 277/669. At the other end of the rainbow, our Golden Gutter belongs to Peter Klein for an 83 game, the Silver Gutter goes to Tony Ferri for his impressive 108, and the Copper Gutter to Barry Rappoport for a blazing 101 game. Special mention to Merl the Pearl Rodyn, who rolled a 358 series.

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### Under 30's Couples

The league would like to extend hearty congrats to Susan and Jeff Cutler on the birth of their new son. Hope all three are doing well. This past month showed Harry Rose taking top honors with a super 254/650. Dave Robinson was right behind him with 258/612. Dave took the men's high single with his fine game. Other men bowling well were Bruce Gordon 213/606, Steve O'Neil 183/506, Skip Lawson 227/582, Joe Miller 200/525, and Rene Pariseau 190/513. Patti Berman continues to bowl very well as witnessed by sparkling nights of 200/529 and 190/527. Patti holds women's high average and with this type of bowling she deserves to be in the top spot. Kathy Conti also continues her hot streak bowling 184/517 and 183/533. Other notable scores were by Kathy Pariseau 181/451, Jean Pariseau 205/550, Bob McNichols 196/556, Debbie Goldenberg 189/508, Debbie also had 182/512, Nancy

Mills with a 102 average hit 145/371, Bernie Lough 174/512, Diane Zuly 175/450, Joe Munson 217/570, and Allyn Gordon 200/504. Trudy Sloane is back and celebrated with a nifty 175/411. The Lawsons with 337 lead the average parade followed by the Suger-mans, Gordons and Robinsons all at 327. Judy and Dave Robinson had top single with 406 and the Lawsons took top triple with 1071.

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### Sinai

Harvey Hutt gave everyone a lesson on what an anchor man is supposed to do. Bowling for the first half championship he found his team down two marks going into the last box of the last string. With most of the league watching in silence, Harv walked up to the alley with his cigar in the left side of his mouth and the bowling ball in his right hand. He then proceeded to throw two strikes to win it all for his team. Not once did an ash fall on the alley. Making it possible for Harvey to pull off his heroics was Bob Silverman who had a 233 in the middle string to win that game and the other two members helping out were Andy Port 189 and Ralph Rottenberg. Bowling for the losers with a good effort was Mel Goldstein as Mel hit for 219, Lowell Delerson 182, Marty Brown and Dick Strauss. The Heavey Hitters were at it again as Phil Levinson broke league high single with a resounding 258/673, Larry Field had 662, Babe Gertz 610, Harry Coppel 592, Mark Palombo was over 560 for three solid weeks, Clint Smith the ageless wonder had 572, Dave Seidman 547 while taking the big jackpot, Hotsie Strelow 546, Herb Bloom 522, Adrian Horovitz 523, Abb Dressler 518, Tony Palombo & Al Parkin each had 526, Nick Campanini 537, Marv Jacobson 541, Frank Boffi 544, Harold Cohen 516, Rick Bloom 555, Bob Roiff 520, Harry Katzman 525, and Jerry Kaplan made the 1-7 split for the first time in his career.

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### Lovin' Couples

Top honors this past month go to Ken and Meri Tolchinsky for a strong 322/948 effort. Harvey and Faye Goldman had 327/937, Butch and Pauline Savaria had 900, Keith and Gail Bender had 328/868, Larry and Donna Segal took top single with 339/866. Jim and Carolyn Hickey 312/864, Ethan and Wendy Adler 843, and John and Lisa Topp had 840. The Organized were led by Ken Tolchinsky's 202/572 as this team took honors with 643/1911. Helping out were teammates Frank Boffi 162/486, Meri Tolchinsky 120/376, and Marie Leamy 159/477. Larry Segal rolled a 247 which is a new league record, Nancy Dias hit 191/474, Allan Course 154/416, Carolyn Hickey 169/437, Sena Yamuder 311, Myra Blank 431, Carol Fishman 138/367, Irene Shlevin 197, while Frank Boffi and Marie Leamy still lead in average with 337 but Butch and Pauline Savaria are closing fast with 120, Harvey and Faye Goldman are at 312 and Jason "Curley" Blank and Myra are trying for 300 but are now at 298. The league would like to welcome new bowlers Peter and Lynn Kilkenney and are looking for a very speedy recovery to Marie Leamy who was in the hospital.



## Bowler of the Month

DAVE COKIN bowls for the Knights of Pythias Tenpin league. Currently averaging a solid 176, Dave has been one of the most consistent bowlers in the congress. This past month he rolled two fine series of 566 and 577 which is an indication of his consistency and vast improvement since leaving the duckpin group. Dave will soon be challenging the leaders for top honors. He's this corner's choice as top bowler of the month.

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### RIJBC Couples

The big news didn't happen at Langs this month for Debbie and Steve Demby but rather at the hospital as Debbie and Steve became the proud parents of a baby girl, Arielle, born January 12, 1981. On the lanes, however, Mark the bomber Palombo continues his assault on the pins with a 754/636, Ralph Rottenberg 203/572, Nick Anpanini 199/560, Mel Goldstein 226/553, Ben Rubin 233/551, Bill Montigny 194/547, Andy Port 211/531, Phyllis Dressler 190/504, Clara Lobello 164/467, Mickey Silverman 173/462, and Sharon Finn 165/453 had great individual efforts. Still leading the league in average is Adrian and Deb Horovitz with 330 as they hit for 973 this month. Sandy and Babe Gertz are next with 328 riding a 357/962, Tony and Kate Palombo have been passed by Mark Palombo and Janice Cornell 324-322 as Mark and Janice took top honors with 375/1031. Ben and Bernice Rubin had 381/1019, Clara Lobello and Bill Montigny 354/1014, Abbott and Phyl Dressler had 375/988, Mel and Rita Goldstein 369/974, Andy and Barbara Port hit 344/959 and Harry and Anna Mae Escher had 355. The Lions of Lorraine Ferri, Jon Goldman, Ade and Deb Horovitz took best team of the month with 1855, while the Cubs of Linda Barbarian, Archie Barbarian, Clara and Bill had best single with 685/1850. The Moose with 667 featuring Tony and Ralph Rottenberg and Sid and Tedi Green took second high singles.



### Congress Scoreboard

#### Tenpin Division:

High Average:		
Len Varga	Bud Trinkle	204
Ben Diaz	Beth-El	193
Harry Rose	Beth-El	190
Mike Robertson	Beth-El	190
Mike Sugerman	Beth-El	187

#### High Three

Len Varga	Bud Trinkle	767
Phil Levinson	Sinai	680
Mike Sugerman	Beth-El	675
Rich Fain	Beth-El	660

#### High Single

Len Varga	Bud Trinkle	299
Mike Sugerman	Beth-El	267
Ben Diaz	Beth-El	265
Phil Levinson	Sinai	258

#### Duckpin Division:

Averages		
Ron Chorney	Castaways	139
Ken Indell	Beth Israel	124
Duffy Giglio	Bloom Pockar	123
Syd Exter	Castaways	122
Al Exter	Castaways	122



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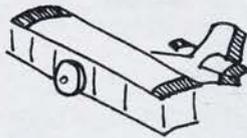
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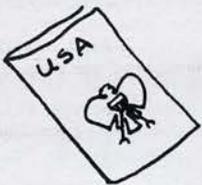
## HEBREW WORDS OF THE MONTH

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suitcase

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(oh nee yah)  
boat (ship)



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## A SCARY WORLD FOR SOVIET JEWISH CHILDREN



"I was five when my father was arrested and I couldn't understand what was happening. In the early morning of July 5, 1972, five strangers came to our house. They told father to get out of bed and took him away...

"Ten months later I saw father - in prison. Mother and father had to sit a distance from each other. Two high tables were between them; a soldier walked between the tables. I was allowed to sit on father's lap. A half hour later, he was taken away. I took his hand; I wanted to go with him but I was pulled away.

In the Soviet Union (also called Russia), the people are not free. The government does not want anyone to believe in God. The government wants Jews to forget about being Jewish. Jews who pray, learn Hebrew, or study Jewish history are treated very badly.

"When I was seven, just before we left for Israel, we had another visit. Mother and I had to undress so we could be searched before seeing father. I remember how they took father away again.

"Now six more months have passed. Mother and I live in Jerusalem. She works and I study. In July, 1979, father was released from the labor camp, but he's still not free. He is still in Russia, waiting for permission to leave for Israel.

"Why can't he come home? Wasn't it enough that he was behind barbed wire for seven years?"

When Jews in the Soviet Union ask for permission to leave, they are called "refuseniks". They are usually fired from their jobs. Then they do not have enough money to buy food and clothes. Sometimes the government makes up reasons to arrest them.

Life is very scary for the children of refuseniks. Other students at school tease them. Sometimes the teachers will discuss how terrible refuseniks are, while Jewish children are sitting right there in the classroom.

