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Meet Honors Tu B'Shevat

An educational meeting in recognition of Tu B'Shevat, the Israeli Arbor Day, will be sponsored by the Rhode Island Council of the Jewish National Fund on Sunday, January 23, at 2:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Lawrence Lowenthal, New England director of the Zionist Organization of America, who will discuss "The Prospects of Peace in the Middle East."

Also present at the session will be Herman Brown, New England Director of the Jewish National Fund, who will update attendees on the land reclamation and afforestation eork of the Jewish National Fund.

The Council stresses that admission to the session is free and that there will be no solicitation of funds.

A representative group of leaders of the Rhode Island Jewish community are expected to attend and participate in a meaningful discussion of the current situation in the Middle East.

A special invitation is extended to families whose children have made aliyah and who will be given recognition at this meeting. A social hour will follow the event.

Group's Aim Is To Reunite Families

NEW YORK (JTA): A new census, taken under most difficult conditions in war-torn Ethiopia, shows that there are more than 28,000 Black Ethiopian Falasha Jews. Previously, authorities thought the remnant population of this ancient Jewish group had dwindled to a mere 20,000. The new figures, released by the American Association of Ethiopian Jews, shows the dramatic decline of the Falashas from 500,000 in the 16th Century to the present.

The Association's report showed that more than half of the population is 18 years old or younger and that there are 6,000 families, mostly residing in 488 villages and two towns in the central highlands within the provinces of Begemdir, Tigre and Wollo. Most are either landless sharecroppers or poor craftsmen. The report noted that disease, poverty, discrimination and intense conversion efforts by Christian missionaries are still taking their toll.

According to the report, there are 400 Falashas currently living in Israel, all successfully employed. Some are attending universities and a few are studying for the rabbinate. All adults serve in the army. Unfortunately, the report adds, many of those in Israel have parents, spouses and children living in Ethiopia eagerly waiting to join their relatives. One of the major goals of the Association, the report stated, is to reunite members of these broken families in Israel.

These family reunification efforts are part of a new four-point program of relief, Jewish education, vocational retraining and aliya recently undertaken by the Joint Distribution Committee and ORT which concentrates solely on the first three programs within Ethiopia, the report noted.

ARCHIE SMITH

Archie Smith Dead; RI Utilities Leader

Former state public utilities director Archie Smith died unexpectedly this week at his home, 134 Brown Street. He had been a state worker for 35 years and a founder and past president of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

At funeral services conducted on Wednesday, an overflow group of mourners were present to honor the memory of Mr. Smith. Civic leaders, including Governor J. Joseph Garrahy, friends and relatives were there, many forced to stand outside a packed Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel to pay their respects.

Mr. Smith was 68 years old at the time of his death. He had been chief counsel to the state Supreme Court's disciplinary board since late 1975, and had served for 18 years as an assistant attorney general. He received his greatest exposure during his sometimes controversial six years as public utilities administrator.

Mr. Smith made many rulings during that time on public utilities rates affecting the public. He spoke out on such controversial items as nuclear power and cable television. In the cable television field, he was known nationally and lectured throughout the country at various television industry conferences.

Shortly before retiring from the Public Utilities Commission, Mr. Smith told federal officials that Rhode Island needed a nuclear power plant, but he stopped short of endorsing the New England Electric System's proposed nuclear facility at Charlestown.

In his last position, Mr. Smith was virtually a consumer watchdog — receiving, investigating and prosecuting complaints against lawyers.

"I think people have a right, when they go to a lawyer, to expect that he is going to do the job properly. And if he doesn't, he ought not to be allowed to hang his shingle out," Mr. Smith said in commenting on his disciplinary counsel position.

Chief Justice Joseph A. Bevilacqua expressed the court's regret earlier in the week at Mr. Smith's death, when the state Supreme Court completed a special hearing sought by the New England Telephone Company in an attempt to increase its rates.

Adjourning the court, Bevilacqua said the court adjourned out of respect to the memory of "a distinguished member of the bar."

Governor J. Joseph Garrahy issued the following statement:

"Archie Smith was a unique public servant. Philosopher and activist, intellectual and realist, he brought to his lifetime of public service the deepest religious conviction

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Exodus Hero, Grauel, To Address Temple Beth Am

John Stanley Grauel, a man who has become a legend in his own time, will address the congregation of Temple Beth Am in Warwick on Monday, January 17, at 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Grauel is particularly known for the role he played in the historic drama around the Exodus affair. The Battle of the Exodus, or the Exodus affair, became a focal point for the United Nations recommending partition of Palestine and the eventual establishment of the State of Israel.

Rev. Grauel's link to Zionism and Haganah had come about by a chain of circumstances which could not have been foreseen in his early life. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and as a child grew up near the Kennedy boys at Hyannisport. Like them, he was fascinated with boating and the water. His family were Methodists. He aspired to the ministry and became pastor of a sea parish on the coast of Maine.

The war and its first reports of Nazi persecutions led him to resign and join the American Christian Palestine Committee, an organization dedicated to the establishment of the State of Israel. He became intimate with the Jewish community and learned about the Haganah. Fascinated, he joined and volunteered to ride on the President Warfield, soon to be called the Exodus, as a galley boy. He soon appeared in the underground in Europe, a mysterious figure, known to his co-workers as "John the Priest."

For over three decades, Reverend Grauel has continued his unceasing efforts on behalf of the State of Israel. Rev. Grauel has been the recipient of many awards, among

REV. JOHN S. GRAUEL

which are the Fighter for Israel Medal, with two combat ribbons; Humanity Medal, shared with Pope Paul; Victory Medal and Medal of Jerusalem as a founder of the State; and B'nai B'rith Humanitarian award.

Rev. Grauel will speak on Israel from Holocaust to Redemption — a non-Jew's Vantage Point. Chairman of the evening is Mr. Franklin Shatz. The program has been co-sponsored by Temple Am and the Young Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The public is invited free of charge. There will be no solicitation.

Further information may be obtained by contacting The Federation at 421-4111.

Syria Promises It Will Ease Jewish Community Restrictions

WASHINGTON: A Democratic Congressman from Brooklyn recently reported that Syrian authorities have promised to significantly relax discriminatory restrictions against the 4,500 Jews in their country. In interview, Stephen J. Solarz said he was told by Syrian Jewish leaders that officials in Damascus had pledged to lift some of the more onerous anti-Jewish measures. The comments were made to him during a trip last month to the Middle East.

Mr. Solarz further commented that there had not yet been any change in Syria's adamant refusal to let Jews emigrate to the United States or to Israel.

Since recent word was received from the Arab world, indicating that some changes were taking place in Syria, this was the first authoritative report on the current status of Syrian Jews. Some American Jewish groups were treating these reports skeptically, though they were substantiated in essence by the State Department.

"We've been acquiring information over the last month which indicates further improvements are being made in the conditions of life of Jews to Syria," a State Department spokesman said today when asked about the report by Mr. Solarz.

Mr. Solarz, whose district in Brooklyn contains almost all of the country's 25,000 Syrian Jews in the United States, has made three trips to the Middle East since being elected to Congress in 1974. He has become an authority on Syria's Jews.

Syrians Present

He said that while in Syria, he met with Chief Rabbi Hambra, the head of the Jewish community council, Selim Toto, and with other Jewish leaders. His discussions were always monitored by Syrian Government representative, he said.

Mr. Solarz said they had told him they were informed late in November by the Syrian Chief of Staff "that internal restrictions which had been imposed on them would be lifted."

These promised moves included, he said, the following:

No longer would the identity papers of Syrian Jews carry the designation "Musawi," the Arabic word for follower of Moses.

Jews would no longer have to receive special permission from the Syrian military authorities to travel within the country.

Jews would be able to dispose of the proceeds of the sales of personal property. Previously, those proceeds were frozen and approval had to be obtained from Syrian authorities if wanted for special purposes.

Ban Continues

But Mr. Solarz said that the Syrians continued to refuse to allow the 4,500 members of the 500-year-old Jewish community to emigrate. Most diplomats believe that President Hafez al-Assad wants to use the emigration issue as a bargaining chip in future negotiations with Israel.

At present, Syrian Jews can go abroad for tourist visits or for health reasons, but only if they post a $6,000 bond to insure their return. Members of their family are forced to remain behind serving in effect as hostages.

Mr. Solarz said Jewish leaders had told him that Syrian officials had agreed to "take under consideration" a lowering of the amount of the bond. The Syrians also agreed to consider arrangements to aid about 400 young Jewish women, the Syrians Jewish leaders said.

Outlook 'Slim'

"This is the single most major concern" of Sryrian Jews, according to Mr. Solarz. He said that there were about 400 Jewish women between the ages of 20 and 30 who were unlikely ever to find Jewish husbands in Syria because most young men have managed somehow to flee the country. The Syrian Jewish community would like the women to see the women allowed to emigrate to the United States to find husbands.

Mr. Solarz, who also visited Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia on the trip that ended Monday, said that he had found the prospects for a peace agreement "slim" but better than they had been for years.

He noted that Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia, the country's leading

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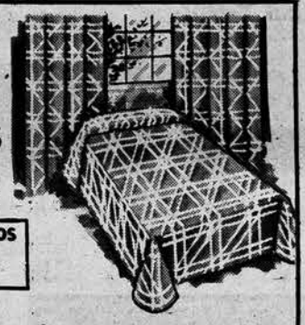

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Obituaries

JACK GLANTZ

Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel conducted funeral services on Wednesday, January 12, for Jack Glantz, 71, of 77 Taft Avenue, a furniture dealer for more than 40 years, who died Monday in Rhode Island Hospital shortly after being stricken at his store. He was the husband of Rose (Zarchen) Glantz.

Mr. Glantz owned the Gem Furniture Company at 711 Westminster Street.

He was chairman of the board of directors of Congregation Sons of Jacob and a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Touro Fraternal Association, Redwood Lodge, F&AM, the Trowel Club, the Providence Police Reserve, The Providence Hebrew Day School, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was born April 12, 1905, a son of the late Max and Freyda Glantz.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Morton and Stephen Glantz, both of New York City; a daughter, Mrs. Freyda Winick of Boxford, Massachusetts; three sisters, Dorothy Cohen and Jeannette Schwartz, both of Providence, and Nora Greenberg of Hartford, Connecticut; a brother, Irving Glantz of East Providence; and three grandchildren.

IDA GOLD

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 11, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel for Ida Gold, 81, of 99 Hillside Avenue, who died Sunday night after a long illness. She was the widow of Hyman Gold. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

She was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Beryl and Rose Millman. She had lived in Providence more than 50 years.

Mrs. Gold was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Surviving are two sons, George Kauffman of Denver, Colorado, and Seymour Kauffman of Jericho, New York; a daughter, Ruth Perler of Cranston; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

SAMUEL COHEN

Funeral services were conducted at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel on Monday, January 10, for Samuel Cohen, 80, of 26 Leicester Way, Pawtucket, who died Sunday. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

He was the husband of the late Lucille (Siegel) Cohen, and was born in Russia, the son of the late Hyman and Bryna Cohen.

He had been the owner of the H. Cohen Furniture Company for over 50 years until he retired in 1962.

He was a member of Congregation Ohawe Sholom.

He is survived by one son, Marshall Cohen of Washington, DC; two daughters, Frances Komros of Pawtucket and Charlotte Silverstein of New Bedford, Massachusetts; one brother, Abraham Cohen of California; four sisters, Ann Margolis of Pawtucket, Shirley Margolis of New York, Esther Perkus of Florida and Muriel Pansey of Cranston; and five grandchildren.

JACOB ORCHOFF

Funeral services were conducted at Sugarman Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, January 11, for Jacob Orchoff, 75, of 395 Angell Street, who died the preceding day at Roger Williams General Hospital after a six month illness. He was the husband of the late Brina (Brainson) Orchoff. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Massachusetts.

Mr. Orchoff was a founder and partner of the Orber Jewelry Manufacturing Company of Pawtucket and was active in the business for 50 years.

He was born in Russia, a son of the late Samuel and Rose Orchoff. He was a member of the Redwood Lodge, F&AM.

He is survived by two sons, Joel Orchoff of Providence and Ross Orchoff of Inman, South Carolina; a daughter, Judith Burke of Branford, Connecticut; a brother, Peter Orchoff of Cranston; and three grandchildren.

SOPHIA SHORE

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, January 11, at Sugarman Memorial Chapel for Sophia Shore of 13 Ruskin Street who died January 9 in The Miriam Hospital after a month's illness. She was the widow of Morris Shore. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Shore was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Boruch and Sucie Prebluda. She lived in Providence more than 70 years.

