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Reject Emissaries Prior To Departure

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Jewish Agency has announced that it has rejected 11 of 22 aliya emissaries scheduled to leave within the next few weeks on assignments overseas. The rejections were informed only days ago that they did not meet the required standards although all of them had reached the final stages of the two-month training and orientation course and had been selected out of 800 applicants after passing various tests.

They reacted angrily at being notified at this late stage. Some said they had already quit their jobs and rented their flats in anticipation of going abroad. A few threatened to sue the Jewish Agency for compensation. Raphael Kotlowitz, chairman of the immigration and absorption department who gave the men the bad news, said they could appeal to the Jewish Agency Executive Committee. He promised that the committee would give prompt consideration to their cases.

But, he said, the rejections had been approved unanimously by a four-member screening panel. Jewish Agency sources said the final selection of candidates was begun in April by Shmuel Lahis, director general of the Agency and chairman of the emissary committee. However, the sources explained, final evaluation had to await the results of the courses which were not received until now.

Israel Searches Foreign Ships

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): Adm. Michael Barkai, commander of Israel's Navy, disclosed here that the Navy is stopping and searching foreign vessels that approach Israel's coast as a measure against possible terrorist infiltration by sea. Barkai, who spoke on the occasion of Navy Day celebrated here, said this activity was permitted by international maritime law which allows a country to stop any ship suspected of carrying persons or equipment that might be injurious to its security.

He said the stop-and-search procedure was initiated after the March 11 assault on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway by terrorists who landed on the Israel coast in rubber dinghies. He revealed that the mother ship which launched the dinghies was, in fact, observed by the Israeli Navy but was not contacted because it was sailing on a westerly course, away from Israel, and appeared harmless.

Barkai said other anti-terrorist measures included combined sea-air patrols of Israeli coastal waters and ultra-sensitive radar equipment, both stationary and mobile. Barkai said that the Libyan and Saudi Arabian navies have been strengthened but, for the time being, Israel's Navy is strong enough to cope with the situation.

Reopens In Paris

PARIS (JTA) — A synagogue is due to be reopened at Paris International Orly Airport for the benefit of air passengers in transit. The synagogue will be situated off the air terminal's main lobby, close to the multi-denominational chapel already in existence. The head of Orly's police, Paul Roux, said Tuesday that he does not expect any special security problems in connection with the new synagogue.

Israeli Cabinet To Wait Five Years To Decide On West Bank, Gaza

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Israeli Cabinet, after meeting for nearly five hours on Sunday, voted 14-5 to reply to American questions on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in a manner favored by Premier Menachem Begin. The Cabinet told the U.S. that Israel would be prepared only in five years for "the nature of the future relations between the parties" to be "considered and agreed upon."

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and the four ministers of the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) opposed the formulation but 13 other ministers supported Begin. The questions, posed by the U.S. had sought a commitment from Israel to negotiate the permanent status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip after the five years of self-rule proposed by Begin expires. The U.S. also asked Israel how it intended to grant political self-expression to the Arab population of those territories.

The decision was a political victory for

Mr. Begin and ended a month-long debate in which he reportedly threatened to resign rather than accept an outright commitment to give up the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The opposition Labor Party immediately attacked the decision, signaling a tough battle in Parliament tomorrow when Mr. Begin presents his policy for debate.

Weizman Is Among Five Opposed

The Cabinet Secretary, Aryeh Naor, said that 14 ministers of 19 had voted for the plan. (Political sources said that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman dissented from the Begin plan, Reuters reported. He reportedly campaigned for a more positive reply.)

The United States had sought a commitment from Israel that it would discuss "the permanent status" of the occupied territories after the five-year transition period spelled out in Mr. Begin's peace plan. The Carter Administration apparent-

ly hoped that such a commitment would set the stage for renewal of direct Israeli-Egyptian talks, stalled since January over the question of the future of the occupied territories.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, appearing on nationwide television, predicted that the disagreement with Washington would continue. "The Israeli position is not identical to that of the United States," Mr. Dayan said, asserting that Washington did not expect the Israelis to fall into line with American policy when it asked for the statement on the future of the West Bank.

Challenge Thrown to Sadat

Mr. Dayan said that Israel now expected President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt to make it clear whether he was prepared to reopen talks and if he was ready to negotiate for the Jordanians if King Hussein continued to refuse a seat at the negotiating table.

While the Cabinet statement said that Israel "considers it vital to continue the peacemaking process," Mr. Begin opposed a commitment that would bind Israel to negotiate a final settlement.

Under the plan proposed by Mr. Begin in December, the roughly one million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza would elect a governing council and have limited civil autonomy for five years while Israel continued military control over the area.

Israeli officials said that the American term "permanent status" implied that after five years a decision would be made on sovereignty in the area. But Mr. Begin, unwilling to relinquish what he sees as Israel's biblical claim to the area and vehemently opposed to creation of a Palestinian Arab state, avoided the issue of sovereignty in today's statement. He has said that such an agreement now could undermine later negotiations.

Washington had presented its proposals in the form of questions, not officially published but widely reported, asking whether Israel would agree to negotiate the territories' permanent status after five years, and what mechanism would be used to reach a settlement.

The Cabinet, in its statement today, gave this response:

"The Government of Israel agrees that five years after the application of administrative autonomy in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district, which will come into force upon the establishment of peace, the nature of future relations between the parties will be considered and agreed upon, at the suggestion of any of the parties."

After the meeting, Mr. Naor, the Cabinet secretary, said that four ministers, whom he did not name, had presented another resolution that included the United States' proposed wording. A former foreign minister under Labor governments, Abba Eban, also dissented from the Begin plan, commenting "It doesn't satisfy me." Mr. Eban said Israel should expressly agree to withdraw from parts of the West Bank and Gaza.

The debate lasted 15 hours through three separate Cabinet sessions and produced deep divisions. Moderates feared that failure to agree to negotiate a final settlement would jeopardize the effort to revive the peace initiative started last fall in a visit to Jerusalem by President Sadat. But hard-liners felt that a statement would set the stage for creation of a Palestinian Arab state.

As adopted, the statement also included some concessions by Mr. Begin, who originally proposed that autonomy be "reviewed" after five years. The decision announced today implies a willingness to reconsider the form of government in the territories.

Defense Minister Weizman Asked To Resign By Own Party

TEL AVIV: Defense Minister Ezer Weizman was asked to resign by members of his own party. Reports are that he called Prime Minister Menachem Begin a liar and stormed out of a cabinet meeting saying, "I'm going to ready the army for the next war."

According to some political sources, members of Weizman's Herut Party called for Weizman's resignation while others wanted to summon him in writing to explain his refusal to support Begin's policies.

Weizman had no comment on the controversy. He toured Arab towns and Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank, but made no mention of his opposition to Begin's policies on the future of the Israeli-occupied territories.

The criticism of Weizman focused on harsh comments he was reported to have made after the cabinet approved a vaguely phrased response to U.S. requests for clarification of Israeli intentions on the occupied sectors.

The opposition Labor Party newspaper, *Davar*, quoted Weizman as saying: "Those two (Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe

Dayan) have been lying to us for months. They are leading us to war instead of grasping the opportunity to go toward peace."

The government-controlled radio quoted two unidentified leaders of the Labor Party opposition as saying that Weizman stormed out of the cabinet meeting saying, "I'm going to ready the army for the next war."

Weizman also was said to have described the Israeli response to U.S. requests for clarification as a fraud and evasion that is likely to make the Egyptians think the Begin government has been leading them by the nose.

After publication of the report in *Davar*, Begin met with a number of government ministers who asked him to reprimand Weizman and call for him to disown the remarks, the government radio said.

Otherwise, one minister was quoted as saying, the days of the government would be numbered.

One member of parliament from Weizman's own Herut Party said: "A person who follows a path leading to the cession (surrender) of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) cannot be allowed to run the business."

Sharir Calls On President To Take 'Positive Role'

NEW YORK (JTA): Avraham Sharir of Likud, the Knesset majority leader, called on President Carter "to take a positive role in helping to reconvene peace talks between Israel and Egypt by encouraging President Sadat to return to the direct negotiating process as quickly as possible." Speaking at an Israel Bond dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in honor of industrialist Benjamin Perlen, Sharir asserted that "peace can only be worked out by Israel and her neighbors and not through an imposed settlement from a third party." The affair raised \$1.5 million in Bond sales for Israel's economic development.

The Israeli political leader spoke of the difficulties created by the recent U.S. decision to sell warplanes to Egypt and "especially to Saudi Arabia." He said that, "if peace talks are not concluded in a positive way those planes are going to land in the hands of an enemy and be used against us." Sharir, who is in the U.S. on a speaking tour for Israel Bonds, declared

that, despite America's decision to sell jet planes to the Arabs, he was confident that "any existing U.S.-Israel differences can and will be settled by both parties because of the long-standing friendship and close ties that exist between the two nations."

He added that one of the expressions of unity with Israel has been the support of the Jewish community for Israel Bonds over the years which has stimulated Israel's phenomenal economic growth. "A sound economy," Sharir said, "could well be one of the factors that will aid Israel in its search for peace." He said that the government of Premier Menachem Begin initiated far-reaching peace proposals which exceed those of any previous Israeli administration. "I am convinced," he said, "that the only leader who can bring peace is Begin because he enjoys the wide support of the Israeli people and the Knesset. Begin is a strong leader who can make concessions that will be accepted by most of Israel's citizens."



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Israel Barred From Winter Asian Games

BANGKOK, Thailand: The Asian Games Federation Council unanimously approved a resolution recently to exclude Israel from the Eighth Asian Games there in December.

The move was opposed by Israeli Olympic Committee members who attended the meeting.

The Federation voted in December, 1976, not to invite Israel to the games in order to avoid complicated security arrangements.

The Israelis responded to the decision in this statement released June 6:

"The security issue was a totally unacceptable reasoning and Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee, had stated that such reasoning

used against Israel's participation opened the door to usage against any other country as well. Israel is part of the Asian continent, a fact which no force in the world, and no amount of money can change."

Thailand agreed to be the host on condition that member countries put up \$2.5 million. Five Arab countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — pledged a total of \$2 million, and a spokesman said the Arab nations would not compete with Israel.

The International Olympic Committee and two international sports groups, athletics and archery, have informed the Asian Games Federation that they will not recognize the events.

Obituaries

ROSE FINKELSTEIN

Funeral services for Rose Finkelstein of 213 Medway Street, who died Sunday after an illness of two months, were held Wednesday at Temple Beth El. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

The widow of Joseph Finkelstein, she was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Leah Levy. She had lived in Providence for more than 50 years.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith, a member of the Pioneer Women's Association, Providence Hadassah and the Providence Fraternal Association. She was also a member of Temple Beth El and a life member of the Sisterhood of the temple.

She is survived by a son, A. Archie Finkelstein, and two daughters, Pearl Braude and Marion Mirman, all of Providence; a brother, Harry Levy of New York; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

DANIEL BERNSTEIN

Funeral services for Daniel Bernstein, 78, of 120 Davis Avenue, Cranston, who died Sunday after an illness of six months, were held Tuesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

The husband of the late Rose (Brook) Bernstein, he was born in Russia on January 15, 1900, a son of the late Sygmund and Anna Bernstein. He had been a Cranston resident for 75 years.

He was a former owner of the New York Dress Pleating Company of Providence. He was a member of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

He is survived by two sons, Milton Bernstein of Cranston, and Harold Bernstein of Hillside, New Jersey; a daughter, Anna Kahn of Cranston; a brother, Benjamin Bernstein of Providence; two sisters, Freda Bassow of Miami Beach, Florida, and Ida Dermer of Providence and eight grandchildren.

LESTER COHEN

Funeral services for Lester Cohen, 81, of Lake Park, Florida, formerly of Providence, who died Wednesday, June 14, were held the following day at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton, Massachusetts.

The husband of Kay (Moss) Cohen, he was born in Fall River on September 26, 1896, a son of the late Louis and Fannie (Solmer) Cohen. He had lived in Providence from 1940 until he moved to Florida six years ago.

Mr. Cohen was the owner of Metals Processing Company of East Providence from 1940 until he retired in 1972.

He was a past board member of Temple Emanu-El and a member of its men's club; a past member of the board of directors of Camp Jori, a life member of the Miriam Hospital, and with his wife, was a co-founder of the Parent's Council for Retarded Children in Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three

sons, Russell L. Cohen of Narragansett, Joel H. Cohen of Worcester, Massachusetts, and David A. Cohen of Cranston; a daughter, Carol J. Cohen of New Jersey; two brothers, Joseph Cohen of Providence and Robert Cohen of Fall River; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Norman of Brookline, Massachusetts and five grandchildren.

SARAH H. BLOTCHER

Funeral services for Sarah Helen Blotcher, 88, of 683 Hope Street, who died June 16, were held Sunday at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Massachusetts.

The widow of Abraham G. Blotcher, she was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 7, 1890, a daughter of the late Jacob and Rachel (Fisher) Tarnapol. She had been a Providence resident since moving from Pawtucket in 1961.

She was a member of Temple Sinai and was its social action chairman. She was a founder of the Cranston Dialogue Club and established the Cranston Dialogue Garden on Oaklawn Avenue. She was past president of the Council of Jewish Women, Providence Section, and was a delegate to the United Nations from this council.

Mrs. Blotcher was a board member of the Jewish Children & Family Service, a board member of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, a member of the board of trustees of Pawtucket Memorial Hospital and founded the Well Persons Clinic there.

She was chairman of the Pawtucket Cancer Drive for 10 years, had organized the Pawtucket Music Week, a board member of the Pawtucket YWCA, and was legislative chairman for the Rhode Island PTA.

Mrs. Blotcher had studied piano and had given recitals.

She is survived by two daughters, Jacqueline Teverow of Providence and Barbara Davidson of North Kingstown; a brother, Isadore Tarnapol of New London, Connecticut, and seven grandchildren.

FLORENCE LEIB

Funeral services for Florence Leib, 65, of 12 St. Paul Drive, Worcester, Massachusetts, formerly of 422 Wayland Avenue, who died June 17, were held Monday at the Perlman Funeral Home in Worcester. Burial was in B'nai B'rith Cemetery in that city.

The wife of Saul Leib, she was born in Brooklyn, New York, a daughter of the late Joseph and Clara (Tunis) Feldman. She had lived in Providence for 14 years before moving to Worcester 10 years ago.