Liza is in Israel, waiting for her father. One day, hopefully, all of the refusenik children will leave the Soviet Union with their families. Some may go to Israel. Some may go to other countries where they have relatives or friends. Some may come right to your own city!

Here is a letter written by 13 year old Liza Skolnik. Liza's father, Isaac, was arrested after the Skolnik family applied for permission to move to Israel. Liza and her mother went to Israel while Isaac was in prison. They hoped Isaac would be able to join them in Israel after he was freed from prison. Here is Liza's letter:

What can you do for the children of refuseniks? On page 2, in the "From the Mail Pouch" column, Kanga has a list of some addresses of refusenik children. Write to them to show them that you care and they are not forgotten!

(Resource: Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.)

**"JEWISH WOMAN YOU ADMIRE" CONTEST  
PRIZES! PRIZES!**

**HOW TO ENTER:** Choose a Jewish woman you admire. She can be someone from the Bible—like Sarah or Esther or Deborah. She can be someone in Jewish history—like Golda Meir or Henrietta Szold. She can be someone from modern times—like Rabbi Sally Preisand or Betty Friedan. Or she could even be someone in the future—make up your own example of the Jewish woman of the future that you would admire!

After you select your person, you probably will need to go to a library to find out more about her. Then tell NOAH'S ARK why you chose the woman you did. You could describe her in a poem, essay, limerick, puzzle, or game. Or you can draw your person in a way that our readers will know why she is so special. All art must be drawn on white paper using black felt-tipped pen or pencil.

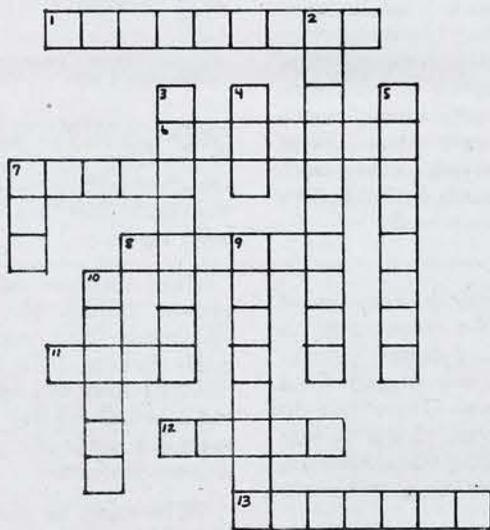
Send your entry to: NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071. **YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE TO WIN!**

A NOAH'S ARK T-Shirt will be sent to the best entry. The winner and runners-up will have their entries printed in the May issue of NOAH'S ARK.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTERING: March 10, 1981.**

(Attention teachers: This would be an excellent class project and NOAH'S ARK welcomes entries from classes.)

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



Answers on page 4.

**ACROSS**

1. A Jew in the Soviet Union who asks permission to leave.
6. The United States of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Russia is also called the Soviet \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Another name for the Soviet Union is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. America is the "land of the \_\_\_\_\_".
12. Immigrants fly from one country to another in a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Immigrants who come to America learn to speak \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN**

2. People who move to a new country to live are called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When you go to a new country, you have to learn how to speak a new \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A person who practices Judaism is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The paper a person needs to "pass" from "port to port".
7. Initials of number 6 across.
9. When immigrants pack to leave they put their clothes in a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Some people who leave Russia go to the "land of milk and honey" — called \_\_\_\_\_.

**FROM THE  
MAIL POUCH**



**Dear Readers:**

We have lots of letters from people who want pen pals. We are saving those letters until next month. Instead, we want to give you the names of children in the Soviet Union who would like to hear from you.

If you write to the children of refuseniks (people who are trying to leave the Soviet Union), you will show them that you care about them and they are not forgotten.

Write to them in a warm, friendly way in English. Do not criticize the Russian government. Just write like you would write a letter to a pen pal anywhere else.

Address your letter like it is written below. If you can, send your letter registered air mail (which costs more money). If not, you can send your letter regular air mail.

**If you receive any answers to your letters, please send a copy to Kanga c/o NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071.**

- Kanga

Nataly Firdman (7 years old)  
Mytninskaya 31, apt. 3  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

Polina Khodorovskiy  
(7 years old)  
Budapeshtskaya 42, corp. 3,  
apt. 126  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

Anna Kramer (7 years old)  
Orbeli 11, apt. 54  
RSFSR, Leningrad USSR

Olga Axelrod (8 years old)  
Topy Stan,  
Microregion 2, Corp. 20, apt. 4  
RSFSR, Moscow, USSR

Leonid Dubrovsky (8 years old)  
Blagodatnaya 33, apt. 8  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

Vladislav Genin (8 years old)  
Butlerova 18, apt. 95  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

Gennady Zhuk (8 years old)  
Popoviche 15, apt. 4  
Ukrainian SSR, Donetsk, USSR

Alexander Plotkin (9 years old)  
Bolshoi Oktensky 6/1, apt. 70  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

German Isaev (9 years old)  
Lenina 38, apt. 1  
RSFSR, Derbent, USSR

Itzhak Mulaeris (9 years old)  
Laisves Allea 72-A, apt. 16  
Lithuanian SSR, Kaunas, USSR

Dimitry Chechik (10 years old)  
Ligovsky Pr. 3/9  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

Ran Kapchitz (10 years old)  
Moscovskaya 183/79  
Kirgiz SSR - Frunze, USSR

Roman Rosental (11 years old)  
Chernishevskogo 9/33  
Moldavian SSR,  
Kishinev, USSR

Genrietta Bordsky (11 years old)  
Ivana Tkachenko 135, apt. 20  
Ukrainian SSR, Donetsk, USSR

Mikhail Lobovikov  
(12 years old)  
Komintern 2/56, Petrodvoretz  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

Joseph Dinerstein 13 years old  
Tuchkov Per. 11/6, apt. 8  
RSFSR, Leningrad, USSR

(If you need more names for a class project, write to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, 200 West 72nd Street, Suites 30-31, New York, N.Y. 10023.)

What did the tallis say to the Rabbi?



Don't move, I've got you covered!

- Lee Mendelson  
8 Years Old  
Memphis, Tennessee

### FREEDOM

Without freedom, our lives would be a mess.  
 For what would we do without freedom of the press?  
 We also need freedom of speech,  
 And the freedom to hear our religions preach.  
 Freedom also means not to be a slave.  
 The slaves in Egypt, Moses did save.  
 Now other people from freedomless countries may  
 Find happiness in the U.S. of A.

- By Patricia Greenspan  
 Fifth Grade  
 Rabbi Harry Halpern Day School  
 of the East Midwood Jewish Center  
 Brooklyn, New York

### REFUSENIK CHILDREN



These children are "refuseniks"—they have applied to leave the Soviet Union with their parents and are waiting for permission to go. In the meantime, they are learning Jewish history and Hebrew. In this picture, they are watching a play performed by their parents in Moscow.

(Photo by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils of Soviet Jews.)

### FREEDOM MAZE

It is very difficult for Jews to leave the Soviet Union. For them, leaving Russia is like going through a maze. They go down different paths. Sometimes the path is correct. Usually the path leads to a dead end. Sometimes they feel like they are going in circles. It is very easy to become discouraged and to want to quit.

As you work this Freedom Maze, you will go down many paths that may make you want to give up. Remember that this maze is only a game for you. It is real life for the Jews of the Soviet Union. Keep trying to go along all the paths. Finally you will reach the airplane that will take you to freedom!

Here are some of the different problems you will run into along this maze:

**START** - This is one of the most difficult parts of the Freedom Maze. Pretend you are a Jew living in the Soviet Union. Once you decide to try the maze, there is no turning back.

**EXIT PAPERS** - Before you can leave the Soviet Union, you must have official papers saying you have permission to go. Many times you will be told, "Your papers aren't in order!" Or you will be told that your exit papers are "denied" (which means you can't go).

**TRAITOR!** - Refuseniks are not treated very well. Your parents are probably fired from their jobs. They have no money to support their family. You lose your friends. Your teacher embarrasses you in class by saying your parents are traitors (people who are against the government).

**ARREST AND PRISON** - Sometimes people are arrested after they ask permission to leave. Your father might be arrested because he isn't working. Since Russia is not a free country, if you march in the streets or sign a petition you could be arrested. Most of the time, the crime is made up just because you asked for permission to leave.

**GOODBYE - MAYBE!** - After months or years of waiting, you may get the good news that you have permission to leave. Then comes the sad part: saying goodbye to relatives and friends you may never see again. Many times your family might sell all of your belongings, say all of your goodbyes, go all the way to the airport, and then be told that there has been a mistake. You can't leave after all!

**FREEDOM!** - Finally your family is allowed to leave. It has not been easy. Starting a new life in a strange, new country will be very difficult. But you are free! And you have left behind thousands of Jews who are still in the Soviet Union, hoping and praying to leave too.

