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# UNESCO Press Officer Resigns in Dispute

PARIS: The information director of UNESCO, an American Jew, has submitted his resignation, attacking the anti-Israeli actions of the United Nations over the last 13 months.

Joel Blocker, said in a letter to Amadoe-Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal, the director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, that he was quitting because of the General Assembly resolution passed last month equating Zionism with racism, as well as earlier anti-Israeli actions by UNESCO. The agency has its headquarters in Paris. The resignation becomes effective December 31. He has held the post for nearly two years.

A UNESCO official confirmed that Mr. Blocker's letter had been received by the director general, but declined to release Mr. M'Bow's reply to Mr. Blocker. The officials said the director general expected to meet with Mr. Blocker this week.

The official said that he was familiar with the situation of Mr. Blocker. The official said that Mr. Blocker had been advised by official letter in October that his contract would not be renewed. The official noted that the United Nations resolution on Zionism had been adopted by the General Assembly in New York in November, after Mr. Blocker was said to have received the letter terminating his contract.

Mr. Blocker, who is 43 years old, has a current contract that expires Jan. 20.

Mr. Blocker has been telling close associates, however, that his dispute with the organization and Mr. M'Bow began in November 1974, when UNESCO adopted several resolutions condemning Israel and excluding it from the organization's European grouping. Mr. Blocker is said to have been under pressure, as chief information officer, to soften the impact of the anti-Israeli actions in his dealings with reporters..

Mr. Blocker has also been telling associates and friends here that he had received several offers, direct and indirect, to accept other, less-sensitive posts at the organization. Some of the offers were said to have come directly from Mr. M'Bow. All of the offers were said to have been made before the resolution on Zionism was approved.

In effect, Mr. Blocker will be learning the organization three weeks before the expiration of his contract. No announcement has been made concerning his replacement.

In his letter to Mr. M'Bow, Mr. Blocker explained his reason for leaving. The text of the letter, made available to correspondents here, says the resolution on Zionism was "an unacceptable violation of both the spirit and the letter of the United Nations Charter. "This resolution, as you must know, is not an isolated instance," the letter says "it climaxes a whole year of similar decisions, taken in the United Nations itself as well as in its specialized agencies, that call into question the very constitutional bases of international cooperation. Nor is there any reasonable expectation that such policies will cease to be adopted in the near future."

Mr. Blocker, a former reporter with Newsweek magazine and CBS, has told friends that he intends to return to journalism.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION is received by Jacob N. Temkin, center, Vice President of Temple Emanu-El from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for "his outstanding work and leadership on behalf of the Seminary." The ceremony took place at the recent annual breakfast meeting of the Rhode Island Friends of the Seminary, held at Temple Emanu-El. Attending were, left to right, E. Morton Percelay, Rabbi Joel A. Zaiman, Jack Temkin, Manfred Weil, and Lawrence L. Suttenberg' Chairman of the New England Friends of the Seminary and guest speaker.**

# Woman Elected President Of Staff at Butler Hosp.

The Butler Hospital Staff Association has elected its first woman president. Wilma S. Rosen, M.D., staff psychiatrist at Butler Hospital and assistant professor at Brown University, will succeed Eufrocino Beltran, M.D., who served as president during the 1973-75 term.

The Butler Hospital Staff Association, formed in 1962, is composed of 152 physician members. Only seven of these are women.

Dr. Rosen earned her B.A. and M.D. from Temple Medical School. Internship was taken at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, and residency was completed at Temple University. Further training was taken at Philadelphia Psychonanalytic Institute.

She is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is chairwoman of the Committee on continuing Education of the Brown University Medical School Section on Psychiatry and Human Behavior and the Rhode Island District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Rosen is a consultant psychiatrist to Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design as part of the Butler Hospital Consultation Program, and is a member of many professional orgainizations, including the Rhode Island Medical Society. Recently, she was elected a fellow in the American Psychiatric Association.

**WEAPONS SHIPPED?**

TUNIS (ZINS): The press reports that the Leftist leader of the Moslem terror groups in Beirut has accused Israel of "participation" in the Civil War in Lebanon. The leader is convinced that the Christian armed forces are using Israeli weapons. Viewers confirm that they have seen Christians with Israeli guns in their hands. Christian sources deny that they have received weapons from Israel, and claim that the guns were captured by the Syrians during the early days of the Yom Kippur War in 1973, and were sold to the Christians in Lebanon. The Falanges are now using the same weapons not only against the Moslems in Lebanon but also against the Syrians and Palestinians.

# *Finance Ministry Asks Less U.S. Dependence*

TEL AVIV: In an effort to reduce political dependence on the United States and help slash the nation's deficit in the balance of payments, Israel's Finance Ministry has presented to the Cabinet an austerity budget. The budget, which comes to nearly $12 billion, has been proposed for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

Submitted along with it was a three-year economic plan which would reduce services, raise prices, lengthen the work week, and make jobs more scarce. The proposals came under sharp attack within the Cabinet, which failed to reach agreement on them.

Officials said the proposed national budget for 1976-77 represents a 5 percent reduction when the effects of inflation are figured in, though the total figure is $3 billion higher than the current budget.

After the budget proposal was made by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel protested against the allocation for his ministry as inadequate. He rose in Parliament to warn that there would be sharp reduction in the efficiency of his force to fight crime, which he said was increasing.

Health Ministry officials said there would be cutbacks in services, departments closed and that the hospital-building program would be suspended. Education Ministry sources said classes would have to be combined and school lunch programs cut back.

The Finance Ministry proposals were defended in a news conferenece in Jerusalem by Arnon Gafni, the ministry's Director General. He said the budget was part of a program to reduce the deficit in the balance of payments from the current total of $3.7 billion to $2.8 billion by 1978.

The deficit is being covered largely by aid and loans from the United States. Mr. Gafni said the three-year program was meant to decrease the deficit "and thus decrease economic and political dependence."

The major cause of the deficit has been an increase in military procurements to $2 billion from $700 million a year since the Middle East war of October 1973.

Mr. Gafni said the budget estimates were based on an assumption that the United States Congress will approve the Ford Administrations request for $1.5 billion in direct assistance to Israel and its request for $755 million in security support and assistance.

The Finance Ministry's economic plan is meant to reduce private consumption by 3 per cent in the next fiscal year. It calls for a value-added tax and an increase in social security fees. Under the program, Israelis would pay up to 60 per cent more for their bread, milk, cooking oil, bus fares and other basic items because Government subsidies would be slashed. Israelis would also have to pay more for some services currently provided by the Government or by municipal authorities.

# Tourist Boycott Brings Results

MEXICO CITY: The Mexican Government "in no way identified Zionism with racism," despite its vote to that effect at the United Nations in November. This is what Mexican President Luis Echeverria Alvarez told representatives of major American Jewish organizations last week. The group said later that the Mexican President also promised that future Mexican votes at the UN "cannot be misinterpreted or misunderstood as equating Zionism with racism or opposing the national aspirations of the Jewish people."

On Nov. 10, Mexico joined 71 countries in supporting a resolution denouncing Zionism as racism. Since, then, major Jewish organizations in the United States and Canada have suspended their tour programs to Mexico and hotels have received thousands of room cancellations.

Lawrence Peirez, a member of the board of governors of B'nai B'rith, said that the 10 organizations represented here today would wait to see how Mexico voted on a United Nations declaration on women before deciding whether to recommend the lifting of the tourist boycott. That declaration, currently before the General Assembly, also contains an article describing Zionism as racism.

The chairman of the 16-member delegation, Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that he was "entirely satisfied" with the result of the luncheon meeting with Mr. Echeverria.

"Mr. Echeverria explained that he had hoped the resolution would lead the conflicting parties in the Middle East to make progress in their talks," Mr. Graubard said. "The President added that the vote did not accomplish the results he had hoped for."

Will Maslow, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, added that Mr. Echeverria took full responsibility for Mexico's vote Nov. 10.

Today's meeting seemed to climax a quiet reversal in position by Mexico since the Nov. 10 vote. At the United Nations last week, for example, Mexico unexpectedly abstained in a vote on a resolution condemning Israel for an air attack on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

For the last five days, Mexico's Foreign Minister, Emilio O. Rabasa, has also been visiting Israel in order to clear up, in his words, "certain misunderstandings" resulting from Mexico's vote on the Zionism resolution.

During his visit, Mr. Rabasa stated publicly that "there is no discrimination in Zion and where there is no discrimination there is no racism."

After the luncheon, at which kosher food and wine were served, Mr. Graubard presented Mr. Echeverria with a book of poems and illustrations by Israeli and Arab children called "My Shalom."