She leaves a son, Edward Shore of Cranston; five daughters, Claire and Blanche Shore and Shirley Weisman, all of Providence, Rose Berlin of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and Sylvia Weinstein of Cranston; a sister, Sima Zatkowsky in Israel; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ALBERT SEGAL

Sugarman Memorial Chapel conducted funeral services on Sunday, January 9, for Albert Segal, 73, of 85 Briggs Street, who died Thursday in the Florida Medical Center, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, after a brief illness while visiting there. He was the husband of Sophie (Gladstein) Segal. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mr. Segal was a buyer of candy and tobacco for Costello Brothers Wholesale Tobacco Company for more than 20 years before he retired seven years ago.

He was born in Providence on June 5, 1903, a son of the late Joseph and Bessie (Glantz) Segal. He had lived in Providence most of his life until he moved to Cranston in 1971.

He was a member of Temple Beth Torah, the Touro Fraternal Association and the Providence Jewish Community Center.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Jay Segal of Daily City, California; a daughter, Elaine Kessler of Pawtucket; a brother, Irving Segal of Pawtucket; a sister, Anna Resh of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and six grandchildren.

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Protests PLO Posters In Library Of Congress Exhibit

NEW YORK (JTA): The Zionist Organization of America has strongly objected to the inclusion of four anti-Israel posters in an exhibition on "paper weapons" organized by the Library of Congress in Washington. The ZOA said that the posters call for the creation of a secular Arab state in place of Israel and carry messages of hate for Israel. Together with one poster glorifying Egypt as the defender of Arab oil, they are the only representations of the Middle East in the exhibition, the ZOA said.

In a letter to Dr. Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, Joseph P. Sternstein, ZOA president, noted that except for one innocuous Soviet poster praising labor and one Chinese poster encouraging South American revolutionaries, all the other posters in the exhibit came either from Latin America or from the American labor movement.

Archie Smith

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and the highest professional standards.

In a personal sense, I have known and worked with Archie Smith for more than a decade, and I shall miss his friendship and his counsel. In a public sense, his contribution to the people of our state is immeasurable, and Rhode Island has suffered a great loss."

Mr. Smith was born in Providence on June 3, 1908, a son of the late Harry and Mary (Moverman) Smith. He was the husband of Miriam (Bell) Smith and was a lifelong resident of Providence.

He was educated in Providence schools and graduated from Brown University, Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago, where he received a doctor of laws degree.

He was an assistant attorney general from 1942 until 1960, and legal director of the Rhode Island Legislative Council from 1961 to 1969.

In January, 1969, he was named public utilities administrator, a post in which he served until June 16, 1969, when a revamped three-member Public Utilities Commission was created and he was named its chairman. This post automatically continued him as administrator. He retired from the commission on March 28, 1975.

In 1975, he was awarded the John O. Stitely Distinguished Public Service Award for "outstanding, distinguished and dedicated service" in the field of public administration.

The Rhode Island chapter of the American Society for Public Administration presented the award.

The Providence Hebrew Day School awarded its founder with the Amudim Award, and Mr. Smith was one of the first to receive this award from the National Association of Hebrew Day Schools.

He was a past president of the Roger Williams Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and the former Ahavath Sholom Synagogue on Howell Street. He was a member of Congregation Sons of Zion, Congregation Sons of Jacob, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Providence Chevra Kadisha.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Z. Hershel Smith, a Providence lawyer, Dr. Arthur A. Smith of Brookline, Massachusetts, a consulting engineer, and Earl M. Smith of Hyattsville, Maryland, a research fellow at the University of Maryland; a daughter, Mrs. Raymond Raskin of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; a sister, Mollie Smith of Providence; and six grandchildren.

Rabbi Richard Marker of the Hillel Foundation delivered the eulogy at Wednesday's services for Mr. Smith. The religious ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Morris Drazin of Congregation Sons of Jacob. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Dr. Goldblatt Dies; Researcher In Blood

NEW YORK: At the age of 86, Dr. Harry Goldblatt, acclaimed pioneer in blood pressure research, died in a Rochester hospital of pulmonary edema. From 1961 until the time of his retirement last year, he had served as director of the Louis D. Beaumont Memorial Research Laboratories of Mt. Sinai Hospital, Cleveland, and previously as director of the hospital's pathology laboratories. He was emeritus professor of experimental pathology at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland.

According to colleagues, one of his most outstanding research efforts was a classic experiment reported in 1934 in which he constricted the artery that supplies blood to each kidney with a silver clamp.

As a result, he produced an experimental hypertension that closely resembled the form of high blood pressure most commonly found in humans.

In this way, they said, he established that alterations of the blood flow to the kidneys played an important role in blood pressure elevation. Some colleagues at Mount Sinai said that this experiment has stimulated more research than any other one in medical history.

Goldblatt Unit

The World Health Organization at its meeting in December 1974 officially established the human renin, as purified at Mount Sinai Hospital by Dr. Goldblatt and an associate, Dr. Erwin Haas, as the new international standard for measurement of renin. The standard has been named the Goldblatt unit. Renin in kidneys causes blood pressure to rise when released in the bloodstream.

Dr. Goldblatt was the recipient of many honors. They included the Scientific Achievement Award of the American Medical Association in 1976, appointment to the National Academy of Sciences in 1973, the Gold Headed Cane Award, the highest given by the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, and the American Health Association Research Achievement Award, all in 1966.

Upon his retirement from Mount Sinai last fall, the board of trustees established the Dr. Harry Goldblatt Lecture Fund. It is to be used to bring annually to the hospital an outstanding scientist in pathology "who will lecture, consult and in other ways increase the knowledge in his field" of pathology.

Dr. Goldblatt, a native of Iowa, received his B.A. degree from McGill University, Montreal, in 1912, and his medical and surgical degrees there later.

Dr. Goldblatt is survived by his wife, the former Jeanne Rea, two sons, David Goldblatt, a neurologist, and Peter Goldblatt, a pathologist, all of Rochester, and a sister, Mrs. Alta Van Horn.

Israelis Hit For Masking Politics

LONDON: Eric Moonman, MP, chairman of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, has hit out at Israeli leaders who come here for fund-raising or solidarity purposes, and make political capital for the forthcoming Israeli elections.

"We must get it into the heads of Israeli politicians that if they continue to use a London base to extend their own election campaigns, then they will be most unwelcome," Moonman declared.

The comment which seems to have annoyed Moonman is that which came from the Jewish Agency treasurer, Leon Dultzin, speaking here recently about the possibility of elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress. Dultzin said: "The Zionist movement in Britain is in great need of renewal and the Congress elections could be a good start for such a process. I also hope that the General Zionists, who now have a fine branch in this country will take their rightful place in the Zionist movement after the elections, when we shall see who represents whom, and to what extent."

Moonman commented: "What we expect from Israeli politicians and would-be politicians and we have a right to say this, is, that when they come to this country either for fund-raising or to share experiences with Jews in the Diaspora, they limit their remarks to ensure a solidarity with Israel and not to engage in political activities.

"In the present climate Israeli leaders are anxious for a dialogue with Diaspora Jewry and an honest and frank dialogue is welcome. But such matters should not be put into the propaganda machine. Public relations on behalf of Israel should be confined to explaining Israel's policies and combatting its adversaries."

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The Year In Review: Jobs and Jews

By Ben Gallob

(Part two of a two-part series)

The dreary job prospects for recent college graduates was consistent for all the reports. The Federation Employment Service in Atlanta reported that Jewish graduates were having problems finding jobs in social services and teaching. Some were finding jobs in other fields and others "continue to look for suitable jobs."

The Baltimore job agency reported that recent graduates had been hard hit by unemployment. Others affected are the "Marginally employable — the aged and the recently widowed or divorced returning to the job market." Describing the outlook for recent Jewish graduates, particularly in the liberal arts, as "not bright," the agency reported many were taking menial jobs in other fields, such as clerical work, adding there was a clear trend away from the liberal arts in career planning into law and accounting.

Recent college graduates were reported by the Boston Jewish Vocational Service as among Jewish job-seekers hardest hit. Others listed were lawyers, architects, social workers, teachers and engineers. Business school graduates in Boston are finding jobs but few openings were reported for liberal arts, social science and education graduates.

The Buffalo Jewish Family Service reported that many Jewish college graduates "are having to accept temporary jobs, in some cases unrelated to their educational backgrounds" and that "many graduates decide to continue in graduate and professional programs."

Prospects Poor

Describing the current job outlook for recent graduates as "poor," the Jewish Vocational Service of Chicago said other Jews particularly affected are those over 45 who lost their jobs and the unskilled. The Cincinnati Jewish Vocational Service reported that, other than recent liberal arts and education graduates, for whom jobs were hard to find, "no group in the Jewish community is particularly affected by the economic situation." The JVS also reported that many of those graduates have had to settle for jobs "not normally considered by college graduates."

Recent college graduates in Cleveland are "hard hit," the JVS there reported, adding that humanities graduates take what is available, generally jobs not requiring college training. Other Cleveland Jews hit by the slump are mainly marginal workers, including older workers and refugees.

Reporting that unemployment among Dallas Jews had been "steady" in 1975 and 1976, the job agency there listed as particularly hurt — in addition to recent college graduates — Jews over 45, social service workers, construction-related workers, unskilled women and family men laid off after years of stable employment, a problem widely reported in many cities in the first survey.

The Los Angeles JVS called the job prospects for recent college graduates "discouraging," particularly for the humanities and social service majors. The JVS also reported that "all job levels are affected by the recession excepting skilled clerical employment." In the 1975 survey, Los Angeles was listed as one of the four cities in which Jews in the professional, managerial and technical fields had been victims of widespread layoffs. The others were New York City, Chicago and Miami.

The Milwaukee JVS found that recent college graduates are among the Jews most affected by lack of jobs. Others are high level managers and Soviet emigres during their first months of settlement. The JVS said that recent graduates had "limited opportunities" if they were "inflexible" about their "starting level" or about "realigning their career goals."

Jobs Most Affected

Recent college graduates were included in the categories of New York City Jews most hurt by lack of jobs, as reported by Federation Employment and Guidance Service. Others were managers in various fields, over-aged salesmen and other older workers, and recent Russian newcomers. The FECS said there were "few" openings for recent college graduates "except for accounting and computer science majors."

Recent graduates were listed as among the categories most affected in Philadelphia. The Jewish Employment and Vocational Service also listed unskilled middle-aged women, technologically dis-

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Problems Surround The Atomic Weapons Issue

WASHINGTON: What will be President Carter's reaction to the fact that the government of Israel did not enable the delegation of twelve senators to visit the atomic installations at Dimona? Will that act influence the newly elected president to annul the promises of Nixon and Ford to supply Israel with an atomic reacter?

Political observers are of the opinion that in this area Israel can expect difficult and complex activity. They point out, that Israel has refused to join the international pact to avoid producing atomic weapons. Egypt has agreed to join the pact and has signed the pledge but this pledge needs the confirmation of the Egyptian Parliament. In the meantime, Sadat has openly declared that the Egyptian Parliament will not confirm this pledge so long as Israel has not joined the international pact and obligated itself not to produce atomic weapons.

Political observers point out, that during the election campaign Carter expressed a clear and definitive stance regarding this matter. He stressed, that under his leadership America would not furnish any atomic technology to any countries that would not join the international pact and will not oblige themselves to fulfill all the bylaws of the International Atomic Commission.

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Editorial

Ombudsman Extraordinary

Archie Smith devoted 35 years to public service in Providence, his birthplace. Consistently, whole-heartedly, he used his legal training (Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago) to inform and advise Rhode Island citizens on matters concerning their rights, especially in regard to public utilities.

In his various roles as assistant attorney general, legal director of the Rhode Island Legislative Council and public utilities administrator, public service had become as vital a part of him, we suspect, as his beard, of which he once said, "I didn't start it; it got started on me."

The extent of Archie Smith's community service went far beyond the number of awards, prizes and citations he received.

On this page last week, we expressed the need for the leader of the 80's who would "take the common people's troubles upon himself and fight to his utmost as an individual to relieve their suffering." With the loss of Archie Smith, consumer advocate and humanitarian, that need becomes all the more acute.

Snowed Under

Still in its infancy, 1977 is already a year to remember. Swirling snow has so occupied our thinking, that the fact that we are about to have a new government seems secondary.

The fact is, however, that we are pretty well snowed under by the current political situation. In a few days, Jimmie Carter and the 95th Congress will be facing a pileup of major issues, among them the problems of the economy, the revamping of the CIA and the Mid-East situation. Unless these problems are solved, we will continue to face job insecurity, threats to personal privacy and inflammable relations with other countries.

It won't be enough to sit back and let Jimmie Carter, his advisors and his staff tackle these problems by themselves. Our system of government works best when everyone puts in his honest two cents worth.

We watched a situation over the weekend which points up a parallel. On Saturday, roads were mostly cleared of snow, but climbing hills was a real problem for motorists. Time and time again, cars would start up Olney Street, get part way, and then the wheels would begin to spin. When there were riders, the driver and passengers would confer, then the passengers would get out and push, or one or two riders would stand on the bumper adding the weight necessary for traction. With that, the cars would move ahead.

