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Moral Dilemma: Israelis Debate Ethics Of Beirut Bombing

JERUSALEM — The air raid by Israel last Friday against a densely populated neighborhood in Beirut has created a debate within Israeli borders over the "righteousness" of the attack. The question of whether Israel, which has been under Arab attack for three decades, "did the right thing," has been met with moral outrage, regret has been expressed and hope for a political solution has been mentioned.

A demonstration held outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's house last week with 20 professors and peace movement activists, who signed a petition entitled, "Will you also destroy the righteous with the wicked?" represents the one of the incidents of moral outrage. In addition, the paper of the largest trade union federation, Davar, criticized Begin for neglecting to visit agricultural sites when he toured the northern area this week. Military correspondent Haaretz rebuked the government for the unstable condition of underground bomb shelters in northern towns. A couple of newspapers voiced concern over Israel's loss of moral superiority over the P.L.O., but did not dwell on the matter.

A politician or two has noted that air strikes are not as effective as infantry in controlling

the complex military situation. Analysts have pointed out that the Beirut bombing was only a marginal military achievement.

Begin has been firm in stating that the presence of civilians would not affect Israeli air attacks on Palestinian guerrilla command posts.

There are mixed feelings within Israel over the civilian loss of lives in Lebanon. "I would prefer that this be done in a cleaner way," said Yeshayahy Bar-Lev, an Orthodox Jew, university student and graphic artist, "to infiltrate with ground troops and bomb terrorists' homes and bases. But this would be very complicated to do. Even though we strike at their bases, they don't stop their activities, so we have to get to their command posts. It is they who place them inside the cities and population center."

"That civilians are being bombed bothers me," said Haim Einav, a 32-year-old soft drink wholesaler. "The problem is that there isn't much we can do, there's no choice. Either we allow them to attack us or we do this. But it bothers me. My conscience is not quite clear about it."

The phrases heard most often made with some reservations are, "We have no choice," or "It's either them or us."

"Let them continue to attack them, and liquidate all of them for once and for all, those terrorists. But they shouldn't harm Lebanese civilians," said Shimon Ben-Yair, a sandwich store owner who voted for Begin's Likud bloc in the June elections.

Although some compassion is expressed, most of it is directed toward fellow Israelis who have been wounded or killed by Palestinian rockets dropped on the towns of Nahariya and Qiryat Shemona, or the hills of Galilee. But there is no pride voiced over the attack.

"There is no doubt that attacks on terrorists wherever they may be found is morally justified," Haaretz wrote. "But it seems that Israel this time acted in the heat of anger."

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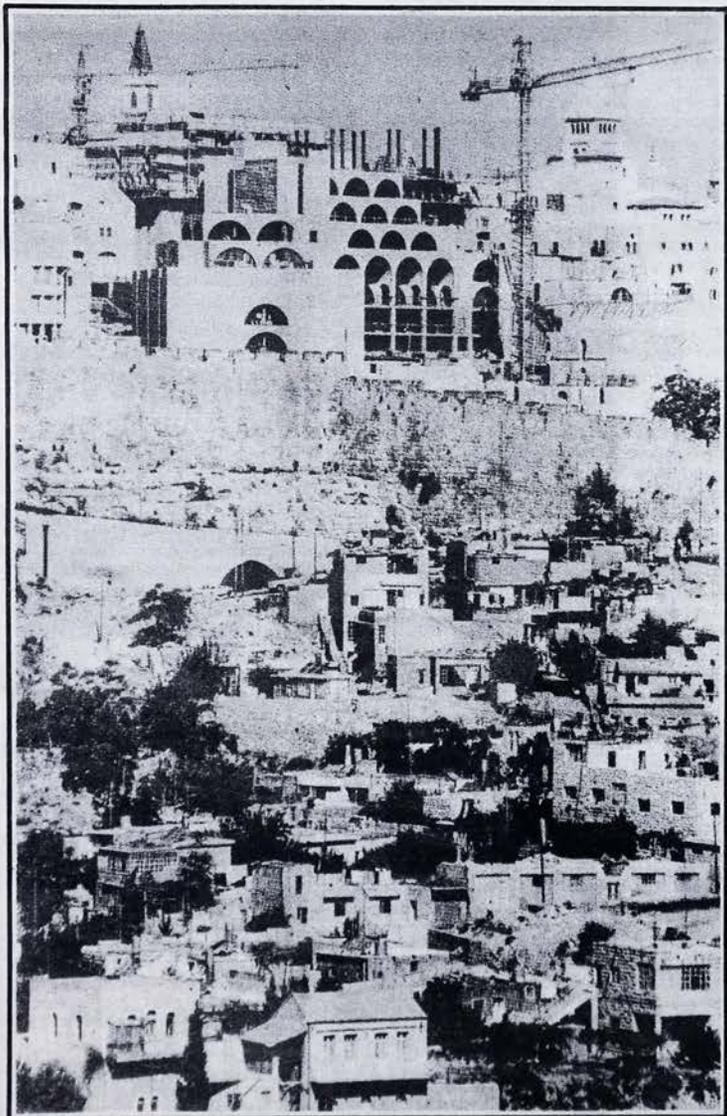
LOS ANGELES (JTA) — At the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which was the target of neo-Nazi vandalism earlier this year, Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill increasing the penalties for vandalism against places of worship. Under this new law, damaging or defacing a religious facility such as a church, synagogue, cemetery or mortuary, is a felony. In the past, the offense was classified as a misdemeanor.

Rhode Island was the first state to pass similar legislation with a bill signed by Governor J. Joseph Garrahy earlier this month.

Speaking to a group of communal leaders gathered in the Center's Memorial Plaza, Brown said, "this new bill is an important step forward in our society's determination that freedom of religion will be protected."

The legislation, authored by Assemblyman Mel Levine, was sparked by the recent wave of anti-Semitic vandalism in Los Angeles and throughout the country. "Whether it's a Black church in Watts, or a Catholic church or a Jewish synagogue anywhere in this state," explained Levine, "such acts of racism and bigotry will not be tolerated."

While praising the new law, Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said, "this law does not alleviate the root causes of anti-Semitism and racial bigotry, however, it does prevent our children from one day saying to us, 'They didn't care...'"



THE JEWISH QUARTER behind the east Jerusalem village of Silwan. See Voices of Jerusalem on page 9.

Suspension Of F-16 Shipments To Israel Sends Wrong Message

"Withholding the F-16 shipments from Israel is not an appropriate response to the problems in Lebanon," National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Irvin Steinberg said last week. The veterans are concerned that the wrong message is being sent, that this suspension signals a weakening support for Israel's defense and a decline in America's struggle against terrorism in spite of administration statements against terrorism in general, and against Russian sponsored terrorism, the PLO, in particular.

Deputy Secretary of State William Clark was quoted as saying, "We don't ship gasoline to a fire," referring to sending F-16s to Israel, but the Soviets are freely fueling the fire with shipments of increasingly sophisticated weapons to the PLO.

Since the first weeks of July, the situation

in Lebanon has changed drastically. The PLO has been supplied with massive quantities of new weapons, including Russian manufactured tanks, artillery, trucks and a new model "Katusha" rocket.

Hundreds of these new rockets have been fired into northern Israel in the past ten days, killing and wounding civilians and causing great damage to property. The new weapons are enabling the PLO to wage a semi-conventional war against Israel, but the war is not against the Israeli military, Steinberg said.

The PLO has learned from their Russian mentors to use populated civilian areas as shields for their bases and headquarters. This tactic, well documented in Russian training manuals, intentionally places civilians in

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14 Scholars To Visit Providence

Fourteen distinguished Scholars-In-Residence from the Beth Medrash Gevoha in Lakewood, New Jersey, will visit Providence as part of the National Society of Hebrew Day School's S.E.E.D. program. S.E.E.D. (Summer Educational Environmental Development) is a joint effort of the National Day School movement and five of the leading Rabbinical Colleges in the country.

The in-residence concept involves a "cadre" approach in which a contingent of ten post-high school seminary students, headed by two post-graduate couples are dispatched to a community. They function as a nucleus from which a rich and varied program of Jewish learning activities is initiated on a free-university basis.

Rabbi Sholom Strajcher and Gershon Fern, who are serving as local coordinators of the program, said that it will be open to every segment of the community with a wide selection of classes being offered. Programs have been designed to meet the needs of the in-

dividual on a one-to-one basis, as well as group interactions.

The self-enrichment program which will begin August 3 and continue through August 23, will use the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave., as its main center of learning with numerous lectures and workshops being held throughout the city. Rabbi Jake Rubenstein of Temple Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion is serving as co-chairman of the program.

Major lectures will be delivered on August 3 by Dr. Aaron D. Twerski, Professor of Law, and past interim Dean of Hofstra University School of Law, and Gershon Winkler, the director of The Jewish Connection and noted author on August 12. Dr. Twerski will speak on the "Torah — Its Relevance to Modern Man." Winkler will lecture on "Jewish Mysticism."

Those interested in the full schedule should call 331-5327.

Obituaries

MOLLY ELAINE RICH

PROVIDENCE — Molly Elaine Rich, 57, of 164 Ninth St., a former assistant buyer for the Peerless stores, died Saturday, July 25 at Miriam Hospital, after suffering a stroke on July 14. She as the wife of Harold Rich, sports writer for the Journal Bulletin.

A native of Pawtucket, Mrs. Rich was a daughter of Mrs. Maud (Perelman) Harriet of Providence and the late Arthur Harriet. Her first husband was the late Harry Gorden.

Mrs. Rich was a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, the Pawtucket Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged Ladies Association and the Sisterhoods of Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Ohave Sholam.

Besides her husband and mother, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Rhonda Daniels of East Lyme, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Helen Berkowitz of Cranston; a brother, Melvin Harriet of Cumberland, and a grandson.

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

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Miriam Hospital for Cardiovascular Research.

HAROLD L. HALL

CRANSTON — Harold L. Hall, 73, of 6 Harding Ave., died Tuesday, July 28 at Jane Brown Hospital. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Ruth (Miller) Hall.

Born in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, he was a son of the late David and Maryanne Hall. A resident of Cranston since 1947, he previously lived in Massachusetts.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and employed at Lesona Corp. for 28 years, until retiring in 1973.

He leaves a daughter, Charlene Hall of Providence; a son, Charles D. Hall of Cranston and a grandson.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Temple Sinai Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Rhode Island Heart Association. Memorial observance will be held at the home of Miss Eunice Miller, 120 Park Ave., Cranston, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 7-9 p.m.

Dvora Levin Dies At 90

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rabbanit Dvora Maatel Levin, widow of the late leader of Agudat Yisrael, Yitzhak Meir Levin, died here Tuesday, July 21 at the age of 90. She was the sister of the Hasidic Rabbi of Gur (Gerer Rebbe) and her funeral was attended by thousands of Gerer Hasidim.

Her late husband was leader of the Aguda in pre-war Poland and later in Israel and he served as a minister in Premier David Ben Gurion's first government.

She was a noted personality in her own right. Acquaintances said of her that she inherited a goodly portion of the wisdom and good sense of her father, Rabbi Avraham Mordechai Alter, the Rabbi of Gur and most prominent leader of pre-war European Orthodox Jewry.

UNVEILING NOTICE

An unveiling will be held in memory of **Rena Herman on Sunday, August 9, at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.**

HENRY EFROS

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Henry Efros, 71, of Del Ray Beach, Fla., a former resident of Providence, died Monday, July 27 in Los Angeles, while he and his wife, Freda (Bograd) Efros, were visiting his son.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Morris and Mary (Berman) Efros and a barrel dealer for more than 40 years in Providence. He retired in 1975 and moved to Del Ray Beach.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, the Providence Fraternal Association and a former member of the Old Hebrew Comradship and the Crestwood Country Club of Seekonk.

Besides his son and wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Donna Lehner of East Greenwich and Mrs. Liola Potechin of Montreal, Canada; a sister, Mrs. May Hozore of Boston and nine grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Wednesday in the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Rhode Island Heart Fund. Memorial observance will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lehner, 25 Deerfield Dr., East Greenwich.

Leading Sephardic Torah Scholar Dies

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rabbi Avraham Fatal, a leading Sephardic Torah scholar and mystic died here last week and was buried in Har Hamenuhor cemetery. Fatal was the father-in-law of the Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who, together with his Ashkenazic colleague, Shlomo Goren, led the funeral cortege through the city's streets.

In his eulogy, Yosef recalled Fatal's "profound love for the Torah and for all those who study it." Yosef traced Fatal's career from his service as a young rabbi in Aleppo, Syria, some 60 years ago.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Miriam Cohen and she wish to thank their many friends who so kindly remembered to write to her and for their gestures of caring that helped to speed her recovery.

Miriam Cohen
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UNVEILING NOTICE

An unveiling will be held in memory of **Sadie B. Kaplan on August 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.**

French Police Detain Suspect In Bombing

PARIS (JTA) — French police have detained a suspect in the bombing last October of the Rue Copernic synagogue in which four people were killed. Police detained a Spanish national, Ernesto Mila Rodriguez, 24, in a south Paris hotel last week and said he was questioned throughout the day.

Police declined to link Rodriguez with the Paris synagogue bombing and said the warrant was issued for general questioning by the French state security court. The court may hold suspects indefinitely without charging them.

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350 U.S. Jewish Leaders Invited To Israel By Navon For UJA Mission

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three hundred and fifty Jewish community leaders from throughout the United States will visit Israel as the guests of President Yitzhak Navon, Sept. 20-25, for the annual United Jewish Appeal President's Mission, Neil Norry, of Rochester, N.Y., chairman of the Mission, announced. Norry, a UJA national vice chairman, said the group will meet the President, Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet and other high ranking government officials.

In addition, participants will meet with top officials of the Jewish Agency and visit absorption centers for new immigrants, youth aliyah villages for underprivileged youngsters, and senior citizens community centers, all of which are funded through contributions to the UJA. The Mission will

culminate with a reception and dinner at the Knesset hosted by the Prime Minister.

The group is also scheduled to visit kibbutzim and moshavim, have discussions with residents of Project Renewal neighborhoods, tour an Israeli defense installation, and engage in an economic dialogue with Israeli labor, commerce and industry leaders.

There will also be two one-week submissions preceding the President's Mission. Leaving New York Sept. 15, one sub-mission will visit Bucharest, Rumania and Kiev and Babi Yar in the Soviet Union where a memorial service will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Nazi massacre. The second one will visit Poland, including the Warsaw Ghetto, the Jewish Historical Institute and Auschwitz.

