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FASHIONS BY ISRAELIS: The fashions designed by students in Beth Zeiroth Mizrachi high schools maintained in Israel by American Mizrachi Women reflect the boundless creativity of youth — and the sophistication of haute couture. The two outfits pictured above made their debut at AMW's recent Biennial Convention — Phase I in Israel, and will hit the international scene in a premiere fashion show at Phase II of the Convention, to be held November 1-3 at Grossinger's in New York.

Why Saudis Need AWACS

Congressional offices and members of the press were treated to a slick, glossy 16 page booklet entitled *Why Saudi Arabia Needs AWACS* which arrived on their desks last week.

The booklet, produced by Saudi lobbyist Frederick Dutton, gives several reasons for selling the AWACS: Saudi Arabia lives in a dangerous part of the world, the AWACS are defensive weapons; Saudi Arabia defends U.S. interests, and there will be numerous safeguards on the use of the planes. The booklet relies very heavily on Defense Department briefings, Saudi apologetics and anti-Israel propaganda.

Most of these arguments have been answered before: Saudi Arabia would be more secure if it allowed the stationing of U.S. troops there, the AWACS solely in Saudi hands would constitute a danger to U.S. weapons technology and to Israel; Saudi Arabia has repeatedly interfered in and frustrated U.S. diplomacy, and the sale, as originally proposed, provides virtually no safeguards.

Saudi Lobbying

Beyond the booklet's substance, it represents an early shot in an energetic Saudi attempt to push the AWACS sale through.

Frederick Dutton, a registered foreign agent for Saudi Arabia, is the creator and organizer of this effort. A glimpse at his Foreign Agents' statement, filed with the Justice Department on June 12, sheds an interesting light on the ways and means of the Arab lobby.

The means are impressive. Dutton is on a \$100,000 retainer from Saudi Arabia for the six months covered by the statement. In that period he jetted from coast to coast within the United States, bounced over to

Hong Kong, Switzerland, France, England and Mexico and, of course, spent time in Saudi Arabia — where he ran up a \$1,038.93 bill at the Riyadh Intercontinental. In six months he spent \$2,900 in restaurants around the world, along with \$2,200 in other out-of-pocket expenditures.

What did Dutton actually do? According to the statement, he helped arrange for the appearance of Saudi Petroleum Minister Yamani on NBC's "Meet the Press" in April, arranged for Saudi Foreign Minister Saud to appear before ABC's "Issues and Answers" in June and brought another unnamed Saudi official before The Washington Post editorial group.

He also arranged for a Saudi official to talk to various people at The Los Angeles Times and consulted with Saudi officials on "current developments, pending legal problems (such as 'traffic accidents') and related matters of interest to that country." He briefed Saudi officials around the world (hence the widespread travel) and although he did not entertain "on behalf of the foreign principal," he did throw parties for several Saudi officials.

U.S. Contracts

Perhaps most interesting were his contacts with the U.S. military. Largely at the initiative of Defense Department personnel, Dutton was briefed by Defense Department officers on a "pending U.S. military sale to Saudi Arabia." In Alabama he met with Saudi personnel being trained and educated in classes at a U.S. military base and, apparently at the same location, discussed the building of a mosque "for Muslim military persons from abroad frequently sent there for training purposes."

Sexual Equality In Israel Is 'Only A Myth'

NEW YORK (JTA) — Are Israeli women equal to Israeli men? Yes, many people would say, pointing to the fact that women must serve along with men in the Israel Defense Forces.

"This is only a myth," says Shuli Eshel, who wrote, directed and produced a unique documentary film, "To Be A Woman Soldier," to prove her point of view about the status of Israeli women. "There is no equality of the sexes in Israeli society, a microcosm where the inequality between men and women is sharply demonstrated."

Eshel, a young, effervescent sabra, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview here that her film was meant to "explode" the myth of equality between the sexes in the army and to reveal the status of women as it really is. The film was broadcast last April on Israeli television and was acclaimed by critics as an important social document.

Real Life Stories

The film depicts, through the real life stories of two women soldiers in their final month of service, the role of Israeli women in the army and in civilian life. Orly, a Yemenite from the city, and Abigail, from a kibbutz, represent the "average" woman. When they entered the army they were, like many other 18-year-olds, full of hope and expecting to take part in defending the country. But they soon realize that all combat jobs or jobs that bring them close to combat are closed to women.

They also discover that out of 709 professions in the Israeli army, only 225 are open to women soldiers. (By comparison, there are 630 professions in the U.S. army, of which 570 are open to women). Women in the Israeli army, the film shows, serve in mainly service roles. Orly and Abigail soon find themselves spending dreary hours in the office — typing, filing and serving coffee.

The film also shows that a lack of personnel has compelled the Israeli army to open up certain technical jobs to women, such as airplane technicians and control tower operators, jobs that were closed to women

soldiers until recently. To illustrate this development, the film presents the story of Miri Dayan (no relation to Moshe Dayan) who had to fight against heavy odds to become the first, and so far the only woman commander of the women's tank instructors course.

The film ends on a partially sad note as Orly and Abigail part with a warm embrace, knowing that the role that awaits them in civilian life after two years of army service is not much different.

Received Aid From American Women

Eshel, who is in the United States to promote her film, has already received an enthusiastic response from the Public Broadcasting Service which stated in a letter to her that "We very much want the film for PBS broadcast." Eshel said she now has to find sponsors for the film to provide the underwriting grants for televising the film on PBS.

Her goal in making the film "was to improve the status of Israeli women" because "as a social documentary film maker my commitment is a social one." The Israeli woman is not equal to the Israeli man in all aspects of life — social and juridical — nor in the general treatment accorded her in society, she said.

"The time has come for women of Israel to take an active role in changing the situation toward equality. One of the sources for the inequality is the army, where the division of the roles between the sexes is a long-standing tradition."

Comparing the status of the Israeli woman to that of her American counterpart, Eshel said American women are much more "liberated." Israeli women, she said, are at a state where American women were in the early 1960s when they started for the first time to be conscious of their second class citizenship in society.

The controversy and responses that followed the showing of her film in Israel indicated that Israel is "ripe and ready" to ask questions she said, and "to probe the issue of women's role and status in society in order to change the situation."

Synagogue Council Of America Appoints Rabbi Michelman

NEW YORK — Rabbi Henry D. Michelman has been appointed associate executive vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America, the national coordinating agency for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbinic and congregational organizations. For the past ten years, Rabbi Michelman has served as Assistant to the Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Michelman is recognized as an authority in the area of Synagogue management and organization. As director of the Seminary's office for Synagogue Relations, he was frequently called upon to act as a consultant to congregations.

Prior to his coming to the Seminary to study for the rabbinate, he was a management consultant and a systems analyst with the firm of Norman Jaspan Associates.

Rabbi Michelman received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of the City of New York. He did his graduate work in Industrial Management at the Bernard Baruch School of City College. He holds a Master of Hebrew Literature Degree from the Seminary and the Degree of Rabbi, Teacher and Preacher.



RABBI HENRY D. MICHELMAN

A resident of Riverdale, New York, Rabbi Michelman, serves on the boards of a number of organizations including, Board of Directors of the S.A.R. Academy of Riverdale, New York; Board of Directors of the American Society for Jewish Music; and the Board of Directors of the American Jewish Forum.

Ehrlich: Saudi Plan Is 'Turning Point,' Despite Gradual Aim To Destroy Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich described the Middle East peace plan proposed by Saudi Arabia as a "turning point," noting that "this is the first time this country (Saudi Arabia) speaks of Israel's right to exist." But, he added, despite this "we should not be too excited. It is not a new plan and its aim is to bring about the end of Israel" by gradual stages.

Ehrlich offered this view at the first meeting of the new Cabinet which he chaired in the absence of Premier Menachem Begin who is vacationing in Nahariya. He was referring to one of the eight points in the plan which called for guaranteeing the right of all states in the area to "live in peace." The plan, which was proposed by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd in an interview with the official Saudi News Agency last Friday, did not specifically refer to Israel by name. The plan also did not mention the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who briefed the Cabinet on the plan, was highly critical of it. In an interview in Yediot Achronot he said there was nothing new in the plan. "Even the implied Saudi willingness to recognize Israel is not new," Shamir said. "The plan and all its details

are dangerous to Israel. We rejected it in the past and we reject it now."

Labor Leaders Reject Most Points Of Plan

Leaders of the Labor Party rejected most of the points in Fahd's plan but welcomed the part which spoke of the right of people in the region to live in peace. Party chairman Shimon Peres also told Yediot that the plan "includes one new element — willingness to reach peace with Israel. The other points, such as Israel returning to its 1967 borders, establishment of a Palestinian state and dividing Jerusalem (with East Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state) are old proposals and it is inconceivable that Israel will accept them." He added that "dictating preconditions will only block peace. The Saudis should know what Israel can and cannot accept. Their conditions are unacceptable."

Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin also told Yediot that the Saudi plan must be rejected. "But Saudi Arabia's readiness to be involved in efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute is very positive," he said. "We should therefore reject the plan but call on Saudi Arabia to negotiate with Israel."

10 Deputy Ministers Appointed

Most of Monday's Cabinet sessions was devoted to administrative matters. Ten

W. German Security Report Confirms Cooperation Between Neo-Nazis, PLO

BONN (JTA) — The annual report of the West German security services released here this week for the first time officially confirms that there is cooperation between neo-Nazis in this country and the Palestine Liberation Organization. It is also the most detailed annual survey of rightwing and leftwing extremism in the Federal Republic.

The report states that for the first time in many years the National Democratic Party (NPD), which participated unsuccessfully in the recent nationwide parliamentary elections, is no longer the largest single neo-Nazi organization in the country. Its membership has dropped from 8,000 in 1979 to 7,200 in 1980 and its affiliated youth organization has failed to recruit enough members to fill its ranks.

News Groups Gaining Ground

But this development, the survey shows, is not indicative of a decline in the number of neo-Nazis since other, even more extreme, groups are gaining new ground both in terms of membership and influence. As an example, the report cites the growing influence of the "German People's Union," an organization headed by the Munich publisher, Gerhard Frey.

He is the publisher of the weekly "National Zeitung," the most widely circulated neo-Nazi publication in the country. Its weekly circulation is 100,000 and the Union itself has a membership of more than 10,000. Its popularity, according to the report, is based on its campaign against foreigners living in West Germany and its campaign to grant a general amnesty for Nazi war criminals.

Increase In Extremist Groups

The overall membership of extreme rightwing groups is given officially as 19,800 in 1980, compared to 17,300 in 1979. Among the 75 known neo-Nazi organizations, 13 have more than 250 members. The number of publishing houses specializing in neo-Nazi propaganda was 65 in 1980, up from 45 in 1979.

The number of violent incidents committed by rightwing extremists rose from 97 in 1979 to 113 in 1980. It included the bomb explosion at Munich's Oktoberfest and other extremist attacks, most against liberal and leftwing groups. The outlawed Wehrspartei Hoffmann, whose members receive military training in PLO camps in Lebanon, is classified in the report as having a stronger organizational structure than other comparable organizations. The leader of the Wehrspartei Hoffmann, Karl-Heinz Hoffmann, is now under arrest in Germany along with other neo-Nazis who were trained by the PLO.

Brandt Warns Against Rightwing Extremism

Meanwhile, former Chancellor Willy Brandt, who is presently the chairman of the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD), has issued a sharp warning against rightwing extremism and called for an internationally coordinated campaign to com-

bat it. In a statement several days ago commemorating the victims of the bomb explosion in Bologna, Italy a year ago, in which 85 people died, Brandt said there are clear indications that rightwing extremists have extended their international contacts.

Brandt's warning is understood here as also referring to the group led by Hoffmann. The former Chancellor assailed the lack of coordination between police in various countries in the struggle against rightwing terrorism. While stressing that legal action alone will not be sufficient to cope with the problem, Brandt said it is necessary to coordinate laws dealing with terrorism and to increase cooperation between law enforcement agencies. He also called for international agreements banning trade and export of Nazi propaganda material.

U.S. Finds Technical Reason For Delay Of F-16 Shipment

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Reagan Administration may have gotten itself off the hook about having to decide this week whether to resume shipment of the F-16 fighter-bomber jets to Israel.

