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France, Egypt Plan Effort To Launch Overall Political Solution To Palestinian Problem

PARIS (JTA) — An effort to launch a joint Franco-Egyptian Middle East peace plan got underway here last week at a 90-minute meeting between Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson.

The essence of the effort, Ghali told reporters after the meeting at Quai d'Orsay, is to find "an overall political solution" to the Palestinian problem. Ghali said that the expulsion of the PLO forces from Lebanon was not a solution to the Palestinian problem, which is the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

According to both French and Egyptian sources here, the Cheysson-Ghali meeting was characterized by a "remarkable degree" of understanding by both sides of the steps required to achieve a comprehensive settlement of the Mideast crisis.

Although both sides refrained from detailing the elements of what was dubbed "a renewed Franco-Egyptian diplomatic

initiative" on the Mideast in general and the Palestinian problem in particular, it is believed that both countries will soon publish an updated version of their joint draft resolution submitted to the United Nations Security Council on July 2.

The draft, which was criticized by Israel, calls on Israel and the PLO to mutually recognize each other, thus providing the foundation for the long-range solution of the Palestinian problem.

The United States rejected the draft when it was presented to the Security Council, but sources in Paris express the hope that the U.S. will reconsider the draft, at least in its updated version, in view of "the new voices coming these days from Washington." This referred to recent declarations by Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, both of whom have stated that a solution of the Palestinian problem is a priority issue.

Ghali told reporters here that "certain aspects of the (joint France-Egyptian)

plan must now be brought up to date" and that the governments of both countries "are coordinating their views. We are quite flexible and must consult with the United States and other countries concerned." He added he felt Washington was reassessing its Mideast policy and that Egypt would seek to explain aspects of the crisis to the Reagan Administration.

Egyptian and French diplomatic sources say one aim of the joint draft resolution is to save face for the PLO after its defeat in Lebanon. While Egyptian diplomats emphasize that the expulsion of the PLO forces from Lebanon was a "short-sighted" approach, French diplomats prefer to tread more gingerly in assessing the situation.

The French are more sensitive to the evacuation process because their troops are in Lebanon as part of the international force along with American and Italian troops. The French, therefore, use more moderate language when discussing what they call the "post-Beirut options."

Nevertheless, Cheysson, in an interview published yesterday in the daily, *Sud Ouest*, stated: "We believe that negotiations must be held with the Palestinians, and for these negotiations the only known partner is the PLO. The Americans do not say that, or are not in a position to say that, because of their commitments to Israel."

However, Cheysson noted an important development on the part of the U.S. with the stance taken by Shultz. The U.S. (Continued on page 5)

Israeli Cabinet Rejects Reagan's Autonomy Plan

The Israeli Cabinet, in an emergency session Thursday morning, rejected President Reagan's proposal for "full autonomy" for Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Reagan's proposal indicated Jordanian supervision for the Palestinians.

The President also demanded a "settlement freeze" by Israel on further Jewish settlements in the occupied areas, stating that this was essential for peace in the Middle East.

Israeli leaders contend that Reagan's demands are a complete deviation from the Camp David agreement. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, one of Begin's closest political aides, said that Jordan has no right to these provinces and that Israel totally rejects the idea of a Palestinian state. Israel, said Ben-Elissar, would not stop settlement of the West Bank.

In his televised speech on Wednesday evening, Reagan also said he supported an "undivided" Jerusalem for the time being. Future negotiations would determine the geopolitical makeup of the holy city.

The President's speech came following a letter of caution about the occupied territories delivered to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Reagan decided to clarify his position after having heard reports of an adverse reaction in Israel to the letter.



HIGHEST HONOR bestowed by the Red Cross, a Certificate of Merit, is read by Jerold M. Share of Clifton, N.J. (left), grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Krasnoff of Cranston and son of the former Barbara Krasnoff. Share is credited with saving the life of W. Travers Knapp (center) through cardiopulmonary resuscitation training he learned in a Red Cross course. The award is signed by President Ronald Reagan. At right is John A. Hopkins, executive director of the Greater Passaic Valley Red Cross, who participated in the award ceremony. Share is now a CPR instructor.

Egypt Will Not Resume Negotiations

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Egypt last week announced that it will not resume negotiations with Israel until Israeli troops have departed from Lebanon and Israel discontinues constructing settlements on the West Bank.

Diplomats in Egypt say that the declaration, made in a letter written by Amre M. Moussa, refers to the Camp Davis accords which provide that Israel and Egypt should devise a policy of self-rule for the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank. Moussa is the acting head of Egypt's delegation to the UN.

The letter, delivered to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, called on the United States "in particular" to urge Israel to adopt a new course and "prepare for a fair and just settlement" in the Middle East.

Sharon: Mideast Is On Threshold Of New Era With The PLO's Defeat

NEW YORK (JTA) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel declared last week that the Middle East is on the threshold of a new era, now that the PLO "was defeated" by Israel and is evacuating Lebanon.

"I believe the next country in the Mideast to sign a peace treaty with Israel is Lebanon," Sharon told an overflow audience at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He arrived here Thursday morning on his way to Washington.

The Defense Minister said that a peace treaty between Israel and Lebanon will change the Mideast and would create "a peace triangle" comprising Cairo, Jerusalem and Beirut. Furthermore, Sharon said, "after the expulsion of the PLO terrorists from Beirut is completed,

our chances for peaceful co-existence with the Palestinian Arabs in Judaea and Samaria are greater than ever."

He reiterated Israel's claim that the PLO did not represent the Palestinian people. In fact, Sharon contended, the PLO was an obstacle for negotiations between Palestinian leaders and Israel because the PLO "killed and murdered" any Palestinians who were willing to negotiate with Israel.

But, Sharon stressed, Israel does not want to negotiate with "collaborators" among the Palestinians but with Palestinian leaders "who want to negotiate a peaceful co-existence with Israel."

The Defense Minister, who conceived and orchestrated the war in Lebanon and was praised for Israel's military success during the operation, was greeted by a

standing ovation. His speech was also interrupted by applause several times.

Sharon said that Israel "managed to defeat the PLO terrorists not only militarily but also and mostly politically." He said the expulsion of the terrorists from Beirut, currently underway, would end the ability of the PLO to operate its activities around the world, activities which were partly the source of its political power.

Sharon defended the heavy Israeli bombardment of PLO strongholds in Beirut on August 5, 11 and 12, claiming that without military pressure "the PLO terrorists would not have agreed" to leave Beirut. He contended that until August 1, the PLO did not intend to leave Beirut at all. "They wanted to freeze the situation. But on the 5th of August we increased (the military)

Asst. Atty. Gen. Alan R. Tate told the jury that, "The freedom to hold religious or (Continued on page 5)

'Bigotry Will Not Be Tolerated,' Says Shlevin On Sickles' Conviction

PROVIDENCE — Charles W. "Bill" Sickles was convicted yesterday by a Superior Court jury of malicious destruction of property by painting a swastika on the Jewish Community Center on Elm Grove Avenue in celebration of Hitler's birthday.

Sam Shlevin, president of the Anti-Defamation League, comments on the conviction, "It's very reassuring to us of the ADL to know that those freedom rights that Roger Williams established for Rhode Island still exist as they did when he first founded the state. It's reassuring that Rhode Island is still the home of freedom, and the freedom to worship, and that bigotry will not be tolerated here."

Sickles, founder of a Providence chapter

of the Ku Klux Klan, was found guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by state law of a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a \$500 fine or both.

Defense lawyer Edward Mulligan said he will move for a new trial, calling the state's prosecution of Sickles a "witchhunt." Judge William M. Mackenzie scheduled a hearing on the motion for Sept. 14.

In the meantime, Sickles will return to the Ray Brook Correctional Institute in Ray Brook, N.Y., where he is serving a five-year term for selling guns to federal undercover agents.

Wiesenthal: Still In Pursuit Of 'The Hunted'

Over 35 years since the atrocities occurred, the search for Nazi war criminals still continues. "When history looks back, I want people to know that the Nazis weren't able to kill 11 million people and get away with it," explains Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Austria and relentless pursuer of those who roam free having committed the most inhumane crimes of experimentation and extermination of millions of Jews.



SIMON WIESENTHAL Nazis — Josef Mengele, Klaus Barbie, Walter Rauff, and others who continue to elude Wiesenthal and the hand of justice.

The film is an excellent piece of investigative journalism, seeking out the Nazis at their places of residence, primarily in South America because of its pro-German sympathies. In the film, both Walter

Rauff and Klaus Barbie are confronted by Bill Bemister, the creator, writer and reporter of the documentary. In addition, an interview is taped with Horst Eichmann, son of SS Officer Adolf Eichmann.

Klaus Barbie, known as "The Butcher of Lyon" and murderer of children, was living in South America and through the efforts of Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, he was found under the assumed name of Klaus Altman.

The undercover team, headed by Bemister, who spent nine months researching the film, brings the viewer face to face with Barbie. Granted citizenship from the Bolivian Government, Barbie, the man who liquidated a home of 41 Jewish children between the ages of three and 13, admits that he is being protected by the government. He never admits that Barbie is his true identity. The children that Barbie transported to Auschwitz died a few months before the liberation of France.



WALTER RAUFF

With the assistance of Walter Rauff's 6-year-old granddaughter, Bemister was able to confront Rauff at his son's home in Chile. During the war Rauff was the creator and organizer of the mobile slaughterhouses. The trucks, allegedly used to transport prisoners to concentrations camps, were actually gas chambers on wheels. The 50 to 60 prisoners inside never reached their destinations, but instead, died a slow and painful death from the exhaust fumes which were funnelled back into the cars.

Rauff had eluded the Israeli Mossad Intelligence organization for more than a decade when Bemister found him. "I wanted to show viewers that the Nazi war criminals they've been reading about for 36 years really do exist," Bemister said.



JOSEF MENGELE experimented on 2,000 children, attempting to turn their eyes blue and their hair blond. His horrendous experiments involved surgically transforming men into women and the scars of his madness remained on hundreds of his victims. His "guinea pigs," including about 200 sets of twins, were killed. He performed many of the surgical operations without anesthesia.

Mengele was singlehandedly responsible for the deaths of 380,000 persons. He is still at large and free. West Germany last year issued an arrest warrant for the doctor and today Mengele has a \$100,000 bounty on his head.

Wiesenthal has brought nearly 1,000 Nazis to trial in the 34 years he has been associated with the Center. A former concentration camp prisoner, he says, "I can forgive only crimes committed against me personally, but I am not authorized to forgive for others."

Wiesenthal's work will continue because it is, just as the documentary itself, "a warning to the murderers of tomorrow."

Ex-Nazi Insists On Remaining In Canadian Jail

TORONTO (JTA) — A former SS corps commandant, Albert Helmut Rauca, remains in jail on his own volition despite a decision of a three-judge Canadian Federal Court of Appeals which rejected an application for a reversal of a lower court decision which would have released him on \$150,000 bail for an extradition hearing here September 20.

Officials said Rauca refused to use the earlier decision, by Justice Wilson Griffiths, which would have allowed Rauca to go free on bail, because he was afraid to leave jail. Rauca was arrested here June 17 for allegedly taking part in the wartime slaughter of 10,500 Jews in the Kovno ghetto in Lithuania. He was arrested on the request of the West German government, which wants him extradited to be tried on the mass murder charge.

On June 21, he was granted bail, which his attorney, William Parker, said he could afford, but he chose to remain in jail, rather than leave and stay with friends until the extradition hearing. He decided not to leave jail for fear of endangering both them and himself. No information has been made available as to why Rauca is so fearful of his safety.

At the hearing sought by representatives of the West German government and the Canadian Jewish Congress, arguments were submitted that Rauca posed a threat to the safety of the community.

Soviet Refusenik Gets OK To Leave

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry reported last week that it had learned that Leningrad refusenik Irina Jacobson has received permission to leave the Soviet Union. Jacobson, the widow of the famed choreographer Leonid Jacobson, worked with the Kirov Ballet Theater until her husband's death.

Irina Jacobson, a refusenik since 1980, will be leaving the Soviet Union with her 28-year-old son Nikolai on September 10, the Bay Area Council reported. The Council is a member of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

'Butcher Of Lyons' May Never Face Trial For War Crimes

LA PAZ, Bolivia (JTA) — Chancellor Augustin Saavedra has allowed a West German extradition request for the notorious Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, known as "The butcher of Lyons," to pass to the jurisdiction of the civilian judiciary, thus almost surely guaranteeing a series of legal maneuvers by Barbie's lawyers which will enable the former gestapo commander to avoid being prosecuted for his war-time activities.

By declining to intervene at a ministerial level, Saavedra has virtually assured the same fate for Germany's extradition request as that encountered by a French claim 10 years ago. In 1972, France pressed for the extradition of Barbie,

whom it twice condemned to death in absentia for war crimes committed against French Jews and resistance members, through normal Bolivian judicial channels.