While a Providence resident, she was a secretary at the University of Rhode Island, a member of Temple Emanu-El, and the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, and a volunteer hospital worker.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, Donald L. Leib of Los Angeles, California, Jay L. Leib of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and Harvey A. Leib of Worcester; a sister, Annette Kantrowitz of Hollywood, Florida; a brother, Irving Feldman of Massapequa, Long Island, New York, and six grandchildren.

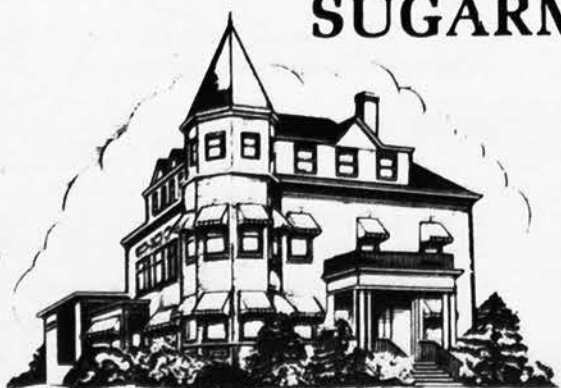
MISS MINNIE CROVITZ

Funeral services for Miss Minnie Crovitz, 74, of Miami Beach, Florida, who died June 17, were held the following day at the Garlick Funeral Home. Burial was in Sharon Gardens of the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, New York.

Born in Russia, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Ida Kravitz. She had lived in Yonkers, New York, for 15 years until she moved to Miami Beach five years ago. Previously, she had lived in Providence for many years.

She is survived by three sisters, Miss Sarah Crovitz and Miss Nell Crovitz, both of Fairfield, Connecticut, and Martha Lusterman of Yonkers, and a brother, Jack Crovitz of Cranston.

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DOUBLE CELEBRATION: Jodi Allison Gleckman, center, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Ahm in Windsor, Connecticut on Friday, May 5. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gleckman. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glassman of Orange, Connecticut. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Glassman of Lauderhill, Florida. Paternal grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gleckman of Warwick. Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Gleckman, pictured above with Jodi, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 30. Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gleckman of Poughkeepsie, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gleckman of Windsor, Connecticut and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gleckman of Brooklyn, New York, held a reception for them. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gleckman have six grandchildren: Jason, Kezia, Ari, Jodi, Judd and Elisa.

Notices

PROVIDENCE HADASSAH INSTALLS

The installation meeting of the Providence Hadassah was held June 13 at the Jewish Community Center.

Elected as president for a second term was Mildred Tarlow. Other elected officers were Bertha Kasper, Doris McGarry, Sylvia Finkelstein and Holly Silverman, vice presidents; Belle Tuch, treasurer; Diana Silk, recording secretary; Harriet Sutton, assistant recording secretary; Honey Seltzer, corresponding secretary; Roberta Blum assistant corresponding secretary; Evelyn Blazear, financial secretary; Pearl Curran and Elizabeth Greenberg, assistant financial secretaries; Ceil Foster and Esther Swartz, mailing secretaries.

Installing officer was Ruth Alperin. Esther Resnik was chairman of the nominating committee. Chairman for the day was Sylvia Finkelstein. Jeanette Resnik delivered the invocation and Sarah Kouffman was the speaker. Holly Silverman, Roberta Blum, Kay Abrams, Shirley Goldberg and Lil Ludman were the hostesses.

BETH TORAH SISTERHOOD INSTALLS

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Torah held its installation of officers for 1978-1979 at the temple on Wednesday evening, June 7.

Officers installed were Arlene Bochner, president; Elaine Shapiro, Andrea Saltzman and Phyllis White, vice presidents; Davida Greenstein, treasurer; Rhoda Dreyfuss, financial secretary; Carole Prosnitz, recording secretary; Linda Kessler, corresponding secretary and Estelle Winograd, member-at-large.

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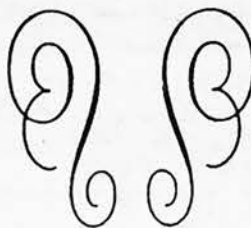
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Arms And The Men

Part 2

We remember some 25-odd years ago the late General-Divinity MacArthur, and Gregory Peck, testifying to the Senate that war should be outlawed as an instrument of policy. Coming from him this was odd, but acceptable. However, he should have read his papers. Even then, war had been outlawed. We recall the New Yorker nudging his old soldier's memory.

For 30 years, they said, we have been outlawing the hell out of war. It was formally and legally outlawed in April 1919 in the Covenant of the League of Nations. It was outlawed again in the Kellogg-Briand Pact in 1928. It was abolished again in the Atlantic Charter of 1941. (There was a monstrous war going on at the time: the abolition was to take effect when it was over.)

War was next formally abolished by the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Moscow, in 1943. Lots of minor outlawings ensued, before war was finally abolished for good and all in 1945, in the Charter of the United Nations.

The only trouble was, as was pointed out God knows how long ago, that each nation agreed to outlaw war provided it did not interfere in any way with anyone's freedom or cramp anyone's style. That was, and is, known as the "sovereign equality of the signatory powers," and it is always made very clear, each time war is abolished.

This Special Session at the UN is, we submit, a different matter, and worthy of rather more serious consideration than it is getting, or likely to get. Ours is a different world, with different dimensions. We know that there are something like 11,000 nuclear weapons — American, Soviet, British, French — in Europe alone. We know that the Powers now deploy many equivalent tons of TNT for every inhabitant of the earth. How tedious it is to repeat it, especially for the young who have lived with it all their lives, that while there can be a Third World War, there can never be a Fourth World War.

Although this momentous occasion in the United Nations is not attracting as much attention as, say, a Bob Dylan concert or an Argentine soccer match, some people care — with passion, and indeed a sort of desperation. For this occasion, and at the instance of that very great and good man Lord Noel-Baker (and who has better credentials to talk of peace?) a paperback book has been made (Disarm or Die, Taylor & Francis,) which is to be pressed into the hands of the 1,500 delegates at the Special Session of the UN.

Its basis is a quite masterly piece by Olof Palme, who used to be Prime Minister of Sweden, and who is my candidate for Prime Minister of Europe, or indeed anywhere else you like. We are indebted to this for several facts.

Editor's Mailbox

Makes Further Remarks On Hebrew Day Schools

Response to my observations about the promise and crisis presented to the Jewish Community of Rhode Island by the formation of a new Conservative day school has been heartening. Many phone calls and letters confirm my view, that we have an opportunity with no significant precedent in the past decade.

One comment I hear from many sides is that the sponsors of the new school are "new to the community." Whether or not this is a criticism depends on the source. My own view is that it is exciting and important that the dormant and somnolent—but also sullen and passive—Jewish community is shaken up by new perspectives. For many of us tried and failed and gave up. Now there are people willing to try again. The best thing to happen is that there are such people among us, people who are not discouraged, not tired, not hopeless of significant change for the better in Rhode Island Jewry. I did not imagine there were such people in this tired old community. For the Providence Jewish community is notoriously unfriendly to "newcomers," and, after living here for ten years, I know how long one remains a newcomer. Whether the same is so in Cranston, Warwick, Newport, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, I do not know. But these "newcomers" might as well act now as ten years later—it won't make any difference.

Another comment that has come to me is from supporters of the Orthodox day school: What shall we do? What can we do? My own view is that the lay leadership of the Providence Hebrew Day School and the

lay leadership of the Solomon Schechter Day School should enter into conversation to discover whether, in fact, there are grounds for conciliation and a basis for joint work. The latter group has gone too far and invested too much to be asked to pack up their tents and depart. The former group has a deep stake in the status quo. Whether these two groups can find a common agenda for unity is a question—but it should be asked. If the Schechter group is implacably hostile to an Orthodox school, with its stress on Judaism as a vital religious tradition, and wants an essentially secular school with a veneer of "customs and ceremonies," then there is no basis for reconciliation. If the P.H.D.S. group is uncompromising about particular personnel or programs and unwilling to make important shifts in lay and professional leadership, then there is no basis for reconciliation.

A third observation is that so far as I am able to tell, there is in Providence and Cranston no opportunity for education in Hebrew language and texts beyond the eighth grade. The high school programs after school are entirely based on English texts. If this is so, then the community has declared that its future is to be conducted only in English and wholly out of touch with the sources of Judaism, all of which are in Hebrew. Once more I point out that this is the time for discussion not only of day school education, but of all programs in Jewish learning, class room and outside, formal and informal, under the auspices of schools, centers, synagogues, and youth



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Three Puzzles And A Fourth

By BERYL SEGAL

Three puzzling things are emerging from the Soviet Republic these days. I say they are puzzling because we don't understand them and because the Soviet press and other public media don't discuss them.

Puzzle number one is the news released by official American sources that Russia allowed 9,500 Jews to emigrate during the first five months of 1978. During the same period last year only 5,735 visas were issued to Jews.

Why such a change of policies towards the Jews?

The second puzzle is the reason why the Soviet government makes it so easy for some while it punishes others for expressing their intentions to leave Russia. We hear of would-be immigrants losing their jobs, being harassed, being thrown into mental institutions, and at best being kept on a waiting list that lasts for years, while others, according to one immigrant family, receive their visas as soon as they apply.

What criteria do the Soviets use in deciding who leaves and who stays?

The third puzzle is their policy towards Israel. Until recently, we were told that the Soviet government would not lift a finger to assist Israel in increasing the population in the land for fear of antagonizing the Arabs. Immigrants from Russia all have visas stamped "Destination Israel." Except for a small number who have relatives in the United States, Canada, or South America, the rest are (supposedly) going to settle in Israel.

The question is why the Soviets have enforced a policy that would definitely please Israel and displease the Arabs?

But the greatest puzzle is presented by the immigrants themselves. More than half of those with visas to Israel refuse to go there. Promises of work, dwellings, living free as Jews, do not impress these people. They have escaped Russia but still believe the propaganda unfavorable to Israel that they have read in the press. They would rather stay in Italy and await visas for other lands than go to Israel.

Here is how the processing goes: Emigrants are sent from Russia to Vienna, Austria. Those who have visas to Israel or other countries are immediately dispatched there. Those who have changed their minds about going to Israel are kept for up to 72 hours in Vienna and are then transported to Rome, Italy. They may stay there for five to six months until they receive visas to lands of their choice, usually to the United States. According to an immigrant family living in Providence, they are taught English, some

find temporary jobs, and, of course, they are given food and clothing and other necessities of life.

While the immigrants stay in Rome, they are under the auspices of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS).

This is where the controversy rages. The HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee which also handles the immigrants in Italy are recipients of goodly amounts of subventions from the Federations. The Jewish Agency in Israel and the Zionist organizations are opposed to the preoccupation of HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee with Jews who left Russia under false pretenses. People have a right to choose which land they prefer, but the Jewish people also have a right to refuse them aid. They have taken the places of other people who would have gone to Israel, it is argued, and Israel would have benefited from their skills and talents.

We cannot punish them, but we don't have to aid or reward them for their fraud.

HIAS and others who help Russian Jews come to the United States, after they reject Israel, insist that Jews seeking freedom are entitled to our aid no matter who they are and where they are. The Jewish Agency, however, vigorously denies that Russian immigrants are refugees from persecution, that they are merely opportunists, and that they obtained their visas through fraud, and that the Jewish people do not owe them the aid due to real refugees.

Comparisons have been made to the refugees from the Nazi oppression. These refugees were in mortal danger to their lives, while present day immigrants from Russia are not. Nazi refugees were literally snatched out of the mouths of beasts who were bent on devouring them, while immigrants today are just leaving their native country in search of better living. The Jews are not persecuted in Russia unless they are conscientious objectors to the policies of the Soviet government. They are not discriminated against nor are they denied any privileges as citizens of the land. The Jews fleeing Nazi lands were in the care of Piddyon Shevuyim, Rescue of Prisoners, one of the greatest Mitzvot among Jews. Even the smallest and the poorest community had a fund for such occasions. The Russian Jews do not fall into this category by any stretch of the imagination.

The arguments go back and forth, for and against spending funds collected by the Federations for the needs of Jews abroad and in our midst.

(Mr. Segal's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper).

organizations, camps and the like.

Finally, we should hear from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. That estimable organization has provided remarkably little leadership and over the years has managed to avoid the difficult and exacting questions which now come to a head. It is not enough for J.F.R.I. to ask us for money. It must also give us leadership and form an effective focus for discussion of community problems and concerns. Will two Day Schools take shape in Rhode Island, and the Federation have nothing whatsoever to say on the subject? Will the Federation maintain a Bureau, but exempt itself from forming policy on the organization of Jewish learning in the community? Over the years its leadership has heard many complaints about the Day School and, while providing massive subsidies to the Day School, insisted that there was nothing to be done. Now the Federation confronts the need of two Day Schools to gain community support, and it has been unable to

provide even one Day School with all of the support which has been demanded. It seems to me self-evident that the supporters of both schools are going to expect fair treatment at the hands of J.F.R.I. But still more obvious is the proposition that the Federation and its leadership cannot stand back and wait until money is requested. It must come forward with its viewpoints and its suggestions.

I have confidence in the Federation and its leadership, and that confidence is based upon watching J.F.R.I. for a decade and observing how effectively it has developed into the center and heart of the Jewish community. I like personally and deeply respect the "lay" leaders of the Federation. (I put "lay" in quotation marks because for many Federation leaders, the first vocation is community business. Only the second vocation—really a hobby—is their professional or business life.) That is why I am confident that what is both a crisis and an un-

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22



MRS. THOMAS PENDERGAST III

Miss Linda Caren Hutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harvey Hutt of 8 Starbrook Drive, Barrington, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Joseph Pendergast III, of 107 Mulberry Road, Bristol, on June 18 at the Crestwood Country Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joseph Pendergast, Jr., of 4 Houghton Street, Barrington.

Marcia Silva, Justice of the Peace, officiated at the 6:00 p.m. candlelight ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception at the Crestwood Country Club followed the reception.

The bride wore an empire styled gown of silk organza fashioned with a Queen Ann neckline and long sheer Bishop cuffed sleeves. The fitted bodice was enhanced with chantilly lace and highlighted with seed pearls. The sleeves and neckline were made of matching lace. From the high waistline draped a semi-full skirt completed by a triple tier flounce edged in chantilly lace which was swept back into a chapel train. She wore a long mantilla of silk illusion edged in matching chantilly lace which was gathered to a short Juliette cap accented with seed pearls.

She carried a colonial styled bouquet of white roses and baby's breath with cascading ivy accented with white roses.

Miss Marcia Helen Hutt served as maid of honor for her sister. Her bridesmaids were Miss Debra Evelyn Hutt, sister of the bride, Miss Charlene Pendergast, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Romana Klicka, Miss Eileen Fox and Mrs. Charles Mailloux.