**START** **FREEDOM**

**RUSSIA IN** **DECISION TO STAY** **LEAVE**

**EXIT PAPERS DENIED** **STUDY JUDAISM IN SECRET** **YOU MAY LEAVE**

**EXIT PAPERS NOT IN ORDER** **TEACHER CALLS YOU A TRAITOR** **SAY GOODBYE TO RELATIVES**

**NO EXIT** **FATHER ARRESTED** **THERE'S A MISTAKE!**

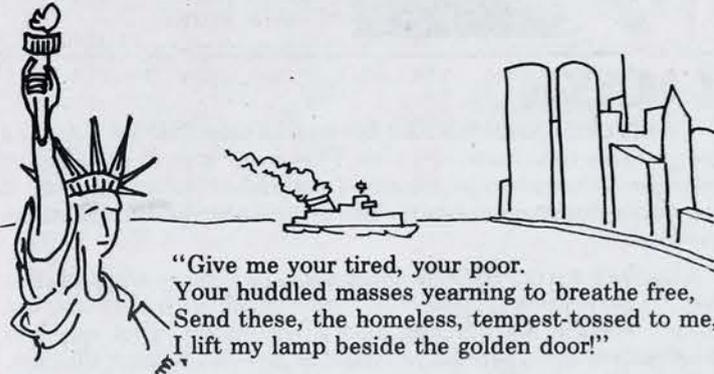
**PARENTS FIRED FROM JOBS** **STILL IN JAIL** **LOSE ALL YOUR FRIENDS** **GO TO AIRPORT**

**EXIT PAPERS GRANTED**



**EMMA LAZARUS**

If you ever visited New York City, perhaps you visited the Statue of Liberty that stands in the harbor there. Maybe you noticed a poem written on the bottom of the statue. The poem, written by Emma Lazarus, ends with these famous words:



"Give me your tired, your poor.  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Those words mean, "America welcomes people from everywhere - any people who are not free or do not have a home." The Statue of Liberty is supposed to be like a "golden door" that welcomes everyone.

This poem has become a symbol of America. Who was this woman, Emma Lazarus, who captured the spirit of America so well in her poem?

Emma was born in New York City in 1849. Her ancestors were Jews who had come to America from Spain.

At an early age, Emma showed an interest in poetry. When she was fourteen years old, the Civil War broke out. She was angry that some people were slaves and she began to write poems about her feelings. Her poems were so good that magazines began to publish them. A collection of her poems was printed when she was only eighteen.

In the 1880's boatloads of Jewish immigrants from Russia began arriving in this country. They were leaving mobs who beat them and burned their homes in Russia. Emma's heart was touched by these poor, frightened, unwanted people, who arrived on America's shores without knowing English or American customs. Many had trouble finding jobs to support their families.

Emma turned her talents to helping them. She wrote many articles about the problems of these people and urged that action be taken to help them.

As Emma's interest in the Jewish people deepened, she began to study the Bible and Jewish history.

Emma Lazarus died when she was only 38. After she died, her memory was honored with a plaque on the base of the Statue of Liberty. On this plaque is her famous poem.

People coming to the United States today still crane their necks over boat railings to catch a glimpse of the famous statue. As it comes into view they see the powerful arm raised high, carrying the torch of freedom, and Emma's greeting inscribed at the base.

The words of Emma Lazarus continue to give newcomers hope and courage as they begin a new life.

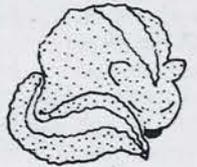
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**RIDDLE CONTEST WINNER**

The winner of the "Do You Noah Riddle" Contest is **Danielle Ilustre**, 8 years old, from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her prize-winning entry is printed below and her T-shirt is in the mail.



How many friends does a skunk have?



Very phew!

**RUNNER-UP**

Turtle: Noah, can I steer the ark for a while?

Noah: I don't think we have the time.

Turtle: What do you mean?

Noah: I'm afraid you'd stop at every Shell station!

- **Wendy Stein**  
9 Years Old

**RUNNER-UP**

Lion: Noah, listen to that noisy parrot. It never stops talking!

Noah: That noisy parrot is a wordy birdie!

- **Jennifer Michele Miller**  
11 Years Old  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**SECRET CODE**

What would you call a Soviet Jew who is in a hurry to leave the country? Each of the following Russian letters stands for a letter in the English alphabet. Match the Russian letter to the English letter and write it in the blank. When you are through, you'll know the answer to the riddle!

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Л	Е	Ц	Р
-	Н	Ч	С
Й	И	П	У
Г	Ј	Б	W

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З Ц П Ч — Й Ж Г Л Б

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**ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Across</b> | <b>Down</b>   |
| 1. Refusenik  | 2. Immigrants |
| 6. America    | 3. Language   |
| 7. Union      | 4. Jew        |
| 8. Russia     | 5. Passport   |
| 11. Free      | 7. U.S.A.     |
| 12. Plane     | 9. Suitcase   |
| 13. English   | 10. Israel    |

**ANSWER TO REBUS**

APPLE — APP + STOP — SP + QUARTER — QATER + PIPE — PI + SOAP — SA + LEG — G + GLOVE — LVE =

**LET OUR PEOPLE GO**

**ANSWER TO SECRET CODE**

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## Soviet Jew Who Hijacked Plane Reported Missing

JERUSALEM — Iosif Mendelevich, who was involved in an attempt to hijack a Soviet plane 11 years ago, reportedly has disappeared from a Soviet labor camp, his sister reported this week.

## N.Y. Support For Soviet Prisoner

NEW YORK — In 1978, Ida Nudel, a Soviet economist who had spent seven years trying to obtain permission to move to Israel, hung a banner from her Moscow balcony saying, "K.G.B. give me my visa." She did not get her exit visa, and a few weeks later was convicted of "malicious hooliganism" and sentenced to four years' exile in Siberia.

Nudel is still in Siberia, but has found a friend at City Hall in New York. In a speech in Madrid, City Council President Carol Bellamy disclosed that she and other New York women were starting an organization to publicize Nudel's plight in hopes of obtaining her release.

Bellamy told of her plans in an address before the International Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations for Soviet Jewry.

## Abuhazira Trial Witness Assaulted

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Deputy Mayor Yisrael Gottlieb of B'nei Brak, a key prosecution witness in the bribery trial of Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhazira, was attacked and severely injured in his office in the town hall last week. Police said he was struck on the head by a blunt instrument wielded by a man in "the usual black garb of an ultra-Orthodox Jew."

Gottlieb was hospitalized for treatment of lacerations and later went to the police station where he identified his assailant as a diamond polisher employed by Shmuel Daskal, one of Abuhazira's co-defendants. The suspect was picked up by the police shortly after the assault.

## Israel Finds New Oil, Gas Sites

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai cautioned Israelis not to get their hopes up over first indications that oil may be found at a new drill site at Ga'ash, north of Tel Aviv near the main highway to Haifa. It is the first time that region has been explored for oil.

Modai said on a radio interview that "The indications of oil at Ga'ash are hopeful but do not necessarily indicate that large quantities, justifying exploitation, are to be found there."

Meanwhile, a new source of natural gas found at a drilling site at Sdot south of Ashkelon was linked to other producing areas last week. The field is now yielding 30 million cubic feet of gas a day.

Mendelevich is the last Jewish member held in the Soviet Union of a group that tried to hijack a plane from Leningrad and escape to Israel. The others have emigrated.

His sister, Rivka Drori, told reporters that friends in Moscow recently received a letter from the commander of Mendelevich's labor camp in the Urals saying Mendelevich had disappeared. The letter did not elaborate.

Mrs. Drori said she feared that her brother,

who has no relatives in the Soviet Union and has not been allowed visits from friends for several years, might be in a hospital or even have died.

ISRAEL WAS JUBILANT Wednesday when Mendelevich arrived in Jerusalem after being released, inexplicably, from the Soviet Union. He prayed at the Western Wall and said his religious convictions had kept him going while in prison.

## Competitors To Get Drug Tests

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Competitors taking part in the 11th Maccabiah World Games in July will undergo medical drug tests, similar to those in force in the Olympic Games. The new tests, not used in previous Maccabiah Games, were decided on at a meeting of the International Maccabiah Games Committee here last week.



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## Finance

### Israel's Diamond Industry Faces Recession Troubles

RAMAT GAN, ISRAEL — A severe recession has been plaguing Israel's diamond industry for the past two years, putting 3,000 diamond cutters out of work and causing the closing of 200 workshops.

Despite the recession, Israel still says it is the world's largest cutting center, where 12,000 cutters were once employed.

Three manufacturers declared themselves bankrupt this month, and one of them, reportedly owing \$50 million to local banks and foreign creditors, has fled the country. The Israel Diamond Manufacturers Association had threatened to close the polishing factories for the month of February but instead announced that factories will work only four days a week.

