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These Brothers Span Three Generations

By Frances Segerson

Walter Shwartz, 54, Dave Hochman, 28, and Charlie Tippe, 11, make up a strange-sounding family. But they are, in fact, three generations.

This family began when Dave was 7. His father had died when he was six, and a year later his mother noticed he was having some problems with school. Through Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Walter and Dave got together, and they've been hanging around for something like 21 years now.

A few years ago, Dave says, "I felt it was my turn to do something for someone, so I went to Big Brothers. Within two weeks they had a match, so I went over to Charlie's house."

Charlie, whose parents are divorced, is still a little shy at 11. Just as he's embarrassed about the girl he met at Camp Jori last summer, he's also too embarrassed to say too much about his relationship with Dave. He does, however, say that his older sister doesn't like it much when he gets to go with Dave to Rocky Point for the Big Brothers' summer outing.

Walter works at United Camera in Providence, and Dave is with the Community Development office for the city of Providence. Charlie is in sixth grade, and asked if he wants to go to college, Charlie says "I think so." Pressed further as to what he wants to be, Charlie says "A doctor or a guy like Starsky and Hutch."

Walter's relationship with Dave began just a couple of years after Big Brothers in Rhode Island began. Dave remembers that as a time when Wally Cox was a popular television personality. "My mother said that Wally was coming over, so I assumed that I would meet Wally

Cox at the door."

Both agree that sports was among their major pastimes. According to Walter it became "like an uncle and nephew relationship, only closer." The two would, in fact, get together with other uncles and nephews for outings. They would enjoy the YMCA, where Walter was a member, and the gym at Butler Center, which Big Brothers had for its use.

"I wasn't the best student in the world," and Wally and I would sit down for three hours and do math," says Dave. "Later in high school, it was algebra." "He was very instrumental in my getting through school, Dave sums up—"When the time came for Dave's Bar Mitzvah, there was a very special place at the head table for Walter, with all the members of the family.

Together, they would work on woodworking projects, and went on vacation to a dude ranch in upstate New York. "I couldn't walk for three days when we got back," Dave remembers. "I just wouldn't get off that horse."

Years later, Dave remembers that after his father's death, he felt "kind of out of it." "It was really good to have someone to talk to, someone to lecture you, to straighten you out." "I always knew I could call Wally." "Now we are real, real close friends."

Among the other things that Dave recalls are "the many hours that his wife Cookie gave up for me." "In the first few years we got together every Friday night," the Shwartzes never had any children of their own.

The two older "brothers" in fact, have been known to double date

together, "once just a few weeks ago." They also play tennis as partners.

Having a Big Brother for each of her sons was also valuable for Dave's mother, he remembers. "She used to threaten a lot that if I wasn't good, she would tell Wally and we wouldn't go out."

Walter says fondly that he is glad Dave now has a Little Brother of his own, "it's my only chance to be a grandfather," he explains. Asked what he got from his relationship with Dave, Walter jokes "It was easier than having your own children."

Dave immediately counters with "He's just mad because he can't take me as a tax deduction."

Walter modestly admits "It's fun to help do something for someone."

Asked about what it takes to be a Big Brother, Walter explains "You have to be responsible about it—you can't promise him something and then disappoint him." "A few hours one night a week becomes after a while a regular thing." He has received an award as an outstanding Big Brother.

Dave has known Charlie since Charlie was 8. They too spend lots of time at sports, watching wrestling, basketball, football and most other sports. Often they use the facilities at the Jewish Community Center, where Dave works a few nights a week.

The Big Brother organization has helped both Dave and Charlie attend camp in the summer, and helped Dave with a partial scholarship to Roger Williams College.

As I left the three last week at the door of the Jewish Community Center, Dave and Charlie planned to go back inside to watch a basketball game. Charlie seemed much more enthused about the game than he had about the interview. What 11-year old wouldn't be!



RELATIONSHIP OF CHOICE is what exists among Dave Hochman, left, Charlie Tippe, center, and Walter Shwartz, right, seen here at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

Israel's Continuing Battle: Making Economic Sacrifices

JERUSALEM: Israeli government officials are seeking a mutual agreement toward a "cease-fire," but such a truce seems highly unlikely. What the officials want is for their own countrymen to suspend the hostilities in Israel's battle of the economy. And most Israelis don't seem ready to surrender on the government's terms.

Teachers, dockers, transport workers, librarians, El Al airline mechanics, tax collectors, defense-industry workers—these are but a few of those who have gone on strike recently. "Nobody wants to lose his share of the cake," comments Michael Bruno, the finance ministry's economic policy adviser. The strikes are aggravating what he compares to a "war emergency situation," one that has largely been ignored by the public.

Israel's economy, at the best of times dependent on outside support, is clearly in peril. Burdened with the need of allotting 40% of its budget for defense, hurt by world recession and pinched additionally by the Arab boycott, the Jewish state has been damaged further by an endless number of industrial disputes. Besides their financial cost, the strikes demonstrate the deep discontent, bordering on malaise, of many Israelis.

Although ready to make enormous sacrifices in wartime, Israelis so far have shown little inclination to heed the government's pleas to work harder, to consume less and to lower their living standards in peacetime.