Mr. William Amberg, Jr. served as best man. Other ushers were Mr. David Reiss, Messers. David, Kevin, and Sean Pendergast, brothers of the groom and Mrs. John Ragano III.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in West Warwick.

Editor's Mailbox

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precedented opportunity will not be ignored. If the Federation is ineffective in guiding the life of our own community, then who cares what funds it can raise for Jews elsewhere? But if the Federation can undertake sustained and serious efforts at reconciling the diverse groups in the community devoted to the maintenance of serious and effective Jewish schools in Rhode Island, then the Federation will demonstrate that it is what many of us believe and hope that it is. But to decide to do nothing is also a choice and bears consequences.

My hope is that in these two letters I have contributed to the public understanding of what a significant and promising moment has come in the life of this community. We owe much to the "newcomers" who have proved that the resurrection of the dead is yet possible. We also owe much to the old-timers whose sacrifice and dedication created whatever we now have. The com-

mitment and promise of both groups have to be taken to heart. For the richest and most important Jews in the Rhode Island Jewish community are these two groups—the ones who are willing to sacrifice their time, money and children, in the cause of serious and effective Jewish education. What unites them is what distinguishes them from the rest of Rhode Island Jewry: this love for learning and willingness to sacrifice to create and sustain schools for Jewish learning. What divides them is the means to do so, and, I am inclined to think, issues of personality and details of program. If that is so, then the choices are obvious and the welfare of the community as a whole seems to me self-evident.

JACOB NEUSNER
The Ungerleider
Distinguished Scholar
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Brown University
Providence

Feels Suburbia Needs Hebrew Day School

I observe with great dismay the controversy that has developed within the City of Providence which has led to the establishment of an additional Hebrew Day School, literally within a stone's throw of the original Providence Hebrew Day School, which has served the Providence community for over thirty years. It is inconceivable to me that two established and well known Jewish institutions should find it necessary to compete between themselves in a manner that can do nothing but harm to both of them, while the truly great need of a Hebrew Day School to serve the suburban communities of Providence goes unanswered and neglected. Both organizations must be aware that there are hundreds of Jewish families that have migrated to suburban communities that are seeking Jewish education, yet find it extremely difficult because of the distances that have to be traveled and the time involved in car pooling.

Instead of the Providence Jewish institutions getting together to come up with a solution for these people in need, I find it truly inconceivable that these institutions find it necessary to compete with each other when the need of the sub-

urbs are neglected by both. Surely, the goals of Jewish education to as many children that seek it should override unneeded competition between these organizations.

ARNOLD L. BLASBALG
Coventry

Paragraphs In Erroneous Order

I was pleased that you saw fit to publish the full summary, under the title, "Jews in the U.S.: Demographic Perspectives," of the lecture I recently delivered at YIVO. I was disturbed, however, that the second installment in this week's issue arranged the paragraphs in erroneous order. The last two paragraphs should have been the first two in this section of the summary. I would appreciate it if you would call this error to your readers' attention; as it stands, the summary sounds disjointed and is difficult to follow.

SIDNEY GOLDSTEIN
Department of Sociology
Brown University
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(The Herald regrets the error.)

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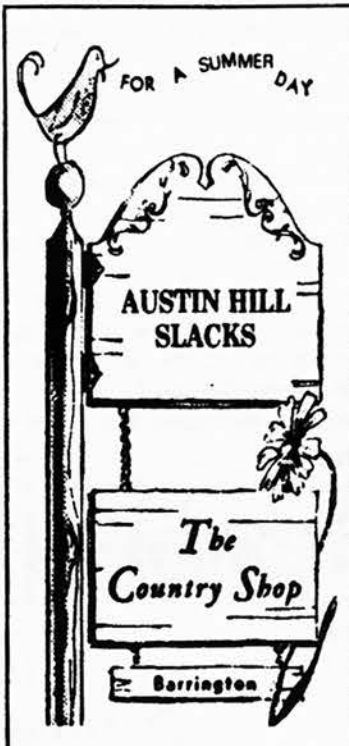
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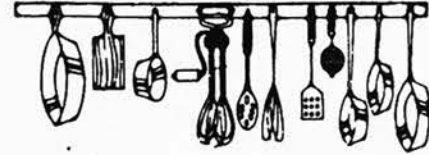
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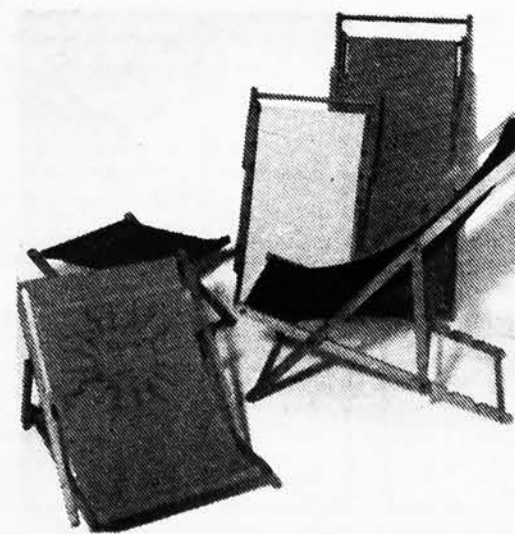
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Israel Unveils Pilotless Plane

TEL AVIV (JTA): A miniature Israel-built drone aircraft, small enough to escape detection by most radar units, was unveiled for the public here last week and will be displayed at an exhibition of military communications and electronic equipment opening in Washington next month. The pilotless plane, manufactured by the Tadiran Co., an Israeli producer of electronic and communications systems, is

intended for use by the Israel Air Force and for sale abroad.

Tadiran says a package unit, consisting of six drones and monitoring equipment, will sell for \$500,000, about a quarter the price of similar units manufactured in other countries. The entire package, called the "Mastiff," represents four years of research and development and an investment by Tadiran of \$4.5 million.

The one carries a video camera and is designated officially as a reconnaissance plane. But it has other potential uses that remain classified. Tadiran will also display a new radar analysis system at the Washington exhibition. Named "Ras," it is said to be capable of sorting out dangerous radar signals, such as those used to guide missiles, from the thousands of other radar pulses that fill the air.

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MALTZ-BAKER

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Baker of Providence and Narragansett announce the engagement of their son, Gary M. Baker, to Barbara L. Maltz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Freeman Maltz of Akron, Ohio.

Miss Maltz is a graduate of Ohio State University. Mr. Baker was graduated from the University of Arizona and is vice president of Baker Ford in Pawtucket.

An August wedding in Akron is planned. The couple will reside in Providence.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Elizabeth P. Temkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Temkin of 58 Lafayette Street, Pawtucket, has been selected for the Dean's list at Emerson College for the third consecutive year.

Miss Temkin is a junior majoring in communications and has been elected to the Gold Key Society. She is a past president and founder of the Society for Advancement of Management Chapter at the college, and is currently the external development coordinator.

RECEIVES AWARD

Walter Adler was one of the recipients of the Brown Bear Award given recently at the Brown University commencement.

The award is presented each year by the Associated Alumni to alumni who have distinguished themselves through outstanding personal service to the university over a period of years.

Mr. Adler, a 1918 graduate of Brown, has been a member of the executive committee of the Associated Alumni and has served as the president of the Association of Class Secretaries and Presidents. He is a holder of three degrees and has distinguished himself as an attorney, an author and as a civic leader.

RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR

Dr. Stephen E. Ostrow, director of the Museum of Art at Rhode Island School of Design, has announced that he will be resigning as director, effective September 1.

Dr. Ostrow has accepted a new position as Dean of Fine Arts at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles.

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BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



Today's hand is just a normal everyday type hand that really shouldn't have caused the Declarers so much trouble. There is only one correct way to play it and if each South would have taken his time after the opening lead to see exactly what he had to do to reap ten tricks, they all would have made the hand. However, I watched so many of them fail mainly because they had no set plan.

North

♦ 6 3 2
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 10 8 7 5 4
♠ K 5

West

♦ 7 5
♥ A 8 6 2
♦ J 9 6
♠ Q 10 7 3

East

♦ 10 8
♥ K 10 9
♦ A K Q 3 2
♠ 9 8 4

South

♦ A K Q J 9 4
♥ Q J 4
♦ Void
♠ A J 6 2

West was Dealer, both sides vulnerable with this bidding:

W	N	E	S
P	P	1D	Dbl
1H	P	2D	4S

The bidding was not as shown. Every East did open but some Souths jumped right to game. Others doubled first again with varied action. Some Wests bid one Heart others passed. Regardless, whatever the others did every South ended in four Spades. The idea is to make it which they all should. Too many failed.

Each West led a Diamond, ruffed by Declarer. Some went right after Trumps and were lucky they broke evenly or else they wouldn't have been able to ruff even one Club. Others played three rounds of Clubs first ruffing the third then getting back to their own hand with a Trump to try to ruff the fourth Club. This, of course, was overruffed by East who simply had to lead another Diamond for Declarer to ruff.

Declarer could now draw Trumps but had to lead Hearts from his own hand and as long as the Defenders behave themselves

and do not help Declarer get a Heart trick, easy to do, three Hearts must be lost along with that fourth Club to set the hand.

To make the hand Declarer must find a way to cash a Heart trick. To do that all he has to do is go along with the percentages by leading toward his own Queen and Jack twice. Even without any adverse bidding East should have one of those honors and his opening bid practically guaranteed it. To do this meant two entries had to be utilized at exactly the right time and there is where so many failed, their timing was off. They had to first lead to the Club King but before ruffing a Club lead a Heart from Dummy which West wins. Win his return and now the Ace and a Club ruff. You are now in Dummy for the last time and must take advantage of it. This is when the second Heart is led and East can do whatever he wants. No matter what he does with his King somewhere along the way Declarer has to make a Heart trick to make the hand. And the opponents can do nothing to prevent this.

Moral: Timing. How many times have I stressed that word. Also planning ahead. Very often the two go hand in hand.

NCJW APPOINTS NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Solomon L. Levy has been appointed Director of Program of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). He will be responsible for development, implementation and coordination of all NCJW programs.

Dr. Levy has had an extensive professional career in social welfare and advocacy and political science, having held a number of academic and consultant positions in these fields at the Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work, in American Government at Temple University; and a Fellow of Temple's Center for the Study of Federalism.

Dr. Levy began his career in social service as a group worker in an Ohio center for disturbed children, moving on to become a community organizer, a social group worker at Chicago's Hull House, and a psychiatric social worker at the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute.



MRS. ALAN R. FRIEDMAN

Miss Carol Jane Goldberg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Norman I. Goldberg of 40 Winfield Road, was married to Alan Robert Friedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Friedman of 30 Winfield Road, on Sunday, June 18, at Temple Beth El. Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiated at the 6:30 p.m. ceremony which was followed by a reception at the temple.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore her mother's gown of imported ivory Chantilly lace, embroidered with seed pearls and paillettes, ending in a cathedral train of lace and satin. Her cathedral length veil fell from a Chantilly lace and satin Juliette cap. She carried a cascade of cymbidium orchids.

Miss Abigail Percelay, maid of honor, wore a gown of ivory Quiana fashioned with a softly shirred neckline and a flowing sash of apricot and beige chiffon. She carried a bouquet of apricot Sonya roses accented with stephanotis and brown velvet streamers.

Bridesmaids were Miss Robyn Hohenemser, Miss Sally Rigelhaupt and Miss Ellen Vissman. They wore matching ivory Quiana gowns with flowing sashes of beige and apricot chiffon and carried garden bouquets of Sonya roses with brown velvet streamers.

Brian Friedman served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Gary Friedman, brother of the bridegroom; Jeffrey Goldberg, brother of the bride, and Alan Wasserman.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii and Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Pawtucket.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gershman of Hillsboro Beach, Florida. The bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Benjamin Bigney of Cranston and Rebecca Friedman of East Providence.

The bride is a graduate of Lasell Junior College. Mr. Friedman is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and is vice president and general manager of Murray's of Rhode Island.

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From The
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It is always a most pleasant task to meet with our young people in the City of Providence and to watch their growth as they move into career choices and select colleges, universities, and schools to help them prepare themselves for the future. In many ways, I continue to be amazed at their versatility, their willingness to seek out new and innovative careers, and their eagerness to make their future interesting and productive. To be able to help these fine young people of ours as they progress through life offers great satisfaction, for it is a way of ensuring a better community for us all, and a great opportunity to repay those that have helped us in the past seek our future goals with their guidance and their thoughtfulness.

Thus it was a most pleasant task to announce the first winners of the Mayor's Scholarships for Johnson and Wales College which are being awarded to five graduating seniors from Providence who have attended area high schools. These scholarship awards will help defray the costs of tuition at Johnson and Wales for the forthcoming academic year for each of these students, and will be continued during their successive years if their academic achievements continue to be satisfactory. Each of the recipients has been recommended by officials from their respective high schools, has completed a competitive examination administered by the college, and has been judged as worthy of this award by our scholarship committee.

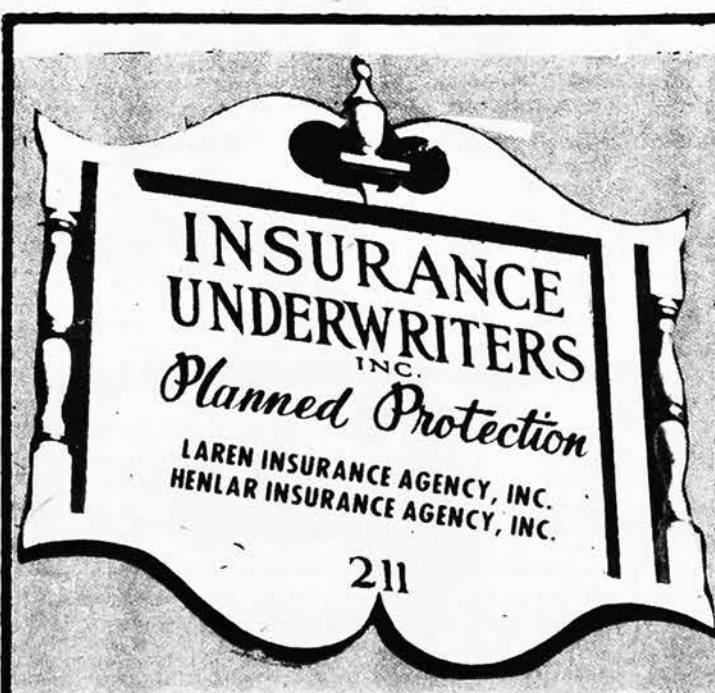
The scholarship program has been developed by the college and this administration as a special commitment by Johnson and Wales to the City of Providence and its citizens for the spirit of cooperation that has been in evidence since the college's inception, and it reaffirms the strong ties that the college has for the city. This year's award recipients are Miss Lorenza Ortiz, Miss Lori Angell, Miss Susan James, Miss Robin Levasseur and Mr. James Thurston.