Presidential Commission's Decision On Brain Death Contrary To Jewish Law

A recommendation by a Presidential commission that the states endorse the concept that human life ends when the brain stops functioning was termed "unfortunate because it is contrary to Jewish law" by Rabbi J. David Bleich on behalf of the Commission on Legislation and Civic Action of Agudath Israel of America.

The President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research, chaired by Morris B. Abram, heard testimony last year from Rabbi Bleich, an eminent authority on Jewish law and medical ethics.

Rabbi Bleich, a Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University and professor of Law at the Cardozo School of Law, testified that Jewish law demands that all respiratory and cardiac activity cease before a patient may be pronounced dead.

"This is the accepted Jewish definition of death," Bleich said, "of which the renowned Rabbi Moses Sofer wrote: 'All the powers in the world will not budge us from the position of our holy Torah' and is also the common law definition of death. Brain death criteria which are advocated by some members of the medical profession provide that a patient may be pronounced dead on the basis of certain neurological criteria alone. Such criteria do not indicate that the brain has been destroyed but demonstrate only that certain portions of the brain are no longer functional. The criteria advanced by the Harvard Ad Hoc Committee would serve to equate death with diagnosis of a state of irreversible coma."

Agudath Israel expressed regrets at the President's Commission's recommendation that all 50 states adopt a uniform law defining death as the irreversible cessation of all

functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem. This is an issue which affects the civil and religious liberties of many citizens, Bleich said.

"At the present the courts have ruled that the wishes of the patient and his family must be considered in determining whether or not treatment should be continued when, in the opinion of physicians, there is little hope of recovery. This principle was developed in the Quinlan case and applied in a number of other cases brought before various courts and recently served as the basis for the decision handed down in the case of Brother Joseph Fox. A policy decision that a patient be pronounced dead on the basis of neurological criteria alone would effectively eliminate the option of any further treatment."

In his testimony in the spring of 1980, Professor Bleich introduced a letter offered by the world-renowned Torah authority Rabbi Moshe Feinstein strongly opposing government intervention on the subject of determining the time of death. At that time he stated that the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America joined Agudath Israel in his policy statement.

The states were urged to demonstrate sensitivity towards their Jewish citizens and reject any proposal which compromises the religious liberties of citizens, who as a matter of conscience cannot accept the Commission's brain death criteria. The Commission on Legislation and Civic Action of Agudath Israel of America has, over the course of many years, made presentations to state and federal legislators and government officials, asking the government not to interject its authority to determine the time of death, an issue which is so interfaced with religious and ethical considerations.

Lord Carrington Promises Close Ties With Israel

LONDON (JTA) — Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, has said that Britain "has every intention of seeking and maintaining the closest ties of friendship and understanding with Israel, both people and government." The assurance was given in a letter to Greville Janner, MP, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in reply to a resolution handed in at the end of the anti-Palestine Liberation Organization rally in Trafalgar Square on July 5.

Carrington said that differences over how a secure future for Israel can best be achieved "will not impair our friendship with Israel and our fundamental commitment to her future. As far as the PLO is concerned, there is no question of our encouraging the organization in policies hostile to Israel. We condemn references in their Charter which call for the destruction of Israel. We also con-

demn their failure to renounce violence."

Referring to the declaration the European Economic Community ministers adopted last year in Venice, which called for the PLO to be associated with the Mideast peace process, Carrington said that declaration "makes clear that the renunciation of force by all the parties is a basic element in the search for peace in the Middle East. We do not give official recognition to the PLO. However, we shall continue to talk to them in order to influence them in the direction of a negotiated peace settlement involving acceptance of Israel's rights, just as Israel must accept Palestinian rights."

The letter continued: "The position on ministerial dealings with the PLO has not changed. There are no plans for me or any other minister to meet representatives of the PLO."

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Israel's Religious Parties: Most Appropriate Partners For Its New Government

The recent Israeli Parliamentary election has been the subject of unusually intense scrutiny and analysis in the American media. The dramatic, come-from-behind razor-thin victory of Menachem Begin's Likud bloc was a keen disappointment to many American commentators who have been quick to blame him for the remaining difficulties in the Middle East. Regardless of the fact that Begin was primarily continuing long-established policies started by leaders of the Israeli Labor Party, when they were in power, some American analysts were looking forward to a radical shift in Israeli foreign policy if the Labor party had been victorious.

Now that the Israeli electorate has spoken, these same commentators blame Israel's electoral system for being "too democratic," and bemoan the prospect of a renewed Begin government in coalition with Israel's religious parties, which were the only minor parties to survive the election with significant parliamentary strength. These critical commentators overlook the fact that no democratic representative system of government is without its faults, including this country's own presidential electoral college system.

Even if Israel's proportional representation electoral system were to be modified after, for example, the West German system, which provides for half of parliament to be directly elected by district, and which sets a 5% minimum vote required for parliamentary representation, it is still likely that Israel's religious parties would hold the balance of power in the Knesset. There are too many religious communities and religiously committed voters in Israel for the

situation to be otherwise in a democracy. One wonders whether Israel's American journalistic critics would therefore prefer an undemocratic system in Israel.

The fact remains that the chronically chaotic Israeli political picture has become unusually clear. With the exception of Labor, Likud and the religious parties, virtually all of the other political factions have been reduced to insignificance. At the same time, the contrast between Labor and Likud has never been greater, as highlighted by the fact that, towards the end of the race, the bitterness of the campaign itself became a major election issue.

The deep cultural divisions within Israeli society, resulting from the vastly different backgrounds from which Israel's immigrant populations are drawn, became a focus of the campaign, and the root cause of the violence and disruption which marred it at the close. Whether the violence was deliberately provoked by one side or instigated by the other is beside the point; it should be taken as a somber warning of the internal troubles ahead for Israeli society.

For this reason, the emergence of the religious parties as the critical element in Israeli power politics is a particularly positive development. For two thousand years, the Jewish religion has recognized and respected the differing standards, priorities and approaches of groups from different cultural backgrounds and environments as equally valid. The system of Jewish religious law — Halacha, has attached equal authority to the laws and customs of Sephardic (Oriental) and Ashkenazic (European) Jewish communities, and gone to great lengths to preserve the

identity and integrity of each. The Orthodox Israeli religious establishment maintains two co-equal Chief Rabbinate, and encourages full mutual recognition and respect.

While cultural prejudices within the religious community may still exist, philosophically it is fully committed to equality, to the point that substantial resources of the Ashkenazic religious community are devoted to the development and religious training of young people from Sephardic backgrounds. Much more remains to be done in this direction, but the basic religious attitude towards the various cultural and ethnic groups within Israel's Jewish population is a most positive influence upon Israeli society as a whole.

This is a striking example of the intrinsic value of Israel's religious parties upon the government and the state of Israel. Although the early Zionists envisioned Israel as a totally secular state, it became clear to the founders of the state that it was impossible and undesirable to try to isolate the world's only Jewish state from the Jewish religion. As a result, the secular state of Israel at least partially modelled itself after 3000 years of Jewish religious tradition, by recognizing Saturday as the official day of rest, by providing kosher food to members of the armed forces, by recognizing religious standards for marriage and divorce, and providing partial support for religious education and institutions.

This very religious dimension of the state of Israel became an issue in the election. To American Jewry, the issue was portrayed as one of "religious pluralism," in which Reform and Conservative groups in America demanded recognition of their philosophical counterparts in Israel on an equal basis with Israel's long established Orthodox religious community. The demands were backed up by enormous sums of money from the parent movements in America to build up Reform and Conservative groups in Israel, coupled with the bald threat of a fund-raising boycott of Israeli-American charities unless the recognition was forthcoming.

Former HEW Secretary Named B'nai B'rith Agency Commissioner

WASHINGTON — Wilbur J. Cohen, the nation's seventh secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, has been appointed to the B'nai B'rith Commission on Community Volunteer Services by Jack J. Spitzer, B'nai B'rith president.

Cohen, who currently is a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin, will serve a two-year term.

Among the commission's programs are housing for senior citizens, assistance to U.S. military veterans, aid to new immigrants from the Soviet Union, conservation and the development of new sources of energy, gun control, and safety both in the home and on the road.

Cohen has devoted most of his life to academia and government service. He taught at the University of Michigan and was dean of its School of Education from 1969-78. As a government official, he was instrumental in the development of the U.S. Social Security system.

Cohen has served as a consultant to the U.S. Senate and the United Nations. He was chairman of the President's Commission on Mental Retardation in 1968, chairman of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Conference on Social Welfare, and the U.S. representative at the International Conference on Social Security.

In Israel, the threat of the Reform and Conservative movements was not taken seriously, since they have never formed a significant part of the religious community there. However, the support of some of the Labor Party's most prominent leaders and in its official platform of the Reform and Conservative demands was viewed as a back-door attack by the secular Zionist ideologists upon the religious elements within the state of Israel and in Israeli society.

The call for Reform and Conservative recognition was interpreted as an attack upon the authority of the Jewish religious establishment in Israel, since such recognition would utterly destroy the credibility of the Ministry of Religion and its representatives with the overwhelmingly Orthodox Israeli religious community.

In addition, the Labor Party called for the repeal of many statutes and official policies which protect the religious rights of Israel's Orthodox population. These included such emotionally charged issues as consent procedures for autopsies, exemption from military service for religious women, and laws governing marriage, divorce, and recognition of Jewish identity. On the other hand, the Begin government had generally lived up to its political promises to the religious parties, and emphasized the religious significance of the state of Israel, and its unbreakable ties with the Jewish religious heritage.

Viewed in this light, the vote for Israel's religious parties takes on added significance. Given the hostile official stance of the Labor Party, it is difficult to conceive of any of the religious parties entering a coalition agreement had the Labor Party emerged victorious. The religious party vote can thus be interpreted as a vote for Begin's political vision of Israel as a religiously influenced state, if not a vote for his political party per se. Therefore, the parliamentary majority of the new government will reflect an actual electoral majority of Israel's citizens who, for one reason or another, have endorsed her current course.

National Council of Young Israel

ORT Assists Jewish Population Of Ireland

In line with its philosophy that the survival of small Jewish communities around the world depends to a considerable degree on high-caliber Jewish day schools, ORT is currently helping to upgrade the curriculum of Dublin's Stratford College by providing up-to-date teaching material and equipment. It was announced by Beverly Minkoff, national president of Women's American ORT, at the organization's headquarters in New York.

Mrs. Minkoff said that Ireland, which is one of the poorest countries in the European economic community, has a small Jewish population of some 2,000, concentrated for the most part in the Dublin area. Despite declining numbers, the attendance at Stratford College has remained fairly stable.

With ORT's assistance, the school's science lab and language-study room have been newly equipped. A wide range of books, as well as overhead projectors, radio- and tape-recorders and a color T.V. set, have been purchased by ORT for instructional purposes.

Since the establishment of an ORT grant, scientific studies in the college have been raised to a level on a par with academic studies, which is an important fact in meeting the need in Ireland for trained engineers.

Young Israel Launches International Program To Establish Synagogues

NEW YORK CITY — The National Council of Young Israel has launched a drive to establish new Young Israel branch synagogues in Orthodox Jewish communities throughout

Wave Of Torah Thefts Represents National Trend

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith condemned the recent wave of Torah thefts in New York City and called on Jewish organizations to act urgently to implement an international Torah registration system.

Nathan Nagler, executive vice chairman of ADL's New York Regional Board, said that the Torah theft problem "threatens to spread nationally and worldwide."

"The recent wave of Torah thefts in New York City — 71 scrolls stolen this year, 18 in the past few days — represents a new and sickening trend in this abominable area of criminal activity," Nagler said.

"The Anti-Defamation League is prepared to work with other organizations in the Jewish community in coordinating community and law-enforcement efforts. We call upon the law-enforcement agencies to step up their efforts, and for our own agencies to address, in a substantive and concrete way, a problem which threatens to spread nationally and world-wide."

the world. The expansion campaign will concentrate on "those established Orthodox communities which still lack synagogues that meet the high religious standards of the Young Israel movement," according to Dr. Harold M. Jacobs, national president of the movement.

The drive will be conducted through an advertising campaign in the Jewish media, field visits by Young Israel lay and professional leaders to prospective Young Israel communities, and assistance by the National Council of Young Israel to local groups seeking to establish Young Israel synagogues.

Dr. Jacobs summarized the unique characteristics of the Young Israel synagogue as, "a religious institution that, while retaining its independence, is committed constitutionally to a strictly Orthodox structure and leadership. Young Israel synagogues must remain open to all Jews, while emphasizing community services and Jewish youth work. They are entitled to the membership services of the National Council of Young Israel, including publications, benevolent association, insurance benefits and international representation, as well as a vote and participation in the decision and policy-making bodies of the Young Israel movement."

Dr. Jacobs invited interested groups from Jewish communities everywhere to inquire to the National Council of Young Israel, 3 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

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AJCongress Sues Treasury Department To Release Data On Arab Holdings

WASHINGTON — The American Jewish Congress last week brought suit in Federal District Court for copies of Treasury Department records showing the dollar holdings of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Acting under the Freedom of Information Act, the Jewish group asked for the release of government documents listing the amount of funds on deposit in U.S. banks and the amounts of Treasury bills owned or held by the three Arab oil-producing states. Joel Levy of Washington, a vice president of the Congress, filed the suit.

An earlier request for the information was denied by the Treasury Department, which said that the International Investment Survey Act and the Bretton Woods Agreements Act precluded the government from disclosing the information sought.

In requesting the documents, Marc Stern, staff attorney for the American Jewish Congress, wrote to the Treasury Department:

"A matter of particular concern to the American Jewish Congress is the growing size of investments by Arab countries in the United States, with a concomitant increase in influence by these countries over American foreign policy in the Middle East. The information obtained under this request . . . may form the basis for recommendation for further legislation."

Thomas B. Leddy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, wrote to the Congress that the information had been classified as "confidential" under an Executive Order and was therefore "exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act."

When the request for documents was rejected, the American Jewish Congress appealed to the Treasury Department. In reply, Marc E. Leland, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, wrote to Mr. Stern:

"The percentage of the U.S. bank deposits and Treasury bills held by a single customer in each of the three countries is so high that any publication of these data would be con-

sidered a disclosure of the positions of these single customers. This would preclude us from releasing this information without the written consent of the customers involved."