In a drawn out series of legal maneuvers instituted by Barbie's lawyers, France had to first prove that he was the same person as Klaus Altman, the assumed name by which the former Nazi was known and under which he had illegally acquired Bolivian citizenship.

Once this hurdle was cleared the case moved slowly through the lower courts until it finally reached the Bolivian Supreme Court in 1974. The Supreme Court denied

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From Mitchell Sugarman,
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At the 2 public hearings I vigorously opposed the ruthless Gerrymandering Redistricting Bill that Senators Quattrocchi and Castro created, that violated the basic rights of every East Side citizen.

Senators Quattrocchi and Castro tried to eliminate one of two of Rhode Island's outstanding legislators, Senator Lila Sapinsley or Senator Richard Licht, at the expense of the East Side, because **both refused to be dominated by Senator Quattrocchi and his political bossism.**

When the bill was proven illegal by the Superior and Supreme Courts of Rhode Island, Senator Quattrocchi was quoted in the Evening Bulletin of July 8, 1982, as defiantly saying, **"I still think that Judge Bulman was wrong and I'm going to stick by that."** This is the same man who said on December 2, 1981, in the Evening Bulletin, **"The Jewish community is the one that's going to have to come up with the bulk of the money,"** when Marvin Holland and Julius Michaelson were named to oppose each other for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

I need your support to become your state representative in the East Side's 4th District, to protect the integrity and independence of the East Side and make all Rhode Island a better community for all citizens.

However, I am particularly a **PROTEST CANDIDATE** against the smug, self-serving, political bossism shown by the ruthless, power-hungry, shallow, irresponsible actions and statements of Senator Quattrocchi, whose actions show that he believes that party power is more important than rights of individuals. Mr. Quattrocchi's standards are contrary to democracy and the highest principles of the Democratic party.

The smug political bosses are confident that you, the citizens of the East Side, are not concerned enough about your rights and won't bother to vote in the September 14th Primary.

To be your independent voice, I need your vote on September 14th. **YOURS FOR CITIZENS RIGHTS,**

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Study Shows Egypt's Ties To Arabs Grow Stronger

LONDON — Egypt's gradual rapprochement with the Arab world is analyzed in a study published here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London. The author, Tony Lerman, research officer at the IJA, shows that Egypt has never been as far removed from the Arab world as the official Arab position indicates. After President Sadat embarked upon his peace policy with Israel, "measures taken to ostracize and isolate Egypt were never particularly effective."

A rapprochement with Arab states became more likely with the accession of Hosni Mubarak to the presidency. "By showing himself to be his own man, Mubarak gave the Arab states who opposed Sadat — but always claimed that they did not oppose the Egyptian people — an opportunity to revise their policies towards Egypt and initiate a process which would lead to rapprochement."

Economic sanctions imposed by other Arab governments have been eclipsed by more open economic and financial relations. "On June 14, a delegation of Gulf businessmen and financiers attended a conference in Cairo on investing Arab capital in Egyptian development programs."

Egypt's Foreign Affairs Minister, Boutros Ghali, said recently that "transnational relations have continued and even increased" since 1978.

Lerman focuses on two important factors which demonstrate why, in drawing closer to the Arab world, Egypt starts from a position of relative strength. First, differences among the Arabs have increased so "attempts to respond collectively to various crises have produced little." Arab weaknesses have been highlighted by the two non-Arab states in the region — Israel and Iran.

Second, "No Arab state had been able to step into Egypt's shoes as leader of the Arab world." Egypt's centrality in the Arab world has been affected by the rise of Arab oil-producing states, but her "very large population (44 million), huge military machine, large industrial infrastructure and high-yielding agriculture possesses an importance which has not been eclipsed by the rise of other Arab states."

The study examines the course of the gradual rapprochement and shows how

President Mubarak's more conciliatory policy towards internal opposition elements, particularly Islamic fundamentalists, has given him greater credibility in Arab eyes. States like Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Jordan, Oman and other Gulf States have been making the running in developing more public contacts with Egypt.

Lerman writes that "There is no doubt that the war in Lebanon changed the complexion of the developing contacts between Egypt and the Arab world," but intense diplomatic activity on President Mubarak's part has only emphasized the growing importance of Egypt's position.

Commenting on future prospects, the author suggests that "Close alliance with Egypt — with its most advanced military machine, police and military training facilities — would make sense" to countries like Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States and even Iraq.

Histadrut Moves To Protect Future Of El Al

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Histadrut last week decided to set up a special committee to plan future moves to protect what they term the future of both the El Al national airline and its employees, in the face of the government decision to halt Sabbath and Jewish holiday flights.

Both the labor federation's central committee and the El Al workers were in an angry mood today, following last Wednesday's action by the airline management in summoning a strong police detachment to

oust workers from the management building at Ben Gurion airport where they had kept Transport Minister Haim Corfu locked up in the office of El Al Board chairman Nahman Perl while they were meeting, pounding on the door to halt their conversation.

The workers have accused the management of not being firm enough in opposing the government decision, which they claim will damage the airline financially, merely to preserve the Begin coalition.

Gemayel Held Secret Meetings With Israeli Leaders, 'Maariv' Reports

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Bashir Gemayel, President-elect of Lebanon, held several secret meetings with Israeli leaders recently, including some in Tel Aviv, during Israel's "Peace for Galilee" operation, Maariv reported last week. Quoting foreign sources, Maariv said Gemayel met several times with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

According to the paper, Gemayel began his series of secret visits to Israel in 1976. He met with various Israeli personalities, including Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres who at the time was Defense Minister in the government of Yitzhak Rabin. In 1976, when Peres launched the "good fence" policy along the border with Lebanon and extended Israeli aid to the Phalangist forces in Lebanon, Gemayel visited Peres at his home in Tel Aviv.

According to another report, as yet unconfirmed, the Israelis early in July arranged a meeting between Gemayel and Maj. Saad Haddad, the leader of the Israeli-backed Christian militia. That report said the two Christian leaders arrived at an understanding regarding spheres of influence in Lebanon which is now controlled by the Israel Defense Force.

This meeting, too, was unpublicized. As a rule, Gemayel carefully kept his distance from the Israelis during the war in Lebanon and declined to provide the IDF with any political or military assistance. The Israelis reportedly expected Gemayel to employ his Phalangist forces to complete the drive that IDF had begun in Lebanon to oust the PLO terrorists. But Gemayel left that task for the IDF.

With Gemayel's election to the Presidency, Israel would like him to sign a peace treaty, but so far no Israeli leader has said so publicly. Gemayel reportedly

Argentina To Buy Israeli Jets

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — Argentina is negotiating the purchase of 22 Mirage jets from Israel in order to rebuild its Air Force after losing the war with Britain over the Falkland Islands last June, it was reported by the English-language daily, the Buenos Aires Herald.

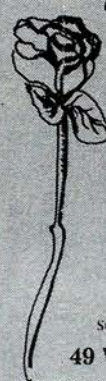
During the recently concluded war, the Air Force was the only branch of the Argentine military that performed effectively, albeit with great losses. As its toll of lost planes mounted, Argentina procured 10 Mirages from Peru which it incorporated into its air offensive along with the Israeli Kfir and the French Super-Entendard jets, outfitted with Exocet missiles.

Yeshiva U. Awards Record Number Of Degrees

NEW YORK (JTA) — Almost half of all college degrees earned in the United States in Hebrew and Jewish studies for the 1978-79 college year came from Yeshiva University, according to a federal government report.

The Digest of Educational Statistics for 1981, issued by the National Center for Educational Statistics of the Department of Education, indicated Yeshiva University granted 48 out of 110 degrees in Hebrew and Jewish studies, or 43.6 percent, during the academic year ending June 30, 1979.

University officials said that the total number of bachelor's degrees given that year in Hebrew,



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the request, due to the lack of an extradition treaty between the two nations. Subsequent French appeals to then acting-President Gen. Hugo Banzer to reverse the ruling were turned down by the military strongman.

Germany has based its request for extradition on a detention order against Barbie by a criminal tribunal in the city of Augsburg that claims he was responsible for the death in 1944 of a French citizen named Kemmler.

The French Armed Forces Tribunal, a military war crimes judicial commission set up after World War II to prosecute Nazi war criminals, has determined that Barbie commanded a gestapo unit based in Lyons that murdered 14,000 members of the underground resistance movement and that he sent 10,000 French Jews to their deaths at Auschwitz.

Informed diplomatic sources here who have requested anonymity, maintain that the denial of the French request by the government, was directly linked to Barbie's close ties with highly placed Bolivian military figures. It is widely known in Bolivia that one of the most feared "advisors" in torture and interrogation technique attached to the Bolivian Ministry of the Interior, the internal security bureau during the 1950's and 1960's, was a German immigrant and ex-soldier named Klaus Altman.

Last July, Barbie met with Bolivian President General Guido Vildoso at the presidential palace for what Barbie was quoted as having described as a meeting to "discuss judicial and administrative matters."

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But many, if not most, of Israel's soldiers were unable to reach a telephone. Often under heavy fire, their priority was victory and survival, not sending messages home.

This left much of the population glued to their radios, waiting for a word over the airwaves of Army Radio, via mobile crews, from their loved ones.

Mira Marcus, a graduate student in the Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management at the Technion, came to the conclusion that it was impossible to listen for hours on end and that a lot of the broadcast messages probably did not reach their destination. She came up with an idea and with it went to the Army Radio station. Mira proposed that the computer lists of the Ministry of Communications be utilized to track down the telephone numbers of all the families whose sons sent them greetings over the radio and that volunteers call them and personally convey the message. This way, Mira thought, most of the messages will reach their destination.

The idea was enthusiastically accepted by the Army Radio, and the Ministry of Communications readily provided the computer lists, recruited tens of volunteers, set up a telephone center next to the radio station, and provided the needed telephone lines.

Jews In Lebanon: Dwindling Population

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of well-dressed men, women and children sat on the terrace of a coffee house in Rosh Hanikra, Israel's border point with Lebanon, enjoying the view of the coastal plain stretching all the way to the gulf of Haifa.

The group, which seemed like typical tourists who visit the scenic border town, chatted in a mixture of Arabic and French, and occasionally in Hebrew. They were indeed tourists, but hardly typical. They came from the north, from Lebanon. Speaking in Arabic and French marked them as Lebanese nationals. But their usage of Hebrew indicated that they were members of the small Jewish community of Lebanon, a minuscule almost non-existent community.

No one knows exactly how many Jews presently reside in Lebanon, after the long and bloody civil war and after the "Peace for Galilee" operation, both of which have left the country in chaos. There are various estimates, but all agree that there are more than several dozen Jews in the entire country, with only six Jewish families remaining in west Beirut. Several other families are believed to reside in east Beirut.

The group sitting on the coffee house terrace in Rosh Hanikra seemed to constitute the bulk of Lebanese Jewry. The group's members were quite tight-lipped about their lives and the lives of other Jews in Lebanon. They said they came to see Israel, visit relatives and then go back home. They said their life in Lebanon was good, business was good and they would do a lot of thinking before they would decide to immigrate to Israel.

A Steady Decline

Forty years ago there were some 9,000 Jews in Lebanon. About 2,000 Jews emigrated after World War II. The numbers of Jews between the end of the war and now fluctuated, growing for a while as refugees from Syria and Iraq came to

Lebanon, and declining again as some of the wealthier Jews left. By 1975, when the civil war broke out, there were between 2,000 and 4,000 Jews in the country.

The civil war caused another sizeable segment of the Jewish community to emigrate, leaving the community without rabbi and a ritual slaughterer. A rabbi often had to be brought in from Italy or Syria, as was a ritual slaughterer. By the end of the civil war in 1976, only some 2000 Jews were left in the country. It was often difficult to hold a minyan. The few remaining Jews who still live in west Beirut are mostly old, poor and sick. The wealthy and the young live in east Beirut.

Relations With Moslems And Christians

The paradox of the Jewish condition in Lebanon is that in spite of all the hardships the country has suffered, the Jews reportedly suffered little because of their Jewishness, and relations with both Moslems and Christians were reportedly good.

At the height of the civil war in Lebanon, the Jews of Beirut took shelter in the Magen Avraham Synagogue. The neighborhood in which the synagogue was located was the scene of fierce battles between the PLO and the Phalangists. The rabbi telephoned Premier Rashid Karamé to ask for help, which he promised to send. But before government troops arrived, PLO leader Yasir Arafat took the opportunity to make a humanitarian gesture by sending his men with food for the Jews trapped inside the synagogue and to make certain that they were not harmed. However, as the situation in Beirut during the civil war became unbearable many Jews fled to the mountains in the east. When they returned during a period of relative calm, they found that most of their property had been plundered. Emigration continued after the civil war, with Jews leaving for the United States, Latin

America, France and Israel. The Lebanese authorities never prevented them from leaving.