Some critics blame the Labor coalition government for not imposing strong enough measures to meet the country's economic crisis. Now, however, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warns that "some dramatic changes in the way of life of the Israeli citizen" are going to be made. He doesn't spell out the

steps but says they will be aimed at reversing this small nation's huge balance-of-payments deficit, which is expected to widen to \$4 billion next year from the current \$3.7 billion.

Most Israelis anticipate that taxes will be raised again—though taxes already amount to 46% of Israel's gross national product, making Israelis the world's hardest-hit taxpayers. And in the past 12 months, the Israeli pound has declined from an official rate of 24 U. S. cents to 14 cents. In fact, as Israeli exporters can testify, the pound's real value on world markets is at least 30% below the present official price.

In another country, the economic situation might seem intolerable. But accustomed to war on the "peace" of near-siege, some Israelis shrug off the threat of economic collapse. "Compared to war," asks Tsion Avital, a 36-year-old factory manager, Ph.D. and paratroop veteran, "what can really be so bad?" He says Israelis could easily adapt to a more modest way of life, buy fewer imports and drive 10-year-old cars. "In America, that might be a catastrophe," he says. "Here, it's normal."

Other Israelis are fond of recalling the bad old days, when things were undoubtedly worse. "No matter how bad it gets," a television producer says, "I doubt that we'll ever be down to half an egg again," his semi-weekly ration in the 1950s.

Not all Israelis are adjusting to today's hard times, however, or preparing to lower living standards. In the past year, there has been a net outflow of population, a severe blow to a tiny nation founded on the Zionist policy of Aliya, or Jewish immigration. The number of new settlers has plummeted from 55,000 in 1973, the year of the Yom Kippur War, to 32,000 in 1974; it is

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PRESENTING A CHECK on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to Leon Dulzin, acting chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency, left, and Gerald Coburn, center, UJA National Cash Chairman, is Mrs. Leonard I. (Thelma) Salmanson. The presentation was made during a recent UJA National Conference, which Mrs. Salmanson, a vice president of JFRI and a recent appointee to the UJA NATIONAL Women's Division Board, attended as part of a delegation from the R.I. Federation. The delegation also included Dr. and Mrs. Alden Blackman, Prof. and Mrs. Benjamin Chinitz, Mrs. Maurice Shore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swartz, Mrs. Manfred Weil, Dan Asher, and Will Robin.

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Nuclear Weapons: The Only Answer

By Dr. Harry Fromm

A need for nuclear deterrence by Israel is mandated by these considerations: Economically, Israel is governed by the fact that she has neither mineral nor energy resources. With respect to agriculture, she still requires some imports in order to feed her population. Her balance of trade is unfavorable. The military situation is equally bad. Israel's population of approximately three million Jews compares most unfavorably with the Arabs more than eight million people.

The Arabs are able to acquire unlimited amounts of armaments due in part to their present wealth. They

Return to the 1967 borders, as Israel is presently pressured to do, would provide terrorists with innumerable bases to attack civilian population and industrial centers as Israel's borders are too extensive to be defended. Israel would be required to maintain large forces of army personnel to repel such terrorist attacks — draining Israel economically and militarily. Psychologically it would place Israel on the defensive. Morale would tend to deteriorate after several successful terrorist attacks had been launched. Over an extended period of time, Israel would have to succumb or launch a preemptive strike. This time Israel would be

Opinion

have (with the present exception of Egypt) a ready supplier in Russia, prepared to provide her client states at a moment's notice with every kind of weaponry needed. Continuous scientific advances in the area of military hardware causes military equipment to become obsolete after a relatively short period of time. This requires Israel to continuously re-equip her military forces, creating a budgetary dilemma.

In addition, Israel has problems securing military hardware. The U. S. is presently the only country willing to supply Israel. But this has changed drastically. The fear of an oil embargo has influenced a reassessment by the U. S. of her Mid-East policy. Equally important is the strong feeling that Americans have for non-involvement. With respect to the technical superiority of Israel, it continues to lessen with the passage of time. Many of the Arabic countries are receiving training in the use of sophisticated weaponry and military tactics from Russia, and now, also from the U. S.

Politically, Israel faces a hostile world. The U. N. vote on declaring Zionism "racist" serves to emphasize this fact. The invitation of Yasser Arafat to the U. N., the granting of observer status to the P. L. O. to the many agencies in the U. N., the continuous refusal to denounce Arab terrorism, the continuous anti-Israel pattern of voting, indicate the political isolation of Israel. This feeling of isolation and world hatred is compounded by having Israel's victories denied in all its wars. The net result of this is the rearming of the Arabs, and the forcing of Israel to relinquish captured territories without her securing the right to exist as a state.

Geographical factors present another problem to Israel. The geographical boundaries as they existed before 1967 presented Israel with an impossible military situation, with the Arab states bordering so close to the vital centers of the Israeli state. A sneak attack with pre-1967 boundaries would sever Israel into 2 or 3 sections as the Arab states border less than 20 miles in some areas from the heartland of Israel.

forced to face three well armed Arab nations with relatively well disciplined troops supported by unlimited economic resources and unlimited manpower.

Under these conditions no alternative exists but to face the Arab states with this extreme weapon. The logic for this decision is as follows:

1. Israel, with the passing of time, faces ultimate defeat by the Arabs, due to their economic, political, and manpower superiority. The geography of Israel, with extensive borders, also places little obstacle in the way of a massive enemy attack.