We are delighted that they could meet with us to accept our personal congratulations, and we wish them a most successful career at Johnson and Wales College in the various academic majors that they have selected. I wish to thank as well Dr. Morris Gaebe, President of Johnson and Wales College, and Mr. Manuel Pimental, Jr., Director of Admissions at the college, for their work with our scholarship committee in making this a reality.

We fully intend to continue this program in the days ahead in order that additional young men and women from the city of Providence attending area high schools can select the many career options for their future at Johnson and Wales College. In this fashion, we can have scholarship recipients in every class at the college, in almost all of the varied programs being offered at this fine institution, and in time, find them in the Providence business community offering their talents, their expertise, and their fine training in a host of occupations that serve their fellow citizens.

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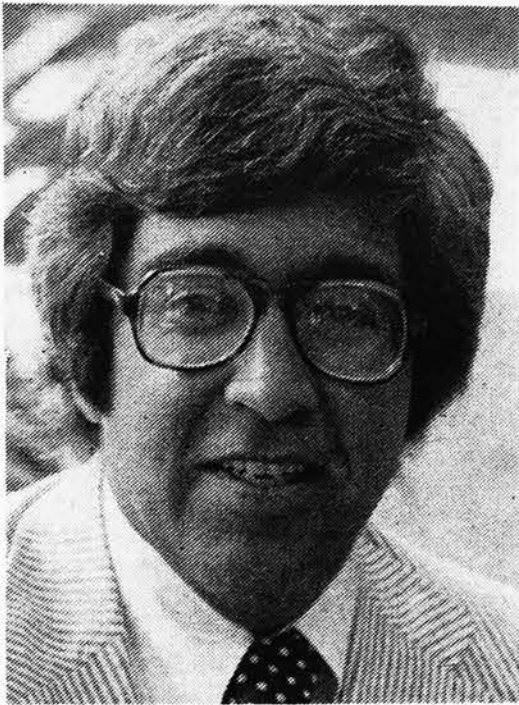
At the first annual meeting of the Friends of Trinity Square held on June 19, Dr. Mayer A. Levitt, organizer and first chairman of the group, was elected for a third term.

Other officers elected include Bruce R. Lang, David E. Henderson and George Schoeler, vice chairmen; Elizabeth Rode and Deborah L. Swanson, secretaries; Frederic L. Walsh, treasurer, and Brian Clendenen, Louis Hafken, M.D., Herbert E. Kaplan, Arthur H. Richter, Patricia S. Schwadron, Jane B. Sherman and David D. Stewart, members-at-large.

Friends of Trinity Square is the community fund-raising arm of the Trinity Square Repertory Company. A total of \$92,468 was raised by the group this past

season, of which \$50,415 came from membership payments of 979 families and the balance from various benefits and fund drives sponsored by the Friends.

The meeting was held in the little theater where *Vanities* is now playing Tuesdays through Sundays. Attending members were addressed by Adrian Hall, director of the company, and Larry Arrick, director for the Trinity Rep Conservatory which will start its first season in Providence in the fall.



Society

(Continued from page 6)

TWIN GIRLS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. William Wolf of 36 Waite Avenue, Cranston, announce the birth of their first children, twin daughters, Danielle Mara and Ilesha Beth, on May 31.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gorodetsky. Maternal grandmother is the late Dorothy Gorodetsky and paternal grandfather is the late Isadore Wolf.

Paternal great-grandmother is Ida Shushansky.

RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT

Harold N. Krasner of 90 Summit Drive, Cranston, has received the unanimous endorsement of the Republican City Committee as their candidate for fourth ward City Council seat.

A life-long resident of Rhode Island, Mr. Krasner is employed as an engineering and cost consultant following a career in construction corporate management.

He is a graduate of Rhode Island State College where he received an engineering degree and is a professional registered engineer in the state of Rhode Island.

Mr. Krasner is a member of Temple Beth Torah having served previously on the board of trustees, a member of Redwood Lodge, F&AM, and is a member both of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Association of Cost Engineers.

AWARDED DEGREE

Charles Leon Baker of Pawtucket was awarded an associate in applied science degree from Rhode Island Junior College on June 11.

He is the son of Jean Baker of Providence and the late Isadore Baker, and the brother of Marilyn Baker of Warwick.

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12,000 Refugees Granted U.S. Visas

WASHINGTON (JTA): Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D. Pa.) has disclosed that the United States will grant entry to an additional 12,000 Soviet refugees, most of them Jews, many now waiting in Rome to come to this country. Eilberg, chairman of the House subcommittee on immigration, said the Justice and State Departments have consulted with him and other key Congressional leaders about the need for a parole to allow the Soviet immigrants to enter the U.S.

The Congressman said that the 5000 parole numbers he requested late last year for Soviet refugees have been exhausted. A backlog has started to develop again in Rome. Eilberg said that as of the beginning of May, the number of applications in Rome pending to come to this country was 1600. In addition, Soviet refugees are arriving in Rome in hope of coming here at the rate of 1200 per month.

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Q: As a college student, I am interested in low-priced growth stocks. Currently, I own Bethlehem Steel (NYSE). Is this vehicle in keeping with my objectives? Could you suggest other stocks which have dividend reinvestment plans? T.Y., Ohio

A: By definition, growth companies are those participating in expanding fields, where profits are plowed back into the company to finance future growth. The steel industry does not fit into this category; the industry's prospects largely mirror increases in the Gross National Product. Profit levels are therefore highly volatile, moving up and down with business cycles, while price earnings ratios are low.

Although Bethlehem could not accurately be regarded as a growth vehicle, it is an attractive holding at the present severely depressed price level.

In keeping with your investment objectives, I would suggest that you consider either General Signal (NYSE) or Dr. Pepper (NYSE) for new buying. Both companies offer dividend reinvestment plans. Dr. Pepper's plan is especially attractive as there are no commission charges or bank fees.

General Signal, a major supplier of equipment to the water pollution control, railroad and mass transit, and energy distribution markets, has been in a strong up-trend since 1974.

Earnings have compounded at a 15% average annual rate this decade, a pace which appears sustainable in the foreseeable future. On a long-term growth basis, the stock rates a buy.

Dr. Pepper, one of the fastest growing companies in the soft-drink industry, derives its success largely from an aggressive marketing organization, a strong distribution network, and solid finances. Earnings have advanced for 20 consecutive years with 1978 net expected to reach \$1.15 per share. Buy.

Q: On your advice I purchased shares in Church's Fried Chicken (NYSE) in December 1976 at 23. The stock has now doubled in price with a recent closing at 46. Should I take profits or continue to hold? J.S. Pennsylvania

A: Church's Fried Chicken has been an outstanding performer in recent years. Sales and earnings have also made substantial gains, but growth is now slowing somewhat and will probably continue to do so. Competition within the fast-food industry is also intensifying, so Church's is moving

into other geographical areas as well as new food lines. As the stock could be vulnerable to downside risk, we feel that now is the time to cash in and take the profits.

Q: I have been shopping for some diamond earrings and notice that prices are up sharply. An article I read suggests that stock in DeBeers is a better buy than the gems themselves. Do you think this stock would be a good investment? M.F. Michigan

A: Any company whose properties and operations are located in a politically explosive area hardly qualifies as a "good" investment. And, the trading range of these "shares" reflects this uncertainty. DeBeers Consolidated Mines (American Depository Receipts) has traded between 4 1/2 and 2 for the last four years, in spite of rising earnings since 1976. The price of diamonds has begun to stabilize, so why not shop around, buy the earrings and enjoy them.

Q: We are both in our 60s and collecting Social Security. We hold 100 shares of American Telephone (NYSE), 300 Inland Steel (NYSE), 100 Pennsylvania Power & Light (NYSE), 200 Public Service Electric & Gas \$1.40 preferred (NYSE) and 10M Consolidated Edison 3s of 1979 (yielding 9%). May we have your advice on these holdings? B.J. New Jersey

A: I assume that the bond was purchased at a substantial discount if you are earning 9% on it. If this is the case, I would suggest taking the profit available rather than waiting for the bond to mature a year from now. At the present time you should be able to swap about even on 10M of J.C. Penney 8 3/8s of 1995. Not only would you garner substantially more in interest income, you would be moving up a notch in quality. There would be no change in the tax treatment of the discount on this bond even though you sold prior to maturity; it would still be at the more favorable capital gains rate.

Another change which seems advisable is a switch from the utility preferred to 150 shares of Cleveland Electric (NYSE). Ten years from now the preferred will still be paying the same dividend and the price of the shares will be higher only if interest rates have dropped from the present level. With a common stock you participate in earnings growth through dividend increases. Cleveland Electric's dividend has risen 46% in the last decade and will probably continue its rise in the coming years. The other three stocks should be held.

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Further information may be obtained by calling the sales office of the Providence Marriott at 272-2400.

FIRST OUTING

The first outing of the Connecticut Jewish Singles will be held on Sunday, July 9. This will be a trip to Tanglewood and a bus will leave from the Amity Shopping Center parking lot, Amity Road, New Haven, Connecticut at 9:30 a.m. A picnic lunch and chairs should be brought.

Reservations are limited and may be made by calling New Haven 389-0369 or 288-0224.

The next event will be a beach party and cookout on Sunday, July 23, from 2 to 7 p.m. at 74 Townsend Avenue, New Haven.

SISTERHOOD OFFICERS

The newly installed officers and board of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh Sisterhood will hold the first meeting of the season on Tuesday, June 27, at 8 p.m. New board members will be introduced at a collation held in their honor.

New officers include Miss Dorothy Berry, president; Mrs. Nathan Resnik, vice president; Miss Rose Miller, recording secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Connis, financial secretary, and Mrs. Morris Kagan, corresponding secretary.

Board members are Mrs. Robert Berlinsky, Mrs. Joseph Bernstein, Mrs. Eugene Freedman, Mrs. Alex Goodblatt, Mollie Gornstein, Mrs. Bruno Hoffman, Mrs. George Labush, Mrs. Emanuel Lazar, Mrs. John Newman, Mrs. Samuel Rotkopf, Mrs. Edward Spenser and Mrs. Morris Tippe.

Hostess of the evening will be Mrs. Bernstein.

TO HOLD MEETING

Hope Link No. 46 Order of the Golden Chain will hold the last meeting of the season on Saturday, June 24, at 8 p.m. at the Doric Masonic Temple in Cranston.

The next initiation will be held in September during the Grand Link Visitation. New applications will be accepted during the summer.

TO HOST PARTY

The Sackin-Shocket Auxiliary will host a party on Tuesday, June 27, at the Davis Park Veterans Hospital. Mae Kahn, president, will be assisted by Mary Fink, Sayra Weiner, Greta Labush, Frances Carrazzo, Rose Chernov and Becky Woled.

The annual picnic of the Post and Auxiliary will be held on July 2 at Goddard Park at fireplace No. 52 starting at 11 a.m. Elliot Berkowitz, commander, has asked members to bring their own equipment, such as baseball gloves, bats, balls, horseshoes, etc.

ORT OFFICERS

The listing of the officers for 1978-79 for Narragansett Chapter, Women's American ORT, who were installed on June 15 was not correct.

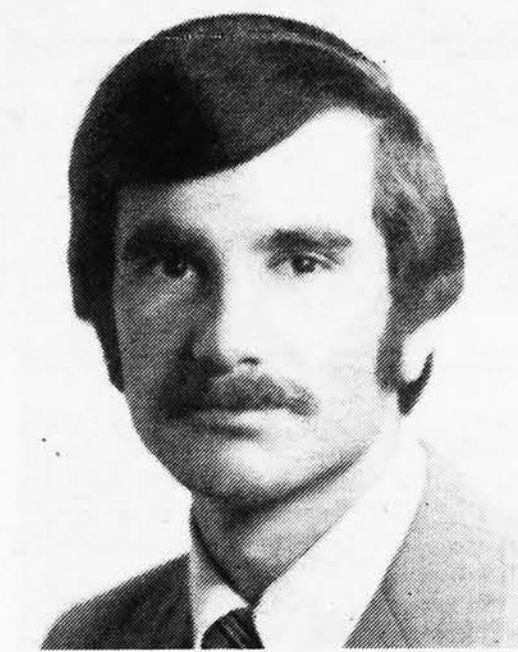
Corrections are Dorothy Forman, corresponding secretary; Sandi Torrisi, financial secretary, and Florence Falcofsky, treasurer.

Guilty Of Membership In Illegal Group

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): A Tel Aviv District Court acquitted Sami Ismail el Quran, a 24-year-old American citizen of Arab origin, of charges of maintaining contact with an enemy agent. The court found him guilty on a second charge of membership in an illegal organization. His sentence, which could be as much as ten years imprisonment, will be announced at a later date.

In the long verdict issued by the three judge bench — Dov Levin, chairman, and Israel Giladi and Nehemya Baer — it was stated that Ismail arrived in Israel in December 1977 to visit his ailing father at El Birah, a town near Ramallah on the West Bank. He was detained afterwards and for several days was interrogated by security agents. Ismail wrote a seven page confession in English and added two pages



PAUL HOWARD BROOMFIELD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Broomfield, Cranston, received his Doctor of Medicine degree this month from Brown University. He will begin his first year of residency at the University of Miami Affiliated Hospitals, Miami, Florida. He is the grandson of Mrs. Ida Kagan of Providence.

N.Y. Times Religious Editor Addresses Council

A major highlight of the discussions on the impact of the establishment of the State of Israel on the Jewish community throughout the world will be a discussion on the changes in Christian-Jewish relationships that have been wrought in the wake of the establishment of the sovereign Jewish State, according to an announcement by Rabbi Walter S. Wurzbarger, President of the Rabbinical Council of America. "A major paper on the theme 'How Christianity Views the Jewish Relationship to Israel Historically and Currently,' will be delivered by Kenneth A. Briggs, religious editor of New York Times.

Rabbi Macy A. Gordon, chairman of the convention, announced that Dr. Shubert Spero, Professor of Philosophy at the Cleveland Institute of Art, will address the Convention on the topic "The Reaction of the Jewish Community to Christian Attitudes and Relationships Towards the State of Israel in Light of Recent Events." "In this most important session," Rabbi Gordon declared, "Mr. Manfred Lehmann will discuss 'Moslem Religious Views Towards the State of Israel - Personal Experiences.'" Mr. Lehmann is a prominent businessman who recently visited Egypt and met with leaders of the Moslem religious community.

