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Members Of Community Speak Out Pell Denounces Annexation Of Golan

Sen. Claiborne Pell this week strongly denounced Israel's decision to annex the Golan Heights. Although a long-time supporter of Israel, Pell, the ranking Democrat on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said President Reagan was justified in responding to the annexation by suspending a new strategic cooperation agreement with Israel.

"I know that if opposition leader (Shimon) Peres had been elected, these things would not have happened," said Pell, who declined to comment on whether Israelis made an error in electing Begin instead of Peres.

Pell, who voted against the sale of the AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia, called the annexation a "flagrant violation of international law and Prime Minister Menachem Begin 'a burr in the saddle' for

taking the action to annex the Golan Heights, the expansion of Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories, and the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

"We in the U.S. will never let Israel go under, but at the same time, we can't let Israel be the only power in the area. We have to find a middle ground," Pell said.

Begin denounced the action taken by the United States to suspend the strategic cooperation agreement between the two countries signed Nov. 30 and accused the U.S. of anti-Semitism and breaking its word on the agreement.

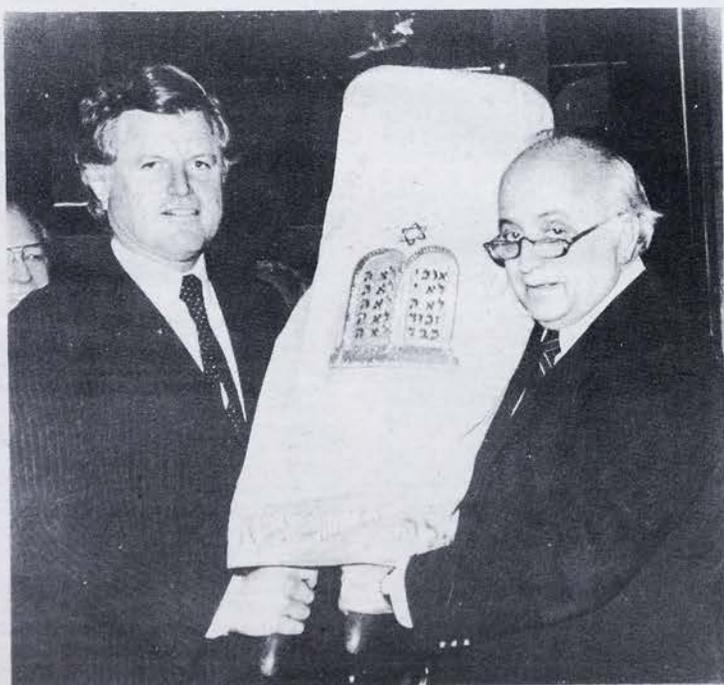
The Rhode Island Herald conducted a random survey among its readers, asking their opinions on Senator Pell's statements and Begin's decision to annex the Golan Heights.

"I think the annexation of the Golan Heights was horrible, just horrible. If Peres would have been elected these events would not have happened. I think President Reagan was totally justified in his decision on holding off buying nuclear arms." Mrs. Joseph Dressler, Warwick.

"No it was not proper action on Begin's part. It probably still would have happened if Peres was elected. He wouldn't have been more cautious. I don't agree with Pell either." Robert Baker, Cranston.

"I am concerned only as an American citizen. I believe that the Israeli people, living in Israeli are the ones that have to make the decisions. It is really too early for us to draw any conclusions on the annexation of the Golan Heights. I don't think anyone in this country can candidly make a statement for the Israeli people and the Israeli government, just as I don't believe anyone who is not an American citizen, living in America can really make a statement about the American government decisions." Sam Shlevin, Providence.

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THE TORAH PASSES — A sacred Torah scroll that once belonged to Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, a founder of Reform Judaism, is presented in Boston to Senator Edward M. Kennedy (left), as a gift to the Kennedy Library by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Rabbi Schindler noted that the Torah scroll had originally been presented to the Senator's brother, President John F. Kennedy, in 1962. After President Kennedy was slain, the Torah was kept in the UAHC's Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C.

The presentation was made before 4,000 delegates to the concurrent conventions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in America, and its sister organization, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.



RALLY FOR ETHIOPIAN JEWS: Sandi Afsai, chairman of Friends for Ethiopian Jews, organized a rally at the Jewish Community Center on Dec. 20 to alert the community of the ongoing plight of Jews in that country. Sandy is pictured here carrying one of the rally posters. Dina Mizrahi (right) joins Sandy in the cause to free the Falashas. Turn to story, page 8, 9.

Jewish Agency Cancels Falasha Trip

The following appeared in the Nov. 27 issue of the Israel daily Maariv and is translated from the Hebrew:

"The head of the department of aliya and absorption of the Jewish Agency, Yehudah Dominitz, last week suddenly cancelled an organized autobus trip for hundreds of Falashas who stood ready to leave Thursday for Jerusalem in order to observe a day of mourning, fasting and prayer in memory of thousands of their brethren who were destroyed in Ethiopia during the past five years. Dominitz did this with the observation, 'I am not prepared to support the demonstration of Falashas against me.'"

"About 500 Falashas were ready to leave today for Jerusalem in order to observe their old festival from the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. They announced that they would express their sorrow and distress over the 'handing by the

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U.S.-Israeli Relations Suffer

Golan Move Results
In Cancelled Memorandum

WASHINGTON — Although the U.S. has not made a statement concerning the length of the suspension of talks for the first formal military cooperation agreement with Israel, that accord seems cancelled, due to Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in a strong statement issued from Jerusalem, said "you are trying to make Israel a hostage to the memorandum of understanding. I regard your announcement of the suspension of the discussion of the memorandum of understanding as its cancellation. No sword of Damocles will hand over our head. We take note of the fact that you have cancelled the memorandum of understanding. The people of Israel have lived 3,700 years without a memorandum of understanding with America, and will continue to live without it another 3,700 years."

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"I don't think Reagan's decision was a good one. I agree with Begin's decisions." Name Withheld.

"Reagan is wrong, but I don't agree with Begin's decision. I don't believe in nuclear war, I don't like war." Agnes Bagley, Providence.

"I feel it is awful what happened. I don't think events would have happened if Peres was elected. He is a decent, honest man. I think Reagan's decision was right, since I don't feel he had any real choice but to suspend the arms. As far as Begin is concerned, I don't agree on any decisions he makes." Name Withheld.

"I'm against the Golan Heights annexation. I guess Reagan's decision was proper. I think Peres is a good man, the events wouldn't have happened if he was elected." Bessie Blumenthal, Providence.

"I have split decisions on the Golan Heights. Reagan's decision was not proper." Mrs. Howard Lovett, Warwick.

"I feel they have to protect themselves from the Syrians." Name Withheld.

"I do approve of the annexation of the Golan Heights. I do not agree with Reagan. I don't think Peres would have been more cautious." Name Withheld.

"I feel the annexation of the Golan Heights is dreadful. I'm definitely for Reagan's decision. I really can't say that if Peres was elected these events would not have happened, it is impossible to know." Name Withheld.

"I do agree with Senator Pell. The annexation was certainly a violation of international law. Reagan acted in the right time, but as far as saying these events wouldn't have happened if Peres was elected, I don't know. Peres is a good man." Name Withheld.

Israeli Press Criticizes Begin

JERUSALEM — The Israeli press this week criticized Prime Minister Menachem Begin for his attack on the Reagan administration and questioned his method of canceling the strategic cooperation agreement between the two countries. The Jerusalem Post called Begin's remarks "wild," but the English-language publication supported the substance of the Cabinet decision.

The newspaper added that Begin's outburst was a result of the "severity of the shock" caused by President Reagan's decision to delay talks on implementing the accord because of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

"In itself, the loss of the Memorandum of Understanding on Strategic Cooperation need not be irredeemable," the publication stated. It also said that the agreement failed to address Israel's critical security needs compared with the Arab states and was entwined with unnecessary Soviet entanglements.

Another newspaper, Haaretz, stated that if Begin had canceled the memorandum by pointing out its lack of balance, "then we could have supported his decision." The publication added that the style in which the Prime Minister responded showed Begin's statements as nothing more than an "angry outburst."

Egypt, Israel Agree To Open Ferry Line

JERUSALEM — Israel and Egypt have planned to coordinate their operations to encourage international tourism.

The two nations signed an agreement to open a ferry line between the Mediterranean port towns of Ashdod and Port Said, after Israel's final scheduled withdrawal from Sinai next April.

According to Israel's Tourist Ministry's spokesman, Rafael Farber, it was the third

agreement since September. Two previous were; to provide bus service across the border, and; to increase the number of flights between Cairo and Tel Aviv.

Bahiya Adin Nasser, Egypt's Under Secretary of Tourism, agreed in talks here, to have travel agents in his country encourage more Egyptians to visit Israel and, for Egypt and Israel to offer joint package tours to the region.

U.S.-Israeli Relations Suffer From Golan Move, Memorandum Cancelled

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Despite the fact that relations between the two countries are the most tense in years, U.S. officials hope that the Israeli reaction is an emotional one and intended for internal Israeli consumption. However, there is uncertainty among officials in Washington.

In order to alleviate the tension, three senior officials in Washington, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and White House counselor Edwin Meese insisted, on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," that Israel and the U.S. will remain strong allies.

Haig said he was optimistic that the two nations will remain close friends and that he believes Israel will abide by the Camp David accord.

U.S. displeasure with the Israeli move was evident as Meese urged Israel to rescind the annexation and Weinberger, who spoke on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley" wouldn't rule out the possibility of the U.S. voting in the United Nations next month to impose sanctions on Israel.

In addition to postponing the talks, the U.S. will delay purchasing military goods and services in Israel, designed to funnel more money into Israel to bolster its defense industry.

The U.S. is also putting off discussions on a proposal to allow Israel to use U.S. aid to buy goods from its own defense industries rather than from American defense contractors. Also, the administration delayed a request that third countries be allowed to use U.S. aid to buy Israeli, rather than American, defense products.

Begin accused the U.S. of treating Israel as a "vassal state" and a "banana republic."

"Are we 14-year-olds, that if we misbehave we get our wrists slapped? I will tell you who this Cabinet comprises. It is composed of men whose lives were marked by resistance, fighting and suffering."

Begin also said in his address in Jerusalem that Israel would not be frightened with the "punishments" imposed by the U.S. "You have no right to punish Israel and I protest the use of this term."

The administration is disappointed that

the Israelis took the move to annex the Golan Heights and violated the spirit of the military cooperation which requires the two nations to consider "the broad policy concerns of the other" before acting.

U.S. retaliation is felt to be unjust by the Israelis, including Israeli ambassador Ephraim Evron, who said the U.S. retaliation would bolster Syria, which he said was a "surrogate of the Soviet Union." Israel contends that the Golan Heights were used for heavy shelling when Syria occupied the territory.

Israel May Keep Inflation Down To Two Digits

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel might — with luck — be able to keep its inflation rate for calendar year 1981 down to two digits, economic experts said last week after publication of official inflation figures for November.

The November figure was 5.8 percent, bringing the 12-month total for November-to-November to 103.6 percent. But the December-to-December figure may be below 100 percent if the government succeeds in maintaining the present slight downward trend, these experts said.

Based on the November figure, government officials issued tables for cost of living increments to be paid to all wage and salary earners on their January salaries to cover the October-to-December quarter. The C.O.L. increase is 17.8 percent. Tax brackets and child allowances are also adjusted according to the C.O.L. index.

Histadrut secretary general Yehoram Meshel said the monthly inflation figure was no longer a true reflection of the state of the economy because the government was using artificial means to keep it down.

More indicative and much more worrying to the Histadrut, said Meshel, was the unemployment figure: November showed a 14 percent rise in the number of unemployed over the previous month. Some 40,000 people sought work at labor exchanges during that month, the highest for the whole of 1981.

PLO Must 'Bite The Bullet,' Accept Israel to Achieve Peace Settlement

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Philip Klutznick, former president of the World Jewish Congress, said last week that a Middle East peace settlement requires a solution of the Palestinian problem but that first the Palestine Liberation Organization must announce its willingness to accept the State of Israel.

"At some point the PLO has got to bite the bullet," he said at a hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. He was joined at the hearing by Harold Saunders, former Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs; Merle Thorpe, president of the Foundation for Middle East Peace; and John Greene, president of the Seven Springs Center of Mt. Kisco, New York.

The four men, who visited Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia last August, testified on their report, just published by the Seven Springs Center, which called on the U.S. to increase its role as a middleman in the Middle East peace process.

The report, which warned that hopes for a negotiated peace in the Middle East "are fading," also stated that "no peace will be possible without the Palestine Liberation Organization being involved in the process."

It also called on the U.S. to "wed military and diplomatic strength in a coherent strategy" that goes beyond the Camp David process between Israel and Egypt and to mount "a parallel campaign" that would involve other Mideastern states — Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria — in peace talks with Israel. Last month, Klutznick, in an Op-Ed page article in The Washington Post, expressed views similar to those contained in the report.

Urge U.S. To Push Camp David

At last week's hearing he noted that the PLO does not speak with one voice, but also said it would have to decide to renounce the use of force. Rep. Paul Findley (R, Ill.), said PLO chief Yasir Arafat has told him

on several occasions that the PLO is abandoning force. But Klutznick observed that every time such a statement is made by a PLO official, it is immediately withdrawn by another PLO official.

Saunders and Klutznick stressed that the U.S. has to move energetically to push the Camp David process to a conclusion. Klutznick said this required a successful outcome of the autonomy talks. Saunders said that at the same time, the U.S. should be seeking a method to bring Israel's eastern neighbors including the Palestinians, into the effort to reach a peace settlement similar to the one Israel achieved with Egypt. Klutznick warned that if the Camp David process is allowed to fail, it would be years before such a process could be attempted again.

Says Fahd Plan Is Still Alive

Klutznick rejected the view that the Saudi effort at the Arab summit meeting in Fez, Morocco recently failed because the eight-point plan prepared by Crown Prince Fahd was not accepted. He said the plan is still alive and that the eight-points are nothing more than an "opening gambit" for negotiations with Israel. He noted that the late President Anwar Sadat's original proposals also were not fully acceptable to Israel. But the Saudis are still willing to continue the effort, he said.

Saunders called Israel's action to annex the Golan Heights "destructive of the peace process" because it was a unilateral act. He said the whole idea of the Camp David process is not to take unilateral actions but to seek to negotiate all steps. He said the Golan action undermined Egypt's credibility because Egypt was trying to convince other Arab countries that the way to achieve their goals was through negotiations with Israel.

Before the hearing, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his mail has been 45-1 in support of his remarks since he took a public stand recently on bringing the PLO into the peace negotiations. He said the mail came from Jews and non-Jews alike.

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Jewish Settlers On Golan Are Euphoric Over Israel's Move

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The 7,000 Jewish settlers on the Golan Heights were euphoric last week after the Knesset voted 63-21 to apply Israeli law in that territory captured from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War — a move regarded as tantamount to annexation. The government's swift action took the settlers by surprise. Their stunned disbelief turned to jubilation and celebration parties lasted well into the night in the 30 Jewish settlements.

The reaction was different among the 13,500 Druze who comprise the majority of the population on the Golan Heights although they are concentrated in only four villages. There are also 900 Alawi Moslems on the Heights. Most of the Druze opposed the Israeli annexation but their protests were muted.

The Israeli military presence was highly visible as forces were deployed on the Golan for possible Syrian or terrorist retaliation. A minority of pro-Israeli Druze shared the settlers' satisfaction. Many of them had been under pressure from anti-Israel elements.

Justification For Golan Move

The annexation bill was rammed through the Knesset early last week, passing all three readings required by law and gaining approval of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, a process that in the case of most other bills normally takes days or weeks. Premier Menachem Begin personally was the driving force behind the move and he easily carried Likud and its coalition partners with him.

Although Israel Radio reported that Begin exhorted his Cabinet to approve the annexation bill immediately because of the world's preoccupation with the crisis in Poland, Israeli officials vigorously denied that was the case. They justified the move on grounds of security, historical right and the unlikelihood that Syria would agree to negotiate with Israel at any time in the foreseeable future.

The Labor Alignment was not only caught off guard but was in total disarray. Much of its affiliated kibbutz movement eagerly supported the government's action, though a few members expressed concern about the international repercussion over what they regarded as a provocative move.

The split in Labor was glaringly evident. Although Labor's Knesset faction voted 30-8 to boycott the session in protest against the government's unseemly haste, seven Laborites voted against the bill and 10 were for it.

The bill passed its first reading by a vote of 60-17. The majority included coalition and Labor members. Other Laborites, joined by the Communist Party and the Shinui faction, were opposed. Begin's Aguda Israel coalition partner did not par-

ticipate in the first vote because its four-man faction had to consult the party's supreme authority, the Council of Sages.

Shortly before the vote, Labor Party Whip Moshe Shahal tried in vain to rally the faction to adhere to the boycott decision. "If we do not present a united stand today there will be no Alignment faction tomorrow," he warned.

During Labor's intra-party debate, former Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur accused Defense Minister Ariel Sharon of using the bill to create a national consensus for a war against Syria. Knesset doves Yossi Sarid and Yair Tzaban agreed with him. But the influential Labor veteran Shlomo Hillel, supported the government's measure. Both Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres and former Premier Yitzhak Rabin were abroad yesterday. Peres was in the United States and Rabin was in London.