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January 18-January 26—Gastronomical Congress—Eastern Region, Del.
January 18-January 27—Temple Beth Israel, led by Rabbi Jacob Handler.
January 20-February 1—World Convocation of Jewish Veterans.
February 5-February 19—Adventure Vacation in Israel and Rome—Fall River.
February 9-February 18—Jesuit Center to the Holyland and Rome.
February 9-February 18—United Methodist Church, led by Rev. John H. Pressey.
February 12-February 22—Holy Family Church to Israel and Rome, led by Father Trepanier.
February 12-February 22—Temple Emunah, led by Rabbi Joel Myers.
February 12-February 22—Temple Emanuel of Newton, led by Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Suttenberg.
February 14-February 24—Interfaith Group of Springfield, led by Rev. Ronald Whitney.
February 16-March 1—Temple Beth El of Norwalk, led by Rabbi Jonas Goldberg.
February 23-February 28—First International Congress on Family Therapy.
March 1-March 18—Chelsea-Revere Jewish Community Center to Israel and Rome. led by Mr. Alex Morochnick.
March 8-March 17—United Church of Shirley, led by Rev. Leonard W. Silvester.
March 8-March 17—Tri-Parish Community Church, led by Rev. James A. Ewen.
March 8-March 17—Golden Tour to Israel and Athens, led by Mr. Ben Porter.
March 8-March 22—South Area JCC, led by Mrs. Eleanor Landa.
March 8-March 17—Pilgrim Congregation Church, led by Rev. V. Venator.
March 11-March 21—Temple Emanuel of Haverhill, led by Joe and Sylvia Elgart.
March 11-March 25—Hartford Annual Tour to Israel (for first and second timers), led by Clara and Mickey Sowolsky.
March 11-March 21—Congregation Tifereth Israel, led by Rabbi Nathan Polen.
March 13-March 21—Second International Conference on Calcified Tissue (3 return dates).
March 14-March 24—Temple Emanuel of Lawrence, led by Rabbi Harry A. Roth.
March 31-April 12—Bi-National Conference on Applied Metallurgy (2 return dates).
April 22-May 3—Second International Chest & Lung Conference No. 1.
April 22-May 6—Second International Chest & Lung Conference No. 2
April 26-May 10—Spring Tour to Eilat, led by Mr. Sid Heller.
April 26-May 10—Israel Anniversary Tour No. 1, led by Mr. A. Bernard Shurdut.
April 26-May 17—Israel Anniversary Tour No. 2, with Athens.
April 27-May 12—American Physicians Fellowship Tenth World Congress of Israel Medical Association, led by Dr. Manuel Glazier.

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# Obituaries

### Jacob Alpert

Jacob Alpert, 73, the retired president of Alpert Bros., Inc., a wholesale tobacco company, died Sunday. He was the husband of Bertha (Cohen) Alpert, and lived at 215 Valentine Street, Fall River.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Temple Beth-El in Fall River, with burial in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. The family is sitting shiva at his late residence through Sunday night.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Bennet and Libby Alpert, he was a lifelong resident. He was a member of Temple Beth-El, the Watuppa Masonic Lodge and the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged.

He is also survived by two sons, Wesley and Burton Alpert, both of Providence; two brothers, Maurice and Louis Alpert, both of Fall River, and three grandchildren.

### William Brown

William Brown, founder and president of Brown's Auto Body Works in Pawtucket, died Wednesday. He was the husband of Sadie (Bander) Brown and lived at 36 12th Street in Providence.

He was a member of Temple Beth Sholom, Providence.

He was born in Austria, a son of the late Morris and Gettel Brown, and had been a Providence resident for 60 years.

Along with his wife, he is survived by a son, Sydney Brown of East Providence; two daughters, Mrs. Natalie Berger of West Hartford, Conn., and Miss Betty Brown of Providence; a brother, Max Brown of Providence, and four grandchildren.

### Sarah Golden

Mrs. Sarah Golden, 90, the widow of Sam Golden died Tuesday. She lived at 131 Winter Street in Woonsocket.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at B'nai Israel Synagogue in Woonsocket, with burial in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

She was a member of the synagogue and its Sisterhood, Hadassah and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a former volunteer for the Greater Woonsocket American Red Cross.

A daughter of the late Benjamin and Shandel (Macktaz) Yaraus, she was born in Russia, and had lived in Woonsocket since she was 10 years old.

She is survived by three sons, Harold, James and Edward Golden, all of Woonsocket; four daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Caslowitz of East Providence, Mrs. Esther Smalley of Woonsocket, Mrs. Charlotte Sugarman of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Dorothy Katz of Weston, Mass.; a brother, Morris E. Yaraus of Orlando, Fla.; five sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Iventash of Providence; Mrs. Rose Goldstein and Mrs. Marion Osher, both of Miami; Mrs. Dora Wine of Portland, Maine, and Mrs. Pearl Hoffman of Florida; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

### Dena Buckler

Mrs. Dena Buckler, 69, died Monday. She was the wife of Israel Buckler, and lived at 265 Angell Rd. in Lincoln.

Mrs. Buckler was born in Boston, the daughter of the late Julius and Dora Landsman. She had been a resident of Central Falls and Providence before moving to Lincoln 20 years ago.

She was a member of Congregation Ohawe Sholom of Pawtucket.

Along with her husband, she is survived by two sons, Ralph Buckler of Lincoln and Bernard Buckler of York, Pa.; three daughters, Mrs. Samuel Bochner of Providence, Mrs. Martin Cutler of Hollywood, Fla., and Mrs. Herbert Eisenstadt of Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Mrs. Harry Davis of Providence; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Augustus V. Barwood

Augustus V. Barwood, husband of the late Jeanette Barwood, died at his home in Stoneham, Mass. on December 8. Funeral services were held at the Stavetsky-Schlossberg-Soloman Memorial Chapel in Brookline.

He was a member of Temple Israel in Brookline and was president of L.J. Barwood Manufacturing Co. in Everett, Mass. before his retirement.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lois R. Saipe of Boston; and by two sons, Augustus V. Barwood Jr. of Los Angeles and Edgar A. Barwood of Providence; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Morton Robinson

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick Monday for Morton Robinson, 52, who died Sunday. He lived at 112 Burlington St., Providence.

He was born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Martha (Finklestein) Robinson and was a lifelong resident of the city. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Louise Robinson, with whom he lived.

### Pauline Poulten

Mrs. Pauline Poulten, 67, who was active in Jewish organizations for many years, died Sunday. She was the widow of Ben Poulten, who died in 1972, and lived at 249 Warrington Street, in Providence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Temple Beth Israel in Providence, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

She was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Nattie Chorney, and had lived in Providence for more than 65 years.

Mrs. Poulten was a graduate of Commercial High School, Providence, and attended New Jersey State Teachers' College. She was a past president and past treasurer of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island and Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood. She was a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Temple Beth Israel.

She was a past president of Montefiore, a Jewish public service organization; was a member of B'nai B'rith and the United Order of True Sisters and the Brandeis University Women's Association.

She leaves three sons, Arthur Poulten of Cranston, Steven D. Poulten of Narragansett and Howard W. Poulten of Providence, two sisters, Mrs. Irving Avrutsky of Providence and Mrs. Edward Raiff of Hyde Park, Mass.; a brother, Sanford Chorney of Cranston and a grandson.

### Isadore Lazarus

Isadore Lazarus, 82, a retired Providence antique dealer, died Thursday, December 11. He was the husband of the late Ida (Schlifer) Lazarus and he lived at 28 Delwood Rd., Cranston.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

He was born in Russia, and had lived in Providence for more than 50 years before moving to Cranston two years ago. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek and the Young Peoples Beneficial Association.

He is survived by two sons, William Lazarus of North Miami, Fla., and Maurice Lazarus of Atlanta; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Brill of Cranston; three brothers, Samuel of Miami Beach, Fla., Frank of East Providence, and Morris Lazarus of California; a sister, Mrs. Lena Bart of New Jersey; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Nathan J. Michaels

Funeral services were held December 11 for Nathan J. Michaels, 72, at Riverside Memorial Chapel in Miami Beach. He was the husband of Ruth Michaels of Miami Beach.

Along with his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Helene, and two grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Fay Wasserman, formerly of Providence, and now of Miami Beach, and Mrs. Rose Solarz of Los Angeles, Calif.

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# Temple Notes

**Sons of Jacob Officers**

Congregation Sons of Jacob held its installation of officers following services on December 7. Officers include Chairman of the Board Jack Glantz, Vice Chairman Alex Goodblatt, Treasurer H. B. Stone, Secretary George Labush, Gaboyim, Nathan Waldman, Hayman Parness, H.B. Stone, and Joseph Siegal. Rabbi M. Drazin was installing officer. The synagogue is open everyday for services, weekdays 15 minutes before sunset.