When a driver was alone, invariably he would have to back up, turn around and retreat.

Our democracy is participatory. It is useless to think that the president will be able to handle by himself the storm of legislation that will come his way during the next few months — to say nothing of the next few years.

Most issues will directly concern most citizens. When we deem our well-being to be at stake, we cannot afford to hang back.

Let's get out and push.

FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Mayor Richard Daley and Max Heller

By BERYL SEGAL

Charles Whited is a columnist on the prestigious Miami Herald. I read his column during our annual visit to our children on the holidays.

On the day when the politicians in Chicago were bickering over the legacy of Mayor Richard Daley, Charles Whited wrote about the deceased Mayor and . . . Max Heller. I am sure that Mr. Whited will not mind my reprinting his column. It has relevance to readers in Providence as well as in Miami.

Greatness Is Relative To the Task is the headline.

Consider, among the great men who have lived, Max Heller.

Last week, in Chicago, Mayor **Richard Daley departed this life, and the event drew crowds of** mourners and made all the front pages and radio and TV news. For Daley was famous, the last of the big city bosses.

In Miami, a 39-year-old lawyer named Alvin Heller thought of important men and their monuments, and of his father Max, who died a year ago at roughly the same age as Mayor Daley. Max Heller was unknown and, beyond his stricken family and friends, unmourned.

And yet, what is the true measure of greatness?

Briefly, it may be written that Max Heller arrived in New York at about age 16 (his age was never **certain, for he had no birth records), a Russian immigrant, alone, with little formal education.**

He got married, escaped from the Lower East Side, fathered two sons and a daughter and spent his working life in New York, a grocer, and finally had to quit in 1965. He came to Miami like thousands of others, to live another decade, weakened by a bad heart.

The accomplishments of Max Heller?

"He got up every morning at 5 to open his store, and didn't close it until 14 hours later, six days a week, in the bitter cold of a New York winter or the uncompromising heat of summer."

Alvin Heller, the lawyer, remembered these things in the comfort of his Miami home—a man who, because his father had a passion for proper education, can live well and, if he chooses, sleep late.

"He never earned over $5,000 or $6,000 a year in his life, but his family always lived well, ate well and dressed well. They always lived in their own home in good neighborhoods; and because Max owned a grocery store, food was plentiful.

"Max Heller wasn't a kingmaker," Alvin Heller noted, "but he did see to it that one son became a lawyer (even though he wanted to quit in his first year of law school) and the other son became a CPA. He saw to it that his daughter would marry well . . . by closely scrutinizing her beaus."

And he remembered the crises of life, and how Max Heller rose to meet them.

In Brooklyn, he made a grocery store flourish, which had never flourished before. So one day in came some union men, who said: "You have a good business. You must hire two union men."

Max Heller hired but one. The next day a stink bomb was tossed into his store, the kind that permeates everything with its smell and lingers for a long, long time. The business was destroyed.

Max Heller swallowed his losses and built another.

"I've got far more education than he ever dreamed of having," Alvin Heller said, "but I don't know how I would have handled that.

"They deserve," he said, "to be recognized."

Max Heller would starve before accepting welfare, had a fierce pride in his adopted land and built a reputation for business integrity. He was known as a man who always paid his bills.

At the last he shared a Miami Beach apartment with Fay, his wife of those many years, and Alvin saw him fade away, despising condominium life, chafing in inactivity.

In Chicago, masses mourned Mayor Daley. But in Miami Alvin Heller mourned a father named Max, and thought of all the Max Hellers and the impact they have had on America.

This story, with variations, is repeated in many of the oral histories that are being recorded all over the city at the present time. Aged fathers and mothers telling of their crossing the ocean in search of a better life, a life of freedom; remembering the early years in the new land and their struggle to get a foothold in America, a struggle their sons and daughters can only dimly recall; working twelve hours a day and more, adding dollars to dollars for the education of their children. Always the children. Let them have what was denied to us.

And in doing all these things the former immigrants have contributed to the making of their adopted land as the years went by.

And who is to tell who contributed more? Mayor Daley or the anonymous immigrants who came to America during the reign of the Big City Boss?

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

BESTOW Will Aid Families

As you may have read in ***The New York Times*** recently, five rabbis were killed and one rabbi critically injured on December 20, 1976, in an uncontrollable car accident enroute to serving the wider Jewish community as Shochtim and Kashruth inspectors. Their widows and numerous young children have experienced traumatic shock. Moreover, it has become evident that they must cope with a very uncertain economic reality, tantamount to deprivation.

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'NY Has Everything Except Jerusalem'

JERUSALEM: "New York has everything except Jerusalem" say the two writers Judy Stacy-Goldman and Janet Kaplan, who are preparing a book for print about the Eternal City. Judy Stacy-Goldman and Janet Kaplan are two young American women who came to Israel by chance. They accompanied their husbands who came here to establish the television network.

Both women were far removed from Zionism. They came for only one year, but the one year turned into six. "Jerusalem is in our bones" the two women say. Jersualem — they say — is a mysterious and wonderful city, which has no equal in the entire world. Both women have decided to tie their lives up with Jerusalem.

'Wrong' Idea On Religion In USSR

MOSCOW: Rabbi Yakov Fishman, of the Central Synagogue here, has declared that the West has the "wrong information" about Jewish religious life in the Soviet Union. He made this comment in an interview in the evening newspaper "Vechernyaya Moskva" following the recent statement by Britain's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, that the promises made to him by Soviet officials during his visit to Russia, to improve the religious and cultural facilities for Soviet Jewry, had remained largely unfulfilled.

Rabbi Fishman's remarks are believed to have been made in the context of an official Soviet campaign directed against a Moscow Symposium on Jewish culture due to be held in Dec.

Sells House To An Arab Sheik

LONDON: The Jewish population of England received with great surprise, the decision of the Jewish woman deputy of Parliament, Sally Oppenheim, to sell her house to an Arab sheik for 600,000 Pounds Sterling.

The leaders of the Jewish community in London consider this act a "slap in the face" of the Jewish population, which is combatting the penetration of Arab capital in London and especially of the acquisition of Jewish property.

Reacting to the storm raised as a result of the transaction, Sally Oppenheim said: "We had to sell the house because of the great cost of upkeep. We are not able to live above our economic means."

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The Year In Review: Jobs and Jews

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placed men over 50 years, and the aged, those over 60. The job situation for recent graduates in liberal arts and education was called "disastrous" but "somewhat better" for graduates "who can channel educational experience" toward jobs in the health, computer science, accounting and engineering fields.

The short-range prospects for recent graduates in St. Paul was described by the JVS there as "poor" with many graduates deciding on advanced or alternate training. Also affected were St. Paul Jews over 50 and Russian emigres. The JVS said the overall job situation in St. Paul was improving.

The San Francisco Jewish Vocational and Career Counseling Service reported there were few job openings for recent college graduates except for those with Masters degrees in business administration "who have a slightly better chance" to get jobs in "a white collar community." Also suffering unemployment in San Francisco are structural engineers, media professionals — writers, TV personnel, artists and photographers — persons over 55, teachers and social workers.

Most severly affected among Toronto Jews are recent high school and college graduates, older persons and immigrants, the JVS there reported. Government funding cutbacks and the poor economic situation "has severely limited opportunities" for recent college graduates, particularly in the social sciences, teaching and nursing professions, with little improvement seen in the immediate future.

To Aid Jobless

The agencies reported a variety of efforts to aid the Jewish jobless. The Baltimore job agency has created job banks, job marketing campaigns and uses newspaper advertising, mailings and bulletins in synagogues. The Boston JVS enlists the help of businessmen for job development and it sponsors self-help clinics for college graduates and professionals.

The Buffalo JFS said currently it offered job placement services only to Soviet newcomers but that a long-range planning committee is evaluating the JFS vocational service department and suggesting the extension of placement help to all jobless Buffalo Jews. The Chicago JVS said it was developing retraining programs and offering training in clerical skills and typewriter repair. The agency said it was also working closely with the Mayor's Office of Manpower in using on-the-job training for the jobless.

The Cleveland JVS said it was involving Jewish community leaders in job development efforts, has stepped up mailings to employers and said it was encouraging Jewish employers to centralize their employe recruiting through the JVS.

The Los Angeles JVS has added a special counselor to serve managerial, administrative and professional job-hunters. The FEGS in New York has undertaken large-scale advertising to attract Jews to office jobs, as well as intensive job solicitation. The FEGS also is providing intensive counseling for jobless professionals to bring about "reasonable goal changes."

The Philadelphia agency reported it is offering training programs in a variety of nonprofessional skills. The San Francisco job agency is stressing interview and resume help. Much staff time is going into persuading liberal arts graduates to consider fields they have previously rejected. The Toronto JVS has started special programs for Russian newcomers, recent college graduates and the Jewish elderly. Most of the JVS agencies have intensified their job development efforts.

Exports Stable; Prices Rise

TEL AVIV: The Citrus Marketing Board's forecast for exports this year is 48m. crates, about the same as last year. Prices are expected to be higher, totalling about $190m., $15m. more than last season, according to Reuven Eiland, director general of the Agriculture Ministry and chairman of the CMB.

Zvi Kenan, the new general manager of CMB, who formerly served as head of the Pardess Syndicate, said one of the major problems facing the board this year was the heavy competition from Florida and Texas in grapefruit sales. The Americans have come out with Ruby Red and Pink varieties, against which Israel cannot compete. They have also increased their sales to Europe from several hundred thousand crates a few years ago to more than 2.5m. crates now. Kenan promised an aggressive sales program, but in the immediate future he predicted a drop in grapefruit sales. One of the long-range steps being taken is that at present no more grapefruit orchards are being planted, he said.

Kenan promised that greater emphasis would be put on the local market by offering high-quality fruit and by the introduction of new types. "This will give consumers a larger variety to choose from," he said.

A "miracle orange" that ripens a full month before the Shamuti (Jaffa), has a richer aroma, is sweeter and easier to peel went on display here this week.

The new strain of orange, called "Varda G." was developed by Amiel Gottesman, a citrus farmer at Ramat Hashavim. The orange is the result of 20 years of crossbreeding experiments.

Gottesman told The Jerusalem Post that a trial shipment marketed abroad last year showed buyers perferred the new strain over the Shamuti. Buyers also reported it had a longer shelflife than the Shamuti.

BARSHAI TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK (JTA): Rudolf Barshai, a prominent Soviet conductor and founder of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra has been given permission to emigrate to Israel, it was learned.

Israel Police Get Wire-Tap Leeway

JERUSALEM: Israeli police will be able legally in the future, to tap telephones for up to 48 hours while awaiting a court order approving such action, provided that they feel that a crime is about to be committed.

A draft bill to this effect has been approved by the Cabinet.

Until now the police have had virtually a free-hand to listen in to conversations.

The Minister of Police, Shlomo Hillel, wanted the police to have the right to tap phones for up to 1[illegible] days before a court order was requested, but this was rejected by the Cabinet.

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Strike Halting Radio Reports

TEL AVIV, (JTA): Israelis remained without their hourly radio newscasts for at least two days as the state-owned broadcasting network halted its Hebrew bulletins because of a dispute with newsroom journalists. The only broadcasts available were news headlines. Foreign language broadcasts were not affected.

The move by the broadcasting authority's board of governors followed several days of sanctions by radio journalists who complained that top editors were mismanaging available manpower. The journalists denied management claims that they were demanding more pay for night work, Management has demanded that full news service be provided or it will discontinue the service entirely.

Meanwhile, another labor dispute has affected thousands of patients in 25 govenment hospitals. The 48-hour strike was begun yesterday by administrative and maintenance workers who are demanding higher wages. Except for kitchen services, all other services come to a standstill. Patients could not be released and patients arriving for surgery could not be accepted. Some operations had to be postponed.

Herald ads bring results.

No Comment

WASHINGTON: The State Department had no comment recently on Middle East reports that President-elect Jimmy Carter has invited Arab foreign ministries to meet with him in Washington. A Department spokesman referred questioners about the reports to Carter.

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Wants Hess To Be Released

NEW YORK (JTA): Eugene K. Bird, the former American director of Spandau prison in Berlin, believes that its last remaining inmate, former No. 2 Nazi Rudolf Hess, now 82, should be released. Hess should be freed not only on humanitarian grounds but because "the prison costs about $415,000 a year to run . . . as many as 105 people may be on duty each day — to take care of one prisoner. It is a ridiculous figure," Bird said in an interview with "To The Point International," an English-language magazine published fortnightly in Antwerp, Belgium.

Bird contended that Spandau remains "a symbol of Soviet hate, revenge and terror" and claimed it is only at the insistence of the Soviet Union that Hess remains in prison. He said he expressed his views in a recent letter to the West German Justice Minister, Jurgen Baumann. He took strong exception to Baumann's response that he "would not stand up for the freedom of Rudolf Hess."