The immediate reaction from Damascus was that the Israeli move was a "declaration of war" and a "violation of the United Nations Charter." According to Damascus Radio, the Syrian government said that Israel's decision "means an annexation of Syrian occupied lands and a declaration of war on Syria and the abrogation of the cease-fire" that went into effect after the Yom Kippur War with the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. Only last month the mandate of the force was renewed by the Security Council for another six months. Damascus Radio also quoted the government saying that Syria "will defend its territories and its national interests."

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry also condemned the Israeli move as "a blatant violation" of the framework for peace in the Middle East based on the Camp David agreements and UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Cairo's statement said Israel, by its action "increases the factors of tension in the area which Egypt is trying to remove."

Sinai West Bank Settlers Hopeful

Apart from the adverse reactions abroad which were beginning to mount, the Golan move may increase the government's difficulties with settlers in northern Sinai protesting the return of that territory to Egypt next April. In Yamit, where residents are locked in a battle with the government over compensation to relocate, demands were raised that the government act in Sinai as it did on the Golan.

Jewish settlers on the West Bank were delighted by the annexation of the Golan Heights and expressed hope that annexation of the West Bank will follow shortly. Arab mayors and other leaders on the West Bank denounced the Golan move as yet another example of "Israeli expansionism" against which they have been warning for years.

Israel Launches Massive Campaign To Explain Its Move On The Golan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel launched a massive information campaign abroad last week to head off mounting international criticism of the action by the Knesset and Cabinet to apply Israeli law on the Golan Heights, a move that amounts to annexation.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir dispatched letters to the foreign ministers of all countries with which Israel has diplomatic ties explaining the background and motives behind the move. The Ministry sent out information papers to Israeli legations and diplomatic missions all over the world replete with legal, strategic and political arguments.

A Ministry spokesman said this material had been prepared months ago at the instruction of Director General David Kimche, in view of the long-standing decision-in-principle to extend Israeli law and administration to the Golan Heights.

Word 'Annexation' Not Used

In all of these papers and information guides, the Ministry has refrained from using the term "annexation." But neither is it making a point of differentiating between what Israel did and annexation. Israeli diplomats are instructed to stick precisely to the wording of the bill adopted by the Knesset last night: The application of "Israeli law, jurisdiction and administration" to the Golan Heights.

Privately, however, officials explained that Israel's action was a shade less than annexation inasmuch as it was not propos-

ing to impose Israeli citizenship on the non-Jewish inhabitants of the Golan Heights, mainly Druze.

There was no indication last week how the Israeli move would affect the pending decision by four European countries — Britain, France, Italy and Holland — to participate in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai. Israel is awaiting the response of those countries to its joint declaration with the U.S. affirming the Camp David agreements as the basis for the MFO. The response had been expected to be favorable. But Israeli circles now fear the Europeans might reconsider their offer to contribute to the MFO because the Arab countries are certain to view it as acquiescence in Israel's move on the Golan.

Autonomy Talks Resume

On the other hand, Israeli government officials were relieved when it appeared that Egypt's protests against the Golan law would not lead to a disruption of the peace process. That became apparent when the working level autonomy talks resumed in Tel Aviv last week with the Israeli, Egyptian and U.S. delegations participating.

In addition, the Egyptian Minister of Tourism, Gamal el-Nazer, arrived in Israel Wednesday via the overland Sinai route for a visit that had been arranged some time ago. He conferred with Shamir and according to Israeli sources, their conversation was limited to the normalization of relations and the Golan issue was not raised.

Consul General Explains Reasons For Decision To Apply Israeli Law

NEW YORK (JTA) — The mounting threat to Israel's security from Syria and the "vacuum" in civilian juridical matters on the Golan Heights were the two reasons for Israel's decision last week to apply Israeli law to that territory, captured from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War, according to Naphtali Lavie, the Israeli Consul General in New York.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Lavie said he did not think the Israeli action would lead to a crisis with the U.S. But he cited the failure of U.S. diplomatic efforts to get Syria to remove its anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon as another reason why Israel acted on the Golan Heights.

Lavie described Syria as a country that has consistently declared that it will not negotiate with Israel or recognize it and is committed not to reach a peace agreement with Israel. In that connection he quoted a Kuwait newspaper interview with Syrian President Hafez Assad who reportedly said that "even if the Palestine Liberation Organization recognizes Israel, we in Syria cannot recognize it."

"How," Lavie asked, "could the Syrians expect Israel to sit idly and not give its citizens and settlements on the Golan Heights the same civilian and juridical status that any other citizens now have?" he noted that Syria has been occupying a major part of Lebanon, thereby preventing any settlement of that country's crisis and posing "a constant threat on Israel from Lebanese territory."

Lavie said that "In addition to the Syrian front with Israel, the Syrians extended the confrontation front with Israel to the Lebanese front. They are supported there in addition to the Syrian forces in Lebanon, by the PLO forces under their control."

According to the Israeli official, the Druze and Jewish populations living on the Golan Heights needed the application of Israeli law to solve all kinds of civilian juridical problems which were so far solved by ad hoc legislation by the Israeli military authorities on the Heights. He said that this means that from now on the law on the Golan Heights in civilian matters will be the same as it is in Kiryat Shemona and Metullah inside Israel.

Does Not See U.S.-Israel Crisis

Asked about a possible crisis between Israel and the U.S. as a result of Israel's move, Lavie said: "I do not think that it is going to lead to a crisis. The U.S. probably also appreciates the sacrifices Israel made in the Sinai to Egypt. Israel's decision to apply its laws on the Golan Heights were made in an attempt to secure Israeli

defenses in the north and we assume that the U.S. would recognize Israel's need to secure its border in the north."

The Israeli Consul General observed that it seems the Reagan Administration took upon itself "a mission impossible" when it sent special envoy Philip Habib to Lebanon in an effort to remove the Syrian missiles there. "The presence of the missiles and the helplessness of the diplomatic steps to remove the missiles from Lebanon were also a factor in Israel's consideration to apply its laws to the Golan Heights," Lavie said.

W. German Students Know Little About Nazi Persecution

BONN (JTA) — West German high school students are much less knowledgeable about the Nazi persecution of Jews and the Nuremberg racial laws than their counterparts were 20 years ago, according to a survey by the University of Giessen conducted in the Federal state of Hesse.

At the same time, despite their lack of knowledge, today's high school students reject the Nazi ideology much more clearly and strongly than did the students of two decades ago, the survey showed.

Nevertheless, the findings among 435 students in seven schools were described as astonishing by experts who expected today's young people to be much better informed than the earlier generation because of the extensive reporting on the Nazi era by the mass media during the past two years.

The results showed that male students are better informed than female students. The best informed youngsters were those active in the ecological movement and therefore more interested in general political issues than the supporters of other movements or the high school population in general.

The survey confirmed the finding by previous public opinion polls that the impact of the American television series "Holocaust," which was broadcast in West Germany in 1979, evaporated rapidly. The immediate effect of the series was to shatter West German silence and indifference to the Nazi persecution of Jews. But a few months later that effect had completely worn off.

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Letters To The Editor

Hiding Behind The Cloak Of Leadership

EDITOR:

For about a year, a certain group of "Jewish leaders" had fought against democracy. They thought they would succeed in keeping Rabbi Kahane out of Providence, thus crushing dissent against the "money men" of the Providence community. As in the past, in Jewish history, it took a group of brave Jewish women to knock the wind out of a corrupt leadership.

The "Jewish leaders" all over America put out threats to Shul Rabbis and Hillel Rabbis not to invite Kahane. If the Russians threatened our Jewish brethren the way in which the "leadership" threatens their fellow Jews, we would be running to our local congressman. The Mizrahi Women did a big Mitzvah bringing him here, so he could expose the liberal Jews who cry democracy for Nazis (one California federation was reported to have given A.C.L.U. a donation to defend the Nazis right to march in Skokie, some years back) and pro-P.L.O. supporters (liberal Jews invited P.L.O. mayors to speak at SHABBOS SERVICES in an out-of-state temple), but refuse an ordained Orthodox Rabbi the right to speak.

It was unbelievable that the federation leaders and liberal "religious" leaders did not turn out in huge numbers on Dec. 13 to hear him and challenge him. Many of our "leaders" gave up much of their Judaism to be "men of the world," and with their B.A.'s, M.A.'s, and Ph.D.'s, and "s'michas", they fear challenging a Rabbi with a S'MICHA and no fancy Ph.D. title.

What do these leaders fear. For years, Jewish "leaders" poured big bucks into getting blacks out of the ghetto, but do nothing with their money to get black Jews out of Ethiopia (BUT BLACK JEWS CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE THEM PLAQUES). They helped N.A.A.C.P. with big bucks, and now place many a Russian Jew (immigrants) in the ghettos they were helping the blacks to get out of, not so many years ago. After all, there is inflation when a poor Jew needs help, but not when a gentile needs help (and Russian Jews do not give the "leaders" plaques). The leaders knew these points would most likely be touched upon by Kahane and stayed at home rather than face the music and hear the "verdict" on their behavior patterns.

The federation often bemoans the fact that only 20 percent of American Jewry gives to the federation. Do they not realize that many people would rather give directly to their favorite JEWISH CAUSE, than some of the "Jewish causes" our liberals donate to. As Rabbi Kahane said, "ALL JEWISH RAISED MONEY MUST GO TO JEWISH CAUSES." There are enough gentiles to raise money for gentile causes. There are few Jews to raise money for Jewish causes, thanks to Adolph Hitler, the 20th century Amalke. Every dollar is important.

We can pour out Tzedakah to all the nations and they will still turn on us. Jewish leaders: kindly read this by the pictures of

your Bubes And Zades. In Europe, would they donate money to these liberal causes, just to get a little love from their local Cossack or Bolshevik. I would tend to believe not. How can our "leaders" invoke the names of their Holy European ancestors, while living in a manner that would have turned them ill. Many "leaders," all over the country, have had success in helping the gentiles. Many have grandchildren who are Halachically non-Jews and these grandchildren will help the Gentiles by their membership in the Church. Some years back, it was reported that one Jewish organization in New York had a distinction. All the Jewish women that headed it had children who had married out or converted to Christianity.

Editor's Mailbox

Why should the Jewish leaders' families stay Jewish. Giving donations is only 1 of the 613 Mitzvahs. One Mitzvah will not keep the Jews alive. Only 613 will. As the late Rabbi Lazar once told me, if Jews stopped giving to narishkeit causes and gave all this to Yeshivas, there would be no need for yeshiva tuitions and the future of our people would be assured. Rabbi Kahane in likewise manner cannot stand to see the self-destruction of the Jewish people. There is one final story of self-hate by members of one Florida federation, which I wish to conclude with.

A certain man and his son became Orthodox. The son started to wear a yalmulka to school and not long afterwards, was beaten by anti-Semitic students. After one of the beatings, the boy needed surgery and a metal plate in his head. At that time, there was also an argument at the local school board as to whether he would be allowed to come back to school wearing a yalmulka, after he recovered from surgery. The school board did not wish to appear racist and cooperated with the local "Federation leaders" to let them "decide the boys fate." The federation told the non-Jews of the Board of Education to make the religious boy wear a ten gallon Texas hat to school. On that hat, the student should be forced to wear a sign that says "I AM AN ORTHODOX JEW."

We have sunk to the level of the Jews of ancient Egypt if we allow our "leaders" to become our LEADERS. As Rabbi Kahane said, "WE MUST SHOW OUR 'leaders' THE PROPER WAY."

Jerry Snell
Providence

Delegation Challenges Soviets Over Curtailment Of Exit Visas

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A seven-member Dutch parliamentary delegation visiting Moscow challenged Soviet authorities over the severe curtailment of exit visas granted to Jews seeking to emigrate. They were given stock answers, obviously prepared in advance, in which the authorities contended that few Jews are seeking visas and those denied them are privy to official secrets which precludes their leaving the country.

The delegation, which included the chairmen of the three parliamentary coalition factions, went to the Soviet Union to discuss European arms reduction. But they raised the question of Soviet Jews with members of the Supreme Soviet and of the Communist Party Central Committee. The replies they received were identical.

They were told that only 3000 Jewish applicants are still awaiting visas; that only five percent of the applications are rejected because the applicants are either indispensable to the Soviet economy, have knowledge of security matters or have criminal records.

The Dutch parliamentarians were told

that many Jews occupy prominent positions where State security is involved, for example, in the Defense Ministry and that the refusal to grant them exit visas applies to all Soviet citizens in similar positions.

Before leaving for the USSR, the members of the delegation signed a petition calling for the liberalization of emigration for Jews. The petition, which has a target of one million signatures, was presented to the Soviet Embassy in The Hague.

It was learned that the delegates got the impression in their talks with Soviet officials that the crackdown on visas is linked to the fact that most Jews who apply for visas to go to Israel actually go to the United States after leaving the USSR. In view of the deteriorating East-West relations, this is regarded with disfavor by the Russians.

The Dutch lawmakers visited the synagogue where they discussed the visa problem with five Jews who had applied without success. They promised that on their return to Holland they would continue their efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews.

Despite Fears Of Mid-East War, Syria Unlikely To Engage In Conflict Alone

Israel's swift action in annexing the Golan Heights has aroused fear among many American and NATO officials that a fifth Middle East war may be on the horizon. The ongoing modernization of Syria's military and the advancing technical skill of its air and tank crews leads analysts to assess that the country is prepared for war. What Syria must have, they say, is support from other Arab countries, military as well as diplomatic.

Movement of Syrian armored divisions has already been reported northwest and southwest of Damascus, since the announcement of the annexation.

In alliance with Jordan, Iraq and Libya, Syrian forces could prove a devastating foe to Israel.

However, Syria's political relations with Jordan have been strained. If Syria is to wage war, Jordan's small, but highly capable army is essential. Although Iraq's forces are engaged in a costly war with Iran, Israelis think the nation might be willing to end its war with Iran to engage in a conflict against Israel.

Alone, analysts believe Syria is in no position for immediate confrontation with Israel, since 35,000 of its troops are stationed in Lebanon as the Arab peacekeeping force. There has been no indication that troops are being pulled out of the region for stationing elsewhere.

A Syrian attack, however, could prove highly costly for Israel since the Syrian air force would be capable of much destruction

in the areas of Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Despite the strength of its air force, Syria would also find such an attack more costly than in the 1973 war, as well as any confrontation across the Golan Heights, since Israel has over the years fortified the border.

Because of the value of the rich agricultural region of the Golan Heights, one NATO official says that the Syrians are the most motivated among the Arab nations to attempt to push across the heights toward Israel.

Israeli officers believe that Syria does not want war, but is not afraid to engage in battle with Israel. It has remodeled its army and transformed three infantry division into four armored and two mechanized infantry divisions supplied with T-72 and T-62 tanks. The tanks are said to be more advanced than the ones which are American- and British-made.

Washington's concern about Soviet intervention is alleviated somewhat by the fact that the Soviets are distracted by the recent events in Poland and Afghanistan. Arms and ammunition it could supply to Syria are the main military concern. Syria's army now boasts of 3,700 main battle tanks, all built in the Soviet Union. Israel has 3,500 tanks.

The technical skill of Syria's air and tank crews has been steadily improved by modernization and a number of arms deliveries from the Soviets.

Palestinians Who Dare To Speak Of Peace With Israel Put Life In Peril

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — We hope that when this appears in print overseas, Mustapha Dudain, chairman of the Arab village league in the Hebron area, is still alive. At the funeral of an Arab moderate who has been assassinated by PLO extremists, he had openly declared that "the murderers will never represent the Palestinian nation."

We hope Bishara Kumsiya, chairman of the Arab village league in the Bethlehem area, is still enjoying good health. He had the courage to speak up in support of the peace process and called for co-existence with Israel.

These men have dared to challenge the PLO assertion that only the PLO speaks for the Palestinians. While it has been estimated that as many as 80 percent of the Arabs of Judea and Samaria disavow terrorism and would prefer to come to peaceful terms with Israel, few of their leaders have been willing to say so publicly.

Some did. Yussuf al-Khatib, who had been spearheading the drive to organize moderate Arabs to express themselves, was attacked by extremists a few weeks ago and both he and his son were killed.

Sheikh Hashem Khuzander of Gaza lost no opportunity to praise the peace program launched by Sadat. He was assassinated by his own people.

Hamdi al Khad, head of the Ramallah board of education, had told friends that the Arabs of the West Bank should not permit strangers to speak for them. He was killed. There have been others.

Nadim Zaro, former mayor of Ramallah, who had spent six years in exile for his previous support of the extremists, was permitted by the Israeli authorities to return to his home. It was widely believed that he had come to the conclusion that extremism would only lead the Arab people from one tragedy to another and that he bore a message of hopeful conciliation which could lead to an Israel understanding with King Hussein. On the day of his return agitators organized a warning demonstration outside his home — and Zaro had thus far kept his peace.

It has been made unmistakably clear that Yasser Arafat and his cohorts will lose no opportunity to terrorize and intimidate, resorting to one murder after another, to deter any move by Arabs who would prefer peace and understanding with Israel. With arrogance and impudence he has convinced many naive leaders in the western world that he is a "moderate." When his own peo-

ple disagree he calmly has them killed. Sadat fell a victim to the same sort of reaction.

In this atmosphere how can we expect any but the most courageous of Arabs to speak out in favor of peace, each one knowing that his utterances mark him out as target for an assassin's bullet?

Why does the press of the world ignore this continuing repression of thought and expression among Arabs because of the threats of fanatical extremists — and the resultant distortion of what is called Arab public opinion?

The tragic betrayal of Arab interests, leading the hapless Arab peoples from one bloodbath to another at the hands of their own brethren in Lebanon, in the West Bank and elsewhere in the Arab world, is all the more tragic because many in Washington and London, Berlin, Paris and Vienna are by their recognition of the terrorists and by their overt political assistance actually serving as collaborators in a great bloody swindle.