**Family Shabbat Dinner**

Temple Emanu-El will hold a traditional Shabbat Dinner for Temple members on Friday, December 26. Reservations can be made by calling the Temple Office at 331-1616 and are limited due to space. The regular Shabbat evening schedule will be followed. Services for the entire congregation will begin promptly at 6:10 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. The dinner will follow services at 6:40 p.m. in the Meeting House.

**Beth Torah Series**

Temple Beth Torah's Rabbi Series, which has not been held for several years, will begin again on Sunday, December 21. Rabbi Gerald Zelermyer will inaugurate the series with a talk on "Great Jewish Personalities." A different topic will be chosen for each program, which will be held once a month. The talk will be preceeded by a 9:30 a.m. breakfast sponsored by the Temple's Men's Club and is open to Temple members.

**Pulpit Dialogue**

Temple Sinai in Cranston will hold, as part of its Sabbath Evening Service tonight, December 19, at 8:15 p.m., a pulpit dialogue on "The Campus Today." The dialogue will feature Rabbi Peter G. Weintraub and Nancy Davis of the Rhode Island School of Design and Wendy Silver of Boston University. On Tuesday, December 23, the Temple will hold a brunch for all high school seniors at 11 a.m. in the Temple Social Hall.

**Couples Club Party**

The Temple Emanu-El Couples Club will sponsor its first affair, a Gala Party on December 31 at the Temple. Music will be by "Golden Reality." Reservations are limited.

**Membership Shabbat**

A special Shabbat service, honoring the 49 families who joined Temple Beth Torah in Cranston this past year, was held last Friday. The new members Shabbat featured a welcoming sermon from Rabbi Gerald Zelermyer, introduction of the new nembers, the kiddush chanted by Dr. Joseph Mittleman, vice-president for membership, and the involvement of the Temple's youngsters in the kiddush, a weekly tradition at the Temple. All new members were presented a gift by the Temple's officers. Men received tallith clips and women received chais.

# Professor Explains American Attitude

Why do American Jews contribute hundreds of millions in gifts to the state of Israel but abstain from making business investments? Why do they visit Israel as tourists in such large numbers but are not prepared for permanent settlement?

Professor Amnon Rubinstein of Tel Aviv University thinks he has a number of reasons to account for the American Jews' puzzling conduct. While Israel is a democratic society, he says, its government is not based on the same foundations that underpin the American democratic system.

In America, the people vote for individuals; in Israel, the people vote for party lists. The basic premise of all democracies, he explains, is that power corrupts; that it is necessary to replace the regime from time to time. In Israel, he points out, one party has remained in control for many, many years, and it is difficult to unseat it.

In the United States, he continues, the economy is based on the principle of private initiative, while in Israel one finds "a crazy economic system which has been created under the leadership of the Mapai." According to Rubinstein, this is why American Jews, who not only invest in their own country but in foreign lands as well, are loath to send their investment dollars to Israel.

The American Jewish community, according to Rubinstein, does not like to express open criticism of Israel; not of its government nor of its economy, but the criticism surfaces in deeds of omission.

While being most generous in gifts to Israel, they refrain from investments. Although they come in droves to visit Israel as tourists, they do not go for aliyah.

Professor Rubinstein has arrived at the conclusion that it will take a radical upheaval in Israel's regime and lifestyle to correct the puzzling behavior.

## Levin Re-elected Assn. President

Irving H. Levin of Cranston has been re-elected President for a second term of the Chesed Schel Emess Association. The election was held at the Association's 64th Installation Meeting, which was held at Temple Beth Am in Warwick on Sunday, December 14.

The following officers were also re-elected for a second term: First Vice President, Shepley Shapiro of Pawtucket; Second Vice President, Abraham Ponce of Cranston; Financial and Recording Secretary, Stanley Grebstein of Cranston; and Treasurer, Samuel Shindler of Providence.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors: Louis Bloom, Lewis Blumemthal, Nathan Rosenfield, Abraham Goldstein Esq., Simon Chorney, Samuel Grossman, Sidney Pickar, Stanley Pierce, Melvin Shuman, Philip Simon, Allan Zeltzer, Jacob Mossberg, Israel Marks, Max Kerzner, Samuel Jamnick, Ira Bazar, Harry Keller, and Philip Rosenfield.

## Obituary

**Irving Gilstein**

Irving Gilstein, 78, the proprietor of the former Irving's Tailoring Company, died Tuesday. He was the husband of the late Anna (Max) Gilstein, and had lived on Rochambeau Avenue in Providence before moving to the Jewish home for the Aged five years ago.

He had operated the tailoring company on Rochambeau Avenue for more than 40 years until his retirement in 1969.

He was born in Kiev, Russia, a son of the late Abraham and Leah (Polovy) Gilstein, and lived in Providence for more than 65 years.

He was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was a World War I Army veteran.

Mr. Gilstein is survived by two sons, Morton Gilstein of Providence and Howard Gilstein of San Francisco; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Weinstein of Brooklyn, N.Y., and four granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel of Rhode Island, with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## Mrs. Hassenfeld Again to Lead UJA Women's Div.

NEW YORK: United Jewish Appeal General Chairman Frank R. Lautenberg, announcing his 1976 slate of national officers at the UJA Annual National Conference this weekend, expressed "the deepest statisfaction with the superb quality and proven commitment of this outstanding leadership group.

"I look forward to their advice, counsel and active participation in the forthcoming crucial campaign. In 1976, the American Jewish community, under their leadership, must make an all-out effort to meet the human needs of Israel's incoming immigrants and tens of thousands of previous arrivals...and to sustain, support and resettle oppressed and needy Jews in the Soviet Union, in Syria and elsewhere in our troubled world. This will be a campaign of the utmost strength and unity, led by the strongest, most effective and most determined group of men and women in our campaign history."

The officers named at the Conference will assist Mr. Lautenberg in creating and carrying out the policies and programs of the UJA 1976 fund raising campaign. It includes five heads of operational divisions, four of them newly elected; and 14 National Chairmen, of whom three were named this weekend.

Sylvia Hassenfeld of Providence, R.I. will again serve as Chairman of the UJA National Women's Division in the year ahead.

**SCULPTURE UNVEILED 1876**

The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith unveiled Moses Jacob Ezekiel's monumental sculpture "Regligious Liberty" this year in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, as its contribution to the centennial of the Declaration of Independence.

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# Editorial

## American Rebuff for Israel

A significant shift appears to be in the making in the United States' Middle East policy. Rather than all-out support for Israel, it now seems that the U.S. is, in fact, ready to accept a role for the Palestine Liberation Organization in future negotiations for peace in the Middle East.

The shift became apparent when the U. S. voted to accept the United Nations' Security Council's resolution tying renewal of the mandate for the UN observer force on the Golan Heights to a Council debate set for January on the Middle East. The PLO will take part in that debate, for the first time.

Any UN member could request a Council debate with PLO participation, some Americans at the UN are quick to point out, since the PLO was granted observer status by the General Assembly last year. They are trying to play down the importance of the American vote with this logic.

In private, however, American officials concede that there has been, indeed, a shift away from Israel in American diplomacy, and they report that the change was ordered directly by President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

The two men, it is said, discussed the Council resoltuion on their plane on the way to China, and talked by telephone with the U.S. delegation at the UN several times during the day, with Dr. Kissinger finally delivering the President's instruction to vote for the resolution.

America's upcoming political election year no doubt played a part in President Ford's decision. He has already written off any possibilities of wining New York and some other cities with large Jewish populations. His harsh attacks on New Yorkers suffering from their financial crisis, and his reluctance and minimal loan program for the city has alienated so many New Yorkers that his chances of winning that state's electoral votes are virtually nil, and he knows it.

Mr. Ford may well have decided to pursue a Middle East policy which could win greater support among middle American groups far more interested in improving America's relations with the oil-rich Arab nations than in down-the-line support for Israel. As for Dr. Kissinger, he surely wants to top his career with a peace agreement in the Middle East, and he may be trying to force Israel to make the concessions necessary to get some movement toward a settlement.

# Editor's Mailbox

## *Important Addition*

I want to thank you for Mr. Segal's kind article about Hillel recently. We're grateful for his kind thoughts and observations.

There is an inadvertant misrepresentation in the article which requires some comment: It would be wrong to somehow assume that Hillel reflects only one person's energies and leadership. This year, for example, there is a new Associate Director at Hillel, Maxine Kronish. While not the first person to hold the position, she is the first woman in Rhode Island on the professional Hillel staff, and one of the few in the country. She comes to us most recently from Cambridge, having completed her graduate work at Brandeis' Lown Program in Contemporary Jewish Studies. Previously she studied at Case-Western Reserve in Cleveland, and at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Her work experience has touched many levels of the Jewish community.

So many things go on at Hillel of which Rhode Islanders should be proud and aware — the appointment of Maxine Kronish is one. I hope that many of your readers will soon have occasion to meet her and appreciate her contributions.