Bird said he spent hundreds of hours in Hess' cell talking to the one-time Deputy Fuehrer who defected to England early in World War II. "We talked about his flight to England, his relationship to Hitler and his place in world history," Bird told "To The Point International" in its latest issue. He said he found Hess "intelligent but he seemed to live in a fantasy world of his own. He often told me that he was 'a dedicated German;' but he regretted what happened to the Jews."

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BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr

Even though I often say that the word "PASS" is just about the most important one in the Bridge dictionary. Nevertheless, I am also a firm believer in bidding my **cards when I have a bid to make. True, sometimes that bid may** come back to haunt me by providing vital information helping an astute opponent make a contract or find a way to set me as Declarer. But that is certainly not the majority. One cannot do nearly as well sitting back and allowing the other side to bid at will. Also, remember not many players take advantage of the clues handed them. In today's hand the fact that an opponent did not make a bid at a certain time should have told the Declarers just what to do.

North
♠ J 8 5
♥ A 10 7 2
♦ K 9 5
♣ 8 4 3

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

East
♠ 10 3
♥ K 5
♦ J 8 6 4 2
♣ O. 10 9 2

South
♠ Q 9 4
♥ O. J 9 6 3
♦ A Q
♣ A K 6

East and West were vulnerable, East Dealer with his bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1♥	P	2♥
P	4♥	End	

Of course, the bidding didn't always go as shown and that is the crux of the article. Some Wests did make a Spade overcall. Others, because they were vulnerable, felt they were too weak and passed. Either way, North raised the Hearts and South with 18 points went right to game. Whenever I see what I think is an interesting hand with a point I try to follow it just to find out how each player approaches these situations. I was able to see this hand at every table and watched as each Declarer guessed before playing to the trick that would settle his fate.

Whether West overcalled or not each led the two high Spades and then a third ruffed by East even if Declarer tried to prevent **the impending ruff by false-carding and dropping his Queen at** trick one. East's 10 should have overcome that but one West fell for it. However, when East did ruff each returned the Club 10 and now Declarer was in, had already lost his quota, and had to capture the Trump King to make the hand. One Trump had been used already so now there were three out.

I watched every West but two **(the hand was played twelve times) play the Queen and then think for** quite some time before they let it ride through only to lose to the now singleton King. I really do not fault any of them if East had made that overcall for he certainly could still have the Heart King. But not many Easts did overcall so now let's examine the problem and see if there is something that can help us make the right decision.

Remember, when anyone shows out of a suit we know the entire picture of that suit and East had ruffed the third Spade. That meant West had started with five. And when East returned the Club 10 this also gave away the location of that Jack, only one point but still something. As stated before, if West did overcall all this means nothing. But if he didn't you already know about his five card **Spade suit plus that Jack. When you play your Heart Queen and he follows you know he didn't have the singleton King. But although** some players will not overcall vulnerable with just the cards known, who would not overcall holding all that plus the Heart King behind the opening bidder? The answer, nobody, so if West had passed and not bid at all a sharp Declarer will take note and go up with Dummy's Trump Ace at the first play of Hearts. He won't be sure of dropping that King but he will be sure that East not West has it. As it does drop his analysis is rewarded. The Declarers did drop that King but because they guessed. They told me so when I asked them.

Moral: True, every bid has a meaning which should be figured. But a PASS also has one and often gives just the necessary facts to change one's plan or hand out the right one. Listen to everything.

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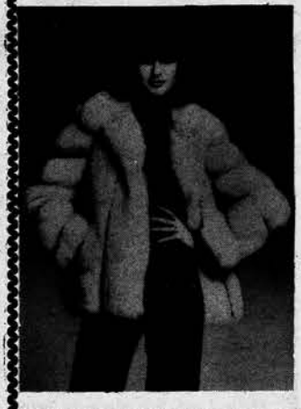
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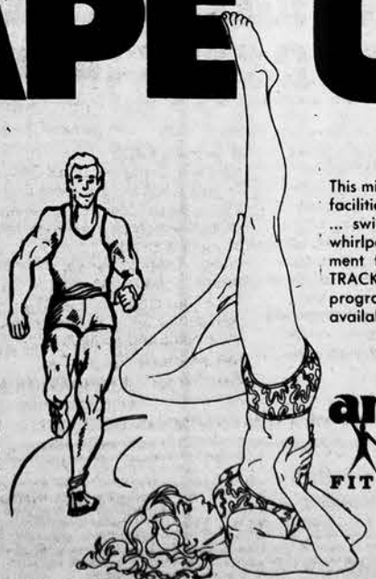
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ENGLE-GLADSTEIN

Robin Gladstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gladstein of West Hartford, Connecticut, was married to James Engle of Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hotel Sonesta in Hartford, Connecticut, on January 8. Mr. Engle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Engle of Elmgrove Avenue.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Officiating at the ceremony was Rabbi Harold Silver. A reception at the hotel followed.

The bride wore an ivory English net gown with silken venice lace mantilla, walking length, attached to a matching camelot headpiece. She carried her confirmation Bible, covered with phalaenopsis orchids, ivory roses and stephanotis.

Judie Gladstein, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor. Judith Engle, sister of the bridegroom, and Claire McKenney were bridesmaids.

Richard Engle, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Serving as ushers were Bruce Gladstein, brother of the bride; Ethan Siegal, J. Scott Wolf, Erick Genser, Harold Espo and James Jedrziewski.

Following a wedding trip to the Netherland Antilles, the couple will reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Samuel Gladstein and the late Samuel Gladstein, and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenblatt. The bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Engle and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hassenfeld.

Notices

BETH AM SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am will conduct Friday night services on Friday, January 14, at 8:15 p.m. at the temple, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick. Members participating in the service will be Shelley Alterman, Rona Dressler, Judy Grossbard, Toby Horowitz, Sheila Land, Sue Margolis, Betty-Ann Pierce and Jane Silverman. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Naomi Rubinstein, president of the New England Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Following services, all are invited to attend an Oneg Shabbat served by the Sisterhood members.

MIRIAM WOMEN

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association is having their paid-up membership brunch at the hospital's Sopkin Auditorium on Monday, January 17, at 11 a.m.

Chon Day, noted cartoonist of ***The New Yorker*** and contributor to leading magazines, will give some illustrated talks. Chairwoman of the day will be Mrs. Philip Torgan; Mrs. Jeoffrey O'Brien is hospitality chairwoman and Mrs. Jasan Siegel is president of the Association.

FOUNDATION MEETING

At a recent board meeting of the Al Goldberg Memorial Foundation, a new slate of officers for 1977 were elected. They are Louis I. Sweet, president; Howard A. London, first vice president; Bernard S. Goldberg, second vice president; Samuel M. Gerstein, treasurer; Elaine G. London, secretary.

Also, on the board of trustees, Sheldon I. Goldberg, Jeanne Z. Sweet, Tillie G. Goldberg and Harold L. Gerstein.

It was decided at this meeting to allocate a $500 grant to a deserving person studying Cantorial music at the Hebrew Union College.

DONOR KICKOFF

A donor kickoff meeting for workers and board members of the Ladies' Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island will be held at the home on Wednesday, January 19, beginning with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Milton Dubinsky and Mrs. Joseph George Fishbein are co-chairmen of this year's annual donor event, which is scheduled for March 16. All interested members are invited to attend.

ALEPH GROUP HADASSAH

The Aleph Group Hadassah will hold a study group at the home of Mrs. Max Rose, 110 Overhill Road, Providence, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 20.

A book report will be given by Mrs. Mildred Talon on ***The Secret Jews*** by Joachim Prinz. Diann Silk will give a report on current events.

PARMET TO SPEAK

Gus Parmet, host of WJAR Radio's "Sports Sound Off" show, will be guest speaker at the January meeting of the Temple Beth Am Men's Club on Sunday, January 16.

The meeting will be held at the temple and will begin with a full course breakfast at 9:45 a.m., following regular Sunday morning services. It is open to all temple members and their families.

The speaking portion of the program will follow the format of Parmet's radio show. It will be entirely questions and answers, with discussion on all sports. It is expected that a local sports personality will join in the discussion.

Society

GERBER ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Gerber of Elmgrove Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Joan, to Sanford Martin Fishbein, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G.

Miss Gerber is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Fishbein attended Case Western Reserve University and is a graduate of Boston University. He is currently completing his fifth year in the School of Architecture at Rhode Island School of Design. A June wedding is planned.

FLEISIG ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fleisig of Westbury, Long Island, formerly of Providence, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Robin, to Roger Greene.

Miss Fleisig is an alumnus of American University in Washington, DC. Her children's book for the Smithsonian will be published shortly. She is currently doing freelance editorial work, and reviewing children's books. Her father is the management consultant for a Swiss-based import-export firm.

Mr. Greene is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Murray J. Greene of Riverdale, New York. An alumnus of Bronx Science and St. John's College in Annapolis, he also holds a master of fine arts in Film from Columbia University. He is currently the audio visual production specialist for the Navy Resale System. His father is a professor of philosophy at Baruch College. His mother is the commercial artist, Ruth Adam.

An April wedding is planned.

ALTERNATIVE CLASS

The Bureau of Jewish Education has established an alternative class for Jewish instruction in the Providence area. The class, called "Limud" for learning, is being taught by Harriet Mendelovitz who is a trained special education teacher. The program consists of Hebrew, Jewish customs, history and Bible.

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The class meets at Temple Emanu-El school building each Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in this special class is advised to contact Mr. Elliot Schwartz at the Bureau, 331-0956.

HADASSAH B&P

The Hadassah Business & Professional Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 16, at the YMCA at 2 p.m. A social hour will follow the business meeting.

BUTLER HOSPITAL

The annual meeting of the Corporation of Butler Hospital will take place at 12 noon, January 20, in the new main lobby at Butler Hospital.

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

The Roger Williams Chapter - B'nai B'rith Women is holding its paid-up annual membership luncheon on Monday, January 17, at 12 noon at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. Lon Cerel, prominent magician, will perform.

Racial Hatred

LONDON: John Kingsley Read, the leader of the British National party, an offshoot of the extremist right-wing National Front in Britain, was held for trial at the Central Criminal Court by magistrates here on a charge of inciting racial hatred at a meeting.

Calder's Final Creation Will Stand In Jerusalem

TOURS, France: Work is being done here on what could well be Alexander Calder's most monumental creation — a sculpture for Jerusalem. Calder died in New York November 11 of last year, but the spirit of his creative genius lives on.

Workmen have been busy hammering and welding together elements of Calder's ultimate creation, according to instructions left by him. They are working on the project at a steel-plate-manufacturing plant on the outskirts of this industrial center on the River Loire. The sculptor used this same plant over the past 15 years to have his models executed to size.

Visit to Israel

The Jerusalem sculpture is a stabile and is yet unnamed. At the plant it is known by various cognomens such as "Le Jerusalem," "L'Israel" and "Number 131." It is the 131st Calder work produced here.

A gray metal structure delineating what looked like the interlocking portals of a grand imaginary place of worship, the sculptor's model stood in a corner of the plant. It is less than man-sized.

The Jerusalem project dates to a visit by Calder to Israel in 1975. It was not long after an Arab-sponsored resolution at the United Nations had again condemned the Jewish state, provoking demonstrations of support for Israel from many intellectuals and artists.

Traveling with his wife, Louisa, the then 77-year-old Calder was shown around by Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, who one day asked him if he would give a sculpture to the holy city. The answer was yes, and while Calder went to work at his Loire Valley Home, Jerusalem began making ready a site on the northeastern slope of Mount Herzl. It is there that the monument, in honor of peace, is to be dedicated next May.

At the plant here owned by the Biemont Company, Jacques Bazillon, the general manager, said there was no problem and that everything would be ready late next month, when the stabile's components would be crated and sent to Israel by boat for easy-on-the spot reassembly.

Accidental Association

The plant's association with Calder, Mr. Bazillon recalled, was quite accidental. One day, he said, Calder decided he needed a steel plate company in the area to do his structures, picked a name in the telephone directory and called. The man on the other end said, "Sorry, we aren't equipped for that sort of work, but—" He then called Mr. Bazillon, a friend, and said, "I have a funny American here, perhaps you want to see him."

From that day, Biemont, which is mainly a supplier for nuclear power stations, added the production of Calder sculpture to its activities. The plant, which employs 160 people, executed major Calder stabiles for New York, Philadelphia, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dallas Airport and the 1967 Montreal exhibition. "The Calder line was only a small part of our business," Mr. Bazillon stated, "1 or 2 percent of our revenue."

Calder insisted that no industrial methods be employed in the execution of his structures, lest they bear "the scars of workmanship," and the plant respected his wishes. The workers loved Calder, who would come in at least twice a week when work was in progress on his creations. He would never ask technical questions, but wished to know whether they liked the sculpture or not.