Bishara Kumsiya appeared on television. He did not cover his face. He identified himself. He declared openly that the only way to put an end to the orgy of terror is to live together in peace "with our brothers the Jews." His armed bodyguard protects him. If he lives, it is believed that others — many other — will dare to speak up at least.

There could be a break in the cloud — unless the collaborators in the west provide moral and political support to the assassins.

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Jewish Leaders Attack U.S. Decision To Suspend Military Agreement

NEW YORK (JTA) — Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has sent a telegram to President Reagan requesting a meeting for his organization to discuss the apparent deterioration in the relationship between our country and our country's friend and ally, Israel.

Squadron's request followed the announcement Friday that the United States suspended its agreement on strategic cooperation with Israel because Israel had failed to consult with the U.S. before it annexed the Golan Heights. Other Jewish leaders also attacked the Administration's move.

At a press conference here Friday, Squadron also criticized the U.S. vote in the United Nations Security Council the day before supporting a Syrian-drafted resolution declaring Israel's action in annexing the Golan "null and void" and threatening to take "appropriate measures" if the decision was not reversed. "We are deeply disturbed that our country has joined the lynch mob at the UN in supporting the Soviet satellite Syria — a state that refuses to make peace (with Israel) — while punishing our friend and ally, Israel," Squadron told reporters.

"It is even more distressing that the White House should add to Israel's isolation by suspending the U.S.-Israel agreement on strategic cooperation. This agreement was not a 'favor' to Israel. It was entered into by our government in order to strengthen the defense of the Middle East against Soviet aggression. To suspend this agreement... will weaken our ability to deter and respond to the Soviets." The reaction of the U.S., Squadron added, was excessive. "The double standard it implies is troubling," Squadron stated.

Short-Sighted And Harmful

Jack Spitzer, president of B'nai B'rith, termed the suspension of the agreement on cooperation "short-sighted," a step that "can only weaken America's — and the West's — position in the Middle East."

Maynard Wishner, president of the American Jewish Committee, said the suspension of the strategic cooperation agreement "is inappropriate and harmful to American interests." Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, termed the U.S. move "an unfortunate overreaction" to Israel's decision to

Former Warsaw Ghetto Leader Arrested

NEW YORK (JTA) — A former leader of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising is among the thousands of Solidarity officials arrested by the Polish authorities since martial law was declared in Poland a week ago, it was reported from Warsaw this week. He was identified as Marek Edelman who was deputy commander of the Jewish battle against the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943. Edelman, who lives in Lodz, had eluded arrest during World War II.

Another report from Warsaw quoted an article in the official government newspaper Trybuna Ludu attacking two prominent Solidarity advisers, Bronislaw Geremek and Adam Michnik, for their "Zionist sympathies."

Meanwhile, the American Jewish Committee urged the Polish government to dissociate itself publicly from lengthy anti-Semitic programs presented Dec. 15 on Warsaw TV and radio. The broadcast of an hour-long interview with a professor Kossecki, taped by Poles in Paris, included charges that Jewish groups had managed to take control of 80 percent of Polish industry and to put the Catholic church and liberal Communist leaders on the wrong road.

Another change by Kossecki, according to the AJCommittee representative in Paris, Nives Fox, was that the Jews and Free Masons were responsible for the Solidarity movement's extreme wing and that the Masons of Poland had for several years been in close contact with a Masonic Copernic Lodge in France. Fox noted that there is no such lodge in France.

According to the AJCommittee, insofar as one can tell from reports trickling out of Poland, the 6,000-member Jewish community has not been affected in any special way during the crisis, nor, until the Dec. 15 broadcasts, were Jews singled out.

annex the Golan. "By using the first available pretext to suspend the strategic consensus agreement, the Administration leaves itself open to a charge of bad faith."

Ivan Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said "the harsh and excessive" action by the Administration "provokes questions which are perplexing and require clarification. Will the Administration's decision gain respect from the Arabs, or more disdain? Will it influence the Arab states to become moderate and move in the direction of the Camp David peace process? How will this decision serve basic American interests?"

Rabbi Sol Roth, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, said: "Because of international pressures, we believe our government overreacted without giving sufficient consideration to the issues involved." Harold Jacobs, president of the National Council of Young Israel, said that the Reagan Administration's "unwarranted unilateral cancellation" of the strategic cooperation accord "proves that it never represented a sincere commitment on America's part to Israel's security."

Israel Criticized For Golan Action

Meanwhile, two Jewish organizations condemned Israel's annexation of the Golan. The Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, which reflects the views of Mapam, stated: "While stressing the importance of the Heights to the security of the State of Israel, the act of annexation, 'far from increasing the security of the region, actually jeopardized possibilities for negotiated settlement of the status of the area.'"

The New Jewish Agenda, which describes itself as "committed to Jewish peoplehood and to fostering a progressive voice within the organized Jewish community," staged a rally last Thursday in front of the Israel Mission to the UN to protest the annexation of the Golan. Chanting, "We want a land of peace, not a piece of land," a spokesperson for the group said that the annexation has "grave implications because it impairs the possibility of a negotiated settlement between Syria and Israel."

Golan Action Was a Just Step

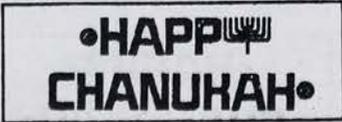
However, Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, stated, in response to Israel's action: "The application by the State of Israel of the force of her law to the Golan Heights was a necessary and just step. It was necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of that area, including the Arab population which was living under the physical intimidation and threat of the Syrians, and will quickly stabilize the situation on the Golan Heights."

"Syria has sworn her absolute refusal to make peace with Israel even if the PLO does so," in the words of her leader. Under these circumstances, the nations of the world should dare not impose a double standard upon Israel in terms of acts and conduct all of them practiced in their own experience, namely that in a defensive war; the defending and victorious nation has a right to remove a land threat from its immediate borders. This is all that Israel has done."

Evron: Action Is Unjust

Ambassador Ephraim Evron of Israel expressed "regret and deep disappointment" at the U.S. vote against Israel in the Security Council and its decision to suspend the strategic cooperation accord. He termed the U.S. Actions "unjust" and noted that it gives satisfaction to Syria. "It will only serve to exacerbate the situation and encourage the extremist forces in the Arab world, thus endangering the peace process," Evron said.

He stated that the Security Council resolution and the Administration's action "will not deter Israel from taking whatever action it considers necessary to ensure that the Golan Heights will never again serve as a base of Syrian aggression." Evron noted that the Knesset law on the Golan "does not violate Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 nor the Camp David accords."



Golan Druze Residents Strike 3 Days To Protest Israel's Move

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Most of the nearly 14,000 members of the Golan Heights Druze community, who comprise two-thirds of the total population of the region, last week began observing a three-day strike to protest the virtual annexation of the Heights by the imposition of Israeli civil law there.

While the some 7,000 Jews living in 30 villages in the region continued to express their pleasure at the government move, the army was on a higher state of alert in what army sources described as "routine higher defense precautions."

The army made little effort to cover up the increased troop and armor movements on the Golan Heights, with foreign television crews moving about freely recording the activities in the area. From the Israeli side of the border, little evidence of increased Syrian military activity could be seen.

The New Law In Practice

The actual effect of the new Golan Heights law means that the previous military rule there has now been replaced by the civil law administered throughout the rest of Israel. Certain anomalies are now being removed — such as the application of a law making compulsory the wearing of seat belts in cars while there was no law making residents take out radio and television licenses.

Israeli identity cards will now be available to all residents asking for them. But no Druze or other residents will be forced to apply for or accept them. Some pro-Israeli Druze had taken out Israeli identity cards in recent months but were forced to return them under pressure from Druze religious leaders who by and large are pro-Syrian.

Representatives of the pro-Israeli Druze have called public meetings to request continuation of military law under which they feel safer. But their move is not supported by many of their co-religionists.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Yosef

Burg has signed a regulation in pursuit of the Golan law determining in effect that all military ordinances previously applying to the Golan would retain their validity — but would now apply on the basis of civilian powers.

Officials said this general regulation was the first of many that the Interior Ministry would have to process and promulgate in the wake of Monday's Knesset action applying the "law, jurisdiction and administration" of Israel to the Golan Heights. Two interdepartmental committees have been set up: one to study the legal aspects and the other the administrative aspects of the change of the Golan's status.

EEC Ministers Denounce Annexation Of Golan

LONDON (JTA) — The Foreign Ministers of the 10 member-countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) last week unanimously denounced Israel's move over the Golan Heights, saying it was in breach of international law and endangered the search for a Middle East peace.

Their statement was issued after the ministers met here for the last time under the present six-months' chairmanship of Lord Carrington. It said the ministers "strongly deplore" the move to extend Israeli law, jurisdiction and administration to "occupied Syrian territory," which was "tantamount to annexation and contrary to international law and therefore invalid in our eyes."

The statement added that it was also "prejudicial to the possibility of implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 242" and was "bound to complicate further the search for a comprehensive settlement to which we are committed."

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Robin Friedman To Wed Leonard Schwartz



ROBIN I. FRIEDMAN

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Friedman of East Providence have announced the engagement of their daughter, Robin I., to Leonard D. Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schwartz of Providence.

Robin is a graduate of Roger Williams College.

A November 13, 1982 wedding date has been set.

Nancy Goldman To Wed Howard Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goldman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Lesley, to Howard Alan Cooper, both of Alexandria, Virginia. Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Cooper of Savannah, Georgia.

Nancy is a graduate of Classical High School, and the University of Pennsylvania, magna cum laude, where she received her Masters in city and regional planning.

Howard graduated from the University of North Carolina, with a degree in Business Administration; Phi Beta Kappa as a junior and Beta Gamma Sigma. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law.

Hanzel Appointed Chief Of Pediatrics

Dr. Jeffrey S. Hanzel has been appointed Chief of Department Pediatrics at St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, VA.

A graduate of Brown University and Georgetown Medical School. He received his training at Hartford Hospital, Conn. and St. Christopher Hospital, Philadelphia PA. He also served 2 years in the U.S. Navy.

He is the son of Dr. Harold Hanzel and the late Beatrice Goldstein Hanzel of Cranston.

He is the husband of Marsha Weinstein Hanzel of Richmond, VA. They have two sons, Michael (age 5) and William (age 2).

Emanu-El Institute Conducts Second Semester

Temple Emanu-El Institute of Jewish Studies will conduct its second semester of classes from Jan. 12 through March 2.

Registration for the semester will take place Sunday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. until noon and will feature the following courses:

First Hour: Evolution of Jewish Worship; Talmud, Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin; Survey of Jewish History, Evelyn Brier; Purim Spiel, The famous Purim Spiel returns with a Western Theme, directed by Marcia Kaunfer; Judaism & Adolescence, Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer; American Jewish Short Stories, Prof. Gila Reinstein; Life Cycle, Mr. Edward O. Adler; Advanced Hebrew Conversation, Rebecca Twersky; and Jewish Holiday Cooking — a 2-hour cooking class focusing on holidays. This course will include demonstrations, recipe hand-outs and actual cooking; sampling definitely allowed!! — Lili Garfinkel & Penney Stein.

Second Hour classes include: Bible Study Group: Genesis, Marcia Kaunfer; Haggadah, Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin; Introduction to Early Christianity, Leonard D. Gordon; Israeli Folk Dance, Judith E. Schrier; Non-Jewish Zionists, Prof. Joshua Stein; Chanting the Haftarah, Cantor Ivan E. Perlman; Advanced Beginners Hebrew, Sonia Pearl; and Intermediate Hebrew Conversation, Rebecca Twersky.

On Sunday, March 28 at 8 p.m. Yigal Shiloh, Director of the City of David Archaeological Project, will address the Congregation. For further information, please call Rabbi Kaunfer at the Temple Office.

Goldenberg To Wed James Rosen

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Goldenberg of 92 Marbury Ave., Pawtucket, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carol-Ann, of Cambridge, Mass., to James Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rosen of Millburn, New Jersey.

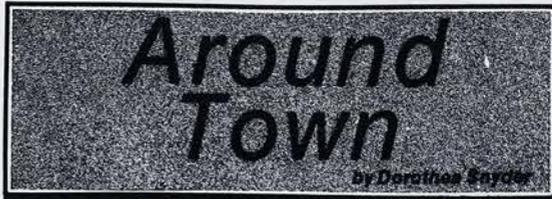
Carol-Ann is a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design. Howard graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a Master's of Architecture.

They plan an April 1982 wedding.

Benharris's Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Neil J. Benharris of 167 Lexington Avenue, Cranston, have announced the birth of their second son, Andrew Mark, on October 9, 1981.

Andrew is the grandson of Mrs. Charlotte Swartz and the late Hyman Swartz of Providence and Mrs. Albert Benharris and the late Rhoda Benharris of Cranston.



FIRST MAJOR SHOWING FOR ARTIST'S REPRESENTATIVE

Wine, asiago cheese and baroque renaissance music was the setting staged by Rose Sagan at her first major showing as an artist's representative.

The artist is Ruth Rodman, a Wayland, Mass., printmaker, whose works were introduced to about 300 art lovers at the recent opening in Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center.

This very successful presentation was not just 'another opening, another show' to Rose, but rather a realization of a long-time fantasy to be involved with the arts.

"Because of a supportive husband and a solid family life, it now seems to be an appropriate time in my life to pursue a more self-involved career," she said.

Rose Sagan enjoys the romance of being with artists and exchanging ideas.

"It is a very fulfilling existence, very satisfying and not just a surface involvement. The trust between an artist and the artist's representative is extremely important."

Rose's deep interest in art was formed in her childhood, and as she explains, "it was always present in the sidelines."

She became an admirer and collector of Rodman's works. A friendship developed between them, and several years later, Rodman gave Rose the opportunity to represent her.

Reflections, the name of her business, has a philosophical touch.

"Much of Rodman's works are reflective," says Rose who believes strongly in reflecting on the past before going forward... and reflecting on the present in regard to the future.

"Keep in mind what you'd like to accomplish. Sometimes you forget what your goals are."

And much of Rose Sagan's highly energized and goal-oriented life is a successful reflection of the emotional support by the people who surround her in her daily life.

She stresses that family and friends are the key to any successes she has achieved.

Rose, who also represents Joan Carriere, a "wearable sculptor," will be soon representing several more artists.

The gallery opening of Rodman's collection has given Rose the opportunity to establish credibility as an artist's representative.

Another facet of her career is her sales to architects and interior designers for corporate and residential clients.

Good business acumen is essential in Rose's profession.

A graduate of Johnson and Wales, she received a degree in Business Management and Travel Tourism.

Her past business experience includes an accountant's position with the governor's Justice Commission under Governors Noel and Garrahy and an in-house travel agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Rose, who is married to Lester Sagan, a Bostonian, is "also with pride the youngest

of eight devoted brothers and sisters in addition to "umpteenth loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews."

Jointly Rose and Lester have four children.

Rose's daughter Cindy, 22, a graduate of Lincoln School and Clark University, is a first-year student at the New York College of Podiatry.

Son Russell, 20, is a graduate of Providence Country Day School and a sophomore at the University of Hartford.

Lester has a daughter and a son: Erica on leave of absence from a doctoral program in Sociology at Brown University and Keith and his wife Denise of Sharon, Mass., who are the parents of two-week-old Sean Geoffrey.

The new father is a doctoral candidate in Psychology at Brandeis University.

HONORS NOT OVER-DONE FOR SANDLERS

"Honors are over-done many times, but this is a just reward for a lot of work and dedication."

These words, expressed by Stanley Turco, refer to Belle and Nate Sandler who were honored during an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Sinai on Dec. 11.

The Sandlers, now living in Hyannis, "are very generous, very special people." Turco went on to say, "They worked day and night for the Temple and were involved with every aspect of Temple life."

Belle Sandler ran the Oneg Shabbat and Nate, the Saturday Minyan Breakfast, as well as being part of the Ritual Committee, for many years.

Belle was the first honorary life member of Sisterhood and Nate is proud to say he is a "charter" member of Sisterhood.

Ruth Jaffa, former Sisterhood president, added fondly that "Belle was Sisterhood's long-time sunshine chairman, and you could always count on her to add that certain warmth to a note of expression."

Ruth went on to say that "Nate is a great story-teller, a wonderful orator and a terrific cook and baker."

Ruth also commented on Nate's sewing and crocheting abilities. "Last year, Nate crocheted an afghan for a raffle held at our Temple Bazaar, and Belle organized a group of senior citizens who made handicraft items to be sold for the Bazaar."

Charter members of Temple Sinai, the beloved couple was honored by the Temple on the occasion of their 50th anniversary three years ago and at an Israel Bonds Dinner last June.

Two different generations have made Nate Man of the Year — once in 1957 and the other time, 1977.

During the service on the night of this special Oneg Shabbat, the Sandlers were called to the Ark and given a special blessing by Rabbi George Astrachan.

The congregation honored the couple with a plaque on the Temple's tree of life.

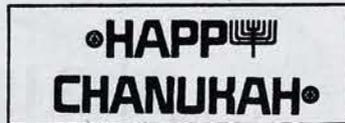
The Sandlers, whose circle of friends extends to all age groups, have two married sons, four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Their son Martin, who lives in Waban and Marston Mills, Mass., is a historian.

He was the author and script-writer for a documentary series "This Was America" presented on WSNE-TV and WCVB-TV last year.