2. The Arab states' refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist and their determination to destroy the Israeli state will tend to increase as the Arab states become stronger and Israel becomes comparatively weaker.

The only solution open is to make the Arab states and the super powers aware that Israel will use the atomic bomb as a deterrent against an Arab attack. The U. S. has successfully used this same tactic to hold Russia at bay in Europe. The Russians, according to all military analysts, have the ability to overrun Europe in several days if both sides were to use conventional weapons. Yet, the Russians, facing a nuclear war should they launch an attack, have not taken advantage of their clean cut military superiority as has been previously indicated. With the option of using nuclear weapons, Russia and the U. S. are aware that nuclear wars means unconscionable, intolerable, and unimaginable losses for both victor and vanquished. Hence, a stalemate and some movement towards detente or a common understanding of existing rights of each of the concerned parties.

This same situation can be created between Israel and the Arab states. Israel can inform her protagonists that any attack would provoke a nuclear reaction on the part of Israel. The important thing is to make sure that the Arabs are convinced of Israel's determination to react in this manner. This could be done by Israel testing a nuclear device in the Negev and having the foreign office declare Israel's official policy to react with nuclear weapons in the event of an Arab at-



FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Exit 1975

By BERYL SEGAL

People who ought to know tell us that we are living in relatively normal times. They tell us that only in Fairy Tales people live happy forever after. In real life there is always unhappiness, always discontent, always bitterness.

There were always periods of sunshine mixed with darkness upon the earth. We forget the patches of light and overemphasize the horrors of night.

People of all ages wanted peace. They abhorred war.

People loved justice. They disliked arbitrary acts.

People craved for happiness. They were miserable when others lived in misery and in want.

The fact is that for every word in the human language denoting the undesirable state of being, there is another word signifying the opposite, the desirable way of living.

Peace and war. Justice and brutality. Compassion and cruelty. Tolerance and bigotry. Love and hate. Light and darkness.

For every person who keeps you down, under the feet of an oppressor, there is one who stretches out a helping hand.

For each one who lurks in the dark to mislead and betray, there are those who are ready to guide and to comfort.

Good and evil have existed throughout the human experience on this earth. They always will. But the generations that have gone before us cannot tell us of their lives, and we dare not look into the future. We live only in our segment

of time and we experience on our backs the knout of our days. It so happens that the times we live in are bitter, but they are only temporary, we are told. We have survived the bitterness of the by-gone days and we shall survive the wounds inflicted on us today.

The same learned men want us to believe in the alternate succession in the history of mankind.

Periods of war alternate with periods of peace.

Periods of anger and vengefulness alternate with periods of good will.

Just as the sea is not always stormy, ready to swallow everything that is within its reach, so also is the human race. It has periods of unrest, times of turbulence, to be followed by tranquility and rest.

What is behind these alternate moods?

No one knows. Just as we do not understand the moods within ourselves.

Why do we have moments of elation and periods of depression? Moments when we reach to the heavens and moments when we are in the darkest Sheol?

The man who is ready to squash everything that comes his way at one moment, may show mercy to the smallest creature the next.

We can move a man to leave his home in search of a child lost in the woods, a child he has never known, and the same man will not lift his finger to come to the aid of a distressed call.

We are a puzzle to ourselves, about ourselves, how then, can we

expect to understand the ways of a nation towards a nation, a people towards another people, a continent towards a continent? For every warrior there is a peace loving man.

For every one who learns to hold a gun, there is one who learns the use of a brush, the art of making music, to write a poem, to sing praises to the Almighty.

For every one who is bent on defaming and destroying, there are those who strive to create things of beauty and splendor.

Some people take pleasure in wounding another human being, and some who bind up the wound and allay pain.

For every pleasurable emotion there is one which depraves and degrades.

At the close of three quarters of a century in the life of humanity I can look back on seventy-five years of my own life.

My eyes have seen moments of great beauty, but also cruelty that staggers the imagination. I have been privileged to hear music of the stars, but also cries of anguish.

In my life I can remember faces full of compassion, but also gloating, jeering cruel human faces with the mark of Cain on them.

People who ought to know tell us that it has been that way before and will probably be that way as long as people are people.

Unless... Unless the eyes of the blind will one day be opened to see the senseless game of man hunting man.

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elements as there would be no purpose in courting mutual destruction. Russia would hesitate to support these same radical groups as, she would be disinclined to promote a nuclear war in which she feared her own involvement.

As for Israel depending upon American support, she must recognize that U. S. foreign policy is governed by the need to secure oil resources in the Middle East for herself, for industrial Europe and for Japan, and to prevent the Russians from getting a foothold in the area, where through puppet states the latter would be able to deny vital oil to herself and her allies. In order to promote this policy the U. S. has attempted to establish herself as a friend of the so called more moderate Arab regimes i.e., Egypt, Saudi Arabia, etc.

Israel is left with one alternative and that is to have an atomic deterrent. Although morally and ethically it would be against Israel's humanitarian instincts to use the ul-

timate weapon to protect its liberty, she has no other choice if she wishes to survive as an independent state. Today justice and individual rights are disregarded by more than two thirds of the world; i.e. Turkey's attack on Cyprus, Russia's march on Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Russia's refusal to respect individual's rights to dissent and to emigrate, etc.