Jean Berruet, a foreman who traveled with Calder to Montreal, New York and wherever his sculpture was being reassembled, called him "a kind man." Once, he recalled, when he broke a leg, Calder drove him all the way to a hospital in Paris, 180 miles away, and on Sunday mornings they used to play billiards at the Calder home.

Suggest Tel Aviv As Rio's 'Twin'

RIO DE JANEIRO: Marcos Tamoya, the mayor here, is considering a suggestion made to him by the mayor of the Shaar Hanegev region in Israel, Tzvi Hazan, that this city should be "twinned" with Tel Aviv.

It may take some time before this suggestion goes through the bureaucratic machinery here, but a decision should be made by next spring.

Situated in the Shaar Hanegev region is Kibbutz Mefalsim, at which Argentinian Jews reside, and also a settlement of Brazilian Jewish youth.

WIN AWARD

JERUSALEM: The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra received the Israel Broadcasting Authority's main award, the IL 4,500 Director-General's Prize.

Urge Change Of Status For Children Of Intermarriages

NEW YORK: It is urged that children of intermarriages whose mothers are non-Jews be accepted as Jews, in an article in the current issue of "Conservative Judaism," official publication of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly. Admitting that his suggestion is "daring," the late Rabbi Solomon D. Goldfarb, an American who went on aliya to Israel, on retirement, and died in Jerusalem in February, 1976, called for "Halachic courage" to deal with this contemporary problem.

Pointing to the nonacceptance as Jews of the children of Russian mothers who have settled in Israel with their Jewish husbands, and referring to the classic biblical story of Ruth as a precedent, Rabbi Goldfarb said that "these are new times in Jewish life and we are faced with new demands especially in matters concerning the Jewish family."

Asking "why, in the light of the liberation and relaxation of the prohibitions against intermarriage, do we still insist that only the child of a Jewish mother be considered Jewish," Rabbi Goldfarb urged that we "grant the same recognition to the child of a Jewish father, regardless of who the mother may be."

Obviously referring to the growing problem in Israel among families who have fled Russia for settlement in Israel, Rabbi Goldfarb wrote:

"I presume to suggest that the time has come for a revolutionary change in the law determining who is a Jewish child. I propose that, in our day, we regard the non-Jewish wives of Russian families and husbands as faithful to their husbands and that we regard their children as the offspring of their Jewish husbands. Surely the circumstances in these cases, leaving home and country to go to a foreign land, justify the assumption of marital fidelity. These children should be regarded as their husband's offspring. What I'm suggesting is an extension of the Halachic rule to include the father. If one parent is Jewish, mother or father, the offspring is to be regarded as Jewish."

Rabbi Goldfarb suggested that such non-Jewish wives of Jews, who had never been converted in Russia might well be good prospects for conversion after settlement in Israel. "Certainly," he pointed out, "in the case of Russian wives, the fact that the mother joined in the escape from a Godless communist country is in itself a dramatic lesson for the children of loyalty to their father's people and religion. Is it too much to hope that by accepting these children as Jews, the wives would not wait too long before accepting the faith of their husbands and children?"

Rabbi Goldfarb, who was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1932, served as the rabbi of Temple Israel in Long Beach, New York, until his retirement when he settled in Jerusalem.

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New York: The first formal, in-depth study of the operations and philosophy of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in its 62-year history was released by JDC president Jack D. Weiler.

EX-NAZI CONVICTED

HAMBURG, West Germany: Paul Nell, a former Nazi SS lieutenant, was convicted by a West German court recently of five murders in wartime Poland and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mr. Nell, 77, was found guilty by the court for having ordered the shooting of five Jews while he was commandant of a forced labor camp.

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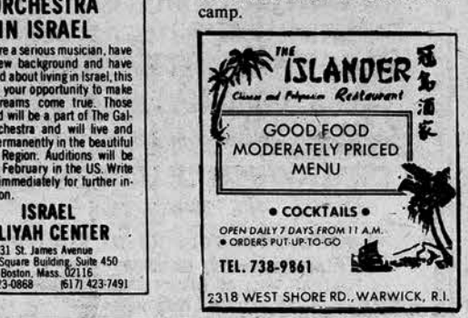

A sample computer printout, in Hebrew, of responses to points of religious law

Jewish Law Preserved In Elaborate Computer Bank

NEW YORK: The law has been recorded in numerous ways down through the ages. In the beginning, it was engraved in stone. Later, it was elaborated upon by rabbinic experts in their written responses to questions from individuals.

Now, as a result of a $1 million project recently announced by Rabbi David Mirsky, acting vice president for academic affairs at Yeshiva University, and Aaron M. Schreiber on behalf of Israel's Bar Ilan University, these replies have been engraved on computer tapes and will be made readily available to North Americans.

Yeshiva will establish a computer terminal at its Washington Heights campus that will be tied in by satellite to a computer at Bar Ilan, under a three-year, $175,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and private matching funds. Bar Ilan currently has 12 centuries of rabbinic replies to questions on religious law and social problems stored on tape.

These questions and answers are known as Responsa, and are fundamental in the evolution of Jewish law.

Altogether, there are approximately 500,000 responsa written by 5,000 different authorities. Nearly 24,000 responsa — adding up to 24 million words in Hebrew and Aramaic — are stored in the Bar Ilan Responsa computer.

Plans call for the storage of up to 50,000 responsa by next April, and 100,000 within a few years.

The problem for modern Jewish legal authorities was how to sort through this mass of unidexed material in formulating responses to present-day problems.

"Modern legal authorities would have to traverse the entire literature," Rabbi Mirsky said. "This was an almost insuperable problem until computers came along."

According to Dr. Schreiber, who is the principle investigator for the project at Bar Ilan, the computer will provide additional information so that present-day authorities will be able to understand "under precisely what circumstances decisions were rendered" in earlier times.

This will allow the scholars to separate rulings based on enduring principles from those made primarily because of circumstances peculiar to a given case.

Ultimate Goal

However, the computer's utility goes beyond the specific issues involved in Jewish law. According to Dr. Schreiber, the Bar Ilan computer is being used in Israel by linguists, historians, sociologists, economists and others who see the Responsa as a rich source of material in their field.

A group of scientists at the Weizmann Institute, Hebrew University and Bar Ilan began to explore the possibilities of using the computer in 1967.

"The major question," Rabbi Mirsky said, "was: what do you feed into the computer?"

The ultimate goal is to put all of the Responsa into the machine. Short of that, the material could have been chosen in chronological order, or selected for storage at random.

The scientists opted instead for a review of the entire literature by a body of scholars. These scholars chose material from the major responsa that would be a representative sample of both time and place.

The latter was especially important, since Jewish communities flourished all over the world. Each community faced unique problems and established somewhat different traditions.

The scientists and scholars next decided to store entire texts, and merely summaries, since summaries themselves are often interpretive. Ther goal was to provide raw material for others to interpet.

Finally, the scientists faced the most important practical question: how could researchers ask the computer for the information they desired?

As is the case in other information retrieval systems of this sort, the Responsa computer uses "key words." Under this method, the researcher will enter a word, a group of words, or a phrase. The computer then reads through every text stored in the library and produces a listing of the places in which it found these words or combinations.

The researcher can then ask the computer to print out whole tets, paragraphs from selected texts, or a few lines.

Language Problem

On the surface, this was a relatively simple computer problem. Complicating matters was that all the texts were in Hebrew or Aramaic, languages in which word forms and even words themselves change, depending on how they are used in a sentence. In addition, words changed a great deal over time, and were used differently in different parts of the world.

To solve this problem, Rabbi Mirsky said, programmers had to create "a concordance of every word in any form in which it might appear." Some words have thousands of variants.

Shortly after the computer was first put into operation in Israel, organizers of the project decided to put their creation to the test.

According to Rabbi Mirsky, five advanced rabbinical students were asked to study five well-known Responsa compilations. The experimenters then asked identical questions of the students and the computer. The goal was to discover all the material in the Responsa texts that pertained to these questions.

The students identified 80 percent of the material correctly, and the computer correctly identified 98 per cent.

Rabbi Mirsky noted that these results were even more impressive when projected across all of the information the computer would eventually hold.

Yeshiva's system is expected to be of assistance to contemporary scholars in search of guidance on such issues as the proper role of women in the synagogue, abortion, and "right to die" questions.

Ministry Is Asked To Omit Religion

AMSTERDAM, (JTA): The Association of Netherlands Municipalities has asked the Ministry of Interior to omit the designation of a person's religion henceforth from the population registries. In making the request, the Association noted that such designation constituted a breach of privacy and in certain situations, such as that of Dutch Jews during the Nazi occupation, a threat of life.

The issue was raised recently as a consequence of demands from Arab countries that certificates of non-Jewish origin be attached to visa applications by Dutch nationals. The Association asked the Interior Minister to consult with the various religious congregations with respect to changing the present system of recording religion affiliation. The Association said that the general census taken every ten years was sufficient to establish how many people belonged to any religious group.

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Partisan Struggle For Leadership In Israel

By Yitzhak Shargil
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JERUSALEM (JTA): The partisan struggle for the future leadership of Israel began in earnest as President Ephraim Katzir prepared for consultations with the various party and faction leaders preliminary to ask one of them to form a caretaker government. With elections anticipated some time in May, prominent political figures are already jockeying for position and seeking public support.

Recently resigned Premier Yitzhak Rabin addressed groups in Affulah, Ein-Harod and Tiberias. The voters, he declared, must choose between Labor, which he characterized as "the Zionism of accomplishment" and Likud, "the Zionism of rhetoric."

But he made no mention in any of these meetings of coming closer to Mapam's demand that the Alignment include in its platform a statement that Israel would be ready for territorial concessions on the West Bank. Rabin merely reiterated that Israel was ready for far-reaching concessions.

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, expressing confidence that he could provide the unifying spirit needed by Labor to win, declared on a television interview that he regards himself as a serious candidate for the office of Premier.

But most political observers discounted Eban's chances. They see Defense Minister Shimon Peres posing the most powerful challenge to Rabin's leadership. Peres, who has not concealed his intention to try to unseat Rabin, met yesterday with Menachem Beigin, leader of Likud's Herut faction, and will meet later with Simcha Ehrlich, head of the Liberal Party wing of Likud.

Press For Concessions

Mapam, meanwhile, implied strongly that if Peres is chosen to head the Labor Party list on election day, it would quit the Labor Alignment. Naftali Ben-Moshe told a meeting of Mapam's political committee last night that the next Prime Minister "must be chosen in consultation with us." He demanded that Labor assure its Alignment partner that Peres, a hardliner on territorial concessions, will not be Labor's choice.

But Mapam secretary general Meir Talmi stressed that the party was presenting no ultimatums. Apart from its opposition to Peres, Mapam wants Labor to introduce language into its platform indicating readiness for significant territorial concessions in all areas, including Judaea-Samaria, as part of an overall peace settlement with the Arabs and a readiness to negotiate with any Palestinian group that recognizes Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries.

Mapam set January 30 as the date for its party convention, at which time, presumably, it will have to decide whether to remain in the Labor Alignment or go to the polls on its own. But it is unlikely to have a reply by then to its political demands from Labor. The Labor Party convention is set for February 22.

No Changes Now

Meanwhile, Israel Galili, Minister-Without-Portfolio in the Rabin government and an influential member of the Labor Party's inner circle, declared in the Knesset today that there would be no change in the government's settlement policies, even during the transition period. He said those policies called for maximum Jewish settlement on both sides of the "green line," meaning in Israel proper and in the administered territories. He stressed that settlement was more important than ever in view of recent developments in the UN General Assembly and Security Council.

Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who has yet to disclose his own political plans, warned the Labor Party yesterday not to authorize the next government to make any territorial concessions without taking the issue to the people and cautioned the party not to include in its platform any commitment to concessions on the West Bank.

Dayan warned that should such a plank be included, the U.S. would use it to pressure Israel into making these concessions even before a total peace is in the offing. In addition, the U.S. would seek further concessions and Israel would have no choice but to accede, he said.

Expensive Election

The elections promise to be the most expensive in Israel's history. Under Israeli law, the Treasury allocates money for campaigning to each faction on the basis of the number of seats it holds in parliament. According to the draft budget for fiscal 1977-78, Israeli taxpayers will finance the elections in the amount of IL 125 million compared to IL 37 million under the current budget.

As of October 1, each Knesset member was worth IL 520,000 to his party. The allocation took into consideration price increases in April and October. By next May inflation will have increased that amount. The Labor Alignment, with 50 seats, will receive about IL 50 million, assuming a 15 percent inflation rate.

Likud, with 36 Knesset members, will be granted IL 22 million and the National Religious Party IL 6 million for its ten MKs. New parties will receive nothing unless they succeed in winning Knesset seats. Existing parties that lose seats do not have to return money to the Treasury.