In a statement, for the American Jewish Congress, Levy said the Treasury Department periodically publishes statistics showing the amount of dollars held by foreign governments in the United States in the form of deposits or ownership of U.S. Treasury securities. "Since 1974, however, the Treasury has not published separate totals for Saudi Arabia or any other Arab state but instead has deliberately — in the view of the American Jewish Congress — concealed these figures by lumping together the totals for the 13 OPEC countries.

"This practice was the result of a commitment made to Arab governments by William Simon, then Secretary of the Treasury, to induce them to purchase Treasury securities, according to the U.S. Comptroller-General, Elmer B. Staats, in a 1979 report.

"In that report, Staats also pointed out that, prior to 1974, statistics for OPEC countries in Asia and Africa were published individually, rather than being aggregated. However, the Treasury Department regularly publishes statistics for individual Communist bloc countries."

In a report dated August 1, 1980 (House Report 96-1216), the House Sub-Committee on Commerce, Consumers and Monetary Affairs challenged the Treasury Department's refusal to list the Saudi Arabian totals separately. Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, chairman of the sub-committee, threatened to subpoena the concealed documents from Treasury but has not yet done so.

Editor's Mailbox



Your Money's Worth

Keep The 55 MPH Speed Limit

by Sylvia Porter

If you're still driving within the legal 55 mph speed limit on any open stretch of road today, you're becoming a rarity, among men particularly, less so among women. The 55 miles per hour top is federal law, but on highways, speeds of 60 to 70 mph are so much the norm that if you're driving at 55, you actually feel you're making a fool of yourself.

As a result, deaths from motor-vehicle accidents are zooming again — rising above the 53,300 death total recorded in 1980, which in turn was up from 1979. The death rate per 100 million vehicle miles is clearly slated to exceed the 3.53 rate of 1980, which also was up from 1979. Disabling injuries from motor-vehicle accidents are climbing above 1980's 2 million mark. Costs — including losses in wages, medical expenses, administrative and claim settlement costs of insurance and property damage — almost surely will reach the \$40 billion range in 1981 alone.

It's all so wasteful, so against our best interests, as individuals eager to stay alive and functioning and as a nation determined to reduce its imports of oil and dependence on foreign oil sources.

Yet, an oddly contradictory report I obtained from the National Safety Council in Chicago indicates that the vast majority of you want the 55 mph limit to remain in the law. To give you the background: In compliance with the Reagan administration's states' rights philosophy, Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis spread the word that the federal government will let the states deal with the problem of speed limits.

In the last six months, therefore, 60 bills to amend the 55 mph limit have been introduced in 32 states. Only four out of the 32 states have responded favorably. In the other 28 states, the bills have failed.

North Dakota and Arizona have voted for conditional repeal of the limit. Nevada has maintained the 55 mph maximum but has weakened enforcement of the law; equivalent to thumbs down, I suppose. Montana is just not enforcing the 55 mph limit.

thirds of the deaths attributed to motor accidents occur in rural areas and towns under 5,000 population. Wyoming's population death rate for traffic deaths has been the highest in the nation, the National Safety Council reports (54.2 per 100,000 population as against the U.S. rate of 23.6).

The five states with the highest vehicle death rates per 100,000 population are: Wyoming, 54.2; New Mexico, 52.4; Nevada, 52.0; Montana, 42.2; Arizona, 42.0. All are states with wide open areas.

In case you have forgotten, the 55 mph speed limit was enacted as a result of the oil embargo in 1973-74 — with the twin goals of conserving energy and yet still allowing highway travel to continue at a reasonable pace. Those goals are as valid as ever. Highways designed for safety are safe only if you, a motorist, make them so. The faster you go, the less time you have to react and make decisions. And in a collision, the chances that you will die are DOUBLED with each 10 miles of speed over 55 mph that your car is traveling.

The case for the 55 mph speed limit has been demonstrated beyond any doubt. At lower speeds, you reduce the risks of death and injury in a traffic accident; you conserve gasoline; you, a driver, are in better control of your vehicle; there is less wear and tear on your car.

You and I are buying small cars in mounting volumes because they are energy efficient. Then, we eliminate our savings on fuel by speeding well above the legal limit. At 55 mph, fuel efficiency is 10 to 30 percent superior to efficiency at 56 to 75 mph — depending on the vehicle's weight, size, gear ratio and other automotive design factors. And the costs (as well as the dangers) of speeding are zooming.

By 1986, it's authoritatively estimated that at least 50 percent of all cars purchased in the U.S. will be classified as small cars. At the same time, manufacturers will be making trucks larger so they can carry bigger payloads and save fuel. Just ponder how this changing vehicle mix increases your hazards. And slow down to the law.

The Begin Victory

EDITOR:

June 30 will live forever as the vindication of Begin from the socialist charge that he was mentally unfit for leadership. Peres, the boaster, received 47 Parliament seats (and 708,536 votes), while Begin, the winner, received 48 Parliament seats (and 718,941 votes). The small right-wing parties won 16 seats, while the small left-wing parties received only 9 seats (which included 4 anti-Zionist and no pro-Zionist communists). With Begin's victory, Israel now has a free hand in eventually annexing (through massive settlements created by General Ariel Sharon) Gaza, Judea, Samaria, and Golan, our G-d given right.

There is some fear among American Jews as to Begin's upcoming coalition with the Orthodox Aguda party. The main fear is that Israel will only recognize Orthodox conversions, which are the only true conversions! Many, or should I say most non-Orthodox conversions are a mockery. Many are like getting citizenship papers to a new country, rather than a learning experience into a new faith. Many converts move to Israel and see real Judaism for the first time and realize that they, even as Israelis, were really still non-Jews according to the Torah (THE ORTHODOX AGUDA DID NOT WRITE

THE TORAH!!!), and that they were in limbo (converts to an "American Koshers-Style Judaism") between faiths.

The other demands of Aguda are not really that unreasonable. A Jew should not have to work on Shabbos (unless a soldier, doctor or other life-saving job where it is allowed). Yeshiva schools should get more public funds (when the socialists ran Israel, they tried to financially break Yeshivas); if Yeshiva boys got some "good secular education" (when there would be, G-d forbid, no more Yeshivas), at a public school they might vote socialist in adulthood). No more pigs should be raised in Israel (most non-religious tourists won't eat pork; they wait till they are back in America). No more super highways should be built through Orthodox sections when there are better routes (the Socialists wanted to destroy religious neighborhoods; block-busting Koshers-Style). The last is banning buses on Shabbos in Haifa. If some of these laws are implemented, Israel may finally resemble a Jewish State and not the Galusdike Israel (an Israel resembling America) which is the Gershon Cohen & Alexander Schindler dream.

JERRY SNELL
PROVIDENCE

Jews Never Lost It

EDITOR:

Recently, teams of Seventh Day Adventists went door to door following their national convention in Providence. They claimed to have found the truth (even though we never lost it). Knowing the truth one would likely be realistic and have rational support for their arguments. Here, this is not the case.

Their criterion for judgment is faith. Their beliefs in "turn the other cheek," virgin birth, celibacy, no divorce or abortion are unrealistic, and differ from the Jewish way. A more basic difference exists regarding pure monotheism. "I firmly believe that the creator bless be his name is not corporeal . . . and nothing resembles him" — (Maimonides 13 principles) is far from a trinity.

The missionaries distributed an article discussing a Jew joining them. They claim Jesus was from the house of David determined by the father. They claim he did not have a father — CATCH 22. Fortunately, some have begun to admit there is no basis for virgin birth and betula, not alma, refers to virginity. The article is filled with quotes out of context, half truths, and vindictiveness.

ROGER PEARLMAN
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Sam Shlevin Awaits Answers

EDITOR:

I wish to advise the host of people and organizations that have come forward and requested me to run for the high office of mayor of the city of Pawtucket that I must, for personal reasons, await certain answers.

I therefore ask for your patience and indulgence and promise you a direct and full answer within two weeks.

Samuel Shlevin
224 Raleigh Avenue
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Soviets Delay Operation For Jewish Woman

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Igor Tufeld, a new immigrant from the Soviet Union now doing his military service here, says the Soviet authorities are endangering his mother's life by continually delaying an operation for a benign brain tumor. Vladimir and Izolda Tufeld have a petition exit permits since 1977, despite a refusal by 35 U.S. Senators.

Vladimir, now in a Moscow hospital after suffering a heart attack, has been refused permission to leave on the grounds that he once worked in a Moscow electronics factory. The factory manager has testified he was not engaged on security work.

Their son said doctors in Moscow continually postponed scheduled operations on the grounds they were "suddenly called to conferences abroad." A number of neurosurgeons around the world have offered to operate on Mrs. Tufeld, but her applications for permission to leave the Soviet Union, temporarily returning after the operation, have also been refused.

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Friends Of Hebrew Univ. Hold World Conference In Israel

JERUSALEM — A week-long International Conference of the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, held to celebrate the University's return to its Mount Scopus campus, concluded last week with a gala ball hosted by the Jerusalem Friends Society for the more than 450 Friends who had gathered from 13 countries.

High on the agenda of meetings, workshops, tours, ceremonies and festivities was the naming of the University's School for Overseas Students, The Rothberg School, on its tenth anniversary. It is named for Honorary Chairman of the Board of Governors Sam Rothberg.

The University's two largest Faculties, Humanities and Social Sciences, are in process of moving back to the rebuilt historic Mount Scopus campus and will be in full operation there by the time the 1981-82 academic year begins.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek greeted the Conference in its first session and said that Jerusalem's two main goals following its reunification after the Six Day War had been achieved — the rebuilding of Mount Scopus and the return to the Jewish Quarter in the Old City. He called the Hebrew University "the foremost intellectual institution in the Jewish world."

Workshops were held in the Faculties of Medicine, Science and Humanities and in the Truman Peace Research Institute. The climax of the week was the Convocation in the Mount Scopus open-air theatre for the awarding of Ph.D.'s and honorary degrees, with the main address by Honorary Doctorate recipient former U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale.

B'nai B'rith 20th Lecture Series Unites Israeli, Egyptian Newsmen

NEW YORK — B'nai B'rith International will give a boost to Israeli Prime Minister Begin's and Egyptian President Sadat's goal of "normalization of relations" between Israel and Egypt this fall when its Lecture Bureau sends out across America a leading newsman from each of those two countries to debate issues of vital concern to the Middle East and Jews everywhere.

The newsmen are Gideon Samet, Washington correspondent of the prominent Israeli daily, Ha'aretz, and Ahmed Abushadi, Samet's counterpart for Egypt's Akhbar El-Yom. Their dialogue will include such topics as the Palestinian problem, aspects of the peace process, and U.S. relations with Egypt, Israel and other countries in the Middle East.

Samet and Abushadi are but two of some 55 writers, teachers, musicians, dancers, actors and scholars the Lecture Bureau has lined up for its 20th season.

Begun in 1962 with a single visiting scholar, Prof. Cecil Roth of Oxford University, who gave 17 lectures in 13 communities, the Bureau this year will serve hundreds of cities and towns across the North American continent.

A non-commercial educational and cultural booking agency, the Lecture Bureau is an arm of B'nai B'rith's Commission on Adult Jewish Education, whose director is Rabbi Irwin Blank. Ruth Wheat is acting director of the bureau whose purpose is to provide speakers, artists and complete programming for communal and religious organizations as well as for colleges and universities.

This season's speakers and performers, such as the actor Joseph Wiseman, authors Elie Wiesel and Lucy Dawidowicz, professors Emil Fackenheim and Leon Jick, and archeologist and Bible scholar Itzhak Itzhaki, are world renowned.

Besides the Middle East, the topics to be discussed by the bureau's speakers range from — Anti-Semitism, Arabs and archeology — to Zionism. The performing artists include actors, singers and musicians.

For information on the availability of speakers and performers, write to the B'nai B'rith International Lecture Bureau, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017 or phone (212) 490-1170.

Begin Says Air Force Is The 'Bulwark' Defending Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin described the Israel Air Force as the "bulwark" defending the country today. Addressing a passing-out parade of new pilots on annual Air Force Day at an air force base somewhere in Israel, he quoted Winston Churchill's famous saying "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

With his characteristic sense of the past, Begin traced Jewish military history "back 3,000 years to David, our great king and military leader." He said that some people told him the Israel Air Force was the best air force in the world. He said he would not argue with that, but he knew it was the air force with the greatest battle experience in the world.

Air Force Commander Gen. David Ivry said the coming year was a year of great challenges for the Air Force because of the logistics of its move to new bases in the Negev with Israeli's withdrawal from Sinai.

But even with those problems, the Air Force would not let up on its training and development program, Ivry said. He welcomed the new intake of pilots after years of arduous training.

"Suicide Pact" Banned

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Suicide is banned by Jewish law — even in cases of terminal illness. This was explained here this week by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef following a "suicide pact" episode reported recently involving an Israeli doctor and his wife who both found they were suffering from incurable cancer.

PLO Rockets Set Fire To Galilee Forests

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Widespread forest fires are currently raging at several points in forests of the Jewish National Fund in northern Galilee as a result of recent heavy Palestine Liberation Organization rocket attacks. Close to 100,000 trees, covering almost 200 acres have been destroyed in recent days, according to the JNF forestry department.

The forest fires have been breaking out along Israel's northern Galilee border as fighting between Israeli forces and PLO terrorist organizations continues in the Lebanon area.

JNF workers in northern Israel, in cooperation with Israeli fire-fighting forces and spotter planes are on duty round the clock in an all-out effort to extinguish the flames.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Sheri Broomfield To Wed Richard Pasca



RICHARD PASCAL AND SHERI BROOMFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. David Marvin Broomfield of 83 Amherst Rd., Cranston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Nadine Broomfield to Richard Jay Pasca of Washington. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leonard Pascal of Bethesda, Md.

The bride-to-be is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and will attend George Washington Law School.

The couple plans to wed May 30, 1982.

Bonni Fishbein To Wed Steven Koppelman



BONNI N. FISHBEIN

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur I. Fishbein of Margate, Fla., formerly of Pawtucket, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonni N. Fishbein to Steven Koppelman.

Following graduation from Boston University, the bride-to-be was employed by Advertising Agency Associates as an account executive and travel consultant in Newton Center, Mass. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Boston University and works for his father at Carl Koppelman Wholesale Florist, Brookline, Mass.

An October wedding is planned.