Diamonds are Israel's number one industrial export: in 1980, Israel exported \$1.4 billion in polished stones, mostly diamonds weighing less than a quarter carat, called Melees.

Although the diamond industry worldwide has been hit with a similar recession, the problems in Israel have lasted longer and hurt more.

With the economy already in serious trouble, the decline of one of its healthiest industries had an effect on the Israeli banks which finance the industry.

Some experts blame the current crisis on "the boom of 1977."

Then, as in 1978, diamond prices skyrocketed, and Israeli diamond merchants began to speculate on the monthly allotments sold by the Central Selling Organization of London.

To punish speculators, the so-called Syndicate (the Central Selling Organization of the De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.) imposed a 40 percent surcharge on its allotments in March 1978. When it removed the surcharge a few months later, it increased prices by 30 percent. Many Israeli diamond merchants bought large quantities of diamonds at inflated prices, financing the purchases with low-interest loans from Israeli banks. Interest rates for diamond manufacturers were about 6 percent then.

In the fall of 1979, the recession hit. Melees had become overpriced and consumer demand, especially in the U.S., softened.

The boom in larger investment stones, processed mostly in New York, continued through 1979, with the wholesale price of a flawless, one-carat, blue-white stone reaching \$60,000. But that market dried up this year as interest rates soared. The same one-carat stone gets about \$45,000 now.

Israeli merchants are angry that the government, which encouraged diamond merchants to establish themselves here in the late 1960's, is not being more supportive.

## Successful Investing

House-Selling Dilemma

by David R. Sargent



**Q — I am a 58-year-old widow in excellent health. My own business provides an adequate income for normal expenses, but my children's educational costs put me in a bind. Is there any solution, other than selling our home, that will improve our finances? R.P. California**

**A —** You don't indicate whether there is any "surplus" acreage, land that you might be able to sell that could provide a tidy windfall without requiring you to move. If so, this appears to be a good time to put it on the market. Real estate prices have climbed in recent years, particularly in California.

Alternatively, you might consider refinancing your home since you say that the remaining balance on your present mortgage is quite small. Although mortgage rates are very high, you presumably wouldn't be seeking a large amount. This option could ease the strain of having to meet large education bills over a short period of time. However, the monthly mortgage payment would have to be reasonable, considering your present income.

If you do decide to remortgage, it might be with the understanding that your children will "step into the financial picture" when their education is completed and they are working. Perhaps they could then run your business allowing you to pursue your goal of

returning to school in order to prepare for a new career.

**Q — I am a Black & Decker employee. You were once optimistic about the stock, but it hasn't gone anywhere. Should I continue to hold the shares I have? R.J. California**

**A —** Black & Decker has been a perplexing situation. While both earnings and dividends have risen rapidly since the 1975 debacle (although fiscal '80 net was flat), the stock's performance over the years has been very disappointing.

Management's failure to introduce any major new products, as well as the company's inability to meet targeted earnings goals, has been the main negative. The home repair market, contrary to expectations, has proven vulnerable to weak economies and record high interest rates around the world, and it could be a while before Black & Decker's earnings resume their forward momentum.

As an employee, you may prefer to hold for eventual improvement in operating results — especially if you have a long-term commitment to the company. But for greater near-term potential, I suggest switching to Eagle Picher Industries. This industrial machinery company is well positioned to profit from growth in many areas, including oil drilling and coal mining.

## Local Car Dealers Suffer From A Fickle Public, Misinformed Government

by Peter Alexander

The plight of local car dealers as well as the automotive industry as a whole is a frantic game of passing the blame, while consumers just aren't passing the bucks.

"I had lunch with one of the car dealers yesterday," explains Frank Gary, Vice President of Old Stone Bank, "and he told me there were a lot of people who came in to look at cars that hadn't bought one for 3 or 4 years. When they saw the prices, they were flabbergasted. When people see prices like that, they're going to re-assess the situation."

Figuring quickly on his calculator, Gary pointed out that a \$9,300 K-Car, after the initial 20 percent downpayment, would cost \$210.84 per month at 16 percent over a four-year loan.

Gary also pointed out that not all auto dealers were having problems. That Datsun, Toyota and Honda dealers were doing well, and at full pricing.

### Auto-Making History

Back in 1939, Henry Ford and some others thought that perhaps a small car might not be so bad. After all, if it's smaller it has to be cheaper, right? Ford found that by downscaling the V-8 by a one-third, he could only manufacture the new engine for \$3.00 less than a full V-8. And then he found that his economy car could only be sold for \$50.00 less than the standard-sized Ford.

In 1959, the first American compacts were introduced. They were the Falcon, the Corvair and the Valiant. In 1964, the Mustang came along. In 1970, Ford brought out Maverick.

In 1971, articles abounded in the Wall Street Journal and other magazines about America's new love affair with small cars. Fifteen percent of all car sales were foreign. But this was a heavy year for recalls, and what people forgot was that 45 percent of all recalls were foreign cars.

But 1971 also brought about the Nixon Administration's decision to float the dollar against other currencies. The dollar was no longer backed by gold. So the dollar declined, and foreign prices and German labor rose.

In 1972, American small car sales overtook the foreign sales. But it was the same year that we began to import 30 percent of all domestic oil. By 1973 we had an oil shortage, but curiously, it was the greatest sales year in the history of the auto makers. And of all car sales, 48.4 percent were small cars.

But in 1974, there was another shift. Suddenly, the gas crisis was over and people were out buying cars again, but they were buying large cars. Rebate programs, mostly on small cars began. And as the unsold small cars sat on the Lot, Henry Ford II asked the Federal Government to put a 10 percent tax on gas to

push the market to smaller cars. Nixon resigned. A different Ford became president.

Now it was 1975, and President Ford, in order to reduce foreign dependence on oil, slapped on a \$2 per barrel import charge. His decision was overturned in a Federal court. The Democratic Congress lowered gas prices and promised that the U.S. would not have to pay more than 10 cents per gallon more for the next decade and beyond. With the promise of cheap gas, Americans bought large cars and guzzled gas like never before. The companies that did the worst that year were compact companies: American Motors and Chrysler.

Then in 1976 large car sales increased. Congress rolled back oil prices by \$1 per gallon. And now the problem comes into sharper focus, because in 1976-77, the Big Three closed small car assembly plants while big car plants were on overtime. American Motors went to the Federal Government, one year before Chrysler, to seek Federal aid. In 1974, they were hailed as America's small car company and the executives brilliant for the turn-around they made. Now they were like the lonely quarterback, sacked behind the lines on a rain-soaked field.

### How We Got Here

The rest of the story is within memorable history. So how did we get here? Part of the answer is misplaced faith. For some reason, the American public has more faith in foreign cars than in American.

"And that's because of thought leaders, magazine articles and no man being a prophet in his own land," says Ted Leonard, president of the Auto Show in Seekonk. "People just don't see faults as clearly when the manufacturer is far away. Trust is the faith that one can put in someone's promise. And if you look at imports, the quality is there on small cars."

"But the quality is there on American cars," asserts Charlie Fisher, general manager of Lloyd Long Oldsmobile. "There are American cars that get 30 miles to the gallon. Oldsmobile is one of them. We're selling Oldsmobiles because they're the best made of all GM cars. Take our Cutlass. You call up any car dealer and try to find one used on a lot. Or tell him that you have one that you want to trade in and see what he says."

What Ted Leonard says is that the used car market is becoming hot. "The market won't come back. There are fewer people to buy cars who can afford to buy a car. The result is that the used car market will become hot."

Adds Frank Gary of Old Stone Bank, "The finance charge is a factor, but the biggest factor is the cost of the item."

Adding it all up, we see:  
• We've got high car prices because of labor costs, and because the Congress orders

the automakers to make safety products and designs that are good for us but that we end up disconnecting or abandoning (like the air bag).

• It's a marketing problem. Despite advanced tracking systems by zip codes that could point out almost daily where the shifts were taking place, this data went largely unused. You can't really market a product until you know who's going to buy it and what they can afford to spend.

• Caught in the crisis of decision, the public at large has tended to be fickle. The higher gas prices, the higher the foreign car sales, and the lower the U.S. car sales which results in unemployment that we pay for anyway. What a way to lose.

## E.F. Hutton Joins With Israeli Firm For Scientific Research

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The E.F. Hutton Group, Inc., a leading U.S. investment banking house, and the Yeda Research and Development Company of Rehovot, which is connected with the Weizmann Institute of Science, have joined forces to market products based on scientific projects carried out by the Institute.

Yeda will promote the projects covering drug development, agriculture and medical instruments. E.F. Hutton will raise \$25 million over the next five years from large institutional investors, such as insurance companies, mutual funds, commercial banks, and some wealthy individuals.