The U.S. has ordered a grounding of all F-16s throughout the world, including the 53 now in Israel, until it can repair a "mechanical problem" discovered in the planes. "If you can't fly them, you can't deliver them," a Pentagon spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Administration has said it would make a decision on the deliveries of the planes before the next group of four planes were due to be flown to Israel. This next delivery date is believed to be Friday. The Administration held up delivery on four F-16s to Israel after Israel's June 7 strike against Iraq's nuclear reactor. Six more planes scheduled for delivery in July were embargoed after the Israeli attack on Palestinian terrorist headquarters in Beirut July 17.

There have been some reports that the Administration wants to hold up delivery until after Premier Menachem Begin meets with President Reagan in Washington in September. State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romburg refused to comment. He said Reagan would make a decision when it is necessary to make the decision.

The Administration is not entirely off the hook. The first of the 15 F-16s Israel has ordered reportedly is due to be delivered to Israel tomorrow but the Administration has left the impression that they would not be delivered until it has decided to lift its embargo on the F-16s.

U.S. Examines Saudi Proposal For Mid-East Peace

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department said this week it was studying an eight-point proposal for Middle East peace proposed by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

But the Department's deputy spokesman, Alan Romburg, said that the United States has seen nothing but press reports about Fahd's proposal which said that the Arab states would accept United Nations Security Council Resolutions recognizing Israel's rights to "live in peace" if Israel withdrew from the administered territories and a Palestinian state was established there.

Romburg also said that the United States had heard "nothing from the Saudis" about Fahd's reported threat to cancel a visit to the United States in October unless the United States changed its policy on Israel.

Israel And Sadat Reject Saudi Plan

Both Israel and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat have rejected Fahd's Mideast peace proposal. While the Israelis saw some progress in Fahd's proposal to recognize the Jewish State, Sadat said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" that his proposal was "nothing new." Instead, he urged the Saudis to join in the Camp David peace process.

Sadat indicated that Fahd made his proposals at this time in response to Sadat's own trip to Washington where he urged the Reagan Administration, as the next step in the Mideast process, to begin talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Move To Give Saudis Moderate Image

However, there is some belief that this is part of the effort to give the Saudis a moderate image in order to convince Congress not to reject the Administration's proposal to sell five AWACS reconnaissance planes to Saudi Arabia. Administration spokesmen have stressed in recent weeks the help Saudi Arabia gave the United States to achieve the cease-fire across the Israel-Lebanon border.

Sadat, throughout his visit to Washington, stressed that although the Saudis are attacking him daily for his participation in the Camp David process, he wanted to praise their efforts in getting the Palestinians and the Syrians to stop shooting at Israel from Lebanon.

All of this seems to round out President Reagan's personal plea to members of the House and Senate, as they left for their summer vacations last week, not to "pre-judge" the AWACS sale. Up to now there has been a majority in both Houses of Congress against the sale of the AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

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AJCongress Hails Court Decision To Halt Prayers In Public Schools

NEW ORLEANS — The American Jewish Congress has hailed a decision by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals declaring unconstitutional a Louisiana statute that authorized prayers in public schools.

The AJCongress had filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case challenging the school-prayer law.

The court's 2-to-1 decision was handed down Wednesday, August 5 in the case of Karen B. v Treen.

It involved Act 519 of the 1980 Louisiana Legislature, signed into law last July 1980 by Governor David Treen and authorizing local school boards to allow teachers "to ask if a student wishes to volunteer to offer a prayer and, in the event that no student does volunteer, to allow the teacher to offer a prayer."

Following the enactment of the law, the Jefferson Parish School Board passed a resolution establishing "a moment of prayer and/or silent meditation at the beginning of each school day . . ."

Appeal to U.S. Supreme Court Expected

Several parents in the school district challenged the resolution in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of

Saudi Peace Plan Rejected By Israel

TEL AVIV — Israel has officially rejected Saudi Arabia's proposal for peace in the Middle East, which Jerusalem officials say will ultimately result in a full-scale attack on Israel by Arab nations led by the Palestinians.

Despite the fact that the proposal conceded Israel's right to exist as a sovereign country in the region, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres said the stipulations presented by the Saudis would endanger Israel's survival.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said there was nothing new in the plans and he rejected the statements of some observers that the Saudis had made concessions by accepting Israel's right to live in peace if they allowed the establishment of a Palestinian state. "Even the suggestion of Saudi recognition of Israel is not new," he said.

August 12, 1952 Remembered

By Theodore R. Mann,
Chairman, The National Conference
On Soviet Jewry

Twenty-nine years ago, on August 12, 1952, in the basement of Lubianka Prison in Moscow, twenty-four Jewish writers, poets, artists, musicians and actors were executed. Their murder was the culmination of an anti-Jewish campaign during the "black years" of purges and repressions which swept the Soviet Union from 1948 to 1953. Some of the victims were survivors of the 400 Jewish artists rounded up with their families in the winter of 1948-49 and banished to the gulag, where many of them perished in labor camps.

No word of the August 1952 massacre reached the world until after Stalin's death three years later, when the full implication of that dark day finally became clear. "The Night of the Murdered Poets" was to sound the death knell for Jewish culture in the Soviet Union.

Today, almost three decades later, another generation of Soviet Jews is reaffirming its Jewish heritage. Deprived of the tools to learn about Judaism — neither schools, books nor other material on Jewish history, art, literature, language or religion are available — they are nevertheless gathering in private homes for informal study groups. Their hunger for knowledge of their Jewish past remains strong, in the face of an increasingly hostile environment. In recent months, the harassment and arrests of participants in these self-study groups have accelerated alarmingly as the authorities once more attempt to stamp out Jewish culture and identity in the Soviet Union. Anti-Semitism has become all-pervasive in Soviet life, stimulated and directed by deliberate government policies.

Many Jews, who see that the Soviet Union holds no future for them, focus their hopes on emigrating to Israel. While they wait for permission to leave, some for over ten years, they watch anxiously as the gates to freedom continue to close. Meanwhile, the leaders and organizers of the seminars and those who demonstrate and petition for their right to emigrate, are charged with random "crimes" and sent to prison, labor camps and exile.

Today, as we mourn the twenty-four men brutally slain during Stalin's reign of terror, we hold the current Soviet regime accountable for the fate of contemporary Soviet Jewry.

Louisiana. When the District Court ruled against them, the parents appealed the decision to the Court of Appeals, which has now upheld their appeal. The State of Louisiana is expected to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In its friend-of-the-court brief, the American Jewish Congress argued: "Nearly twenty years ago, the United States Supreme Court squarely held that a state sponsored program of prayer in the public schools, though voluntary, violates the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution . . ."

Editor's Mailbox

Shlevin Declines Support To Run For Mayor Of City

I promised that I would make an announcement as to my running for the high office of mayor of the city of Pawtucket.

I wish to announce that because of personal reasons I must decline the support of the many friends and organizations who have urged my candidacy and have been so generous in their support.

I am deeply moved by the honor of having been selected to be your candidate, and express my deep appreciation to you all.

However, even though I shall not be a candidate for public office at this time, I shall be always available to serve my city, state, and country for I shall ever remain a concerned citizen.

Again thank you one and all. G-d bless you and I must reiterate how flattered I am that I have earned your respect — respect that you were willing to entrust me with this office.

Sincerely,
Samuel Shlevin
224 Raleigh Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Thought For The Week

Submitted By Rabbi Yehoshua Lauter

The Ten Commandments

This week's Torah portion relates, again, the giving of the Ten Commandments. The very first word that thundered from the top of Mount Sinai was "ONOCHI" . . . "I (am the L-rd your G-d etc.). The Midrash comments that "Onochi" is an Egyptian word.

The Ten Commandments epitomize the entire Torah. The first two commandments, in turn, summarize all ten; all positive precepts fall within the category of "I am the L-rd your G-d," while all negative injunctions come under the general classification of "You shall have no other gods besides me." The first word of the opening command "Onochi" is the epitome of the Decalogue. The word "Onochi" itself meaning "I," refers to the highest possible aspect of G-d, implying "I, who am beyond all conception and comprehension; I, who cannot be defined by any name; I am who I am."

How surprising is it then, to learn that this "word of words," is not a pure derivative of Hebrew, the "Holy Tongue," but stems from the language of the Egyptians, the most morally corrupt nation of that period!

The significance of this is, that the purpose of the unique, never-repeated Divine revelation at Mt. Sinai was that it should ultimately reach and affect not only matters of the "Holy Tongue," i.e., the realm of holiness, but must also permeate the domain of the Egyptian language, i.e., the very antithesis of holiness. In other words, G-d indicated, in the very first instant of His revelation to His people, that the Torah was not to become a synagogue religion," but was to be a living faith, affecting all areas of the mundane world.

Translated into a practical teaching for us in our daily lives, the foregoing indicates that in our own private practice of Judaism we must ensure that our faith affects our entire life: Torah-study and prayer are not enough if they do not influence our mundane affairs, such as eating, drinking, business, and leisure time. As King Solomon says: "Know Him in all your ways." Furthermore, Torah must be brought to all corners of the world. We should disseminate our rich heritage among other less-informed Jews and show by practical example, how its laws can improve society.

Adapted from the works of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

Election Analysis Asian/African Votes Were Behind Begin

NEW YORK — The main political challenge Israel's new government will face will be to "satisfy" Israelis of Asian/African background, whose votes in the June 1981 elections provided most of the support for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Likud party.

This assertion was made by Dr. Hanoch Smith, Election Analyst for the Israel Broadcasting Authority and Director of the Smith Research Center in Israel, in a post-election report prepared for the American Jewish Committee.

Another "basic outcome" of the election, Dr. Smith said, is that the religious parties have gained in political power even though they won a smaller proportion of the vote than they had in previous elections. Explaining this "anomaly," Dr. Smith notes that no government "could possibly put together" a coalition without the religious parties, since the two major parties, Likud and the Labor Alignment, received nearly identical shares of the vote.

Calling the Israel election a "race that was full of surprises," Dr. Smith says that the 1981 contest set four precedents, all of which will affect Israeli politics sharply:

- The elections produced the first "near-stalemate in Israel electoral history": the Likud party captured 48 seats with 37.1% of the vote, while the Labor Alignment won 47 seats with 36.6% of the vote.

- The two leading parties together captured a larger share of the vote — 73.7% — than they had in any previous election.

- The smaller parties won fewer votes than they had in prior elections: 31 parties competed in the 1981 race, but 21 of them failed to garner the minimum 1% required to qualify for Knesset representation.

• The religious parties received a smaller proportion of the vote than they had at any previous time in Israeli history.

Turning to the ethnic and socio-economic factors in the elections, Dr. Smith reports that voters of Asian/African background, the "working class population, the least educated, the young, the . . . poorer" provided the "basic coalition between Likud and the religious parties, the 61 seats that constitute the narrowest of majorities."

The Labor Alignment, which showed sizable gains over the 1977 elections, won its largest majorities among "Israel's elite, the best-educated, the most successful, economically most powerful, the most culturally European-American" voters.

However, Dr. Smith said, public opinion shifted considerably during the six-month election campaign and Likud could "easily have suffered a catastrophic defeat." Likud ultimately performed so well because it changed its defense and economic policies in ways that satisfied its "potential clientele."

This "clientele," the report concludes, will be "looking to the new Likud coalition to begin delivering on the hopes and expectations they . . . aroused," primarily by making economic changes such as reducing income taxes and subsidizing basic consumption items.

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WJCongress President Invited To Egypt

NEW YORK — President Anwar Sadat has invited Edgar M. Bronfman, World Jewish Congress President, to pay an official visit to Egypt later this Fall. The invitation was extended during their meeting last week at the residence of the Egyptian Ambassador to the United Nations. Following their wide-ranging discussions, the two were joined by a delegation of 13 American Jewish leaders headed by Howard Squadron, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

In their talks, held in an atmosphere of cordiality and warmth, President Sadat and Bronfman discussed a number of issues of mutual concern and took the opportunity to review general development since their last private meeting at the time of President Sadat's previous visit to the United States in April, 1980.

Among the matters discussed were: progress in the restoration of the Ben Ezra Synagogue in ancient Cairo, President Sadat's proposal for the creation of an interreligious center comprising a mosque, church and synagogue in the Egyptian capital, and affiliation of the Egyptian Jewish community to the World Jewish Congress. In this connection, Bronfman announced his acceptance of President Sadat's kind invitation to visit Egypt — currently scheduled for five days in late October.