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Co-Chairman of the Convention, stated that hundreds of Rabbis from the United States and Canada will attend the Convention, which will be held from Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29 at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Canada. Rabbi Bulka announced that other major problems to be discussed at the Convention will be: contemporary problems of Jewish law, ethical issues in the Jewish community, the impact of the religious community on general society, the synagogue and other communal agencies, and the partnership of psychiatry and religion.

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in Arabic. Later he was interrogated by a police officer in Arabic and the minutes were presented in Hebrew.

Based on the statements by the defendant the court found that Ismail made contact with a certain Abu Backer in the University of Michigan who suggested that Ismail go to Libya for training — all costs being covered by Libya. Ismail was also asked to distribute Arab nationalist pamphlets on the 44,000 student campus.

In August, 1976, Ismail went to Libya where he with 150 others, started training at a camp of the extremist Palestine Liberation Front. There he met one Tayassir Kuba'a, a leader of the PLO who suggested that he go to fight in Lebanon. However, Ismail returned to the U.S. But he did complete the training term. The court decided there was no evidence that Kuba'a was an enemy agent and acquitted Ismail.

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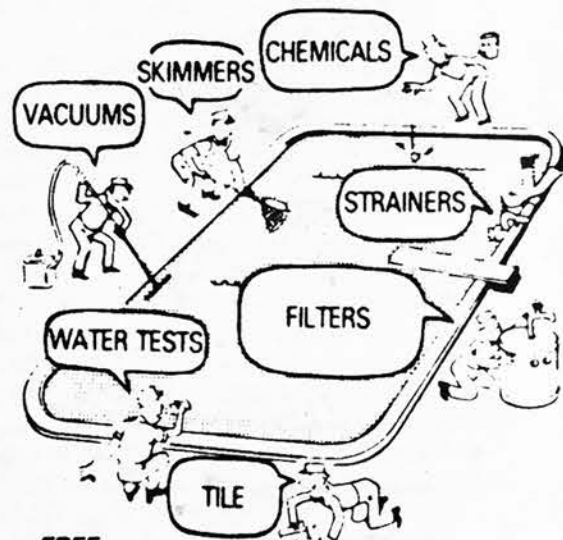
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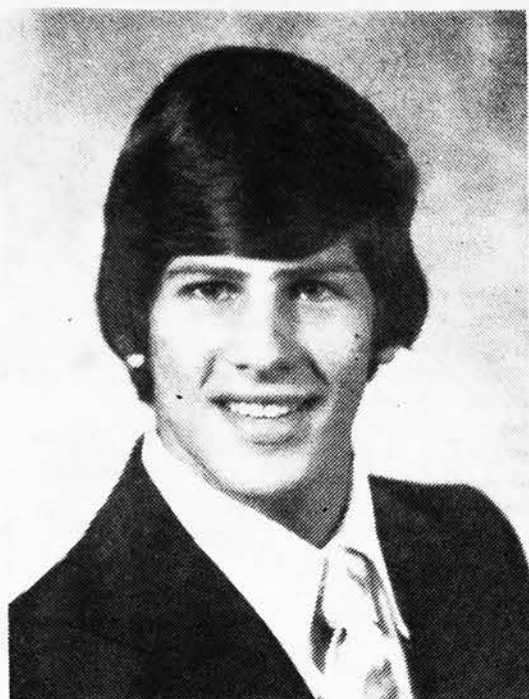
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STANLEY C. GLANTZ, son of Everett and Helene Glantz of Hilltop Drive, West Hartford, Connecticut, will celebrate three graduations this month from Hall High School with general honors, from Midrasha Community Hebrew High School, which he attended two evenings a week for five years and from the Beth-El Temple Sunday School. He will enter Syracuse University School of Architecture in September. He is the recipient of a scholarship award from the National Council of Jewish Women of Greater Hartford. He is the grandson of Edward and Ruth Scherz of Adelaide Avenue in Providence.

Brought Alive In Nashville

Israel Expo, a five day celebration of the State of Israel's 30th anniversary, brought the land of Israel alive for Middle Tennesseans of all faiths in Nashville's Jewish Community Center from May 21 through the 25th.

The Jewish Federation and the Center brought together, with the help of the Israel Expo Service, a rich variety of exhibits, films, lectures, arts, music and entertainment which told in lively form, the story of Israel's history, its major religions and its national culture.

Modern Israel was depicted through exhibits and films. A restaurant set up in a large circus tent alongside the center served a variety of Middle Eastern foods.

A lively, internationally travelled troupe of Israeli singers and musicians performed twice daily. Fashion shows offered the newest in Israeli designer apparel, dresses, swim suits, casual clothes and leather coats.

Members of the Nashville clergy and representatives from the area's universities spoke on a variety of subjects related to life in Israel beginning with a symposium for Christians and Jews.

One of the most awe-inspiring exhibits was the re-creation of the Vad Yeshem. Other replicas included the 2000 year old Scroll of Isaiah, and the ketubot, artistic and colorful marriage contracts.

An estimated 11,000 persons crowded into the center during the five day Expo.

Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter



CONTACT LENS INDUSTRY IN BOOM

More than half of all Americans (52 percent) now wear prescription lenses — with eyeglasses still the overwhelming choice. But contact lenses are rapidly gaining in popularity, with the number of contact lens wearers approaching 14 million, the percentage of wearers more than triple the level of a decade ago, and spending on contact lenses up to a third of a billion dollars in '77 alone.

What's more, as the contact lens industry has boomed, prices have been falling — in contrast to increases in the prices of eyeglasses. You can now buy the least expensive hard contacts, for instance, at a price of less than \$100.

The range in hard contact lenses will be from a low of \$99 to \$350 a pair; the range in soft lenses, from \$150 to \$450.

So indensively wide is the spread in prices for contacts and eyeglasses, in fact, that the Federal Trade Commission has just ordered restrictions on the advertising of prices to be lifted to spur competition that would force down charges. Barring a stay by a federal judge, the decision will have the power of law by the end of June.

If you're a typical contact lens wearer today, says the American Optometric Assn., you're a woman between the ages of 17 and 24. But with new technological developments and advances in contact lens design, materials, prescribing and fitting, the appeal of contacts is broadening to young men as well as those over age 50.

Of all contact lens wearers, 73 percent are female; nearly half are age 17 to 24; another third or so are in the 24 to 44 bracket; approximately 10 percent are 45 or older. Today's ratio of female contact lens wearers is around 60 to 40 against 80/20 a short time ago.

In only 22 years from now, half of the 100 million Americans who wear eyeglasses will have switched to contact lenses — hard or soft, or a new mix-in between — predicts the director of the Contact Lens Service at New York's St. Vincent's Hospital and Medicare Center.

Technological breakthroughs are accelerating, some as recent as a few weeks ago, others slated to reach the market within a year. For instance, Danker & Wohlk, Inc., Uniondale, N.Y., revealed earlier in 1978 that it had received clearance from the Food and Drug Administration to market a new type of "semi-hard" lens, first of its type and unlike either conventional or soft contacts, and to be promoted.

Under clinical investigation is another innovation — a silicone rubber contact lens which telegraphs a new generation of potential materials for use in eye care, and better wearability.

Semi-hard and soft tinted bifocal lenses also are being tested by the industry for

more comfortable fit and better vision. Studies are underway, too, for contact lenses that could be worn 24 hours a day and for a lens material that would permit the eye to breathe normally through the lens itself.

Your growing acceptance of contacts has resulted in a surge of mail order sales, but "mail order contact lenses may damage your eyes," warns the AOA. A slight deviation from a perfect fit can cause the lens to ride incorrectly. So minute are the measurements that you may have to return for several visits after you receive new lenses for adjustments. These visits and individualized instructions plus practice in applying, removing and caring for the lenses should be included in the total cost of the lenses to you.

With mail order lenses, you have no one to whom you can go back to check the lenses, the AOA cautions.

Computer programs are being developed to select lens designs based on vision performance and eye measurements. The computer helps doctors "try out" a lens design on a computer model of the patient's eye. An immediate feedback can suggest modifications before prescribing the actual lens specifications.

It was only 30 years ago that lens experts began working with hard plastic lenses. The soft plastics were introduced in the late 1950s, came to market as recently as '71. Now as new discoveries speed up, millions more will be turning to these lenses.

But be on guard. Before buying, get all the facts. Make sure you can wear contacts successfully. Ask the doctor's policy concerning patients who cannot, for whatever reason, adapt to their new lenses. Find out in advance what the total fee will be for your contacts and what the fee covers (how many tests? follow-up visits? what about cleaning equipment? insurance against loss or damage?).

World's Smallest Torah On Display

NEW YORK (JTA): The public will have an opportunity to view the world's smallest Torah which is on display now through the month of July at the Moriah Gallery in Manhattan. The miniature, dating from the 19th century, was acquired recently by Peter Ehrenthal, owner of the gallery, who describes it as "the eighth wonder of the world."

The Torah is 4 1/2 inches high and is housed in a 9 3/4 inch high silver filigreed ark. The Moriah Gallery, at 699 Madison Avenue, between 62nd and 63rd Streets, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

American Nazi Saudi Agent

WASHINGTON: An American Nazi propagandist who specializes in anti-Jewish hate literature was paid \$20,000 by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and registered with the Department of Justice as a Saudi agent.

Investigation by the Anti-Defamation League revealed that William N. Grimstad, 41, filed papers last November under the provisions of the U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act. His registration form reported that the Saudi Embassy paid him the \$20,000 in June, 1977, as a "gift or honorarium apparently in appreciation for my 1976 book 'Antizion'" — and he sent the Embassy a receipt for the money. The money was also intended, Grimstad stated, "for use in similar humanitarian projects I may undertake." He further reported that his contact with the Saudis "in previous years" had been Adel M. Jamal whom he described as a first or second secretary at the Embassy.

In filing as an agent, Grimstad described himself as an "historian and writer." He said his work for the Saudis would include "historical research into all aspects of the Zionist colonial incursion into Palestine" and "exposing Zionist imperialism." One objective: a screen play, teleplay or book directed "primarily to students."

Grimstad is a former managing editor of *White Power*, the swastika-festooned periodical founded in 1967 by the late George Lincoln Rockwell as the official organ of his National Socialist White Peoples Party (originally, the American Nazi Party). He is the author of numerous anti-Jewish articles and a book, "Antizion," dedicated to the late King Faisal. A revision of his earlier book entitled, "The Jews On Trial," it is an anthology of anti-Jewish statements purportedly made by "leading personalities" and in some cases, synopses by Grimstad himself. As compiled by Grimstad, the statements are from "personalities" including notorious anti-Semites, obscure figures, and Jews or their defenders who are misquoted or quoted out of context. The entry for Adolf Hitler describes his writings and speeches as examples of "moderation." Listing Hitler as a "20th Century German statesman," Grimstad calls him "a visionary" whose "name and the fictitious 'Six Million' he is supposed to have killed will even be installed in the *Talmud* eventually . . ." The entry categorically states: "There were no Jews killed in 'gas chambers.'"

"Antizion" is widely advertised in the hate press. It is distributed by Carto's company, by James Madole's neo-Nazi National Renaissance Party in New York, by Patriot Press, the "literature" arm of David Duke's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana, and by Liberty Bell Publications, an anti-Semitic propaganda mill in Reedy, W. Va., operated by George Dietz, who came to this country from Germany where he had belonged to the Hitler youth.

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ACLU Defends Nazis At Convention

NEW YORK (JTA): In a speech last Tuesday before a packed audience composed of the representatives of Jewish organizations, members of the press and interested individuals, Aryeh Neier, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said, "The oppressed know that they are the first people who will suffer if freedom is denied and therefore they must protect the freedom of others." Clearly referring to the opposition of many Jewish groups to the controversial Nazi march in Skokie, Illinois scheduled for June 25, he went on to say that "Those of us who are most vulnerable must defend the freedom and rights even of our enemies."

Neier was one of five participants in a heated panel discussion entitled "Free Speech for Racists and Totalitarians," conducted as part of the ACLU-sponsored National Convocation on Free Speech at the New York Hilton Hotel. The purpose of the debate, a highlight of the proceedings, was to "explore whether any limits may be placed on expressions of hate, advocacy of genocide or group libel," in connection with the Skokie march.

Representing the ACLU position, which defends the First Amendment right of Nazi Party members to free speech, were Neier and David Goldberger, legal director of the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU and of the organization's Illinois Division. Morris Abram, who served on the American prosecution staff at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals, also supported the ACLU viewpoint. Arguing the other side of the question were William Kunstler, volunteer staff attorney for the Center of Constitutional Rights and Hadley Arkes, professor of political science at Amherst College. Roger Wilkins, urban affairs columnist for The New York Times, served as moderator of the discussion.

Reiterating the ACLU's stand on this most difficult issue, which has led to the resignation of a number of ACLU members, Neier sharply distinguished between the right of individuals in a democratic society to express unpopular opinions and the limitations that must be imposed upon their freedom to take destructive political action. He noted that he personally would "condemn the Nazis with all vigor and with all vehemence." But he affirmed his organizations' com-

mitment to preserving free debate in a democratic society in the hope that the people, rather than an unduly oppressive government, will choose wisely among competing ideas.

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Kunstler challenged the appropriateness of liberal organizations, such as the ACLU, assuming the defense of rightwing political groups such as the Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan, which reject the very Constitutional principles that are cited in their behalf. Asserting that he too supported the right of free speech for all citizens, he nevertheless argued, "Let us not delude ourselves into thinking that defending the Nazis today will protect us in the long run."

Also denouncing the ACLU position was Arkes, who charged that "This organization no longer understands the premises on which all of our rights are founded." He stressed that human beings, if they are to distinguish themselves from animals, must make moral judgements rather than regarding, as he accused the ACLU leadership of doing, all political opinions as being of equal weight.

Abram, who is also honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, agreed with the ACLU's opponents that the Nazi ideology does not subscribe to the social contract theory. "But," he said, "I would not use their methods to suppress them."

Asked if the ACLU would defend the rights of Nazi marchers who carried placards reading, "Kill a Jew Today," Goldberger, who has been at the center of the Skokie controversy as the attorney for the small Chicago Nazi group, responded, "The answer would have to be yes. The ACLU had defended the rights of similar demonstrators in the past." He revealed that the ACLU has offered assistance to the Jewish community of Skokie in planning its counter-demonstration and expressed the hope that the expected "peaceable and stately" tone of the Jewish protest would effectively overshadow the "deeply offensive" Nazi rhetoric.