Some Of The Synagogues Remaining

The Magen Avraham Synagogue is located on Wadi Abu Jamil Street, once the center of the Jewish quarter in Beirut, now a predominantly Moslem Shiite area. The street is close to the city's commercial center, near the "GreenLine" dividing east and west Beirut, and the scene of frequent exchanges of fire between the PLO and Christian forces. The synagogue was built in 1926, financed by Indian Jews. It is a cream and ochre-colored building, with Stars of David in its two round windows. At the beginning of August, an Israeli shell hit the roof of the synagogue during the heavy bombardment of the city, according to foreign press reports. There are reportedly plans to repair the damage, but it might take quite a while to do so.

There are other synagogues in Bhamdoun, on the Beirut-Damascus highway, and in Sidon. The one in Bhamdoun is described as an exceptionally beautiful synagogue. The terrorists reportedly used it as a fortified position. They ripped up prayer books and prayer shawls. The Torah scrolls had been removed earlier when the Jewish community left the town several years ago.

Jewish Communities Disappearing

Until 1948, some 200 Jews lived in the southern town of Sidon. Then, as Palestinians fled to the area from Israel, most of the local Jewish population either left the country, took to the hills or moved north to Beirut. When Israeli forces captured the town during the "Peace for Galilee" operation, they found one Jewish family, Jamila Levy, a 52-year-old widow, and her four grown children, living in a spacious apartment overlooking the port of Sidon.

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Local Rabbis Voice Opinions On Proposal Defining Jewishness

by Darlene Mikula

At present, some Reform rabbis accept the Jewish lineage of a child in a mixed marriage if either the father or mother is Jewish. Many Reform rabbis believe that the Jewish environment and education of the child is more important than lineage recognition.

In 1979 Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, proposed that Jewish identity be granted to any children of a mixed marriage — even if the Jewish partner is the father — without the child having to go through a formal process of conversion, provided both parents agree to raise their child Jewishly and do so. Although the proposal was tabled by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at its annual meeting earlier this summer, the issue still sparks controversy within the local Jewish community.

Rabbi George J. Astrachan of Temple Sinai in Warwick, from the Reform standpoint, said that he is "very much in favor of the proposal," although, he added, "I really think much more is being made out of it than what the issue is all about."

Rabbi Astrachan maintained that for years how the Reform community has unofficially accepted the upbringing of a child regardless of whether the mother or the father is Jewish. "I'm not sure much is going to change from what already exists. It's never been a problem from the standpoint of the Reform community," he said. Both Reform congregations in Rhode Island have accepted the proposal.

Orthodox rabbis, however, will only recognize the Jewishness of a child if the mother is Jewish, or if a formal conversion takes place.

Rabbi Jake S. Rubenstein of Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence, speaking from the Orthodox opinion said, "The proposal is totally contrary to the Jewish legal tradition. I think it is a proposal which stems from a position of weakness which the Reformists were compelled to make from their inability to embrace devoted or committed converts in the Reform movement. Due to this inability, they wish to have members recognized as Jewish anyway — in many cases when even they themselves have no desire to be so recognized."

Rabbi Rubenstein, like many other rabbis of all three movements, expressed concern over the danger of creating two bodies of Jews. "The decision to have a child recognized as a Jew because of the Jewish father would further dichotomize the Jewish world in general and the Jewish community in particular. Furthermore it will create an even wider gap between the Reform movement on the one side and the Conservative and Orthodox movements on the other."

Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, speaking from a Conservative viewpoint, said that he still maintained the traditional attitude. He stressed that the process of conversion is not that complicated and said that he encourages conversion when asked by parents of children from mixed marriages.

"I think there is importance in maintaining unity in the Jewish community and with the Jewish people. The process of conversion is simple, though of course the intent on the parents' part to raise the child Jewish would have to be there. This would satisfy the technicalities of Jewish law and tradition and still maintain the bond with Jews around the world."

Rabbi Rubenstein further acknowledged Rabbi Franklin's plea for unity. "If the proposal passes, it's going to be catastrophic because it's going to mean the creation of a separate people which will not be absorbed by the Conservative and Orthodox movements. As an Orthodox rabbi, I see that the proposal further demonstrates the alienation of the Reform movement from the Halakha which has protected the Jewish people for centuries."

Rabbi Schindler argued at the Conference in New York City this summer that he is "not at all persuaded that our action will somehow shatter the unity of the Jewish people . . .

"We live in a period of crisis," he said. "We are wrestling with our Jewish soul. The community that can bring forth the new passions, the new ideas, that community will prevail."

There are no hard figures on the number of mixed marriages, but Reform officials reportedly agreed with Herman E. Schaalman, president of the CCAR, who estimated the amount at "tens of thousands," a number which they believe is growing.

Study Contends Arab Propaganda Will Intensify

LONDON (JTA) — A comprehensive study which finds that a concerted Arab propaganda effort in France has been backed by both leftwing and rightwing elements and which warns that "Arab propagandists will intensify their method," has been released by the World Jewish Congress.

The commissioned study, issued by the WJC research and publications unit, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, shows that France's Middle East policies and its position within the European community were key factors in its emergence as "ideal territory for the propaganda of the Arab states involved in the Middle East conflict."

Among official Arab bodies, the PLO office in Paris is cited as the most important source of anti-Israel opinion. The PLO office, the report notes, has concentrated on building up its press contacts to the point that "whenever events in the Middle East attract the attention of journalists, the PLO office is one of the places to which they go for information and news."

Apart from the specifically Arab organizations, run by Arabs, the Associations of French Arab Solidarity spread the Arab cause through French sympathizers. They publish numerous

magazines, provide material aid for the Palestinians, and organize demonstrations with the aim of becoming centers of media attention.

The study shows that some of the organizers of Arab propaganda groups have strong extreme rightwing political links. The Committee for Peace in the Middle East, for example, "which is widely believed to be financed by Iraq" is headed by two individuals associated with the extreme right, including one, Gilles Munier, who was "an active neo-Nazi."

On the left, two important anti-Israel political forces are "Temoignage Chrétien" (Christian Witness) and the French Communist Party. The study says the future aims of Temoignage Chrétien are two-fold: "As a Christian movement, it will try to break the silence, observed till now by the clergy on the Middle East question, and as a leftwing movement, it will try to bring the Socialist Party round to a less favorable position towards Israel."

A limiting factor however, stems from the presidency of Francois Mitterrand, "whose policy is much more Israel oriented than that of his predecessors," the report said.

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Sharon: Mideast Is On Threshold Of New Era With The PLO's Defeat

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pressure and by August 6 they decided to leave."

He said that the PLO could have left Beirut even three weeks ago had Israel not been pressured, apparently by the United States, against escalating its military offensive against the besieged terrorists. He said the "real change" was made on the night between August 12 and 13, when the PLO, under heavy Israeli bombardment, accepted the terms for withdrawal as presented by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib.

Sharon also defended his actions during the war, emphasizing that "from the first day to the last day of the war every action in the field was implemented as a result of (Israeli) Cabinet decisions." Sharon was accused by the media in Israel and some unidentified Cabinet ministers that he acted on his own and ordered the heavy shelling of Beirut, notably on August 11 and 12, without consulting first with the

government.

As a result of the heavy 10-hour bombardment of west Beirut on those days President Reagan called Premier Menachem Begin to express outrage and to stress that Habib could not complete his negotiations unless there was a complete cease-fire. Israel called a cease-fire as the two chief executives were talking.

The Defense Minister said that in the aftermath of the war in Lebanon, Israel and the United States share "clear common goals and targets." He listed them as "the expulsion of the PLO from Beirut; the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon — the terrorists, the Syrians and the Israelis; the need for security arrangements along Israel's northern border; and the need to create a central government in Lebanon."

Sharon also noted that as a result of the war, the influence of the Soviet Union has been reduced in the Mideast and, he added, "this is in the interest of all of us."

Sharon also pointed out that there was "never a collusion between the United States and Israel on the war in Lebanon." In fact, Sharon disclosed, the U.S. had urged restraint on the part of Israel when he met in Washington with U.S. officials just 10 days before the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and warned them that Israel would react strongly if the terrorists continued their provocations against Israel.

Sharon bitterly rejected charges that the Israeli army killed civilians in Lebanon indiscriminately. He said Israel lost some 350 soldiers, mostly "due to our efforts not to harm the civilian population, which was kept as a hostage (by the PLO). They (the terrorists) held women and children in windows and doors" to protect themselves, he charged.

"No one can preach to us about the value of human life," the Defense Minister said. He added that no army in the world, not even "the British and the Americans," behaves with as much consideration to avoid harming civilians as does the Israeli army.

Sharon said the war in Lebanon was "a very complicated war, a very hard war. Israel Defense Forces deserve every praise for their effort to win the war." Sharon, applauded by the audience, added: "They are the real cedars of Lebanon." He said that in addition to the some 350 soldiers killed 2,000 Israeli soldiers were wounded.

While Sharon was speaking, a crowd of some 75 supporters of the PLO demonstrated outside the building where the meeting was taking place. The demonstrators carried slogans against Sharon and on behalf of the PLO. A small group of Israeli supporters demonstrated a few feet away carrying Israeli flags and placards against PLO terrorism. No incidents were reported.

Sickles Found Guilty; Shlevin Satisfied

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political beliefs, no matter how divergent or reprehensible, does not include the right to interfere or harass anyone."

Sickles, 41, formerly of 93 Althea St., was one of four persons charged with painting the swastika on the JCC three years ago. Two of the other defendants, Patrick C. Labbe, of 5 Calder St., Pawtucket, and his ex-wife, Linda, agreed to testify for the prosecution against Sickles in return for the charges being dropped against them, provided they don't get into any trouble with the law in the next year.

Vincent I. Johnson, the third co-defendant is awaiting trial.

Patrick Labbe told the jury that Sickles spray-painted the white swastika next to the front entrance to the JCC at the end of a party Sickles threw to celebrate Hitler's birthday on April 20, 1979.

Labbe testified that four years ago he and his wife joined the Adamic Knights, a local chapter of the Klan formed by Sickles, to do research for a book.

"The ultimate goal of Mr. Sickles was the overthrow of the U.S. government," Labbe said. "He would talk about after the overthrow of the government... the extermination of the Jews, sending the blacks back to Africa and killing the gays."

Labbe said Sickles called him on April 20, 1979, to invite him to his South Providence home to celebrate Hitler's birthday. After the party, the three of them drove to the JCC and while the Labbes waited in the car, Sickles painted a two-foot-square swastika on the building, still visible on the Center's tan brick walls. Sickles did not testify in the trial.

France, Egypt Plan To Launch Solution To Palestinian Problem

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Secretary of State said Sunday in an interview on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" program that the Camp David peace process can be interpreted in many ways and that the Palestinians should have a role in determining the conditions under which they live. This was seen as a reference to some form of Palestinian participation in the peace negotiating process.

Cheysson's reference to the PLO as the "only known partner" for the negotiations with the Palestinians was in contrast to the statement President Francois Mitterrand made recently. In meeting with Israel's Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, Mitterrand called for the "participation" of the PLO in the Mideast peace process as "one element, among others."

In his television appearance later the

Lebanon

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Jewish communities are also disappearing in other parts of Lebanon. There are reportedly very few Jews left, if any, in Tripoli, in northern Lebanon, presently under Syrian control. A Talmudic center was established in Tyre, south of Sidon, nearly 2,000 years ago. But so far as can be established, no Jews are now residing there.

There was a strong Jewish community in

same day, the President said France would continue to seek a state for the Palestinians, but refrained from saying that the PLO is the "sole representative" of the Palestinian people.

The updated Franco-Egyptian draft resolution will probably focus on an effort to modify Security Council Resolution 242 by replacing the characterization of the Palestinians as "refugees" as is now contained in Resolution 242. The joint draft is also likely to call for some sort of PLO "participation" in the peace process, although it is not clear what the dimensions of this "participation" would be.

Meanwhile, French and Egyptian diplomats are waiting for further clarifications from the U.S. on the views expounded by Shultz and Weinberger before they make public their updated version.

the predominantly Druze town of Hasbaya, north of the Israeli town of Metulla. However, most of the Jewish residents moved to the Galilee settlement of Rosh Pina when it was founded at the turn of the century, and by the end of World War I all the Jews had left Hasbaya.

Some 80 Jewish families lived in the Druze-Christian town of Deir el-Kamar on the Shouf mountains at the beginning of the 1800's. They left in the 1860's when the Druze-Christian conflict reached its peak. An old synagogue remains in the town.