The series was based on Martin's collection of glass-plate negatives developed at the turn of the century.

Frederick Sandler manages a group of plants for Digital which is headquartered in Maynard, Mass. He lives with his family in Manchester, New Hampshire.



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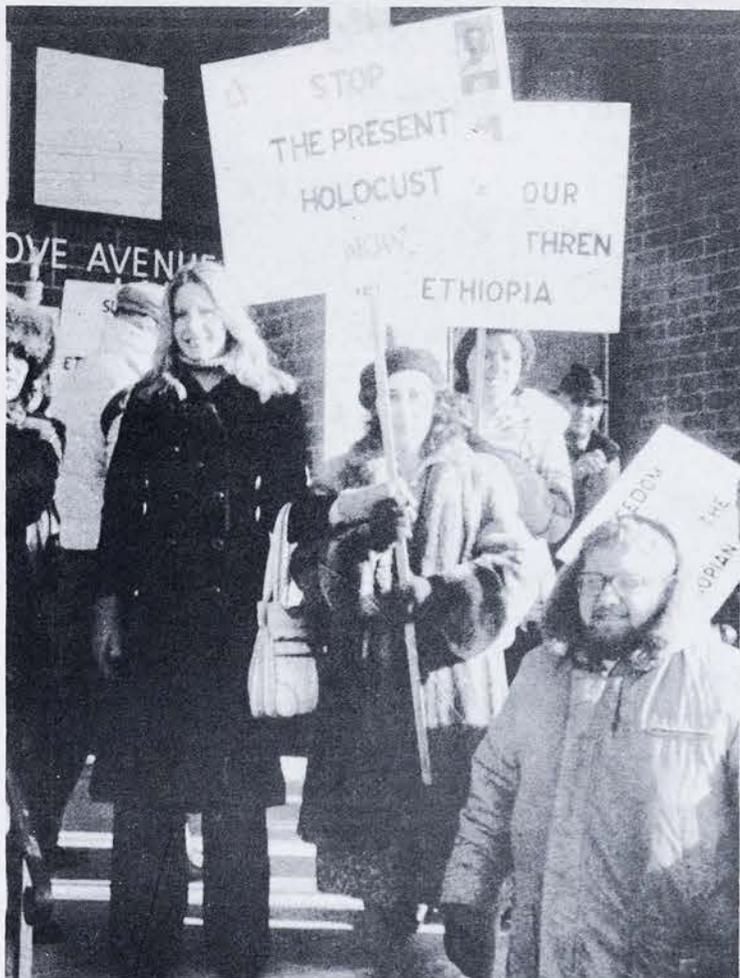
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FRIENDS OF ETHIOPIAN JEWS: (From left) Judy Misry, Sandi Afsai, Michael (Weintraub) Fink, Dina Mizrahi and Rabbi Strajcher.

Ethiopian Jew Pleas For People

The following is an open letter to delegates and participants of the 1980 Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly.

Dear Friends,

My name is Baruch, and I am a Jew. I was born in Ethiopia, but my real homeland is Zion. I am 35, but believe me I am an old man — so many things I have seen in my life. I was raised by my grandfather who educated me by having me memorize our Torah. From him I learned of God and Jerusalem. When I was very young, my grandfather had a dream. The dream was that I would see Jerusalem. For you it is easy to go to Jerusalem, but for my people it seems an impossible task.

Three times a day we pray to go to Jerusalem. We pray that the Mashiach will come and save us and take us there. Many years ago 3,000 of my people began a pilgrimage to try and arrive at that holy place; but they all died in the desert. Such is the love of my people for Zion. For you to go to Jerusalem it is easy. But my people are a poor people. A proud people, but a poor people. In your money we make 80 dollars a year. How can we afford to go?

When I was a boy my grandfather's dream came true, and for me there was a miracle. I spent my late childhood and early teen years in the Jewish State along with 15 others. In these years our friend the President of Israel, Yitzchak Ben Zvi, watched over us. With the education given to us, some of us returned to Ethiopia. I myself started the first Falasha owned farm in hundreds of years. This was made possible by the land reform instituted after 1973, by the new government. I took with me fifty Falashas into the bush. We were given one of the most dangerous plots of land near the Sudanese border.

I taught these 50 Falashas to be proud of being Jewish. Believe me, I will never forget that time. For a short time we were free. We protected our rights — Jewish rights, even though we were surrounded by a sea of Christians who for century upon century thought of us as not having the rights to own land. We were a little Israel, and we survived. Then came our enemies. They burned our farm, and I realized that there was no future in Ethiopia. I had a little bit of money most of which I gave to the fifty Falashas. Then I began my journey back to Jerusalem. I knew they would all want to come with me; but I also knew I could not tell what would happen to me and that I could not take responsibility for the life of another person.

I left at night, and I crossed the whole breadth of Africa, by foot and by donkey until I finally made it to Nigeria one year later. I crossed through the desert through a land with a sun of fire until terrible blisters covered my body. In Nigeria, I was penniless. Instead of starving in the street I got myself arrested as an illegal alien so as to have the grace of a Nigerian prison, and its bread. After my release, I went to the port every day for months. I prayed to God that one day I would find a ship that would take me back to Zion. That day came, but because I had no papers, I was exploited and hired without any pay. For one year I worked like a slave on that ship, but finally I did make it back to Jerusalem. I served in the Israel Defense Forces, but after that my mission was to help my defenseless people to see once what I had seen twice. I knew it was possible for others to come to Israel more easily than the way I had come, by refining my way.

In 1975 my people got full rights under the Law of Return. This was a great moment in our history, and so I saw this as an opportunity to begin alerting my fellow Jews to the plight of my people. I have been doing so ever since. I have met with every imaginable official in Israel and among the Jewish leadership in North America. I have spoken to individuals, and large groups. I even attended your General Assembly last year along with our leader Yona Bogali.

Even on our farm, for a short while I felt strong — because I was free. But now I feel weak because I feel that much of my efforts have fallen on deaf ears. While it is true that some of my people have been saved recently — and I am very appreciative of this — it is also true that we estimate that ten thousand of our people have been lost in the past five years; many many more than have been saved. Many of them were lost because of assimilation and conversion at the hands of missionaries. This was not the kind of assimilation which you have in North America. It was a choice between life and starvation.

It has not been easy watching my people waste away these past years. Daily I receive letters telling me of the tragedies which are at this moment befalling my people. Several weeks ago I received information that in one week alone in one small region, countless Falashas died of dysentery. There is not a single doctor taking care of our sick in Ethiopia. Malaria is out of control. The average Falasha lives to the

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Friends Of Ethiopian Jews Rally In Support Of Falasha

The Friends for Ethiopian Jews sponsored a rally at the Jewish Community Center Dec. 20 to alert the local community of the ongoing plight of Falashas suffering in Ethiopia. About 30 persons held posters and banners; men, women and children braved the chilling temperature to show their support and commitment to the cause of freeing over 25,000 Falashas who are enslaved in their own native country.

The group has circulated a petition which at the present time includes about 150 signatures. "We are a group of our own," says Karen Dub, one of the founders of the organization. Sandi Afsai, chairman and founder of the Friends for Ethiopian Jews, has worked for the past year to educate and inform the public about the plight of the Falashas.

"We educate the community by having rallies, vigils and approaching statespeople and congressmen," Dub said. Senator Claiborne Pell's office is willing to meet with the group within the next week to discuss the extreme condition of the Falashas, Karen said.

Rabbi Strajcher offered a prayer for the Falashas following the rally and prior to the opening session of the Chanukah party at the center. In his prayer he asked that those gathered pray for "victory over oppression" and "keep this thought in mind this Chanukah and help save Ethiopian Jewry."

The group has approached the Jewish Federation for assistance in their cause. "We do associate with the federation in terms of having approached them to hopefully get them to do what they can to pressure the Jewish Agency," Dub said.

The Friends for Ethiopian Jews is mainly comprised of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fink, Sandi and Aharon Afsai, Don Shine, Judy and Leon Missry, Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, Rabbi Jake Rubenstein, Ray Berger, Dr. Bart Schiavo and Dina and Eli Mizrahi.

According to both Afsai and Dub, the rally is just a beginning. They intend to pursue every avenue to facilitate the release of as many Falashas as possible.

Jewish Agency Cancels Falasha Trip

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government of their problem' and would convert their holiday into a 'spontaneous protest' in which they would demand from the government and the agency that it act on bringing out 25,000 Falashas left in Ethiopia and who today are in danger of their lives.

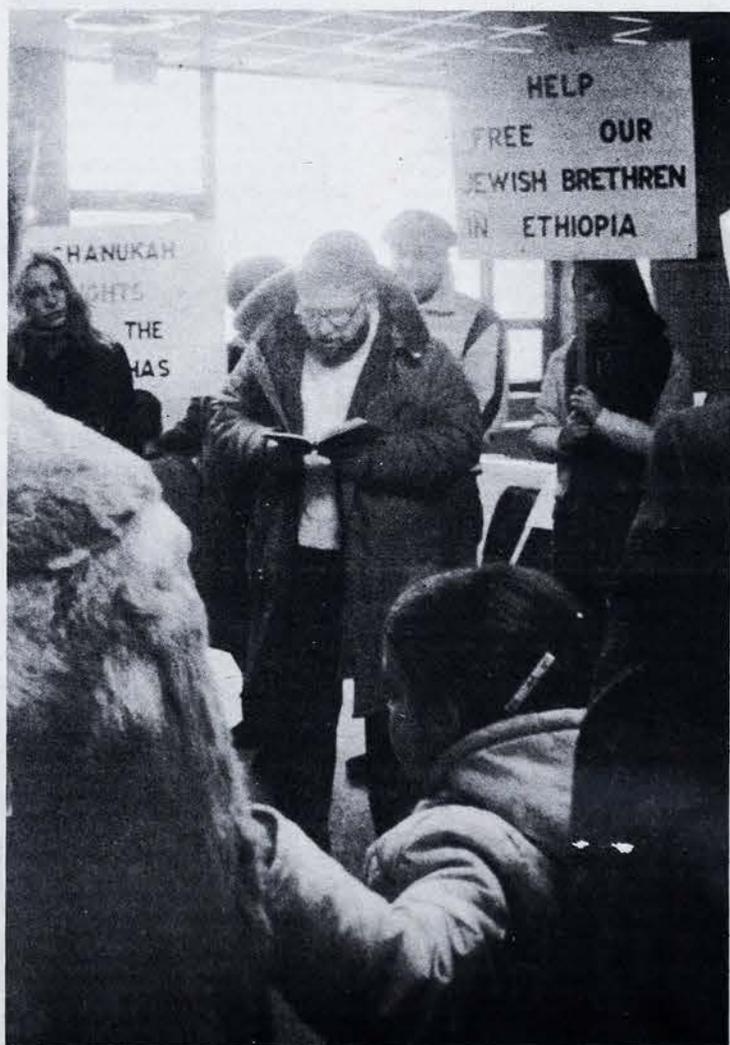
"In anticipation of the observance which was to have taken place in the amphitheatre on Mt. Scopus, the agency promised to organize a trip by bus from the absorption centers in which the Falashas are situated. However, following the announcement of the intent to make this event an act of protest, Yehudah Dominitz notified the heads of

the Falasha community that he was cancelling the organized trip which was promised to them by the agency.

"According to the words of Rachamim Elazar and Rabbi Yosef Hadnah, Dominitz said to them, 'I will not give you autobuses so that you might be able to demonstrate against me.' Dominitz said to Maariv that he suggested to the Falashas that they observe their public prayer on Mt. Massada.

"The leadership of the Hebrew University observed that the university did not permit the members of the Falasha community to use the amphitheater on Mt. Scopus because the facilities of the university are reserved for university agencies or government events only.

"The leaders of the Falashas have notified Maariv that they have not cancelled their plans to go to Jerusalem and pray there. 'We will still come to Jerusalem, even on foot,' they promised."



RABBI STRAJCHER, Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School, offers a prayer prior to the opening of the Chanukah celebration at the JCC, for Falashas suffering in Ethiopia. Sandi Afsai is pictured with the rabbi.

'We Are Not An Issue, Or Problem We Are Jews Who Can Be Saved'

The following is an open letter to the participants of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Fellow Jews:

We call on you from Jerusalem — from Zion. We are the lucky ones — what could be better for Jews than to live as a free people in their own land, Eretz Zion Yerushalayim.

Yet we call on you on behalf of our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, children and grandchildren, wives and husbands who are not as lucky as we. On behalf of the Jewish mothers watching their children shrivel as a result of hunger and disease. On behalf of the anguished Jewish parents who give up their children to missionaries who offer them food and medicine. On behalf of the martyrs who refuse to choose conversion even if the alternative is death. WE call on you on behalf of those Jews trapped in Africa, who endure pogroms, murder, rape, torture and slavery and who cry out with their dying breath: Shema Yisrael Adoshem Elokeinu Adoshem Echad. We call on you to rescue the remnant of the Jews of Ethiopia before there are none left.

The Jewish people have survived the ovens of Auschwitz. As survivors our ears must be especially sensitive to the cries of hungry, suffering Jewish children. We must add our voices to their cries. We dare not be silent. We dare not be calm. Who will answer the letters we receive daily telling of murder, rape and slavery? Who will tell these Jews that their children will die and the most powerful Jewish community in

the Diaspora will merely pass resolutions of solidarity, merely run workshops to record the tragedy and after it is all over will organize memorial services on behalf of the dead.

We dare not talk of committees, resolutions and fund-raising procedures while Jews are dying TODAY. We cannot be normal, pursuing a "business as usual attitude," when this is an abnormal situation. Calm in the face of such tragedy is not normal, it is not Zionist, it is not Jewish.

Last year the leader of the Ethiopian Jewish community, Yona Bogale, flew to the G.A. in Montreal and addressed your plenary. Your applause was warmly appreciated. Yet how much money was raised for rescue? How many committees of high level officials have been organized to co-ordinate diplomatic approaches and bargaining with the relevant governments? How much lobbying has been done on our behalf with the Jewish Agency and the government of Israel? A mere trickle of Jews has arrived in Israel. Though we are grateful for every soul saved, we say this is not enough — this is not nearly enough.

Behold, the cry of the children of Israel — the Beta Israel — has come to you and you have seen the oppression with which their enemies oppress them. Our cries have risen up to heaven, surely they shall reach the ears of World Jewry.

We beg you — each one of you — to be moved by our cries; to be moved to action. We are not an "issue," or a "workshop," or a "problem," we are Jews and we can be saved. If you truly will it, it is no dream!

Zacharias Yona, Vice-President
Rachamim Alazar, for the Association of Ethiopian Jews in Israel



LEON MISRY joins in the rally in support of Ethiopian Jews.

Let Us Restore The Faith Of Falashas

I am a Liberal Arts teacher at the Rhode Island School of Design, I teach a course on Jewish literature. With my family and students we visited Israel in the winter of '79. The major exhibit in the Jerusalem Museum was a collection of Chanukah menorahs gathered from nearly everywhere in the Diaspora.

French menorahs were shaped to look like romantic Chateaux. Italian menorahs resembled Palazzi and German candelabra were miniature Castles on the Rhine. There were none from Ethiopia. The Falashas do not celebrate Chanukah, because their community was established, and isolated, before the Chanukah events. When we bring out the Falashas from their exile, we will introduce them to Chanukah, the celebration of rebirth, renewal, the Light and Spirit of Freedom.

Chanukah seems to me a particularly beautiful holiday, it increases in beauty and meaning for me each year — Chanukah is about one candle lighting another, as the year dies and is reborn.

The Menorah is for me a symbol of our Judaism and the faith we all must have

in each other. Let us restore the faith of the Falashas, and our faith in each other. The word Falashas means 'Stranger.' It is intended as an insulting term, but really we are all Falashas, we have all been Falashas. Our pride lies in our having freed ourselves from slavery and oppression and maintained our memories together.

Working with the people who have formed this group (Friends of Falashas) to help our Jewish brothers and sisters in Ethiopia, I feel that I am witnessing a living Chanukah — Sandi Afsai. I believe that it will be a beautiful day when the Falashas return to Israel, beautiful not only for them, the fulfillment of their faith and sacrifice, but also for Israel and for the American Jewish culture as well. Because each time a Jew or group of Jews redeems another Jew or group of Jews, the meaning and history of our people is also redeemed. It has taken too long, and too many have lost their lives. But the Falashas who go up to Jerusalem will bring a blessing, to us all.

Michael Fink
Providence

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age of 35. This year there is a famine. We continue to be butchered by counter-revolutionaries. Our neighbors call us "evil eyes." They are superstitious that we will somehow "eat" them with our eyes, and so they feel justified in murdering us to "protect" themselves.

During this summer I received letters from an eyewitness saying that he saw two Falashas suffering the ultimate in human degradation. They were stripped naked and tied up like a piece of meat in a butcher shop to be sold to the highest bidder. Sometimes I wonder where God is. But what really pains me is that I know that with the full support of Israel and the North American Jews, all my people could be saved in a short period of time.

For thousands of years we never forgot Jerusalem. In Israel's hour of need during the 1967 war, and the Yom Kippur war, all the Falashas fasted and prayed for our brothers, the white Jews of Israel. My friends, this is our hour of need, and you must help us. You must help support the few lucky ones who have made it to Israel, to make sure they get an education, and don't become a beaten minority. Not one of you should rest until you know in your heart that you have done everything you can to make sure not a single Falasha Jew is going to bed hungry, and not a single baby is dying because there is no doctor to take care of him.