Israel can logically defend its action by the following:

1. No other way is open to her for survival.

2. The major powers of the world used this same deterrent as part of their foreign policy.

3. Continuous anti-Israel decisions in the U. N.

Nuclear deterrence for Israel will bring peace to the Middle East as Jew and Arab will realize that this is the only solution available to them under these prevailing conditions. (Dr. Fromm's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)



SPECIAL GUESTS at the recent Rhode Island Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America annual breakfast meeting held at Temple Emanu-El in Providence were: seated, left to right Rabbi William Kaufman, Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket, Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman, Temple Emanu-El, Canter Ivan Perlman, Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El. Standing, Rabbi Bernard Reisman, Temple Beth Am, Warwick, Rabbi Gerald Zelenmyer, Temple Beth Torah, Cranston, and Rabbi Richard Marker, Hillel Director, Brown University.

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BRIDGE



By Robert E. Starr

As we have said before, the Declarer has an advantage over the Defenders because he can see all 26 of his cards whereas each of them can only see his own hand and the Dummy. Therefore, they have to try to construct their hands to their partner by means of discards, signals, etc. However, they have to do this to the best of their ability at the time. Quite possibly they cannot afford to do something or nothing they play will accomplish anything. In today's hand I watched some of the Defenders cost themselves a trick to tell their partner something he already had to know. This, in fact, allowed the Declarer to make his contract.

North
 ♠ K 7 5
 ♥ K 9 5 3
 ♦ A K Q 4
 ♣ 5 2

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

South
 ♠ A 10 4
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ J 8 7 2
 ♣ 9 4 3

North and South were vulnerable, North Dealer with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
1♦	1♥	INT	P
2NT	P	P	P

East made a somewhat shaky overcall but not vulnerable it isn't too bad. South's No Trump bid

was normal now. North's raise to two was also a bit on the skimpy side but not really too much. At any rate this was the usual contract and the bidding at most of the tables was as shown.

Because of East's overcall, most Wests led their singleton Heart. Had they led a Club from their longest suit this article wouldn't have been written and the hand would have been set without any trouble. Usually it is wise to lead your partner's overcall suit. When a low Heart was played from Dummy East's best play was the 7 to force the Jack otherwise the play of the Ace would make three Heart tricks good for Declarer. Now South had to make eight tricks. He had one in already and could see four Diamonds and two Spades. He certainly was wide open in Clubs but could get his eighth from that same Heart suit.

So each Declarer led the Heart Jack right back and here is where that key discard came in. I watched as so many Wests played their Club 8 to scream to partner to lead a Club. Normally, a high discard does encourage the lead of that suit but not at the expense of a trick. That is just what happened here. East won the Heart Ace and played the Club Jack and eventually the Defense made four Club tricks but that was all and the contract was made when it shouldn't have.

Just think as West should have thought. He can see that another Heart from East would give Declarer an extra trick there so that won't happen. Also he can see that there is no future in Dia-

monds. The Dummy has two small Clubs so that would certainly be the natural switch by any reasonable partner. However, just in case he might possibly decide to lead a Spade, the only other play that would make any sense at all, East can make his first discard the Spade 2. Deuces are the most discouraging cards in the deck. Now East should have absolutely no problem getting a Club on the table and as the cards are he can play them in any sequence and there should be five Club tricks taken to set the hand.

Moral: A low Card in another suit can usually tell just as much as a high card in the desired suit. Especially when a high card may cost a trick.

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Jewish Leaders Surprised At Latest Mexican Votes

NEW YORK: Surprise and disappointment were the feelings expressed by American Jewish leaders following Mexico's votes last week at the United Nations' General Assembly implicitly linking Zionism and racism.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress and other leaders said they would continue to suspend travel programs to Mexico. They noted a "disparity" between the votes and assurances that Mexico's President Luis Echeverria Alvarez had made to a delegation of American Jewish leaders the previous week.

Jewish organizations in the United States and Canada had suspended Mexican tour programs, leaving thousands of hotel rooms vacant, after Mexico joined 71 countries on Nov. 10 in supporting a resolution denouncing Zionism as racism.

Last week, Mexico's Foreign Minister, Emilio O. Rabasa, went to Israel to clear up, as he put it, "certain misunderstandings" resulting from the November vote. And, on Friday, President Echeverria assured the Jewish representatives that his Government "in no way identified Zionism with racism."

The Assembly votes were on resolutions intended to follow up the International Women's Year Conference held in Mexico City in June. That conference produced a "declaration of Mexico" calling for action against colonialism, racial discrimination and Zionism, without explicitly equating it with racism.

As expected, all of the resolutions, including one calling for a Decade to Promote Women's

Rights beginning next year, were approved by large majorities. However, the United States, Western European countries and a few others joined Israel in opposing the key resolution specifically endorsing the declaration's principles. This was approved 90 to 21 with 22 abstentions. Contrary to some expectation, Mexico voted "yes." It also voted for a resolution implying endorsement of the declaration.