**Richard A. Marker**
**Rabbi**

## Jewish Theology In-Service Course

The Bureau of Jewish Education is extending its Teacher-Training Program into the community through a series of in-service mini-courses which will bring a Bureau instructor into the school campus.

The first in the series will be a four hour course dealing with the "Mystic Structure of Judaism, Its Basic Institutions and Modern Definitions". The course will survey the philosophy and theology of Rabbinic Judaism leading to an understanding of present day denominational differences within Judaism, their practices and observances.

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Credits will be given towards certification and all teachers in the area are invited to attend.

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# FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

## A Remarkable Nonagenarian...and a Correction

**By BERYL SEGAL**

Last year, at the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the President stopped before introducing the speaker of the evening, to wish somebody a Happy Birthday. He pointed to a man whom we all see at meetings, at lectures, at gatherings, but never think of his age. He walks, he talks, and above all, he thinks as a young man.

The man was Abraham Linder, a familiar figure in town who has reached the age when, according to Pirke Avoth, a man is supposed to be bent down by years of living. In our days, when men and women of ninety are not rare, a man like Abraham Linder is a rarity. To see him walking on Hope Street, where he lives, and to stop to talk with him, as we always do, one does not see him bent down with years.

Mr. Linder sat with me and told me of his life. His life was not spectacular but it typifies the saga of an immigrant at the beginning of the century.

He came to America from Galicia, a district in Eastern Europe, part of Austria-Hungary, under the benevolent rule of Emporer Franz Joseph who reigned over a conglamorate of ethnic groups.

He came with no knowledge of English, but he spoke German-Yiddish and Polish. He also came with the burning desire to bring his wife whom he left behind.

Two typical motives in the life of the immigrant: To learn English quickly and to bring his family here.

There were wholesale dry goods places in Providence at that time which fitted out an immigrant with a basket of merchandise and short-term credit, and sent him out to the hinterland, the villages around Providence and Pawtucket. He carried his basket filled with household necessities, and he rang doorbells. Mr. Linder remembers that he just said the words he was taught:

"Look in the basket..."

The customers looked, picked what they needed, and both the woman and the peddler were satisfied. That was in 1913 before cars were common and a trip to Providence or Pawtucket was an event.

But Linder wanted to be his own boss. That, too, was typical of the immigrant of the day. He opened a dry goods store in Central Falls. He did well but the business depended on Coats Mills. As long as there was work his business was prospering, but then there was a strike and he lost everything. The workers used up all their assets and started to buy on credit. Mr. Linder could not refuse them credit and as the strike dragged on he had to close his business.

After trying his hand at various business ventures, Mr. Linder went to work for the Metropolitan Insurance Company and he stayed on that job for 26 years until his retirement.

In the meantime Mr. Linder was a member in the community. He joined Touro Fraternal where he is the oldest member today. He was worshipping at the Ohawe Sholom Shul on Howell Street, the only Orthodox synagogue on the East Side at that time.

But the greatest thing that has shaped his life is his philosophy. A widower, he lives alone in his apartment, and is completely independent. His only complaint is his hearing, but he has learned to live with it. God has been good to me, he says. He is a respected member in his shul, Miskan Tefilah, where he often stands before the reader's desk and leads the congregation in prayer. He attends meetings and takes part in community affairs. He engages the lecturers who come to speak and expresses his own opinion. His opinions are based on his conviction that the Torah contains great truths if only society would heed them. All the desired ideals in life: Peace, Justice, Mercy, Love for neighbor, all are found in the Jewish Law. All wisdom is in it. Turn it and turn again and you find everything in it.

In the ninetieth year of his life Mr. Linder speaks with enthusiasm of his beliefs. Everything will pass, but the words of Torah will endure forever.

Abraham Linder was an immigrant in the days when hard work, faith, tenacity and deep faith were virtues to be treasured.

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Peter K. Rosedale came to the school where I was teaching many, many years ago, when he was a wide eyed youngster, looking with wonder at the world around him, and I a relatively young teacher feeling his way to the hearts of his charges. I met Peter again in Temple Beth El where he was a promising student and an extremely polite young man.

I lost track of him during his college and Law School years, and he emerged again as a public spirited young lawyer who was running for representative of his district, appointed to the Police Court, and a person who could be counted on in many community efforts. I read with satisfaction about Peter, always remembering the red-headed youngster who came to my school.

In the Herald of December 5, a letter appeared from Peter Rosedale reminding me that the Hillel Foundation is a child of B'nai B'rith, sponsored by B'nai B'rith for the purpose of serving Jewish students in colleges and universities, directed by B'nai B'rith, and in part financed by B'nai B'rith.

My thanks to Mr. Rosedale for calling attention to an oversight in my article on the Hillel House.

## Nazareth Election Shows Arabs New Nationalism

JERUSALEM: The landslide election of an outspoken Arab nationalist as Mayor of Nazareth is being seen here as the most conspicuous display of Palenstinian nationalist sentiment among Israeli Arabs since the founding of the nation.

Toufik Zayad, an avowed Palestinian nationalist, poet and Communist member of Parliament, swept the hotly contested five-way race with 67 percent of the vote to become Mayor of the biggest Arab town in Israel.

When the counting was completed, his Communist-dominated ticket had won 11 of 17 seats on the town council.

The victory was interpreted more as an expression of Arab nationalism than Marxist feeling among the 40,000 residents of the Galilean town. The vote reflected the increased nationalist feeling of Israel's 450,000 Arabs and demonstrated that Israel now faced a "Palestinian problem within its borders as well as outside them."

Although the Arabs are full Israeli citizens who have lived and worked in Israel since 1948, there has been a reawakening of their Palestinian identity since the 1967 war. It was then, after having been cut off for nearly 20 years, that they suddenly were able to re-establish contacts with relatives and friends on the newly occupied West Bank of the Jordan. The exposure reminded them that they were Arabs as well as Israelis, and specifically Palestinian Arabs.

This reawakening accelerated dramatically after the October 1973 war, when even Israel's Arabs were pleased by the restoration of Arab military pride. While citizens, Israel's Arabs are not required to serve in the army on the ground that it would be unreasonable to ask them to take up arms against fellow Arabs.

This renewed sense of their own Arabism recently led Israeli Arabs to acknowledge publicly their sympathy for the Palestinian movement outside Israel's borders. While continuing to support Israel's right to exist, within its pre-1967 boundaries, many Israeli Arabs now speak out in favor of at least recognition of the political rights of their brothers in the neighboring countries.

Capitalizing on this sentiment, Rakah, the Arab-dominated Communist party, mounted a vigorous campaign for the Nazareth election.

To head its ticket, Rakah selected Mr. Zayad, who won notoriety immediately after the 1973 war with a passionately political poem entitled "The Great Crossing" in which he extolled the Egyptian attack across the Suez Canal. Largely because of the emotion expressed in that poem, in December 1973 Mr. Zayat was elected to Parliament.

The Israeli Government did its utmost to block the Communist victory in Nazareth, even to the point of sending two Cabinet ministers to the town shortly before the vote to warn Arab students that they would suffer if Mr. Zayad won. Labor Minister Moshe Baram denounced him in a speech as "a man who may be an agent of Arafat," — Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In another move, the governing Labor Party tried unsuccessfully to push through an amendment to the election law that would have made it more difficult for Rakah.

The threats appear to have backfired, however. Mr. Zayad did better than even his supporters had predicted.

The results shocked the Labor Party. "We expected to lose," one party official said tonight, "but not in such a lopsided fashion."

As a result of his victory and the patronage he will be able to distribute as mayor the 47-year-old Mr. Zayad will be a political power to be reckoned with in northern Israel. Given his feelings, he is also likely to emerge as the leader of the more militant elements among Israel's Arabs and may well become a political thorn for the Government.

If the Government carries out its threats of noncooperation with the new Nazareth council, relations with all its Arab communities will inevitably grow more tense.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1975**
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1975**
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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1975**
7:30 p.m.
Gemiloth Chesed Hebrew Free Loan Association, Board Meeting

9:00 p.m.
Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, New Year's Eve party

# Discussion with an Israeli Officer

By Dr. Jay N. Fishbein

**Q. Are you glad the war is over?**

A. It will never be over as long as we have donkey drivers in the cabinet. The world is run by idiots. The U. N. has become a circus with clowns like Idi Amin and Yasir Arafat strutting on the dais. Egypt's Sadat claims he couldn't buy a radio because the Zionists controlled everything and wouldn't let one be sold to him. Even your country appoints an ignoramus like Gen. George Brown as head of your military, who makes similar statements.