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Dulzin Invites Mondale To Israel

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): Vice President Walter Mondale, who will visit Israel at the end of June, was first invited several months ago. The invitation was extended by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, in his capacity as chairman of the Israel-U.S. Friendship Association, it was disclosed here.

The invitation was conveyed to Mondale by U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis. Dulzin reportedly indicated at the time that the visit could combine events marking Israel's 30th anniversary with celebrations of the Fourth of July. An affirmative answer was returned to Dulzin and the Foreign Ministry last week. At that point, an official invitation was sent to the Vice President by Premier Menachem Begin and Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir.

The genesis of the invitation was of interest in view of charges in some circles that Mondale was coming to Israel at this time as a means of influencing the Cabinet to formulate a positive reply to questions posed by the U.S. on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mondale will leave the U.S. on June 29 and return on July 3.



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Anti-Jewish Book Causes Controversy

ST. JOHN, N.B. (JTA): A book by a Moncton, New Brunswick elementary school teacher alleging a conspiracy of Communists, Jews and financiers to take over the world and undermine free government, has raised a storm of controversy in that Canadian town. In the book, titled "The Web of Deceit," the author, Malcolm Ross, blames the alleged conspiracy for everything from the Quebec separatist movement to "corrupting youth with various devices such as pornography and rock music." The Saint John Telegraph-Journal reported.

Ross also denounces Zionism as "an ideology essentially anti-Christian" and contends that the Jews murdered by the Nazis should be counted in the thousands, not millions.

Dr. Noel Kinsella, head of the New Brunswick Commission of Human Rights, was quoted by the Telegraph-Journal as saying that after reading the book which he described as "nonsense," he believed it was more important to protect the author's freedom of speech than to try to suppress the book because it might cause discrimination.

Red Carpet Out For US Subs

TEL AVIV (JTA): Haifa unrolled its red carpet here for the officers and crews of the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine Lapon and the missile-carrying destroyer Aylwin, units of the Sixth Fleet which arrived there on a good-will visit as guests of the Israel Navy. Mayor Yeruham Zeisel of Haifa presented the municipality's Gold Pin to Commander Tom Murray of the Lapon and Commander Jim McCormick, skipper of the Aylwin.

The combined complements of the two ships, totalling 390 officers and crew, began tours of the country accompanied by Israeli naval personnel. The Lapon, which arrived from La Spezia, Italy, remained in Haifa four days. The Aylwin, which came directly from Alexandria, Egypt, for the first time, stayed six days.

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Seminar Indicates Society's Evils Plague Orthodox

Rabbi Walter S. Wurzbarger remembers the first divorce he arranged at his Orthodox Jewish congregation a generation ago.

"I hoped it would be a model for any other divorces that might happen," he recalled, "and I guess it was. It worked out so well, dozens of other couples tried it, too."

Divorce among Orthodox couples is rising so rapidly that Rabbi Wurzbarger, as president of the Rabbinical Council of America, an association of nearly 1,000 Orthodox rabbis, arranged a seminar of his colleagues to discuss "American Jewish Family — Crisis and Breakdown."

In a decade when Orthodox adults have taken a greater role in secular activities, the consensus of the meeting was that Orthodox Jewish-American families, even with their adherence to tradition, are now experiencing an upswing in nonmarital sex, alcoholism, drug abuse, breakdown of the extended family, rebelliousness of youth and, particularly, divorce.

"The most formidable threat to Jewish survival Facing us today."

Rabbi Wurzbarger said a recent survey of the religious divorce court (Beth Din) indicated that four out of ten Jewish marriages were dissolving. While the rate was somewhat lower among Orthodox families, Rabbi Wurzbarger called the trend "the most formidable threat to Jewish survival facing us today."

The Orthodox leaders are acknowledging this problem a decade after the majority of Jews, Reform and Conservative, began voicing the same concerns. As many studies have noted in recent years, traditional Jewish practices began to erode in this pluralistic society on the first day Jewish immigrants stepped off the boat from Europe. However, Orthodox Jews, including some tightly knit Hassidic sects, have generally been considered more isolated from contemporary trends because of their stricter adherence to Sabbath and kosher laws, their need to live within walking distance of a temple and their prescribed Jewish education. In times of stress, Orthodox parents and leaders have not hesitated to exert strong pressure to conform to tradition.

While divorce has been within Jewish tradition, "it was so unusual that it was considered something of a scandal," Rabbi Wurzbarger said at the conference in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

The rabbi said his role was not to "award purple hearts for the 25 years of stoicism" — that it was better to arrange divorces than to have shaky marriages. But he and others insisted that the rising divorce rate indicated problems among Orthodox families.

"We are in a time of narcissism," Rabbi Wurzbarger said, "It is the last step in the process from tribalism to individualism."

Rabbi Benjamin Sharfman, a psychologist in Brooklyn who was one of the

speakers, said: "The basic Orthodox family structure is still more sound than others. But there are definitely strains, tensions."

"There is a rising expectation among Jewish Women."

While emphasizing he was not criticizing the feminist movement — as many Orthodox men and women do — Rabbi Sharfman said, "There is a rising expectation among Jewish women. She is no longer satisfied with being a housewife. She wants companionship. She wants a give and take in everyday life. If she doesn't get it, she is not going to be happy."

Rabbi Sharfman continued: "The Jewish woman is aware of secular learning, secular books. Even in Hassidic families, she is well versed in the best sellers, in popular psychology. She may be more aware of modern life than her husband. Marriage is now viewed by some as a potential fulfillment of emotional needs," he said, rather than the woman sacrificing her own fulfillment to help husband and son reach theirs.

Some people at the conference insisted that Orthodox women have never been sheltered, even in the ghettos of Eastern Europe. Gloria Leff of West Hempstead, L.I., a teacher at a private school, wife of a rabbi and mother of two teen-aged daughters, said Jewish women traditionally helped support the family while their

husbands pursued Talmudic studies.

"Today," Mrs. Leff said, "a young woman may work in an office while her husband studies in a yeshiva. She knows more about the world than he does."

Mrs. Leff said she managed to tailor her career to the needs of her daughter — while praying at least once a day — but added that marriage and working may be a problem for couples who marry young and have different expectations from marriage.

How can Orthodox people participate in the secular society and keep their traditional values?

Dr. Sharfman suggested that rabbis become more familiar with counseling techniques and set up courses in moral principles — not just Jewish law — as well as practical courses for marriage.

"Jewish version of 'Marriage Encounter' has helped many couples come closer together."

One rabbi said the Jewish version of "Marriage Encounter" — originally a Roman Catholic movement — has helped many Jewish couples come closer together. Rabbi Wurzbarger said he was not sure that ethics and morality could be taught except through a general religious climate. Rabbi Sharfman said psychology

techniques have helped many Orthodox people with mental problems, but emphasized that he favored the retention of Orthodox ties.

Almost all stressed the importance of a Jewish education — "at least 12 years in yeshiva schools," said Rabbi Bernstein of Queens. "The father who can sit and study with his son will keep his family together."

Some felt it was necessary to live in an Orthodox community and have children meet only other Orthodox children, but Sylvia Herskowitz, director of the Yeshiva University Museum, who spoke on feminism, said she didn't believe in "golden ghettos."

Mrs. Herskowitz said she and her husband, a rabbi, have driven their children many miles to modern Orthodox schools but have consciously lived in mixed communities so their children could "live in both worlds." She suggested that Orthodoxy has become highly stratified in recent years — as reflected by the variety of outfits at the mikva. She also said that Orthodoxy has become more polarized, perhaps because of the influx of Eastern European immigrants since World War II. Some Hassidic people in Brooklyn, for example, will not allow English newspapers or weekly news magazines into their homes, and discourage their children from mixing with non-Hassidic friends, because of their concern that different values will raise questions.

Zionist Group Urges Compromise

N.Y.: A religious Zionist, speaking as a representative of Oz Veshalom, (Strength and Peace) has been travelling the U.S. arguing against those who say the Bible commands Israel to hold the territory it occupies in Jordan's West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Professor Uriel Simon, who teaches Bible at Bar-Ilan, a religious university in Israel, contends that the Bible requires ethical standards and demands territorial compromise, instead.

The organization he represents is a group of religious Zionists who oppose Gush Emunim (Bloc of the Faithful), a right-wing movement against the return of occupied West Bank & Gaza territory to the Arabs.

Invoking the Torah, which Gush Emunim quotes to reach opposite conclusions, Oz Veshalom seeks to persuade Orthodox Jews that there is room for debate about divine ends and human choices. Partly through its stress on debate, Oz Veshalom has mainly attracted intellectuals, and they oppose what they consider Gush Emunim's resistance to reason, its excessive piety and its lack of tolerance.

Gush Emunim advocates settlements on the West Bank to keep land that "God promised the Jews." Oz Veshalom wants not settlements, but a settlement, to end wars between Arabs and Jews. It believes that Gush Emunim invokes religious pretexts to justify nationalist aims and nationalist aims to attract secular support.

"In the Bible, the land of Israel was

promised to the Jewish people by God," Professor Simon said. "The question is whether this promise may be used as a political argument in negotiations with a nation which doesn't believe in this promise."

"When this promise, in which we believe, clashes with other religious values — to be just to a minority and to pursue peace which are central values in the Torah — we must prefer justice and peace and leave the integrity of the land to the days of the Messiah."

Oz Veshalom contends that arguments about sacredness should be withdrawn from the debate, and Professor Simon dismissed as baseless President Anwar el-Sadat's claims about the sacredness of every inch of Sinai. "These desert areas are not sacred to any people," he suggested. "I'm against the Jews using the argument of sacredness, so why should I let Sadat use it?"

Though the Bible offers bewilderingly diverse accounts of the extent of the land promised, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren insists that Jews may not retreat from the land of Israel. For him, the Messiah has already worked preliminary miracles in Israel's conquest of the land, establishment of independence, gathering of exiles and winning of wars.

"Sadat did a very courageous thing by accepting without negotiation the legitimacy of the state of Israel," Professor Simon said. "Begin took a very great step

by accepting the principle, which he opposed since the six-day-war, that territory should be traded for peace."

"In bilateral relations, Israel was more flexible than Egypt — because of Sadat's claim about the sacredness of Sinai. But Sadat is evidently unable to make a separate peace with Israel and demands a declaration of intent about Palestinian Arabs. In Oz Veshalom we, too, believe that without a solution of the Palestinian problem there can't be a real peace."

The professor continued: "This is not a problem of empty territory or national pride or economic interest but of a living people who feel themselves under occupation and who feel obliged to oppose this occupation though it's more liberal and humane than the Jordanian occupation was. That was a dictatorship, pure and simple. Israeli occupation is quite liberal, but it is an occupation."

"I think it's an ethical imperative but also good politics to recognize the right of this people to self-determination without any limitation except one — the security of Israel — because we were attacked too often."

There is no division between Oz Veshalom and Gush Emunim in the insistence on security measures.

To the argument that Jews should close ranks and support Israel's Government, Professor Simon responded that it was no less important to oppose policies that seemed mistaken.

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Morocco's Jews:

Aid For Middle East Role?

By NICOLE BERNHEIM

QUEZZANE: Over 2,000 people took part on May 24 and 25 in the traditional Hiloula (an Aramaic word meaning "wedding" — the wedding of the saint with God), at Ouezzane, which the Rabat government and Morocco's Jewish communities, with the help of the Identity and Dialogue Movement (set up in Paris in 1976 by Jews of Moroccan origin), wanted to turn into a very special event this year.

From dawn hundreds of cars from all over Morocco took the narrow bumpy road from Ouezzane past hillsides planted with olives to the old Jewish cemetery at Asjen, on the edge of the former Spanish zone, where Rabbi Ahram Ben Diouanne is buried — a rabbi regarded as a saint by both Jews and Muslims.

Families consisting of several generations settled down in khaki tents lent by the Moroccan army which was there in force to direct this happy gathering. There were youngsters in blue jeans and grandmothers wearing shawls and long embroidered skirts and thick stockings, old men in jellabas who were hard to distinguish from their Muslim counterparts, businessmen and fashionable mink-coated ladies from Casablanca.

The candle ceremony began under the big wild olive tree which is said to be miraculous for it has never caught fire since the time people have been lighting fires at its foot throughout the festivities. Everybody throws an offering into the flames and makes a vow. "For peace," said a young girl in jeans. "For peace," echoed an older woman in halting French.

The centuries-old gravestones stretch white across what has become a huge camp site. No burials take place any more at Asjen, since the formerly flourishing Jewish community at Ouezzane has practically disappeared.

People hardly sleep a wink on the night of the festivities. Between sessions of praying or singing Arabic and Hebrew songs, they wander from tent to tent greeting one another, engaging in discussion, sharing skewered delicacies, pastries and Moroccan red or rose wines. Everybody knew everybody else, or very nearly so. Morocco's Jewish community has declined from 250,000 in 1948 to some 20,000 today. Most have gone to Israel, 80,000 to France and 20,000 to Canada. Every one of the families left behind has several relatives in this new diaspora. A very old woman in a gold-embroidered dress told me she was from Marakesh, that her husband was Czech and that all her brothers were in Israel.

The next day the Muslim pilgrims were invited to a big *diffa*: between two lines of Moroccan guards in black and white dress uniform the provincial governor was welcomed by the president of the Jewish community in Morocco, David Amar, while the crowd chanted *Evenou Shalom Aleichem* (a popular Israeli song meaning "We bring you peace"). And a little later near the official tent, traditional Jewish women singers celebrated King Hassan's merits in Arabic.

When the banquet was over, Amar invited the crowd to "join the Grand Rabbi who, on the tomb of the revered saint, is going to say prayers for the repose of the late Mohammed V's soul and call for the divine blessing upon the person of His Majesty Hassan II, the heir to the throne, and the royal family."

Despite this apparent euphoria, Morocco's Jewish community (the largest in the Arab world) is not in an easy position. The massive exodus between 1948 and 1973 was not caused solely by the messianic fascination of the new land of Israel nor by the "frenzied propaganda" of "Zionist immigration agencies," as is alleged. The Muslim and Jewish communities have admittedly got along well. Moroccan Jews point out, not without justification, that

Maghrebian Islam has been kinder than Christianity towards "its" Jews. There were no Inquisition or Nazism in North Africa, and the community recalls with great pride the fact that King Mohammed V quite simply refused to carry out Vichy's anti-Semitic directives, thereby enabling a number of European Jews to find refuge in his country.