Conn. Singles Meet

The Connecticut Jewish singles (over 35) of the Westville Synagogue will hold a beach party on Sunday, August 9 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at a private beach in New Haven. For reservations call 469-1952 or 389-0369.

Katzes Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford L. Katz of Albany, New York have announced the birth of their second daughter, Nomi Rebecca. Nomi's sister is Rachel Lesley.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Harry Goldberg of Warwick. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Albert Goldberg of Providence and the late Mrs. Rose Rubin.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Katz of Buffalo, New York. Paternal great-grandfather is Samuel Epstein of Buffalo.

Sanford Katz is the executive director of the Albany Jewish Community Center.

Levetins Announce Birth

Robert and Lynne (Factor) Levetin, of Plainville, Mass., have announced the birth of their second child and first daughter, Nina Beth Levetin, on July 9, 1981.

Nina's paternal grandmother is Mrs. Sally Levetin of Everett, Mass. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Factor of Cranston. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Goldie Factor, also of Cranston.

"West Side Story" Opens August 4

The next production at Tommy Brent's Theatre-By-The-Sea, Matunuck, is the musical "West Side Story," which will play for three weeks only, beginning Tuesday, August 4, and running through Sunday, August 23.

With a libretto by Arthur Laurents that tells of love and warfare between the Jets, a self-styled "American" street gang and the Sharks, a young group of Puerto Ricans, on the streets of New York, "West Side Story" boasts a musical score by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Tickets may be obtained by writing to Theatre-By-The-Sea, Matunuck, R.I. 02879, or by calling the Box Office at (401) 789-1094.

Following "West Side Story" is the hit Broadway musical about the Big Band Era of the 1940's "Over Here," which will open on Tuesday, August 25. Tickets are on sale now.

Marilyn Kortick To Wed John E. Deware



MARILYN KORTICK AND JOHN E. DEWARE

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kortick of 110 Edgewood Blvd., Cranston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Kortick to John E. Deware, Jr. of Cranston. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deware, also of Cranston.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cranston High School East and attended Rhode Island Junior College. The groom-to-be graduated from Central High School and the Rhode Island Trade School.

The couple plans to wed June 12, 1982.

Dr. Simeone Receives Award For Achievements With "Military Trauma"

Dr. Fiorindo A. Simeone, Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus at The Miriam Hospital, has been presented with The American Trauma Society's William S. Stone Lectureship Award "for his outstanding professional achievements in the field of military trauma."

Dr. Simeone, who joined The Miriam's medical staff in 1967 as director of the Department of Surgery, was a medical officer in the United States Army in the Mediterranean Theater of World War II. There he headed the Board for the Study of the Seriously Wounded which, for the first time in military history, undertook an organized study of battle casualties under field conditions.

During the Korean War he headed a team which surveyed the Korean Theater and recommended that the U.S. Army, as an official policy of the Medical Corps, establish a field team with the primary purpose of research in the care of combat casualties.

In making the award, The American Trauma Society recognized, "Through his dedication as a scholar, surgeon and teacher, he has made a lasting contribution to the study of trauma."

JCC Gallery Presents "A Creative Force"

Gallery 401, the Art Gallery of the Jewish Community Center, will sponsor an exhibition of art from the Gallery Committee during the month of August. The theme of the show is: "Art — A Creative Force." The committee members participating are: Abby Aisenberg, Suzanne Neusner, Myrna Leven, Marge Spiegel, Rose Sagan, Adele Zuckerman, Ellie Frank, Ruth Sandperil, Debbie Abeshaus, Renee Kahn, Larry Heyman and Edie Spindell. The exhibition will be at the Gallery from August 10-31. An opening reception will be held on Monday, August 10 from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited.

The committee members are art collectors, artists, art instructors and administrators of arts who, as members of the JCC, assume the responsibility to organize and mount the monthly year round art exhibits in the

World Of Poetry Sponsors Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize will be awarded in the upcoming poetry competition sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

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Rules and official entry forms are available from the World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton, Dept. J, Sacramento, California, 95817.

Jewish Subcommittee Meets At Center

The Jewish Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, July 27 at 7:45 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Elm Grove Avenue, Providence.

Those interested in the cultural development of the Jews in Rhode Island are cordially invited to attend. Plans are underway for Heritage Day September 20, 1981 at the State House.

For further information call RIHC 277-2669.

Torat Yisrael Hold Tisha B'av Service

Temple Torat Yisrael, in Cranston, will hold its annual Tisha B'av commemorative beginning Saturday evening, August 8 at 7:45 p.m. Mincha and havdala will be followed by the traditional reading of the book of Lamentations, the pithy description of the temple's destruction.

The observance resumes at shaharit scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 9. Special mincha services will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at the temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

Gallery. Serving on the Committee is voluntary. Adult Services Director Judith Lantos, directs the adult department of the Center and serves as the advisor for the Gallery.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Saturday; Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



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A Country Making Up For Lost Time

by Linda A. Acciaro

The Communist regime which governs the People's Republic of China is eagerly pursuing an open door policy with the rest of the world. As part of its recent effort to "catch up" with the other developing countries, in terms of social, industrial, cultural and technological advances, China has instituted an exchange program, welcoming distinguished scholars in various disciplines.

One such scholar, Dr. Sidney Goldstein, professor of Sociology at Brown University and internationally recognized expert in population problems, recently returned from China. Both he and his wife, Alice, who accompanied him, experienced "a genuine feeling of friendship" with the people and discovered "an eagerness to learn and make up for lost time."

The lost time refers to the period prior to the "Gang of Four," who were tried for treason against the country, and marked a standstill in technological advances in China. During the cultural revolution from 1966-76, under the leadership of Mao Tse Tung, there was a denouncement of the status quo, universities were closed, the "Red Brigades" were unleashed across the country, trade relations were cut off and China became virtually isolated from the rest of the world. "There's been a virtual vacuum with respect to research and teaching of population studies. During the cultural revolution most scholars were forced into doing other things. Everything halted," Goldstein said.

Despite the lack of progress over the past 20 to 30 years, the Chinese people have gained tremendously in terms of "developing a better quality of life within their system," Goldstein says. In late 1979, universities were reactivated, social research began again and programs were developed and instituted.

Goldstein's main function during the four-week visit, was to explain the methods employed at the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown to Chinese scholars engaged in organizing similar programs. Goldstein is currently the director of the Brown center.

One of the major problems in the country, Goldstein explains, has been to control the population. Presently, China's population totals one billion people.

The country's ultimate goal is to reach negative population growth — to reduce the population to a number less than the current figure. The Goldsteins were impressed with the strides already being made to achieve this ideal.

"There have been concerted efforts in recent years to control population. One way has been with the 'One Child Policy,' backed by a series of incentives and deterrents," Goldstein said. The incentives for establishing and encouraging one child families include bonuses to couples who give birth to their first child — the deterrent — to take that bonus away at the birth of the second child.

Other incentives include good quality housing (usually offering accommodations with ample and extra space), waiving extraneous costs of education, offering free health care and providing assurances that families with only one child will be given preferential treatment with regards to job choices. Those families which produce more than one child are denied these benefits.

"They have worked this system out over a period of years," says Mrs. Goldstein, who is a senior researcher at the Brown Center. The statistics confirm the success of the program. In 1950 the birth rate was 37 per 1,000 people (37 babies born for every 1,000 persons). In 1970 the figure remained the same. Only 17 births per 1,000 persons was recorded in 1981. "The decline is directly attributed to the 'One Child Policy,'" she says.

Goldstein's own personal interest in urbanization and migration in China was definitely equalled by the eagerness of the people to learn about other countries. "I was mainly interested in China, the

Goldstein Travels To China:

demographics, growth patterns and the way they cope with policy problems. They were interested in the U.S. and elsewhere," he said.

During the visit, Goldstein was able to familiarize the Chinese with western modernization and also learn about their ongoing training and research. He conducted lectures, as well as participated in seminars and symposiums, all with a translator assigned to him by the Chinese Government. "It was a mutual learning experience," he said.

Despite the immense size of the country, the Goldsteins were able to travel to a number of major cities and rural towns. "Anyone going to China is a guest of the Chinese Government. They are excited to show you the historical, as well as the tourist attractions."

Goldstein and his wife climbed the Great Wall, visited tombs and other archeological sites, enjoyed a three-day boat trip down the Yangtze River and traveled by train to the rural towns outlining the major cities of China.

Each city is virtually self-sufficient in terms of maintaining its own supply of fresh produce which is grown and brought in daily from the villages and towns, Goldstein says. Eighty percent of the workers are involved

Although traveling and relocation is restricted in China, temporary migration has become a new phenomenon. "Some come into the cities for a few days or short periods of time," Goldstein said. But, some are staying, redistributing the population and creating a need to adapt to the shift in the movement of people.

This phenomenon may have an affect on the census which is currently being prepared by the Chinese government for implementation in 1982. The last census was taken in the early 1960's. Goldstein said the Chinese are fairly well developed in the area of determining how to analyze the information that will be gathered from the census. "It's incredible but it will take seven million people just to conduct the census itself," Mrs. Goldstein said. The staggering figure amounts to more than seven times the population of Rhode Island — just to prepare, distribute and conduct the census. But the government has seen to every detail — including how many trees it would take to make the boxes needed to store and carry forms. After their calculations the Chinese considered using plastic containers.

Changes In Family Life

The Chinese fear that with the influx of the western influence, the process will break

down the traditional values they wish to maintain. They realize the importance of modernization, but expect to preserve tradition. "They are making efforts to adapt and are eager to learn about the western experience, but not imitate it," Mrs. Goldstein said.

"They did not want to adopt the western model blindly, but instead, want to see the implications it would have within the framework of their own system," Goldstein added.

Traditionally, more of an emphasis has been placed on the contributions of men in society, than the women. With the implementation of the "One Child Policy," there will be less men in the population. "The Chinese will need to create a greater equality among the men and women," Goldstein says.

In the cities the young men and women who marry live independently, if space is available. Because everyone must be placed on a waiting list for housing, sometimes the couples will choose to live with the parents of the husband. "It's quite common in rural areas for the couples to live with the parents," Mrs. Goldstein said. The parents are usually more traditional in these areas.

The other choice is to delay marriage. The legal age for men to marry is 22, while women are restricted from marriage until 20 years of age. "Generally, the young men and women wait even longer to marry, about 25 for men and 23 for women," she added.

Chinese tradition, inherently conservative and strict, may undergo social changes because of the rapidly growing influences. The scholars were curious as to "how young people get to know each other in the West and questioned us about sexuality," Mrs. Goldstein said. Again, the concern involves how western thought and values will affect their young people.

Despite the rapid changes, time is the key element in the training of young people in China. "There is a tremendous shortage of personnel trained for research in the social sciences. Just within the past year, China graduated its first class of students receiving B.A. degrees. Even for those few who are trained, the language barrier is an obstacle to communicate with scholars from other countries.

The Goldsteins were able to locate some young people who "somehow managed to be trained" in the disciplines, but who lacked the language skills.

Goldstein first visited China in November 1979. Since then a number of Chinese scholars have visited the program at Brown. The first student from China to enroll in the graduate program at Brown received her M.A. degree this June.

The Goldsteins have no definite plans to return to China, but hope that it will be possible in the near future. Four weeks were insufficient to take in all that China had to offer. "You're overwhelmed by what you see; even though we had read about the programs, it was impressive to see them working," Mrs. Goldstein says. "The people were tremendously respectful of us," she adds.

In China, amid the seven million people, the Goldsteins walked through the cities, talked with the doctors as well as factory workers and "felt very safe walking the streets at night"; a comfort that very few cultures can boast about in this day of modernization and technological advances.



DR. SIDNEY GOLDSTEIN and his wife, Alice, recently returned from China, after undertaking exploratory research on demographic changes and urbanization in the country.

with the agricultural industry. China is concerned with the future when mechanization will replace the need for manual labor in the fields and has already begun to think in terms of how it can develop small towns to absorb these people.

One question the Chinese scholars were interested in having Goldstein answer was "What is the best size for a city?"

"I didn't have an answer," he says. "They will have to be organized in terms of the greatest amount of efficiency and in terms of the experience of other cities."

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Ethnic Integration In Israel



LARGE FAMILIES are typical of immigrants who arrived in Israel from the Moslem countries. This family arrived from Morocco in 1965.

Bridging The Social Gap

There is no single, unified Sephardi community in Israel. Just as cultural differences exist between, for example, Russian, German and Polish Jews — all of whom are considered Ashkenazim — the various Sephardi communities differ markedly one from another. The Yemenites have a history and traditions separate from the Moroccans, and both groups are distinct still from the Bulgarian or Egyptian Jews. Yet there are general historical experiences and cultural traits by which we can characterize Sephardim as a group separate and distinct from Ashkenazim.

The circumstances in which Sephardim today find themselves were determined by a variety of factors, including when and how they first arrived in Israel. At the time of the declaration of the State of Israel in 1948, Jews of non-Ashkenazi origin had been reduced to less than 15% of the Jewish population. This 15%, which included the Jewish population indigenous to Palestine since the destruction of the Second Temple, fell into three broad categories: the Sephardi elite, indigent masses, and Yemenite Jews (relative newcomers to Palestine).

The Sephardi elite, primarily a white-collar business community, were once Palestine's Jewish upper-class. They enjoyed an affluent life style, looking with contempt upon the Yiddish-speaking *halutzim* who began to settle in Palestine at the turn of the century. Sephardi political dominance in the Yishuv began to wane during World War I at which time the Zionist leaders of East European origin began their rise to power. By 1948, having lost much of their social and political influence, this community was still an established segment of the Yishuv.

The remainder of the 15% was mostly made up of impoverished, extremely observant Jews. By 1948, some, like most of their Ashkenazi counterparts, were still living a very religious life, isolating themselves from the modernization of Palestine. But others had to identify with Zionism, especially with the Revisionist movement. (The number of such Sephardim in the Irgun Zvai Leumi was very high.) Despite this, their life styles and basic values presented their full integration

into the Yishuv, which was now dominated by Ashkenazim.

Finally, making up a very small segment of the 1948 Sephardi population were a number of Yemenite Jews. (Most of the Yemenites came to Israel in 1949 and 1950 as part of "Operation Magic Carpet.") The first group began to settle in Palestine in 1882, their *aliya* a result of a resurgence of messianic hopes which touched their community. Others came in 1910, the result of Labor Zionist recruitment for the Second Aliya. A highly literate community of skilled artisans, for whom thrift and hard work were time-honored values, these Yemenites were well-integrated in Palestine's Jewish community by 1948.