**Q. Were you happy to return home?**

A. I returned to my work but was too restless to settle down.

I felt frustrated and nothing I did seemed to have any meaning. Before the war I could plan my day. I kept busy and time went fast. I always bargained to get the best price. Now I say, "to hell with it!" What does a few hundred pounds more or less mean anyway. You become apathetic and indifferent. When I returned home I wouldn't stop talking about the war. Now I hate even hearing about it. I can't do any of the things I used to enjoy. I can't sit through a concert or the cinema. I can't relax or concentrate on anything. Customers come in with problems and I look at them worrying about petty, trivial things. Nothing has any meaning, money or possessions, I force myself to do my work, but take no satisfaction and just slop it to get it over with.

I hate to go home and have to listen to my wife complain about her problems. My mind keeps going back to the battlefield when I pulled a tank commander out with his clothes on fire and beat out the flames. Seconds later the tank was hit again and exploded. I have gone through two wars and will be in the next one and my son in the one after that. Adoni, you have to see the turmoil, the smell of burning flesh, the acrid odor of gunpowder, the whining of shells, the dust, the sand, the sweat and the flies. Constant thirst. Blistering heat by day and penetrating cold by night.

We have the Egyptian third army surrounded and Kissinger says we have to let food and water through to them. We win our wars and you deprive us of peace.

**Q. That was because the Soviets threatened to intervene with troops.**

A. The Soviets have been participating all along. They have thousands of technicians in Egypt and Syria who operate the advanced equipment as the MIG-25 reconnaissance planes and Scud missiles which they won't trust to the Arabs. Kissinger is so intent on detente and enhancing his reputation as a diplomat that he shuts his eyes to all violations.

We fought and won four wars but peace is denied us. We only get a temporary cease fire until they can rearm to strike again. Kissinger insists that we negotiate with our enemies who have repeatedly declared that their aim is the total destruction of Israel. They talk of Palestinian refugees. I am a refugee myself. I am an Iraqi and was a young child when we left. My ancestors lived in the country for more than two millenia. We were there more than a thousand years before Mohammed was even heard of. We could take only personal possessions and at every check point the police took what they wanted. No one was concerned about us.

Thousands of Jews fought for the allies in both world wars while the Arabs were pro-German. The Balfour Declaration promised us Palestine and gave 80% of it to Abdullah. The remainder was cut up with small portions alloted us, but the Arabs denied us even that, and swept in from seven countries to destroy our state. We beat them. Again in 1956 when your president promised peace if we gave up the Sinai, but we got no peace.

**Q. What do you think of Kissinger?**

A. He is a donkey's behind, but sold Golda and Yitzchak (Rabin) until we began to scream. When you return home, tell them to get Kissinger off our backs. Just give us the means to fight and leave us alone. We need peace — not cease fires, to give the Arabs time to rearm. They can lose wars and survive. We can only lose once.

**Q. Do you think the time will come when the Arabs and Israel can sit down and work out a solution?**

A. Remember that the Arabs never kept agreements. Right now Syria is our headache. Assad demands the Golan which we cannot give even if he agreed on peace. Perhaps if we have peace for 25 or 30 years, it may be safe to return it.

**POSITION CHANGED**

LONDON: Correspondents in Moscow report that Yasir Arafat, the leader of the PLO, as a result of his visit to Moscow, has changed his position on Israel. They declare that Soviet leaders convinced Arafat to agree on these principles: 1) To accept the Soviet formula on the rights of all countries in the Middle East to live in peace-on the condition that Israel withdraw from the occupied areas. 2) To agree on the renewal of the Geneva Conference with no pre-conditions. 3) To establish a Palestine government-in-exile. Arafat accepted the first two conditions but rejected the third.


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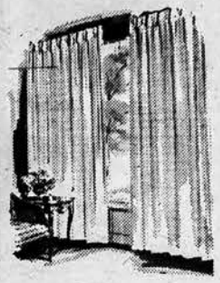

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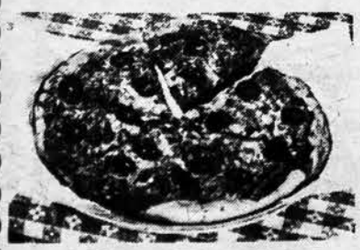

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# The Jews Of 1776

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## Commerce

By Jacob Marcus, Ph.D.

Though not a soldier, still another member of the Franks clan rendered a great service to the new Continental Army. In 1776, as Washington was preparing in Boston to move against New York, the general requested Congress to send him $250,000 in hard coin to pay off the militia whose term of service had expired. Washington's problem was not to raise the money, but to transport it to Boston past hostile Tories.

Shipping the specie by boat and evading the British sea patrol was too hazardous. It was at this juncture that John Hancock called upon "three gentlemen of character"—among them Moses Franks — to cart the money secretly to Washington's headquarters. It took them two weeks to reach Boston, unfortunately too late to meet the needs of the militia, but the cash was used to satisfy the regulars. The total expense incurred in this trek north amounted to $238.

The fact that 100 or more American Jews may have served in the armed forces is of no great historic significance. Their commercial activities were far more important in an agrarian economy where industry and manufacturing were minimal and the coasts were blockaded by the powerful British fleet. The farmers and townspeople had to have yard goods and tea; it was imperative that the soldiers be supplied with uniforms, blankets, and shoes.

One way to relieve the shortage was to arm merchant ships and send them out as privateers to prey on enemy commerce. This Jews did, arming small ships heavily and packing them with large, tough crews who scoured the seas for valuable British cargoes.

Many an American who joined or financed a privateer dreamt of striking it rich. Impoverished Mordecai Sheftall decided to try his luck. After his imprisonment and exile from British-occupied Georgia, he determined on a bold stroke to recoup his losses. In one way or another he managed to secure hold of a twenty-ton sloop, the *Hetty*, sold shares in her to secure working capital, loaded her with thirty men including a Negro slave, and armed her with eight guns, tomahawks, blunderbusses, and boarding pikes. Then he set sail on what was to be a most inglorious adventure. The English captured the *Hetty* and scuttled her, but the persistent Sheftall raised and reoutfitted the vessel. He tried his luck once more, but never struck it rich; indeed, it is questionable whether any of the Jewish merchants of that day made any "big money" lying in wait for British merchantmen.

After a fashion, privateering was a form of blockade-running. Many American ships got through the English naval barrier, for the enemy could not guard every cove and inlet of the long coast. Certainly one of the most daring of the blockade-runners was the firm of Isaac Moses & Co. Its three partners, Isaac Moses, Samuel Myers, and Moses Myers had an Amsterdam buying office which shipped their goods to Dutch St. Eustatius in the Caribbean. From there the company's ships made the run to an American port, tring to fate that they could slip past the cordon set up by the English cruisers. Isaac Moses and his associates were great Whigs.

Shortly after the War broke out in 1775, when the Americans set out to conquer Canada, the three partners voluntarily offered the Congress $20,000 in hard currency in exchange for Continental paper which — as they might have forseen — ultimately proved worthless. If it was any consolation, they received the grateful thanks of John Hancock for their generous gift.

Isaac Moses & Company operated on a large scale;. Jonas Phillips, of Philadelphia, was not so ambitious. One of Phillips' blockade-running letters, written in July 1776, has been preserved. It was dispatched via St. Eustatius to an Amsterdam kinsman, a prominent Jewish merchant in that city. Enclosed in the letter was a broadside copy of the Declaration of Independence which had just been published by the Americans. Phillips did not expatiate on the revolt, merely remarking laconically that the Americans had 100,000 soldiers, the British 25,000 and a fleet.

What was going to happen? Only God knew, but before the war was over England would be bankrupt. In an appendix to the letter, Phillips got down to business, asking for cloth, apparel, notions, and medicines. The letter was written in Yiddish, no doubt with the expectation that if the British intercepted it, they would let it go by because they could not read it. That was a vain hope, for the ship, which sailed from St. Eustatius, was taken, the letter was impounded, and just because the English could not read it, they concluded that it was in code. It rests today in the English Public Records Office in Chancery Lane.

Since the quartermaster department of the Revolutionary armed forces was primitive and inadequate, the government turned to civilian purveyors for badly needed supplies. Many, if not most, Jewish merchants of that day were purveyors on a large or small scale, offering the government clothing, gunpowder, and lead. Harassed for lack of funds, the authorities took their time before settling accounts; some trusting suppliers were never paid at all.

One of the merchants who was never reimbursed for his advance was Levy Solomons, of Canada, a brother-in-law of the ebullient David Salisbury Franks. Solomons, a Whig, served the American troops in Canada in 1775 and 1776, helping them establish hospitals and lending them money. When the Americans were forced to retreat, this zealous patriot provided the sick and the wounded with transportation on their way to the border. The British, knowing where his loyalties lay, seized his goods and furniture on July 4, 1776, and threw them into the street; his neighbors shunned him and refused him shelter.