Dutch Art Dealer Will Face Charges

GENEVA: A 77-year-old Dutch art dealer was handed over to the authorities of his country by the Swiss Cabinet recently, to face charges of having participated in the Nazi wartime killing of several hundred Polish Jews.

Before deciding to bypass the Swiss statute of limitations and return the wealthy fugitive, the Cabinet hesitated for more than two weeks. A special plane was sent by the Dutch government to pick up Pieter N. Menten, the art dealer.

Because the statute of limitations bars any legal action for crimes more than 20 years old, Switzerland could not accede to the Dutch request for extradition of Mr. Menten, who was arrested in a hotel near Zurich on Dec. 6. To get around this obstacle, the Cabinet "expelled" the art dealer under a constitutional provision authorizing such action against foreigners considered to be a security threat.

There was yet another obstacle to handing over Mr. Menten to the Dutch. The constitutional provision on expulsion has always been interpreted as giving the person facing ouster the right to decide to which country to go. But to have given Mr. Menten this right might have enabled him to find a haven.

Under strong urging from the Dutch Government, which had sent Minister of Justice Andreas van Agt to press the case against Mr. Menten, the Cabinet elected to avoid this by invoking for the first time an unpublished decree of 1965. Acting on its own authority, the Cabinet at that time ruled that a war criminal expelled under the constitutional provision concerning security risks did not necessarily enjoy the right to elect where he would go.

The Pause That Depresses: Israel Television Commercials

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM (JTA): The financially hard-pressed Israel Broadcasting Authority is trying to get the government to agree to television commericals, a "blessing" denied Israelis since television was introduced in the country some 10 years ago. Yitzhak Livni, director general of the quasi-government agency has urged its board of directors to set the machinery in motion. Commercial tv would be subject to approval by the Cabinet and Knesset before it became a fact of life for Israelis.

Livni's assurances that commercials don't sell products is a line of reasoning that would flabbergast tv hucksters in other countries. But it is a vital matter in Israel which is trying to hold the line on private consumption to fight inflation.

According to Livni, the European experience has shown that tv commercials do not increase the public's consumption of goods. He would surround commercial tv with strict controls. Advertisements would be limited to 6-7 minutes per hour and, in line with the practice in several European countries, would be concentrated at the beginning and end of programs. There would be no commercial interruptions in the middle of a show.

The introduction of commercials would be linked to the establishment of a second broadcast channel, almost certainly in color. Israelis would thereby have one commercial color channel and one black-and-white non-commercial channel. Color tv would doubtlessly increase the purchase of color sets, an expensive import item, contributing to inflation. But many Israelis feel it is essential. All of the Arab states broadcast in color as do most tv stations around the world.

Israel Requests Over $2 Billion From U.S.

JERUSALEM: The Israel government has already submitted a request for $2,300,000,000 to the American government for the new 1977-1978 budget. The bill regarding the new budget, which becomes effective in October, 1977, will be submitted by President Ford to the Congress in January, 1977. It is expected in Jerusalem that Carter, the newly elected President, will agree with the request.

THREE SPY RINGS

TEL AVIV (JTA): The death of a Druze on the Golan Heights, who was killed when he stepped on a mine while trying illegally to cross the Syrian border from Israel, led to the uncovering of three spy rings employed in the service of Syrian intelligence.

An unspecified number of Golan Heights residents between the ages of 20 to 30 years were arrested during several days by Israeli security forces. Most of them were from the Druze village of Majd-el-Shams on the slopes of Mt. Hermon.

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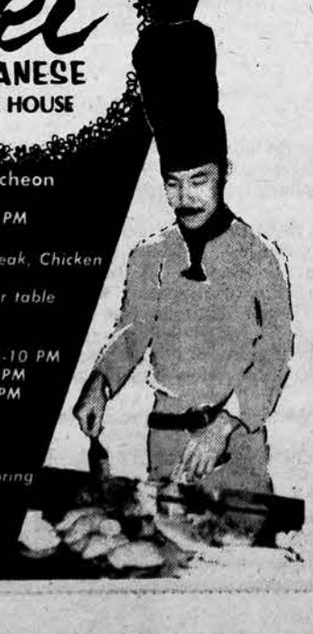

Retired RI Mill President Finds Contentment At College

When you leave the challenge and exhilaration of heading a complex business, what can you do that will compare to the stimulation and incentive it provided? Gerald Ford is the quintessential example of the man at the top who is faced with the perplexing problem of having to find something to occupy his considerable energies, now that he is no longer going to be chief executive.

He isn't alone, however. Many heads of institutions and businesses retire every year and find themselves in a position where they must adjust to a drastic shift in the demands placed upon them. The decompression can be depressing unless a challenge can be found.

For Clinton Grossman, 60, of 25 Emeline Street, Providence, the answer has been to enroll in college. Retired from the presidency of Lebanon Mills in Pawtucket, he decided that he wanted to go back and immerse himself in the arts and humanities courses he had not been able to fit into his program when he was a student forty years ago at Lowell Textile Institute.

"I never had a hobby," he explained. "The biggest thing is time." As an executive there was little time for more than appreciation of art. Grossman frequently visits Rhode Island School of Design's excellent art museum, but he wanted to have deeper knowledge of art history and art theory. So he began taking courses at Rhode Island College. He has no intention of embarking on a formal degree program. His aim is to enrich himself in an area in which he says he has always felt a lack.

Through a continuing education program for people like himself, Grossman has been able to register for courses in art and music and to get into the humanities study which he wished for but couldn't fit into his work load as a student in a technical college in the 1930's. At first he was cautious. He felt that there might be a bit of problem shifting gears from the business world to the academic world. Before he started it seemed that there would be difficulty. But, once he enrolled, he found the transition to be an easy one.

"I'm very content, more content than I've ever been in my life," he confided.

According to Grossman, the students he has encountered are easy to get along with, as are the instructors. The atmosphere is friendly and different age groups mix well in the classroom, he feels. There isn't the sort of formal dichotomy between faculty and students which he remembers from his undergraduate days four decades ago. Then faculty members were helpful but authoritarian, he recalled.

"I've got a string of courses I want to take," he said. "I don't know if I'll ever live to take them all."

Since he is retired, he is able to take three or four courses each semester. He also studies at the Extension Division of the University of Rhode Island. When he decided that he wanted to rectify his lack of exposure to humanities courses, he investigated the opportunities and found that RIC and URI Extension were the only institutions in the area which provided the sort of individual enrichment options which he needed.

"I'm glad I got in," he said. "I don't know what I'd have done — probably packed up and moved South where they do have more schools" (with programs such as he is in).

His good fortune at finding the sort of intellectual stimulation that he needed only a few minutes across the city from his home is pleasing to him. The challenge it represents must be sufficient to absorb the energies of a former business executive, too. Recently he encountered a two semester history of art course which covered everything from pre-history to modern art.

His reaction suggests the degree of challenge. "I don't find them easy — which comes as a great shock," he pointed out.

UAHC Seeks Equality For Women Rabbis

LOS ANGELES: In anticipation that by 1979 one out of three newly ordained Reform rabbis in America will be women, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has launched an educational campaign among its 720 congregations and 1.1 million members in the United States and Canada to assure complete equality of the sexes in the placement of rabbis in pulpit positions and other jobs.

Noting that the Reform branch of Judaism for almost two hundred years has championed the equality of women's rights on all levels, including religious rights, Matthew H. Ross, N.Y.C., chairman of the UAHC's board of trustees, told fellow board members meeting here that "pockets of resistance still exist in accepting women in jobs traditionally held for centuries exclusively by men."

Mr. Ross cited current enrollment statistics from the Movement's seminary, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, showing that at present 35 out of 215 rabbinic students studying on the four campuses are women, with 12 out of 45 in this year's freshman class being women and twenty-five percent of those applying to study for the rabbinate.

In addition, the HUC-HIR's School of Sacred Music in New York City has 17 women out of 44 studying for the cantorate.

At present there are three women ordained by HUC-JIR. Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first, ordained in 1972 and serving as the assistant at New York City's Stephen Wise Free Synagogue; Rabbi Michal Bernstein at Temple Beth Sholom, San Jose, Ca. and Rabbi Laura Geller, the director of the Hillel Foundation at University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Three women have been officially invested as cantors. The first in 1975, Barbara Herman, was just installed as the cantor of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, N.Y.

To Meet Challenge

To meet the challenge, the UAHC's Board of Trustees, at the conclusion of its three day meeting here, approved the creation of an educational task force "to develop effective programs sensitizing our congregations and congregants so that they can respond to the historic development of women in the rabbinate with maturity and in keeping with the highest principles of our Movement."

Cite Women's Roles

The Trustees also cited the "ever-increasing role of women in the councils of Reform Judaism, as lay and professional leaders and congregational presidents." Today there are 100 women who have been presidents of their synagogues, with 60 presently in their elected posts.

"According to "Reform Judaism," the official publication of the UAHC, some resistance to women rabbis appears to come from male rabbis and from feminine congregational members. In the publication's November issue, a front page article cites a group of forty male rabbis who were asked if they would recommend a woman as their assistant to the congregation. Only one raised his hand, "hesitantly."

'Eruv' Formed In Riverdale

NEW YORK, (JTA): Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams today proclaimed the formation of an "eruv" is a common community area within which Orthodox Jews are exempted from the religious law which prohibits the carrying of any items on public streets on the Sabbath and on Jewish holy days.

The formation of the "eruv" was made possible after months of meetings between religious leaders in the Riverdale community and representatives of Con Edison and the N.Y. Telephone Company, who were tremendously helpful and cooperative. The boundaries of the "eruv" are defined by existing fences and by utility poles with special slats attached to form a symbolic fence surrounding the community.

Abrams stated: "While this action will in no way restrict access to or use of the area by non-Jews, it will be tremendous religion significance to Orthodox Jews who observe the holy laws. By forming the 'eruv,' we will enable Orthodox Jews to carry prayer shawls and prayer books to and from their synagogues for religious services. They will also be able to wheel baby carriages through the community on Saturdays and other holy days, something which is of great importance to many young families in the Riverdale Area." Without an "eruv," Abrams said, "observant families were often kept restricted to their homes on holy days. I am sure all Riverdale residents will join me in extending our best wishes to these families and in hoping they will enjoy the freedom and mobility this 'eruv' will make possible."

Saudi Solar System Is World's Largest

MIAMI BEACH: The installation in Saudi Arabia of a huge solar heating system, believed to be the world's largest such application of solar energy, was announced here this week.

Sverdrup and Parcel and Associates Inc., a St. Louis engineering company that developed the system, said that about 325,000 square feet of floor space would be heated by solar energy at a large educational complex in northern Saudi Arabia.

The system, scheduled to be operational next year, will also supply 36,000 gallons of hot water daily, enough for 400 average American homes.

A company spokesman, who made the announcement at a national solar cooling and heating forum that ended here today, said that the largest solar heating system now functioning in the United States supplied heat for an area of about 54,000 square feet.

The Saudi heating project has attracted attention here because the climatic conditions of Saudi Arabia are similar to some of the arid areas of the Southwest — very hot summers and cold winters, with mostly sunny and clear skies.

The decision by Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, to order the solar heating system was regarded as significant because it demonstrated that ultimately all nations will resort to the use of every form of energy.

The Saudis apparently decided to order the solar heater because of transportation problems near the 14-building educational complex and a lack of petroleum refining facilities.

The $1.5 million solar heating unit will be installed on the roof of the largest building, which is the size of three football fields. Water storage tanks will be built inside four large pylons that support the structure.

The company estimates that the system will pay for itself in 16 years and that, with proper maintenance, it could be used for up to 35 years.

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The Dismal World Of Israeli Economics

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM (JTA): Economics has been called the "dismal science" and no characterization was better suited to the state of Israel's economy during the year just ended. Inflation was rampant. Prices soared for all basic commodities and services. Unemployment increased. The Pound shrank and shriveled to a point where it begins to resemble the Weimar Mark. There was labor unrest in all sectors. The rich seemed to be waxing richer and the burdens of taxation appeared to fall increasingly on the poor.

Most disquieting, however, was the government's apparent inability to cope with the worsening conditions. Its anti-inflation measures only spurred inflation. It sabotaged its own policy of holding the line on prices by withdrawing State subsidies for bread-and-butter items. Its feeble attempts to soften wage demands drew the wrath of the trade unions and led to a wave of strikes, walk-outs and work slowdowns that paralyzed public services and forced plants to shut down.

Meanwhile, the professional economists and fiscal experts bickered, each one of them a prophet of economic salvation according to his own "true faith." And the public, confused and angry, found their logical scapegoat in the man who presides over the national economy, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

At no time in history and in no country in the world does anyone love the tax collector. Rabinowitz, as head of the Treasury, is regarded by most Israelis as the man with his hand in their pockets. He is the one who urges them to consume less while they must pay more. He also seems to many to have an unsteady grip on the nation's fiscal levers. His most conspicuous trait, say his critics whose numbers are legion, is a tendency to make policy based on contradiction and paradox.