Following Israel's establishment as an independent state, the picture changed radically — a result of a major demographic shift which began with the mass immigration of the 1950's when hundreds of thousands of Jews immigrated to Israel from the Arab countries.

The intensification of Arab nationalism after the Second World War, combined with a growing belligerency toward Jews, aroused by Israel's War of Independence, caused an extreme deterioration of the situation of Jews living in the African and Asian nations. Violent outbursts of anti-Jewish sentiments, threats to personal security, and the passage of anti-Jewish legislation served as strong impetus for Jewish emigration from Arab countries.

The sharpening of anti-Jewish hostility coupled with the new state's open immigration policies saw a major influx of Jews from Yemen, Morocco, Iraq, Egypt, and other African and Asian lands enter Israel. The mass immigration of this early period also included European Jews who survived the Holocaust. Thus, Israel was suddenly posed with a monumental task — that of integrating, socially and economically, an extremely heterogeneous refugee population.

Not only were these new immigrants virtually, if not actually, possessionless, but they brought with them a broad array of linguistic, cultural, educational, and socioeconomic characteristics — adding further to

the myriad of problems already facing the newly independent state.

The Ashkenazim, who found the general culture, if not the language, familiar, by and large arrived in Israel with education and skills that were adaptable to their new situation. Thus, they were able, in time, to integrate into the mainstream of Israeli society. For the Sephardim, the problem proved to be more complex.

The large numbers of Sephardi Jews who arrived in Israel shortly after its establishment as an independent state, were confronted with a Jewish population that was largely Ashkenazi in origin. Their culture — a combination of East European Jewish traditional and West European Enlightenment — was, in essence, presented to the new immigrants as "authentic modern culture" and, by implication, as the only authentically Jewish culture. As a result, the indigenous Middle Eastern culture, including its Jewish aspects, was severely undermined. Their cultural identity disparaged, these new immigrants lost self-respect, and the respect of their children.

Clearly, this was not an intentional and malicious attack on the cultural values and life styles of the Sephardim. However, the absence of intent does not diminish the seriousness of the ultimate effect of Israel's integration policies on the Sephardi population — tremendous cultural disruption, which continues to take its toll today. When we speak of the "second Israel," we are generally thinking in economic terms. However, many of those Sephardim who have succeeded in their basic economic integration into Israeli society (and this is the majority) are a part of the "second Israel" in a cultural sense.

For a number of Sephardim, the demoralization engendered by Israel's cultural absorption policies was aggravated by severe economic and social disabilities. To a great extent, the success or failure of an individual's or of a family's integration is traceable to the mode of his whole community's immigration. In those cases where an entire community — elite and masses — resettled in Israel, the adjustment for all

members of that community has tended to be successful. For example, representatives of all strata of the Iraqi Jewish community immigrated to Israel within a short period of time.

Despite hardship and economic deprivation, the Iraqis were able to maintain cohesion in the community, and this helped to make the integration of each Iraqi family smoother. The same was true of the Yemenite and Bulgarian Jewish communities, which transplanted themselves virtually in their entirety to Israel.

Other Sephardi communities, of which the Moroccans are a superb example, were less fortunate. In their case, it was the poor and undereducated who resettled in Israel, while the wealthy elite remained behind. Typical of Middle Eastern economic structures, there was no middle class which might have afforded some stability to the Moroccan community as it tried to re-establish itself. Instead, 200,000 Moroccans, without skills, direction, or leadership, arrived in Israel. Because the entire community lacked cohesion, each family suffered a sense of isolation. It was this atomization experienced by the Moroccan Jews and some other Sephardi communities which made their integration into Israeli society most complex, and difficult to achieve.

In addition, many of the newly arrived Sephardi families were resettled along border areas in development towns. Without even the opportunity to confront the mainstream of Israeli society, they remained apart from it, living a marginal existence to which their children and grandchildren are the heirs.

A third factor affecting the economic and social integration of the Sephardim was their time of arrival in Israel. As in any immigrant society, very minor differences in dates of arrival influence social standing. Those who arrived earliest had the opportunity to obtain the most prestigious positions and to occupy the more desirable housing space. As the pre-1948 population was primarily Ashkenazi, with most Sephardi Jews arriving after 1950,

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A TYPICAL JEWISH woman immigrant from Yemen. This is how she looked upon arrival in Israel.

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there was an overlap between "time of arrival" and ethnic background; thus, it was mostly Ashkenazim who got the best jobs and occupied the better neighborhoods. To make matters worse, this gap widened during the first decade of Israel's existence.

With each successive wave of immigrants, the economy was expanding. As Sephardim newcomers were employed in lower positions, European Jews increased their social mobility, taking the more rewarding jobs which became available. Herein lay the foundation for social inequities which persist today.

While it is true that some Ashkenazim harbor prejudices against their Sephardi brethren, discrimination *per se* was not the primary cause of Israel's socio-economic gap. Rather, it came about through a combination

of historical circumstances: first, the large proportion of Sephardim who arrived in Israel unskilled and uneducated; second, the fact that most Sephardim were comparative newcomers to Israel, and lastly, Sephardim were sometimes deprived of any opportunity to merge with the mainstream of society, as they found themselves isolated in border settlements.

On the positive side, statistics will verify that considerable progress has been made toward closing Israel's social gap. A large proportion of the Sephardi community has advanced rapidly on the social and economic ladder, with only a minority remaining below the poverty line. The standard of living of families of Sephardi origin has improved relative to the standard of living of all Jewish families; however, their average income (in 1970) was still only 70% of the overall average. Advances made by the Sephardim are also indicated by their representation in the upper echelons of a broad range of fields.

In addition to narrowing the economic gap, Sephardim have been making steady gains toward their political integration. Thus far, progress has been most visible on the local level. A well-known political scientist has observed "the pattern is unmistakable, wherever you look — to town halls, trade union councils (the powerful Histadrut branches), local party committees — the number of Sephardi members is growing."

In 1950, 13% of all Jewish members of local government bodies were Sephardim (note, that this figure corresponds closely to the percentage of Sephardim in the total Jewish population of pre-state Israel). In 1955, the number had risen to 24%; and in 1959 to 37.5%. By 1965, when Sephardim comprised just under half of Israel's Jewish population, they made up 44% of the members of local government bodies. With each election, the percentage rises, keeping pace with growth rate of Israel's Sephardi population.

At the same time, the number of cities with Sephardi mayors (chairmen of local councils) has increased throughout the years. In time, this pattern should carry over to the national level; there are already a number of Knesset



THE OLDER NEWCOMERS to Israel from the Moslem countries, such as this couple, still cling to modes of dress that seem out of place in modern, bustling Israel.

members who are of Sephardi origin. Just recently, history was made with the election of Yizhak Navon as President of Israel. Mr. Navon is the first man of Sephardi origin to hold this position.

Despite the fact that little, if any, real political power comes with this position, it marks an important advance for the Sephardi community. Still, with all these gains, the fact remains that the proportion of Sephardim working in the government and for its related agencies, remains significantly smaller than their population in the Jewish population.

With all the advances that have been made over the past 33 years, there is still much room for criticism and dissatisfaction. For all the positive statistics that can be quoted, these grim facts remain:

— Between 92%-94% of distressed

children are in families whose country of origin is Asian or African. (Distressed persons are characterized by their too-limited possession of material and non-material resources by comparison with other non-distressed groups. Distress is therefore a situation of relative scarcity.)

— Almost 70% of the Israelis in jail are of Sephardi background.

— Most of Israel's welfare recipients are Sephardim.

— The great majority of juvenile offenders are Sephardim. This problem is a double-edged one as the Israel Army generally does not draft youngsters with a criminal record. Thus, these Sephardi youth are denied the integrative impact of the military experience, one of Israel's best equalizing forces. In addition, without a military service record, it is far more difficult to get a job.

Voices Of Jerusalem

'Why Should I Be The One?'

LEAH ABRAMOWITZ, 45, is the mother of 12 children, a geriatric social worker, journalist and amateur historian. She lives in the rova, the rebuilt Jewish Quarter of the Old City.

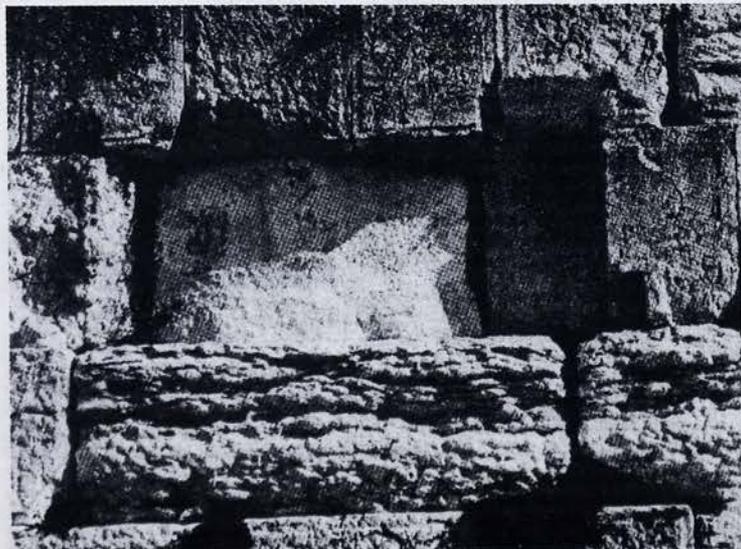
"Jerusalem was always special to me. As a girl, growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, I learned about Yerushalayim. And when I came, 22 years ago, I was entranced by the beauty, the romanticism, the religious meaning of the city.

But it really didn't hit me hard until we moved to the Old City seven years ago. There were archaeological digs everywhere taking me back to Herodian, Byzantine, Roman periods. I'd meet people in the street and discover they were the descendants of old, old Jerusalem families who'd lived in this area for generations.

I felt that I, a Jew who had come to live in the rova, was a living link with the past. I began to attend lectures on the history of the city, and before long I was writing articles for newspapers and magazines. Learning about Jerusalem is like getting hooked on heroin. It's impossible to stop.

I also, in my work here (at Sha'are Tzedek Hospital) meet many old people who helped build the city, whose life histories are more fascinating than anything you'll find in books. And one of my most painful daily tasks is to arrange for chronic patients to go to institutions outside the city because old peoples' homes in Jerusalem are already overcrowded.

Their spiritual and physical connections to Jerusalem is so intense that it is like an amputation to send them away.



"There is always something to explore wherever there is digging and building going on."



LEAH ABRAMOWITZ

But of all the dimensions to living here, bringing up children in the Old City is the most special, the most exciting.

The Kotel (Western Wall) is the center of their universe. My little ones can't conceive of life without it. We go there as a family every Friday night and when we tell them that the wall was once forbidden to Jews they look at us in disbelief.

There are people who would not like to rear children in the rova. They say it is claustrophobic and isolated. But I think it is *Gan Eden* for them. There are no cars, no trucks to worry about. The only things they might run into are donkeys and tourists.

There is always something to explore wherever there is digging and building going on — a Roman bath-house, a Jewish home from Herodian days, a Crusader church, the remains of old synagogues.

The roofs of the quarter are interconnected, so they can take walks over the rooftops — looking down into the Christian quarter here, the *shuk* there, the Temple Mount.

Their love of Jerusalem will be different from mine. We were among the first families to settle in the rova and they and their friends have a group called 'Children of the Walls.' They all have a strong, proud spirit, a real sense of belonging.

I am an immigrant. My parents were from Germany and I constantly ask myself, 'Why me? Why should I have the privilege of living here? Why, after 2000 years of exile, should I be the one to live in a united Jerusalem, near the Kotel?'

It is a miracle. Certainly. Our victory in the Six Day War is inexplicable except in a spiritual sense. And one gets used to miracles.

It's not possible, it seems, for people to live all the time on that 'high' one feels on first seeing the Wall.

But I am aware that the privilege entails responsibilities: to become a religious nation, to lead a Tora life. One cannot just live here. One must do so well.

Successful Investing

**Weyerhaeuser:
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by David R. Sargent



Q — I would like to add a natural resource stock to my retirement portfolio. Income is a consideration, but a secondary one. I'm primarily interested in the company's longer term growth prospects. — R.V. Massachusetts.

A — I think you should consider Weyerhaeuser. This company's prowess is virtually unmatched within the forest products industry. It is unique in that it is the only domestic concern that is truly self-sufficient in terms of wood supplies. Frequently likened to oil, timber today represents a store of value, a so-called asset in the ground, useful not only as an inflation hedge but also as a salable commodity to the homebuilding and paper industries.

These vast resources afford Weyerhaeuser other advantages over its competition. The company has cultivated a predominantly Northwest-based timber supply which has allowed it to become a significant factor in the export market, particularly to the Pacific Rim. Shrinking timber supplies and high energy costs are forcing many European and Japanese producers out of these markets, yet overseas demand is expected to far outpace domestic growth during the 1980s.

Last year, exports accounted for 25 percent of total sales, and an even greater portion of profits. In view of the company's strategically located timber properties and efficiently designed transportation vessels, it

is logical to expect these percentages to increase dramatically in coming years.

During the decade of the 1980s, Weyerhaeuser is also expected to become an important factor in the domestic paper market. Management is now spending heavily to bring on stream what will be the largest coated paper manufacturing complex in the industry. Total cost of this facility is estimated at \$750 million, and it is scheduled for start-up in mid-1982. Capacity of both linerboard and newsprint is being expanded as well, in expectation of a surge in demand.

Despite its excellent growth prospects, Weyerhaeuser's earnings performance remains heavily dependent on the housing markets here and abroad. Roughly 60 percent of revenues is derived from sales of building materials. The sharp decline in first-quarter profits reflected weak demand both domestically and overseas, while lumber prices lagged as well. And the absence to date of an appreciable downturn in interest rates indicates a more modest rise in full-year results than anticipated earlier. Nevertheless, per share earnings will probably increase to about \$3.10 from \$2.46 in 1980.

Long term, an investment in these shares should prove very rewarding, as the company broadens its participation in the promising export market. The \$1.30 annual dividend currently provides a yield of 3.7 percent.

UJA Re-Appoints National Vice Chairman

NEW YORK — Sanford L. Hollander, of Newton, New Jersey, has been re-appointed a National Vice Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and will head UJA's "Chaver" leadership program, it was announced by Herschel W. Blumberg, UJA National Chairman.