The Jewish businessmen of the period were nothing if not ingenious; there was no supply job that they would not undertake. Exiled to Philadelphia, the New York fur trader Hayman Levy became a garment manufacturer producing breeches and shirts in the local poorhouse. The tailor Levy Marks petitioned Congress — unsuccessfully — to give him the job of superintending the manufacture of army uniforms. Levy's cousins, Barnard and Michael Gratz, turned to anything that offered a profit. They exported tobacco from Virginia, outfitted troops, and shipped supplies to George Rogers Clark, who was dedicated to the task of driving the British out of the western frontier.

Michael Gratz's father-in-law, Joseph Simon, a Pennsylvania pioneer, manufactured rifles in Lancaster with his gunsmith partner, William Henry. Out on the Ohio frontier, one of Simon's companies, Simon & Campbell, provided the Indian commissioners with goods for pacifying the natives. The Gratzes performed the same service in New York State, where the Iroquois had to be held in check. The Americans could not afford to fight on two fronts: against Indians in the back country as well as the English in the East. In short, the Jewish importers, wholesalers, and blockade-runners managed — no one really knows how — to ferret out goods even in the darkest of days. The shopkeepers distributed them. This relatively successful job of keeping commodities flowing was the real Jewish contribution to the war effort.

# BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr

Many times in this column we have stated that if you go along with the odds or probabilities you will usually come out well. There are books and papers listing the odds in just about every combination of cards plus every good teacher will show his pupils the best way to play these typical combinations of cards. Today's hand has one of them where there are four cards out to a King and certainly that is one of the most common situations. But in this hand something else comes up which should influence a really shrewd Declarer to flaunt those odds as they cannot any longer be in effect. Only one Declarer realized this. The rest were automatons, having one track minds, as do so many players.

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♣ A Q 7

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♥ 9 7 2
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East
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♥ K 10 8 3
♦ K 6 4
♣ 6 3 2

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♥ A Q J
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Some pairs got higher, either of their own volition or because they were pushed although neither West nor East has any extra cards to do much competing especially vulnerable. One North-South pair even reached game when they both did a bit of over-bidding. As the cards are and with the lead received by each West, five should be made. One of the pairs that stopped at two made the eleven tricks and received the second-best score. It would have been a pity if after playing the hand right, and they had the correct reasoning for doing what they did, they would come out badly because game was reached more often. Even if South does make a try for game, North, with eight points and absolutely no distribution, should not accept the invitation.

Every West led a Heart and that is the clue to making that extra trick. The Declarers won East's King with the Ace and took a successful Club finesse to Dummy's Queen so as to get over to Dummy to take the Spade finesse. Surely with four out to the King the finesse is the correct play. Yes, percentage-wise it is. With three out it still definitely is for even when there are only two the odds are almost even that the suit will break 2-0 rather than 1-1. The actual percentages are 1-1 52%, 2-0 48%.

Why, then, should the finesse be eschewed this time? Because if the lead is examined carefully enough it should give the Declarer the whole story. West opened the bidding but didn't lead a Diamond which says that he does not have the Ace and King. So East has one of them. At trick one East also played the Heart King. If East has that Trump King in addition to those two cards, West doesn't have the semblance of an opening bid so West must have it. That is sure but there is no certainty it will drop. However, you might just as well try to drop it just in case. The finesse is hopeless and sure enough, the King does drop.

Moral: As Declarer always examine the opening lead carefully. You will be amazed at what that card can tell you if you look deeply enough into it.

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# Scholar Agrees Assimilation Is Dangerous

Of all the problems facing American Jews in the late years of this century, the greatest, according to Professor Joseph Blau, is assimilation. Professor Blau, a scholar of religion at Columbia University, spoke on Monday at Brown University on "Some Problems in Twentieth Century American Judaism."

Echoing the concerns of many a rabbi, the scholar said that American Jews over the years "are more and more American and less and less Jewish." Immigrants who came to this country around the turn of the century, he said, were by contrast "homeless Jews who happened to live in America." "As years went by, they became American Jews, and today they have evolved into Jewish Americans who look, dress, talk, behave, and think like other Americans."

Unlike the rabbis, however, Professor Blau proposed instead that modern American Jews may have to dispose of some outmoded traditions, and devise new ones, in order to survive.

He was critical of American Jews who keep "a minimally kosher home and then go out to eat" foods that are forbidden by Jewish dietary laws. He called the attitude "a Kosher-style of Judaism," drawing a parallel with "Kosher-style" meats such as pastrami and corned beef that "taste Jewish" but are not prepared according to dietary law. Such people, he said, might be more honest by disposing altogether with the pretense of following the dietary laws.

Professor Blau encouraged experimentation with "new traditions" such as "agnostic humanism," and religious communes. New traditions, he said, may generate a new creative force for Jewish identity in the future.

Asking "How long can this country resist the pressure from the oil-producing countries?" Professor Blau reminded the audience of other historical periods, when a society allowed Jews to assimilate into its culture, and then suddenly turned on them. "The wise guest, however much at home he feels, even if he unpacks his bags, should always keep them close at hand for instant repacking," he advised.

**ANONYMOUS PHILANTHROPIST**

JERUSALEM (ZINS): The Israeli press has described the following incident. A wealthy Jew in Dallas, Texas never contributed to any official campaign for Israel. He did, however, promise that should Soviet Russia permit aliyah to Israel he would make a substantial contribution toward the building of homes for elderly olim. No one took him seriously. When he died, it was discovered that he bequeathed 90 percent of his holdings to the elderly in Israel. It is reported that Arab oil millionaires are offering to purchase the Texas real estate holdings for more than $50 million. When the sale is consummated, the money would be immediately be forwarded to Israel.

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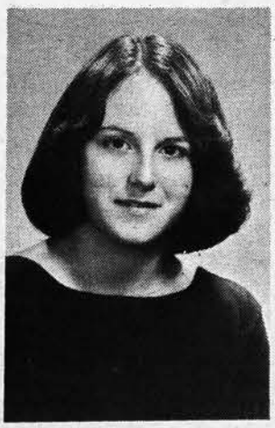
### Jacobsons Celebrate

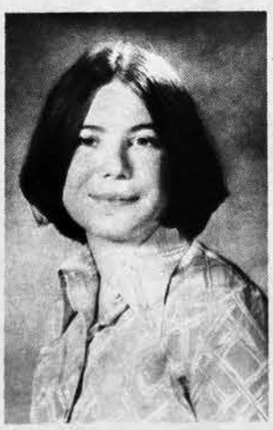
Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Jacobson of 400 Narragansett Parkway, Warwick, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 29 at a dinner given in their honor by family and friends. The dinner was held at the Hearthstone Inn in Seekonk, Mass., and guests attended from Florida, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

### Ms. Israel Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Israel of Hedgerow Drive, Warwick, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Nadine Israel to Steven D. White. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford White of 235 Freeman Parkway, and also the son of the late H. Berrick White. Ms. Israel is a graduate of New Rochelle High School and Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass. Mr. White is a graduate of Hope High School and C.W. Post College of Long Island University. The couple plan to be married on June 12.



**ENGAGED: Dr. and Mrs. Normand N. Solomon of South Orange, New Jersey have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shelley C. Solomon, to Joseph J. Diamond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Diamond of Riverside. Miss Solomon is a graduate of George Washington University where she received a BA degree in elementary education. She is employed by Bamberger's in Plainfield, New Jersey. Mr. Diamond is a graduate of Babson College where he received a BS degree in marketing and management and a master's degree in business administration. He is an operations executive with Bloomingdale's, New York. The couple plan a spring wedding.**



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### Anniversary for Spaters

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spater, formerly of Warrington Street, Providence, and presently of Hollywood, Florida, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple have four children, Albert Spater of Warwick, Mrs. Frances Seamons and Mrs. Ruth Rodensky of Hollywood, and Mrs. Florence Dollin of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and 10 grandchildren.

### BARBED HUMOR

TEL AVIV: In spite of the current crisis, Israel has not lost its sense of humor. The following story is currently popular: The Labor Party's candidate for the post of Chairman of the World Zionist Organization, Joseph Almogi, decided to grow a beard-for the sole purpose of resembling Dr. Theodor Herzl.


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# Magicians Discredit Uri Geller's 'Powers'

NEW YORK: Magicians, long silent though irked over Uri Geller's alleged ability to perform parlor tricks with paranormal powers, have spoken out, branding the Israeli "psychic" as an outright fraud who uses their own conventional magician's tricks "to mislead the public."

Several professional magicians claim they have duplicated virtually all Mr. Geller's feats using their own conjuring methods. They made their statements in recent books and public remarks. They also claim to have discovered major flaws used in test procedures by various scientists documenting Mr. Geller's abilities.