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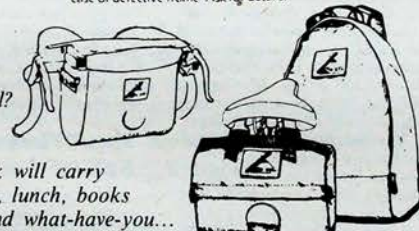
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SOCIETY NEWS

Botvin Weds Schreiber

Temple Beth-El in Providence was the setting on Saturday, August 28, for the marriage of Lisa Sue Botvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Botvin of 15 Dorset Rd., Pawtucket, to Michael Jeffrey Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schreiber of 1476 Sherwood Dr., East Meadow, N.Y.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Leslie Gutterman. Cantoris was Ida Rae Hirsch.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Matron of honor was Mrs. Jane Jacober. Other attendants to the bride were Mrs. Roberta Singerman, Miss Beth Cotton, and Mrs. Joycelyn Smith.

The bride's gown was white silk tissue taffeta with double puffed sleeves. She carried her mother's bridal Bible with white orchids and streamers of stephanotis cascading down. Attendants' gowns were hot pink tissue taffeta with off-the-shoulder double ruffles. They carried bouquets of cascading orchids.

Best man was Steven Schreiber, brother of the groom. Ushers were Bruce Botvin, brother of the bride; Kenneth Schreiber, brother of the groom; Ian Ziskin and Bruce Kanner.

The bride graduated from Simmons College with a B.A. in management and finance. She is employed at Alex Brown & Sons as a financial analyst.

The groom graduated cum laude from Northeastern Univ. with a Bachelor of



MRS. MICHAEL SCHREIBER

Science and Business Administration and also received a Masters of Taxation from Bentley College. He is employed at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. as a C.P.A. tax accountant.

Lisa is the granddaughter of Mrs. Phyllis Dress and the late Louis Dress, and Mrs. Hattie Botvin and the late Max Botvin. Michael is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Davidowitz, and Mrs. Rose Schreiber and the late Harry Schreiber. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple plans to reside in Stoughton, Mass.

Carolyn Berman Weds Robert Shuman

The wedding of Carolyn Tracy Berman to Robert A. Shuman took place on August 29 in the garden at Café in the Barn with Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officiating. Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett S. Berman of Providence and Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Shuman of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

Attending the couple were Amy Beth Young, sister of the bride, and Howard Ross. Bearers of the traditional wedding canopy were James M. Berman, brother of the bride, Stanton Alan Young, Arthur Bober, and Andrew Chesnick.

The bride was dressed in an ivory, ankle-length Victorian style dress made of lace and French illusion. She wore her mother's tiara of seed pearls which was trimmed with ribbons and stephanotis.

A graduate of Classical High School, the bride received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University. She is employed at radio station WHJY as an on-air personality.

The bridegroom attended the Haverford School and was graduated from Pennsylvania State University and Suffolk University Law School. He is a partner in the law firm of Shuman and Ross.

The couple will reside in Sharon, Mass.

CORRECTION

The time of the first regular and new membership meeting of the fall season of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah has been changed to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Simon Weds Namerow

Temple Beth Am-Beth David in Warwick was the setting for the August 15th wedding of Sharon Norma Simon and Lawrence Richard Namerow.

Rabbi Milton Kroopnick officiated the 10 a.m. ceremony. Cantor Steven Dress also participated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Simon of 83 Ninth St. in Providence. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Namerow of 41 Pilgrim Dr. in Cranston.

Given in marriage by her father, Sharon was attended by her sister, Beth Matzner, as maid of honor.

Michael H. Tapper, a friend of the groom, was best man.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Providence.



MR. & MRS. LAWRENCE NAMEROW

Mutal Weds Steingold

Temple D'Hirsch Sinai in Seattle, Wash., was the setting on July 25 for the marriage of Joyce Anne Mutal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Mutal of Seattle, to Lawrence Stevan Steingold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Steingold of Pawtucket.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Earl Starr. The bride was attended to by her sister, Carol Hoffman, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Audrey Mattson and Debby Barondes.

Steven Kaplan was best man. Ushers were Frank Corrente and Roger Hoffman.

The bride is a graduate of the Univ. of Washington and is employed as an occupational therapist at the Trudeau Center in Warwick.

The groom received his bachelor degree from Washington and Jefferson College and his masters from Babson College. He is presently self-employed as a commercial real estate broker.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and San Francisco, the couple will reside in Providence.



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Temple Sinai Schedules Family Worship Service, School Registration

On Tuesday, Sept. 7 and Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 7-9 p.m. there will be an in-person registration for all Sunday School and Hebrew students at Temple Sinai in Cranston.

Also, the first family worship service following the summer vacation will be held on Friday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple. Children celebrating a birthday will be specially honored, called to the bimba, and blessed in front of an open ark. Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Torat Yisrael To Hold Selihot Services

Selihot services, an hour-long sequence of reading, cantillation and reflection, will begin Saturday evening, Sept. 11 at 9 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston with a dessert and coffee hour reception, held in the Irving Shechtman Auditorium.

This year, Cantor Stephen Freedman will offer a brief interlude on the Nusha-Ot, the special chants for the High Holy Days.

Services are at 10 p.m. Memorial items and plaques will be acknowledged and dedicated and a brief tribute for members and friends who have passed on during the year will be held.

Rabbi Gerald B. Zelermyer and Cantor Stephen Freedman with Joseph DiBiase, accompanist, will lead Selihot services.

The pre-Holy Day event is open to all members of the community.

New Course For Women Offered By JCC

The Jewish Community Center will offer a new course for mature women interested in enhancing their outward appearance. "Give Yourself A Better Image" is an 8-week course designed to give assistance in posture and walking habits, skin care and cosmetics, hair and wigs, fashions, and nutrition and exercise. Consultants from local and national beauty concerns will lend their advice and expertise.

The 3-hour sessions begin Thursday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. For more information call Judith Lantos at 861-8800.

Blackmans Announce Birth Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Blackman of 175 Birkshire Dr., Warwick, have announced the birth of their daughter, Rachael Keir Blackman on August 19.

Rachael is the new sister of Benjamin Blackman.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Harriet Keir and the late Herman Keir of Syosset, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blackman of Providence.

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New Fall Programs Offered At JCC

New offerings, old favorites and innovations mark the Fall Festival of Programs at the Jewish Community Center this season.

In the Preschool Department, a new Infant Toddler Program is being offered to parents with children age 3-36 months. In the Children's Department, parents will find more clubs and classes. There will be a special Puppet Making Group called Guppets which, when puppets are completed and scripted, will perform for the Center's Hanukkah Party in December. There are also many Sundays Are Fun Days programs.

Our Scouting program will add another level with a Tiger Cub program for seven-year-olds. Participants will get a taste of scouting, get emblems to sew on their own shirts and meet regularly with leaders.

The Adult Learning and Enrichment Center will offer programs in conjunction with Providence College. A new program for mature women on Grooming And Beauty Consultation will help participants accentuate their good features and glamorize their outlook. Working with local beauty and grooming consultants, women will gain professional expertise to use in their own homes.

The Health and Physical Education Wing expect to offer improved Health Club facilities. One of Rhode Island's well-known Dance Aerobics specialists Lynn Covington will join our own Janice Santos, in answer to the call for more classes in Aerobics. A joint effort with the Miriam Hospital is expected to offer cardiac rehabilitation.

The Center will launch a major Cultural Arts Series during 1982-83. Fifteen performances and films will be seen in the Center auditorium including family musicals such as "Yankee Doodle Dandy" coming on October 31.

Fall Brochures are now available at the Center.

Cantor Borodach To Lead Shacharis Service

Cantor Samuel Borodach of St. Louis has been engaged by Congregation Ohave Sholom, Pawtucket, to conduct the Shacharis service for the High Holidays.

Cantor Borodach recently returned from an extensive study in Israel and will continue his education at Brown University.

B'nai B'rith Women To Hold Birthday Party

B'nai B'rith Women of Rhode Island will have a birthday party in celebration of the 85th birthday of B'nai B'rith Women on Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

To mark this event Ruth Page, well-known historian and lecturer, will present "Jewish Women of R.I. and Their Organizations," an oral history. Mrs. Page will interview Ann Meyers, one of the charter members of Roger Williams Chapter and Lorraine Allen, founder of Hope Chapter, as part of her presentation. Birthday refreshments will be served.

All members and their guests are cordially invited to attend.

Seniors Prepare For 1982-83 Season

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold its first regular business meeting of the 1982-83 season on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Temple Beth Am-Beth David, 40 Gardiner St. at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gertrude Hassenfeld, president, named Mrs. Ruth Weinstein financial secretary and Mrs. Frances Aptel chairperson for kitchen and refreshments.

The group's first major function will be the Annual Chanukah Party on Wednesday evening, December 8. A full-course sit-down dinner will be served at the Temple followed by entertainment which will be announced at a later date.

The regular social meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 29, at the Temple at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Ruth Fixler will be the speaker of the evening. Her topic will be "300 Years of History—The Story of the Jews."

Refreshments will be served at both meetings.

Emanu-El Garden Club Plans Herb Farm Trip

Emanu-El Garden Club will open the 1982-83 season with a trip to the Barrington Herb Farm on Thursday, Sept. 9. Members will meet at the Temple parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

The program includes a tour of the gardens and a talk on drying flowers. Members are asked to bring a lunch.

Memorial Services Scheduled Sept. 12

For the thirty-fourth consecutive year, The Jacob Grossman Memorial Chapel-in-the-Woods at Sharon Memorial Park in Massachusetts will be the setting of the traditional open air Memorial Services, which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to participate.

Starting at 9:45 a.m. and again at 3:45 p.m. there will be a short interlude of liturgical organ music, played by Louis I. Shapiro, who will be the organist at both services.

The 10 a.m. Service will be conducted by Rabbi Barry Rosen of Temple Israel, Sharon. The traditional prayer will be chanted by Cantor Robert S. Scherr of Temple Israel, Natick. Rabbi Oscar Bookspan of Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, will deliver the morning sermon.

At 4 p.m. the Service will be conducted by Rabbi David L. Goldstein of Temple Beth Torah, Holliston. Cantor Irving Kischel of Temple Shalom, Milton, will chant the traditional prayers. The afternoon sermon will be delivered by Rabbi Bernard Spielman of Temple Beth Am, Randolph.

In case of inclement weather, the Services will be held on the Assembly Grounds at the Park.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Continuing the upward trend of aliya from North America, 173 new immigrants and returning Israelis were scheduled to leave New York for Israel last week. Moshe Shechter, director, Aliya Center of North America, said the August total would exceed 600 olim — the highest monthly total in over two years.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



If you applied for a teaching position in history and English, would you expect to be asked to teach cake decorating?

Query Priscilla Jaffe of Cranston on this and she'll vouch that it happened to her. After she and her husband Robert were married and living in Hartford, Priscilla applied for a teaching position in history and English.

The Commissioner of Education was so moved by an item she had included in the skills and interests block of the application.

It was cake decorating.

The Commissioner asked Priscilla if she would consider teaching remedial English and cake decorating at a vocational high school eager to introduce the culinary art as a program offering.

Desperate to get a job in the education field, she agreed to accept the position and create a curriculum for cake decorating.

However, it never came to pass.

A history and English teacher was needed urgently in a Hartford public high school that September, and Priscilla's credentials fit the bill.

Why the Commissioner, though, had been so drawn to her application was not just the jotting down of a hobby of cake decorating, but the experience she had accrued over the years.

Early in her teens, Priscilla apprenticed in the art of cake decorating at her dad Alex Guttin's Bakery on Broad Street in Providence.

"I was interested in anything creative," she said, "and I decorated cakes through my high school and college years during vacations and summers."

A move to Rhode Island channeled Priscilla's artistic talents into arranging windows and interior displays for Robert's Garden City Pharmacy during the 14 years he was the owner.

She also fulfilled a desire to study at Rhode Island School of Design. After a three-year concentrated course in interior design, she was awarded a certificate in 1980.

Last year when her husband sold the drug store, Priscilla began working one day a week with interior designer Annette Angeli as a consultant in fabric selection and layouts.

Two other days, she was working in a non-artistic retail setting stifling to her creative urge.

While browsing through some magazines in the waiting room of a doctor's office, Priscilla came across an advertisement announcing the sale of a ten-inch cookie by a bakery in Hawaii.

The ad stated that the bakery would mail cookies for all special occasions throughout Honolulu and the Islands.

"I thought it was a cinch. I brought the ad to Dad. His cake baker whipped a few cookies up with and without pans in all sizes and shapes.

"We developed a chocolate chip cookie recipe, and being aware of children allergic to chocolate, we added lemon cookies and gingerbread cookies to our line."

Priscilla was on her way to starting her cookie business — Cookiegrams!

"Special concoctions of frostings that harden went through the experimental stage," she said. "We had to come up with a frosting that would harden to the point that it wouldn't crush during mailing and still retain its decorative sheen."