The "Chaver" — "friend" — program was established during the 1981 campaign to strengthen ties between UJA national and regional leadership and leaders of community campaigns. Under the program, lay leaders are assigned to specific communities to assist them in campaign planning, solicitation, leadership development, allocations of campaign funds and cash collection.

In making the announcement, Blumberg cited Hollander's many years of distinguished service on the local, regional and national levels.

Hollander served as Chairman of UJA's \$1,000-\$10,000 Committee during the 1981 campaign. Previously, he was Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Campaign



SANFORD L. HOLLANDER

Cabinet. He is a graduate of the UJA National Young Leadership Cabinet and was both president and campaign chairman of the United Jewish Federation of Morris-Sussex, New Jersey.

Money Sense:

How To Benefit From Tuition Aid



By Bill Waters, Director of Marketing Services, Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc.

One of the most important tax-free benefits to come along in recent years is company-sponsored tuition aid.

The Revenue Act of 1978 allows employees to exclude educational assistance from income, as long as the assistance is offered to everyone. The employer can, however, set eligibility requirements, such as length of service.

The law, which is subject to review January 1, 1984, allows employers of any size to make either direct tuition payments to employees or to reimburse them in part or full for money already paid. In either case, the payments are not subject to withholding tax and are not included in the individual's taxable income.

Defining Education

The law defines "education" broadly as "instruction or training of the individual for purposes of improving or developing his or her capabilities." Of course, employers are still free to decide what courses they care to pay for, if any.

A recent survey of more than 6,000 companies by the Conference Board, a New York-based research organization, found that 90 percent of respondents have tuition aid plans for full-time white collar workers and almost 80 percent have tuition aid plans for full-time blue collar workers. About three-quarters of these firms require that studies be related to the employee's work.

Most books and supplies needed for coursework can, at the employer's discretion, be included as part of the cost of educational assistance though not tools or supplies that are to be kept by the employee for on-the-job training.

Tuition aid applies to correspondence courses — and even to courses given on TV. However, it doesn't cover sports or hobby-related courses, unless your sport or hobby relates directly to your employer's business.

In addition, you have the right in most cases to deduct any out-of-pocket expenses from your income taxes, as long as you can

show they were incurred primarily to further your education. For example, if you must travel to class, your transportation expenses should be deductible. Note, however, that you may not include your employer's educational payments to you as a deduction from your income. Such payments are excluded from your income, not deducted.

Grades Count

In many cases, employers may require proof of course completion or even attainment of a certain grade average. According to the Conference Board's report, about three-quarters of the firms surveyed based the extent of their aid on the grades earned, the higher the grade, the larger percentage of tuition paid by the company. All other companies require only a passing grade to qualify the employee for reimbursement.

The value of an education should not be measured only in terms of its effects on your income. The benefits from enhancing your understanding of a subject can go far beyond the monetary rewards to include a greater appreciation of the wealth of human learning available today. Clearly, with inflation and high tax rates affecting families in every income bracket, the tuition aid exclusion is an attractive way to get education without parting with after-tax earnings.

In fact, what is surprising is the very low rate of employee participation in tuition aid programs. The American Society for Training and Development estimates that only 5 percent of eligible people take advantage of tuition aid. Whatever the barriers to participation, whether lack of time, lack of information, lack of confidence in promotion opportunity, the 5 percent figure is disappointing. It means that many people are ignoring a tax benefit that may pay off in excellent long-term career advantages.

Whatever your education, it's worth taking a look at what more you can learn while working.

Illegal For French Firms To Comply With Arab Boycott

PARIS (JTA) — The French government issued an order making it illegal for French firms to comply with the Arab economic boycott of Israel. The order was issued by Premier Pierre Mauroy at the request of President Francois Mitterrand who had promised Jewish leaders during his election campaign to give priority consideration to this issue. Jewish leaders and pro-Israel economic circles here expressed their satisfaction with the new Administration's legislation.

Anti-boycott legislation was adopted by the National Assembly in 1977. But the former Administration of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing issued an executive order which in effect permitted French firms doing business with Arab countries to ignore the anti-boycott legislation "when France's economic interests are at stake."

Refund Checks Wait To Be Claimed By R.I. Taxpayers

Undelivered federal income tax refund checks for some taxpayers are waiting to be claimed, the Internal Revenue Service says. Many of the checks remain undelivered because taxpayers move and do not leave forwarding addresses with the U.S. Postal Service, according to IRS.

Anyone who filed a return on time and has still not received a refund should contact the IRS at (401) 528-5200.

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Palestine Shrine Aids Pregnant Diabetics

Through a generous financial contribution from the Palestine Shrine, the Rhode Island Affiliate of the American Diabetes Association is helping pregnant diabetics manage their disease during the very critical stages of pregnancy.

Diabetes is a disease in which the level of sugar in the blood becomes difficult to control, due to a lack of effective insulin. Treatment usually means a daily injection of insulin, and always means controlling activity and diet to maintain a balance of sugar in the blood. During pregnancy, this control becomes even more difficult, and yet is extremely important for a safe and normal

delivery.

Doctors have found that one way to help monitor the level of sugar more precisely is to test its level in the blood at frequent intervals. The Diabetes Association, with a grant from the Shrine, purchased two special instruments to enable pregnant diabetics to do this test at home, up to several times a day if necessary.

The program is being monitored closely by physicians and the results to date have been extremely encouraging. Several patients have successfully used these machines, resulting in better control of their diabetes.

Jewish Genetic Disease May Be Potentially Curable

Gaucher's disease, which is always fatal in infants and can develop severe abnormalities in adults, has been called potentially curable by researchers attending a workshop on the disease at Mount Sinai School of Medicine this week. The disease is one of the most common genetic disorders among Ashkenazi Jews, those of Central and East European ancestry.

Caused by an enzyme deficiency, the infant form attacks the nervous system and is fatal within a year or two of life. The adult form manifests itself with severe pain in the back or limbs, anemia, bone deterioration, gross enlargement of the spleen or liver, internal bleeding or white blood cell deficiency that results in a fatal infection. Some adults, however, remain almost symptom-free. Dr. Peter Beighton of the University of Cape Town told of one patient who plays strenuous tennis at age 80.

A dozen patients, undergoing enzyme replacement therapy at the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md., are showing signs that the disease has at least been partly arrested.

Occurrence of the adult form in Jewish populations is at least as common as Tay-Sachs disease, an invariably fatal infantile disorder. Both are caused by enzyme deficiencies arising from the inheritance from both parents of a recessive gene. When both parents carry the gene, the chances are one in four that their child will have the disorder.

The infant form seems to affect all ethnic groups uniformly. The adult form occurs primarily in Ashkenazi Jews and an intermediate, or juvenile, form has been found particularly common in northern Sweden.

Locating The Gene

Researchers are closing in on the precise location of the gene in its chromosome, said Dr. Robert J. Desnick, director of the Center for Jewish Genetic Diseases at Mount Sinai and an organizer of the workshop. If the location is found, it could be possible to clone the gene, inserting it into bacteria that could mass produce the enzyme for treatment. A more distant prospect would be to insert the correct gene directly into those lacking it.

The missing gene was identified a number of years ago by Dr. Roscoe D. Brady of the neurology institute in Bethesda, where clinical tests are being performed. The gene was identified as glucocerebrosidase. Its role, within the large scavenging cells that break down waste or foreign material within the body, is to split certain fatty molecules.

When the enzyme is lacking, such molecules accumulate in the scavenger cells, which may then be deposited in the spleen and liver, grossly enlarging those organs.

Using enzymes derived from human placentas, Dr. Brady began his clinical tests seven years ago with a purification method that was improved in 1977. The enzymes, however, are still attached to sugar molecules that guide most of them to the wrong cells, limiting effectiveness of the treatment.

Test For Disease Expensive

The test to determine prospective parents of the disease cost several hundred dollars and is not recommended unless there is reason to suspect presence of the gene. In addition, obtaining the enzymes is very costly and since its effectiveness is limited only a few patients are being treated.

One goal of the workshop was to find an effective way to test patients for the disease. Although the gene is recessive, if they carry it, small amounts of the defective enzyme are produced in their white blood cells or skin cells.

A prenatal test can be performed to determine if a prospective child has it, if parents have already produced one victim of the disease.

The rates reported for Gaucher's disease screening ranged from 90 percent to 96 percent, whereas, such a test for the Tay-Sachs gene is said to be virtually 100 percent effective.

MDA Establishes Radio Alarm System For Elderly

TEL AVIV: — Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's Red Cross Society, recently initiated a pilot project to link a group of chronically ill, housebound Jerusalemites in a radio alarm system to bring an immediate emergency medical response from MDA at the touch of a button.

Similar networks are being organized for groups of senior citizens living alone, for medical and other emergencies such as burglaries.

Magen David Adom and the Jerusalem Police Department store each participant's basic information in their computers. When a person feels a heart attack or serious seizure of any kind, they press a button which sets off an alarm. The alarm alerts MDA to dispatch medics who are already informed by the computer of the probable nature of the medical emergency.

RIPTA To Process I.D. Cards For Seniors, Handicaps

Identification cards for senior and handicapped citizens will be processed in August at the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, 265 Melrose Street, Providence, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, Midland Mall in Warwick will process senior citizen cards only, every Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Identification cards will also be processed at the following locations and dates from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 12 — J.F. Kennedy Manor, 547 Clinton St., Woonsocket; August 14 — Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket; and August 26 — RIPTA Newport Garage, 1747 West Main Road, Middletown.

For information regarding the location of the RIPTA mobile unit sites, please contact the RIPTA I.D. card office at 461-9400. Please do not contact the locations listed above.

How To Detect Prostate Cancer

Facts that men should know about prostate and testicular cancer are detailed in two new American Cancer Society leaflets which are available to the public without charge.

Both are titled "For Men Only," but they have separate sub-titles: "What you should know about Prostate Cancer" and "What you should know about Testicular Cancer."

The publication on prostate cancer points out that most men who get the disease are 55 years of age or older and that the risk increases with age. Incidence rates are higher among blacks than among whites and more married men than singles develop it.

The pamphlet points out that the most common symptom of prostate cancer — enlargement of the gland — "does not in itself mean cancer," but that the accompanying urinary problems should be investigated promptly.

Both leaflets are available locally from The American Cancer Society, Rhode Island Division, Inc., 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, R.I. 02906. The telephone number is 831-6970.

Jewish Welfare Board Trains Future Executives

NEW YORK, N.Y. — So that Jewish Community Centers will have enough qualified executives, now and in the future, the Jewish Welfare Board began a five-step executive development training program for 1981-83, it was announced by Arthur Rotman, JWB executive vice president.

The program will provide Jewish communities with "a ready supply of skilled executives with the necessary training to direct our centers," Rotman said.

Phase I will take the form of a 10-day August seminar on "Thinking as an Executive," at Grossinger's, N.Y. The seminar will cover sessions on: a) Leadership — the Executive Function; b) Delivery of Quality Service; c) Budget and Fiscal Administration; d) Developing and Maintaining Quality Staff.

Phase II will be a one-week stay with a host executive designed to help those in the program develop an "Executive Style." This will take place during the winter of 1981-82.

Phase III, scheduled during the spring of 1982 at JWB headquarters in New York, will take the form of a five-day seminar with trainers on "Management and Marketing."

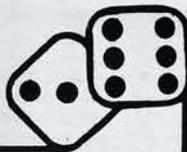
Phase IV will be a one-week seminar on "Our Mission" during the summer of 1982. The unique aspects of work and experience of a Center executive will be covered, and participants will help develop the rest of the week's agenda.

Phase V, "Making It Happen," will see each representative in the training program develop a project in an area of Center practice and prepare a professional paper on the process and project. This, the final phase, will take place during the fall and winter of 1982-83.

CORRECTION

A photograph and caption in the July 16 issue of The Rhode Island Herald should have read, "Four generations of the Bensusan family celebrate the first birthday of Ariana Bensusan, daughter of Ellen and Richard Bensusan of Mansfield, Mass. Ariana's maternal grandparents are Seymour and Harriet Block of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Cranston."

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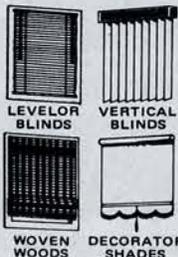
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In today's hand the spotlight is on Defense, the part of the game concentrated on least by both players and teachers. Yet, if you think about it, you are a defender twice as often as you are a Declarer. Both partners defend when the opposition is Declarer but when your side gets the contract one is the Dummy. Under normal circumstances, each player should be Declarer 25% of the time and Defender 50% of the time.

North
 ♠ 9
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ K J 7 6 3
 ♣ K J 9 5 4

West
 ♠ A K 8 6 5 3
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ 10 7

South
 ♠ J 7 2
 ♥ A J 10 8 6 3
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ A Q

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

North-South vulnerable, South Dealer with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1H	1S	2D	2S
3S	4S	P	P
5H	P	P	5S
P	P	6H	End

The bidding, highly competitive, could have gone as shown but I am sure didn't usually. It is very interesting after each player has made his first bid, which is normal. South has a problem on his first rebid. He knows by North's two-level response that there is a game but where and how high? His cue bid in Spades shows strength, forces another bid from North and can even get to No Trump if North has a stopper.

But West, with little defense after his six card suit had been supported, decided to cramp the bidding. North had bid all he had so the turn came back to South. A Double would have been very profitable, perfect defense would provide two tricks in each side suit plus a Diamond ruff for down four but many players are reluctant to Double non-vulnerable opponents when they are vulnerable themselves.

So South now decided to go on with his six card suit. East even went one trick higher to sacrifice and this time South deferred the decision to his partner, a forcing Pass but also allowing North to go to six if he can take the second Spade lead.

Again, the Double would be even more

profitable but North did have that singleton Spade plus the Heart Queen which had never been shown. No one could fault him for opting for Slam in Hearts. Almost every Declarer, in Hearts, made six whatever the contract was. Good Defense can gain another trick which, of course, would have defeated a Slam.

West would lead a high Spade, see Dummy's singleton and then switch to one of the Minor suits, hoping to get another trick there. Declarer can win in Dummy, finesse successfully for the Trump King, draw Trumps and with the fall of the Club 10 make enough tricks to make his Slam.