Inflation Fought

There is a recession in Israel. But not for all Israelis. The government fights inflation on one front and nourishes it on the other. For example, the Finance Minister was the most vigorous advocate of the value-added tax (VAT) that went into effect last summer. It is a tax paid on every stage of production from raw material to finished item and it is passed on mainly to the consumer. It has been likened by some to fighting the fires of inflation by pouring on gasoline.

Another example: State subsidies for such commodities as sugar, flour, cooking oil, eggs, bread and many other edibles and for fuel and public transportation consumed a huge portion of the national budget. Rabinowitz and his associates decreed that these subsidies must go lest the deficit becomes totally unmanageable. But if the national budget was relieved, the budget of the average householder took a severe beating. During 1976, inflation increased at a rate of 37 percent per annum. If this wasn't the highest in the world, it was close to it.

Areas Of Success

The Finance Ministry answers its critics by pointing to areas of success. They note that Israel's

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SUNY, Israel Sign Exchange Accord

TEL AVIV (JTA): An agreement that formalizes ways and methods for an exchange of faculty and students between Israel and the State University of New York (SUNY) and for bringing groups of students from New York to the universities in Israel was signed at the Haifa University.

Chancellor Ernest L. Boyer of SUNY signed for the university while the Israeli side was represented by seven delegates of the seven institutes of higher education in Israel. Present at the signing ceremony were also representatives of the Israeli and U.S. governments.

Israeli academicians regard the agreement as of great importance to the development of the academic strata in Israel which will be helped by the facilities of the 64 SUNY campuses.

As one step towards the realization of this agreement, SUNY is establishing a distinguished Israeli visiting scholars program to honor outstanding representatives of Israeli institutions of higher learning and to enable the 64 campuses of the New York university to benefit from visits of distinguished teachers and researchers.

Israeli faculty members will be able to attend the New York campuses from one week to a full academic year. It was also hoped that the agreement will enhance the academic dialogue between Israeli and American scientists, promote research and strengthen ties between academicians and scientists.

Arabs Find New Way Of Isolating Israel At UN

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS: (JTA)—The 31st session of the General Assembly, which recessed Dec. 22 in order to reconvene next spring to deal with world economic problems, was distinguished by its low key discussions and by what many diplomats described as its "business-like atmosphere."

Paradoxically, however, the Arabs who injected a great deal of venom and controversy in previous Assembly sessions by their emotional and virulent attacks on Israel appear to be the real winners in this year's session. Armed with an automatic majority—a highly effective weapon in the diplomatic battlefield of the world organization—the Arabs adopted a new tactic this year: "moderation."

Aware of the fact that their extreme, onesided resolutions, such as last year's resolution equating Zionism with racism, only boomerang against the Arabs themselves, the anti-Israel forces at the UN concluded that Israel could be more effectively isolated by introducing "moderate" resolutions which Israel's traditional allies, namely, the United States and Western Europe, could support.

Effective Tactic

This new tactic was effectively used by the Egyptians in the debate on the Middle East. At the end of the week-long debate, spiked with the usual anti-Israel rhetoric, the Assembly over-whelmingly adopted a carefully worded Egyptian resolution calling for the reconvening of the Geneva Mideast peace conference. It was approved by a vote of 122-2 with eight abstentions. Only the U.S. and Israel cast negative ballots.

Israel's isolation, along with the U.S., was underscored by the fact that not one European country opposed the resolution and, in fact, most of them supported it. As a result of the vote, Israel and the U.S. appeared to be against reconvening the Geneva talks while in reality they supported the resumption of the talks but without the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The catch in the Egyptian-sponsored resolution was that the PLO's participation in a resumed Geneva conference was not mentioned directly but only implied. American Ambassador William Scranton, in explaining the U.S. objection to the resolution, said the measure, which called on US Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to resume his contacts with the parties in the conflict, "is phrased in such a way as to imply that the PLO should be one of the parties consulted in preparation for the Geneva conference."

In that connection, he stressed that the U.S. believes that additional participants in Geneva is a question "which can only be addressed by the original parties themselves."

Anticipating the negative results for Israel by opposing a resolution that appeared to be moderate, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, introduced a draft resolution, Israel's first in the Assembly, to show the Jewish State's support for the resumption of the Geneva talks. The draft called for the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference "without delay" with the participation of Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan. The PLO was not mentioned.

Although Israel had to withdraw its draft after the Arabs introduced an amendment calling for the participation of the PLO in the Geneva conference, the Israeli move clarified the position that its opposition was aimed solely at the PLO's participation in the conference and that, in fact, the Jewish State is ready to go to Geneva "even tomorrow," as Herzog declared.

Other Victories

The contention that the Arabs score much better when they are "moderate" was clearly demonstrated in the same Mideast debate when Syria introduced a more extreme resolution calling for the resumption of the Geneva talks with the participation of the PLO.

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Syria Promises It Will Ease Jewish Community Restrictions

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political figure, had told him that the "time was ripe for a settlement" and that "Saudi Arabia recognized that Israel was a reality and that it was a fact of life in the Middle East." This is a more forthcoming statement about Israel than any made by previous Saudi leaders.

Mr. Solarz found the Syrian negotiating stance tougher than that of either Egypt or Saudi Arabia. In talks with Syrian leaders — he did not see President Assad — Mr. Solarz was told that Israel had to withdraw completely from the Golan Heights, occupied in 1967, and that Syria would not agree to a demilitarized zone because it wanted the right to put troops on the heights overlooking Israeli territory.

President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt said, Mr. Solarz said, that if Israel withdrew completely from the Sinai Peninsula, also occupied in the 1967 war, he would agree to demilitarization of the peninsula. Israel has said it would not pull back forces from every inch of occupied Arab land but would make significant withdrawals in return for moves toward peace.

On the Palestine question, the Egyptians and Saudis adopted a "moderate" position of advocating a Palestinian state on what is now Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, Mr. Solarz said. This "moderate" position presupposes that the Palestinians would then cease trying to destroy Israel, existing within the borders it had before June 1967.

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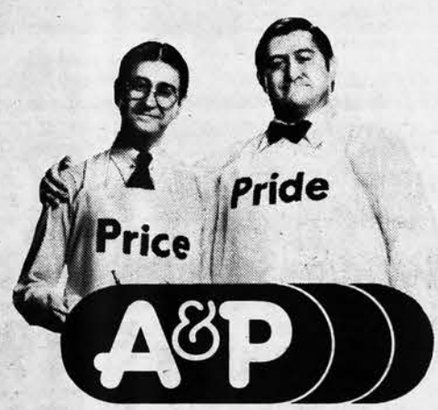

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The leaflet said the film, which recounts the rescue of hijack victims at Uganda's Entebbe Airport last July, is "an absurd picture of Israelis as the liberators of old people and children." Police said they did not know if the leaflet is genuine.

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Israelis Are Ambivalent About Sadat Statement

By Gil Sedan and Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM (JTA): Israeli leaders saw both positive and negative elements in Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's latest statement on a Middle East peace settlement contained in a Washington Post interview. The biggest surprise and the one that has aroused most interest here was Sadat's flat assertion that any Palestinian state created must be linked in some way to Jordan.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon described it in a Cabinet briefing today as a possible "first step in the right direction." He recalled that Sadat has made similar statements in the past but quickly retracted them. The fact that he has now repeated his view of a Palestinian-Jordanian linkage therefore is "not without significance," Allon said.

On the other hand, he pointed out, Sadat was speaking of a third state between Jordan and the sea, a concept that Israel rejects out of hand. Israel has always insisted, however, that the Palestinian problem must be solved in the context of peace negotiations with Jordan.

Allon suggested that Sadat may have been signaling support for Jordan's return to the West Bank and hinting to elements in the administered territories not to go overboard in strengthening their ties with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Israeli Foreign Minister warned that Sadat's aim is to generate pressure on Israel. But, he noted, the United States is committed not to exert pressure on Israel for a Middle East settlement.

In his interview with Washington Post correspondent Thomas W. Lippman, Sadat said a Palestinian state must be formally linked with Jordan, insisted that Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories must be swift and total and completed in a single phase and that Lebanon must be a full participant in the Geneva peace conference.

No Dispute

Allon's initial reaction to the interview was that it could be a "positive development." But he warned that if Sadat genuinely accepts Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict he should refrain from laying down prior conditions. "Rigidity in the Egyptian position could only encumber genuine peace efforts for our region." Allon said during a talk in Ramat Gan Thursday. He referred to Sadat's demand for a one-stage Israeli withdrawal "like the withdrawal from Sinai in 1956" and the inclusion of Lebanon in the Geneva talks.

With respect to the latter, Allon observed that "there is no dispute between Israel and Lebanon and there is no reason why peace negotiations cannot be held between them." However, he felt that the question of Lebanese participation should be discussed only after "the Geneva conference is reconvened as originally constituted."

Allon called the demand for withdrawal to the 1967 lines "a rigid and unrealistic position to take," adding that "Israel will not give up defensible frontiers." He said that "Whatever Israel can compromise on she will do so in free negotiations and without pressure and what she cannot compromise on she will not compromise on even under the highest pressure."

Shlomo Avineri, director general of the Foreign Ministry, said on a radio interview yesterday that Sadat's support for a Palestinian-Jordanian linkage might pave the way for resuming the Geneva conference "but it is certainly not enough" by itself.

He said that Arab insistence on PLO participation at Geneva remained a major obstacle and is unacceptable to Israel. On the other hand, Avineri thought that Sadat's remarks could signify the beginning of a serious erosion of Arab support for the PLO and, if continued, could provide the basis for a dialogue between Israel and its neighbors.

New Developments

The consensus here was that Sadat's approach gave new substance to Israel's refusal to accept a third state between itself and Jordan. Some circles now believe that the Rabat summit decision designating the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people was "dead and buried."

On the other hand, they saw a strengthening of political and military cooperation between the three confrontation states — Egypt, Jordan and Syria — with the objective of increasing pressure on Israel through the U.S. if negotiations materialize this year.

- Israeli observers who regard Sadat's approach as a significant gesture toward Israel, found support for their view in secret talks held in Amman this week between former Hebron Mayor Mohammed Ali el Jaabari and King Hussein and in a statement by Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem supporting a West Bank-Jordanian confederation. Jaabari and Freij are among the moderate West Bank leaders. PLO sources meanwhile have remained silent.

But most observers familiar with the Middle East scene bear in mind the erratic nature of inter-Arab politics. They noted that the PLO, decimated by the Lebanese civil war, reemerged as an influential factor after the Riyadh and Cairo conferences last year. Now their position seems to have deteriorated but the tide could turn again, the observers warned.

It was also noted that once again Sadat gained the initiative in peace proposals made to the news media, not to Israel. And Israel once more is in the position of reacting to the latest Egyptian gambit.

They Will Mark Einstein Birth

EAST BERLIN (JTA): East Germany is preparing for the centenary marking Albert Einstein's birth. It will be celebrated in March, 1979.

The East German government has set up a special committee which will assemble Einstein's manuscripts, rearrange the archives available at the Berlin University and restore the small house in the village of Caputh, south of Berlin, where Einstein spent several years. The East German government plans to turn the Einstein centenary into a major celebration due to be attended by tens of thousands of visitors from both east and west.

Brings Sons Home Across Good Fence

HAIFA: A Jewish woman, born in Israel, and four of her five sons, born in Lebanon, came through the Good Fence to a tearful and happy reunion with her aged parents.

The woman, close to 50, had applied to the rabbinical court for a declaratory judgement that she and the children, all circumcized, were Jewish under Judiaic law.

She explained that 30 years ago she had fallen in love with a Lebanese Moslem. Against the will of her parents, she married him and followed him to Lebanon. Some time ago, he divorced her to marry two other wives, one Christian and one Moslem. Since then she had looked for an opportunity to return to her home town.

Her parents confirmed her story and the court was satisfied about her origin. The woman said that she had never formally abandoned the Jewish faith. The woman and children, aged 15 to 19, were ordered to take a ritual bath.

The oldest of the sons is abroad studying and she does not know whether he will join her after graduation.

The grandfather thanked both "the Lord and the Good Fence" for the good fortune which enabled him to see his daughter and grandchildren.

DRUZE MAY JOIN

JERUSALEM: Leon Dulzin, treasurer of the World Zionist Organization, has told the members of the new Zionist Druze Circle that the WZO will consider including the Druze community in its activities.

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The Dismal World Of Israeli Economics

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balance of payments improved as the result of a remarkable increase in exports and a decline of imports. During 1976, Israel's exports rose by 24.2 percent over the previous year. Its best customer was Europe.