Satisfactorily completed, Priscilla began the taste testing with samples to friends and relatives.

Thus was officially launched Cookiegrams.

The range of creativity and artistic flair used in the decoration process presents a continuing challenge to Priscilla. "You have to have the artistic technique to develop the themes for each cookiegram."

The latest smurf craze resulted in her design of a smurf cookiegram for a teenager's birthday party to go along with the party goods.

Priscilla will frost the cookies with sports motifs and even shape the cookie into a basketball form for those enthusiasts.

Priscilla Jaffe A Bearer Of Sweet Messages



Proudly displaying Mom's birthday cookiegrams are Jordan and Naomi Jaffe.

New home owners, new business owners, new parents are just a few of the recipients of the edible greetings.

Customers have requested cookiegrams for friends and relatives going on vacation.

Priscilla designed a cookiegram for a woman's aunt going to Florida for the winter with palm trees and coconuts.

The inscribed words were "Have a wonderful vacation. See you in the spring. Love, Hilary."

Then, there are those humorous incidents to cheer the one at the other end of the line.

"One customer placed an order for a girlfriend who was a lumberjack by trade. A tree had fallen on her leg causing a fracture. I drew a picture of a tree falling with scattered leaves around it including the message.

"When I arrived at her home and presented the cookiegram, she reeled with laughter and could hardly stay on her crutches.

"Another customer sent a cookiegram to a guy who had surgery on both legs. The request was for the cookiegram to be drawn with two big feet with the words "Hope you'll be back on your feet soon."

Science has entered the cookiegram picture, too. Priscilla has designed cookiegrams for a laboratory equipment salesman who occasionally brings them to the laboratory units of hospitals.

They're topped with chemical symbols. Her latest innovation under works is a cookiegram which will be ready for the Jewish New Year inscribed with "L'Shonah Tovah."

Priscilla mails cookiegrams all over the United States. They have gone as far as Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and California.

She has a regular customer from California who frequently calls to place orders in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Priscilla has had a good track record of the cookiegrams arriving safe and sound, except for one time.

"Of all places," she quipped, "the cookiegram flopped in Attleboro, Mass. It was replaced immediately with a new one."

She still dabbles skillfully in cake decorating and believes "the more you do, the better you become."

Priscilla decorates cakes for her father a couple of days a week. She employs the same artistic pain in decorating cakes that she applies in her cookies.

"If you're creative, each one is individual. No two are ever the same."

She likes to coordinate the cake design with the party's theme and papergoods for a total concept.

For nine-year-old son Jordan's birthday party, the famous cat Garfield centralized the celebration's motif.

Earlier this week, Priscilla's daughter Naomi turned 12 to a tastefully coordinated yellow and white butterfly theme.

Naomi was asked how she liked her mother's business. Replying, "It's good," brother Jordan interrupted with "What's so good about it? We never get to eat them."

To which answered Priscilla "What do you mean? You eat plenty of cookies ... all the mistakes ... and with a pause "guess there haven't been any mistakes lately," she grinned.

But Jordan said he would accept a back-to-school cookie the following day.

Cookiegrams, round or sheet-size, range from \$5.00 to \$15.00 with added mailing charges for out-of-state delivery. There is a slight delivery charge only for the \$5.00 cookiegram. She can be phoned at 942-1471 or 781-3860. Priscilla personally delivers cookiegrams to hospitals, homes and businesses gratis.



Priscilla Jaffe displays her own artistic version of a sheet cookiegram wishing a happy smurfday to Sue Ellen (not of Dallas fame). The birthday cake on the right is another of her edible designs.



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The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will kick off its 1983 fundraising drive with a massive statewide telethon all day Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Biltmore Room of the Biltmore Plaza in Providence.

More than 5,000 Jewish households throughout Rhode Island will be contacted by several hundred Super Sunday volunteers in five telephoning shifts, beginning at 10 a.m. Last year's Super Sunday efforts raised over \$125,000 from 2,600 contributors. The goal for 1983 Super Sunday is \$175,000 from 3,500 contributors, based on efforts from approximately 300 telephone volunteers.

A special mailing piece, announcing Super Sunday, will be sent to every household that will receive a call on Sept.

12.

Larry Friedman is Super Sunday chairman. The committee includes Bob Levy, Ed Greene, Seth Perlmutter, Ben Ruttenberg, Geraldine Foster, Betsy Holland, Alan Kaufman, Claire Ernstof, Howie Ostrowsky, Bruce Holland, Ed Odessa, Gary Licht, Dr. Mort Perel, Joshua Teverow, Stanley Wachtenheim, Charlie Samdperil and Dr. Bob Ducoff.

Over 150 telephone volunteers already have registered.

Free parking at the Biltmore garage is available for all Super Sunday workers and complimentary food and refreshments will be served throughout the day. Volunteers can register by calling Judy at 421-4111.



SUPER SUNDAY TELETHON: A scene from last year's first historic Super Sunday Telethon held at the Biltmore Plaza. This year's telethon will take place Sunday, Sept. 12.

Israeli Perspective On Palestinian Problem To Be Televised On 36

The problem of the Palestinians, their rights as a people for self determination and their claim to a Palestinian state is one of the most volatile issues in the Middle East and one that could ignite World War III, according to Stanley Rosenblatt, a Miami attorney and host of a weekly television series titled "Israeli Diary."

Rosenblatt travelled to Israel recently and interviewed ten Israeli leaders on their viewpoint of the Palestinian situation and the PLO. The interviews will be televised nationally and locally on Channel 36, WSBE-TV on Sept. 6 at 10:30 p.m. in a special version of the series.

The issue is discussed in terms of where the Palestinians belong and what Israel's responsibility is to the 1.3 million refugees.

"To solve the problem a state must be set up in Jordan. They already have a country of their own, said Moshe Arens, Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

But the issue is not that simple. The Palestinians consider the whole of Palestine as sacred Moslem land, said Amnon Rubenstein, Shinui Party leader. The only solution, he contends, is "to divide this divided land. They cannot live together. They do not want to live together," he adds.

The series provides only the Israeli perspective on the problem. Most of those interviewed are opposed to any further division of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In light of the recent announcement by President Reagan proposing full autonomy

to the Palestinians with Jordanian supervision, Geula Cohen, Tehiya Party leader, stands firm that to suggest full autonomy to the West Bank Arabs without Israel as a sovereignty is foolish and a risky step or suggestion. "As long as they do not give up their claim, which is an unjust demand, there will be no peace here," says Cohen.

"Nobody will agree to divide this country again," states Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem.

The special program is well documented and provides not only current interpretations of the Palestinian problem, but the host, as well as interviewees discuss the background and events which have led to the intensity of the Palestinian problem today. The history of the land, those who have ruled and how the region has been divided over the years, serves to give an understanding at the outset of how Israelis have viewed the predicament of the Palestinians.

The importance of the Camp David Accords to achieve a lasting peace is expressed by the majority of those interviewed.

"We paid heavily to get what is written in the accords," says former Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

Other guests on the program include Shimon Peres, chairman of Israel's Labor Party; Chaim Herzog, former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations; Mordechai Gur, former Chief of Staff; and Shmuel Tamir, former Justice Minister.

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Tremendous Tax Break For Self-Employed Taxpayers

by Sylvia Porter

If you're among the huge number of self-employed executives and professionals in the United States, you are getting a tremendous tax break in the new law boosting taxes just signed by the president. You hardly expected this outcome—but with this one change, the law gives you, a self-employed:

TAX EQUALITY. Self-employed taxpayers (and taxpayers who are partners) will be able to put away as many deductible dollars in your retirement plan as corporate employees can. Starting in 1984, the yearly dollar limit on Keogh contributions is the lesser of 25 percent of compensation or \$30,000. The yearly limit consists of deductible contributions (up to 15 percent of earnings), plus forfeitures and certain employee contributions. Until 1984, Keogh contributions are limited to 15 percent of compensation or \$15,000, whichever is less.

PAYOFF: Keogh plans will be a bigger and better tax shelter than ever before, emphasizes Eli Warach, a divisional vice president of Prentice-Hall. The details are vital to you, a self-employed individual.

For instance, say Dr. Black earns \$150,000 a year and has a Keogh plan for himself and his employees. The plan provides for annual contributions equal to 15 percent of each member's earnings.

Before this law, Dr. Black's contribution to his Keogh plan could not exceed \$15,000, even though that is substantially less than 15 percent of his earnings. If the annual return on plan investments was 10 percent, Black had some \$239,000 after 10 years.

But starting in 1984, Black can contribute and deduct \$22,500 to his plan every year (15 percent of earnings). In fact, with forfeitures and voluntary contributions, a full \$30,000 can be contributed each year.

After 10 years, Black's Keogh account shows a balance of some \$478,000 (based on a \$30,000 contribution). That's roughly twice as much as under the old law.

This new tax-increasing law repeals the special rules that govern defined benefit (pension) Keoghs. Starting in 1984, the funding for a defined benefit Keogh can provide an annual retirement benefit of \$90,000 or 100 percent of compensation, whichever is less. Result: a parity between defined-benefit Keoghs and defined-benefit corporate plans. Both will have the same funding limits.

The payoff is that since high-income self-employed individuals are entitled to bigger pensions at retirement, they now can set aside more deductible dollars than ever.

IMPORTANT: If a Keogh plan provides 60 percent or more of its benefits to key employees, it is subject to the same new rules for "top-heavy plans" that apply to corporate plans. Result: Among other things, rank-and-file employees must be provided a minimum benefit.

In the area of casualty and theft-loss deductions, though, the new law did crack down. Only if you have a low income or extremely large theft or casualty losses will you be able to claim a deduction.

Starting next year (1983), you can get a deduction only to the extent your total losses exceed 10 percent of your adjusted gross income for the years. As before, only

losses in excess of \$100 count toward the deduction.

Say Black has two casualty losses of \$2,100 each. His adjusted gross income in 1982 and 1983 is \$40,000 a year.

In 1982, Black deducts \$4,000—his \$4,200 loss less \$100 per casualty.

In 1983, assuming Black has no other losses for '83, he gets no deduction. The \$4,000 is not enough to get him over the 10 percent level (10 percent of his adjusted gross income equals exactly \$4,000).

Look at your homeowner insurance policies and make certain they reflect increased values, urges Prentice-Hall.

Make a new inventory of your assets—jewelry especially—to make sure they are covered against loss. The law doesn't touch individual business casualty loss deductions; they continue to be fully deductible. But you won't be able to pass on much of your loss to the Treasury. Be warned.

Israel Is In Good Economic Shape: Aridor

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel Finance Minister Yoram Aridor told a gathering of prominent Israel Bond leaders that, despite the problems caused by the Lebanese conflict, Israel is in good economic shape and can sustain itself.

"The economy of Israel is basically sound," he said. "Our morale is good, our defense is good and our potential for an even stronger economy is good. We are just the same as we were — one people, one faith, one purpose and one heart that beats in the same place. There is no panic, no rationing."

"Although we have many problems due to the enormous cost of the war and the diversion of manpower from industry and other work sectors to the military, Israel expects to overcome these obstacles in time."

Aridor spoke at a Greater New York leadership luncheon meeting which was held to mobilize Bond monies for Israel's emergency development needs. Thirty top Israel Bond leaders attended the gathering, which resulted in the sale of more than \$3.2 million in Bond subscriptions.

In response to a question on chances for peace now that the conflict in Lebanon is ending, Aridor said: "There is a new sun rising above the Middle East and, for the first time since Camp David, there is a hope for peace. But this will depend on a free Lebanon, without any foreign intervention — no PLO, no Syrians and no Israelis. Without the PLO and its Soviet influence, a peace treaty is possible between Israel and Lebanon and perhaps with other Arab states."

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Legislation to rescind the Most Favored Nation status for Rumania, House Resolution No. 521, introduced by Rep. Robert Dornan (R. Cal.), went to the floor of the House recently. However, the Representatives decided to postpone voting on this bill indefinitely, thus automatically continuing MFN status for Rumania as well as for the People's Republic of China and Hungary for another full year.



NEW LEADERSHIP FOR ISRAEL BONDS held its annual event at Brown University's Faculty Club to stimulate support for Israel's economic development through investment in Israel Bonds. In the foreground, seated, left to right, are Randie Goldman, Audrey Licht and Yvonne Dressler. Standing behind their wives are Robert Goldman, Gary Licht and Sidney Dressler. The Goldmans and Lichts are co-chairmen of the Rhode Island New Leadership Division for State of Israel Bonds. The Dresslers are the past immediate general chairmen of the Rhode Island Israel Bond campaign.



Successful Investing

Replacing Lost Certificates

by David R. Sargent

Q — I have just made a rather startling discovery. Three stock certificates I had set aside to put in a safe deposit box must have gotten mixed up with some junk mail and inadvertently thrown out. Is it possible to have these stocks replaced? If so, can you tell me what procedure to follow? — D.S., California.