Bronfman urged the redoubling of efforts in the pursuit of peace in the Middle East in faithful adherence to the process begun at Camp David. He affirmed the "constant and unshakable solidarity of world Jewry

with the State of Israel" and reiterated the unanimous support which the WJC Plenary Assembly in Jerusalem had expressed for the Camp David accords, adding that "any departure from the spirit of Camp David constitutes a retrogressive step and is wholly unacceptable."

After their initial talks, the two were joined by His Excellency Ashraf Ghorbal, Egypt's Ambassador to the United States, for further discussions with a leadership delegation of American Jewish spokesmen.

The members of the Jewish delegation took the occasion of the meeting to convey to the Egyptian President that Jewish public opinion was united with respect to: the unity of Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty; belief in the ultimate success of the Camp David process; and that Israel's defense should be solely in Israel's hands.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time, Bank Leumi Trust Company of New York ranks among the world's 500 largest banks, by deposit size. According to the rankings compiled by the American Banker in its July 30 issue, the Trust Company's ranking is 481 which represents a jump of 20 places from last year.

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About 200 young Americans from all sections of the United States will participate in the fourth annual Singles Convention in Israel, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. The convention will be held August 6-20 and deal with the theme of "Jewish Lifestyles — Israel and America."

The two-week convention will combine tourism, meetings with government officials and political leaders and panel discussions on matters of common concern with single Israelis of the same age, interests and occupations as the Americans.

Among the Israeli personalities who will meet with the convention participants are Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Mayor Shlomo Lahat of Tel Aviv; Dr. Shlomo Tadnor, director-general of the Jewish Agency; TV host Azaria Rapaport; and Dr. Yigal Shiloh, archaeologist who is directing new excavations of the ancient City of David south of the Western Wall.

The convention participants from the U.S., who range in age from 18 to 39, will visit an Army base for discussions of Israel's defense needs; stop at the "Good Fence" to see Lebanese villagers crossing into Israel for medical care and other services; talk with new immigrants from the Soviet Union and the U.S. at an absorption center in Ma'alot; and receive a briefing on Israel's science-based, high-technology, industry from officials of the Technion.

Workshop discussions with American Jewish and Israeli young people will compare lifestyles in the U.S. and Israel in

terms of the changing status of Jewish women, Judaism and the single life, new forms of Jewish family life, relations between Israel and Diaspora Jewry in the 21st century and the role of religion among Israeli and American Jewish young people.

A major purpose of the convention, according to Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, is to promote understanding and friendship between young American Jews and their Israeli counterparts.

Israel Will Not Allow A Second Palestinian State

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon told the Knesset this week that Jordan was a "Palestinian state" and Israel would not allow the establishment of another Palestinian state on the West Bank. Sharon was making his first address to the Knesset in his new capacity as Defense Minister, replying to parliamentary questions.

He said that there were signs of a renewal of shooting on Israel's northern border as the Palestinians were fortifying their positions there and building up stocks of arms and ammunition.

Referring to his inspection of the northern area yesterday, Sharon said Israel had no intention of "putting towns and industries in the north underground." He said ways would be sought to ensure normal life and production under shellfire.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Emily Paer Weds Gary Wine



MRS. GARY WINE

Emily Ruth Paer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Paer of Fair Lawn, N.J. and Gary Stuart Wine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wine of Cranston, were married July 5. The ceremony was conducted at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center by Rabbi Simon Glustrom.

Lisa Chu was maid of honor and Cindy Sloan was the bride's attendant. Steven Lury of Cranston was best man and the ushers were Lewis T. Paer, brother of the bride, and Ronald Larocque of Warwick.

The bride was graduated from the University of Rhode Island College of Resource Development. She taught agriculture in the Grahamsville, N.Y. regional school system.

The groom also was graduated from the URI College of Resource Development and is a food chemist with Colony Import and Export Corp. of New York City.

The couple returned from a cruise to Bermuda and Nassau to make their home in Paterson, N.J.

Suzy L. Clayman To Wed Stanley C. Glantz



SUZY CLAYMAN AND STANLEY GLANTZ

Kutsher's To Sponsor Hole-In-One Tournament

The Hole-in-One Tournament, a popular event at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., for the past 23 years, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1.

The first person to score an ace on the 175-yard 16th hole wins the \$1000 grand prize. If no one scores an ace, the competitor coming closest to the pin wins a trophy.

The grand prize was last won in 1968, but Milton Kutsher, owner of the year-round resort, thinks that may change this year.

Porters Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Porter of Derry, N.H., have announced the birth of a daughter, Sabra Lee, on June 16. Mrs. Porter is the former Robin Covinsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Covinsky of Pawtucket.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Covinsky of Pawtucket, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter of Montvale, N.J.

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Sasha Kaplan To Wed Matthew Miner



MATTHEW MINER AND SASHA KAPLAN

Max and Florence Kaplan of Fourth Street, Providence, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sasha, to Matthew Miner, son of Leonard and Frieda Miner of Salem, Ore.

Ms. Kaplan is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State College and is currently the manager of Northwest Futon Inc. of Portland, Ore.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Oregon and is broadcast operations coordinator for Oregon Public Television in Portland.

The couple recently returned from a bicycle tour of southeastern China, Japan and Hawaii.

A September 20 wedding is planned.

Israel Bonds Hosts Sammy Davis, Jr.

"An Evening with Sammy Davis, Jr.," will be the major 1981 event for the Rhode Island Division of New Leadership on Saturday, August 22 at the Warwick Musical Theater. The group, a division of State of Israel Bonds, has Darrell and Susan Ross, and Gary and Audrey Light as co-chairpersons.

A dessert reception for the New Leadership will take place prior to the concert, at 8 p.m., in the East Greenwich home of Steven and Linda Feingold. The concert

Humanities Grant Deadline Approaches

The Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities (RICH) is accepting grant proposals under its September 30 deadline. Any Rhode Islander citizen affiliated with a non-profit organization that wishes to sponsor a public humanities program is eligible to apply.

Grants are awarded by RICH on the basis of open competition four times annually. Proposals submitted for funding must draw upon one or more of the humanities disciplines such as history, literature, philosophy, or ethics and must include at least one humanities scholar in the planning and implementation of the project.

For more information on the grant programs and deadlines, please contact the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities at 463 Broadway in Providence or call 273-2250.

Golden Age Club Holds Birthday Celebration

The monthly Golden Age Club Birthday Party, featuring the Rhode Island Senior Citizens Pops Orchestra, will take place August 20 at 1 p.m. in the Jewish Community center, 401 Elmwood Ave., Providence.

Barney Buckler and Jean Petrucci are co-chairmen of the monthly birthday parties.

For more information, contact the Jewish Community center at 861-8800.

begins at 10:30.

"The New Leadership Division of Israel Bonds," the Rosses and the Lights explained, "seeks to develop future leaders for the Bond campaigns throughout the United States and Canada by reaching out to young business and professional people, involving them in communal activities and teaching them about Israel's economic needs." The rapidly-growing division is active in 52 communities and involves more than 10,000 people, they added.

Those who already have theatre tickets can make special arrangements to attend the reception by making a 1981 Israel Bond purchase or commitment in advance. There will be no solicitation at the reception.

For reservations and information, call the Israel Bond office at 751-6795.

Gloria R. Siegal Weds Michael Pollack

Gloria Rothman Siegal and Michael Pollack, both of West Hartford, Conn., were married August 9 at the Brownstone Restaurant in Hartford. Rabbi Marc Brownstein officiated.

The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rothman of Providence and Mrs. Ida Pollack of Bloomfield, Conn., is the mother of the groom.

Mrs. Pollack, a C.P.A., is assistant professor of accounting at the University of Hartford. Mr. Pollack is president and owner of the Aero All-Gas Co. in Hartford.

Following a reception at the Brownstone, the couple left for Cape Cod.

The Pollacks are living in West Hartford.

JCC Trip To Catskills

An Indian Summer trip to Brown's in the Catskills is being sponsored by the Jewish Community Center. The trip begins Sunday, November 1 and concludes Friday, November 9.

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Rabbi Kroopnick

Leads from New Sanctuary

by Linda A. Acciardo

Temple Beth Am-Beth David in Warwick is undergoing a drastic face-lift in terms of both the actual synagogue building and its recently appointed spiritual leader. The new sanctuary, still under construction, will be permanently graced by the presence of Rabbi Melton Kroopnick from the Rosedale Jewish Center in Rosedale, New York.

After a full year of searching for the right person to lead the congregation, Rabbi Kroopnick was selected over 50 other applicants. "He brings to the temple traits we're looking for and he will be able to, through his knowledge and background, lead the congregation to grow," says Arthur Poulton, president of Beth Am-Beth David. "He's already made a tremendous hit with the kids," he adds.

Rabbi Kroopnick is committed to seeing Beth Am-Beth David grow in terms of membership and in terms of providing a haven for citizens of the Jewish community. "A synagogue has to serve all the Jewish needs of the community and be involved in support of Israel, Soviet Jewry and any other area where we have to render aid to our fellow man," Kroopnick says. He is both "honored and elated" at the prospect of serving the 300 families at the temple, as well as anyone who needs spiritual guidance.

"I would be happy and willing to meet with all people whether they are members of this temple or not," the rabbi says. He plans to maintain an open door policy with the Jewish community and says, "I feel that a rabbi today cannot in good conscience serve his congregation or the people at large by being closed in an ivory tower. He has to be accessible to all."

Since he arrived two weeks ago, the rabbi's phone has already been ringing fre-

quently with questions and requests for guidance. He has scheduled hospital visitations, conducted shabbos services and "experienced the trauma of the first board meeting," Poulton says.

Although he has been kept busy, the rabbi seems to enjoy his new position and his new home. "It is a beautiful area," he says. "I feel in a sense that I'm coming back home to a friendly environment that I realize now that I missed," he says.

Originally from Hartford, Conn., Kroopnick later lived and worked in Brooklyn and was ordained by the Rabbinical Academy in Brooklyn. He received his undergraduate degree in education from Brooklyn College and Master's degree from Yeshiva University.

While in New York, Kroopnick led a congregation of over 500 families. Due to demographic changes not unlike other temples, the membership declined. He had been informed of the need in Warwick for a rabbi and asked to be referred to the temple. The future of Beth Am-Beth David is now in the hands of a man who sees "a great deal of potential and a great future for the congregation.

"I believe we can become a shining star in the community," the rabbi says, "by serving the religious, cultural, educational and social needs of the entire Jewish community in this area — the young and old alike," the rabbi said.

"We can offer potential members more this year than we have been able to offer in the past — a beautiful new temple," Poulton says. "Parents will be able, with pride, to hold their children's Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and weddings," he adds.

Despite the lack of space and lack of spiritual leader for a full year, the temple has managed quite well. There are a num-



NEW RABBI at Temple Beth Am-Beth David, Rabbi Milton Kroopnick (left) is seated with Arthur Poulton, president of the temple.

ber of individuals in the membership who are knowledgeable about Jewish customs, laws and traditions to keep the temple alive and functioning. "It is unique that a temple would have laymen knowledgeable enough to conduct services as they have done," Kroopnick says. In addition many have a background in teaching and have coordinated the temple's education program in

a "professional manner," Poulton says.

With such a reservoir of skilled and talented members of the congregation, the rabbi is faced with a new and exciting challenge. Rabbi Kroopnick will enter into a new phase of his life with his wife Frances, daughter Susan and son David and a new chapter in the life of Temple Beth Am-Beth David.

JCC Swim-A-Thon Next Month

A Swim-A-Thon will be held Sunday, September 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Ave., Providence. The Health and Physical Education Department of the Center will use proceeds from the event to help it provide services to the community.

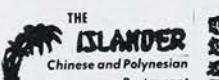
Pool use will be limited that afternoon to Swim-A-Thon participants. Lap counters, sponsors and spectators are welcome to view the event.

Swimmers must bring sponsor sheets to

the Center the day of the event. Swimming will be limited to one hour or one hundred laps.

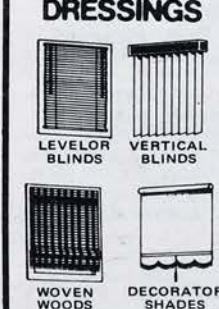
It is not necessary for participants in the Swim-A-Thon to be Center members. Refreshments will be served and special awards given after the event.