Only a year ago a leading scientific journal, Nature, published a favorable report of tests on Mr. Geller conducted by the Stanford Research Institute in California. That article, widely reported by the press, lent strong support ot the belief that the performer truly possessed psychic powers.

But now that suspicions of trickery have been raised by the magicians, as well as by two researchers from New Zealand, several of the scientists who once professed belief in Mr. Geller's authenticity have changed their minds.

A number of magicians have been studying Mr. Geller for several years because many of the feats he performs are standard parts of their stage acts.

The magicians, who take pride in creating a convincing illusion that impossible things are happening, believe that Mr. Geller is demeaning their craft by saying that his abilities are beamed to him from a space ship sent by a superior civilization in outer space.

"Geller is a clever charlatan.," said Milbourne Christopher, chairman of the Occult Investigations Committee of the Society of American Magicians. "A careful study of his career and observations of his act by magicians have turned up numerous instances of cheating."

Mr. Christopher, who became a consultant to Stanford Research Institute after its experiments with Mr. Geller, has included a chapter on the young performer in his new book, "Mediums, Mystics & the Occult," In it he says:

"Geller is at his ingenious best in laboratories where he is being observed by scientists who believe he has extraordinary ESP ability. Unless an expert in deception is present while such tests are being conducted, these experiments are as valid as a four-dollar bill."

A more detailed examination of the purported psychic's career is in another new book, "The Magic of Uri Geller," by James Randi, the magician who has probably campaigned hardest against Mr. Geller.

The book describes numerous instances in which magicians watched Mr. Geller perform at close range and spotted the moment when they thought he diverted attention while, for example, bending a spoon by muscle power.

A third book, giving the most complete details of Mr. Geller's standard feats, is being sold only in professional magic supply houses. Entitled "Confessions of a Psychic," the author is given as Uriah Fuller, a rival of Mr. Geller.

In fact, there is no Uriah Fuller, and the exploits described parallel exactly those of Mr. Geller's, including an appearance on the Johnny Carson television show in which he was unable to do anything psychic. Mr. Carson, an amateur magician, had consulted professional conjurers about how to guard against standard magician's tricks.

To all his critics, Mr. Geller has usually said that he does not care what they say as long as they spell his name right.

"I couldn't care less," Mr. Geller said in a telephone interview about the new books. He added that the books contained lies about him but later said that he had not bothered to read them. "I know that what I do is real and that is enough," Mr. Geller said.

Mr. Randi knows that what he does is fake, but it was enough to persuade the editors of Psychic News, Britain's largest publication in the field, that Mr. Randi was at least as good a psychic as Mr. Geller.

Using his real name, James Zwinge, Mr. Randi was interviewed in London by the editor of Psychic News. He bent spoons, set clocks ahead, twisted filing cabinets and performed various other feats — all when no one was looking, so that it appeared as if his psychic powers were genuine.

Mr. Randi said that every one of his tricks was performed by ordinary means during moments when his observers looked away.

Among the "tests" of Mr. Geller that have impressed scientists are his making a Geiger counter clock wildly, as it would if a radioactive object were near, and deflecting a compass needle. He performed both feats before researchers at the University of London's Birkbeck College.

Mr. Randi did the same, using nothing more than a magnet taped to his leg and a similarly concealed radiation source. The scientists did not search either Mr. Geller or Mr. Randi.

Dr. Jack Sarfatti, an American physicist who saw both men perform at Birkbeck and who once endorsed Mr. Geller's authenticity, has recently issued a public retraction.

Two New Zealand psychologists who studied Mr. Geller's "watch-repairing" feats found that jewelers were not much impressed. They said that many supposedly broken watches had merely been stopped by gummy oil, and that simply holding them in the hand would warm the oil enough to soften it and allow the watches to resume ticking.

The researchers, Dr. David Marks and Dr. David Kammann of the University of Otago, tested the method and found that anyone holding a "broken" watch in his hand for a few minutes and then shaking it could start it about half the time. This is a slightly better rate than Mr. Geller achieves.

Mr. Geller's strongest claim to scientific acceptance, the publication in Nature of studies at the Sanford Research Institute, has also been questioned. Although the institute's researchers, Russell Targ and Harold Puthoff, have barred most inquiries, several experts who have studied the research — in which Mr. Geller supposedly reproduced drawings made in another room — say the scientists did not take adequate precautions against cheating.

## Young People's Symphony Concert

The Young People's Symphony of Rhode Island, with Dr. Joseph Conti as music director, will present a holiday concert tonight, Friday, December 19, at 8 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in Providence. Both the junior and senior orchestras, including 125 young musicians will perform music by Mozart, Bach, Stokowski, Coleridge-Taylor and Anderson.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office or reserved by calling the YPSORI office at 421-0460. The concert is covered by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Ticket Endowment Program. For tickets for students and senior citizens, call 884-3051.

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**Roller Skating**

The Jewish Community Center's Youth Department will sponsor Super 6 Roller Skating on Sunday, December 21 at Bobbie's Roller Rink. The group will leave the Center at 12:30 p.m. and return at 5 p.m.

**Near East Night**

The Single Adults Group (35 and over) of the Jewish Community Center will hold a Near East Night on Sunday, December 21 at 8 p.m. The evening will feature Bahia, a bellydancer, who will also give instructions. Music will be provided by "Brandy."

**Children's Activities**

Vacation activities for children at the Jewish Community Center will include a cartoon show on Thursday, December 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. "Mr. Magoo's Snow White" plus other cartoons will be presented.

**Chess Tournament**

A Chess Tournament for adults will be held on Sunday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Registration must be made before 9:45 a.m. on December 28. For more information, call Mr. Hirons at 739-9597.

**Pre-School Cookie Bake**

The Jewish Community Center will hold a Pre-School Cookie Bake on December 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Nursery School. Children must be accompanied by an adult or older brother or sister.

**BAR MITZVAH of Stuart Carl Winograd was held on Saturday, October 11 at Temple Beth Torah in Cranston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Winograd of 26 Sunset Terrace in Cranston. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Maurice Winograd of Providence, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bochner of Providence.**

**LESS RHETORIC**

DETROIT (OWS): Israeli Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol urged Jewish and Zionist leaders to undertake "serious soul searching" and to replace "statements and declarations with real efforts and actions." "We cannot allow ourselves to accept an aliya figure of 20,000 from all over the world in 1975," he said. "It is one of the Zionist movement's and the state of Israel's greatest tragedies." Kol called on Jewish organizations to make 1975 the last year they promote travel to countries other than Israel.


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# Double Loyalty

By Jerry Snell

The other day on the national news, I heard some news from Israel which really depicted Jewish self-hate. After the debacle at the U.N. by the "Three Ring Circus," Arabs, Africans, and Communists, members of Rabin's coalition were calling for face-to-face talks with the PLO and discussing withdrawal from the liberated territory.

These Jews are blind. Religious Jews always quote from the Talmud that Jews would face tzoores because of anti-Semitic Jews. They would do well to study the atrocities perpetrated by those who voted against Zionism or abstained on the issue.

The standard example of the Jew hater is the non-Jew who says "Oh, but some of my best friends are Jewish." When President Echeviera of Mexico visited Israel a few weeks ago, he was asked by some Israeli college students why he hugged Yasir Arafat when he visited an Arab nation before coming to Israel. His reply was that his personality made him the type of person who likes to hug everybody, be it Arafat or someone else. He then hugged one of the college students to show he loved Jews too. He went on to tell that he has a Jewish son-in-law and a Jewish daughter-in-law.

A few weeks later, he voted against Zionism.

## Opinion

Another example is the holier-than-thou conservative, religious non-Jew. This is the Christian or Moslem who says no Jew living in "his" country should have a love affair with Israel. Recently, two political figures, Mike Mansfield and the foreign minister of Brazil made statements of concern to Jews. Mansfield, Senator from Montana, "hinted" that some Jews and Greeks put Israeli and Cyprus politics before those of America. It can be recalled that Mansfield was one of a small minority of Senators who did not sign the pro-Israel letter to President Ford requesting him to sell Israel sufficient amounts of arms for its defense.

The foreign minister of Brazil. He openly criticized the "double loyalty" of Brazilian Jewry.

A year or two ago when there was hot debate in the Israeli Knesset about banishing missionaries in Israel, some Socialists were horror-struck. If the missionaries were booted out, the Christian nations of South America would "become anti-Semitic" and vote against Israel at the U.N. in retaliation!

After the 1973 war, Guyana, a small nation in northern South America, broke relations with Israel. In 1975, Brazil and Chile joined the South American "Hate Israel Club." Later, in embarrassment, Mr. Pinochet, leader of Chile, claimed he had not authorized the Chilean delegate to vote that way; he promised to reverse the vote. The initial vote by the Chilean delegate was supposedly to bribe the "Third World" from examining atrocities in Chilean prisons.