Nonetheless there have been riots from time to time in which the Jewish districts, the *mellahs*, got the worst of it. However tortuous their political motives, the riots — before and during the French protectorate — have left lasting scars. The tension was not eased with the emergence of Arab nationalism, and the violent anti-Israel attitude of the Istiqlal press helped maintain a climate of insecurity, often denied by councillors but painfully felt by most of the Jewish community.

Rabat's Jewish population shrank from 13,000 to 1,500. There are scarcely more than 30 births and barely ten marriages a year. The Arabisation of education is prompting teenage Jews who have had a French education to continue their studies abroad, often in France or in North America. They come back to see their families during vacations, but in general they stay on in the countries where they have completed their studies.

The biggest Jewish community is still in Casablanca (13,000), but Marrakesh and Meknes have no more than 1,200 Jews each, Fez 800 and Tangiers, Agadir and Tetouan 300 each. "If my family had had the financial resources, we would have left," a young secretary from Casablanca told me at the Hiloula. "I work in a Jewish establishment. I'd love to work among the Muslims, but I shouldn't feel safe. Everything is quiet right now, but if ever the government's policy changes . . ."

The day after the Asjen festivities celebrating Judeo-Islamic friendship with such fervour, the Istiqlal's French-language daily, *L'Opinion*, ran a front-page editorial on the 30th anniversary of Israel in which it belaboured "the neo-Nazi Begin's fantasies" and "the monster who has been stinking of blood, death and aggression for the past 30 years."

Every time an incident takes place in the Middle East it has profound repercussions in Morocco's Jewish community. After the Six Day War a number of people left because rumours, bolstered by the violence of the peace, warned of the imminent expulsion of the "Zionists." The Moroccan government is aware of the ambivalence. Interior Minister Mohammed Benhima explained that he made sure synagogues were protected during the Six Day War and that he regularly asks the Jewish community to lie low when something important breaks out in the Middle East.

The Jewish community's leaders deny there is any risk at all, or that it has any problems with the Muslim population. They declare their loyalty to the Sherifian monarchy openly and stress the cultural ties between Judaism and Islam in an Arab land. Many of its leaders blame the French for having split the two communities out of political considerations and for having shown the Jews a contempt only barely different from the contempt they showed the Muslims. They readily admit, when prodded a little harder, they feel closer to the Arabs than to European Jews, whose style of life, susceptibilities, frequent atheism and certain religious practices are totally alien to them.

The Moroccan monarchy has nearly always been tolerant towards the Jewish community, but in the past couple of years the makings of a new attitude has emerged. When the present king was heir to the throne, he appeared inclined to be ready to follow his father's policy in this area. In 1956, shortly after the country gained independence, he summoned a number of

Jewish intellectuals and told them: "I realise that the hearts of the Jews are turned towards Jerusalem just as the hearts of Muslims today are turned towards Cairo."

Strains were introduced when Morocco joined the Arab League in 1957 and the Istiqlal gained power. When he became king in 1961, Hassan called on Jews to strengthen the army's officer corps and the administrative cadres. Towards the end of the '60s, however, the king was to make allusions in many of his speeches which observers interpreted as de facto recognition of Israel and the right of Moroccan Jews to be "different."

In a 1975 interview he gave the Jordanian weekly *Al Destour*, Prime Minister Ahmed Osman hinted that Moroccan Jews who had emigrated, particularly to Israel, could return whenever they liked. As a matter of fact, few acted on the suggestion, but it did help ease the situation. The "green march" and the Western Sahara were occasions for the Jewish community to express its loyalty to the king. "It was the first national cause since independence in which there was no Jewish problem," a Jewish leader pointed out to me.

By setting up a new relationship between the Moroccan government and the Jewish community, Rabat is trying to improve the country's liberal image in the world, to assert its role as a leader in the community of "moderate" Arab nations and to establish a pipeline into international circles which it needs for both economic and diplomatic purposes.

The speaker of the House of Representatives, Dey Ould Sidi Baba, goes further. "The king," he says, "considers coexistence between the three revealed religions (Islam, Judaism and Christianity) as a moral and political force capable of standing up to materialism and Marxism in this world."

The Jewish community can be a major asset in the role Rabat would like to play in the Middle East. Israelis of Moroccan origin (they are now about 40,000) have retained family and sentimental ties with their country of origin. Far from denying the Egyptian-Israeli contacts which took place on their territory before the Sadat-Begin meeting, Moroccan leaders do not miss an occasion to point out the dynamic part their country can — and ought to — be playing in the negotiations.

"Morocco has the right to play a role in the Middle East," I was told by a highly placed official close to the monarch, "for in 1973, apart from the Rejection Front, it was the only country to leave its dead on the Sinai and the Golan heights . . . Morocco can act as a mediator among Arab countries and between Arab nations and Israel. Nothing prevents Morocco from having contacts with Israel, and even of seeking them in the interests of peace."

"Morocco does not like a separate peace between Israel and Egypt and it still abides by the three resolutions passed at the 1974 Rabat Arab conference: no separate peace, the Palestine Liberation Organisation alone has the authority to speak for the Palestinians, and withdrawal from the occupied territory. On this last point, Morocco leaves it up to the countries concerned to choose between the French or English version of the text."

As far as the PLO is concerned, he believed that it was "the most representative Palestinian organization and the least challenged, and that its outward extremism could soften if the Western countries offered to help it." However, he would like to see the organization modify its charter, especially the reference to the destruction of the state of Israel.

The big weekly sermon broadcast by Rabat radio on Friday, May 26, was on the Ouezzane "Hiloula" and "coexistence between Jews, Muslims and Christians."

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Appeal For Soviet Jew

BALTIMORE (JTA) — Grigori Svirski, a professor of Russian language and literature at the University of Maryland, has appealed to people of good will to help his cousin, Lev Rozenberg, emigrate from the Soviet Union along with his wife and mother-in-law to live with relatives in Israel.

According to Svirski, a former Moscow activist and author, Rozenberg, 50, his wife, Valentina, 49, and his mother-in-law, Shifra Sharf, 83, first applied for an exit visa in 1975. The visa application was rejected because Soviet officials claimed that Rozenberg's former job as an engineer at the Toupolev airplane plant was classified as "secret."

Svirski said that "the term within which secrecy must be maintained long ago expired. More than five years have passed since he changed his 'secret' job for a 'non-secret' one." The family, Svirski added, re-applied eight times since the first refusal and four times was turned down without any explanation; four other letters of visa requests remained unanswered.

"Mr. Rozenberg has been writing letters to (Soviet President Leonid) Brezhnev, (Supreme Soviet chairman Nikolai) Podgorny, and other authorities demanding a formal written explanation of the refusals, reasons, and the exact time they would have to wait. He never received an answer," Svirski said. "The point of the matter is blatant lawlessness, even from the standpoint of 'Soviet law.'"

Jews In Art

LONDON (JCNS): Art historian and critic Charles Spencer told the inaugural meeting here of Friends of the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem that as the result of research he had done in Russia he had become convinced that the Jewish artist played a greater part in the development of modern art and theatre in Russia than in any other part of the world.

He instanced Antokolsky, not only the first modern sculptor in Russia, but the first modern Jewish sculptor. He spoke of Serov as the greatest Russian portrait painter of the 19th century; Levitan as the greatest landscape painter in Russia, and Bakst as the outstanding figure of Russian ballet, and greatest theatre designer.

He referred to Chagall as being "marvelous link," for all these artists had such an enormous influence on his early formative years.

APARTMENT PRICES RISE BY 30-40%

TEL AVIV (ZINS): The cost of apartments in Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem has lately risen sharply by 30-40 percent. A three-room apartment in the northern section of Tel Aviv (not newly built) now costs IL. 500,000 and in certain areas the price is as high as IL. 750,000. Bavlil — IL. 140,000; in Zafon Tel Aviv — IL. 200,000. Again, all prices are shown as "cost-per-room."

The cost of apartments in Ramat Gan and Givatayin is practically the same as in Tel Aviv. Housing is somewhat cheaper in Petah Tikva. A well-kept apartment goes for approximately IL. 120,000 per room in that area.

Keren Hayesod To Establish World Council Of Governors

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal will soon establish a World Council of Governors to supervise UIA activities in some 50 countries throughout the world. UIA world chairman, Dr. Avraham Avihai said at a press conference here. Avihai said that the Council was a significant innovation in the work of the UIA, in that it invited overseas representatives to participate for the first time on the highest level of decision making in the organization.

The Keren Hayesod-UIA and the United Jewish Appeal of the U.S. are the financial arms of the Jewish Agency for Israel in meeting Israel's human and social needs. Some 16 members will be on the new Council, half from Israel and half from overseas. The overseas members will be representatives of the main funds — Australia, Great Britain, South Africa, France, Canada, Switzerland and two other countries, whose names were not given.

The Israeli delegates to the council will be members of the Zionist executive — Dr. Avraham Avihai, Eli Eyal, MK Avraham Katz; Akiva Lewinsky; Andre Narvoni; Raphael Kotlowitz; Avraham Schenker. Rabbi Mordechai Kirschblum, a former Executive member, will also be on the

Council. It will be headed by a representative of the overseas funds.

Leif Yaffe Prize Awarded

In another development, the Keren Hayesod-UIA Leif Yaffe Prize was awarded to Prof. Mordechai Eliav and Dr. Eviatar Friesel. The presentation was made at a ceremony at the Keren Hayesod Memorial Hall in Jerusalem, to mark the 30th anniversary of the death of Leib Yaffe. The director of Keren Hayesod for many years, he was killed in a terrorist bombing of the Jewish Agency compound shortly before the establishment of the State.

The two scholars received the award for their books: Eliav's "David Wolffsohn: The Man and His Times" (Tel Aviv University) and Friesel's "Zionist Policy After the Balfour Declaration" (Tel Aviv University and Hakibbutz Hameuchad). Eliav is head of the department of Jewish History at Bar Ilan University. He is a researcher of German-Jewish history, the Jewish settlement in Palestine and Zionism and a founder of the world religious youth movement, Bnei Akiva. Friesel received his doctorate from the Hebrew University in Modern Jewish History and wrote several works on the history of Zionism, including the Zionist Movement in the U.S., and a biography of Zionist leader Julius Simon.

Rumanian Emigration Policy Scored By Birnbaum

By David Ettinger

WASHINGTON (JTA): A spokesman for Eastern European Jewry charged Rumania with engaging in "a cruel, comprehensive and calculated system to limit emigration to the absolute minimum" and urged that the United States not renew its waiver of the 1974 Foreign Trade Act restrictions with respect to trade with that country.

The accusation was made by Jacob Birnbaum, national director of the Center for Russian and East European Jewry, in testimony before the trade subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. The Committee is considering President Carter's request to renew the waiver of the 1974 act which denies most-favored nation trade status to countries that curtail freedom of emigration.

According to Birnbaum, Rumania has, for years, been "in violation of the family reunion provisions" of the Helsinki Final Act but nevertheless enjoys "MFN status and other economic privileges under false pretenses." He cited figures to the effect

that total emigration from Rumania to the U.S. has dropped to a level of 1000 persons annually.

Cites 'Considerable Progress'

The case for renewal of the waiver was presented by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs William H. Luers who said there had been "considerable progress ... in resolving the most long standing cases" of those who have sought to leave Rumania. He acknowledged, however, that "the present rate of emigration to Israel remains considerably below that of previous years."

Luers' position was supported by Reps. Lee Hamilton (D.Ind.) and Paul Findley (R.Ill.), who favored renewal of the waiver. Subcommittee chairman Charles Vanik (D.Ohio), co-author of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the 1974 Trade Act, noted that Rumanian emigration patterns behaved in a "cyclic" fashion, tending to increase at the time of Congressional review. He said the subcommittee would continue to monitor the situation.

Local Jewish Groups In NY Mark Leningrad Arrests

NEW YORK (JTA): Local Jewish groups marked the eighth anniversary last week of the arrests of the Soviet Jews who became the defendants in the first Leningrad hijack trial of 1970. Most are still serving sentences in Soviet prisons or forced labor camps. Members of Concerned Jewish Youth staged a "Leningrad Plus 8" protest outside of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

They held up photographs of the Leningrad defendants and noted that eight years later "other brave Jews again face trial for their efforts to go to Israel." They mentioned Anatoly Shcharansky, who faces trial for treason which carries a possible death penalty; Vladimir and Maria Slepak, arrested June 2 for demanding the right to emigrate, who were charged with "malicious hooliganism"; and Ida Nudel, arrested on the same charge for protesting the Slepaks' arrest.

At the same time, Abram Balsham, 69, and his wife, Maria, 62, began a vigil at the Isaiah Wall across the street from UN headquarters. They are protesting the refusal of the Soviet authorities to grant an exit visa to their son, Peter, and his wife and child who live in Tashkent. When the Balshams were allowed to leave Russia in 1976, they were promised by officials that their son and his family could follow in a few months, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

(In London, more than 20 prominent British writers delivered a letter to the Soviet Embassy appealing for the release of Eduard Kuznetsov, one of the first Leningrad trial defendants who is serving a 15-year sentence in a labor camp and permission for him to join his wife, Silva Zalmanson, in Israel. The letter was signed, among others, by playwrights Lord Willis, Harold Pinter, Arnold Wesker and Tom Stoppard and novelists Alan Coren, Alan

Sillitoe, Gerda Charles, John Braine and Iris Murdoch and Jon Silkin, a poet.

(In Paris, a group of Jewish community leaders, headed by Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan and Baron Alain de Rothschild, tried unsuccessfully to deliver a petition to the Soviet Embassy asking the release of Kuznetsov and Shcharansky. They stood in the rain outside the Embassy gates which remained closed.)

Refusniks Open Moscow Schools

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Al Tidom Association reported it had learned that Soviet Jewish refusniks in Moscow have begun two new projects in Jewish education, one for kindergartners and the second for the seven to 15-year-old age group. A group of woman activists headed by Ida Nudel and Natalia Katz has organized a nursery school - kindergarten for refusnik children and the sons and daughters of Prisoners of Conscience. The school is held in a private apartment and no tuition is charged.

This month, Boris Chernobolsky and his friends opened a Sunday school-cheder for refusnik children from seven to 15-years old. The curriculum will include the fundamentals of Judaism, Hebrew language, Jewish songs and Bar Mitzvah preparation, according to Al Tidom.

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Neve Taf-Beit Sidney

Tel Aviv's Home For Special Children

by Judy Krausz

It is a sunny morning in Tel Aviv, the cloudless sky signalling that spring has arrived early this year. In a large, sandy field bordered by graceful old eucalyptus trees, little children are shouting, running, climbing on bright-colored fiberglass playground equipment and a painted old car. Warmly dressed, well-scrubbed, they could be tots enjoying an outdoor play period in any pre-kindergarten in Israel, where most children begin nursery school at two or three years of age.