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Anti-Semitism

by Richard M. Harley

BOSTON — Swastikas painted by night on Jewish synagogues from Los Angeles to Michigan to New Jersey and New York.

A synagogue in Paris bombed by neo-Nazis.

Jewish homes in America vandalized at an alarming rate — twice as many incidents this year as last.

Are we sliding back into a period of anti-Semitism reminiscent of the 1930s?

Jews in America are cautious not to push the panic button. They partly attribute the increase in anti-Semitic acts to a more general rise in crime and to frustrations over the world economy. And recent B'nai B'rith studies show that most crimes against Jews have been isolated instances of teenagers taking out their frustrations on the nearest scapegoat they could find.

But Jews cannot conceal their uneasiness. How to cope with the rising temperature of anti-Semitic activity, that hot streak of intolerance that seems to persist even in the most liberal of pluralist societies?

Here cool-reasoning Harvard Prof. Krister Stendahl looms as an oasis in the desert. American Jews recently honored him for his life-long work in helping Christians see through false stereotypes of Jews.

Prof. Stendahl, one of the world's eminent Bible Scholars, has long pitched his tent in the center of Jewish-Christian dialogue, and uncovered through his writings the often subtle elements of Christian thought that have aggravated anti-Semitic feeling for centuries.

He has a knack of unraveling the most tangled of moral dilemmas.

And the anti-Semitism issue is a Gordian knot. It's an issue that is snarled in Middle East politics, tangled in the verbal jousting in the United Nations over the Palestinian issue, caught up in the confusion created when politically active evangelical Christians speak out in favor of greater support for Israel — while at the same time a leading pastor in their ranks makes a now-notorious remark that "G-d does not hear the prayers of Jews."

"Most acts of anti-Semitism have indeed been isolated acts," Stendahl says at a reception given in his honor in Boston.

"But the question we need to ask is: To what extent are these acts occurring in a Christian culture that pictures Jews as despicable? Now when there is psychological need for scapegoats, you can never say that anti-Semitic acts are Christian acts. But they are not disconnected. Christians have a responsibility."

Better popular understanding of Judaism, he believes, remains high priority on the agenda for combating anti-Semitism.

In the past three decades of Christian-Jewish dialogue, Prof. Stendahl has been somewhat cheered by the progress made. Since World War II, the Protestant and Catholic churches have made sweeping audits of their doctrines to eliminate anti-Semitic stereotypes.

Consultations with Jewish scholars, he says, have led in recent years to revision of educational materials.

In virtually every major American city there is now some form of Jewish-Christian dialogue or joint social welfare action, a development totally unprecedented in American history.

And the religious reforms in the early 1960s known as "Vatican II," he says, brought sweeping changes in Roman Catholic teachings and attitudes.

"For example, one service for the evening of Good Friday," he says, "had tended, in a highly emotional way, to accuse Jews (and by implication modern Jews) of Deicide, due to ancient Israel's rejection of Jesus in the first century. Now all that has been eliminated."

Yet, for all the progress, new strains of anti-Semitism have emerged. Flaws in the early building of Jewish-Christian bridges, he says, now widened into cracks in the construction.

"As we Christians did our re-thinking of Jewish-Christian relations after World War II, we tried to achieve action on the basis of a guilt trip about the treatment of the Jews in the war. This produced some quick results. But it is my experience that that approach, in the long run, comes back to haunt us. You should do what you do not because of guilt, but because of what is right."

Christians Have A Responsibility

He claims that to understand what is the right way to bring about change, one first needs to listen to the Jews' own concerns about their treatment in society.

"If I were to get preachy . . . You remember what Jesus said about the need to go to your brother at those times when you come to the altar and remember that he has something against you? It's not that you have something against your brother. It's the other's feeling that is important. For example, the need to hear the feelings Jews have had about Christians — even just to hear it. Being in the majority situation — we Christians haven't been very good at that."

During Stendahl's reception, one of the world's leading "ecumenical rabbis," Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, related one such story from his youth:

"I was born the son of Russian-Polish immigrants who came to Baltimore from the Ukraine. They came victims of poverty and persecution, seeking peace for themselves and their children. One Sabbath afternoon, my father told me of a time back in the old country in his village of Vinnitsa. It was Good Friday, and down the road a Russian Orthodox Church had begun a celebration of the passion of Christ, at the center of which was this demonic imagery of the Jews who killed Jesus."

"Before long, my father told me, the priest had worked himself into a fervor, the congregation became a howling mob, stormed out of the church, and came down that dusty road to the village carrying sticks and rocks. They surrounded my grandfather's house, grabbed my uncle Aaron, a poet visiting for Passover . . . and at the lakeside in the presence of all the Jewish villagers, forced my uncle into the lake. Then, with the priest holding up his staff screaming, 'G-d forsaken Jews!' my uncle Aaron was pushed into the water until it covered his head."

"As a young boy of three, that was my first introduction to Christians and Christianity. I remember that whenever we would walk with my father to synagogue in later years and came near a church, instinctively he would grab our hands and walk across the street for fear of the churches and the crucifixion."

Such incidents, Krister Stendahl urges, only begin to hint at the muddy streams that need clearing if Christian-Jewish relations are to advance.

"Many Christians are fond of the phrase 'Judeo-Christian tradition.' But the 'Judeo' part is usually seen only in terms of the Old Testament period, and then we seem to have no knowledge whatsoever of what happened to the Jewish people since. We are in the danger of just defining the Jews away, or thinking about modern Jews only in terms of Jesus' controversies with the Pharisees."

"Even when thinking about the first century, aspects of commonality tend to be overlooked. For example, the fact that the Golden Rule was not an invention of Jesus but had been uttered by Jewish teachers before him, though in slightly different form."

Indeed, when it comes to commonalities, Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum is himself quick to argue that they have made possible unprecedented acts of civility.

"During the past three years I joined the International Rescue Committee's efforts to help save the lives of the Vietnamese boat people, the Cambodians, Laotians, and ethnic Chinese. The Jews and Christians on those delegations did not come there just as liberals or as humanitarians. There was a joint consciousness of the infinite worth of every individual and our common sense of responsibility for the events of history."

"It was not just a biblical piety to us, but literally formed our whole perception of our relation to other humans. It led to a response of redemption in the midst of destruction and despair that was a great consolation to us all. It showed the profound moral importance of Jews and Christians building a human community stamped by divinity and responsibility for one another in a world which is increasingly dehumanized."

Nevertheless, the participants in Christian-Jewish dialogue still worry about continued stereotyping of Jews in the United States and abroad.

Still high on Prof. Stendahl's personal list of anti-Semitic dragons is one of the most formidable and slippery of all: increasing



HARVARD PROFESSOR KRISTER STENDAHL

misuse of the term "Zionism."

This term — meaning the political ideology behind formation of the Jewish state of Israel — has often been linked narrowly with alleged Israeli abuses of Arab Palestinians, and turned into a catchword for racism or for anti-Israel propaganda.

"A popular Christian perception today identifies Judaism with Zionism as a gimmick for engaging in anti-Semitism," he says. "We have very little bona fide 'anti-Semitism' any more under that name. It tends to come now in the language of 'anti-Zionism.' There's a language game going on. You can see it even in materials circulated by some Christian peace groups."

Prof. Stendahl points to a leaflet distributed by a prominent Christian peace group: Linked bayonets form a Star of David, while a dove of peace perches on the Arab Crescent.

On the other hand, he says, dialogue with Jews is impossible without recognizing that 95 percent of the Jewish community identifies with Israel and its survival.

"All Jews do not identify, of course, with everything that is done in the name of Zionism, but you have to at least recognize that the survival of Israel is part of Jewish religion. If we try to impose a framework of the separation of church and state, we make our own little definition and break the first rule of dialogue: Listen to how the

other party defines itself.

Stendahl is now planning to lead further discussions on behalf of the World Council of Churches with the American Jewish community over the summer. The longer-term future of dialogue, however, may be set back by the sheer distance of the younger generation from first-hand memories of atrocities against Jews in World War II.

"Very much depends on that generation somehow coming into dialogue," he says. "But those of us who remember the Holocaust are getting older."

"And gains made in dialogue to date may unfortunately be ephemeral, since much of the churches' response was motivated by a shocked awareness of Christian guilt. Heaven knows that guilt was well-motivated. But it has not been the most solid basis for long-term efforts to prevent anti-Semitism."

Still much positive momentum remains.

"There are many people in the Christian community who are coming to be concerned about Jews not just because they want to be good or want to make a quick payoff of guilt, but rather to do what is right. And it has become precious to me to know and feel freer with Jewish women and men, while somehow finding that in our distinct representativeness to one another — as Christian or Jew — there still can be a freedom to be oneself, words and all."

Bread-Side Manners



There come those times of creativity when inventors set themselves double duty: to solve problems — and to find old problems that people have but don't recognize. And so it was that inventor Charles C. Hoffberger, with a half-dozen patents already to his name, turned his taste for challah into a search for a device that would keep the ceremonial bread from slipping during the kindest cut of the Shabbat meal.

Consider, for a moment, the Shabbat table the way Hoffberger sees it. "The Friday evening meal is a festive occasion. The greatest pains are taken for decor, the ceremonial look, and sanitation. During the whole meal people use their best linens, their finest crystal, and their prized silver. But when it comes to the best bread made by the best cook, there is no good way to hold it for slicing. A fork won't do the job, a napkin is unwieldy, and the challah cover is not for that purpose. And to wham, just put your hand down on it, well, it just doesn't look proper!"

So he set out to build a better way.

COPENHAGEN (JTA) — The House of David in Denmark is not only small, and getting smaller, but it is now a house divided. In mid-June, a serious split in the governing council of the official Jewish Community of Denmark hardened into open confrontation, with the struggle rating attention even in the general Danish media.

By a 4-3 vote, the Mosaiske Trossamfund directors moved to dismiss its Chief Rabbi, Bent Melchior, immediately following the showing of a TV documentary on Jewish life and customs. Melchior was narrator and consultant.

It was charged that the film, centered in Copenhagen, had breached the community's security. Consensus was that the screening had provided a handle which the small majority could grasp in taking a predetermined action against Melchior, who had succeeded his father in the position.

The Melchior family has been renowned in Denmark since the era of World War II, a grandson of the late Chief Rabbi is now the spiritual leader of the congregation established in Oslo, Norway, by his grandfather. A brother of the current Chief Rabbi is one of the two Jews in the Danish Parliament.

Rift In The Community

A long-held antagonism toward the Melchiors, particularly by one family, is the catalyst that has produced the current gaping rift in the Jewish community. At least that is how the situation was described by Melchior during an interview a few days after the Sunday showing of the film and the subsequent developments.

Melchior had just been informed that approximately 1,000 people had gathered the previous evening in a Copenhagen meeting hall to protest the action of the directors in dismissing him. Obviously buoyed by this demonstration of support, he nevertheless said that "I'm beginning to feel like a man at his own funeral. The words of praise are sounding like a eulogy."

For 1,000 people to come together, at the start of the summer school recess and on sudden notice, was indicative of the emotional intensity with which the situation is laden. The entire "tax-paying" membership of the official Jewish community is reported to be approximately 2,500, although the Jewish population of Denmark is said to number closer to 8,000, still a small enclave in a nation of over five million.

The irony, even tragedy of the contention in Jewish ranks was not lost on the writer of an article on the situation in a Danish tabloid. Even within a small religious group, the article stated, there is unfortunately a "krig," which translates "war." The outcome, it said, was unpredictable.

On another page, highlighted among the TV listings along with the 100th anniversary celebration of the Danish Bicycle Club

The Jews Of Denmark

and the showing of an English Shakespeare film was a notice of a rerun on "The Jews of Denmark," the documentary whose showing the previous week had sparked the open conflict. The newspaper described the film as of "excellent quality."

While no one that week was predicting the outcome of the fray, the results could only be described as harmful to the Jewish people, according to Uri Yaari, editor of the monthly magazine published by the official Jewish community, as well as of a quarterly digest of articles on Israel. Himself a teenage refugee to Denmark from Germany during the Holocaust, Yaari said he was deeply saddened by the recent turn of events.

Although the immediate agitation might bring some sharpening of Jewish focus, he said in speaking with this reporter, the long-term effects of what he labeled "a power struggle" would be damaging to the fabric of Jewish communal life in Copenhagen. Like other Danes, he remarked, the Jews there "are generally easy-going, not too intense." He estimated that interest would quickly ebb, leaving in its wake an even more diluted community.