A — Replacing lost bond or stock certificates is a costly and time-consuming process, so a thorough and determined search should be conducted before initiating replacement proceedings. Once you have ascertained that the certificates are really missing, you should notify the bond trustee or the stock transfer agent so that a stop can be put on the security to prevent its resale. If you have kept careful records, you will have noted the certificate numbers, which you should pass on to the trustee or agent along with other identifying data.

You will also be required to furnish a perpetual indemnity bond, to protect the company from any losses it might incur should the lost securities turn up later. Such surety bonds are expensive — they typically cost around 4 percent of the certificate's current value. Then you will have to meet certain conditions established by the company, which vary from firm to firm. No corporation likes to reissue stock, and some do their best to discourage replacement until absolutely sure the certificate is lost. If the original should turn up within a year of buying the surety bond, you get back part of the premium; after a year, you will get nothing back.

You may be required to re-register the certificates. If so, the bond trustee or stock transfer agent will also handle this for you. The agent's name and address will appear in the company's annual report.

If certificates are destroyed in a fire or stolen, your insurance policy may cover some of the costs in getting them reissued.

Be sure to check into this if you ever lose any this way.

Keeping track of your certificates can be an inconvenience and an extra worry. However, having them registered in your name rather than a broker's means you receive company notices and dividends directly, and holding the certificates in your possession (a bank safe deposit box is highly recommended) means they are available for use as loan collateral, for instance. It also means you must deliver them to your broker when you want to sell. If they have not been endorsed, however, they cannot change hands. If you send certificates through the mail, send a signed stock power separately.

"Gesher" Now Available; Many Topics Addressed

Such varied subjects as the Marxist attitude toward Zionism, the work of the Peter Bergson group in the United States during World War II, capital punishment, and use of horseradish on Passover are discussed by 11 noted Orthodox scholars in the new issue of *Gesher*.

A journal of Orthodox Jewish scholarship, *Gesher* is published by the Student Organization of the Yeshiva University-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Echanan Theological Seminary (RIETS). The writers of articles are past and present faculty members, alumni, and students of Yeshiva University. Editors and staff members of *Gesher* are students at RIETS.

Copies of the latest issue of *Gesher* are available for \$5. The editors of the publication note, however, that "costs have increased dramatically, and we have grown to depend on donations above this amount to insure the journal's continued publication."

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Forum On Lebanon, Israel To Feature Local Leaders, Israeli Ambassador



DR. BRUNO BORENSTEIN

Several major Jewish organizations in Rhode Island will co-sponsor two public information meetings about Israel and Lebanon.

The first update will take place at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, for Cranston and South County residents. Guest presenters will include the Reverend Edward H. Flannery of the Catholic Diocese Office, Continuing Education for the Clergy of Our Lady of Providence Seminary; Providence Attorney Norman Orodener, who recently visited Lebanon; Captain Daniel Charney of the Israeli Defense Forces and Mrs. Esther Resnik, vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode

Island. The moderator will be Dr. Bruno Borenstein, chairman of the Israel Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The second meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, in the auditorium of Temple Emanu-El for Greater Providence residents.

Guest presenters will include Norman Tilles, chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council, who has recently returned from a visit to Israel and Lebanon; Ambassador Arie Eilan of Israel and Charles Samdperil, vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and moderator Dr. Bruno Borenstein.

A question - answer period will follow the presentations at both locations. There is no admission charge and there will be no solicitation of funds.

Sponsoring organizations are the Israel Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Rhode Island in cooperation with the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, the Rhode Island and South Eastern New England Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and Temple Emanu-El in Providence and Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

Further information about these programs may be obtained by calling 421-4111.



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El Al Decision Expected To Create High Losses For Workers, Economy

TEL AVIV — Four demonstrators were injured and eight arrested in scuffles with the police following a Cabinet decision to ground El Al, the national Israeli airline on the Sabbath and holidays in an 11 to 10 decision by the Parliamentary Finance Committee.

The decision by the government is expected to cost hundreds of employees their jobs and to cut the earnings of maintenance workers who have been paid more than triple pay in overtime for Sabbath work.

The economy as a whole will lose \$150 million a year and a direct loss of \$40 million will be suffered by the company.

Main losses will be seen in charter flights by European pilgrims and tourists. They had been able to spend more time in Israel by flying on Saturdays, without having to interfere with their working days.

The policy is not expected to affect service between the United States and Israel. Some of the country's most powerful

Jewish Leaders Meet With Shultz

NEW YORK (JTA) — A delegation of Jewish leaders who met with Secretary of State George Shultz and members of his staff for more than two hours in Washington last Thursday afternoon urged the United States to influence Jordan to join the Middle East peace process and to help "find Palestinians who represent their people" to negotiate with Israel.

Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of President of Major American Jewish Organizations, who headed the 13-member delegation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Shultz was most interested in hearing the views of the Jewish leaders.

"We made it clear to him that the PLO had been destroyed not only militarily but politically as well," Berman said. "We stressed that it is important that the PLO will not be dealt with in any way."

labor committees, representing workers in power plants, the shipping industry, airports and other sensitive areas, conferred at Ben-Gurion International airport with El Al workers' committees Thursday to coordinate a response to the decision. No action was taken.

Hundreds of demonstrators, stood their grounds as riot policemen arrived with a water cannon. A seven-hour standoff resulted, until police and union representatives finally agreed to end the confrontation. The eight arrested were released and Transport Minister Haim Corfu, who arrived to talk with El Al's board of directors, left surrounded by trade union representatives.

Workers went to the Supreme Court in Jerusalem to invoke a law that Government corporations must act in accordance with business principles unless the Cabinet and the Parliamentary Finance Committee approved different guidelines. El Al is state-owned.



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Shamir To Address UN

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel will arrive in New York at the end of next month to attend the 37th session of the UN General Assembly, the JTA has learned. Shamir is scheduled to address the Assembly on September 30, two days after his arrival here.

During his visit in New York, Shamir is expected to meet with various delegates and Foreign Ministers who will be here for the Assembly session, which officially opens September 21.

Diplomats at the UN predicted that Israel is going to face a "very tough" campaign against it, even tougher than in previous years in view of the war in Lebanon and the continuing occupation of part of Lebanon by Israeli forces. In that context, diplomats said, the Arabs are probably going to demand the suspension of Israel's credentials to the Assembly and would press

for Security Council meetings to seek sanctions against Israel.

According to some diplomats, the Arab anti-Israeli offensive at the UN this fall will be even more "ferocious" than in the past because the Arab countries will want to cover up for their failure to assist the PLO in its war with Israel in Lebanon.

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Poll Finds American Attitudes Unchanged

NEW YORK — American attitudes toward Israel have changed very little in the past year despite the misgivings Americans have expressed on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

This is a major conclusion of an analysis by the American Jewish Committee of a poll conducted for Newsweek Magazine by the Gallup Organization and reported in the Aug. 16 issue of Newsweek. The analysis was done by Geraldine Rosenfield of AJC's Information and Research Department.

The poll, which was based on telephone interviews with 752 adults on Aug. four and five, contained three questions whose answers were compared with answers to the same questions in a survey conducted a year ago.

When asked if they had become more sympathetic or less sympathetic to Israel in the past year, 32 percent of the respondents in the current poll said they were more sympathetic, an increase of 3 percent over the 1981 poll. Those who said they were less sympathetic to Israel totaled 41 percent in the current poll, an increase of 3 percent over the 1981 poll. Those who said they were less sympathetic to Israel totaled 41 percent in the current poll, an increase of 4 percent over 1981.

Commenting on these figures, Rosenfield noted that "the small percentages who moved from one attitude to another would seem to cancel each other out, indicating that actually very little change in people's sympathies had occurred, notwithstanding the Lebanese action."

A similar question was asked concerning attitudes toward the Palestinians. In the current poll, 28 percent of the

respondents stated they were more sympathetic to the Palestinian position than they had been a year before. This was an increase of 6 percent over the 1981 poll. At the same time, 40 percent of the current poll stated that they were less sympathetic to the Palestinians, an increase of 4 percent over 1981.

Rosenfield, in her analysis, pointed once again to the fact that these small percentage changes indicated that people's attitudes had not changed very much. She noted, however, that "Americans, by a plurality of 40 over 28 percent, are not sympathetic to the Palestinian position."

The third question in which a comparison was made with the 1981 responses had to do with whether or not the United States should favor a Palestinian state. In the current poll, 37 percent of respondents said yes, and 45 percent said no. This represented an increase of 6 percent for those who believed in favoring a Palestinian state, and an increase of 1 percent for those who were against it. The AJC analysis noted that despite a somewhat greater increase in the yes votes, "those who say no exceed those who say yes by 8 percent."

Two questions directly related to the current situation in Lebanon were juxtaposed in the current poll, and elicited what would appear to be some conflicting responses.

In answer to a question as to whether they approved or disapproved of Israel's sending its military forces into Lebanon, 60 percent of the respondents said they disapproved, while 30 percent approved, and 10 percent said they did not know.

However, when asked if the Israelis were justified in sending troops into Lebanon to stop the rocket attacks on Israeli settlements and to remove PLO forces from Lebanon, 47 percent of respondents said they were justified, and 41 percent said they were not. "One must assume," Rosenfield stated, "that 13 percent of those who disapproved of Israel's military action in Lebanon nevertheless considered it justified."

Another question in the poll asked what the United States should do concerning the Israeli incursion into Lebanon, and gave a choice of six possible actions. Twenty-seven percent of respondents opted to suspend military aid to Israel for the time being; 16 percent voted to support Israel's actions; another 16 percent voted to support Israel's actions; another 16 percent would pressure the Israelis diplomatically; and still another 16 percent would permanently cut off aid to Israel.

Rosenfield noted that recent press reports on these figures had lumped together the 27 percent that wanted to suspend military aid for the time being and the 16 percent that wanted to cut it off permanently, and has stated that "43 percent felt the US should suspend or cut off military aid to Israel." She stated that the use of the 43 percent figure was "misleading."

The final question in the poll asked whether the United States should talk directly to the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. Of the respondents, 48 percent said yes, 42 percent said no, and 10 percent did not know.

A.I.D. Airlifts Medical Supplies To Lebanese

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States Agency for International Development (AID) two weeks ago airlifted 85,000 pounds of emergency medical supplies from JFK Airport in New York to aid the sick and wounded in Lebanon, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed last week.

AID administrator Peter McPherson said the supplies, valued at almost \$1 million, were collected by Operation California, an American private voluntary agency, based in Beverly Hills.

The supplies were airlifted from JFK Airport to Cyprus from which they were transported to Lebanon by ship. In Lebanon, the supplies will be distributed to medical centers through the Lebanese Red Cross, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and the Middle East Council of Churches.

McPherson, President Reagan's personal representative for all U.S. government assistance to Lebanon, said AID provided the \$95,000 to finance the airlift at the request of the Council of Churches. He noted that last month, AID provided \$660,000 for medical supplies airlifted from the United States to the medical center of the American University at Beirut.

McPherson completed a fact-finding tour of Lebanon in July. After his return, he sent a three-member AID team to Lebanon to conduct a three-week survey of rehabilitation needs in southern Lebanon. The team recently returned to Washington and its recommendations are under review.

To date, the United States government has committed or requested \$65 million for the relief and reconstruction effort in Lebanon.

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UNESCO Resolutions, Attempt To 'Rewrite The History' Of Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — The B'nai B'rith International condemned resolutions passed recently in Mexico City at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) conference on cultural policies which attempt to "rewrite the history" of Israel and foster totalitarian control over culture.

Philip Lax, chairman of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, who headed the organization's delegation to the conference, said at a press conference here that the resolutions "encourage states to sanction a single culture, denying all others any right to exist, much less thrive."

He noted that two of the resolutions adopted were inspired by the Palestine Liberation Organization. One of the resolutions, Lax said, equates Zionism with racism and the other calls on UNESCO to assist the PLO, "an organization committed to the destruction of a member of the United Nations (Israel), in inventing a cultural history of the Palestinian people."

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Over 150 fashion buyers from countries throughout the world, but mainly from Britain and continental Europe, have gathered at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel for Israel's fashion week. On display are a variety of fashions for the summer season of 1983. Fashion Week organizers report that "satisfactory" sales were effected on opening day, Monday.

That history, Lax added, would transfer part of the heritage of the Jewish people to the Palestinian Arabs, thus ignoring the Bible and a 4,000 year historical record which indicates that the Arabs came to the area in the seventh century.

"It is quite clear that a Palestinian consciousness has emerged in recent years," Lax said. "But the PLO seeks to give that consciousness an exclusive pedigree by ignoring Jewish roots."