In defense of Mexico's position, Aida Gonzalez Martinez told the Assembly that because Zionism was not defined and admittedly evoked controversial views, her country had abstained on some earlier votes but supported the declaration as a valuable document. She went on to say:

"If the meaning of Zionism is the realization of the legitimate national aspirations of the Jewish people, within the framework of the United Nations Charter, our vote should not be interpreted as acceptance of the equating of Zionism with other policies such as racism and colonialism."

Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who led the delegation to Mexico, said:

"I hope that when President Echeverria receives the full report of what his delegate stated at the United Nations and how she voted, he himself will issue a constructive statement of clarification."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called President Echeverria's statements "encouraging" but added that "we see nothing in the words or votes of Mexico in the United Nations which moves us to reinstate our very extensive program of touring to Mexico."

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While the expertise of the staff comes as no surprise, something else in the hospitals does: the tendency to regard each patient—a battered doll, a chewed-up teddy bear, a moth-eaten toy monkey—as a distinct individual with a personality all its own.

To spend much time with Irving Chais and his sister, Ronnie, who run New York Doll Hospital on the East Side, or with Jenny Grunewald and her 20-year-old grandson, Elliot Kugelman, who run Manhattan Doll Hospital and Toy Shop in Chelsea, is to begin to think that the dolls and animals just barely miss having hearts that beat and blood that flows.

Mr. Chais, who grew up with the New York Doll Hospital—his family started it in 1900—will tell you gravely that one of the problems with grafting on new arms or legs or other parts is that the patients must tolerate them. "If they reject them" he says, "you're in trouble."

Young Elliot Kugelman, who also, in a manner of speaking, grew up in a doll hospital (his grandmother started the Manhattan one 35 years ago) will talk about skin grafts. He says he recently did one on a lion's head and it healed nicely; the scars are invisible.

Perhaps it is this attitude that leads the hospitals' personnel to consider the sensibilities of their patients' families, especially members who are quite young. A doll may be brought in with hair that looks as if it had been in a threshing machine and new tresses are obviously indicated. But if a little girl has accompanied her doll, no one in any of the hospitals would yank the frazzled old hair off in front of her.

Also when a child's mother says that the patient she has brought in must be made well at once, because the child won't be able to sleep without it, Irving and Ronnie Chais and Jenny Grunewald and Elliot Kugelman listen sympathetically and agree to be as quick as possible although they've learned that the child will really sleep quite well without the doll or teddy bear or monkey or lion.

What little girls love best, the hospitals' staffs say, is something that belonged to their mothers. A doll or animal that may seem unsightly to others can be beautiful and precious to a child if her mother once played with it.

"And mothers have a special feeling about their children playing with the same things that they did when they were little," Mr. Chais said. "Sometimes they bring in dolls that have been in the family a long time and are now really valuable antiques; young children shouldn't be allowed to play with them. But when we pointed this out to a woman recently she, sure enough, did what other women have done. She thought a minute and then said, 'I don't care what it's worth; I had it when I was a little girl and now I want my little girl to have it. I'll just tell her to be careful and hope for the best.'"

"Sometimes the dolls have belonged to grandmothers," Miss Chais said, "and sometimes they're pretty sick."

But there aren't many cases that the hospitals can't care for. An assortment of torsos hangs in the surgery at New York Doll Hospital, up a flight of stairs at 787 Lexington Avenue (between 61st and 62nd Streets). Arms and legs and eyes are in separate boxes, ready to be

grafted, and there are heads for bodies that are still functioning. Noses, though, require plastic surgery.

Mr. Kugelman, who attends Brooklyn College when he isn't tending the sick and maimed with his grandmother at Manhattan Doll Hospital, recently put new eyelids on an appealing little patient and rebuilt the fingers of another one. An eating doll had lost her appetite and he had her taking nourishment again in no time. (To be prosaic about it, her motor needed tuning.)

Mr. Kugelman, in addition to being a diagnostician, surgeon and general practitioner is an architect. He repairs and remodels doll houses at Manhattan Doll Hospital and Toy shop in Chelsea (Ninth Avenue at 21st Street). He also builds them at home but often these never get to the shop because Mr. Kugelman is inclined to develop for them the same tender regard that he does for his patients. "I don't bring in the ones I like best," he said, "because I don't want them to be sold."

The hospital and shop in Chelsea are actually a year-old offshoot of the Manhattan Doll Hospital that Jenny Grunewald started in Washington Heights (Broadway at 181st Street) when she came here as a refugee from Nazism. She had been a schoolteacher in Germany, and she started a new life here by making doll clothes.

The uptown establishment, run by Mrs. Grunewald's daughter (and Mr. Kugelman's mother), Ursula Kugelman, offers the same services as the Chelsea one.

At both places and a New York Doll Hospital, patients that seemingly have been abandoned by their families are permitted to stay on indefinitely.

"The puzzling cases," Miss Chais said, "are when we're asked to do a rush job and then the people don't come back. We eventually call them and sometimes find they've moved."

But none of the hospitals ever tosses out a patient although they acknowledge that they become more fond of some than of others. "You don't get really attached to a doll with batteries," Ursula Kugelman said.

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Your Money's Worth

By Sylvia Porter



Food Stamp 'Reform'

The food stamp program must be overhauled. It has become so much of a target for attack — much of it emotional, if not hysterical — that it cannot go on as is.