As editor of the community's news magazine, distributed free to members of the MT (Mosaiske Trossamfund), Yaari had been feeling the strains of dissension for some time, and his editorial in the April issue had raised the question of censorship and his right as an editor to demand objectivity.

Efforts to meet with directors of the MT council were blunted by the acting administrator at the office of the Jewish Community. The professional at the helm was out of the country that week (attending a meeting of communal workers in Hungary), and others were "not available." It was obvious that instructions were to limit as much as possible the airing of "dirty linen" in the media.

Melchior, for his part, was low-keyed in discussing the situation, emphasizing that it was not, as he sees it, a religious or ideological conflict. This view was also supported by Yaari, although he reported that opposition leaders were from the ultra-Orthodox wing.

Services in the Synagogue in Copenhagen "follows the Orthodox ritual" and all "institutions of the community are conducted in accordance with the strict requirements of Jewish traditional law," to quote the Synagogue brochure. A smaller congregation (of about 35 families) and described in the Jewish Tourist Guide as "a very observant, Aguda-like community" is also located in Copenhagen.

At least among the large number of men and women who attend the main synagogue, Chief Rabbi Ben Melchior sees contentment with the traditional observances. There is little dissatisfaction, he said, among women at being separated from the men, and participating from the upstairs gallery. More women are attending his Jewish studies classes, however, than was true about a decade ago.

In the small study of his home, an apartment on the fourth floor, high above the bustle of stores and traffic in the busy thoroughfare on which it is located a few blocks from the Synagogue there is a very large desk and the bookshelves line its walls. On one rested several large books of "registrations" of the births, deaths and marriages of the people of the community.

There is no civil registration of these events, Melchior said, as the custom in Denmark is to have the religious authorities handle these matters. Under any circumstances, Melchior would have such duties for the next several months.

The motion to oust Melchior by a vote of 4-3 by the seven-member board of directors of the Mosaiske Trossamfund (MT), following the June 14 screening of a TV documentary on Jewish life and customs which, it was charged, breached the security of Copenhagen's Jewish community, had specified that the full effect was not to be realized until 1982. Melchior believes that the passage of even that relatively short time might see developments toward the healing of the rupture. The seven MT directors are elected from among a 20-member council elected by "tax-paying members," and there has been talk of action in that body, although there is no official procedure to form a guide for such action.

Problem Of Assimilation

Melchior has pointed to the rites of passage registry to note that he was in the best position to chart the course of "assimilation" of Jews in Denmark. A few paragraphs on "sociological aspects of the Jewish population" prepared for the Jewish Tourist Guide, not an official publication of the community, contain the statement that intermarriage is as high as four in five "among the younger population."

"It is more like half and half," Melchior observed, adding that he has also noticed an increase in the number of such mixed marriages in which the decision is made to give the children a Jewish education, including conversion where necessary.

The still significant rate of assimilation is quickened by the case with which Jews

can make the transition to being just Danes. There is almost no anti-Semitism in Denmark, official or otherwise, according to Melchior. Jewish contributions to cultural and academic life in Denmark are welcomed by the general population, and an entire department of Hebraica and Judaica occupies a wing of the Royal Library in Copenhagen.

In such an atmosphere, the struggle becomes even harder to preserve a distinctly Jewish lifestyle, not as a treasured relic, but as a vibrant, on-going community.

"We will need some infusion of vitality from abroad," said Uri Yaari, the editor of the monthly magazine published by the official Jewish community, in discussing the situation of Jews in Denmark. He said such a stimulus occurred following the immigration of approximately 2,000 Polish Jews to Denmark during the period of 1969-72. Many are now elderly, but their children are in the main hard-working and ambitious, Yaari commented, and many are also active in Jewish as well as academic, cultural and occupational pursuits.

That the Jews of Denmark are making a strong effort to educate and interest their youth Jewishly is apparent from a directory of community organizations, most of which are designed for youngsters, teenagers and young adults. The Scandinavian Jewish Youth Federation headquartered in Copenhagen, is a "roof organization" for 23 member organizations. Established in 1919, it arranged seminars and sports activities as well as issuing publications.

A Danish youth organization plans cultural and social activities for Jews between the ages of 13 and 30, "divided into respective junior and senior groups." For sports activities, young Jews turn to Hakoah, and it is reported that 300 youngsters participate each week in some aspect of the daily program of football, handball, badminton and table tennis. The society is also "the starting point for the Danish participation in the Maccabiads in Israel," according to a descriptive brochure.

As the organizations for youth, particularly in sports, try to maintain the precarious balance of general and Jewish interests, efforts are sometimes undercut by Jews themselves. Melchior described his success at getting teams to respect the Sabbath, both in the Jewish leagues and even in scheduling of games between Jewish and non-Jewish teams. And then an Israeli basketball team comes to play in Denmark — and negates the concept by making no objection, and actually playing, on the Sabbath!

Israel, however, is a strong attraction for Jewish concern in Denmark and the land has its Zionist federation, and other international groups.

Part II continued next week.

A Better Way To Keep Challa In Its Place

Hoffberger is no common basement tinkerer. He obtained his first patent about 30 years ago — for a device that would lift over a score of cakes of ice at a time — when he was working on the truck loading dock of his family's ice business. That was part of the management training style of the early 1930's, he says, "to start up the ladder from the ground floor and then have the ladder pulled out from under you so you can start again at the bottom in order to fully appreciate the top."

Hoffberger is one of seven cousins born to seven brothers who built one of Baltimore's largest family chains of businesses. The Hoffbergers were involved in trucking, ice, coal, brewing, sports, and oil (both the heating and the olive varieties). And through it all, Hoffberger was inventing. He designed the first ice cube vending machine, a hydraulically operated boat carrier, a portable shower for boats, and a device that both loosens and tightens the top on jars, among many others.

And now, at 68, Hoffberger has invented the Challa Collar. Working first with a carved wooden model, he stretched and slightly curved a Jewish star to an 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" shape. Then he added a small knob on the bottom of each star point and a handle on top to hold the device that has no moving parts — including the challa. With his design perfected, he contacted a Pennsylvania firm to hand-cast each model out of Tenzaloy — a mixture of pewter, lead, and aluminum that is shiny, light, easy to maintain, and safe. Poured into individually formed sand molds, each Challa Collar — as Hoffberger has dubbed his device — comes out with unique birthmarks from the mold.

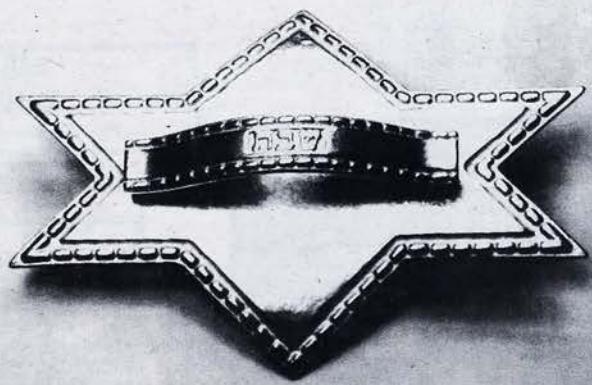
True to his business background, Hoffberger is working to distribute the Challa Collar throughout the country — included along with the item is a gift box and a gold-edged and embroidered felt drawstring pouch.

Hoffberger and his wife have formed a company using their two first names, Bernice and Charles, and intend to market their product by CHARNICE, LTD., P.O. Box 16272, Baltimore, Maryland 21210.

But it's not success alone — nor the pleasure of getting the design patent that the Patent Office is now processing — that moves him. "An inventor," he says, "is a man of ideas and more. Instead of stumbling onto an idea and just saying 'that sounds great,' he pursues it to its conclusion."

Then there's an extra edge of satisfaction for Hoffberger with his latest invention. "It's certain that if anybody has ever had a challa holder other than a white napkin, the patent office has never heard of it. But we've also looked through many books on Jewish artifacts back to the third and fourth centuries B.C.E. and there is nothing like this object. It could well be that we have built a household item which may some day be considered a genuine Jewish artifact."

"As Jews we have very few household devices. But we don't have to stop with decorated or such ritually-prescribed Judaica as the mezzuzah, kiddush cup, or



menorah. This is something that can embellish a household through both beauty and practicality. It's not easy to invent something Jewish. Now I have the satisfaction of knowing that this is the first one for all the years of our people."

The original carved wooden model that was used to make the Challa Collar mold is on exhibit at the B'nai B'rith Museum in Washington, D.C. Museum Director Anna Cohn is enthusiastic about the originality of the Challa Collar concept and about the practicality of the piece itself.

"Jewish ceremonial art in every age reflects innovative responses to specific religious requirements," Cohn said. "The bisamim box, for example, was a creative 15th century solution to the problem of containing the spices used at the havdallah ceremony marking the end of the sabbath. Beyond its functional purpose, the spice container — like all Jewish ceremonial art — was also made beautiful to enhance the religious experience. The Challa Collar is in keeping with this long-standing Jewish artistic tradition. It has a functional purpose — to keep the bread from slipping — and an aesthetic character that reflects the beauty of the Sabbath ritual," she added.

Since 1973, more and more shareholders have been using an investment strategy that offers opportunities for many to help maximize profit on their portfolios, limit the impact of price declines in their holdings, and potentially add new stocks at favorable prices.

The strategy is writing call and put options. When the options market came into existence in 1973, options were available on only a few stocks. Today, call options are available on 276 stocks and put options on 233.

While the popularity of options has grown tremendously, certain options strategies involve a high degree of risk and are not for everyone. Before trading options, interested investors should study the Options Clearing Corporation Prospectus, which explains the nature and extent of their rights, obligations, and risks they assume in option trading.

A stock option is an agreement between the option seller or "writer" and the option buyer, giving the buyer the right to buy from or sell to the writer a certain quantity of stock (usually 100 shares) at a predetermined price (the striking or exercise price) within a specified time until the date on which the option expires (the expiration date).

There are two types of options — "calls" and "puts." A call option obligates the writer to sell the shares to the buyer, and a put option obligates the writer to buy these shares from the buyer. By writing an option, the writer receives a "premium" from the buyer, which is the cost of the option to the buyer.

Successful Investing

On The Right Track

by David R. Sargent

Q — On your recommendation last August I purchased six stocks to set up a "personal mutual fund." I had wanted the diversification of a mutual fund but also the pleasure of following my own stocks. At the end of one year I would like to evaluate the success of this program and decide whether to continue on my own or not. Perhaps you can provide some assistance at this stage. — R.W., Missouri.

A — I do recall setting up your portfolio last August. I believe we chose stocks of companies which were themselves diversified, so that the industries represented in the portfolio numbered 28 for a high degree of diversification. The six stocks are: General Electric, International Tel. & Tel., Minnesota Mining & Mfg., Northwest Industries, Tenneco, and TRW (all NYSE). Each of these stocks had excellent 10-year records of earnings growth and showed good promise of achieving your primary objective of long term growth with controlled risks.

Although the six have had their predictable ups and downs, all in all we've done fairly well. Taking Aug. 29, 1980, as your purchase date, let's take a tally of your results at the end of 10 1/2 months. Since you do not say whether you have been rein-

vesting dividends, we will not count them in.

On August 19, 1980, the prices you would have paid are as follows: GE 54 1/2, IT&T 30 3/8, 3M 57 7/8, Northwest 30 1/8, Tenneco 41 3/8, and TRW 45 1/4. On July 15, 1981, the same six closed at these prices: GE 61 7/8, or an increase of 13.5 percent; IT&T 30 7/8, up 1.7 percent; 3M 57 1/2, down 0.7 percent; Northwest 46 5/8, up 54.8 percent; Tenneco 38 5/8, down 6.7 percent; and TRW 59 5/8, up 31.8 percent. Total change for the portfolio, or your mutual fund, amounts to an increase of 15.7 percent. Basically, IT&T, 3M, and Tenneco showed little change, but the other three made up for them. Not a bad record — you have beaten inflation. And we did not include dividends and dividend increases.

Even if there is a big change between now and the end of August, my verdict is likely to remain the same. These stocks were chosen for long term growth, and they remain suitable for such a goal. Stick with your program.