Hutton has created a company in Israel, called Taglit, Inc. (Discovery, in Hebrew) to channel the funds for 19 research projects initiated by the Weizmann Institute. They include research on interferon monoclonal antibodies, a new anti-viral vaccine, synthetic antigens, diagnostic instruments, animal toxicology and new genetic types of wheat.

Yeda general manager Aharon Meytahl told the Jerusalem Post that one of the purposes of the venture with Hutton is to "ensure Israel has a share in the big multi-billion dollar markets we see developing in the field of biotechnology." He said it would not result in a brain-drain from Israel but instead, "we expect many Jewish and other American scientists to come here and work on projects."

Meytahl said the patents covering the project would remain with the Weizmann Institute while Taglit will receive license and pay royalties to manufacture and market the projects being developed. All the manufac-

• The interest rates are high and floor financing is expensive for dealers. If a car sits on the floor for more than 3 months, they're losing money.

• Congress has caused a lot of this mess because of poor decisions on oil decontrol and forcing automakers to test gadgets that most of us refuse to use.

• And last, but not least, there's our friendly enemy, OPEC. It's not all their fault. Had we stayed on a dollar backed by gold, we might have avoided a lot of this mess.

"The day is coming," mused Ted Leonard, "when people will order new cars by catalogs. So will you need a new car dealer?"

turing will have to be done in Israel, unless Yeda specifically consents otherwise, he stressed. "Another condition imposed by the contract just signed is that the general manager and chief scientist of Taglit must reside in Israel," Meytahl said.

## Fashion Week Opens In Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Some 300 foreign buyers from over a dozen countries are here this week, inspecting the fashion goods displayed by 82 local manufacturers at this year's Israel fall/winter fashion week at the Hilton Hotel. The organizers said they were not worried by the decline in the number of buyers, from 500 last year. Israeli fashions were in brisk demand despite the world wide economic slowdown which had kept some buyers at home.

Fashion center and export institute sources said exports were down to the U.S. this year due to high customs barriers, but fashion exports to Britain had increased by over 80 percent between 1978 and 1980. West Germany remains Israel's main customer for fashion goods. It purchased \$127 million worth last year. Exports to Britain, Holland and France have also risen, industry sources said.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Arab residents of Gaza were killed and 21 people, including four Jewish and Arab Israelis, were injured Saturday when a grenade exploded some 20 yards from an army vehicle which had stopped in Gaza to repair a puncture. It was the third attack on Israeli vehicles during the past month.

# Legislation Drawn Up By ADL To Outlaw Paramilitary Camps

PALM BEACH, FLA. — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has urged state authorities to adopt legislation outlawing paramilitary training camps run by the Ku Klux Klan or other extremist groups — and made public a model statute.

The statute, drawn up by ADL's national Law Department, calls for imprisonment and/or fines against those found guilty of operating paramilitary training camps or receiving training there.

Seymour D. Reich, chairman of ADL's National Civil Rights Committee, said the model law would make training in the use of firearms, explosives, incendiary devices or techniques that kill or injure people a crime when it is for the intention of provoking civil disorder.

The League, which has monitored Klan activities since the 1920's, disclosed in a nationwide survey last October that the Klan is engaged in paramilitary activities in six states and urged regular FBI surveillance to protect Americans from terrorism and violence perpetrated by "armed racists."

Patterned after the 1968 federal Civil Obedience Act, the model law, according to Reich, is an "effective and legally sound local response to the proliferation of extremist-operated paramilitary camps." It was drafted after a canvass by the League's regional offices revealed that there is a pressing need for state laws that directly deal with paramilitary training.

Reich said that according to available information, the Civil Obedience Act has not resulted in any arrest of Klan paramilitary instructors. The federal law, unlike the ADL model statute which makes teaching or participating in paramilitary training a criminal offense, applies only to teaching.

Reich pointed out that state laws would for the first time enable local authorities to crack down on Klan paramilitary camps.

The ADL model law is based upon the federal statute which has been tested by the courts and upheld on constitutional grounds. Reich said the League had drawn the model as precisely as possible to prohibit only those activities "which one is constitutionally per-

mitted to proscribe.

The activities referred to, he emphasized, involved paramilitary training and exempt lawful activities such as rifle range training and karate club activities.

In its October report on the Klan, ADL pointed out that FBI monitoring of the KKK was sharply curtailed in 1976 by guidelines — issued in response to charges of the abuse of FBI powers — which require evidence of actual or imminent violence before investigating Klan activities.

The report named Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, North Carolina and Texas as sites of paramilitary training and cited California as a Klan distribution center for instructional manuals and handbooks on terrorism.

In Alabama, for example, Mr. Reich said, the Invisible Empire, Knights of the KKK, run by Bill Wilkinson, operates a campsite near Cullman, AL, which has been dubbed "My Lai." Training there includes target practice with M-16 semi-automatic rifles, obstacle course proficiency, study of guerrilla tactics and practice search and destroy missions.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The committee of Shalom Aleichem House here has named Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin as its honorary president. There are plans to publish Aleichem's works in Yiddish and Hebrew and English translations.

## Knesset Sets June 30 As Election Day

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset Legal Committee has set the national election date for June 30, thereby shifting the government's original July 7 proposal one week forward. All but one of the Likud coalition members supported the June 30 date while the Labor opposition members abstained since they wanted a May election.

## Police Arrest Suspects In Hebron Attack

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli security forces have detained two suspects in an attack on a yeshiva student in Hebron's downtown marketplace. The student, David Koch, 22, was on his way from the Tomb of the Patriarch to the building which once housed the Hadassah hospital when he was stabbed by two assailants who then fled from the scene. Koch was taken to a hospital in Jerusalem where he was treated and released. An immediate curfew was imposed on the Hebron area. Dozens of merchants and other residents were questioned and released later in the day.

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# Preparations Make Taxes Easier, Help Avoid Missing Benefits

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Taxes are no exception. The instructions that come with your tax package should answer most of your questions. Professional advice is always available free by calling the IRS Forms/Tax Information number listed in the telephone directory. The following tax tips will provide you with the tools you need to take advantage of all the benefits you have coming, to get your refund as quickly as possible, and, in general, get through the whole job of taxes with maximum ease:

### TAX TIP #1

**Be organized.** Keep tax records, even if you think of yourself as just an average taxpayer. Keep all your wage statements (check stubs) together. They're useful to check the accuracy of the Form W-2, *Wage and Tax Statement*, you get from your employer in January, and they're invaluable if you don't get your W-2 for some reason. Even if you don't think you'll itemize deductions, keep receipts or records on expenses that are tax deductible. A list of the most common deductions is in your tax instruction book. Sometimes we get financial surprises that suddenly make it advantageous to itemize deductions.

If you normally itemize deductions, or you already know now that you're going to do something during the year — purchase a home, for example — that may make it beneficial to start itemizing, good records are doubly important.

### TAX TIP #2

**Start early.** Even if you plan, for some reason, to file later in the season, look over the tax instructions and forms and your tax early. You may find that you need tax forms not included in your tax package, or you might discover that you're missing an important receipt.

### TAX TIP #3

**Take full advantage of available free help.** Free information and assistance are available from IRS by calling the Forms/Tax information number listed in the telephone directory. The IRS also has over 90 free publications available.

### TAX TIP #4

**Read the instructions.** Most of your questions are answered in the tax instructions, and the instructions follow the sequence of the tax return. Tax instructions are now easier to read and understand, and in less

technical language than ever before. Most forms are designed in such a way that if you take them line by line, reading and following each line carefully, the form will lead you through itself. Careful reading is the key.

### TAX TIP #5

**Check back over basics.** No matter how careful you think you've been, recheck your whole return before you file it. One of the most common errors the IRS finds, for instance, is caused simply by copying the wrong dollar amount from the tax table, either because the taxpayer was reading from the wrong line or the wrong column — a real shame to see an otherwise perfect effort spoiled by simple carelessness on the very last step. Double check for math errors and transposed numbers. Errors cause you inconvenience, and may even result in a bill for more tax or a delayed refund.

### TAX TIP #6

**Check attachments.** If you're using additional forms or schedules, such as Schedule A for itemized deductions, make sure your name and social security number appear on each and that you have all of them attached to the return. Attach your schedules in alphabetical order and your forms in numerical order. Use a stapler, if possible. Paper clips or folded corners are not particularly secure ways of attaching things. Be sure your W-2, *Wage and Tax Statement*, is securely stapled in the place marked for it. If you had more than one employer, be sure you have a W-2 from each one. If you do inadvertently omit any of the required attachments, wait until the IRS notifies you, and then send the omitted document back with a copy of the notice.

### TAX TIP #7

**Late W-2s.** If you worked for more than one employer, be sure you have received W-2s from each before you prepare your taxes. If you find you omitted income because you filed before all your W-2s arrived, you will need to file an amended return, Form 1040X. If you have a refund coming from your original return, it's best to wait until you receive it before you file the amended return.