East should be able to see this coming and should see no future in those Minors. The only really possible trick the Defense has is the Trump King, the same that had been finessed for. But to capture it, it has to be attacked twice, which the Declarer had been allowed to do. Only one play can stop this, a second lead of Spades, which will have to be ruffed in Dummy but now there is but one Trump left to finesse with. As long as East doesn't cover, and surely he won't, he can make a Trump trick.

And now how does East get his partner to lead that second Spade? By playing his 10 on West's King. West should be able to figure this out. It can't be suit preference calling for a Diamond, the higher of the two other suits, the Queen would do that. East's raise showed his exact holding so what else could the 10 be. A request to continue the suit which does the trick.

Moral: The card spots can tell so much if you just stop to try to figure it out.

Lost Masterpiece Film Premieres At Ocean State Arts Center

"Napoleon," the lost 1927 film masterpiece by French Director Abel Gance will receive its New England tour premier at the Ocean State Performing Arts Center, October 1-4, in a special reserved-seat engagement, it was announced last week by Academy-award winning Director Francis Ford Coppola ("Godfather I & II," "Apocalypse Now").

After sell-out crowds in London and New York and unprecedented critical acclaim, Gance's 4 1/2 hour epic film, lost for 54 years, is at last reaching modern audiences. Accompanying the film will be a new musical score by Francis' Oscar-winning father, Carmine Coppola, ("Godfather II," "The Black Stallion," "Apocalypse Now") who will conduct the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

Reconstructed by British film historian Kevin Brownlow, over a period of twenty years, this extraordinary motion picture broke on the January film scene as a major cinema event. In all, 50,000 New Yorkers crushed into eight special showings at 6,000-seat Radio City Music Hall.

Now "Napoleon" comes to Providence for its first New England presentation. By the end of the year it will have been seen in Los Angeles, Rome, Chicago, Atlanta, Washington and Detroit. A two-week return engagement to Radio City Music Hall will follow the Providence run. The film will be shown as Gance, now 91 and living in Paris, originally intended it. The final 18 minutes of the film will be projected in Polyvision, a three-camera, three-projector process invented by Gance years before Cinerama. This scene filled with clashing armies and tremendous triptychs rivals and challenges any film shot today.

Abel Gance's "Napoleon" premiered at the Paris Opera House on April 7, 1927. The film traces the career of Napoleon from his

early school days to his greatest military triumphs. Considered a landmark film for its innovative techniques, the film was as revolutionary as its subject. Gance freed the camera from primitive cranes and dollies, even lashing it to galloping horses. He pioneered rapid intercutting and modern editing techniques. And in a stroke of genius, he invented three-screen Polyvision, an innovation which anticipated Cinerama by thirty years.

The premier of "Napoleon" in Paris was an unprecedented, unbelievable event. The epic silent film was accompanied by full orchestra and organ. The Polyvision sequences were shown on a screen one hundred feet wide. At the film's end the audience was on its feet, cheering, clapping, shouting.

In the audience, equally overcome, was a young army officer, Charles De Gaulle. De Gaulle stood up and waved his long arms in the air and shouted, "Bravo, magnifique." He never forgot the film. Unfortunately, six months later another revolution swept the film industry. The "talkies" arrived and put an end to the silent epics. "The Jazz Singer" (1927) was in and "Napoleon" became one of the great lost masterworks of the cinema.

Francis Ford Coppola gives credit on this project to Tom Luddy, formerly head of the Pacific Film Archive, and now Director of Special Projects at Coppola's Zoetrope Studios.

There will be four performances in the Ocean State Performing Arts Center's grand setting: Thursday-Saturday, October 1-3 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, October 4 at 2:30 p.m. Reserved tickets are priced at \$20, \$15, \$10, and will go on sale September 8.

6th International Weizmann Symposium On Bioelectrochemistry

ISRAEL — Despite the predictably fatal effects of massive electric currents on living organisms, weak currents applied with proper rhythms and levels can have most unpredictable effects: from extending the lifetime of the primitive, single-celled animal paramecium, to aiding the curative powers of antitumor drugs given to cancerous mice.

A whole gamut of problems arising from the flow of electric currents in plants and animals was discussed last week at the Sixth International Symposium on Bioelectrochemistry and Bioenergetics held at Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim in the Judean Hills.

Sponsored partially by the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Symposium brought together some 100 scientists who discussed the complex flow of electric currents associated with chemical processes and the use and storage of energy in living organisms. Other lectures dealt with the inducement of biochemical processes responsible for cell development and growth by externally supplied electric signals.

AJC Applauds Amendment To Withhold Funding From UN Decade For Women

The American Jewish Congress has praised Representative William Lehman (Dem., Fla.) for leading an effort in the House of Representatives to eliminate a grant of \$500,000 to the United Nations Decade for Women Voluntary Fund and transfer the money to the State Department's Agency for International Development, where it will be used for women in developing countries.

Henry Siegman, executive director of the Jewish Congress, wrote to Rep. Lehman to express "deep appreciation" of the Miami legislator's action.

"The UN Decade for Women has been contaminated, since 1975, by the equation of Zionism with racism. It was further compromised during the 1980 Conference in Copenhagen with the unconscionable and grotesque elevation of the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization, Siegman said.

Rep. Lehman presented an amendment in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, adopted unanimously by the Subcommittee, to drop an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Voluntary fund of the UN Decade for Women, whose program was opposed by the American delegation to the UN Women's Conference in Copenhagen one year ago. The Subcommittee then voted to add the same \$500,000 to programs for women carried out by the Agency for International Development.

"We applaud the withholding of funds from any program associated with the travesty that the UN Decade for Women has become," Siegman added. "Such action by our government is a clear, effective way to put the United Nations on notice that the American people strongly object to the exploitation of the international women's movement by the PLO

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Archeologists Unearth Jewish Burial Site

A newly discovered catacomb, covering the size of a football field, near the southern Italian hill town of Venosa, should bring to light the life of Jews living in that area 1,600 years ago. A group of American and Italian archeologists uncovered the find which was apparently used as a burial ground by the town's Jew's in the last centuries of the Roman empire.

The vast catacomb unearthed eight galleries containing at least 1,000 grave niches. Further research into the area, planned by the World Jewish Congress, which financed the excavation this summer, will reveal more about the relations between the flourishing Jewish and Christian communities of Venosa.

Initial investigations, led by Prof. Eric M. Meyers of Duke University and the Rev. Cesare Colafemmina of the University of Bari, indicate that the two communities lived together harmoniously until the Saracen invasions of the 9th century, which scattered the population.

Much of what is known about the early history of the 2,000-year-old Jewish community of Rome to the north has been determined from other catacombs discovered between 1859 and 1919. At this point, the archeologists have found no evidence of inscriptions, the most valuable source of historical information, but they expect to excavate further. Fragments of frescoes, bones and grave closures have been examined, indicating that the tombs had been disturbed during the Middle Ages.

Professor Meyers said that although erosion and landslides had disrupted the site, it may have also saved the catacombs from tomb robbers and further plundering. "The whole hillside is riddled with passages," he said.



JEWISH MENORAH is engraved on this inscription found in catacomb, Venosa, Italy.

Today the town is an agricultural region. An orphanage and farmhouse are currently on the site, which was in Roman times an important center, with the necropolis under Maddalena Hill on the outskirts of the town. The excavations this May were the first formal explorations and

licensed by the Italian Government under the auspices of the Institute of the University of Bari.

First Discovery At Maddalena

In 1853 a passage was uncovered containing Jewish graves near the top of the slope of Maddalena Hill. It is believed

that an earthquake or landslide unearthed the site, containing 50 inscriptions scrawled with red paint on the stucco grave walls. The inscriptions were recorded at that time, but have since been destroyed by erosion and vandals.

The inscriptions themselves are written in Greek in about 60 percent of the cases and record the names of 74 people, 45 males and 25 females. The remaining inscriptions are written in Latin and Greek, with one transliteration from Greek to Hebrew.

A total of 534 inscriptions have been recorded from the six known Jewish catacombs of Rome, primarily from the second and third centuries A.D. Menorahs, shofars and other religious symbols have often been designed in the inscriptions.

In addition to the catacombs at Rome, there are others at several places in Italy, as well as in Israel and elsewhere in the Mediterranean region. The burial practice in underground catacombs was first a Jewish practice and later duplicated by Christians, until open-air cemeteries became commonplace around the fifth century.

Usually simple structures, the Jewish catacombs were cut in the soft rock, called tufa. A room near the entrance was used for ritual washing of the bodies before burial. The grave niche was sealed with plaster or brick.

A few items of glass and a ring are said to have been found in Jewish burials, but burial with articles was not usually commonplace. Despite the lack of treasures in Jewish catacombs, tomb robbers continue to plunder the graves. As early as the 12th century, Popes Gregory VIII and Clement III issued decrees against "the plundering and digging up of Jewish graves and cemeteries."

Agudath Israel Says Conservative, Reform Misuse Unity Slogan

"The newly coordinated effort of the Conservative and Reform movements to thwart attempts at amending the Law of Return in Israel 'in accordance with halacha' is guilty of grossly misusing the sacred slogan of 'Jewish unity' to support its case," Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky, director of Government and Public Affairs of Agudath Israel of America, said in reaction to a joint press conference by the two groups.

A cable sent to Prime Minister Menachem Begin by leaders of the Conservative and Reform groups charges that the Orthodox parties in Israel "endanger Jewish unity and the survival of Judaism."

In his statement, the Agudath Israel spokesman says, "How ironic that the very deviationist groups whose policies have contributed in such great measure to dividing Jews by cutting them off from their authentic heritage and have thus shattered the ancient unity of Klal Yisroel — should now preach Jewish unity."

Agudath Israel's anger was particularly aroused by the statement of Dr. Gerson Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, that "We are mindful of the teaching of our sages that the sin of unwarranted dissension caused the destruction of the Temple and the exile of our people. Therefore, we will do everything in our power to protect the unity of world Jewry." Rabbi Lubinsky said: "How deceitful it is to

exploit the sages of the Talmud who are the primary exponents of those classical religious beliefs which the Conservative and Reform groups seek to eradicate and violate."

Rabbi Lubinsky also rejected Dr. Cohen's claim that Conservatives are "authentic interpreters of Jewish law." "How can a group which denies the Sinaitic origin of Torah claim to be an 'authentic interpreter of Jewish law,' when it violates basic Jewish law by, for example, permitting the marriage of a Kohen to a divorcee, which the Torah expressly forbids?" the Agudath Israel spokesman asked.

Agudath Israel also denounced the Conservative leader's contention that it is "the largest single Jewish religious constituency in the United States." "It is high time that the Conservative leaders realize that the continued mass defection of their youth to the tragic trends of assimilation, has sharply reduced the movement's strength. It is no longer a secret that while Conservative and Reform Judaism continue in their steep decline, only the Orthodox are growing at an impressive pace because of their emphasis on intensive Jewish education."

"The leaders of the deviationist groups should stop playing the 'numbers game': it is senseless to measure fully committed Jews who observe their religious faith as a way of life in accordance with the Shulchan Aruch against Jews who unfortunately have only

loose ties to a 'Jewishness' which has few obligations and still less religious demands. The only measuring rod is the totality of personal observance seven days of the week."

Rabbi Lubinsky urged the Conservative and Reform leaders to "cease their offensive against Orthodox Jewry, whose decisions and positions on 'Who is a Jew' or other issues will not be influenced one iota by their threats or press conferences; instead they should concentrate on genuine soul-

searching to determine why their ranks are being decimated by the defections of their young people." Agudath Israel, he said, will continue its fight for Jewish survival by positive and constructive programs for Jews of all ages, under the leadership of the Council of Torah Sages; the anti-Orthodox propaganda of the deviationist groups will only spur Agudath Israel on to work harder until all Jews uncompromisingly accept Torah as the distinctive Jewish guide for life.

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New Program To Boost Jewish Education In The Diaspora

JERUSALEM (JTA) — "Jerusalem Fellowships," an educational project which its creators believe will have major and sustained impact on Jewish education in the diaspora, was launched here this week at a ceremony at the World Zionist Organization headquarters.

"This program embodies the obligation of the State of Israel to the spiritual survival of the diaspora," said Prof. Nathan Rothenstreich, the leading Israeli philosopher and savant. "It is the profound responsibility towards Jewish society that motivated our bank," said Ernst Japhet, chairman of Bank Leumi, which has put up the initial \$1 million to fund the bold venture.

Jerusalem Fellowships will get under way at the start of the 1982-83 academic year. Ten promising young Jewish educators from diaspora countries will come to Jerusalem with their families to embark on three-year, intensive, individually tailored courses designed to mold them into top leaders and administrators in the fields of Jewish education and teacher-training.

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Each of them will be taken under the personal tutelage of ranking Israeli academics in various scholarly and pedagogic disciplines.

They will have access to, and benefit from, all of Israel's universities, teacher-training colleges, research centers and some yeshivot. Each of them will be encouraged to deepen his/her knowledge and expertise in the field of his/her particular interest — while at the same time broadening their horizons to encompass studies in other areas.

For instance, explained Prof. Seymour Fox, head of the Hebrew University School of Education, a diaspora educator whose penchant is for Talmud will be given every opportunity, at the highest academic levels, to enrich his knowledge in this field, while also being exposed to such pedagogic essentials as child psychology, administration, and Israel-related studies.

The result (hopefully) at the end of the three-years will be a fully rounded Jewish educator qualified to take his/her place in the forefront of Jewish education back home.

The one requirement beyond basic suitability and promise, which will be meticulously examined by an admission panel, will be the Fellow's undertaking to give at least the next five years of his life to Jewish education in his home country. After that, he is welcome to return to Israel as a permanentoleh.

Initial Idea Was Dulzin's

The initial idea, Fox told the inauguration ceremony, was that of Leon Dulzin, the WZO chairman, who for years has warned world Jewry of the desperate need to improve educational opportunities offered to its next generation. Dulzin himself reiterated his dire warnings at the ceremony. "Only 42 percent of Western European Jewish children today receive any form of Jewish education whatsoever, and intermarriage rates are soaring . . ."

One fundamental fault, Dulzin continued, was the almost total lack of serious, high-level Jewish teacher-training. And it was this lack that the Jerusalem Fellowships program would seek to supply, at least to some extent.

The program begins with 10 fellows, but within three years — if all goes according to plan — there will be 30 (all on three-year individual courses), and the aim is to maintain this level.

Candidates will need to have academic degrees (preferably doctorates) or equivalent rabbinical qualifications in order to be considered by the admission panel chaired by Rothenstreich. The savant envisaged the Fellowship program itself as "akin to a doctorate program" with its stress on specialization and on individual tuition.

