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Sadat Strongly Reaffirms Commitment To Peace With Israel, No Backing Out

WASHINGTON — On several different occasions during his just-concluded visit to Washington, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat strongly reaffirmed his commitment to peace with Israel, insisting that there will be no backing away from the peace process following Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai next April.

Thus, at a Blair House news conference on Aug. 6, the Egyptian leader also confirmed that he was looking forward to meeting again "shortly" with Prime Minister Menahem Begin at Alexandria, Egypt. "He may be calling on me," Sadat said, "He has an invitation."

talks with President Ronald Reagan, Sadat said he was not worried about the new, supposedly more hardline, composition of the Israeli Cabinet and the naming of Ariel "Arik" Sharon as Defense Minister.

"No, not at all, not at all," he said in response to a question. Secretary of State Alexander Haig stood along side. "It is something that concerns the Israeli people and it will have no repercussions on me at all," Sadat continued. "I shall be ready to deal with whomever the Cabinet contains."

At Blair House, packed with the elite of the Washington press corps, Sadat made his position clear: "Egypt's position dur-

HUC Honors Raoul Wallenberg With Roger E. Joseph Prize

Raoul Wallenberg, the missing hero of the Holocaust, who saved tens of thousands of Jewish lives in Hungary during World War II before disappearing in the Soviet Union, was honored by Hebrew Union College with the 1981 Roger E. Joseph Prize.

The prize was presented to Wallenberg's sister, Mrs. Nina Lagergren of Stockholm, in her brother's behalf, by Burton Joseph, vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of the college. The presentation took place at the New York School's ordination service in Temple Emanu-El.

Joseph, who is president of I.F. Joseph Company, exporters of agricultural products, Minneapolis, and his sister, Mrs. Betty Greenberg, established the prize through the Joseph Foundation in their brother's memory.

The prize is designed to honor an "individual or organization whose conduct or work enhances or encourages the values or ideals which derive from religious teachings." It carries a cash award of \$10,000 which will be used to carry on the work of a committee investigating the circumstances of Wallenberg's disappearance and his subsequent fate.

In a particularly moving moment during the tribute paid to Wallenberg by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the College, scores of men and women who had escaped from Budapest rose from the audience of more than 2,500 to identify themselves as beneficiaries of Wallenberg's "courage and compassion."

In 1944, as the Germans and their Hungarian allies began the liquidation of Hungarian Jewry, the neutral Swedish government, acting upon request of the United States War Refugee Board and the World Zionist Organization, sent Raoul Wallenberg, a young businessman and a member of a distinguished Lutheran family, to Budapest to organize a rescue operation.

Under special diplomatic status, Wallenberg distributed thousands of Swedish passports which provided immunity from deportation to the death camps, and successfully interceded with the German commander of Budapest to cancel plans for the destruction of the ghetto and all its inhabi-



RAOUL WALLEMBERG

tants. He sheltered and fed thousands of Jews until they could be gotten out of the country. On many occasions, often at the risk of his own life, he personally rescued people along the routes of the death marches and from the cattle cars in which they were being sent to the gas chambers.

Early in 1945, after Russian troops entered Budapest, Wallenberg set out for Russian headquarters. He never returned. Two years after his disappearance, after many inquiries, Moscow announced that he had been killed in fighting around Budapest. In the years following, however, many former inmates of Soviet prisons

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PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT (shown above with Prime Minister Menachem Begin): "Over all these changes (in the Middle East) one fact remains prevailing — Camp David and the peace and normalization between Egypt and Israel."

Sadat rejected a reporter's contention that many Israelis feared that Egypt might back away from peace with Israel after the Sinai pullback. "I don't agree with you that many Israelis share this view," he said. "I want to tell you that the last phase of withdrawal of Israel from Sinai is not for discussion from any direction. I have nothing to complain about. It is the obligation of both of us."