### TAX TIP #8

**Identify your payment.** If you have a balance due, always pay by check or money order. Don't ever send cash with a tax return. On the face of the payment, write the tax form number and the year for which you are paying and especially important, your social security number. That way, if your payment becomes separated from your return, there will be no problem getting the two together

again.

### TAX TIP #9

**Sign the return.** A return with no signature is not a properly filed return, and cannot be accepted as a legal document. The Internal Revenue Service Center will have to contact you for your signature, a sure way to slow down refunds. Remember, on a joint return, both husband and wife must sign. Each signature must be original. If you file a photocopy of a return, be sure to sign after you make the copy.

### TAX TIP #10

**Use peel-off label and coded envelope.** The peel-off label is on the cover of the tax package you got in the mail. The coded envelope is inside the package. Both are designed to speed up processing, and use of the label eliminated two of the most common causes of refund delays — illegible names or addresses and incorrect social security numbers. If your address has changed, or your social security number is incorrect, the

correction should be written right on the label. Wait until you have the final copy of your return prepared before you put on the label. While it's a peel-off label, it only peels off once. If you choose to hire a tax preparer, insist that he or she uses the IRS label, too.

### TAX TIP #11

**Choose preparer carefully.** Most preparers maintain high professional standards of integrity, but you need to be wary of the few who don't. Remember, no matter who prepares the return, you are legally responsible for its contents. Some things to look for when choosing a preparer: (1) he or she will complete the Paid Preparer's Use Only section at the bottom of the return, and provide you a copy of the return which contains that information (applies only if you pay this person to prepare your return); (2) be very cautious of any one who claims a special relationship with the IRS, or who guarantees refunds before seeing your tax information; and (3) many reputable preparers work only during the filing season, but you should be able to find them at any time of the year in case there is a question about your tax return.

Finally, mail the return, or have the preparer mail the return, as early as possible, particularly if you want a quick refund.

## Wallet Lost 25 Years Ago Nets B'nai B'rith \$10 Plus Interest

WASHINGTON (JTA) — An uneasy conscience stirred the finder of a wallet 25 years ago, which contained \$10 in cash and some membership cards, including one for B'nai B'rith, to perform an act of restitution.

Robert Brown (pseudonym) informed Hillel Foundation officials that when he was young, "poor and lacked the strength of character at that early point in my life, I kept the money without any thought of finding the owner." He now lives in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Over the years, he reported, "I came to know that I should have tried to find the owner" but he could not recall the wallet owner's name. He did recall the B'nai B'rith membership card.

In a letter to B'nai B'rith here, he wrote that he felt the best action he could take now would be to make "a donation to the organization I remember the owner of the

\$10 belonged to." He enclosed a check for \$50 made out to B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

He wrote that while he felt "this will not repay the unfortunate loser of the money, it is meant to be an expression of regret towards that person, and to donate on his behalf to an organization of his affiliation." Explaining that his check covered the original \$10 plus six percent interest from 1955, he asked that the money be applied to a college scholarship fund for a needy student.

He added that "this action comes after years of relatively good fortune and the benefit of numerous academic experiences during which, hopefully a bit more character strength has been learned."

Rabbi Oscar Groner, international Hillel director said, in a reply to Brown, that the \$50 would "help support a student" at the Hillel foundation leadership training institute.

## L.A. Mayor Bradley Honored By Israel's Bar-Ilan Univ.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Israel's Bar-Ilan University, which has also established a professorial chair in his honor.

The honor was conferred by university president Dr. Emanuel Rackman at a recent dinner in Beverly Hills, California. Film star Gregory Peck was master of ceremonies at the affair, which celebrated the 25th anniversary of Bar-Ilan.

Mayor Bradley was cited for his leadership in urban revitalization and for his role in fostering religious and racial harmony in the multi-ethnic greater Los Angeles area. The black leader was also cited for his staunch support of Israel and the leading role he has played in behalf of Soviet Jewry.

In conferring the honorary degree, Dr. Rackman declared: "Mayor Bradley is doing what we would like to see so many others do for humanity: introduce brotherhood, integrity and compassion into the daily workings of a great city, and in that way move toward

making Earth the scene of love, amity and the sharing of the blessings available to us."

In his response, Mayor Bradley recalled that during a recent visit to the Bar-Ilan campus at Ramat Gan, Israel, "I saw a center of modern secular learning and, at the same time, a special place where students can go to discover their roots — a university committed to the idea of the preservation of Jewish culture, Jewish heritage and the influence of Judaism."

The chair established in his honor will be known as the Thomas Bradley Chair for the Study of the Advancement of Social Integration.

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## Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Today's hand looked like an absolute cinch to almost every Declarer but there was a very likely problem which came up to cause them all disaster. A little care could have prevented it but that would also have cost a trick to use it. Players hate to give up tricks even if it means saving many more than it costs.

West: ♠ QJ 1062, ♥ 63, ♦ A5, ♣ 10862  
North: ♠ 954, ♥ Q10, ♦ KQ106, ♣ AJ75  
East: ♠ AK83, ♥ 8742, ♦ 874, ♣ 93  
South: ♠ 7, ♥ AKJ95, ♦ J932, ♣ KQ4

Both sides vulnerable, South was Dealer with this bidding:

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

The bidding as shown is normal enough as long as the partnership opens with five card Majors. As soon as North heard his partner open the bidding, North knew there should be a game somewhere and felt his two good Hearts should be adequate support to his partner's five card suit. Most pairs did end in the Heart game. As you can see, a Spade lead would defeat Three No Trump and nothing could stop five Diamonds but a Minor suit contract is seldom found especially when a Major is possible.

This is how almost every Declarer played the hand. They ruffed the second Spade lead and then went after Trumps. Those that drew them all also exhausted themselves as well so that when they went to knock out the Diamond Ace the rest of the Spades was cashed against them.

A couple did a bit better thought-wise but with the same result. When they saw West show out on the third round of Trumps they stopped drawing them but did ruff the Spade lead when West led one after winning his Diamond Ace. They, too, were out of Trumps when they needed one.

Actually, every one of those Declarers had hoped for an even split of the six outstanding Trumps. Of course, this was a possibility but the more likely break is 4-2 and that is what the Declarers should prepare themselves for. With that in mind they can afford to ruff the second Spade but must knock out that Diamond Ace before touching Trumps in order to leave at least one in Dummy. Another Spade will come back but adhering to their plan, they must not be even tempted to ruff it but discard instead. That will cost a trick if the Trumps do happen to break evenly but will never result in the loss of the contract.

No lead can hurt them now. Another Spade can be ruffed in Dummy leaving Declarer with all of his. Any other lead can be won, Trumps drawn and the remainder of the hand all good. This is the superior play in Match Point Duplicate as it goes with the percentages. In Rubber or Team play there is no question that this is the only way to play the hand.

Moral: When losing a trick can not only save you your contract but is the percentage thing to do then by all means do it.

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# Jewish Leaders Among Those Seeking Talk With Reagan On Abortion Rights

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Five Jewish leaders are among the 17 national leaders of Protestant and Jewish organizations who, angered by what they called President Reagan's refusal to meet with them on the abortion issue, have re-submitted their request for an audience, calling abortion "perhaps the most threatening issue to unity" in the United States.

They are Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Lillian Maltzer, president of the (Reform) National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; Chaie Herzog, co-president of the women's division of the American Jewish Congress; Goldie Kweller, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism; and Edna Wolfe, executive director of B'nai B'rith Women.

On Jan. 22, the eighth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing freedom of choice, the President held a widely publicized meeting with anti-abortion representatives. The heads of the mainline religious groups, all of whom support the right of choice, were denied an appointment.

Patricia Gavett, executive director of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, criticized the President for encouraging the polarization of Americans by failing to hear all sides of the question. The pro-choice religious groups believe that a "human life" amendment, which would define personhood and prohibit individuals from exercising their own religious beliefs in the matter, would be a serious infringement on the First Amendment guarantee of religious

liberty.

Among those who are requesting the meeting are William Thompson, Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Kenneth Teegarden, President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Reagan holds membership in both these dominations.

## ADL Criticizes Waldheim

NEW YORK — Dr. Paul Bookbinder, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Anti-Defamation League criticized United Nations Secretary - General Kurt Waldheim for attending an Islamic conference in Saudi Arabia last week and keeping silent on its call for a holy war against Israel.

Bookbinder said, "We have another indication of the one-sided approach that the UN has been taking in dealing with the Middle East." Bookbinder noted that the ADL made its feelings public in a letter to the Secretary - General from Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its International Affairs Division. Foxman declared:

"Is a meeting which calls for Jihad, for holy war, against a member state of the United Nations a suitable place for the Secretary-General?"