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Money Sense:

The ABC's Of Writing Options

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Writing Covered Calls

There are two types of call writers — the covered call writer who writes options on stock he owns and the naked call writer who does not own the underlying stock. The typical covered call writer is seeking two objectives: additional income from a portfolio and downside protection against its decline. Let's look at a theoretical example. Remember, however, that the results in the example are purely for illustrative purposes and may or may not be achieved by you as an investor in the real option market.

Suppose an investor purchases or already owns 100 shares of XYZ at a price of \$50 a share. To generate additional income from those shares and/or to hedge against a possible decline, the investor decides to write a call at a price of 50, running for six months, for which he receives a \$500 premium. The call writer has the obligation during the period of selling 100 shares of XYZ to the call buyer at the price of \$50 a share if the call buyer decides to exercise the option.

Movement in the price of XYZ common stock will then determine the likelihood of the option being exercised. If XYZ is sell-

ing above 50 at the expiration time of the option, the option will most likely be exercised. If the stock is selling above 50 before expiration, the buyer of the option may choose to exercise the option before expiration. In either case the writer would have to sell stock to the buyer at 50 even if the stock had climbed to 55, 60 or 70 by the time the option was exercised.

One might feel a twinge of regret at having sold the call in the first place. But, if you admit that one might have sold XYZ at 53 or 54 long before it reached 60, or 65, and if you remember that the goal was to increase the return on the portfolio, while receiving some protection against a possible decline, you'll realize that even by losing out on appreciated stock, your objectives of additional income and some downside protection were accomplished.

If the stock did drop to 45, the buyer wouldn't exercise the option (since one wouldn't want to buy it for 50 if one could buy it at the market price of 45), and you would have the \$500 premium to cover the decline in the price of your stock. If the stock remained at 50 — not appreciating or declining — by the expiration time you would still have received a \$500 premium as added income.

Why Investors Sell Puts

A put option, if exercised, obligates the writer to buy from the option buyer, a certain number of shares (usually 100) of the stock at a specified price within a predetermined period of time. You might write a

put with an exercise price at or below the current market price (and receive a premium) because you feel the stock price will not decline over the term of the contract. If you are right, the option would not be exercised. You would not have to buy the stock and would profit by the amount of the premium received for writing the option.

Or you might write a put even though the stock might decline over the near term because, on a long-term basis, the stock would be a good buy; and you would like to purchase it at a price less than it is currently trading at in the market.

Let's say you like XYZ Corp. and consider the stock a good investment. Suppose you wrote a put at 40 on XYZ when the stock was selling in the open market at 40, and received, a \$300 premium.

If the stock declined to \$35 per share, the put would be exercised. The writer, would be obligated to buy stock at a price of 40. The \$300 premium received would, in effect, reduce your cost basis to \$37 per share. Buying stock at a cost of 35 when it is selling in the open market at a price of 35 means, of course, an immediate two point paper loss. However, one must not lose sight of the original objectives. You liked the stock and were considering it as an investment. On the day the put was sold, the alternative was to purchase the stock in the open market at 40. The stock, now at 35, would represent a five point loss. Of course if the stock continued to drop additional losses would be incurred.

One final note: For purposes of simplicity and clarity, the examples used in this article have been computed without regard to tax considerations, commissions, and other transaction charges. Investors should be aware, however, that transaction costs as well as the tax consequences of option trading can significantly affect an investor's net profit or loss. Investors are cautioned to consult their broker and tax advisor before entering into any options transactions.

Employers May Be Liable For Federal Unemployment Tax Increase

Employers in Rhode Island may be liable for increased federal unemployment taxes (FUTA) on wages paid in 1981, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Seven other states also face increased FUTA taxes. They are Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

The Federal Unemployment Tax for 1981 is 3.4 percent of the first \$6,000 paid to each employee less any credit. Employers may take a credit against the federal tax for their contributions to certified unemployment compensation fund.

Federal law allows states to borrow from federal unemployment accounts when state unemployment insurance funds have been depleted by heavy benefit payments. However, employers in states that are behind in repaying federal advances at the beginning of two consecutive years are, under the law, subject to a reduction in the credit otherwise allowable against the FUTA tax.

Unless states pay back outstanding loans by Nov. 10, 1981, employers in the affected jurisdictions will have the following credit reductions for 1981: Connecticut, 1.2 percent; Delaware, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, 0.9 percent; and Illinois, Maine, New Jersey 0.6 percent.

For example, if a Rhode Island employer had an allowable credit of 2.7 percent and the state failed to pay back the federal advance, the employer's credit would be reduced to 1.8 percent (2.7 percent minus 0.9 percent).

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Italian Olivetti Company has won what is described as Israel's biggest computer supply bid, to install computer terminals in Bank Leumi's 330 branches throughout Israel. The deal is reportedly valued at about \$15 million.

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Method Discovered For Prenatal Diagnosis Of "AT" Disease

NEW YORK — A new and quick method for prenatally diagnosing the hereditary disease Ataxia telangiectasia (AT) has been discovered in the Human Genetics Department of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, Bernice Tannenbaum, national HMO chairman, reported at the Hadassah convention meeting in New York.

Mrs. Tannenbaum said that Meira Shaham, a doctoral student in Human Genetics working at the Hadassah Hospital, found and partially isolated a factor in the amniotic fluid which is a sure indicator that the disease is present.

Babies with AT appear normal at birth. Only when they start walking do the symptoms begin: progressive lack of coordination, dilation of blood vessels, and immunological defects causing very high susceptibility to infections, especially respiratory ones. The coordination problem comes from degeneration in the brain. While these children are not necessarily retarded, they are sometimes placed in institutions for the retarded. They usually die before the age of 20 as a result of recurrent pulmonary infections.

Doctoral Student Identifies Clastogenic Factor

When the cells of an AT patient are examined under a microscope, they are found to have a great many broken chromosomes, which typifies AT. Mrs. Shaham discovered the chemical excreted from AT cells, known as the "clastogenic factor," which causes the chromosomes to break.

When Mrs. Shaham mixed plasma and blood cells from AT patients with those from normal individuals, the factor caused the chromosomes in the healthy sample to break. The factor has been found in the amniotic fluid at an early stage.

While the disease has a general incidence of only one in 40,000, it is found with much greater frequency among Moroccan Jews and among Arabs. There are at least 45 known AT families in Israel. This helps pregnant mothers who have already born one AT child and therefore stand a 25 per-

cent chance of having another.

Until now, diagnosis of an AT fetus depended on the growth of sample cells from the amniotic fluid. This was a time-consuming process because AT cells are particularly slow-growing and problematic.

The new discovery eliminates the need to grow cells, because a sample of the amniotic fluid itself, added to a culture of healthy blood cells, can reveal the presence of the clastogenic factor within one week.

Mrs. Shaham's findings were supported when the one-week results were compared with the longtime cell-growing results from the same patient. Further dramatic confirmation came when cells from the same fetus were tested.

Potential Link To Lymphatic Cancer Research

There is another potentially important application of the new discovery: Scientists know that the same kind of cell aberration, chromosome breakage, is often associated with cancer. In fact, AT patients have a high susceptibility to cancer of the lymphatic system. Future research on the clastogenic factor may shed light on cancer.

Out of about 2,000 known hereditary diseases, about 200 can be diagnosed prenatally today by biochemical or chromosomal tests. AT can now be added to that list, which includes Mongolism and Tay-Sachs disease.

The Hadassah University Hospital's Department of Human Genetics, headed by Dr. Gidion Bach, carries out some 400 amniocentesis tests annually under the supervision of Professor Gertrude Kohn. The human cytogenetics laboratory where Mrs. Shaham made her discovery is headed by Dr. Ruth Voss.

Mrs. Shaham is working toward a Ph.D. from the Hebrew University faculty of Medicine under the guidance of Professor Yechiel Becker of the Molecular Virology Department. She has her B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Genetics from the Hebrew University.



Your Money's Worth

The Interest-Rate War Reaches New Peaks Of Fury

by Sylvia Porter

any federal agency — as your regular bank or thrift deposits are insured, up to \$100,000 per account. (According to the American Bankers Association, 50 percent of individual investors in money funds do think their "deposits" are insured. They (you are wrong.)

Your "deposits" in money funds are not really deposits at all. You are buying shares in an investment company, just as you would buy shares in a familiar corporation or a stock mutual fund. And your "interest" is, in reality, a dividend declared daily and automatically reinvested.

You don't, of course, get any certificate to prove your ownership; you just get a statement every quarter of every month. (This is becoming commonplace in every area of finance to cut the paperwork.) And, as with any stock, your equity in the investment company theoretically can fluctuate in value.

In practice, what the money-fund investment company is doing is simply lending your money on a short-term basis to other institutions, to banks themselves, to various government entities.

Because of this, your capital investment is unlikely to go up or down. But your interest rate will — daily — and interest rates can, as they have, fluctuate violently over a short span in this era. Different money funds figure their "interest" and assets in different ways. So, interest or dividends in some will go up sooner, and down quicker, than in others.

Despite fears that if interest rates do go into a tailspin, investors will scramble to pull out of the money funds and get into investments "locking in" high returns on longer-term obligations, the Securities and Exchange Commission sees no danger, even if there is wide-scale switching out of money funds. But the money funds don't want to shrink; they're competing fiercely instead.

On this aspect of the battle, one federal regulator lashed out:

"A big chunk of those money-fund assets is being invested in big bank notes. The money funds are nothing more than a giant vacuum cleaner to suck savings out of small banks into big banks."

The dirty-dirty fighting is still to come.

Lombard Named To Wolens Chair At NCJW Institute In Jerusalem

Dr. Avima Lombard, a specialist in preschool education, has been named the first incumbent of the Louis and Ann Wolens Research Chair in Education of the Disadvantaged. The chair was recently established at the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education, at the School of Education of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Announcement of the chair was made by Shirley I. Leviton, national president of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW); Avraham Harman, president, the Hebrew University; and Harvey M. Krueger, president, the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Bette Miller of Dallas, Texas, national recording secretary of NCJW, was instrumental in obtaining support for the Wolens Chair. The Chair was made possible by a generous gift from the estate of Mrs. Miller's late uncle, Louis Wolens, and the K. and Ida Wolens Foundation, which Mr. Wolens established in memory of his parents.

Dr. Lombard is Director of Preschool and Early Childhood projects at the NCJW Research Institute, with which she has been affiliated since its establishment in 1968. She has been instrumental in the development and evaluation of home-based educational intervention programs for disadvantaged young children and their mothers. The best known of these is HAETGAR, the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, in which mothers are trained to be at-home teachers of their 4, 5 and 6-year-olds. Another, HATAF, Home Activities for Toddlers and their Families, serves mothers and their firstborn infants between the ages of 15 and 36 months.

Dr. Lombard's work will be directed toward expanding methods through which

disadvantaged families can enrich their children's educational experiences at home. She will seek ways of extending the implementation of HAETGAR and HATAF in Israel and internationally. Research on the long-range effects of family-oriented intervention in the child's early years will continue.



DR. AVIMA LOMBARD

During a one year sabbatical at Teachers College, Columbia University, Dr. Lombard taught a course in home-based educational intervention programs. She also completed a book, *Success Begins at Home: Educational Foundations for Preschoolers*, which will be published in the Fall, 1981, under the Lexington Books imprint of the D.C. Heath Co. (Boston).

Bette Miller has been actively involved in NCJW concerns for more than two decades. She has served as President of NCJW's 10-state Southern District, as a member of the National Board, and is a past President of the Greater Dallas, Texas, Section. Mrs. Miller was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the NCJW Research Institute.

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Stamps Recount Biblical Flight From Egypt

The Biblical account of the flight of the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt has stood as an inspiration to those of countless generations who treasure freedom.

A magnificent set of four multicolor Israeli stamps, issued in August, brings some of the most cherished chapters of this great tale vividly to life. Known as the festival stamp series, this issue depicts Moses receiving the 10 commandments; the parting of the Red Sea; Moses pleading with Pharaoh for the freedom of his people; and the story of G-d's miraculous burning bush.

Each stamp is accompanied by a tab which contains the appropriate quotation from Exodus both in Hebrew and English. The intricately designed artwork is the creation of A. Glaser, a noted Israeli artist.

The second August issue of stamps from the Holy Land are additions to the popular "Shekel" issue in values of 4.00, 3.00 and 0.90. This issue revives the old shekel as a monetary denomination.