The Treasury also boasts that it reformed the tax system in 1976. Income tax receipts increased by 47 percent which shows how urgently tax reforms were needed. At the same time "specific allowances" — salary increments paid to selected groups of public employes — were abolished. This raised a hue and cry among those affected but it has since diminished and the move seems to have been a genuine attempt to improve the state of the economy.

The Treasury can also take credit for strengthening exports by its so-called "creeping devaluation" of the Pound. Last year the Pound was detached from the U.S. dollar and linked to a basket of foreign currencies including the Pound Sterling, Swiss Franc, Dutch Guilder and West German Mark. This, of course, improved Israel's position on the European market. But it reduced the buying power of Israelis at home.

The government succeeded in stabilizing the price of flats and housing, but only at the expense of a deep recession in the construction industry. It failed utterly in its declared policy of shifting the labor force from service to productive industries. Here again the government acted against itself. Civil servants get more pay — possibly for less work — in government offices than they would in private industry. As a consequence, government bureaus have a surplus of manpower while factories go begging for labor. More and more Arabs are now seen on the production lines.

What's Ahead

What does the new year have in store? Ya'acov Lavi and Uri Litvin, economists of the Bank of Israel, expect consumer prices to increase by 27 percent this year, four percent more than estimated by the Finance Ministry. They also claim that unemployment will reach five percent; it stands presently at four.

"Creeping devaluation" will continue. Lavi and Litvin propose devaluation at a higher rate but not on a monthly basis as heretofore. They have recommended no devaluations in January and February because as long as domestic demand runs high, devaluation will only spur inflation.

Politics will of course affect the economic picture in 1977, this being an election year. There is a fair chance that Rabinowitz will not serve in the next Cabinet, assuming a Labor victory, or at least not as Finance Minister. But thoughtful observers concede that it is not fair to blame him for Israel's economic woes. They are, after all, a direct result of the Yom Kippur War and the oil price increases that rocked economies much stronger than Israel's — and, of course, an inevitable consequence of Israel's huge defense burden.

Whatever Rabinowitz's weaknesses, they reflect the conflicting interests of the general public. Workers want more pay for shorter hours. Consumers with any cash in their pockets don't want to be forced to tighten their belts. Government bureaucrats seek more and more for their agencies and little personal empires. It is, after all, human nature.

Ontario Elects Jewish Mayors

TORONTO (JTA): Jewish mayors were elected in several major Canadian cities in the municipal elections this month in the province of Ontario. Lorrie Greenberg was elected mayor of Ottawa, Canada's capital, by an overwhelming vote of 84 percent. In North York, a borough of more than 4,000 residents within Metropolitan Toronto, Mel Lastman was re-elected mayor. He polled 80,000 votes to his opponent's 20,000. Philip White was re-elected mayor of York Borough. In Mississauga, a large suburb west of Toronto, Dr. Martin Dobkin failed to win re-election.

The city of Kitchener now also has a Jewish mayor, Morley Rosenberg. Known as Berlin until World War I, this city was founded by German-speaking immigrants and still contains a large core of residents of German origin. The prevailing religions are Lutheran and Mennonite. Numerous Jewish aldermen, school trustees and some controllers were also elected in the Toronto area and elsewhere in Ontario.

Deny Signing Joint Document With Peace Group From Israel

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV (JTA): The Palestine Liberation Organization today flatly denied that any of its representatives had signed a document in Paris affirming readiness to recognize Israel as a Jewish Zionist State and to live in peace with it on the basis of the 1967 borders. The purported document was shown to newsmen here by Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Matityahu (Matti) Peled, chairman of the Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace.

Peled, who heads the department of Arabic studies at Tel Aviv University, claimed that he and a "top PLO figure" who he did not identify both signed the document at a private meeting in Paris Jan. 1. But Farouk Kadoumi, head of the PLO's political section, promptly issued a denial that any PLO personality had signed a document with Peled or had even met with him in Paris.

The denial was a severe blow to Peled's movement which includes such prominent Israeli personalities as MKs Arieh Eliav and Meir Payil; Uri Avneri, publisher of Haolam Haze; and Dr. Jacob Arnon, former director general of the Finance Ministry. All were present at the press conference where Peled hailed the document as an "historic breakthrough."

Peled said that it represented the PLO's acceptance of his Peace Council's manifesto as a basis for negotiations. The manifesto defines

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Arabs Find New Way Of Isolating Israel At UN

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This resolution was approved by a vote of 91-11 with 29 abstentions. Not even one West European country supported the resolution. Five of these countries — part of the nine-member European Economic Communtity — abstained. They were France, Italy, Ireland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

This new pattern of voting among the nine, which in previous years voted in unison on Mideast issues, is a cause of concern for Israel. While in the last all nine voted against anti-Israel resolutions or some of them abstained, there was an erosion in the support for Israel in this year's Assembly session. Only Britain, West Germany and The Netherlands continued to demonstrate their traditional support for the Jewish State.

The Arab offensive against Israel received another boost with the Assembly's adoption of the recommendation of the 20-member Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The resolution called for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The resolution also called for the return of the Palestinian refugees "to their homes and properties" in what is now Israel. The vote was 90-16 and 30 abstentions.

Although the resolution cannot be implemented without the approval of the Security Council—the Council rejected the Committee's recommendations last June after the U.S. vetoed it — its adoption gave the Arabs and the PLO, which is to head the new state according to the resolution, a propaganda victory. The status of the PLO, which was at ebb due to the civil war in Lebanon, was strengthened as a result of the resolution.

The endorsement by the Assembly of an independent Palestinian state also coincided with reports from Arab capitals that the PLO was ready to accept a West Bank-Gaza Strip state. The timing of the two developments can lull world public opinion into believing that the Arabs no longer seek to destroy Israel and that their only aim is to have a state for the Palestinians.

Maneuvering

In the opinion of top Israeli diplomats at the United Nations, including Herzog, the only resolution that constituted a "real" defeat for Israel this year was the "moderate" Egyptian resolution at the end of the Mideast debate. Otherwise, the Israelis argue, Israel fared "pretty well" in this year's Assembly.

The Israelis note that the Arabs have an "automatic majority" or more than 70 votes on any resolution they want to pass. Israel, thus, has to maneuver with the rest of the votes available—about 75. Therefore, the Israelis explain, if some 55 countries don't support an anti-Israel resolution — either by voting against it, abstaining or not participating in the vote-Israel is not isolated and the Arabs' attack can be considered repelled.

This pattery of voting, where at least 55 countries did not vote against Israel, emerged in two central issues, the Palestinian state resolution and the apartheid debate where the Assembly adopted a resolution singling out Israel's relations with the South African regime.

The issues of Zionism, Israel's expulsion from the UN and the PLO—three topics that made the Mideast a central controversy during the two previous Assemblies—were almost nil this year. The measure equating Zionism with racism was not recalled this year by any related resolution. The demand of the Arabs, which caused an uproar last year, to suspend Israel from the Assembly, was not repeated.

Even the PLO, whose leader Yasir Arafat appeared in triumph two years ago to address the Assembly, was barely mentioned except toward the end of the session in the resolution on the establishment of the Palestinian state. The lack of any attention paid to the PLO this year was attributed to their role in the Lebanese civil war.

A top Israeli diplomat at the UN explained that the Arabs "realized that by their extreme demands they caused revulsion that in the final analysis works against their interests. This was the reason for their low-key approach this year. In a way, their action became more sophisticated and this is a cause for alarm to Israel."

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Israel as a Zionist State and calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state on the basis of the 1967 borders with alterations to be agreed on by the two parties. The PLO is ready to recognize Israel on that basis, Peled told reporters.

Not Surprised

Asked when the PLO would announce its recognition, Peled said that Israel would first have to announce its recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination. He said also that the PLO would amend its covenant, which calls for the replacement of Israel by a secular state in Palestine, before peace negotiations were completed.

He said he was not surprised by the journalists' skepticism and that he expected the Foreign Ministry to brand his Paris meeting a smokescreen designed to mislead the public. Other members of Peled's group admitted that the Israeli government had not been consulted or involved in the Paris meeting though some said they had reported on the talks to certain Cabinet ministers who were personal friends.

Peled identified the PLO person he said he met in Paris as "a top PLO figure mandated to the meetings by PLO chairman Yasir Arafat and the leadership of the Palestinian movement." He said that this "PLO leader has been active lately in the United States where he endeavored, together with his comrades, to acquaint the public with the PLO's policy as defined by its leadership." Some here believed Peled was referring to Dr. Issa Sartawi, a PLO person who held private meetings with a number of American Jews in New York and Washington late last year. According to the Jewish participants, no change in the PLO position was evidenced at those meetings.

Meetings Scored

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon today sharply criticized Israeli circles that engage in so-called negotiations with the PLO and thereby prolong the life of that "dying organization." In a barb obviously aimed at Peled's group, Allon told students at the Haifa Technion that Israelis who have contact with the PLO and claim to have reached an accord with it only perpetuate the erroneous impression that the PLO is the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

PLO DENIAL

PARIS (JTA): The Palestine Liberation Organization denied here it has signed a joint document with an Israeli peace group recognizing the State of Israel and said it would never countenance the existence of the "Zionist entity." The statement rebutted the claim made in Tel Aviv by Matityahu Peled.

The PLO statement said: "We can confirm that no Palestinian leader acting on PLO instructions signed such a document. The PLO will not authorize any of its members to act contrary to the objectives of our people's struggle and the resolutions of the Palestinian National Council."

Jewish Woman Has Won Scholarship

DETROIT (JTA): Denise Thal, one of the first women to recently win a coveted Rhodes scholarship, is a member of a suburban Detroit family active in Jewish communal affairs and is herself involved in Jewish youth activities. According to the Detroit Jewish News, Ms. Thal was confirmed at Temple Israel here and was a member of the Michigan State Temple Youth chapter.

She is also active in the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Harvard University where she is an economics major. The Rhodes scholarship provides over $5000 for two years of study at Oxford University in England. Ms. Thal will attend the Oxford Honors School where she will study political science, philosophy and economics, the Jewish News reported.

Her father, Bruce Thal, is a past president and board member and former treasurer of the Jewish Vocational Service and is currently president of the National Association of Jewish Vocational Services. Her mother, Ileane Thal, served on the boards of the Jewish Family Service and the Federation Women's Division.

MA Governor Signs Boycott Directive

BOSTON: Gov. Michael Dukakis has signed an executive order forbidding firms doing business with the State of Massachusetts from complying with Arab boycott.

The executive order specifies that any firm doing business with the state after Jan.. 1 for an amount of $5000 or more must agree not to participate in an international boycott.

To Donate Papers To Congressional Library

WASHINGTON: Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is donating copies of his personal and official papers to the Library of Congress, but the public can virtually forget about seeing them before the year 2001.

A State Department spokesman, Robert L. Funseth, announced the Kissinger gift today and said the collection would be opened to the public in 25 years or five years after Kissinger dies, whichever is later. In the meantime, the only people allowed to examine the papers will be Kissinger and people who have a secrecy clearance and permission.

Shabbos Sales Aren't Stopped

JERUSALEM: A move in the Knesset to close down petrol stations which are now allowed to remain open on the Sabbath has failed. A bill introduced by the National Religious Party was postponed indefinitely after strong opposition by several Labor members and by the left-wing.

Introducing the bill, the Minister of the Interior, Joseph Burg, said that because the courts had ruled that stores, which must be closed on Saturdays, do not include places of business where the main activity is in providing service rather than goods, municipalities and local councils were powerless to enforce religious by-laws against petrol stations. Dr. Burg's bill aimed at altering the Sabbath law to refer to "places of business."

Zionism Symposium

LONDON (JTA): Despite scanty coverage in the world press, a recent Bagdad international conference is another step on the road to giving anti-Zionism intellectual respectability. This is the conclusion of a report by the Institute of Jewish Affairs on an "Ideological Symposium on Zionism as a Racist Phenomenon" held in the Iraqi capital under the auspices of the Center for Palestinian Studies at the University of Baghdad, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Arab League.

The gathering was attended by 300 delegates from 46 countries, including Britain, France and the United States as well as the Soviet Union, Eastern bloc and Third World countries. An Iraqi news agency reported that the symposium's proceedings will eventually be published and widely disseminated. It added the symposium was marked by a deep academic spirit.

USSR Bans Chief Rabbi Of Denmark

COPENHAGEN: The Russians have told Danish Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior that they do not want him is Moscow Rabbi Melchior was due to take part in the Moscow Symposium on Jewish Culture, and had received a visa to go to Russia from the Soviet authorities, but he has now received a cable from Intourist telling him that he is not welcome.

Four French professors who were also to have attended the symposium and had been issued with visas have similarly had them withdrawn. In Moscow, the KGB have raided the homes of Soviet Jewish scientists and confiscated papers which were to have been presented at the Symposium.

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