"It attempts to give Palestinians the cultural achievements of practically every other people who have inhabited the eastern shore of the Mediterranean, including prehistoric, Amorite, Canaanite, Phoenician, Egyptian, Philistine, Hebrew, Aramean, Greek, Roman and Christian," The B'nai B'rith leader said that "nowhere does the PLO mention that the only national culture in Palestine over the last 4,000 years has been Jewish."

The B'nai B'rith delegation warned at the beginning of the conference that the PLO might attempt to deny or falsify Jewish history. It cited a statement by PLO chief Yasir Arafat in 1980, at the last UNESCO general conference, in which he transformed St. Paul from a Jew from Tarsus into a Palestinian Arab.

"In cynical disrespect of the intellectual integrity of the delegation assembled, the PLO is now seeking to expand this fraud to cover all of recorded history," Lax said. "This cultural scavenging is particularly distressing because it will become a

reference in the future."

In equating Zionism with colonialism and racial discrimination, Lax said, a UNESCO conference has "for the first time sanctioned the promulgation of a lie." The PLO-inspired resolutions and other resolutions which called on UNESCO to "propagate" culture and for states to control "cultural activities" were opposed by the United States and other democratic countries. They were approved, however, by the majority of Soviet, Arab and Third world countries.

Spain Grants Naturalization Privileges

LONDON (JTA) — A change in provisions regarding acquisition of citizenship in Spain, approved unanimously by the Congress of Deputies, grants special privileges to Sephardic Jews, it was reported here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs (IJA), the research arm of the World Jewish Congress. The bill now goes before Spain's Senate.

According to the IJA, the new legislation would significantly ease residence requirements of Sephardic Jews for naturalization. The IJA noted that "the proposed measure is regarded not only as a recognition of the connection of the Sephardic with Spain but also as an act of reparation for the wrongs of 1492," the year of Jewish expulsion from Spain.

At present, the Spanish civil code stipulates a 10-year residence requirement for naturalization. The proposed amendment, however, states: "Two years will suffice in the case of nationals of Latin American countries, Andorra, Philippines, Equatorial Guinea or in the case of Sephardim who are able to produce proof of their status." A certificate of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Spain, member community of the WJC, will be sufficient to prove Sephardic status.

The actual impact of this amendment on the numbers of Sephardic Jews who would benefit will probably not be very great. Most Sephardic Jews residing in Spain, who came from French or Spanish Morocco, or Tangiers, have been residents in Spain for more than 10 years and mostly have already acquired Spanish citizenship.



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Obituaries

CELIA ROBINSON

PROVIDENCE — Celia Robinson, 86, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died last Friday, August 27, in Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Ira Robinson.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Hessen, she lived in Providence since she was 13.

Mrs. Robinson was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Miriam Hospital Ladies Association.

She leaves two sons, Harold Robinson of Warwick and Albert Robinson of Long Island, N.Y.; a daughter, Mrs. David Field of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. George Jaffe of Long Island; two brothers, Louis Hassen of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Samuel Hassen of Long Island; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

ABRAHAM R. SILVERMAN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Abraham R. "Bob" Silverman of 300 E. Shore Circle died last Friday in the Charlesgate Nursing Center. He was the husband of Mary (Kopit) Silverman.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Nathan and Lena Silverman and lived in East Providence since 1977.

Silverman was a shoe merchant in Providence until he moved to Dudley, Mass., in 1935. He then owned Bob-Gilbert Shoe Stores in Webster, Southbridge and Worcester, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Dudley Lodge of Masons.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Selma "Honey" Silverstein of Providence; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Alpert of Fall River, Mass.; a brother, Max Silverman of Longboat Key, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

HAROLD L. BLOOMINGBURG

NASHUA, N.H. — Harold L. Bloomingburg, 76, of 54 Farmwood Dr., died last Saturday at Nashua Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Esther M. (Donly) Bloomingburg.

Born in Providence, he served in the Warwick Police Dept. for several years before being appointed to the R.I. State Police. He retired 14 years ago.

He was a son of the late Charles A. and Nellie J. (Corbin) Bloomingburg and resided most of his life in Warwick.

Bloomingburg was a member of Rising Sun Lodge 39, F & AM, all Scottish Rite bodies, was a 32nd degree Mason, member of Bektash Temple AAONMS of Concord, N.H.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Otto Bloomingburg of Ashaway; five daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Maloney of Tampa, Fla., Jane Bloomingburg of Newton, Mass., Mrs. Sandra English of Nashua, N.H., Mrs. Thelma Shaw of Attleboro, Mass., and Mrs. Suzanne Shelby of Greenfield, Ind.; two brothers, Charles Bloomingburg of Providence and Edward Bloomingburg of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Lindell of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Alice Gavett of Warwick, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the Farwell Funeral Home, 18 Lock St. Cremation followed.

CHARLOTTE SEEFER

PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Charlotte "Minnie" Seefe, 84, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Tuesday in Miriam Hospital. Her husband, the late Joseph "Jake" Seefe, was manager of the old Narragansett Hotel for many years, and Mrs. Seefe was office manager there for some 10 years.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Pincus and Betty (Aratz) Siegal. She was a 1915 graduate of the old English High School.

An organizer and first president of Roger Williams Chapter, B'nai B'rith, the state House of Representatives cited her in 1977 for her "outstanding and dedicated work for B'nai B'rith and our community."

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood and Providence chapter of Hadassah, and a life member of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was also a past board member of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

A past president and life member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, and formerly on the hospital corporation and president's advisory council, she was also a past president of the Young Women's Hebrew Association and the Jewish Community Center's Women's Association. From 1941-46 she served at the Red Cross Canteen & Warning Center.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Gerstenblatt of East Providence.

The funeral service was held this morning at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park.

MACK FORMAN

PROVIDENCE — Mack Forman, 87, of 757 Elmgrove Ave., owner and chairman of the board of the Marathon Co. in Attleboro for 29 years, died Wednesday at home. He was the husband of Sylvia (Rosen) Forman.

Forman's long association with the jewelry manufacturing firm began in 1912 when he joined it as a salesman.

A son of the late Louis and Rose Forman, he was a New York City native who lived in Providence most of his life.

He was a founding member of Temple Beth-El, a life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Community Center and Miriam Hospital.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Roy Forman of Providence; two daughters, Mrs. Audrey Robbins of Providence and Mrs. Jill Starr of Weston, Mass.; a brother, Sol Forman in New York; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held today in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Burial was in Sons of David & Israel Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

Shiva will be observed at his late residence on Friday 2-4 p.m., Saturday 7-9 p.m., and Sunday 2-4 p.m.

FANNIE NEEDLE

PAWTUCKET — Fannie Needle, 85, of 129 Irving Ave., Providence, died Sunday at the Oak Hill Nursing Home. She was the widow of Harry Needle.

A daughter of the late Samuel and Rosa Marks, she lived in Providence for 20 years.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann Dies; Zionist Statesman And Leader

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Zionist statesman and frequent critic of Israeli government policy, died of a viral infection Sunday night in Bad Reichenhall, West Germany. He was 87.

Dr. Goldmann was Founder President of the World Jewish Congress and president of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany and Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Diaspora.

He was prominent in Jewish community life since 1927, when he was first elected as member of the Zionist Actions Committee and served as one of the members of the Political Commission which negotiated with the MacDonald Government after the publication of the Passfield White Paper by Great Britain.

In 1933 he was elected Acting Chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee. A member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in 1935, he was its representative at the League of Nations in Geneva.

At the Plenary Session of the Zionist Executive in May 1949 in Jerusalem, Dr. Goldmann was elected chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency. Two years later, at the 1951 Zionist Congress, he became one of two chairmen of the Zionist Executive. He was elected President of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization at the 24th Zionist Congress in April 1956, and was re-elected in 1961 and 1965. He retired from this office in June 1968 at the 27th Zionist Congress.

Organizer of the first World Jewish Conference in Geneva in 1932, Dr. Goldmann later became president of

the Committee of Jewish Delegations in Paris. When the first World Jewish Congress was established in 1936, he became chairman of its Executive. Early in May 1949 he was elected acting president and in 1953, at the third Plenary Session, he was made president of the WJC, a post he held until Nov. 1977.

As president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany and chairman of the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, Dr. Goldmann conducted negotiations with the West German and Austrian governments. The Luxembourg agreement of Sept. 1952 led to the German restitution and indemnification laws by which survivors of Nazism and the State of Israel received hundreds of millions of dollars. Dr. Goldmann initiated the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture to carry on the work of the Claims Conference in the up-building of Jewish communal and cultural work, particularly among communities destroyed during the Second World War.

Born in Luthuania, Goldmann moved to Germany with his family at age 2, and became a publisher of Jewish books, including the *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. He was educated at Frankfurt-am-Main and studied at the universities of Heidelberg, Marburg and Berlin.

Dr. Goldmann remained active in politics until his death. He condemned Israel's June 6 invasion of Lebanon and called for Palestinian-Israeli co-existence.

His body was flown from Europe to Israel earlier this week for burial Thursday on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Kreisky Accuses Israel Of 'Crimes'

BONN — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria wrote last week in a West German magazine article that Israel had committed "gigantic crimes" in its invasion of Lebanon.

The Chancellor said the war has cost Israel all the sympathy and support which it had received in past decades. "I want nothing more to do with this Israel," Kreisky wrote in the weekly magazine *Stern*. "Israel stands morally naked. Its leaders have shown their true face."

Kreisky said it was tragic that it had taken the war in Lebanon to gain for the Palestine Liberation Organization the recognition denied it in peace.

"If the Palestinians are clever they will keep clear of any kind of terror," said the Chancellor.

As the first Western leader to recognize the PLO, Kreisky said that the Palestinians must retain the sympathy they won in these recent weeks.

The Chancellor added that as someone who lost his closest relatives to the Nazis in the Hitler era, he could not be accused by anyone as being anti-Semitic. "At the most, one can accuse me of not being a Zionist," he wrote.

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SARAH BLANCK

RIVERDALE, N.Y. — Sarah Blanck, 87, a patient at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center here died Tuesday. She was the widow of Harry Blanck.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Simon and Rose Shulman. She lived in Providence for 75 years before moving to New York 2½ years ago.

Mrs. Blanck was a member of Hadassah and the Pioneer Women.

She is survived by two sons, Albert Blanck of Roslyn, N.Y., and Semon Blanck of Warwick; a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Weinstein of East Orange, N.J.; a sister, Etta Lightman of Wisconsin; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BARRY NEWMAN

ATTLEBORO, Ma. — Barry Newman, 45, of 84 Seaview Ave., Pawtuxet Cove, died Tuesday, August 24, at Sturdy Hospital.

A son of Mimi (Kaplan) and the late Barney Newman, he was a manufacturer of costume jewelry.

Besides his mother he leaves two sons, Jeffrey and Paul Newman of Pawtuxet; a brother, Morton Newman of Newton, Mass. and a sister, Linda Newman of Miami, Fla.

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Rebbe Dies At 86

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Eliezer Portugal, the rebbe of the Skullener Hasidim, who was repeatedly imprisoned in his native Rumania for helping hundreds of Jews to emigrate to Israel, died in Brooklyn Wednesday, August 18 at the age of 86. His body was temporarily buried in Brooklyn pending transfer to Israel for permanent interment.

Rabbi Harry Bronstein, who had worked with Portugal for many years, said the late rebbe was "non-political" in regard to Zionism and had founded more than 30 institutions in Israel to help Jews from Eastern Europe adjust to their new lives in Israel. Most of the mourners consider themselves non-Zionist.

Portugal is survived by a son, Rabbi Israel Portugal, who was named the new Skullener rebbe in his father's will read at the funeral service.

Technion Findings Challenge Benefits Of Exercise

HAIFA — In findings that challenge conventional wisdom on exercise and health, researchers at the Technion's Department of Biology have found that mild exercise — the rough equivalent of jogging — can cause damage to muscles, reduce efficiency and protection of body cells, and put undue pressures on kidneys.

While the tests showed exercise to have a positive effect on muscles of young animals, it caused considerable damage to those past middle age. Results for middle-aged muscles and enzymes were mixed, depending on the individual.

Prof. David Gershon, head of the research team and dean of the Technion Department of Biology, emphasized that the experiments were carried out on laboratory mice, and not humans. But he added that the results should not be ignored in relation to human beings.

"We would like to bring these results to the attention of doctors and other researchers. Our findings question the prevailing dogma that exercise is good under any conditions, at any time, especially strenuous exercise. One should be careful," said Gershon. "It should be carefully looked into."

In the Technion experiment, young mice (6 months old) — the human age equivalent of 20-30 years — and old ones (27 months) — the equivalent of 70 to 80 human years — as well as a middle group of mice with an age equivalent to 50-60 human years, were subjected to controlled daily physical training in a specially designed treadmill that

caused all the mice to keep moving at the same speed in order to maintain their balance. They ran 30 minutes a day, for a period of 5 weeks.