Certainly, the program is far too complicated and cumbersome for both participants and administrators; at the very least, it must be drastically simplified and so redesigned that assistance gets to the Americans who desperately need it and widely criticized loopholes are closed.

But what is needed is reasoned debate and intelligent reform, not haphazard and ill-advised cutbacks. What is essential is informed change, not a response by a frightened Congress to utterly unsubstantiated charges that the rich are gobbling up food stamps, the program is wildly out of control, the ranks of recipients are loaded with cheats.

Before the Senate Agriculture Committee now are several legislative proposals — which will be molded into one. The committee's departure point is the Ford administration's bill (S. 2537) which could eliminate 5 million or more people from the program, as well as reduce benefits for another 5 million. There are two other "overhaul" bills: one by Sen. Robert J. Dole (R-Kan.) would knock 6 per cent of the households off the program; another by Sen. James Buckley (R-Cons., N.Y.) would eliminate or cut benefits for many more needy Americans. Also, among the studies before the committee is the Department of Agriculture's own "National Survey of Food Stamp Recipients," produced in response to the Senate's request for data.

This study states that, contrary to claims of critics, food stamp "participants tend to be the poorest of the poor."

Only 13 per cent of all stamp recipients are in households with take-home pay of more than \$6,000 a year, and 87 per cent of those households have at least five members.

A full 92 per cent of all participants are in households with after-tax incomes of under \$7,000; 95 per cent, under \$8,000; 97 per cent, under \$9,000; 100 per cent under \$10,000. And half of all

recipients live in households of five or more people.

Where are the rich?

The White House's bill would eliminate all four-person households with gross earnings of over \$6,250 (take-home, \$5,600).

If that family's \$6,250 came from welfare or jobless benefits (not taxable), it would be eligible for stamps and still receive more than the take-home pay of the working family — an incentive NOT to work.

In short, Ford's bill would discriminate against the working poor, instead of providing incentives to work.

The recently unemployed would suffer, too, under this bill, for the determination of eligibility would be based on the average of income earned over the last three months. This would seriously delay nutrition assistance for those laid off for two to three months, or longer, while their "average" fell to food stamp eligibility levels.

Among the most shocking aspects of the program is that more than half of those below the poverty level do not use food stamps — simply because they cannot scrape together enough money to buy their stamps. Many of the working poor at the top of the eligibility ladder also are discouraged from joining because they must put up so much money for a few dollars of stamps.

Sen. Dole's bill contains a provision that would solve this problem while slashing administrative costs.

Instead of a household paying \$100 to get \$166 of stamps — for a "bonus" of \$66 a month — the household would just receive the \$66 worth of stamps.

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The process which Sen. Dole proposes would be much more efficient. It makes sense.

This is too crucial a program for too many millions of needy Americans to be dealt with sloppily, emotionally. Rational reform and simplification — these must be the Senate's goals.

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27 Representatives Sign Zionist Pledge

TEL AVIV: Representatives of Jewish communities in 27 countries have signed a declaration pledging help for Israel "to fulfill its historic mission in the return to Zion."

The pledge was in response to the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly denouncing Zionism as a form of racism.

The signers assembled in Jerusalem at the invitation of the Government and the World Zionist Organization. They rejected United Nations resolutions that "impugn the right of our people to national independence in the land of Israel."

At the close of the two day conference, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel could not expect to find justice in the General Assembly for the foreseeable future.

Addressing the delegates in English, he said: "We have to undermine the moral right of this organization to pass judgment on us."

He was applauded when he said the Israeli Government would oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state between Jordan and Israel. The Government's position has been that Jordan which has a

Palestinian majority is the Palestinian national home.

Meanwhile, one of the countries that voted in the United Nations to censure Israel made what seemed to be a gesture of amends. The Mexican Foreign Minister, Emilio O. Rabasa placed a wreath on the tomb in Jerusalem of Dr. Theodore Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement.

On his arrival yesterday, Mr. Rabasa referred to Israel as "this land of Zion," and said it had been "created for a people that deserves our respect and admiration."

The gesture appears to have been arranged in negotiations in Rome, where a Senior Israeli Foreign Ministry official flew to confer with the Mexican minister before he came to Israel.

Mr. Rabasa was invited to Israel in August and acted this week on the invitation.

Newspapers here linked his mission with reports that Mexico's tourist trade had been hurt by a boycott organized by Israel's supporters in the United States. One report said 30,000 reservations had been canceled.

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Political Gains

By Jacob Marcus, Ph.D.

When the war was over, the Jewish Whigs were very proud of their party's achievements. Those New Yorkers who had gone into exile returned home in late 1783 and sat down to write Governor George Clinton a letter:

Though the (religious) society we belong to is but small when compared with other religious societies, yet we flatter ourselves that none has manifested a more zealous attachment to the sacred cause of America in the late war with Great Britain.

They were happy that they now enjoyed full political equality, for they were fully conscious of the fact that theirs was the only state of the thirteen where Jews were privileged to hold office. Still unemancipated, Jews in all the other states waited for the fulfillment of the Great Promise made in the Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal." Finally, in 1786, Virginia began to move when it passed Jefferson's Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom. A year later Congress adopted the Northwest Ordinance which guaranteed religious and political freedom in the new states to be formed in the future north of the Ohio and west of the Alleghenies. When the federal constitution was approved by a majority of the states in 1788, the Jews were satisfied: Article VI declared categorically that no religious test would ever be required for any office under the federal government.