Joel Kaufman Receives Perfect Law Board Score

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) congratulated Joel Kaufman of Warwick, a Providence College senior working as an intern in his Washington, D.C., office, for earning a perfect score in his law board examinations last month.

Kaufman, 20, a son of Eli and Bernice Kaufman of 11 Dahlia St., recently earned an 800 score in his Law School Admission Tests (LSAT) — the highest score possible in the examinations which are instrumental in determining admission to law school.

"Your score," Pell told Kaufman, "is outstanding. In fact, in last year's law boards for June only 70 students, out of more than 19,000, earned a perfect score. I am extremely proud to have a young man of so much ability participating in my internship program."

A senior at Providence College, Kaufman is majoring in Political Science and Humanities and, this summer, is participating in the Summer Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems at Georgetown University. He is a 1978 graduate of Pilgrim High School in Warwick.

"The senate internship," Kaufman said, "provides invaluable insight into the substructure of the American political process."

The Pell Senate Internship Program, which began when Pell came to the Senate in 1961, has already brought more than 1,000 Rhode Island students to Washington for a period of experience in the operation of the United States Senate and Pell's office.



JOE L. KAUFMAN (left) earns perfect score in law board examinations. Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) congratulates him on his achievement.

Seminary Elects 3 To Board Of Directors

NEW YORK — Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, has announced the election of three prominent citizens to the Seminary's Board of Directors. The Honorable Nathan B. Kogan of New York City and Atlantic Beach, New York; Elizabeth R. Varet of Riverdale, New York; and Harold M. Williams of Los Angeles, California, will all serve on the Board for terms of three years.

Judge Kogan, a lawyer and civic leader in the New York area, is chairman of the Seminary's Bernstein Center-Brand Foundation Institute for pastoral psychiatry. He received the Seminary's National Community Service Award in 1973.

Ms. Varet has long been active in the leadership of Jewish philanthropic organizations in the New York area. A graduate of Radcliffe College and Columbia University, she manages an investment portfolio in New York City.

Williams is president and chief executive officer of the J. Paul Getty Museum in California. He has served as chairman of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as Dean and Professor of Management at the Graduate School of Management of the University of California at Los Angeles, and as full time Energy Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles.

New Book Explores Nature of God

The publications department of the Orthodox Union/National Conference of Synagogue Youth has announced the publication this summer of *The Infinite Light: A Book About God*, by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan.

In clear, concise language, and expressing abstract ideas cogently and articulately, *The Infinite Light* provides readers with sources and discussions of the nature of God.

The book is unique, as the traditional emphasis of Judaism has never been on theology, the study of God, but rather on His demands of and His relationship to man. Yet, the prophets speak of a thirst for God; the Ramban, of a tremendous desire to know Him. Our generation, a witness many times over to the horrors of man acting without a consciousness of God, feels especially keenly the pangs of this longing.

Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan, author and scholar, has recently completed a translation of the Torah, called *The Living Torah*. He has written numerous popular books for NCSY, including *The Real Messiah*, *Shabbos*, *Day of Eternity*, *God, Man and Tefilin*, and *Waters of Eden*.

The Infinite Light, in paperback, is available for \$3.50 from the NCSY Publications Department, 45 West 36th Street, New York, N.Y. 10018. Discounts are available for orders in quantity.

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Haifa Completes New Seafront Promenade

A 550-yard long promenade along the Mediterranean seafront is the newest beauty spot in Haifa, Israel. The promenade leads to the point where Mount Carmel descends into the sea, thus providing a physical link between the city's two main attractions.

The promenade fronts one of the city's oldest and most picturesque quarters — Bat Galim, which means "daughter of the sea." The area leads down to the sea in various irregularly formed stone steps and features palm-shaded gardens and areas for fishing. Responsible for its construction is the Haifa Tourism Development Association, who is stimulating private investment in motels, restaurants and night clubs on adjacent plots.

The Association is also planning to link the promenade with Mount Carmel by cable-car and to construct a scenic series of stairs from the Carmelite monastery on the promontory down to the sea, leading past such historical sights as a 17th century windmill and Elijah's cave, for ages a revered site for Jews, Christians and Moslems.

The cable-car will not be the first in Haifa, often described as Israel's most "European city." For many years Mount Carmel and the port area have been linked by an underground cable railway, the "Carmelit," that whisks passengers up and down in minutes. The new cable-car will have the advantage of taking in the magnificent panoramas of the sea, the city and the hills of Galilee that make Haifa so unique.



BET-GALIM ("DAUGHTER OF THE WAVES"): The newly completed sea-front Bat-Galim Promenade in Haifa with Biblical Mount Carmel in the background.

Aliyah Candidates Tour Israel

NEW YORK — Five American professionals considering Aliyah, from different parts of the United States, left Kennedy Airport Monday night on a fact-finding pilot trip to investigate job opportunities and housing in Israel, it was announced by the Israel Aliyah Center this week.

Upon arrival, the group, which includes two marketing specialists, a librarian, an engineer and an occupational therapist, was met by representatives of the Tour Ve' Aleh affiliate of the Jewish Agency, which sponsored the subsidized trip.

While in Israel, the participants will discuss employment conditions with prospective employers, Israeli colleagues, and experts in their respective fields, at special pre-arranged meetings. The trips,

which will last between two and three weeks, will also include visits to absorption centers, new housing areas and development towns.

Tour Ve' Aleh, a division of the Jewish Agency's Department of Immigration and Absorption, conducts six group pilot trips a year for professionals contemplating Aliyah. Prospective immigrants who are registered with any one of the Israel Aliyah Centers, and who are planning Aliyah within a year, are eligible.

For more information on group or individual pilot trips, please contact your regional Aliyah Shaliach; or write Avraham Frank, 515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, Tel: 1-800-721-1252 (In New York State: 1-800-522-5683.

Begin Urges Residents Of Northern Israel To Maintain High Morale

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin went on a morale-building tour of northern Israel last week, visiting towns and villages that have been the targets of almost incessant rocket and artillery fire from Palestinian terrorists based in Lebanon. Accompanied by Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, Begin was warmly received — even euphorically in some places, by the settlers, most of them immigrants from North Africa who are Likud's strongest constituents.

In Nahariya, Kiryat Shemona, Metullah and other border towns where the populace has been forced to endure the confinement of bomb shelters for the past week, Begin urged "discipline" and patience. "The enemy has not yet learned its lesson but he will yet learn it," the Premier promised. "Morale is fundamental. As long as the people maintain a high morale, all will be well."

Descending into a cramped, overheated bomb shelter for a few moments, Begin said it was "not pleasant but better than being in danger on the streets." Local residents have been complaining bitterly that the government made inadequate provisions for their safety.

But their ire does not seem to rub off on Begin personally. When he promised "The day will come when Katyushas no longer fall on Kiryat Shemona," no one reminded him that he made the same vow during his reelection campaign two months ago.

The Begin government's policies toward Lebanon have been criticized mainly by in-

tellectuals, especially after last Friday's air raid on Beirut. There is also criticism by industrialists whose factories in the north have been forced to shut down because the workers remain in bomb shelters.

Seth Wertheimer, a Nahariya manufacturer who employs several hundred people, said on an Israel Radio interview today that the government failed to understand the need to maintain production even under attack. "You cannot operate a factory with your workers in shelters all the time. The government must find a solution to this serious problem," he said.

Begin: Israel Has No "Massada Complex"

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin said at the closing ceremony of the 11th Maccabiah Games that Israel does not suffer from a "Massada complex." In fact, he noted, "Israel does not have any complexes at all. We are free men and women."

But if Israel has no massada complex, it does have "Modi'in consciousness," the Premier declared. Modi'in is where the Maccabim launched their uprising against the Syrian empire. "We learn from Massada how never to reach it and from Modi'in how to do it. There will never again be a downfall with heroism. Whenever necessary, there will always be heroism with victory," Begin said.

No Progress In Likud Coalition Talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin has made no progress toward including Aharon Abu Hatzera's Tami faction in a new Likud-led coalition government. He reportedly offered Hatzera the Ministry of Labor and Welfare portfolio and a sub-Cabinet post for Tami's No. 2 man, former Laborite Aharon Uzan.

But Hatzera is said to have insisted on retaining the Religious Affairs Ministry which he held in the outgoing government as a member of the National Religious Party and is demanding a full Cabinet job for Uzan. Begin, who promised the Religious Af-

fairs Ministry to the NRP, has made it clear that the three-man Tami faction could expect no more than one portfolio in the next government. But he needs Tami's three mandates to achieve the bare majority of 61 Knesset votes necessary to govern.

Begin is continuing his talks with the Aguda Israel. The Aguda is once again demanding an ironclad guarantee from Begin that the "Who is a Jew?" amendment to the Law of Return will be adopted by the next Knesset. Begin said last week that he could not offer such a commitment although he personally favored the amendment.

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GENEVA (JTA) — Slogans denouncing Israel and Premier Menachem Begin for the bombing of Beirut July 17 were daubed on the walls of the building housing the Israel Consulate here. Also painted on the building were Magen Davids with bombs in the center. Police are investigating the incident. Meanwhile the Swiss Labor Party has asked the government to call on Foreign Minister Pierre Auber to condemn Israel for its bombing of Beirut, and other "civilian centers" in Lebanon.

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Zionist Council Picks Up Momentum

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ten years ago the Zionist Council was formed to promote Zionist activities within Israel. Now, close to its 10th anniversary, the organization, which is an umbrella group for various Zionist bodies in Israel, is also promoting Zionist activities among the Israeli Druze.

The Council is actively involved in supporting those Druze, both in Israel itself and on the Golan Heights, who wish to acquire Israeli citizenship and combat Communist influence in the Druze villages in Israel. Some 40,000 Druze in Israel are full citizens. Several thousand Druze on the Golan Heights are Syrian citizens but who under recent legislation can acquire Israeli citizenship if they so wish.

This has been an issue of controversy among the Golan Druze. Five local leaders sympathizing with the Syrians, who campaigned against acquiring Israeli citizenship, were arrested two months ago under an administrative detention order for their "subversive actions." Communist influence in the Druze villages in Israel is less effective than in the Golan villages but it is growing stronger. The Zionist Council began working with the Druze through Druze "Zionist clubs" in the villages of Osiya and Daliat el-Carmel.

Thus, in its effort to work not only with Jews but with anyone who considers himself a Zionist, the Council recently promoted a rally in Daliat el-Carmel during which the representatives of the Golan Druze demanded that the entire Druze community in Israel support their demand for Israeli citizenship. They did not speak of annexing the Golan but urged that Israel declare that it would not desert the Golan.

As a result, the Zionist Council now plans to form a Druze Zionist club on the Golan, in addition to those already in existence in Osiya and Daliat el-Carmel. Members of those clubs represent the elite in Israel's Druze community, including reserve army officers. Members of the Druze community, unlike the Arabs in Israel, serve in Israel's Defense Force.

Promoting Knowledge Of Diverse Cultures

The Zionist Council has also invested considerable efforts in another sensitive area of Israel public life: the advancement of Jews from Arab lands and North Africa now living in Israel. Last year the Council held 11

seminars to disseminate information about the culture and heritage of those Jewish communities. It cooperated with the "Beyahad" group which organizes the Mimouna festivities of the Moroccan Jews and sent leaders of the various communities to address students in an effort to close the gap in their knowledge about these communities.

"We wanted to stress the beauty and richness of the Zionist heritage of each community," Arye Zimuki, chairman of the Council, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. One of the projects organized by the Council was the anniversary of the rescue operation of North African Jewry. "That illegal aliya was no less impressive than the European illegal aliya in the forties," Zimuki said.

The Zionist Council will commemorate its 10th anniversary at the end of this year. Its main event will be a session of "reckoning" in which the lessons of the past will be studied and plans for the future will be worked out.

The event will undoubtedly be a milestone in the career of Zimuki, who has worked on the project simultaneously with being the political correspondent of Yediot Achronot. Zimuki, a volunteer, says he spends six hours a day for the Council. "I regard the work as a national mission," he said. "The vast majority of the Israeli society regards itself as a partner of the Jewish people. One must merely encourage them and enlist them in the cause."

Other activities of the Zionist Council include support for the new outposts in the Galilee, information activities in high schools, action against yerida, assistance to new olim, promotion of the Hebrew language, and strengthening Zionist activities on the municipal level.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — "There is no other word to describe yordim — they are deserters," World Zionist Organization Executive chairman Leon Dulzin told a gathering of Israeli youngsters here this weekend. "They quit the State and Israeli society — which is the frontline of the Jewish people."

Dulzin urged Israeli youngsters to "rebel" against their parents in cases where parents are planning yerida. He recalled that the early Zionist pioneers were nearly all "rebels" against their families and their surroundings.

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danger. The PLO has complained bitterly about Israeli attacks on their bases and headquarters which accidentally kill civilians. Yet the PLO admits they intentionally attack civilian targets and avoid clashes with the Israeli military. Syria also has indiscriminately bombed the Christian quarters of Beirut.

Lebanon is in turmoil. The Syrian missiles remain — Syrian aggression continues; the Libyan involvement has surfaced; PLO terrorism threatens Israeli civilians; Israel defends herself aggressively; and the UN force stands idle. Helping to keep Lebanon in constant chaos is the Soviet Union. This Soviet threat is answered by only one American ally, Israel. In holding up weapons to Israel, in putting pressure only on Israel, we question the message America is sending to Russia and to the world.

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Egypt Offers PLO Medical Supplies

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Egypt's Ambassador to Israel, Saad Mortada, said on an Israel Radio interview that the aid Egypt has offered to the Palestine Liberation Organization consists only of medical supplies and does not signify any change of Egypt's cool attitude toward the PLO.

Reports from Cairo yesterday said Egypt had accepted a Palestinian request for medical aid to treat victims of Israel's air raid on Beirut last Friday. It was the first official contact between Egypt and the PLO since the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed two years ago.

Mortada said the fighting now going on in Lebanon would not have occurred if the Arab states had followed President Anwar Sadat's lead and made peace with Israel. Meanwhile, the economies of towns and villages in northern Israel have been hard hit by the continuing shelling and rocket fire from terrorist positions in Lebanon. Hotels in Nahariya, where three people were killed by rockets last Wednesday, reported a drop in the occupancy rate from 90 to 10 percent and many cancellations.

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