"We think not. Having gone, however, was it appropriate for the leading spokesman of a body created to foster peace not to raise his voice against the call for holy war? We think not."



CELEBRATION 33 was officially launched at New York's Sheraton Hotel with comedian Alan King serving as Master of Ceremonies along with Edie and Ely Landau, creators of the event and producers of "The Chosen," the film based on the novel by Chaim Potok. The film will have a gala world premiere simultaneously, in 1000 theatres in the U.S., Canada and overseas, making it the largest theatre party ever. The gala will also include an entertainment-on-film feature. More than \$50 million is hoped to be raised from the gala, scheduled for May 11, the date of Israel's 33rd anniversary. The proceeds will benefit education institutions in Israel, sponsored by 17 Jewish organizations worldwide. "The Chosen" will be released in the fall of 1981.

## Mideast Expert Warns Of Attack On Western Values

NEW YORK — The Arabs, "abetted by oil-soaked funds and the world's critical energy needs, are gearing up for a no-holds-barred attempt to delegitimize — indeed to dehumanize the collective existence of Jews as expressed in the sovereign society of Israel," Dan Schueftan charged last week, in his address to presidents, leaders and educational directors of American and Canadian Jewish youth movements. Schueftan teaches Arab-Israeli Affairs and Contemporary Arab History at the University of Haifa and lectures at the Israeli Defense Forces Command Staff College.

Schueftan alerted the participants in a workshop seminar on Arab propaganda, "The Case for Israel — Know What to Answer," that "the implications of this Arab campaign constitute a basic assault on the principles of human rights, dignity, morality and freedom whose values are the basis of Western society and civilization."

"Your allies are everyone who understands that the ethical ideals and prophetic principles of social justice and human dignity, equality and freedom as the value standards for citizens of a democratic and open society, are endangered by this insidious Arab-PLO attempt to sabotage and undermine them,"

he said. "This onslaught has grave consequences for the United States and the free world," he emphasized. "You must alert and warn the American people, and show them how this campaign must be countered not only by Jews, but by all who hold sacred these basic values which have given Western nations and society so much of their moral stature in the history of civilization and the struggle for human rights and liberty."

"Right before us and the American people is the fresh, but sordid evidence of how yielding to terrorist and debasing standards of behavior means psychological and physical brutalization as in the case of the American hostages in Iran. The argument for our mutual need to oppose such acts of indignity and terror as abhorrent to democratic and human values is therefore clear and compelling," he asserted. "For freedom loving peoples and nations to be seduced by oil wealth and energy shortages is to assist in an Arab-PLO effort whose effect is to undermine everything they hold precious."

The workshop on Arab propaganda and how to counter it was sponsored by the North American Jewish Youth Council (NAJYC) under the aegis of the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

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## World Opinion Mobilized To Find Truth About Wallenberg's Fate

MONTREAL (JTA) — A close friend of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved Jews in Hungary during World War II and is believed to be held in a Soviet prison since 1945, declared that world public opinion is being mobilized to force the Soviet Union to provide information on Wallenberg.

Speaking to 300 persons at a dinner sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Montreal branch of Histadrut and other Jewish organizations, Per Anger, former Swedish Ambassador to Canada, noted that

## Congressmen Ask Reagan For \$3M To Prosecute War Criminals

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A bi-partisan bloc of 104 members of the House has written to President Reagan asking him to set aside \$3 million in the new U.S. budget for the continuing prosecution of 18 cases against alleged Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. which are now before the courts, and 210 other cases presently under investigation.

The investigations, the letter pointed out, are under a special unit — the Office of Special Investigations — established in the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. The letter initiated by Reps. William Lehman (D.Fla.) and Hamilton Fish Jr. (R.N.Y.), said that the proceedings are being directed "by an extremely competent and dedicated attorney, Allan Ryan."

The letter said that "Because of the ages of the suspects and witnesses and the extremely complex evidentiary and logistics problems

at a recent international conference for Wallenberg in Stockholm, a resolution was adopted asking Moscow to allow a commission to go to the Soviet Union to investigate the case.

"World wide public opinion is getting bigger and stronger," with the governments of Canada, the United States and Britain "intervening officially in Moscow so that complete light should be made in the Wallenberg case," Anger said.

Last night's \$100-a-plate dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel helped raise funds to build a

hospital in Maalot, Israel, in honor of Wallenberg.

### Believes Wallenberg Is Still Alive

Describing the means used by Wallenberg to save the lives of Hungarian Jews from death at the hands of the Nazis, Anger said he believed the Swedish diplomat was still alive in a Soviet jail. "The Swiss government exchanged after the war five Soviet citizens for five Swiss diplomats and the Swedish government should have followed the example by exchanging a Soviet spy it had in its hands for Wallenberg," Anger said.

He said that when Swedish Prime Minister Tage Erlander went to Moscow in the 1950s it was too late for an exchange because he was told Wallenberg had died of a heart attack and his body had been cremated. "To this day the Swedish government rejects Soviet allegations concerning Wallenberg's death and continues its strong protest in Moscow," he said.

Irwin Cotler, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, praised the efforts to mobilize world public opinion for Wallenberg while he criticized "the slow-going process of pursuing and punishing Nazi war criminals who took refuge in Canada." He said the Canadian government will be urged to "prosecute war criminals in Canada with the utmost speed in the memory of the innocents who fell under the Nazi regime."

Cotler said that according to Simon Wiesenthal, the Vienna-based Nazi-hunter, there are 1000 war criminals hiding in Canada. He said that Solicitor General Robert Kaplan will seek incorporation in Canada's new Bill of Rights a provision to accelerate the process of identifying and prosecuting war criminals.

involved in these cases, it is essential that prosecution be brought expeditiously and professionally."

### Small Price To Pay

The Congressmen noted that the money involved "is a small price to pay for reaffirming our nation's commitment at Nuremberg that none of those who participated in Nazi atrocities should escape being called to account. It will also serve as a warning that civilized nations will never again tolerate such base inhumanity."

Emphasizing that "Our government must not revert to the intolerable situation of years past when it seemed to be condoning by inaction the horrors of the Holocaust," the letter concluded: "We must, in the limited time remaining, make clear to the world that the U.S. has not forgotten this unparalleled tragedy."

## UCLA Urged To Probe Purposes Of Institute For Historical Review

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has urged University of California president David Saxon to "carefully scrutinize the educational purposes of the Institute For Historical Review" before allowing it to use the university's Arrowhead Conference Center for its third annual meeting in November.

The ADL has charged that the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) was created by the ultra-rightwing Liberty Lobby in 1979 "to disseminate as widely as possible the obscenity that there was no Holocaust and that the Nazis in Europe did not systematically search out and murder six million Jewish men, women and children solely because they were Jews."

At a press conference here, Harvey Schech-

ter, the ADL's Los Angeles director, said that while the ADL commended Saxon for his recent statement describing the IHR's goals as "reprehensible and abhorrent," something more is required.

"It is our understanding that the university's Lake Arrowhead Conference Center's use is restricted to meetings with an 'educational purpose,'" Schechter said. "We urge President Saxon to carefully scrutinize the record of the 'Institute,' the nature of the materials disseminated by it, the effects of its previous 'conventions' at Pomona College (1980), and Northrop University (1979), the anti-Jewish and anti-intellectual propaganda it disseminates and then determine whether or not it has an 'educational purpose' which would place it in compliance with the rules

governing the use of the Arrowhead facility."

### Cites Constitutional Rights

Saxon has publicly said that "Although I personally find the Institute's goal reprehensible and abhorrent, the way to combat false ideas is not by suppression but by exposure. I could wish that the organization had selected some other conference site, but it didn't."

Saxon noted the U.S. Constitution protects free speech and assembly. He said the university's legal counsel has advised that once a university facility is open to the public for a broadly defined educational purpose the university cannot dictate or censor the content. "The organization's mere use of a university facility in no way lends the good name of the University of California to the Institute," Saxon declared.

## New Jewish Agenda Meets In N. Y., Challenges Jewish Community

NEW YORK — The National Council of New Jewish Agenda, elected by a founding Conference of 700 Jewish activists this December in Washington D.C., met recently in New York City and reaffirmed the organization's commitment to "the validity and vitality of progressive Jewish values at a time when many have lost faith that the goals of justice and peace are attainable."

A Council spokesperson, Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, announced that Agenda expects to enlist several thousand members during its first year and to form at least twenty-five chapters nationwide. Affiliates will be linked through a newsletter and the National Council. At the Conference, which attracted Jews of all ages and varied backgrounds throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Israel, participants proposed some forty task forces on issues such as the environment, anti-semitism, Israel, the arts and world hunger.