The latest stamps from Israel exemplify a nation, which cherishes its past, even as it moves into the forefront of modern life in the 20th Century.

Goren Takes Hard Line On Excavations At City Of David Site In Jerusalem

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren says he is prepared to shut down archaeology in Israel completely if there is a possibility that ancient Jewish graves may be disturbed. Police were forced to use tear gas last week to break up a demonstration by ultra-Orthodox Jews trying to disrupt a dig at the City of David site in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Goren said in an interview with Israel Radio that he had not yet met an Israeli archaeologist who showed any sensitivity towards Jewish law and respect for the Jewish dead. Prof. Yigal Shilo, of the Hebrew University who is in charge of the City of David dig, angrily charged Goren and the religious establishment with using the matter for political purposes.

Goren said: "They don't care about the bones — they care only about archaeology — if they can learn something about ancient times. But they do not care about Jewish law about those graves."

Shilo rejected this charge as an unwarranted slur on the entire profession. "Do you think we are really grave robbers? Do you think we are just excavating

Israeli Air Traffic Controllers Continue Work

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's air traffic controllers have decided not to withhold services from El Al and other airliners leaving for the United States. American air traffic controllers now on strike have appealed to their colleagues throughout the world not to handle any aircraft bound for the U.S.

But the Israelis decided to await the outcome of a meeting of international air traffic controllers due to take place soon to discuss a united stand on the American controllers' appeal.

El Al pilots are, however, being warned to pay special attention to any security problems which might arise in view of the staffing of American control towers by military personnel instead of the usual civilian controllers.



NEW STAMPS FROM ISRAEL: Shown here are the August issues from Israel, which depict dramatic moments from the book of Exodus, and additions to the definitive "Shekel" series. Both are available from the Israel Stamp Collectors Society, as is every stamp issued by Israel since 1948. Write to ISCS, P.O. Box 854, Van Nuys, California 91408.

Israel's Forest Fire Devastation Undergoes Replanting Effort

HAIFA, ISRAEL — In recent weeks almost 200,000 trees in Israel's northern frontier forests have been destroyed in forest fires resulting from intense PLO Katyusha rocket attacks. The fire-fighting efforts of the Jewish National Fund, the agency responsible for afforestation in Israel, was severely hampered by the rugged mountainous terrain.

"We've been through hell the past few weeks," said Tuvia Ashbel, Chief JNF Forester of the Northern region. "Even though there may be a cease-fire in effect, we all have an uneasy feeling that the PLO's rockets may rain fire on us at any minute."

Ashbel, who has been involved with afforestation along Israel's border with Lebanon for more than 40 years, points up towards the fire-ravaged slopes of the Mount Naftali Range. There at 7 p.m. on July 15, 150 rockets streaked across the sky together with artillery shells, ripping up and setting afire forests along a 2,000-foot stretch of what had been a lush and verdant belt of alpine greenery.

Ashbel explains that not only the town of Kiryat Shmona came under heavy attack, but all-in-all extensive woodlands and 30 Israeli settlements from Nahariya on the Mediterranean to Metualla at the northernmost tip of Israel were shelled and damaged.

By the next morning, on the 16th of July, Ashbel says he counted eleven columns of smoke rising from the ravaged and charred forests. Hundreds of acres had gone up in flames. Many of the trees were planted 30 years ago by kibbutz settlers as living memorials to victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

The PLO rocket attacks continued for nearly another two weeks, resulting in the destruction of almost 200,000 trees, many of them fruit-bearing. Damage is estimated at several million dollars, including the loss of a considerable portion of the export apricot and apple crop. In addition, 1500 tons of industrial wood to be sold to paper mills was lost.

JNF fire fighting crews were on duty around the clock struggling to contain the forest fires and prevent the entire Kiryat

Shmona region from total devastation. Working amid barrages of rocket shelling, the crews were hampered by the lack of access roads in the mountainous region and relied heavily on planes loaded with fire fighting chemicals.

Ashbel says plans are now being made for replanting and restoration of the burnt-out forests to their former beauty. "But before this can be done," he cautions, "the stumps and roots of the charred trees must be removed to prevent the spread of tree diseases and an insect invasion."

An international appeal has been launched to raise funds for this urgent and crucial purpose. Contributions can be made directly to the Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021. Telephone number: 212-879-9300.

Carter Urges Palestinians To Recognize Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Former President Jimmy Carter appealed this week to Palestinian leaders to recognize Israel's right to exist and for an end of the "Israeli military occupation." Carter's call came as he welcomed Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who went to Plains, Ga., to visit the former American President who sponsored the Camp David accords in 1978.

Carter appealed to "all Palestinian leaders to forego the use of violence and to recognize Israel's right to exist in peace." "It is time for the Israeli military occupation to end and for freedom and full autonomy to be granted to Palestinians who live either in the West Bank and Gaza or as refugees from their homeland," Carter said.

During the welcoming ceremony, which was held on a softball field, Carter praised Sadat as a man of courage and strength, who inspired the world through his initiative for a Mideast peace settlement and set the foundation for the Camp David peace process.



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5 From Brown Attend Population Convention

Five members of the Brown University Department of Sociology and the Population Studies and Training Center will attend the Eighth World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem August 16-21. They will participate in the Sessions on Jewish Demography section of the Congress.

Three papers will be presented on the results of analyses of data collected as part of the National Jewish Population Study covering the American-Jewish population.

Dr. Sidney Goldstein, Director of the Center and holder of the George Hazard Crooker University Professorship, will present his paper, "Population Redistribution Among American Jews." Dr. Frances Kobrin, Associate Professor of Sociology, will discuss "National Data on American

Senior Workshop Groups Must Apply Soon To State Arts Council

September 2 has been set as the deadline for applying to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for arts workshops for senior citizens.

Through its Arts and Aging program, the Council underwrites activities designed to enhance senior citizens' artistic awareness and skills, personal satisfaction, and physical abilities. This year professional artists offered workshops in centers across the state in such areas as choral singing, oil painting, improvisational drama, pottery, and creative writing.

To apply for funding for programs beginning on or after October 1, 1981, agencies must submit a letter of intent to the Council this month and a project design by September 2.

Further information about the program is available from the Council's executive director, Diane Disney at (401) 277-3880.

Jewry: A Comparative Evaluation of the 1970 Census Data on the Yiddish Mother Tongue Subpopulation and the 1971 National Jewish Population Study."

Rena Cheskis, a Ph.D. student in the department, will present her paper, "Jewish Identity and Jewish Fertility in the United States."

Also presenting a paper on Jewish fertility will be Dr. Calvin Goldscheider, who is at Brown this year as Adjunct Professor while on leave from the Hebrew University. Based on comparative data from surveys conducted in Boston in 1965 and 1975, he will be assessing "Contraceptive Usage Among American Jews."

In the session on Historical Demography, Alice Goldstein, senior researcher in the Center, will be reporting on her investigation of "Urbanization of Jews in Baden, Germany, 1825-1925."

Hebrew School Teachers Attend NYC Seminar

One hundred forty teachers from some 60 Hebrew Day Schools in North America offering a combined curriculum of Hebrew and General Studies completed on August 3rd an intensive Summer Teacher Training Seminar held in New York City. It was sponsored by Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools.

At the Seminar's closing exercise the graduates were told by Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, recently appointed National Director for Torah Umesorah that their choice of a Hebrew Day School teaching career places them within the "exalted ranks of those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility for educating effectively through the Hebrew Day School system the next generation of Jews thus assuring the survival of the Jewish community in North America."

Torah Leadership Seminar To Be Held In Pennsylvania

Some 300 teenagers from the Eastern United States and Canada will attend a week-long Eastern Torah Leadership Seminar at Camp Morasha, Lake Como, Pa., August 26-September 1. It is one of a series of summer and winter retreats designed to give Jewish youth a better understanding of themselves and their religion by providing a total experience in Jewish living.

The Seminar is sponsored by the Department of Youth Services under the Division of Communal Services at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), an affiliate of Yeshiva University.

The Seminar combines study of Jewish history, culture, and ethics with programs on leadership skills, recreational and entertainment activities and interchange between faculty, staff, and students.

The staff for the Seminar will consist of young adults, most of them students at Yeshiva University. The Torah Leadership Seminar program is now in its 27th year.

The Department of Youth Services can be contacted at the Division of Communal Services, 500 West 185th Street, New York, NY 10033.

So. County Hadassah Plans Annual Supper

South County Hadassah Annual Hot Dog Supper will be held Sunday, Aug. 16 from 6-9 p.m. at Canonet Beach Club, Rt. 1, in Narragansett.

Food will be sold at reasonable prices and Israeli music will be featured. Bring the children, everyone is welcome to attend.



JEFFREY VINACCO

OUR YOUNGER SET: Jeffrey Vinacco, 7 years old, and Jason Vinacco, 4, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Vinacco of Warwick. Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gordon of Cranston and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vinacco of Warwick. Great-grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bazar.



JASON VINACCO

S.E.E.D. Schedules Final Activities

PROVIDENCE — The Summer Educational Environmental Development (SEED) program, has set its final schedule of activities for the dynamic series being held at Temple Beth Shalom and Providence Hebrew Day School.

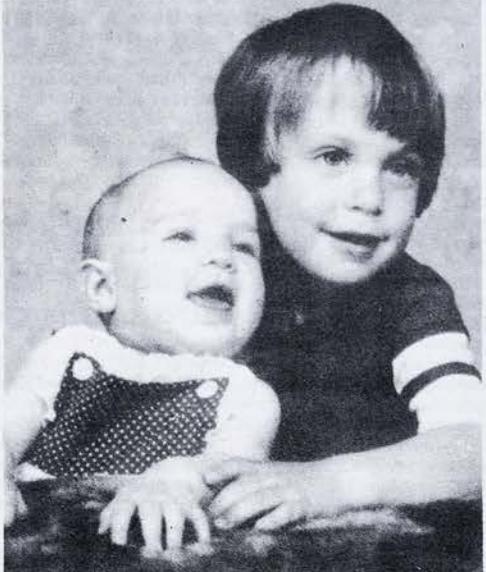
A maxi-lecture will be given by Meir Hertz on Monday, August 17, in the Jewish Community Center at 8 p.m. on "Judaism Views Human Sexuality."

A mini-lecture will also be given on August 19 at Temple Beth Shalom on "Man and His Fellowman." All lectures begin at 8 p.m.

Additionally, special lectures on "The Total Woman — A Jewish Perspective," "The Jewish Home" and "The Torah's Message" are offered weekly. Daily morning, afternoon, and evening study groups are being held at the Temple and Day School with unique one-on-one sessions as the mode of learning.

The SEED program will conclude on Saturday evening, August 22, at 10 p.m. with a gala Melave Malka Banquet in Temple Beth Shalom.

Information about scheduling and how to arrange for a study partner can be received by calling 331-5327. Programs or activities are free.



OUR YOUNGER SET: Tara Nicole Berger, eight months, and Adam Matthew Berger, two and one-half years, are the children of Donald and Cheryl Berger, 25 Scarborough Rd., Cumberland. Maternal grandparents are Estelle Churnick of Cranston and the late George Churnick. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Berger of Pawtucket.



OUR YOUNGER SET: Brian Eric Landa, 4-years-old, and Scott Ian Landa, seven months, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Landa of Monsey, N.Y. Mrs. Landa is the former Rhonda Schwartz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Israel Schwartz of Providence. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Landa, also of Monsey. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Bessie G. Schwartz of Far Rockaway, N.Y.

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Transplants And The Halacha

by Louis I. Rabinowitz
London Chronicle Syndicate

The practical results of the passing by the Knesset of an amendment to the law on autopsies and transplants — demanded by Agudat Israel as a condition of joining the government coalition and thus ensuring its majority — are quickly becoming apparent.

According to the law, relatives of the deceased may refuse permission for the removal of organs for this purpose, and the outcome is giving cause for grave concern.

As it happens, it was I who, over a decade ago, contributed the entry on this subject to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, of which I was deputy editor-in-chief. I wrote at the time:

It was not until the 18th century, when human bodies began to be used systematically for medical research as a regular practice, that the permissibility of autopsies for medical research and saving lives became a practical question of halacha.