A third type of Jew hater is the kind who declares that Israel mistreats its minorities and their holy places. It is the non-Jewish world that should be ashamed when it comes to human and religious rights. It was not until 1968 that a shul could be built in "Modern Spain," the Jewish vacation wonderland. Even a Mogen David was forbidden on already existing shuls. It is true that Franco saved Jewish lives in World War II, but as far as religious rights went, he and Spain were far behind the times (Intolerance was even shown toward fellow Christians of the Protestant faith). An Israeli, formerly from Spain, once told me that in order to go to public school in his city, one had to prove that he had attended Sunday church services, and this included Jews. He happened to have a liberal priest in his area who pretended to the school board that this Jew attended Christian services once a week.

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## Loyalty

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There are other nations who have compelled Jews to give up their faith through all types of means. The *Jewish Chronicle* of London carried a story about Albanian Jewry in which it stated that unlike other Communist nations, Albania did not allow the existence of even one shul. Jews shiver and shake when davening "illegally." They remember Jews who were executed not so many years ago for the crime of davening.

The Albanians are staunch anti-Semites, as they swallow the pablum of Chinese Marxism. Recently, in another article, a Dr. Weiss mentioned a story about Chinese anti-Semitism which he told to a religious convention. A "Third World" emissary had asked Chou En-Lai about the Jews of China. Chou's reply was that China is now Judenrein (Jew-free). The last two Chinese Jews had departed the country. Dr. Weiss couldn't believe the Chinese hatred. The sages say that the world fears a Jew dressed in Tephillin. Two Jews were feared by 1,000,000,000 Chinese. Where there are two Jews, there must be a conspiracy to take power.

A fourth type of anti-Semite is the one who says "Some of my best political friends are Jewish." This type of person uses the Jew as a rung on a ladder, and then disposes of him. An example of this is Fidel Castro. A Jew who had saved his life in his fight with Batista was supposed to be the motivating factor in his "love" for Israel until oil made the sidduch a bit treif. Castro even had a Jewish ambassador to Israel.

Charles deGaulle was also in the Castro image. During World War II, there were so many Jews in his Free French forces that it seemed France would be freed by a Jewish army. DeGaulle praised their courage, and later, praised the courage of Jews who won freedom for Israel. All was well until Arab money came into the picture. Jews were then expedient. Jewish blood spilled in defense of France was worth less than Arab money flowing in defense of hatred.

The last type of anti-Semite is one who praises Jews and Israel for an instant cash rebate, and then drops the Jew like a hot potato when asked for a favor in return. The best example of this is the leadership of Black Africa, and Idi Amin in particular. Much time and effort went into relations with Africa, but Jews were treated as a Jewish Aid Society, rather than as a nation!

The Arabs used their wealth as a monetary harem girl to woo the Black world to the Arab side. The Arab pledges have gone unfulfilled and some African nations have now had the gaul to ask Israel to give them aid under the table as not to arouse the anger of the Arab nations.

For years, Israel was reluctant to condemn the Organization of African Unity for anti-Israel statements; after all, it was internal propaganda. If Israel angered the African leadership, they might vote against Israel in the U.N. sometime in the future. Just a couple of years ago, an incident took place involving an Israeli flop in buying African respect which almost damaged relations between South Africa and Israel, as well as with the South African Jews.

Israel had donated a token gift of a few thousand dollars to the refugee fund of the Organization of African Unity. The Jews of South Africa and the government of South Africa went into an uproar. It became known that funds were being funneled out of the refugee fund and given to terrorist gangs fighting in South Africa, Rhodesia, Angola, Cabinda, and Mozambique. South African Jews threatened, in the *South African Jewish Times* of Johannesburg, to cut off all donations to Israel.

The Cabinet of Israel met in emergency session and revoked the pledge. Before Israel even made it known it had revoked the pledge, Israeli leaders were shocked to hear that the O.A.U. had just passed a resolution condemning Israel. Israel should have realized at that time that it could not buy friendship.

Somehow, Israel will survive it all. The world will see its real murderers: Nigeria, that starved six million Christians; Sudan, the murderer of half a million Christians; Burundi, the murderer of minority tribes; Chad, that practices pagan tortures; Uganda, that slaughtered as many as a quarter of a million of its "dissidents"; Syria and Iraq, that murdered Jews; Iraq, that rounded up a village of Kurdish women, children, and old folks, put them in a barn and lit it ablaze; Iraq, that murdered the Kurd's Jewish doctor as an Israeli spy; Stalin and Mao Tse Tung, who massacred millions. Stalin felt that one is a martyr, but millions are forgotten. How right he was.

*(Mr. Snell's opinions are his own, and not necessarily those of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald.)*

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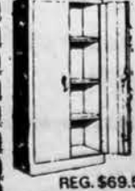
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RIO DE JANEIRO: A major outcry has broken out here over Brazil's vote in favor of the UN resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism. Congressmen from both the Government National Renewal Alliance (ARENA) party and the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB), the only opposition party allowed by the military regime, have been outspoken in their condemnation of the vote.

The country's major newspapers have issued a series of editorials vehemently denouncing it and implying that it was the result not of moral considerations but of the influence of Arab oil and "petrodollars."

Leading intellectuals, including a former President and 10 members of the Academy of Letters, took the unusual move of publishing a half-page advertisement in the three main newspapers stigmatizing the U.N. resolution as racist.

The vote caused extreme concern among the country's Jewish community of 150,000 people, some feeling it would give added impetus to anti-Semitic elements despite the total lack of any official discrimination in this multi-racial nation.

This concern was increased when Foreign Minister Antonio Azeredo da Silveira in Paris criticized certain Brazilians "for placing themselves against Brazil and in favor of their racial origins."

The comment, condemned by the O Estado de Sao Paulo newspaper as itself racist, appeared particularly misplaced since none of the main newspapers are in the hands of Jews nor were the vast majority of the Government's critics Jews.

The vote was regarded as particularly sad by many Brazilians who took pride in having had an important role in the creation of the state of Israel.

For it was then Brazilian Foreign Minister Osvaldo Aranha who chaired the U. N. General Assembly meeting which decided the issue 28 years ago and who carried out much lobbying behind the scenes in favor of the Jewish state.

The Jewish and Arab communities in Brazil live in complete harmony although public opinion is generally on the side of Israel.

Official government policy was one of "equidistance" between the two parties until the beginining of last year, at the time of the oil crisis, when the country adopted an openly pro-Arab position.

Brazil recently has played host to several Arab Government Ministers and has expressed strong interest in Arab investments here.

ARENA party Senator Tarso Dutra publicly denounced the Brazilinan vote in favor of the U. N. resolution and implied it has been taken because of the influence of Arab oil.

An official United States note censuring Brazil's position before the General Assembly vote did not help matters.

It gave Foreign Minister Azeredo da Silveria a chance to reassert the country's independence and express his indignation at interference in a Brazilian decision.

But this did not save him from condemnation by O Estado de Sac Paulo newspaper for his statement in Paris when he also termed as "emotional, anti-patriotic and incomprehensible" the attitude of Brazilians who criticised the Government's decision.

"This was a gratuitous insult, of racist content," the newspaper wrote.

In one of a series of editorials it denounced the Foreign Minister's statements that Zionism had fulfilled its historic function and was now a problem as "discredited, ambiguous and distorted arguments."

O Estado added: "The Brazilian vote is particularly lamentable since the new position of the Foreign Ministry with regard to the Arab-Israel conflict and Zionism was not only condemned by the majority of public opinion, eloquently put into words by the largest newspapers in the country.

"It also represents a gross international injustice which would not even be justified by petrodollar investments."

Jornal do Brasil newspaper denounced the vote as a victory for racism.

Enho Globo newspaper, which nearly always praised the Government in all sectors, wrote a series of editorials condemning the vote.

What is more, it began publishing in daily cartoon strip form the life of Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism, "in order to show, in a way accessible to all, the real meaning of Zionism a movement now subject to equivocal interpretations but which in truth has no link whatsoever with racism, since it was born under the inspiration of justice and peace."

Former President Juscelino Kubitschek, the founder of the ultra-modern federal capital of Brasilia, Otavio Gouvea de Bulhoes, a former Cabinet Minister of the military regime, Amazonian Indian expert Orlando Villas Boas and over 200 other intellectuals, lawyers, playwrights and journalists signed a manifesto published in O Estado, Jornal do Brasil and O Globo.

"It is this motion," they declared "which is racist and discriminatory, an insult to the dignity of an idea which resulted in the creation of the most democratic and progressive society in the Middle East and which has given so many benefactors to the world.

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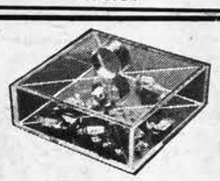
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