But they aren't ordinary children and the nursery isn't an ordinary school.

They are children of broken homes whose parents cannot or will not care for them. In their short, fragile lives they have witnessed, if not comprehended, violence, prostitution, drug-taking and mental illness. And they have found a shelter here in this special place, Neve Taf — Beit Sidney, sponsored by the Liptzen Foundation.

Located somewhat incongruously at the edge of Tel Aviv's "Kirya" — a complex of one-story military and government offices — and bordered by a main thoroughfare that runs the length of the city, Neve Taf is a small oasis of tranquility and love, home for 63 children ages two to five. Mornings they learn and play in the diminutive school building, its small classrooms crammed with toys, books, tympany instruments, a piano, a puppet stage. There are three nursery teachers and three assistants, backed up by two social workers and a psychologist who are at the school daily.

Adjoining the school building is the dormitory house, a two-story cottage with a maze of immaculate bedrooms fitted out with junior-size beds and cribs, the woodwork painted bright red, curtains and mattress covers in gay patterns, each bed with its own small cupboard, each room

them. But most will have to go on to other dormitory institutions or to foster families, a difficult transition for them, and painful too to the staff members of Neve Taf who have cared for them and loved them for three years.

The educators discuss details of methodology, after-school programming, the significance of psychological reports, arguing their points with passion. One of the Ministry supervisors suggests that next year the five-year-old group be sent to outside kindergartens, in order to ease the children earlier into the real world. The Neve Taf teacher opposes the idea.

"They will be too easily hurt by seeing the other children being brought to school and called for by their parents," she says. "We should, instead, concentrate out integration efforts on outside afternoon activities." The issue is discussed from many perspectives. It will be considered again at the next meeting. All of the participants have been intimately involved with the children over a long-range period and are trying to make the best possible decision.

The ultimate goal of Neve Taf, explains Sarah Sklar of Na'amat, is to prepare the child so that he will integrate normally into society, beginning in first grade. Thus, in addition to the educational guidance received at the home through play and work, there are frequent afternoon excursions to parks, children's theaters, swimming at the sea and just plain walks in ordinary neighborhoods and stores, although the latter is complicated by the fact that the home is located in a nonresidential area of the city.

An important contribution toward creating a positive image of family life for the children is the "host-family" program involving volunteer families in Tel Aviv who "adopt" a child, or two siblings, from

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with a play area. Here the *metaplot* — substitute mothers — take charge of the children, one *metapelet* for every two children, from 1 P.M. until bedtime, with three *metaplot* sleeping in. There is a full-time nurse, a doctor who visits once a week, and dental care provided at the Tel Aviv University School of Medicine.

While the school program is basically similar to that of standard pre-kindergartens and kindergartens, there are important innovations at Neve Taf stemming from the special needs of its children. Particular emphasis is placed on role-playing and self-expression. Each classroom has an especially well-equipped dolls' corner, complete with mini-kitchen, table and chairs and dolls' cribs, enabling the children to act out their feelings about parents and siblings.

During outdoor playtime, small groups of children work on educational games with the assistant nursery teachers, who note their progress. More intensively, psychologist Hanna Zisenwine works with nine of the 63 children daily for 20-minute or half-hour sessions in a special "club room" equipped with a puppet theater and other play aids. Hanna, an American *olah* who settled in Israel 18 months ago, has a Master's degree from Ohio State University in early childhood development. She is a staff member of the brand-new "Siach" program — an acronym meaning "Services for the Exceptional Child" — co-sponsored by the Ministries of Education and Absorption, which channels new immigrants with advanced training in education into specialized work within the Israeli school system.

Hanna attends meetings in the office of Neve Taf's Director, Leah Zeidenberg, in which the progress of the graduating group of five-year-olds is being assessed. Also participating in the meeting are the nursery teachers, supervisors from the Ministry of Education, and Sarah Sklar, Director of Na'amat's children's institutions in Tel Aviv. It is an important discussion, for a major step in the children's future is being determined. A few of the children will be returned to their homes, their mothers prepared to make another try at rearing

Study Indicates Mideast War Danger Has Receded

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON (JTA): A major study of the world strategic balance published here asserted that the danger of another war in the Middle East has receded and that even if peace negotiations fail, a new war threat will be most unlikely for the next two or three years.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies pointed out that the Egyptian armed forces need rebuilding and that the Syrian forces are heavily committed in Lebanon, even though the Soviet Union has begun to supply Syria with advanced weapons. The report, titled the "Strategic Survey, 1977," added: "Israel has nothing to gain and much to lose, from another war. In these circumstances, it is for the time being improbable that the only alternative to peace is war."

On the political level, though, the survey said that American mediation is a factor of declining power, at least in the short term.

"Israel is now so strong militarily compared with her neighbors that there is no immediate need for American support or supplies in the event of another violent conflict," the report stated. "Second, the economic gamble Israel has taken, if it is successful, means that in the not too distant future she will rely much less on Western and American subventions than hereto." Thirdly, the psychology of the Likud government precludes a ready subservience to American demands, the report said.

Long-Range Warnings To Israel

However, the survey posed long-range warnings to Israel, noting that another war, even with Israel victorious, would raise the specter of a tremendous loss of life, and could "divide the national from the religious sentiment, even in breasts which contain them both."

"Also, the knowledge that the strength of Israeli forces can only buy one temporary respite after another, and probably at increasing cost, is a powerful argument for those members of Israeli society who maintain that peace is a long-term necessity, even more important than the short-term necessity of maximum security."

Role Of Sadat's Peace Initiative

Analyzing President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative, the survey said the Egyptian leader displayed the rare courage of political logic. "If the deadlock could not be broken from outside the region, it would be best to break it from inside. By his unambiguous acceptance of Israel's legitimacy, he put the onus on her to respond with the substantive concessions on territory that are essential for any durable solution of the conflict."

However, the main stumbling block remained the difficulty of reconciling the notion of security held by Israel with the notion of sovereignty held by her neighbors, the report stated.

"The maintenance of existing, and the establishment of new, Jewish settlements on Arab lands seemed to the Begin government a legitimate demand and a precondition for the return of occupied territories to Arab sovereignty; but to its neighbors it was an unacceptable infringement of their sovereignty." While claiming that Israeli Premier Menachem

Begin did not meet Sadat half-way, the survey added that the Arabs, too, split angrily over the initiative.

Views Saudi Arabia As A Front-Line State

On Saudi Arabia, the survey said that the kingdom must now be regarded as one of the Arab "front-line" states. But this is not because her territory adjoins southern Israel or even because of the acquisition of new aircraft which can reach Israeli cities. "It is also because Saudi Arabia is an essential link in any common Arab strategy towards Israel," the survey observed.

While noting Saudi Arabia's regional, international and economic influence, the survey added that the limits of Saudi financial diplomacy had also been shown when President Sadat took his November initiative without the Saudis' agreement, and even to their annoyance. "To withdraw financial support would only have either hardened Egypt's resolve or endangered Sadat's internal position. Neither outcome would have been in the Saudi interest," the survey said.

The Consequence Of Begin's Victory

Summing up the end of Labor Party rule in Israel and the election victory of Begin, the survey said that these events were the start of "a second Israeli republic," (a reference to similar major political transitions, in modern France.)

In conclusion, the survey said Israel has produced a government which in the short term is bound to take a tough and independent line because it reflects many of the internal requirements of her society. "But it would be a mistake to imagine that such an approach precludes the possibility of genuine negotiations for peace — either with President Sadat or in a Geneva conference . . ."

The nature of the Likud victory seems to suggest, according to the survey, "that in the medium term it is essential for both superpower and local diplomacy to reconsider an approach to the interaction of questions which have so far bedeviled President Sadat's courageous initiative: those by which peace becomes dependent on security, and those by which security is dependent on peace." The "Strategic Survey 1977," is published by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London.

Mrs. Joseph Named Ambassador

WASHINGTON (JTA): President Carter has announced the appointment of Mrs. Geri Joseph as U.S. Ambassador-designate to The Netherlands. Mrs. Joseph, 55, is the wife of Burton Joseph, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. The Josephs are from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Joseph was graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA degree in 1945 and served as a staff writer on the Minneapolis Tribune from 1946-53. She has been a contributing editor of that paper since 1972. She is a member of the President's Commission on Mental Health and of the Minnesota Supreme Court Commission on the Mentally Ill.

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Bar Mitzvah Important Force To Convert

It only happened that his bar mitzva came exactly 13 years after his conversion to Judaism.

"I consider it a milestone in my life as a Jew," said Walter Roberts, who became a bar mitzva recently with a class of adults.

His family in New Jersey, where he's from, was Protestant, and Roberts "wasn't looking for another religion." However, in a search simply for more knowledge, he found that "everything was related to Judaism. I found a common denominator . . . that the Lord is one, not two, three or four."

Roberts' decision to convert was a spontaneous one. "I was aware that it isn't easy to be a Jew in America," he said.

When asked what it meant for him to be a Jew, Roberts said, "It gives me a responsibility to fellow Jews all around the world."

Roberts began taking classes to learn Hebrew a few years ago and this year was asked by Cantor Martin Feldman if he'd like to participate in a group b'nai mitzva with several others.

He said that "there's a reason we say the 'Shema,' declaring the oneness of God every day; it's really a simple thing, declaring the oneness of the universe."

His own personal bar mitzva message told the audience of his path to Judaism, the fact that from the time of his conversion, "all the pieces seemed to fit together," in reference to his own search for answers to God, man and the universe.

What Roberts asks of his own faith is the "gifts I receive from the Torah."

"Being bar mitzva gives me a certain pride," he continued, "a pride of being more Jewish than I was before, but also a certain responsibility to my religion and to

fellow Jews around the world."

His support for Israel is "100 percent" and he plans to visit in the near future.

He treats his Judaism as an integral part of himself, as if it's always been there, and says that Judaism is something "you have to see within your own mind . . . like the Shema . . . simple prayer with a deep meaning."

Roberts equates his own thoughts about one God with what he calls "one mind. I think there's one mind in the universe. It always works in a way we can't see and sometimes can't understand. For example, God and man, and even good and evil, it's actually one and the same."

His mezzuzah lies on a thick chain beneath his shirt, but he pulls it out and says: "my relationship with Judaism is something like this . . . it's near my heart and with me all the time and I'm the one who knows about it because it's such a personal thing."

Peace Opposes Egyptian Terms

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Leaders of the Peace Now movement have drafted a letter to President Anwar Sadat of Egypt making it clear that while they believe the Israeli government must be more forthcoming in its peace positions, they are opposed to peace terms dictated by Egypt.

The letter was prompted by a speech by Sadat Sunday in which he praised the Peace Now movement, apparently misinterpreting their differences with the government of Premier Menachem Begin as tacit support for Egypt's positions. The letter expresses appreciation for Sadat's "historic contribution to peace" but calls on him to return to the negotiating table.

Home For Special Children

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the parents in the development of their children, thus preserving at least some sort of family relationship, on the one hand, and to instill in the child the awareness that while Neve Taf is a warm shelter, it is not his final home.

The ideal situation is to return the child to his home by the time he reaches the end of kindergarten. Toward this end, Leah and the social work staff work with the mothers in a rehabilitative effort to bring them to a point where they feel confident enough to take back their child. This year five mothers have been attending a discussion group at the home regularly, indicating a sense of responsibility toward their child's future.

"But even of these five, it is doubtful that all will end up taking their children back," Leah murmurs.

A striking, articulate and strong personality, Leah Zeidenberg has headed Neve Taf for nearly four years, a job she began shortly after her arrival in Israel from Argentina. It is a job that requires a delicate balance of compassion and firmness. When she first introduced the practice of sending the children home every other weekend, some parents objected, to the point of threatening violence. "They saw the home as a permanent repository, an absolution of all their responsibility as parents," she explains. Leah stood firm.

Some parents refuse to pay the token IL 50 monthly tuition fee (it costs IL 5,000, or \$333 per month to maintain a child, funded jointly by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Na'amat), although the nominal sum is within the means even of welfare families. "The underprivileged in Israel do not suffer poverty, as compared, say with the underprivileged in Argentina," Leah comments. "It is cultural and social, rather than financial, poverty."

All of the children are provided with clothes by the home. Yet often, when they return after a weekend at home, they are dressed in rags, with old shoes full of holes. Their parents have taken the new clothes to sell them. "Well, what can we do? We won't let the children wear rags, and so we provide more new clothes and shoes," smiles Leah. Sometimes she learns that these same parents have sent letters to the Ministry of Welfare complaining that the home fails to provide proper clothing.

Leah is ambitious for her children and for Neve Taf, which is marking its 30th

year. Squeezed into a small area, classrooms and dormitories bursting at the seams, use of the playground field threatened by the proposed construction of a major highway, Neve Taf needs new premises, she believes.

Sarah Sklar of Na'amat points out the increasing financial difficulties of maintaining day-night homes — there are three others besides Neve Taf, in various parts of the country — at a time of drastically curtailed budgets and soaring costs in Israel. Both women are filled with praise for the Liptzen Foundation which supports Neve Taf, and for the dedicated Na'amat volunteers in Tel Aviv, most of them former Pioneer Women members from North and South America, led by veteran Pioneer Woman Faygel Berkenblit.

On the street outside Neve Taf, boy and girl soldiers hurry by, going about the business of defense with a casual sabra grace. Something Leah Zeidenberg said comes to mind: "The welfare authorities chide me and tell me I'm educating the children toward expectations that are too high, and that the children are bound to be disappointed later on. I disagree. I want them to have as much as everyone else — more even — during these critical years."

Siegel Blasts Carter's Policies

NEW YORK (JTA): Mark Siegel, former deputy assistant to President Carter, declared recently that "support for President Carter in the American Jewish Community has crumbled." He said Jews and friends of Israel in the U.S. detect a strong tilt towards the Arabs in the Carter Administration.

Addressing several hundred persons at the Jerusalem Award Founders Dinner of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital at the Hilton Hotel, Siegel said that by approving the sale of jet fighters to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, the Senate "has failed to uphold the national integrity." He said that the confrontation between the Administration and Israel's supporters has created "the worst crisis of Israel-U.S. relations in 30 years."

Siegel, who resigned from the Carter Administration recently because of disagreement with the Administration's Mideast policy, charged that Carter violated his promise made during the election campaign to support Israel totally.

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