You must support the Israel Falasha Association in Tel Aviv to help it guide our people wisely. But first, we must kill the beast that ravages within us. The beast that prevents us from helping one another. We have seen what the fascist people did to us in the war. They destroyed 6 million European Jews, and yes, Mussolini's troops even murdered Falashas who also died as Jews. Now that we have all witnessed this, may the God of Israel take mercy on us all if we rest while it is possible to save another oppressed Jew.

My friends, don't be depressed by the condition of my people, because this will not help a single Falasha. It is better for just one happy man among you to save one Falasha than for every Jew in North America to be depressed by their condition and not save any.

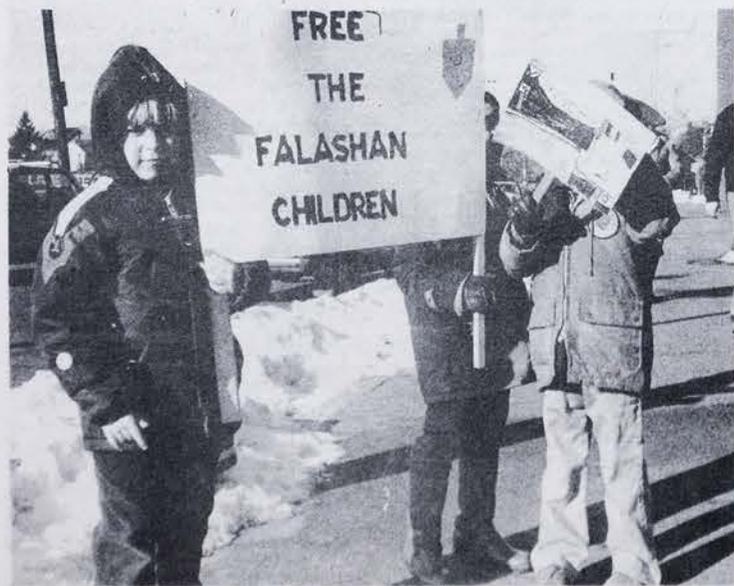
Last year at this assembly our leader

Yona Bogali spoke. Many heard his call. However, many trusted that "someone else was taking care of it." I, Baruch, ask you for your help, each one of you who if he never knew before, knows now what is happening to my people.

I can do no better than to repeat what our leader said to you once already one year ago: "Every year, every month, every day, we lose our young people to war, to discrimination, and to persecution. We cannot sustain more such losses and if the Jewish people in America and throughout the world and Israel do not act quickly to help us come to Israel then G-d forbid that perhaps in five or ten years we might disappear."

So many have perished in the last year, that tragically, the task of saving my people has become a little bit easier. Without your help, and soon, there will be none left to save. I beg you to act, now.

Baruch Tegnegne
Chairman of the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews



ERIC STEIGLITZ carries a banner at the recent rally for Ethiopian Jews.

Help Falashas In Refugee Camps

Help Falashas currently in refugee camps and speed up aliya (immigration) of Falashas to Israel by writing to: Jewish Agency, c/o Dr. Shlomo Tadmor, Director General, Jerusalem, ISRAEL; Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Jerusalem, ISRAEL; Senator Claiborne Pell, 418 Federal Bldg., Providence, R.I.; Sen. John Chafee, 301 John O. Pastore, Federal Building, Providence, R.I.; Congresswoman Claudine Schneider, 307 John O. Pastore Federal Building, Providence, R.I.; Cong. St Germain, 200 John E. Fogarty Federal Building, Providence, R.I.; and Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906. Submitted by the Shachar Chapter of American Mizrahi Women.

Money Sense:

Speculating On New Stock Issues

By Bill Waters,
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When a company goes public — sells shares of its stock in the open market for the first time — investor interest can be enormous. The desire to get in on the ground floor in what may become a leading growth company is understandable because the rewards can be both rapid and sizable.

However, investors should also be aware that the risks can be just as great. Companies making first public offerings are usually fairly unknown, and their prospects are less certain than those of more established corporations. New issues also can be highly volatile — doubling or tripling in price shortly after the offering and then dropping just as dramatically.

Why Companies Go Public

Although some new issues are offered by seasoned companies with long histories of profitable operations, more often the offerers have relatively brief (however impressive) earnings records, or they may be start-up operations without established products or managements and little or no sales and earnings.

Initial offerings include stock sold by company founders and other insiders for their own profit, as well as shares sold directly by the company to retire debt or finance growth. If the stock market is strong and interest rates are high, companies may find it easier and less costly to raise money with an equity offering than by taking out a loan.

The new-issue market was booming in the late Sixties and early Seventies then fell from favor — in part because of over-speculation. Interest has revived in the last two years partly because more investors are willing to take risks in an attempt to earn returns that are better than inflation.

Many analysts and brokerage firm underwriters that bring out new issues maintain that companies going public today are generally better quality with more solid earnings outlooks than those in the past. However, speculating successfully in new issues still requires picking and choosing carefully, and the most important document to study is the preliminary prospectus, known as a "red herring."

How to Study a Prospectus

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires full disclosure of all material facts — good and bad — about a company before it makes a public offering of new stock, and those facts are available in the prospectus that accompanies the offering. The preliminary prospectus is the one printed before a new issue is priced and sold, and you should be able to get a copy from the issue's principal underwriter or from your own broker.

When you examine a preliminary prospectus, you should look for answers to certain questions:

- Who is the principal underwriter? The underwriter makes a judgment about the company before agreeing to offer its stock to the public, and the quality of that judgment depends on the firm's skill in evaluating new issues.

- What is the company's earnings record in recent years, if it has one?
- What is its potential given its position in the industry and the products and services it sells?
- What are the company's acknowledged weak points and what developments could hurt the company's growth?
- What is the experience and depth of the management team?
- What is the financial position of the company and how does the total market value of the offering compare to the cash already invested in the company?

How to Buy New Issues

When a brokerage firm agrees to underwrite a new issue, it organizes a syndicate of other brokers to help sell the issue. That syndicate in turn usually invites other securities dealers to join them.

Even though your brokerage firm does not participate in the underwriting syndicate, your broker may be able to get you shares of selling group stock. Once the stock is sold by the underwriters, it begins trading in the over-the-counter market where any broker can buy and sell it for customers.

Buying new issues on the original offering can be difficult, especially if it is a sought after offering, because only so many shares are available. Also, unless you are particularly knowledgeable about the company or its industry, you might be advised to wait until the stock is trading in the secondary market and some indication of demand surfaces.

Certainly before you buy any new issue you should consult a knowledgeable broker. Also, it is recommended that you diversify your holdings over at least several new issues to minimize the risks these stocks often entail.

Golan Law May Kindle Spark Of Aliya

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Golan law passed last week is an "historic" act which might "kindle the spark of aliya among diaspora youth," according to Rafael Kotlowitz (Herut), the chairman of the Jewish Agency aliya department.

In an address in Tel Aviv, Kotlowitz said his department would try now to attract olim to the Golan townships and settlements with the added incentive provided by the new law. "We will bring the word of the new law to the diaspora as a challenge and as a national goal, and we will do all we can to channel new olim to the Golan," he said.

Kotlowitz flew to Bucharest Thursday for two weeks as guest of the Rumanian Jewish community. He said before departure that he intended to convey to the Rumanian community of some 40,000 Jews the opportunities and prospects provided by the possibility of aliya to Israel.



Your Money's Worth

When Is An 'Implied Warranty' Yours Automatically?

by Sylvia Porter

A fight is developing in New York and other states over your rights under the unwritten warranty that normally comes automatically with all products. Should the opponents of unwritten warranties win, one more consumer protection — weak though it is — will disappear from our dwindling arsenal.

Most times, you think of a warranty as a fancy-appearing piece of paper with the word "warranty" or "guarantee" at the top. There is another kind of warranty which can be even more important — the "implied" warranty that comes into being automatically when goods are sold; it says that the goods are not pure junk and will be useful for the purpose suggested by the seller.

The implied warranty is an obligation of the seller, not necessarily the original manufacturer. It's what you invoke when you take an item back to the store and say, "This doesn't work."

You may have both an express written warranty from the item's maker and the automatic implied warranty from the seller. But there can be a catch. Before the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act of 1975, a written warranty could carry a big headline "Guaranteed" and then say in fine print: "This is in lieu of any other warranty, express or implied." And sometimes, the written warranty gave you less than the implied warranty would have.

For instance, the guarantee might have said that you could return the item within 10 days by mailing it directly to the manufacturer in Honolulu with postage paid by you, although the product weighed 55 pounds.

To remedy this evil, Congress voted that anyone giving a written warranty could not cut back on the automatic implied warranty, except by limiting the two to the same period of time. But there still is a catch.

The implied warranty cannot be dis-

claimed by the manufacturer who gives a written warranty, true. But it can be disclaimed by the retailer who may sell you a potentially defective item. The dealer may tell you:

"If the product is defective, take it up with the manufacturer. We didn't give you any warranty. When you bought the item, there was a clause in the contract which said that the dealer gave no warranty whatsoever, express or implied."

This practice could force you to go after a sometimes distant manufacturer in case of a problem. It does not violate the Magnuson-Moss Act, because the dealer is not giving the written warranty. The manufacturer is giving the written warranty and he cannot rule out the automatic implied warranty. The retailer can, though, since he is giving no written warranty.

Retailers will disclaim any warranty in situations involving "big ticket" items such as cars, where replacement of a "lemon" can be costly. It has become a TV joke to show a consumer who has just bought an expensive white elephant and is told to return it to the manufacturer in a distant city. As a result of such complaints, laws have been passed in several states to ban the disclaimer of implied warranties. Most states have not yet acted and a big battle is on the way. Some manufacturers don't want it to be too easy for you to sue locally if an item is a "lemon."

Many consumers would prefer to pay less for an item without any guarantee — an "as is" purchase. To ban these transactions would push a large segment of the marketplace underground.

Most proposals leave intact the right of a buyer and seller to disclaim all warranties and enter into a true "as is" transaction. In sum: our whole warranty protection is up for review. The outcome could be good for consumers or a setback. This is your warning to be on guard.

Successful Investing

by David R. Sargent



Diamonds Not Necessarily Forever

Q — I would like your opinion on investing in diamonds to offset the effects of inflation. I can afford some risk. — M.E., Missouri.

Q — I would appreciate your advice as to what I should do with about \$7,500 of investment diamonds I hold, purchased about eight months ago. I feel this was a poor investment, and at age 65 I am mostly interested in income. Should I sell at a loss? — J.S., Missouri.

A — The past year has been disastrous for the diamond market, as demand fell off sharply due to reduced inflation expectations and the recession. Quality, investment grade diamonds dropped 40 to 60 percent in value from peak prices early in 1980. However, many diamond specialists are confident that the market has now bottomed and that this is a good time to buy. Investors who currently hold diamonds should wait for the market to improve, if possible, before liquidating their positions. Carefully selected investment grade diamonds can prove to be an excellent long-

term (at least three years) inflation hedge. Generally, prices have moved up over the years, despite such huge cyclical swings as we have seen this year. And liquidity is improving, as more financial planners have encouraged diamond trading. But this mode of investment is certainly not without risk, and the large sums involved inhibit the small investor. It is difficult to achieve adequate diversification when the least expensive investment grade diamond costs \$5,000.

As an alternative to purchasing diamond stones directly, you might consider investing in De Beers Consolidated Mines, the leading South African diamond producer. De Beers recently suffered two setbacks: Zaire, the world leader in industrial diamonds, dropped out of the De Beers Central Selling Organization to begin marketing its diamonds directly. Separately, De Beers was rebuffed in its attempts to secure a marketing agreement with a major Australian diamond venture, the Ashton mines. However, the De Beers cartel still markets over 80 percent of world diamond supplies, essentially controlling the market.

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Future Of Tourism In The Sinai Israel Must Find Substitute Vacation Spots

JERUSALEM (JTA) — With the withdrawal from eastern Sinai now imminent, Israel has had to think in terms of substitutes for the glorious vacation and relaxation areas along the Sinai coastline that are to be handed back to Egypt next April.

Hopefully, of course, Israeli and foreign tourists to Israel will continue to be able to visit these sites — Nueba, Dahab, Sharm el-Sheikh, and others. But, however simple the procedures for crossing the border will be, the feelings clearly will not be the same as when there was no border to cross.

Among the organizations assessing the meaning of the pullback in terms of tourism and recreational facilities has been the Jewish National Fund. Its chairman, Moshe Rivlin, interviewed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, spoke of two "alternative" areas inside Israel which the JNF together with the government Tourism Authority are already planning to take up at least part of the slack that will be

left by the evacuation from Sinai.

These are the shores of the Sea of Galilee (Lake Tiberias) and the area east of Jerusalem, on the West Bank, between the Etzion block of settlements and the ancient mountain fortress ruin of Herodium.

The Role Of The JNF

The JNF's role will be the trail-blazing and earth-works in the initial stages, and later landscaping, tree-planting and laying out recreational facilities. The Sea of Galilee project will focus, according to Rivlin, on the northern and eastern shore of the lake, and will blend into the existing "Jordan Park," an ambitious JNF project which has converted a large area around the Jordan River's entry-point into the lake into a natural recreation area.

The Etzion-Herodium idea, too, would blend into another ambitious JNF scheme which is just now beginning to be implemented, the "Jerusalem Green Belt." Having won government and municipal ap-

proval, JNF planters have embarked on a project, which, five years from now, according to Rivlin, will have created a forest belt around the capital over an area of 10,000 dunams (2,500 acres).

The belt would be largely on the fringes of the municipal boundaries of the city, all of it on state-owned land, so expropriations are not necessary. It will stretch from Atarot and Neve Yaacov in the north to Gilo in the south, both new suburbs of greater Jerusalem.

Rivlin termed this "a giant project." He said now that the green light has been given, work will proceed at a "smart pace." There will be a preponderance of pines in the forest as there is in the Jerusalem area in general, but the forest will contain many other species, too.

The Jerusalem green Belt project itself dovetails into the overall national master plan for forestry in Israel which, Rivlin disclosed, has recently won government approval.

In barest outline, the plan calls for Israel to have 1.5 million dunams of woodland by the end of the century as compared to one million today. There are 27 million dunams of land in the country as a whole outside the administered territories. Rivlin said the 1.5 million dunams target was a "reasonable" area proportionally.

For the JNF this will mean planting 25,000 dunams each year or, expressed in

terms of trees, three million trees a year. The project is in addition to the JNF's ongoing care of new and middleaged forests which require attention if they are to continue flourishing.

The master plan's effects in the Negev will be little short of revolutionary, Rivlin said. He termed it "pushing back the desert" and spoke of the various arid-zone research undertakings that are proceeding in the area.

In the region of Yatir in the northern Negev — the Hebron hill range on the West Bank — there are plans for six or seven new Jewish settlements. All of these will directly and materially benefit from this research into making the difficult soil of the region fruitful. In addition, the JNF plans to plant 2.5 million new trees in the region which will serve as a recreational facility for Beersheba.

An even more unpromising area which is being made fertile is the Sodom valley. To date only one settlement has been built there, Neot Hakikar, founded in 1970. By damming and channelling work, the JNF and the Jewish Agency settlement department have been able to divert winter flood waters into additional area and provide sufficient potential arable land for the planners to blueprint the establishment of another five of six settlements in the region.

Study Proves Genesis Had But One Author

HAIFA — Two hundred years of controversy over the unity of Genesis may once and for all be settled as a result of research at the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology.

For centuries, traditionalists have believed the Five Books of Moses, which include Genesis, had one author, Moses. Scholars, on the other hand, attribute the books to three authors. Their reasons for so doing include contradictions and repetitions within the books. The blatant inconsistency is the use of two different names for G-d.

In addition, some parts of Genesis are not dramatic tales, but long genealogies, treaties and learned writings.

Thus two authors are defined, according to the name given to G-d, as the Jahwist ("J") and the Elohist ("E"). The remaining sections are credited to a priestly writer and designated "P." Today this fragmentation of Genesis into J, E, and P is widely accepted in biblical scholarship and taught in all the world's universities. The theory is called the documentary hypothesis.

Using the most modern computer aided statistical methods, Technion researchers on what is called "Genesis Project" came to a different conclusion. The result of their research indicates that probability of the traditionalists being correct and Genesis having but one author is enormously high. The team fed the 20,000 words of the Book of Genesis into a computer which conducted a painstaking and complete analysis of the book's linguistic make-up.

The J and E narratives were found to be indistinguishable linguistically. The third, the P sections, did differ widely from both. But Prof. Yehuda Radday, head of the team notes, however, that it is only to be expected since dramatic tales and legal documents must necessarily display two different language behaviors.

"If you compared love letters and a telephone directory written by the same person, linguistic analysis would point

to different authors, though this would not be the case," says Prof. Radday.

The question of the unity of Genesis was first raised at the start of the 19th century by the German Protestant theologian Johann Wellhausen, who noted the contradictions, duplications and differences in style in Genesis. For example, there are two conflicting accounts of creation in Genesis chpts. one and two. In one, man and woman are created at the same time; in the other, Eve is created from Adam's rib.

For these reasons, the documentary hypothesis, propagated by Wellhausen, claims that not Moses but a later editor who may have lived at the earliest during or after King David's reign (about 1000 B.C.E.) composed Genesis, drawing from ancient oral traditions or written documents.

Despite the contradictions cited by the documentary hypothesis, other indicators used by the Technion team point toward one hand creating Genesis. The team's methods combined statistics, linguistics and computer science with biblical scholarship to bring to light the "fingerprints" of an author. The 54 criteria used included for example, word length, the use of the definite article and of the conjunctive "and," vocabulary richness and transition frequencies between word categories. These criteria are a reliable gage of authorship because these traits are beyond the author's conscious control and, what is more, are countable.