Earlier in the day, during a closed-door meeting with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Sadat said that his major ally in Israel was "the Israeli mother," because she wants peace. And meeting with reporters at the State Department the day before, shortly after his first round of

ing the final withdrawal and after the final withdrawal will be the same. We don't consider this a problem. There is a treaty that is respected by both who signed it."

What was now required by all the parties, he said, was "patience and perseverance." He recalled that during the 10 months between the time of his visit to Jerusalem in November 1977 and the decision to meet at Camp David for a three-way U.S./Egyptian/Israeli summit, there had been a "campaign" waged in the Israeli and Egyptian news media against each other.

"You would have never thought that we would ever reach anything at all," he said. "But by patience and perseverance, we

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Report Claims Israel's Prisons Are 'Unfit For Human Habitation'

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Interior Minister Yosef Burg is under fire for what has been described as intolerable conditions in Israel's prisons. A prison service investigating committee released a report which said that Burg was responsible for these conditions and recommended that the prison services should be removed from the Interior Ministry. It also suggested tearing down several of the prison buildings because they are "unfit for human habitation."

The committee, which was appointed in January 1979 by Supreme Court Justice Yoel Sussman following widespread criticism of conditions in prisons, presented a gloomy picture of the present situation. "The conditions are so serious, so inhumane that the prisons are on the verge of explosion," the committee's report stated.

The report dealt primarily with the overcrowded living conditions in 15 prisons, most of them in Israel proper. In the case of the prison in Ramle, the report said that 500 of the 650 inmates are held in "sub-human, overcrowded living conditions." According to former prison service officials, inmates are confined to cells which average two to three square meters, whereas international standards set a minimum of eight square meters for each prisoner.

The committee, which is limited to making recommendations, has submitted a preliminary report to Premier Menachem

Begin. A second and perhaps third report are expected. In his initial reaction, Burg said he had not yet read the report, but added that the committee was formed at his request.

Cites Too Many Areas Of Responsibility

The committee, in its report, said Burg had too many areas of responsibility and therefore did not pay the necessary attention to the prisons. Burg, among other responsibilities, has served during the greater part of his term as chairman of the Israeli team involved in the autonomy negotiations with Egypt. The merger between the Interior and Police Ministries, which was introduced for the first time under the Likud government, did not result in the expected improvements in prison conditions, according to the report.

Haim Levy, former prison service commissioner, said the report proved his longstanding complaints about prison conditions. He supported the suggestion that the responsibility for the prisons be removed from the Interior Ministry.

Mordechai Virshubsky, a Shinui Knesset member, submitted an urgent motion to the Knesset agenda asking for a discussion on the prisons. He, too, demanded that Burg relinquish the responsibility for prison services, noting that the Interior Ministry had proved that he was unable to cope with his many tasks.

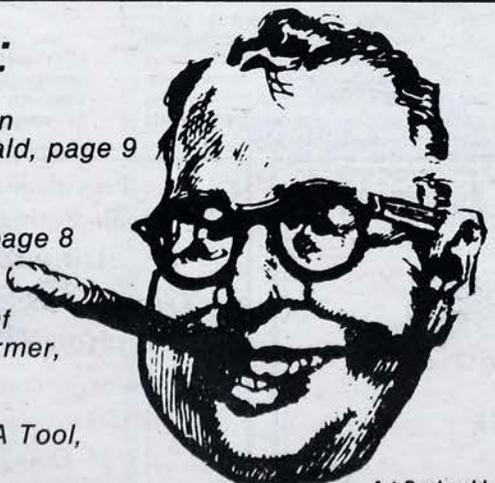
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Art Buchwald

Obituaries

DR. JOSEPH MARKS

LINCOLN — Dr. Joseph Marks, 85, formerly of 1111 Smithfield Ave., and a general practitioner in the town for 40 years, died Tuesday, August 18 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Caroline (Nathan) Marks.

Dr. Marks earned a reputation as a cool man under stress when he was taken prisoner in his Smithfield Avenue home on Jan. 10, 1979 by a man, brandishing what turned out to be a toy pistol, who kept him captive overnight and then brought him in the morning to a bank to withdraw \$5,000 in ransom.