The adoption of the United States Constitution was one of the most important events in the entire history of Diaspora Jewry. There had been nothing like it since 212 C.E., when the Emperor Caracalla granted citizenship to all free men in the Roman empire. American Jewry was the modern world's first free Jewry. One can well understand why the Jews of Philadelphia joined so gladly in the Federal Parade of July 4, 1788.

In this, the greatest spectacle that America had yet witnessed, the Christian clergy walked arm in arm with "Rabbi" Jacob R. Cohen. When the parade was over, the tired but happy Children of Israel clustered around a kosher table of their own at Bush Mill to munch crackers, salmon, almonds, and raisins. It was a great day; the messiah was just around the corner!

Unfortunately, something delayed him. There were still eleven other states which withheld office from Jews. The very summer the Constitution was being debated Jonas Phillips wrote to the constituent convention. In his letter, the only one sent it asking for religious equality, Phillips pointed out to the assembled politicians that the 1776 Pennsylvania organic statute contained a Christian test oath. He asked the federal convention to take action against it.

But of course the federal delegates had no authority to alter any state constitution; states' rights were paramount. The eleven laggard commonwealths were slow to honor the commitments implicit in their individual bills of rights. It took 100 years after New York emancipated its Jews before the last sluggard, New Hampshire, permitted Jews and Catholics to serve in a legislative office in 1877.

FULL CIRCLE

TEL AVIV (ZINS): The Israeli newspaper *Al Hamishmar* reports that Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, wrote in his diary that after solving the problems of Jews he would dedicate his energy "to resolving the problem of the negro in Africa." This was written 75 years ago when colonialism was the "natural" order of the day and acceptable.

SUCCESSFUL VISIT
JERUSALEM: West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher ended his visit to Israel with a statement that "Israel has shown its readiness to continue along a constructive road to peace." Genscher's visit was termed successful by Israeli officials, particularly in the field of future economic cooperation between Israel and West Germany. Differences, however, over Israel's future boundaries and the Palestine question overshadowed the political aspects of the visit. West Germany, bound by the European Common Market policy statement on the Middle East of November, 1973, supports almost total Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories.

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expected to drop to 18,000 this year. At the same time, departures soared from 11,000 in 1973 to 24,000 in 1974; the total is still higher this year, but figures aren't yet officially available.

Many who have departed are newcomers — Russians or Westerners unable to acclimate to the reality of Israeli life. Yet an increasing number are Israeli natives or long-time residents who are fed

up with the daily tensions produced by the Arab confrontation and who yearn for a more "normal" life. Because of the stigma attached to leaving, however, those who go invariably state that it's temporary, even when their homes and businesses are sold. And, in fact, Israeli expatriates are unusually loyal — as thousands demonstrated by flocking back to fight in the 1973 war.

"Israelis will fight and die for their country," a middle-aged army reservist says, "but we haven't yet learned how to live in it." He suspects that he and his three sons will fight in another war. The worsening economy also requires sacrifices, he says, but "people are still saying, 'Why me? Why should I cut down my standards?' For not explaining the situation, I blame the government."

Many believe that Israel may experience a near-exodus as the economic situation deteriorates further. "I think people will leave," says Aharon Yariv, the former Israeli general who led the 1973 truce talks with Egypt, "but the strongest core will stay." Those who do remain will have to accept a much harsher life, he predicts, squeezed on the economic front and threatened by war. "I tell myself I want to live here in a Jewish state,"

he says. "I don't know if I can get peace with my neighbors. I don't know if I will live or if my son will make it. I'm ready to fight. Whoever is not, he can't stay here."

Mr. Avital, the factory manager, says people aren't leaving because of the economy but because they lack commitment. "If somebody leaves this country," he says, "it means he doesn't identify with our way of life — he doesn't feel Jewish enough." Mr. Avital, who has a doctorate in experimental aesthetics, could teach abroad but refuses to consider the possibility. "I don't want my child to grow up in Canada or anywhere else but here," he says.

To earn a living, Mr. Avital teaches a weekly university class and runs a tile factory where he employs 20 workers — though he needs twice as many. "I can't get workers," he complains. "I could sell twice what I make if I could find more people. I call the guy at the labor exchange and say, 'Send more workers,' and he says he could use 6,000." Indeed, it is widely acknowledged that Israel needs to restructure its work force for the country to survive. An additional 100,000 workers are needed to fill jobs in industry, though it isn't clear how they will be persuaded to leave higher-paying positions in service industries and government.

Israel's manufacturers may find more workers available if unemployment, officially estimated at 34,000 despite the labor shortage, soars to 70,000 next year as expected. Avraham Shavit, president of the industrialists' association, says that workers might then switch to export industries, which now employ a mere 75,000 of Israel's 1.1 million labor pool. (Some 80% of Israel's workers are employed by either government or service industries.)

The country's trade deficit — \$1.5 billion for the first eight months of 1975 — is "so big that even if we doubled exports, we wouldn't cover it," Mr. Shavit says. "To cover the size of our military imports with three million people — that's almost a mission impossible."