The research was coordinated by Prof. Yehuda Radday of the Technion department of general studies, working with Dr. Haim Shore, Tel Aviv University, Prof. Moshe A. Pollatschek of the Technion department of industrial engineering and management, and Dr. Dieter Wickman of the Aachen Technische Hochschule in Germany.

The team of researchers has previously analyzed the unity of Isaiah, Judges and other biblical books. In all these previous cases, the findings confirmed the critical view against the traditional.

Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Preparation and timing will allow this hand to make but complacency or carelessness, call it what you wish, will cause it to go down. True, there might be a slight danger playing the hand as I feel it should have been played but again playing with the odds tells you which has the better chance of happening.

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

Both sides vulnerable, North dealer with this bidding:

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

The bidding should have been as shown and was by every pair that were playing five card Majors. Two opened the North hand One Spade and ended in Game from that hand. Actually the same situation comes up no matter who becomes Declarer.

If East is on lead he will start with the Heart Queen. This means the defense can quickly rack up three tricks in that suit but what then. West's opening lead is the Club Queen with Dummy's Ace winning trick one.

When either of the above happens, I

watched as most of the Declarers went right after the Trumps, which took three rounds. Next they took a Diamond finesse which worked. They could use Dummy's last Trump to return to their own hand to take a second finesse for that Diamond King but now they had to play the Ace in hopes the King would drop. When it didn't they had to go down. They tried to lead to their own Heart King in the chance the Ace would be on the right side of it but that, too failed. Too bad, they said, but was it?

True, the Diamond finesse did work and along with it that King could have been either doubleton or tripleton. In either case it would have dropped and the fourth Diamond in Dummy would then have been good for a discard and the tenth trick. After which an overtrick might still have been scored if the Heart Ace had been right. But West happened to have four Diamonds, one too many.

To take that possibility into consideration only one Trump should be led from Dummy over to South and right then the first Diamond finesse taken. Next a second lead of Trumps back to take a second finesse. You can see what comes next. The Trumps happen not to break but even if they did the play should still be the same. A third Trump lead to Declarer's hand to take still a third Diamond finesse. Of course, if at any time the King should show itself, the remaining Trumps should be drawn and then the good Diamonds used. But that King doesn't do you any favors, fails to drop but you would still make the hand had you prepared for that eventually.

Moral: You can be an optimist if you like but always prepare for the worst if you can do so with little or no cost.

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UPON THE HEAD OF THE GOAT



Aranka Siegal

Upon the Head of the Goat. By Aranka Siegal. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 19 Union Square West, New York, NY 10003. 199 pages \$9.95 ages 12 and up. Reviewed by Eileen Shmidman

To add to a fine and growing number of books on the Holocaust for children and young adults, some of which are: *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr; *The Devil in Vienna* by Doris Orgel; *Alan and Naomi* by Myron Levy; *Elli* by Livia E. Bitton Jackson; and, of course, the best known of all *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Otto H. Frank, we can now include a new book with a most unusual title of *Upon the Head of the Goat* by Aranka Siegal.

Subtitled "A Childhood in Hungary — 1939-1944" is a sensitive, clearly written, beautifully descriptive story of Piri and her family in a small town in Hungary. At the beginning of the book the feeling is idyllic, with Piri visiting her grandmother in a small Ukranian village and playing in the fields; but as the story unfolds, there is a strong, frightening premonition of pending disaster.

Piri's father and brother-in-law are in the army, and her mother, a strong and self-confident woman, is trying to hold the family together. But as the months go by, the relentless horror of war comes to Hungary and Piri and her family are sent to a ghetto and from there on the cattle cars to Auschwitz.

The author has dedicated the story to "those who did not survive. They are deathless and timeless. Auschwitz could not sever the bonds of love and friendship which contributed to my survival and which will live within me to the end of my days." This book should help all of us rethink and remember.

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Did American Jews Do Enough To Save Holocaust Victims?

by Laurence Jarvik

In February, 1943, Hayim Greenberg, editor of *Yiddisher Kemfer*, a Yiddish-language newspaper published in New York, attacked the American Jewish leadership for its "bankrupt" response to the Nazi extermination program. "The basic fact is evident to any Jew who has the courage to look at the situation as it is: American Jewry has not done — and has made no effort to do — its elementary duty toward the millions of Jews who are captive and doomed to die in Europe!" Greenberg wrote.

Thirty-eight years later, Greenberg's charge will be examined by a commission, chaired by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, that will conduct a two-year investigation of the activities of Jewish organizations during the Holocaust. Other members of the commission include former Sens. Jacob Javits and Abraham Ribicoff as well as top-ranking officials of the World Jewish Congress, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith. The American Commission on the Holocaust will try to answer such questions as: Which Jewish groups were active on the American scene, and what did they do or fail to do about the Holocaust?

In the course of its investigation, the commission will examine historical documents never before opened to public scrutiny. But, from the records that are available, it is already possible to draw the unhappy conclusion that many of the most respected Jewish organizations did not devote the major part of their resources to the rescue of European Jewry.

It is known, for example, that Jewish organizations dismissed some serious offers to free Jews without making even a cursory investigation of their validity. In one case, an offer made in November, 1942, by the Romanian government to release 70,000 Jews from Transnistria in exchange for \$50 a person brought no response. After several months had elapsed, Ben Hecht, the Chicago newspaperman, screenwriter and co-author of "Front Page," took out an advertisement in the *New York Times* to call attention to the offer; it was denounced as a hoax by Rabbi Stephen Wise, the head of the American Jewish Congress.

If the history of this period is to be honestly investigated, the commission won't be able to ignore the activities of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. The committee was led by Peter Bergson, a commander of the Irgun, the Jewish underground in Palestine, who was originally sent to the United States to muster support for a Jewish army. His group mounted the only public political campaign whose sole purpose was to rescue European Jews.

The campaign was launched at a time when the State Department opposed making the rescue of Jews an official part of the war effort. The department learned of the Nazi extermination program in July, 1942 (and officially disclosed the existence of the program four months later), but it was not until January, 1944, that a government agency, the War Refugee Board, was created — largely as a result of the Bergson group's agitation — to save Jews and other persecuted minorities from Axis-occupied territory. In the interim, humanitarian groups, with Treasury Department help, were able to conduct some rescue operations. But large-scale efforts were blocked by Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long, who successfully persuaded President Franklin D. Roosevelt that nothing should be allowed to interfere with the paramount goal of winning the war.

Using the considerable promotional talents of Hecht and Samuel Merlin, the Bergson group ran full-page advertisements in major newspapers describing the plight of European Jewry and demanding action. It organized demonstrations, such as a salute to Denmark and Sweden at Carnegie Hall, which was hosted by Orson Welles and other celebrities. Hecht's pageant, "We Shall Never Die!," starring Paul Muni and Edward G. Robinson, toured the country and drew large crowds. Hundred of rabbis, who were mobilized by the Bergson group, marched on the White House. At the group's urging, a resolution was introduced in Congress that called for the establishment of a commission "to formulate and effectuate a plan of immediate action designed to save the surviving Jewish people of Europe from extinction at the hands of Nazi Germany."

Among the opponents of the resolution was Wise, who felt it should not pass unless it included a call to Britain to open Palestine to Jewish immigration. The rabbi shared the belief of many Zionist leaders that attention should be focused on the creation of a Jewish homeland rather than on what they saw as a hopeless task. In testimony before a congressional committee on Nov. 19, 1943, he said: "If the President were to say, 'I cannot appoint such a commission,' he would state it in such terms that would live in the hearts and minds of Americans, and we, the Jewish population of America, would accept any statement made in entire good faith . . ."

Despite Wise's opposition, the resolution led to Roosevelt's executive order establishing the War Refugee Board. The board saved hundreds of thousands of lives, but it came into being only after perhaps as many as 4 million persons had perished.

Subsequently, the World Jewish Congress tried to get the State Department to deport Bergson. Nahum Goldmann, then president of the Congress, told officials that Wise " . . . regarded Bergson as equally an enemy of the Jews as Hitler, for the reason that his activities could only lead to increased anti-Semitism."

Many in the Jewish community did not support Bergson because of his ties to the Irgun. In an organized smear campaign, some groups charged that the money he was raising actually would be used to buy guns to fight the British. For these reasons, Hecht had difficulty persuading the heads of Hollywood studios to contribute to the committee. But it's only fair to ask: If the Jewish organizations were disdainful of Bergson, why didn't they set up their own equivalent rescue organization?

Will a commission composed of prominent American Jews — including representatives of some of the very groups that have drawn criticism — be able to objectively examine the behavior of Jewish organizations? One can only hope that Justice Goldberg's promise to "let the chips fall where they may" will not be forgotten.

The 'lmud says that when misfortune strikes, one must look at oneself and examine one's own actions before blaming others. If the American Commission on the Holocaust is able to reveal the errors of the American Jewish leadership in responding to the Nazi death camps, the findings may help charitable and humanitarian organizations of all political persuasions and religious faiths to meet their responsibility to peoples in danger of annihilation, and prevent tragedy from striking once more.

Laurence Jarvik produced and directed "Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die?," a documentary about the response of the American government and American Jewish leadership to the Holocaust. Reprinted from the *Los Angeles Times*.

Recent Rift Between Kreisky, Arafat Healed

VIENNA (JTA) — The brief rift between Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat was healed when Kreisky met unexpectedly with Arafat in Abu Dhabi last week and the two men shook hands in front of television cameras. Kreisky was on a visit to Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Qatar for what he said were mainly economic matters. He has since returned from the Persian Gulf states.

Strains developed between the Chancellor and the PLO after the PLO representative in Vienna, Ghazi Hussain, was ousted for arms smuggling. Kreisky was also angered by Arafat's public jubilation over the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in October. But he told reporters after meeting with Arafat that he had no objections to the PLO sending a new representative to Vienna, though he added, "They have to send somebody who is above any suspicion."

Kreisky also absolved the PLO of responsibility for the murder of Vienna city councilman Heinz Nittel, a friend of Israel, last May 1. He said the gun that killed Nittel was the same used to kill the PLO representative in Brussels, Naim Khader. The Chancellor said the group responsible for the murders was Al Asifa, headed by Abu Nidal, which has threatened his own life and that of Arafat as well.

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In Pursuit Of A Double Dream

Building Talmay Yosef — Twice

by Joan Silberstein

TALMAY YOSEF, Israel — In the 1970's, following the Yom Kippur War, Israelis by the thousands went down into the Sinai Desert to build new kibbutzim, moshavim, and an entire city called Yamit. They were there to pursue a double dream. The national one of securing the Israeli-Egypt border with a civilian presence. The private one of owning a home, living on the land, building an intimately forged community from the ground up.

One such group created Talmay Yosef, an agricultural moshav within sight of the Egyptian border. They were teachers, salesman, lab technicians, artists, welders, sociologists. Most under the age of 30, nearly all parents of very young children. None had ever farmed before. Nor had they ever lived in the desert.

Abi Shatz is one of them, at 40, the senior citizen of his moshav. He is a man consumed, driven, of Zionist background, so attached to the land of Israel that to uproot him from it would be to kill him. In 1978 he, his wife Phillipa, and their children immigrated to Israel and joined the newly budding community of Talmay Yosef. Together with 28 families, they lived in a hostile climate where sun can scorch at 110 degrees and frost can not only ruin delicate mangoes but also kill the trees that bear them.

They fought back with faith and modern technology in a region where water is so scarce it has prevented large-scale settle-



Benjamin Shatz, 11 years old, and his sister Danielle, age 8, at the new settlement of Talmay Yosef in Israel's Negev Desert. Here, 15 adults and 30 children, relocated from the Sinai, are engaged in the modern miracle of farming in the sand. They grow fruit, vegetables and flowers.

"There are less of us and we're just barely hanging on. But we're still here, and we intend to stay. I guess because of the way we feel about Israel. Jerusalem isn't safe, or Tel Aviv either, no place is safe without people living out here on the edge."

ment for 2000 years. And they succeeded. They grew tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and eggplants by the ton. Their greenhouses produced thousands upon thousands of export quality chrysanthemums. Sand that had never sustained life yielded it in abundance. At enormous cost. Millions of dollars. Long hours of intensely hard work. The self-discipline and self-denial of men, women, and children living without movies, TV, concerts, theatre, without close neighbors, except one another. Yet they succeeded and were grateful and pushed on to achieve more. Until historical events stopped them in their tracks.

In a succession of moves previously unimaginable, the Camp David accords were reached and a peace treaty was signed between Israel and Egypt. A condition of that peace was total Israeli evacuation of Sinai by April, 1982. The land was literally pulled out from beneath the settlers' feet.

By August 15, 1981, Talmay Yosef — now called Talmay Yoseph Aleph, for there would be a second one — had been emptied. Of the original 28 families, only half were left. Fourteen families had scattered. Back to kibbutzim and moshavim well within Israel's borders. Back to major cities and towns. Back to countries of origin around the world.

Looking at what they built and what they have to abandon, one can understand why.

The road to Talmay Yosef Aleph is a lesson in history. T-54 Russian tanks, captured from Egypt in the '73 war, now serve Israel's army. Bedouin encampments sprout TV antennas from goatskin tent tops, white scraps of rag flying from them to announce fourteen-year old girls for sale as brides. Three miles away is the Gaza Strip, populated by 400,000 Moslem Arabs committed to a Palestinian State.

Talmay Yosef Aleph is deserted. Shutters down. Doors locked. A ghost town in the noonday sun. The sand encroaches, covering remains of green lawns and flower gardens, slowly burying them. Abi Shatz unlocks the door of what was his house, the one at the end of the block. "Still mine," he says. "My home, till the Arabs move in. A million of them. That is how many Egypt intends to put in Sinai. And one of those families is going to be right here, sitting in my living room."

The house has been stripped of its life. A few things remain, the last for Abi to take away. His typewriter. His wife's loom. A blue plastic potti the baby, born here, has outgrown.

Directly behind the house are the greenhouses. Vacant. Waiting to be dismantled and removed. The sand is crusty. The drip irrigation systems are shut down, the computers that monitor them gone. There is a disembodied silence.

"Now what do you do?"

"We move on. We do the same thing again. We build Talmay Yosef Bet. This time, we'll be inside the new border, in the Negev Desert instead of Sinai."

"But how can you stand it? Where do you get the strength?"

"From the dream. True, it's weaker now. There are less of us and we're just barely hanging on. But we're still here, and we intend to stay. I guess it's because of the way we feel about Israel. Jerusalem isn't safe, or Tel Aviv either, no place is safe without people living out here on the edge. If there isn't Yad Mordechai or Kiryat Shmonah or Adamit or Nireliahyu, there isn't any Ashkelon or Haifa or Arad either. That's why we go on."

Talmay Yosef Bet is a tiny bump in the sand. The houses are laid out in a circle, wagon wheel style. There is nothing else for miles. The water systems have been connected in the houses, but not in the fields or greenhouses. Not yet. There is gas and electricity, but not even one telephone in the entire settlement. No medical facility whatsoever. If anyone became ill, a truck or ambulance would take them to Beersheba, the main Negev city an hour away. In a serious emergency, a helicopter would be needed.

"Our main problem," says Abi, "is money. It can take a year before we even begin to be productive. We have to prepare

vineyards. Two years from now, they will bear fruit. Someone will eat these grapes. Someone will drink wine made from them. At glad occasions. Births and weddings. Already extra acres have been planted and are being tended, for new settlers yet to arrive.

Talmay Yosef and other Negev settlements will grow and will sustain themselves. If the cash flows from American and world Jewry. If the Jewish Agency receives the money in time.

Phillipa, Abi's wife, sums it up in her drily humorous way. "I wasn't brought up to be a Jewish Princess," she says mildly. "I was brought up to create something."

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the land, set up the greenhouses. Plant. Harvest. Market. In the meantime, we have no income. How do we live? We go borrow, and pay 165 percent interest. We go further and further into debt. We owe \$10,000 as a moshav. In addition, every one of us owes personal debts of over \$1,000. That's astronomical when you realize the average take-home pay in this country is about \$250 to \$500 a month for a family with three children.

"We simply can't finance this change in our lives" he concludes, "so other Jews will have to provide the seed money, through the Jewish Agency. Once we have the seeds — for anything — we can make them grow. We proved that once and we'll do it again."

Out behind Abi's house is flat sand. Nothing else. Here acres of wooden poles have been set upright in carefully spaced rows. Young vines already creep up these poles. One day, these vines will become

And you know what it takes to do that in Israel? It takes lots of money and a great sense of humor, that's all."

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Obituaries

ABRAHAM W. WINKLEMAN
PROVIDENCE — Abraham W. Winkleman, of 261 Rochambeau Ave., a former dry goods merchant, died Thursday, Dec. 17 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Lenore (Silverman) Winkleman.

Until retiring 20 years ago, he was the owner of Winkleman's Dry Goods, East Providence, for 25 years. He was a member of Temple Beth-Shalom and a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

Born in Poland, he was the son of the late Morris and Gertrude (Rosenberg) Winkleman. He lived most of his life in Providence.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Murry Winkleman of Warwick and Jack Winkleman of Wallingford, Conn.; a sister, Rebecca Broskofsky of Providence, and five grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to a favorite charity.

MIRIAM E. HOCHMAN

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA — Miriam E. Hochman, of 2400 S. Ocean Dr., died Monday, Dec. 21, at Hollywood Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of William Hochman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Augusta (Schimmel) and Jacob Knasin. She moved to Florida 3 years ago.