Council participants defined themselves in a unity statement as follows:

"We are Jews from a variety of backgrounds, affiliations, and personal outlooks who share a vision of the meaning and purpose of Jewish life. We have come together to explore and articulate that vision, to learn from one another, and to begin to translate our commitment into action. We believe that Jewish experience and teachings can address the social, economic, and political issues of our time. Our Jewish conviction requires that we give serious and consistent attention to the Jewish mandate of *tikun olam*, the repair and moral improve-

ment of our world."

At the Conference itself, a variety of points of view were expressed and a segment of the participants voiced their sentiments in "straw votes" as the Conference was concluding. These votes reflected a wide disparity of views in controversial areas such as reversing the arms race, and the Middle East. However, aside from the brief Conference Unity Statement, Agenda has not taken and will not formulate positions on issues until the completion of a more thorough organization-wide discussion process.

This process will be guided by an integration of insights from Jewish tradition and historical experiences with insights from other progressive traditions. The National Council committed itself to carry out a democratic process of platform development which will be tied to proposals for action on the national and local levels.

Rabbi Gerald Serotta, Chairperson of the Steering Committee which planned the Conference, emphasized that "Agenda did not come into existence to promulgate a list of liberal, radical or universalistic platitudes, no matter how worthy they might be. The 'new' in New Jewish Agenda refers both to the process by which we hope to reach our conclusions — including an openness to the diversity of Jewish religious and secular traditions — and a serious commitment to concrete action." He further expressed the hope that "Agenda will succeed in meeting the deep needs of the majority of American Jews who find the current organized community irrelevant and spiritually empty."

With respect to the various points of view

## Medal Dedicated To Wallenberg

NEW YORK — The Judaic Heritage Society has dedicated its Annual Award Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat whose efforts during World War II saved tens of thousands of Jewish lives from the Nazi death machine.

In announcing the award, society president Robert Weber said the society is "proud



THE RAOUL WALLEMBERG Medal, sculpted by artist Karen Worth, is offered in bronze, silver and gold. Actual size is 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

to join forces with the world-wide efforts of this past year to prod the Soviet leadership into disclosing the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, in the flickering hope that he may still be alive in Russia." The society will send a message of concern to the Prime Minister of Sweden expressing support for efforts now under way to encourage the Soviet Union to free Raoul Wallenberg, or to show proof that he is no longer alive.

## Children's Book Gives Jewish Approach To Love And Sex

NEW YORK — "Let's Talk About Loving" by Dorothy and Myer Kripke, the first children's book with a Jewish approach to the subjects of family, love and sex, has just been published by the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and KTAV Publishing House. The book was written for children between the ages of eight and eleven, as current studies have indicated that sex education is best initiated during pre-adolescent years.

"Let's Talk About Loving" deals with a major contemporary problem, the erosion of family life in modern society. The Kripke book provides children with a responsible attitude toward love, sex, marriage and family, based on Jewish tradition. In addition to sexual love, the book discusses loving as caring, love of God, loving oneself and love between family members. The Kripkes also treat the topics of adoption, family conflict and divorce.

Difficult problems and explanations are discussed in the simple language of children, with accuracy and clarity. Despite the simplicity of the words, the spirituality and Jewish ethics expressed are deep and mature.

This is the fifth "Let's Talk About" book by Mrs. Kripke. Because she wanted to approach the subjects of love and sex from both a masculine and feminine point of view, for this book she collaborated with her husband, a Rabbi experienced in family and child counseling.

## Sachar Named Brandeis University Chancellor Emeritus

WALTHAM, Mass. — Dr. Abram Leon Sachar, founding president of Brandeis University from 1948 until 1968 when he was named chancellor, has been named chancellor emeritus effective Feb. 15, 1981.

Acknowledged as the person most responsible for the financial growth and academic success of the nation's first Jewish-sponsored, nonsectarian university, it is estimated he has raised several hundred million dollars for the institution that opened in 1948 with a handful of old buildings, 107 students and a faculty of 13.

Today, its faculty exceeds 400, its student population is approximately 3,500, and its physical plant includes more than 80 buildings set on 270 acres.

When, at 49, he was chosen president of fledgling Brandeis, Abram Sachar had recently left the University of Illinois on whose history faculty he had served.

Later, he became National Director of the Hillel Foundation, expanding it into 186 units on college campuses in America and overseas.

Local members of the National Council include: Cherie Brown, Boston; Daniel Rosen, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Roger Gottlieb, Jamaica Plain, MA; Janet Kranzberg, Berkeley; Edy Rauch, New York; Lucy Steinitz, Takoma Park, MD.

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# Kibbutz Industry Develops Pain Relief Rehabilitator

TEL AVIV — An advanced transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) unit which combines muscle rehabilitation for the first time with pain relief has been developed here by an Israeli kibbutz industry.

The new nerve stimulator, the size of a pocket calculator, has been developed by Agar Electronics Ltd. of Kibbutz Ginosar together with the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, after five years of research and application in Israel and abroad.

The medical electronics system, called Neurogar IV, provides the electrical stimulus which among other impulses is said to prevent pain signals from various parts of the body from reaching the brain while at the same time activating damaged muscles. The small seven ounce unit is designed for use by patients themselves (under medical supervision), by physiotherapists, as well as in clinics, doctor's offices and hospitals.

A new generation of the electrical nerve stimulation system — operating on pulse-width modulation techniques for multiphasic pain control — Neurogar IV is said to revitalize the peripheral nerves leading to a target muscle, creating the blocks between sensory and motor nerves. It is especially applicable when the patient cannot voluntarily or is unwilling to activate muscles.

The advance Neurogar system is effective in easing the pain of rheumatism sufferers, creating new muscular facilitation for post-operative patients and even aiding stroke victims to the extent that movement is achieved despite paralysis. The efficiency of these units for muscle rehabilitation, it is claimed,

is being proven in sports medicine with athletes here utilizing them for the effective treatment of pulled muscles. Victims of fractures are said to be able to activate the broken members immediately after removing their casts with the application of Neurogar during all phases of treatment.

The Israeli developed system, it was also noted, will usually obviate the needs for pills and injections which are often poisonous or habit-forming for many patients.

A variety of clinical studies of treatment with Neurogar are available based on clinical and statistical research of patients in Israel and abroad.

Mass-produced at the Agar plant on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, in coordination with Prof. Florella Magora of the department of anesthesiology and Joseph Tannenbaum of the department of bio-medical engineering of Hadassah Hospital, the units are already in use in thousands of hospitals, clinics, and patients' homes throughout the world.

American hospitals successfully utilizing the TENS device include Northwestern University Rehabilitation Hospital.

Neurogar IV operates on a simple 4AA alkaline battery on one electric channel and weighs 220 grams (7.7 ounces). The personal pain relief Neurogar III instrument weighs 100 grams. It is distributed in the United States by Inter-Med Industries Inc. of Silver Spring, Maryland and New York City.

# Egyptians Impressed By "Green Revolution" At Hebrew University

REHOVOT, ISRAEL — "I believe what you say, but I cannot believe what I see with my eyes," an Egyptian parliamentarian said at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot last week, as he and nine fellow-MPs were shown some of the Faculty's successful research achievements in vegetable growing.

The delegation, led by Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Abdallah, a 35-year-old economist, included Egyptian Opposition Party leader Mustafa Kamel Murad; Dr. Mahmoud Mohamed Mahfouz, a professor of nuclear medicine and former Egyptian health minister; and Dr. Ferkhunda Hassan Youssef, head of the engineering and science faculty at the American University in Cairo, and regarded as one of the leading women members of the Egyptian parliament.

Egyptian and Israeli flags fluttered in the wind as the Egyptian delegation — which also included seven journalists — was welcomed by Faculty Dean Prof. Amram Ashri, who described some of the work of the Faculty and called for cooperation in research between the two countries. Responding, Dr. Abdallah expressed the group's appreciation of the Israeli researchers' achievements in attaining a "green revolution" and also expressed the hope for Egyptian-Israeli scientific cooperation.

Among the Faculty's researchers who took

the delegation to their greenhouses and laboratories for a close look at their research work were:

\* Prof. Isaac Harpaz, Head of the Department of Entomology, who told the Egyptians about new methods for pest control in cotton fields, one of which involved a chemical which attracts male prudentia worms, common along the Nile, by simulating the female worms' odor; Prof. Haim Rabinowitch, from the Department of Field and Vegetable Crops, who showed the Egyptians a new breed of tomatoes with a six-week shelf life and onions which keep fresh for nine months, developed together with Prof. Nachum Kedari; Prof. Avraham Halevy, Head of the Department of Ornamental Horticulture, who explained new methods in cultivating flowers and told the visitors about the Faculty's devices for extending the longevity of cut flowers for exports to Western Europe and North America.

## German TV To Air War Documentary

BONN (JTA) — A two-part documentary film, "Witness," in which concentration camp survivors talk about their experiences, will be aired by German television this year. The first part of the film which was made in Poland and Israel, will be shown March 15; the second part sometime next fall.

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