A query addressed from London to Ezekiel Landau, of Prague (1713-1793) inquired as to the possibility of performing an autopsy on the body of a Jew, in order to reveal the cause of death and thus find a cure for others suffering from the same malady. The questioner gave his reasons for permitting this, citing inter alia, the embalming of Jacob.

Landau dismissed his arguments, but conceded that, should there be at the time of death, in the same hospital, another patient suffering from the same symptoms, so that the autopsy could immediately help, it could be permitted on the grounds of *pikkuach nefesh*. Strictly limited though this permission was, it was the first clear, recorded ruling permitting autopsies in the interest of the living, and all subsequent discussions on the subject have used it as their starting point. On rereading this extract, however, I must now conclude that it is incorrect in regard to one word, for which nevertheless, I do not take all the blame.

All the relevant halachic responsa, including this seminal one, as a matter of course, employ the word *muttar*, (correctly translated "permitted") in this connection and in consequence I did the same. It is however, incorrect.

The word suggests that what might be considered forbidden is in fact permitted, but the word permission semantically suggests an option, that is, one may do it, and one may equally refrain from doing it. But this is not a fact when applied to the noble principle of *pikkuach nefesh*, the saving of human life. It is not permitted to override laws which are otherwise prohibitory; it is obligatory, an imperative, positive injunction.

If one is in a position (to give the classic case) to save the life of a human being on the Sabbath, only by a breach of the Sabbath laws which are otherwise mandatory, one is obliged to do so, and the same applied to every case of *pikkuach nefesh* with the sole exceptions of sexual immorality at the cost of another life, or

idolatry.

Thus, if and when there is a patient instantly available, "here and present," whose life can be saved, or even prolonged, by transplanting in him an organ from a deceased person, one is not merely permitted, but one is actively enjoined, to utilize that organ for this purpose, the overriding principle of *pikkuach nefesh* annulling the otherwise very real halachic prohibition of mutilating a dead body.

A dramatic case recently brought this question to the fore. The life of a patient, a girl of 16, could be saved only by the transplant of a rare type of kidney, which was unavailable in Israel. One was available, however, in the United States, and it was flown to Israel accompanied by two technicians who kept it "alive" during the journey. The transplant was effected and the girl's life was saved.

This incident was subsequently featured on Israeli television, which pointed out that there are no fewer than 200 patients in Israeli hospitals awaiting kidney transplants, some of them for years. Before the amendment to the Law of Anatomy and Pathology was passed, some eight such operations were performed weekly; since it was passed the number has dropped to two a month.

On the following evening a similar program was televised with regard to the transplant of the cornea of an eye, and similar figures were given. It is true that without this operation a patient would "only" remain blind for life, but the talmudic dictum, "the blind is regarded as dead," is well known. And there are 80 such cases in the pipeline, with the supply of available corneas similarly plunging.

Here are two classic examples of the potential recipient "here and present," yet the new law has drastically reduced their chances of becoming the subjects of *pikkuach nefesh* enjoined by the halacha.

And lastly, there took place in the same week a symposium at the Weizmann Institute at Rechovot between scientists and surgeons of Israel and South Africa. The "star" was Prof. Christian Barnard, of Cape Town, who achieved an international reputation as the first person successfully to effect a heart transplant.

Unfortunately, as he revealed, 90 percent of subsequent operations of this kind have been unsuccessful because of the rejection of the transplanted heart and the failure to find an immunological remedy. It transpired, however, that Israel is on the way to overcoming this defect and to some extent has achieved a notable breakthrough.

In highly praising such operations performed by two Israeli surgeons, Dr. Barnard said that Israel was on the road towards leading the world in developing this, literally, life-saving immunological remedy. But, he added, the progress was being slowed down as a result of religious pressure.

Israel Needs More Scientists And Skilled Workers

Israel already has per capita exports larger than those of Japan, but if she is to achieve relative economic independence, the exports will have to grow larger, a situation contingent on the availability of still more trained scientists, engineers and skilled workers, according to Prof. Haim Harari, chairman of the Planning and Grants Committee of the Israel Council for Higher Education. Harari addressed the graduation ceremony of the Weizmann Institute's Feinberg Graduate School, held recently in the Institute's Wix Auditorium.

Harari said that Israel had need for the over 80 graduates and for the other 10,000 Israelis who each year graduated from local institutions of higher learning.

Weizmann Institute President Michael Sela foresaw special opportunities in Israel's rapidly developing science-based industry, which, he predicted, "would soon find itself in the throes of a desperate search for talented manpower."

The Dean of the Feinberg Graduate School, Prof. Shmuel Shaltiel, spoke of the School's efforts to train students who were flexible, who could adjust their research interests in accordance with the rapidly changing demand for special types of expertise. There is a growing emphasis placed by the School on preparing future scientists for jobs in science-based industry, he added.

For the first time in its history, the Feinberg Graduate School awarded more M.Sc. degrees to young women than to young men, 23 as opposed to 17. In regard to Ph.D. degrees, 35 men and six for women students received them.

Tisha B'Av Marred By Two Incidents

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two incidents marred the Tisha B'Av fast in Jerusalem this year: the annual effort — foiled by police — by young ultra-nationalists to pray on the Temple Mount, and the daubing — apparently by ultra-Orthodox youth — of the graves of Theodor Herzl and of former President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

The daubings, in black and red paint, all referred to the controversial archaeological digs at the City of David and called on Prof. Yigal Shiloh, leader of the dig, to cease his operations. Orthodox spokesmen in the Mea Shearim quarter condemned the daubings and insisted that they and their people had had nothing to do with it.

In the effort to pray on the Temple Mount, police arrested several of the would-be prayers.

Economic Tips For Women

Women and Economy, an event designed to aid women in today's troubled economy, is scheduled for the Warwick Mall September 30 through October 3 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The four day extravaganza is sponsored by the Advisory Commission on Women in R.I. (ACW) and the Warwick Advisory Commission on Women (WACW) in conjunction with the Warwick Mall.

There will be over sixty exhibits, demonstrations and mini workshops designed to help R.I. consumers save money or earn it.

Demonstrations range from budget fashions and car care to "The Meat Clinic" with a free chicken raffle. Some mini workshops include: Tax Tips, unscrambling unit prices, shopping strategies, and two pay check families. Budget preparation and banking skills are among the thirty-six exhibits which will be held throughout the four days. Other budget tips include: time sharing vacations, alternatives to home ownership, saving energy and money in the kitchen, and dressing on a budget.

A kick off reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday at noon. Governor J. Joseph Garrahy, Warwick Mayor Joseph Walsh, Mall officials and The Warwick Advisory Commission on Women will honor ten outstanding women for their contributions to the City of Warwick. For more information, contact Barbara White, Chair of the WACW at 738-5767.

Groups wishing to present exhibits, demonstrations or workshops for Women and Economy should call Margie Mathias, ACW Project Coordinator at 277-2744 or Maxine Lerman at the Warwick Mall at 737-9223 before August 15.

The Karamazov Brothers: A Juggling Act Extraordinaire

by Linda A. Acciardo

Be prepared for more than a juggling act. The Flying Karamazov Brothers have arrived at Trinity Square Repertory Company.

A juggling act extraordinaire is exactly what the Karamazov Brothers bring to the stage. There is no deceptive advertising with this group — it is billed as a crazy troupe and that's precisely what the audience finds.

When the Karamazov Brothers perform their feats of balance and skill, the juggling becomes a sideline to the entertainment comedy and theatrics of the zany foursome. The show transcends any traditional rules of humor, employing slap-stick as well as political jesting, as a result, the group's material appeals to all levels, the youngsters, adults and the children in us all.

But, the four men are definitely talented — juggling not only the standard balls and paraphernalia, but sickles, knives, flaming torches, pans and eggs — all at the same time. Even impromptu juggling with items selected from the audience became a part of the act.

The audience is encouraged to become involved with the performance. They are questioned, teased and made to feel a part of the show. The Karamazov Brothers have done their homework well in terms of relating to their audience in Rhode Island. The mere mention of and gentle ribbing about Brown University, E. Providence and Cranston elicit positive and appreciative responses from these spectators.

Three of the four brothers are articulate and almost perfect in their delivery of lines and jokes, the fourth member, silent throughout the performance, employs facial gestures and humorous moves to communicate. All four possess a remarkable stage presence of confidence and an earnest desire to entertain. For an opening night performance, the group displayed few mishaps in either their lines or juggling feats.



THE FLYING KARAMAZOV BROTHERS: (from left) Timothy Daniel Furst, Paul David Magid, Howard Jay Patterson and Samuel Ross Williams.

The exhilaration of the brothers is contagious. For almost a two-hour juggling show, it surprisingly was fast paced and flowed smoothly from act to act.

These jugglers/comedians are also philosophers of sorts as they reassure the audience "It doesn't matter how you get there if you don't know where you're going."

The Flying Karamazov Brothers conclude their show with a finale that is as skillful as it is funny. The audience stands in ovation and demands for more. The Brothers return for an impromptu encore and still the spectators cheer. The Karamazov Brothers brought to the Rhode Island audience light and enjoyable comedy — a show unequalled.

Hebrew University's Overseas School Named For American

JERUSALEM — The Hebrew University's School for Overseas Students, a key link between Israel and Jews in the Diaspora, was named recently for Sam Rothberg, of Peoria, Illinois, Honorary Chairman of the University's Board of Governors and one of the driving forces in establishing the School.

The dedication took place at a dinner for about 600 guests on the Mount Scopus campus, one of the highlights of an international conference of 450 Friends of the University from 13 countries celebrating the return to Mount Scopus. The first reunion of the School's alumni was held simultaneously.

Alumni Reunion

Participants in the reunion of alumni included mainly students from the United States and Israel. They toured the new Mount Scopus campus, attended a symposium on the role of the School's alumni, picnicked in the Luria Garden adjacent to the School building, and attended lectures by University experts on Israel's foreign and domestic policies, including a reception with University president Avraham Harman and a dinner with University vice-president Bernard Cherrick as guest speaker.

The Rothberg School for Overseas Students accommodates those who take their junior or sophomore years abroad and also those who seek a full Bachelor's degree, possibly with the idea of settling in Israel.

The hundreds of students who come annually for the One Year Program take an array of courses in the fields of Jewish, Israel and Middle East Studies. At the same time, they learn the Hebrew language intensively and, if they qualify, can attend regular University classes in

Hebrew. Their summer orientation period prior to classes includes a full-time Hebrew language ulpan.

For these one year students, who return with full credit for a year's study to their home universities, the total "Israel experience" is as important as the academic program. Many of the courses are integrally entwined with the Jerusalem milieu: archaeology of the Land of Israel with field trips and work at excavations; religious sub-communities, with visits to ethnic neighborhoods and places of worship; Israeli politics, with guest lectures by top government personalities; and Israeli literature, music, art, all woven into the cultural fabric of the creative people and their works.

A rich experience for many of the temporary students is the encounter with Jewish students from all over the world. With Hebrew their only common language, they find their common roots and similar aspirations during their stay in Jerusalem.

Technion Discovers Method To Remove Bitterness From Juice

HAIFA — An innovative method enabling use by the citrus and soft drink industries of sugar found naturally in citrus fruit peels has been developed by researchers in the department of food engineering and biotechnology of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

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Sadat And Jewish Leaders Disagree On Role Of Palestine Liberation

NEW YORK (JTA) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and a delegation of 13 Jewish leaders, who met last Friday afternoon at the residence of Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations, Dr. Ahmed Abdel Meguid, disagreed on the issue of Palestine Liberation Organization recognition.

Following the 70-minute meeting, Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told reporters that the Egyptian President said that the cease-fire between Israel and Palestinians in Lebanon was "a turning point" and a clear indication that the Palestinian movement has decided to accept responsibility and move in a new direction.

Squadron said that Sadat urged that Israel and the United States should build on the cease-fire in Lebanon and deal directly with the PLO. "We told him," Squadron

said, "that the PLO is a terrorist organization bent on the destruction of Israel and that it should recognize Israel's right to exist first."

The delegation, which was headed by Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Squadron, also discussed with Sadat the issues of autonomy and the AWACS sale by the United States to Saudi Arabia.

Squadron said that Sadat agreed with the Jewish leaders that the conclusion of the autonomy talks for the Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is essential to the progress of peace in the region and it should be concluded as soon as possible. Sadat, Squadron said, also agreed that Jerusalem was a separate issue that should be dealt with on a separate basis and not as part of the autonomy negotiations.

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