Besides her husband, she leaves a brother, Alan Knasin, of Scituate, a son, Steven Dubro of Plainfield, Conn., and a granddaughter, Danielle Dubro.

A funeral service was held with interment at the Star of David Memorial Park in Florida.

HARRY A. GOURSE

FALL RIVER — Harry Andrew Gourse, 89, a prominent local businessman, and a leader of the Jewish community, died Monday, Dec. 7. He was the husband of Zelda (Fisher) Gourse of 4700 N. Main St.

Born in Fall River, he was the son of the late Simon and Ethel (Smolensky) Gourse. Gourse was a graduate of B.M.C. High School.

He was the owner of the former Hub Clothing store on Troy St. for many years. The store was founded by his father, and Gourse had been in partnership with his late brother, David, until retiring in 1974.

He was a World War I veteran and founder and past president of the Fall River Credit Bureau. He was a member of the Temple Beth-El Congregation Adas Israel, the Jewish War Veterans, American Legion, the Zionist Organization of America, Fall River Lions Club, and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Gourse was also secretary-treasurer of the former Jewish Welfare Fund and a life member and board member of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a member of Mt. Hope Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason and a collector of rare books.

Besides his widow he leaves a daughter, Leslie Gourse, and a brother, S. Norman Gourse, both of New York City.

A grave-side service preceded burial in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

RUTH AUSTERN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Ruth Austern, 77, of the Evergreen House Health Center, died there Friday, Dec. 16. She was the widow of Herman Austern.

Mrs. Austern was a resident of Warwick for 30 years before moving to the Health Center last September.

Born in Lowell, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Karl and Lena (Kaplan) Dworkis.

She was a life member of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a member of the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital, the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am-Beth David, and Hadassah.

Mrs. Austern is survived by a brother, Myles Dworkis of East Providence and two sisters, Mrs. Cecilia Reffkin and Mrs. Eva Barbarita, both of Providence.

The funeral was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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

ANITA E. MANELIS

FALL RIVER — Anita Edna Manelis, 57, of 287 Woodlawn St., died Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Sidney Faber Cancer Center, Boston. She was the wife of Dr. Samuel R. Manelis.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Harry Horowitz, and Mary (Goldberg) Horowitz of Providence.

Mrs. Manelis was a life long member of the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, Hadassah, Brandeis University Women's Organization, and the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged. She was also a member of Temple Beth-El, Fall River.

She graduated from Brown University, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1945, and served as president of the alumni unit of the class of 1945 of Brown. She was a member of the women's board of St. Anne's Hospital and Charlton Memorial Hospital.

Besides her husband and mother, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Cheryl Smith of Springfield, Mass. and Dr. Jocelyn Manelis of New York City.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, Fall River. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JOE LEVITT

CRANSTON — Joe Levitt, 88, of 420 Auburn St., a retired businessman, died Friday, Dec. 18, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Lillian (Weisberg) Levitt.

Until retiring 10 years ago, Levitt owned the former Beacon Upholstery Co., Providence. He was a World War I Army veteran. He was a member of the Congregation Shaare-Zedek Sons of Abraham and the Jewish Home for the Aged, a life member of the Providence Elks and a member of the Providence Hebrew Loan Association.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy F. Solinger, of Cranston and Mrs. Nathalie L. Kossove of Providence; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Pierce of Warwick; two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at the Lincoln Park Cemetery Warwick.

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

ISRAEL GREBSTEIN

NEW YORK — Israel Grebstein, 83, a construction worker, died on Sept. 10 in New York.

Born in Russia, he was the son of Jacob and Fanny Grebstein.

Grebstein was a member of the Jewish Legion who fought in World War I.

He leaves a son, Samuel; a daughter, Phyllis, both of New York; 3 brothers, Sigmond, Abraham, and Benjamin Grebstein, all of Providence.

Funeral services were held in New York.

Are Black African Nations Moving To Restore Broken Ties With Israel?

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Are the countries of Black Africa, which broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1972 and 1973, moving toward restoring official ties with the Jewish State? There has been speculation about this from time to time in recent years. But two recent events have increased the suspicion that something is about to happen.

First, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, while on a visit to Washington, told reporters his government was ready to resume relations with Israel "immediately" but would not act except in conjunction with other African countries.

Then it was disclosed that Defense Minister Ariel Sharon visited several African countries before going to Washington Nov. 30 to sign a Memorandum of Understanding implementing strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel against a Soviet threat to the Middle East. One of those countries was Zaire.

Background Of Major Breaks

Mobutu, who received his paratrooper training in Israel, was considered a staunch friend of Israel until he broke relations with Jerusalem two days before the outbreak of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. In a speech announcing his decision at the United Nations General Assembly, Mobutu explained he had to choose between a brother (Egypt) and a friend (Israel).

Zaire's break with Israel came at a time when the Black African countries were under heavy pressure from the Arab states to sever their ties with Jerusalem. The process started in March, 1972, when Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, who also received his military training in Israel broke off relations after Israel refused to provide him with additional funds. It is believed that the funds were then provided by Libyan ruler Muammar Qaddafi. Financial aid from Libya was also believed to be the reason Chad broke relations with Israel a few months later.

But the major breaks came in the days before and after the Yom Kippur War and included such close friends as Ghana, Liberia, Kenya and Ivory Coast and Ethiopia, then still ruled by Emperor Haile Selassie, who claimed descent from the Biblical meeting between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. By the end of 1973, 27 countries south of the Sahara had broken ties with Israel leaving Jerusalem with diplomatic relations only to Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi and Swaziland.

Program Of Development Aid

But more than diplomatic relations were broken. Israel since 1958 had a program of development aid to Africa. The program started in Ghana shortly after it became the first Black African state to achieve its independence. It soon was expanded to other African states, and eventually included some 80 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The African program, started by Golda Meir when she was Foreign Minister, was a combination of self-interest and altruism. Since Israel was rejected by its neighbors it could leapfrog over them and find friends among the countries just beyond the Arab borders, friends who would be good trading partners and might provide diplomatic support.

At the same time, Israel as a developing nation itself was accepted by the African countries as a country which could share its experiences in overcoming some of the same problems they faced. The Israeli programs were also designed to have the host country take over their operations as soon as possible.

The programs, which attracted many idealistic young Israelis in the same way the Peace Corps attracted Americans, were operated by the government, by the

Histadrut and by private Israeli companies. Many Americans were also brought to Israel for training.

Much, though not all of these programs, were shattered when diplomatic relations were broken. The African countries were soon backing the Arabs in their diplomatic attacks on Israel in the various international forums.

Shift By Some African Countries

But in the last few years, some African countries have been moving away from this position as they saw that the UN General Assembly and other international forums were being dominated by Arab attacks on Israel while their concerns were given secondary treatment or ignored. At the same time, the Black African countries have gained little economic benefits from the oil-rich Arab countries and, instead, they and other underdeveloped countries have suffered on account of the oil price increases.

Of course, while diplomatic ties have not been renewed other relations, especially trade, have continued between Israel and many Black African countries and have grown in recent years.

Mobutu said in his Washington press conference that he broke relations with Israel to support a fellow African state in Cairo's effort to get the Sinai back. Now that Egypt has diplomatic relations with Israel and Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai is scheduled to be completed in April, "as far as we are concerned we could do it immediately," Mobutu said of restoring ties with Jerusalem. "But Zaire is not alone in Africa," he added. "For the time being I will wait to see what the other ones are going to do."

There have been other such comments in recent years. Shortly before the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was signed, a member of Kenya's Parliament who was touring the U.S. said his country would resume relations with Israel once Egypt had diplomatic relations with the Jewish State.

However, the time may be ripe now. Israel is very concerned about the Soviet penetration in Africa, especially the Horn of Africa which is not too far from its own borders. Many African states, such as Zaire, share this view.

Jerusalem sources linked Sharon's visit to Africa to Israel's strategic cooperation with the U.S. The Reagan Administration's strategic consensus does not seem to have convinced many Arab states of the need for cooperating with Israel. But it may be the catalyst that will result in restoring diplomatic relations between Israel and Black Africa, relations that never should have been broken in the first place.

Reagan Sends Begin Chanukah Message

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President and Mrs. Reagan sent Chanukah greetings to Premier and Mrs. Begin Sunday. The message, which Cabinet secretary Arye Naor released to the press, said:

"Nancy and I wish you and Mrs. Begin a Chanukah full of joy and happiness. The light of the Chanukah candles symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people and its culture, its decision to be free and its constant quest for peace. The United States will always be Israel's partner in its efforts to bring the blessing of peace to all the nations of the Middle East.

"We hope full recovery from your injury." The latter referred to Begin's broken hip for which he was hospitalized earlier this month.

Naor told reporters that Reagan's message arrived during that day's Cabinet session.

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Solar Power In Israel Produces French Fries

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The first application of solar power for commercial purposes began in Israel last week. A specially built computer activated 500-square meters of solar energy collectors to produce steam running an electric generator at the Tapud food factory in Shaar Hanegev. The product/French fried potatoes.

The solar power plant, known as the Luz system of LS-1, was designed by Arnold Goldman, an engineer who recently immigrated from the U.S. American experts described it as the most efficient solar generator in the world. The Tapud factory is the first to use it on a commercial basis.

American Jewish Youth Are 'Turning On' To Their Jewish Identity

NEW YORK — American Jewish youth are "turning on" to their Jewish identity in ways they never thought possible, according to the cover story in the December issue of the magazine JWB Circle.

A network of community-based Israel Programs and Information Desks, spearheaded by Jewish Community Centers and/or Jewish Federations on the local level and sponsored on the national level by JWB, is credited with the phenomenon.

The Israel Desks' aim is to raise the Jewish consciousness of American youth through long-term or short-term experiences in Israel.

In the current issue of JWB Circle, Dr. Fred Masback and Judy Green, of the Long Beach Jewish Community Center (Calif.)-sponsored Israel Programs and Information Desk (IPID) Committee, report that the effort has resulted in a significant number of young people going to Israel for work or study experiences.

JWB Circle is the bimonthly magazine that interprets the Jewish Community Center movement and JWB's place as the central address and headquarters for JCCs, YM & YWHAs and camps in North America.

Masback is a member of the Long Beach Israel Desk Committee. Green is the Israel Desk director. Their jointly authored cover story tells how, under the general direction of Committee Chairperson Shimon Kaufman, a sub-committee headed by Seymour Gates was asked to organize an exhibit to make the wide range of opportunities available in Israel come alive to the Long Beach Community.

The result was a 10-day, multi-media "opportunities in Israel" exhibit which dramatically presented information on travel, study, temporary stay, employment, business and Aliyah.

The article cites examples from among many Long Beach youth who have been "turned on" to their Jewish identity with the help of the Israel Desk.

Maxine Rabinowitz now lives in Jerusalem as a temporary resident, working part-time at a health food shop and studying advanced Hebrew at an Ulpan. Tamur Danufsky joined the Israeli army in

September. Paul Shuey and Ronna Sarvas are working on two different kibbutzim. Claudine Mendelovitz is retraining as a teacher in an absorption center in Beersheba.

Sharon Eshett, a high school graduate, spent a semester at an Israeli university. Matt Goldish is participating in a special one-year program at Yeshivat Ohr David in Jerusalem, along with Howard Jaffe, Gary Metzger, and Joel Petlin, all from Los Angeles. Fifteen-year-old Robin Wallace spent the summer studying Hebrew at the NFTY Ulpan at Ben Shemen.

The Long Beach success story is being duplicated in communities across the U.S. "Since Philadelphia began its Israel Desk at the Jewish Ys and Centers, the enrollment of youth, young adults and volunteers in Israel programs has been startling," says Philadelphia Chairperson Shirley Shils.

A "dramatic increase" in the number of Buffalo, N.Y., persons seeking information about Israel since the Buffalo Desk was set up at the Center is reported by Chairperson Dvorah Joseph. In Rochester, N.Y., the number of persons involved in long-term Israeli experiences soared in two years from 55 (including nine on Aliyah) to 180 (including 24 on Aliyah).

"The unique thing about the Israel Desk concept is that it is a North American Jewish responsibility," according to JWB Executive Vice-President Arthur Rotman. "The concept grew out of the realization that encouraging these extensive experiences in Israel, of benefit both to the North American Jewish community and to Israel, are and should be the responsibility of American Jews.

"The Israel Desk is sponsored by the local Jewish Community Center and/or Jewish Federation. The directors, knowing the American 'consumer,' provide on the basis of their knowledge of programs in Israel a tailor-made program for each American Jew interested in a living experience in Israel," Rotman said.

"The Israel Desks are not intended to supplant the Israel programs and projects of other Jewish organizations. The Israel Desk is not an additional or competing



MAXINE RABINOWITZ, of Long Beach, Calif., gets father's farewell kiss and blessing at the airport as she leaves for Israel. She now lives as a temporary resident in Jerusalem. Maxine is one among hundreds of American Jewish youth "turned on" to their Jewish identity through Israeli experiences fostered by JWB's Israel Programs and Information Desk Project. Thirty-one communities across the U.S. have Israel Desks in the JWB network.

program. Rather, it is the one place in the Jewish community where anyone interested in experiencing Israel can come and get information on Israel programs offered by all organizations," the JWB executive vice-president said.

In North America, JWB provides training opportunities for lay leaders and professional personnel of Israel Desks (the Desks have a variety of names), makes available a manual of guidelines and materials, disseminates the latest information about Israel programs to local Desks, and is helpful in other ways.

In Israel, JWB has a special staff person — Marvin Goldish — who serves as a kind

of "ombudsman," making preparations for visits by groups and individuals, facilitating contacts for those seeking jobs, study opportunities, and voluntary experiences, solving problems, and helping out in a myriad of other ways.

Susie Selcer of Minneapolis, chairman of the JWB-Israel Programs and Information Desk Project, observed, "The success of the Israel Desk Project will mean that more North American Jews than ever before will get to experience Israel firsthand."

There are 31 communities participating in the JWB network of Israel Programs and Information Desks.



SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD

Senator Bob Packwood Receives Social Action Award From NCJW

NEW YORK — Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon received the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Social Action Award at the organization's Joint Program Institute in Washington, DC, on Nov. 19. More than 500 delegates from across the country were on hand at the closing luncheon of the four-day advocacy skills training event, as National President Shirley I. Leviton presented the award to Senator Packwood. Citing Senator Packwood's courage and dedication to principles in the face of relentless pressure, Mrs. Leviton said: "Once Senator Packwood has made his commitment — be it in regard to the sale of AWACS to the Saudis or on the question of freedom to choose abortion, he becomes an eloquent, persuasive, and intensely passionate advocate."

Accepting the award, Senator Packwood said that there were "about a dozen others in the Senate and scores of Representatives in the House who are equally deserving of

the award." All work for those goals supported by NCJW and "it would be a permanently losing battle without people like you," Senator Packwood told the audience.

Following the presentation, the Senator delivered an address on Constitutional rights which included the history of their development from the English legal code and the importance of safeguarding our liberty in the face of those who believe that "God speaks to them," and that their morality can be legislated and imposed on the rest of the country. Senator Packwood singled out the issues of school prayer and the freedom to choose abortion as areas where rights must and should be protected.

Senator Packwood's speech drew a standing ovation from the audience of NCJW members who are pledged to a program of community service and advocacy in the priority areas of women's rights, aging, children and youth, Jewish life and Israel.

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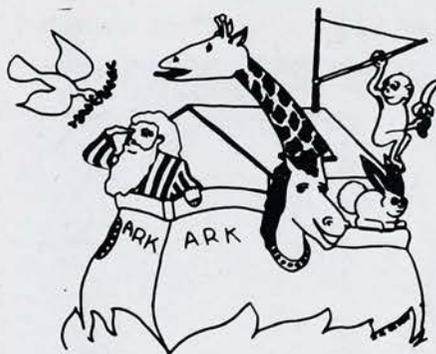


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The Menorah Miracle

Why did Silly Shimmy wear the menorah on his head?



When he asked his mother to put the menorah on the table, she said, "Put it on yourself!"

(This riddle comes from *A Silly Shimmy Chanukah*, by Hersh Goldman, Ktav Publishing House, Inc., 1980).

First "Noah Needs News" Winner!

The first winner in the "Noah Needs News" contest is **Caren Goldberg, 7½, from Los Angeles, California.** "The Menorah Miracle" is based on a letter Caren wrote about her family's 400 year old menorah. Caren's prize is a free one year subscription to NOAH'S ARK for herself or a friend. Mazel tov, Caren!

If you would like to try to win a free subscription to NOAH'S ARK, write about any subject of interest to Jewish children. Jewish recipes, holiday craft ideas, art work, jokes and riddles are also welcome. If you are a winner, your entry will appear in the newspaper.

Send your entries to Noah Needs News, NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and age as well as the name and address of the person you want to receive the free one year subscription if you win.



Caren had a very special menorah. Not only was the menorah beautiful, but it was also very old. In fact, this menorah had been in Caren's family for 400 years!

Just before Chanukah began, Caren brought her menorah to school. Everyone wanted to see it because it was so old. Caren was very proud and passed the menorah around so everyone could touch it.

When it was time to go home, Caren wrapped the menorah in some newspapers. Then she put it in a paper bag. All the way home, she talked to her friends about the special menorah.

Caren talked so much that it took a lot longer than usual to walk home. When she got there, the housekeeper said, "You are very late! You'll have to hurry to your ballet class!"