Only by slashing its \$3.5 billion defense budget or by dropping its costly immigration policies — two steps that are considered unimaginable — could Israel achieve a balanced budget, he observes. Chaim Bar-Lev, Israel's commerce minister, similarly says that Israel's economy can't attain total self-sufficiency. "If it's not important to the Western world whether we exist or not, then, of course, we are in trouble," he says. "I think that the West—the U.S., in particular—must realize that Israel is a political asset."

Mr. Bar-Lev says that the government might consider freezing wages in the service sector while granting pay rises in industry. Yet Mr. Bar-Lev, a former general, seems uneasy at the task of slicing the government's swollen payroll. His ministry has cut 50 of its 1,100 jobs, and another 50 employees will have to be laid off by July.

The government has instituted some tax changes designed to encourage Israelis to work harder; in the past, high taxes discouraged overtime. But Mr. Shavit and many others say that the country's system of subsidies and social-welfare benefits, under which even those on strike are paid, must be amended further.

For all Israel's ingenuity in developing sophisticated electronic gear, Mr. Shavit says that productivity in basic industries remains low. Using the same machines, he says, Israelis sometimes reach only 40% of the production level of Americans. In part, this might be because Israel's population, despite its religious bond, is far from homogeneous. Those employed in basic industry these days mainly come from the less-developed Arab countries or from North Africa. Observers find it ironic that the Arabs continue to attack Israel as an "alien Western" presence in the Middle East.

They'd be surprised at how "Middle-Easternized" Israel has

become," an American living here says.

The government's problem in confronting the economic crisis is in large part psychological, an official says. "On the one hand, we're always telling people that we live in unique conditions — so behave accordingly," he says. "On the other, we want more immigrants and investment — so it's business as usual." While workers are told they can't strike, the government provides better housing for new-

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those recognized at the meeting for his past service.

Society

Bellin on Dean's List

David M. Bellin, of 18 Ray Street in Providence has been named to the Dean's List of Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies of Yeshiva University, it was announced by Prof. Jacob M. Rabinowitz, dean. He is among 76 students to be honored at a special luncheon for achieving a B+ average or better during the 1974-75 academic year.

Couple Named to Posts

Merrill L. Hassenfeld has been elected a Life Trustee of the United Israel Appeal and Mrs. Hassenfeld was elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Trustees this month in New York. The United Israel Appeal is responsible for the expenditure of UJA funds in programs to aid the resettlement and absorption of immigrants in the state of Israel. Mr. Hassenfeld, a past Co-Treasurer was among

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comers than many poor Israelis can obtain.

This has produced inequities and continued social unrest. Groups like the "Black Panthers," Jews of non-European origin, complain that they are discriminated against and are quick to take offense. (The port of Ashdod was recently closed because the dockworkers' leader was insulted when a security guard asked to see his identification.)

The recent El Al strike, on the other hand, was an unofficial walkout by mechanics who contended that they were being downgraded. They received little sympathy. "Why, an El Al mechanic is paid 50% more than I am," says a member of parliament who receives a monthly salary of \$425.

Last year, the airline posted its first loss in 16 years, experiencing the same problems of higher fuel costs and fewer passengers that plagued the rest of the aviation industry. This year, hurt by strikes, the country's largest foreign-currency earner is heading for another deficit. "What is the point of complaining about the Arab boycott," a letter in the Jerusalem Post asks, "when the disruption of El Al services can do more damage to Israel's economy than the boycott ever did?"

For all the need to cut expenditures further, government officials say some progress has been made. Last year's 55% inflation rate has been halved, they say. And Mr. Shavit says that even the slight drop recorded in imports marks a "tremendous achievement" because it is the first in Israel's history.

Not that Israelis haven't been forced to tighten belts already. Food prices have risen 50%, and gasoline soared to \$2 a gallon,

though this hasn't produced a noticeable drop in traffic. "I don't know how much gas costs," says a high foreign ministry official, a former ambassador. "I only know that I just spent 10% of my salary filling my tank."

For all the economic dislocation, Prime Minister Rabin insists that Israel is "militarily in good shape" and that the country can continue to defend itself with conventional weapons as long as the American supplies continue flowing. But Mr. Rabin says that the economy is "one of the most vital issues that will decide the future of Israel" and that greater efforts to increase exports and cut imports are required.

Kissinger Visits German Hometown

FUERTH, WEST GERMANY: Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger was welcomed back to his native town Monday, to receive the city's Golden Citizen's Medallion. He was accompanied by his wife, his mother and father.

"It seems like a dream," his mother said, "it doesn't really seem like reality to me." The Kissinger family had fled the town in 1938, one step ahead of the Nazis.

Louis Kissinger, an Orthodox Jew, was fired as a high school teacher in 1933. His sons, Henry and Walter, were not allowed to play with Gentile children. Finally, the family fled to New York. A dozen Kissinger relatives were among the six million Jews who died in the Nazi holocaust.

"We forget all these bad memories," said the elder Kissinger, 88. "This city was always very close to our hearts."

The son noted that "suffering is still dominant in many parts of the globe." "Of all the species on this planet," he said, "man alone has inflicted on himself the greater part of his own anguish." "Our generation has witnessed and has no excuse to ever forget the dark force of brutality and raw power at large in the modern world."

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