During the experiments, the researchers measured certain parameters, such as body weight and hind leg muscle weights.

"These are indications of adaptation to the exercise," explains Dr. Abraham Reznick of the Dept. of Biology. "We see an interesting phenomenon in mild training. Body weight did not change much, indicating that our training was indeed mild and did not 'squeeze' the fats out of these animals. But the muscles of the young animals went up in weight almost 30 percent. In the old animals, muscle weight was reduced by 25 percent over the same period."

In the 'middle-aged' group, results were mixed, according to individual.

The team also investigated enzymes, proteins that catalyze biochemical reactions in the cell. Two types of enzymes were looked at: in the trained muscles, those that participate in the cells' energy production system; and others that help provide protection against damages caused by oxygen.

"When we exercise, we use a lot of oxygen. The by-products of this oxygen are very damaging to the tissues and the cells. In the body, there are enzymes that protect against this damage," explained Dr. Reznick. "We checked how the enzymes work in relation to age and exercise. We wanted to see if physical exercise would affect those enzymes — increase their level of activity or reduce them, as a result of training."

The results were similar to those on the muscles: in the young animals, the enzymes' activity levels were up some 30 to 40 percent over the pre-training level. In the intermediate group, the effect again was mixed.

"Our laboratory conditions — roughly equivalent to light jogging, were not strenuous," said Dr. Reznick. "The fact that body weight has not changed, proves this. We also began the training slowly, building up gradually, so as not to break down the animals' systems. Our findings mean there is a certain age in life that is a threshold beyond which the body cannot support exercise — it will break down the system faster."

The findings were further backed-up by complementary experiments performed by Prof. Michael Silberman of the Technion Faculty of Medicine-Department of Morphological Science. The medical researchers took samples of the animals' muscles and also of control groups (that did not exercise) and examined them, using advanced microscopy techniques. They verified the biologists' results:

"Obviously, young animals could build up new muscle fiber, but in the old ones, we observed breakdown and significant damages to muscles fibers," said Dr. Reznick.

Prof. Silberman also noticed an effect on the kidneys, which function to cleanse the blood. "Exercise increases the blood flow rate, and can build pressure on the kidneys," explained Dr. Gershon. The researchers found damages in the kidneys of the old

group.

The mixed results in the middle age group made it difficult to tell whether the exercise was beneficial or detrimental. It apparently is linked to personal differences. And further research over longer periods has shown that it could also be linked to whether the subject had started to exercise at a young age or not — laboratory mice which began their exercise in the equivalent of youth, and continued to middle age, showed positive results, the researchers said.

"Preliminary results show that young animals, started at a very young age, are very well-adapted, with enzyme levels higher than control animals of same age," said Prof. Gershon.

The researchers have previously published professional papers on the subject of aging. The latest paper "The Effect of Exercise on Enzyme Activities in Cardiac Muscles of Mice of Various Ages" has been accepted for publication in the journal *BIOCHEMICAL MEDICINE*. Participating in the project were Prof. David Gershon and Dr. Abraham Reznick of the Technion Department of Biology; Prof. Michael Silberman, Dr. Ray Coleman and Dr. Sara Finkelbrand, of the Department of Morphological Sciences of the Technion Faculty of Medicine, and Dr. E. Steinhagen-Thiesen of the Medical Clinic, University Hospital, Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany. The research was supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the Pinhas Sapir Fund of Israel Mifal Hapayis.

Synagogue Cemetery Board Admits Charges For Funerals Are High

VANCOUVER (JTA) — The pricing practices for funerals of a Vancouver synagogue, which purportedly has a monopoly on Jewish funerals in Vancouver, may come under provincial investigation, according to a sociology professor at the University of British Columbia.

Prof. Werner Cohn said, in a complaint to Michael Hanson, Director of Trade Practices in Victoria, the provincial capital, that immediately upon bereavement, a Jewish widow in Vancouver must sign an "unconscionable" contract to get a funeral for her husband.

Cohn said the contract obligates the signer to pay whatever charge the cemetery board of Schara Tzedek decides on after the funeral has taken place. The bereaved person, on signing, knows only that there is a maximum charge of \$7,500. Cohn said that the practice amounted to a requirement to sign a blank check. Cohn said his complaint invoked the Trade Practices Act under which Hanson can investigate and force changes in consumer transactions.

Jack Diamond, chairman of the cemetery board for the past 42 years, told the Vancouver "Sun" that the complaint was factually correct but contended that "our volume is small and we have a lot of upkeep" in maintaining the cemetery.

Cohn said there are about 75 Jewish funerals a year in Vancouver. Under Jewish religious law, the body must be washed ritually by the Chevra Kadisha and two of its members sit with the body until the time of the funeral. They are paid fees, Diamond said. Diamond said no person has ever been charged the maximum

\$7,500. He said the average cost in 1981 was \$2,600. He said the highest fee was \$5,000. He said when a poor Jew died, there was no charge and that when a rich Jew died, the charge was a little higher than the average.

The board's decision to require an approved contract developed from loss by the synagogue of a civil action in 1952 when the Royal Trust Co. protested a \$3,000 funeral charge to the estate of a Jennie McIntyre, Diamond said.

It was argued at the trial which followed that Mrs. McIntyre, who had been born Jewish, had not led a particularly Jewish life. Diamond said the estate was accordingly billed extra for her funeral. The courts ruled that, in the absence of a contract, the charges were excessive and reduced the fee to \$400.

The congregation then drew up a contract form, which provides that a fee cannot be more than \$7,500 but sets no minimum Cohen said.

Authorities Seek Source Of Reprint Of 'Mein Kampf'

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Belgian authorities were reported last week to be seeking to learn the identity of the publisher of a reprint of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* to determine whether the republication is a violation of Belgian law.

Dries van Agt, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said in The Hague that he had asked the Dutch Embassy in Brussels to check reports the Hitler opus had been reprinted in Belgium and was on sale in supermarkets in Flanders in Belgium. A reprint was confiscated in The Netherlands in 1974 on grounds that material advocating racism and xenophobia was illegal.

Dutch authorities were reported to be afraid that the reprints, believed to be on sale in Flemish Belgium, might get into the Netherlands.

Anti-Semitic and racist materials are violations of Belgian law but Belgian Justice Ministry sources said the publisher could argue that *Mein Kampf* was of great historical value, and that he had issued the reprint for that reason.

The sources said that a decision on whether to prosecute the publisher would have to come from the prosecutor of the area where the book was on sale or where it was printed, the latter being the reason for the search for the publisher.

U.S.-Born Black Basketball Player Converts To Judaism

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the second time in three years, the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team has experienced the conversion of an American-born Black player. Earl Williams, formerly a member of the Detroit Pistons, arrived last week in Israel and told the press he had become a member of the Jewish faith and had taken as his Jewish name Eliezer Ben Abraham.

In 1978, Aulcie Perry, a player from New York, who had played for several years with the Maccabi team, became a convert after study with a Beth Din (rabbinical court) in Brooklyn, headed by a Rabbi Chaim Rabinowitz. Perry's conversion became a hot religious and athletic issue when the validity of that conversion was challenged by two major American Orthodox rabbinical organizations.

The dispute led to warnings from the Agudat Israel that it might leave Premier Menachem Begin's coalition if Perry's naturalization certification was not rescinded by the Interior Ministry, controlled by another coalition partner, the National Religious party.

The athletic-related issue arose from a rule that each team in the Israeli National Basketball League (NBL) may bring in one non-Israeli player of Jewish birth and one of non-Jewish birth. When a non-Israeli player of non-Jewish birth, as in the case of Perry, became a convert, his action made room for acceptance by an NBL team of another non-Israeli player, in Perry's case, an opening on the Maccabi Tel Aviv team.

The Tel Aviv team thereupon imported Williams, who has since been a star player. Israeli sports experts said they had assumed that now that Williams has con-

verted to Judaism, he leaves a spot on the team for a non-Jewish player. In fact, Williams' conversion left an opening which was filled by Jack Zimmerman, who was graduated from Dayton (Ohio) University and played international contests with the Maccabi Tel Aviv team last season.

Israeli cage teams also may, for international competition, add a player who need not be Jewish. But he can play only in international contests, not in local ones.

Williams has turned out surprisingly to be a highly aggressive player, whose tactics have offended many Israeli cage fans. Williams has a tendency to bait opposition players. Some of the more mild-mannered Tel Aviv fans find such tactics contrary to their ideas of "smart basketball."

In an international game last year, with a leading team in Greece, Williams struck an opposition player, touching off a riot that involved the whole Maccabi squad.

Williams' aggressive style, both on and off the court, has surprised former NBL coaches who have had the opportunity to work with the new convert and who are startled to learn about his conversion. "This can't be the Earl Williams I used to know when I was affiliated with the Detroit Pistons during Williams' stay there," said one former assistant coach. "It just doesn't sit right with me."

Sports observers noted with interest that the Maccabi five not only lead the NBL every season but also have managed to lead the League in conversions of non-Jewish players. There is a third convert, Jim Boatwright, a former Mormon from Utah.

Saudis Will Not Submit Peace Plan

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said that his country will not submit "any specific proposal or an idea" at an Arab summit conference scheduled to take place in Fez Morocco and that Arab nations must unite to use "all possible means" against Israel, according to the official Saudi press agency.

The King said that Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations will use every means to regain their rights, territories and sovereignty from Israel and confront Israel in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

An Arab summit conference in Fez was scheduled to take place in November, but was boycotted by Syria and other hard-line Arab countries who supported a Saudi peace plan.

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Israeli Pilot Shares His Story Regarding Bombings Of Beirut

JERUSALEM — A pilot who participated in the bombing of Beirut said last week that great care was taken to avoid civilian casualties.

The pilot, who wished to remain anonymous, did not deny that some civilians could not be spared, but wondered whether blame was being assigned fairly. Hearing charges of indiscriminate bombing, the 34-year-old major sought to voice his opinions about how the bombing missions were selected, how targets were assigned and how results were assessed.

"I feel everyone, including some in Israel, are blaming us about being cruel or inhuman," the major said, "but how about the quality of the PLO and their inhumanity? I'd prefer they sat in the Bekaa Valley and that we bombed them there, but they concentrated in Beirut."

According to the major, pilots were briefed for at least a half-hour before each mission. Targets were assigned by headquarters and selected through aerial

photography or intelligence or both. Planes dived at about 400 miles per hour and when the targets were found, bombs were released one at a time and pilots hit their intended marks.

"You see them as civilian targets," the major said. "I see them as military targets."

"And it's not fair to ask only about their civilians," he said. "Most of our soldiers are civilians," or reservists, as he said he was.

"No one likes to bomb civilians, and we aimed at no civilian targets. We went where the PLO took their guns, and they sat behind the civilians' backs," he said.

The Israeli pilot said he believed that in order to achieve peace, sometimes you have to fight. He used the American examples of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to illustrate his point of sometimes having to achieve an end through war.

The Israeli bombing, he said, "created a situation where they left Beirut — it achieved results and won the war."

Study Analyzes Yeshiva Role In Orthodoxy

NEW YORK (JTA) — Some 9,000 young American Jews above the age of 18 are studying Talmudic lore full-time in yeshivas, described in a new study as the oldest functioning educational institution in Western civilization.

According to William Helmreich's "The World of the Yeshiva," that institution, as the central instrument for the transmission of Jewish culture, is an essential key to understanding the survival of Jews despite centuries of persecution.

According to the study by Helmreich, who is professor of sociology and Jewish studies at City College of New York, thousands of young American Jews have attended yeshivas over the past years. Many of them have become doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists and professionals in other fields but, Helmreich contends, the years they spent in daily study of Talmudic texts have had a profound effect on their lives. He also reported that many previously uncommitted Jews are now enrolling in yeshivas.

Sociologists have predicted that Orthodox Judaism would fade in the United States as Jews became acculturated.

Teens Anxious About Sexual Activity

NEW YORK — No matter how little or how much sexual activity Jewish teens engage in, they are full of anxieties about this area of their lives, according to a recently-published study co-authored by Dr. Lewis C. Chartock, a resident of Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y., and professor of social work at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work in New York City.

Investigating the relationship between teens and staff at selected Jewish community centers in this country and Canada, the "Study of Adolescent Sexuality" found that "despite the generally high regard in which center

staff are held, teens are going elsewhere to discuss . . . their sexuality."

The study, a joint research project of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago and the Florence G. Heller-JWB Research Center in New York City, indicates that this gap in communication presents a challenging opportunity to center administrators.

Dr. S. Morton Altman, Martha Chernov and Bruce Modschain, all of Chicago, were co-authors with Dr. Chartock. They question whether the centers are "really serving the teens of the Jewish community if we perpetuate such partializing of their needs and concerns."

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