Caren put her books and the paper bag on the table. She hurried to get her leotard and ballet slippers. Then she ran out the door.

The housekeeper saw the paper bag next to Caren's school books. "This must be Caren's leftover lunch," she thought. She threw the bag into the garbage can.



"I'd better hurry and take this garbage out. The trash collectors will be here soon!" She made it just in time; the trash collectors were down the street.

Then the housekeeper went home.

Later that night, Caren's mother said, "Chanukah starts tomorrow night and we want to be ready. Let's put the menorah on the dining room table now."

"Okay. It's in the paper bag in the kitchen," Caren said. "I'll go and get it."

Caren went into the kitchen. She saw her school books but she did not see the paper bag. "Mom, it's gone! The bag with the menorah is gone!"

"Are you sure you brought it home?" her mother asked. "Are you sure you left it on the table?"

"I'm sure!" Caren cried. Caren and her mother looked everywhere for the paper bag. Finally they called the housekeeper on the phone to see if she had seen it.

"I'm sorry, but I thought Caren's leftover lunch was in that bag," said the housekeeper. "It's already at the garbage dump by now! I'm afraid it's gone forever!"



Caren cried herself to sleep that night. A 400 year old menorah in the garbage dump! It was too terrible to imagine.

The next day, Caren's father went to the dump. Caren was so nervous that she paced up and down the driveway, waiting for her father to come home. "Tonight is Chanukah! If Dad doesn't find it, this will be the first time in 400 years that candles won't be lit in that menorah!"



Finally her father returned. As he got out of the car, Caren asked, "Did you find it?"

Then she stood still as a statue. She couldn't believe her eyes - or her nose! Her father was a mess! He was filthy! And did he stink from all the garbage at the dump!

But there, in his hand, was the shiniest, prettiest menorah - Caren's own 400 year old menorah!

That night, when the family lit their Chanukah candles, they weren't only celebrating the miracle of the oil in the Temple 2000 years ago. They were also celebrating the miracle of their own menorah!

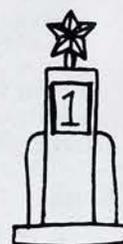
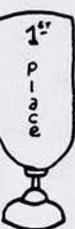
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Chanukah Craft Contest

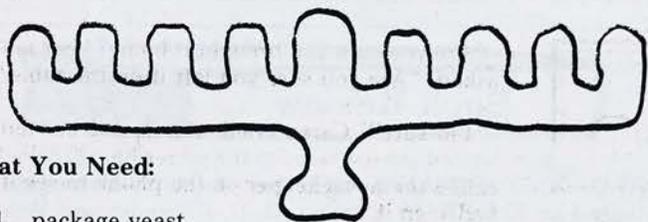
The winner in the Chanukah Craft Contest is Matthew D. Freedman, 8 years old, from Chatham, Illinois. Matthew will receive a NOAH'S ARK T-Shirt for his winning entry, Chanukah Pretzels.

Many good ideas were received and some are printed below. Thanks to everyone who entered!



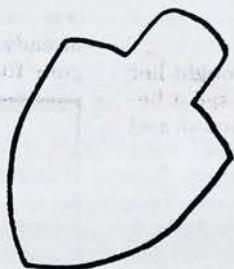
Matthew's Chanukah Pretzels

The home-made Chanukah gift that Matthew Freedman made was pretzels shaped into Chanukah objects. This is a fun recipe to make, because you get to stick your hands in the dough. Be sure an adult is with you whenever you use the oven!



What You Need:

- 1 package yeast
- 1½ cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 4-5 cups of flour
- 1 egg



What You Do:

1. Turn the oven on to 425 degrees.
2. Wash your hands well.
3. In a large bowl, mix the yeast, warm water, sugar and salt.
4. Slowly add the flour. Knead the dough until it is smooth. If the dough is sticky, add a little more flour. The dough should not stick to your hands or to the sides of the bowl. Sprinkle a little flour on your hands to make it easier to knead the dough.
5. Sprinkle a little flour on a board or on a sheet of waxed paper. Pull off pieces of dough and roll into thin "snakes" about a foot long. Shape the "snakes" into menorahs or dreidels. Or you could make initials of the people who will be receiving the pretzels. Put the pretzels on an ungreased cookie sheet.
6. Crack the egg into a small bowl and beat it well. Brush the pretzels with the egg. Sprinkle some salt on top.
7. Bake the pretzels for 12 to 15 minutes, until golden brown.
8. When done, remove from pan to cool.

Honorable Mention Clay Gifts

Two readers sent in ideas to make gifts out of clay, an easy-to-make present for any one on your Chanukah gift list. Thanks to **Leslie Grossman, age 7, Houston, Texas** and **Joanna Bell, age 6, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania**.



What You Need:

- Modeling Clay
- Tempera Paints
- Paintbrush

What You Do:

1. Shape the clay into the object you want to make. Leslie suggested a clay dish and Joanna suggested a menorah.
2. Let the clay dry and harden.
3. Paint your gift with bright colors. Let it dry completely before you wrap it.

Honorable Mention A Tisket, A Tasket . . .

Jason Harwood, age 5½, Houston, Texas, suggests you make a basket for a Chanukah present. Before you begin, make sure an adult checks the empty coffee can for sharp edges.

What You Need:

- Empty coffee can (or any type of can)
- Hand can opener
- Contact paper or Sunday comics
- String, scissors, glue



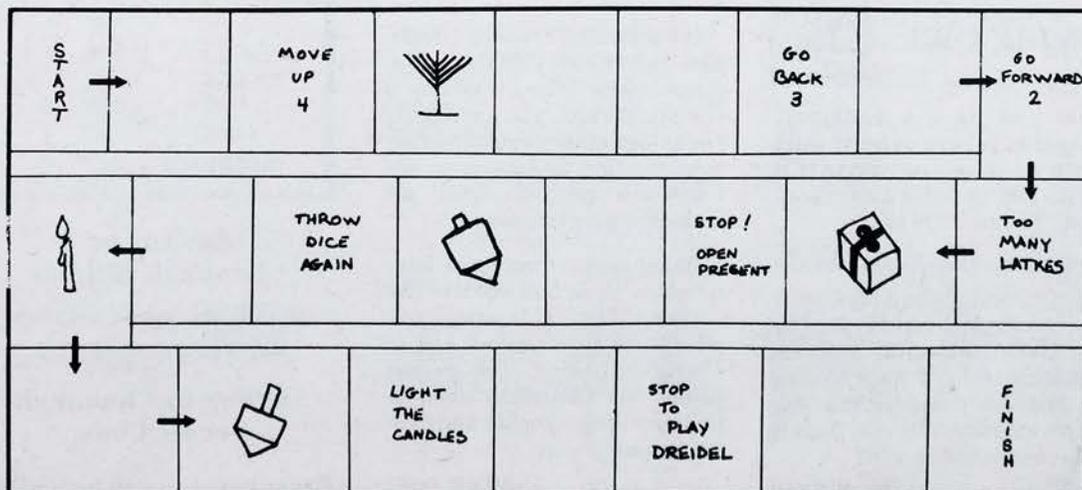
What You Do:

1. The empty coffee can should only have one end removed. Punch out one hole on each side of the can with a can opener.
2. Cover the can with contact paper or comics.
3. Put a string through the holes and tie a knot on each side.
4. Suggested uses for the basket: a car litter basket, a pencil and pen holder, or fill it with dirt and put a small plant in it.

Honorable Mention

The Chanukah Game

Heidi Muller, age 12, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, created a Chanukah Game as her gift idea. Heidi made up a board game for 2 to 4 people. She made markers, cards, instructions and the board. Then she put it all in a large envelope. You could decorate the envelope and mark it "A Chanukah Game". This would be a perfect gift, made especially for the young friends on your Chanukah gift list.

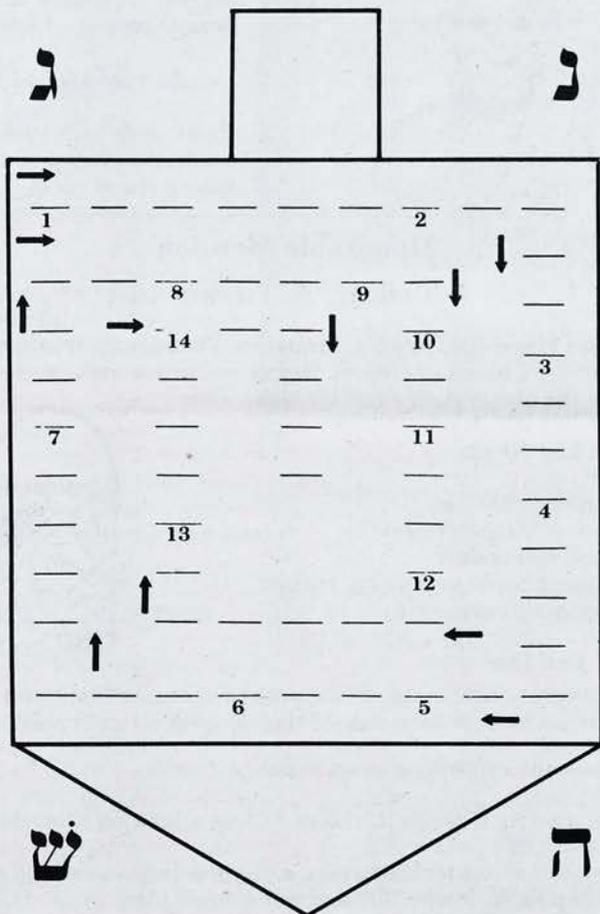


Chanukah Dreidel Puzzle

To play this game, write the word for each clue in the blank. You will notice that each word begins with the last letter or letters of the word before it. Start with number 1 and follow the dreidel 'round and 'round.

Clues:

1. The "top" game played on Chanukah.
2. Another name for potato pancakes.
3. Hebrew word for "there".
4. Candle holder used on Chanukah.
5. Hebrew word for "was".
6. The wicked king in the Chanukah story.
7. The servant candle.
8. The first Hebrew letter of #3.
9. The first Hebrew letter of the Hebrew word for miracle.
10. Hebrew word for "miracle".
11. Same as #3.
12. Judah _____
13. The number of days that Chanukah lasts.
14. Judah lit #4 in the Holy _____



Chanukah Riddle

The ram on Noah's Ark has a riddle for you:

Why did Silly Shimmy lock the Chanukah candles in the room?



To find out, cross out every R, A, and M.

M A S R O M T A H R M E R Y A
R C A O M U M L A D R N O A T
A M G R R O A O R M U M R T A

(This is another riddle from *A Silly Shimmy Chanukah*, by Hersh Goldman, KTAV Publishing House, Inc., 1980.)

Book Review

NOAH AND NAMA'S ARK. By Charlotte Pomerantz. Illustrated by Kelly K. M. Carson. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1981. \$9.95. Suggested for elementary ages. The story of Noah and the Ark is told in rhyme in this book. Most of this version is quite clever. But some of the jokes show a lack of respect for the kind of man Noah was. The pictures are excellent and alone are worth the price of the book!

A CLASSROOM HANUKAH. Illustrated by Debra Goldberg Butler. Pascal Publishers, 21 Sunnyside Avenue, Wellesley, Massachusetts 02181. 1980. Suggested for younger elementary ages. This is both a story book and a coloring book. It tells the story of Chanukah and includes a couple of good craft projects. Children will understand the main character's problem and will like his solution.

Hebrew Words of the Month

	סַבָּה (sah bah) grandfather		אִמָּה (ee mah) mother
	סַבָּתָא (sav tah) grandmother		
	בַּת (bot) daughter		אָב (ah bah) father
			בֵּן (ben) son

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Do you have a problem? Wise Owl is here to help! Just write to Wise Owl, NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071.

Dear Wise Owl:

My school puts on a big Christmas program every year. We sing Christmas carols and one Chanukah song. I want to sing too and don't understand why my parents won't let me. Does it make any sense to you?

- The Singer

Dear Singer:

It makes a lot of sense! Christmas carols are Christian religious songs. When you sing a Christmas carol, you are singing about ideas that Jews do not accept. Adding Chanukah to the Christmas program does not make the program okay.

Religious performances have no place in public school. The proper places for Christmas programs are in churches and in Christian homes. The proper places for Chanukah celebrations are in synagogues and Jewish homes.

- WISE OWL

Answer to Chanukah Riddle

So they could not go out!

Answer to Chanukah Secret Code

Because it scraped its SHIN!

Answers to Chanukah Dreidel Puzzle

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| 1. dreidel | 7. shamash |
| 2. latkes | 8. shin |
| 3. sham | 9. nun |
| 4. menorah | 10. nes |
| 5. haya | 11. sham |
| 6. Antiochus | 12. Maccabee |
| 13. eight | 14. temple |

Jewish Commission Investigates Price Gauging In Sale Of Kosher Products

NEW YORK (JTA) — The first effort under Jewish organizational auspices to investigate and publicize price gouging in the sale of kosher products is now underway. Harold Jacobs, president of the National Council of Young Israel, sponsor of the Kashruth Consumer Protective Commission, reported last week.

Formation of the new commission was authorized by delegates at the 64th annual convention last June of Young Israel, a national association of Orthodox synagogues.

Jacobs announced the appointment of Samuel Feinberg, a semi-retired New York attorney, to head the board. Jacobs said the commission had set up its first subcommittee, which was given the assignment of investigating charges of huge price jumps for kosher foods specifically before and during holiday seasons. In recent years this has been one of the most widely voiced complaints of observant homemakers.

He said the commission was seeking a professional investigator and ad-

ministrators, with expertise in the economics of the household products industry, to direct the commission's work. Feinberg, in a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that initially the commission's work would be limited to the Greater New York area.

"Once we have established our credibility, we will go where the facts lead us," Feinberg said. He pledged to the kosher products industry that its manufacturers, wholesalers and vendors would receive a fair hearing on complaints — which he said the commission already was receiving.

Consequences Of Price Gauging

Both Jacobs and Feinberg stressed, in their statements to the JTA, that the commission would have nothing to do with kosher certification, a rabbinic procedure. Steinberg said the board includes lawyers, biochemists, businessmen and Jews generally concerned with the escalating prices of kosher products which have forced many kashruth observers to give up keeping kosher because of the constantly mounting prices at the retail level.

"We have issued a special appeal to all Young Israel members to call to our attention specific instances of kosher pricing policies which may require the attention of the commission," Feinberg told the JTA, but he added that "We will not necessarily wait for a consumer complaint before we move into the situation."

He was reminded that last October, New York State Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, (D. Manhattan) an Orthodox Jew who is chairman of the Assembly Agriculture Subcommittee on Food Products, said that he was considering such an investigation. However, Silver has not taken action on that announcement. Feinberg commented that the Young Israel commission "would welcome all cooperation" from Silver.

Feinberg agreed that the commission faced at least two major problems as it moved "slowly but steadily" into carrying out its mandate.

Since this is the first probe of its kind, the commission has no guidelines in developing its program and in effect will be pioneering each step in implementing its mandate.

Vatican Newspaper Condemns Golan Heights Annexation

ROME — The annexation of the Golan Heights was strongly condemned by the L'Osservatore Romano newspaper, semi-official Vatican publication.

In an unsigned article, the paper said that condemnation of Israel's unexpected action was spreading throughout the world.

The article said the action can only hinder the peace process begun with the Camp David accords, and it was taken by the very side that "proclaims that it wants to safeguard the process and bring it to fulfillment."

The article concluded that the annexation move points up the contradictions in the position of Israel, which "on one hand accuses the others of withdrawing into positions of rejection, and on the other accumulates with, faits accomplis — not allowed by international laws — material to aggravate an already difficult and hard affair."

The other is that while the Young Israel commission has no subpoena powers to compel testimony by any elements of the industry, it has a tool of considerable clout — publicity on abuses — but one that carries a very considerable peril: lawsuits for damages stemming from its planned policy to report to the observant public any findings of price abuse.

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Feinberg agreed that publicizing abuses, though a potent tool, carried the threat of such lawsuits. He said that, apart from that danger, the commission was determined to develop a reputation for fairness and justice. He said "we must be sure of our facts before we publicize a situation of price unfairness," adding, "We will give to the merchant or producer the same publicity as we hope to give to the violator of the code of morality and decency in this vital field to observant Jews."

In emphasizing that the commission's scope excluded questions of certification, Feinberg said the commission will not accept cases involving questionable kosher certification. He said "our interest is entirely in the economics of the industry. Jews with questions about the kashruth of a given product will be referred to their rabbi."

Jacobs said the commission is working out of the Manhattan offices of the Young Israel and, for the time being, had no budget. Its expenses are being met from Young Israel organizational operating funds.

American Withdraws From Israeli Job

TEL AVIV — Arie Genger, 36, an expatriate, who returned from the United States to accept a Defense Ministry Post has announced unexpectedly that he is withdrawing from the position.

Genger had been invited by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to coordinate Israeli arms exports, but ministry personnel and the Israel press strongly protested entrusting the position to a person who emigrated 14 years ago and became an American citizen.

The Defense Minister issued a statement that he did not propose appointing anyone else at this time. He said that Genger was still the best person for coordinating arm sales.

Genger was the former executive vice president of the Rapid-American Corporation of New York, and president of its subsidiary, the McCrory Corporation, a retail chain-store enterprise.

Genger said he had been portrayed in Israel as a criminal, but his motives for accepting the job proposal were patriotic. He said he hoped his experience would not deter any other Israeli expatriates with highly developed skills from returning home.

His announcement was welcomed by the Defense Ministry workers' committee, but they expressed the hope that he would remain in Israel.

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