Dr. Marks, then 82, went to the bank in Cumberland and asked to withdraw the money in small bills. A teller who knew him sensed there was something wrong, noted the man waiting in Dr. Marks' car and called police. The would-be extortionist was arrested.

Dr. Marks was a 1919 graduate of the New York University School of Medicine. Born in Warren, he was a son of the late Nathan and Eva (Makowski) Marks.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Society, Citizens-Veritas in Linden, N.J., the Palestine Temple and the Scottish Rite.

He is survived by a son, Dr. Leon Marks of Brookline, Mass.; four brothers, Charles Marks of Warren, Israel Marks of New Jersey, Raymond Marks of Central Falls and Milton Marks of Pawtucket; a sister, Mrs. Rose Brown of Pawtucket; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, August 19, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Shiva will be private.

MAX BARAM

WOONSOCKET — Max Baram, 75, of 271 Gaskill St., died August 7 in the Woonsocket Hospital after being stricken at home. He was the husband of Eva (Gertz) Baram.

Semi-retired, he was owner of the former Maxfield Woolen Co. of Woonsocket.

Baram was born in Russia, a son of the late Jacob and Ida (Formacher) Baram. He came to Woonsocket at age 3.

He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, B'nai B'rith and the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Michael S. Baram, a lawyer in Belmont, Mass., and Phillip J. Baram of Brookline, Mass.; a daughter, Mrs. Sheila Entis of Ramat-Aviv, Israel; three brothers, Nathan and Harry Baram, both of Woonsocket, and Samuel Baram of Florida; a sister, Mrs. Jennie Mack of Warwick; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Woonsocket.

EDGAR L. DRESSLER

MIAMI, Fla. — Edgar L. Dressler, 73, of 2531 SW 25th St., a Providence native who was general manager of Aluminum Products here until retiring, died Wednesday, August 19 at Mercy Hospital. He was the husband of Bessie (Weiner) Dressler.

He was a son of the late Lawrence and Rose (Goldstein) Dressler.

Dressler was a member of the Mahi Shrine and the Touro Fraternal Association of Cranston.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Linda Maurice Mason of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Shepley and Oscar Dressler, both of Providence, and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held today at the Gordon Funeral Home, 710 SW 12th Ave. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery.

DAVID SALTZMAN

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — David Saltzman, 85, of 4740 NW 21st St., a former Providence jeweler and later a department manager for the Outlet Co., died Monday, August 17, at the Florida Medical Center. He was the husband of Florence (Belliove) Saltzman. They had lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Ft. Lauderdale in 1973.

Saltzman founded the former Saltzman Jewelry in 1925 and owned it until 1950. He then moved on to manage the jewelry department at the Outlet, where he stayed until 1970.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, the Touro Fraternal Association, Knights of Pythias, Roosevelt Lodge No. 42, AF & AM, and Palestine Temple Shrine.

A native of Russia, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Esther (Shusterman) Saltzman.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, William Saltzman of East Northport, N.Y., and Henry Saltzman of Claremont, Calif.; a brother, Joseph Saltzman of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Ida Stein of Providence; and four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, August 19, in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Shiva will be observed at the home of Mrs. Ida Stein, 9 Hillside Ave., Providence, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

CARRIE GARBER

PROVIDENCE — Carrie Garber, 78, of 243 Smith St., Carroll Tower, died Friday, August 14, at Roger Williams General Hospital. She was the wife of Louis Garber. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Majestic Senior Guild of Cranston.

Born in Romania, she was a daughter of the late Morris and Bessie (Valinsky) Gruber. Mrs. Garber lived in Providence.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Dr. Martin Garber, DDS, and Dr. Perry Garber, M.D., both of Cranston, and four grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Sunday, August 16, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Shiva was observed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Garber.

VIOLET POTTER

PROVIDENCE — Violet Potter, 86, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Wednesday, August 19 at the home.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Barney and Gertrude (Simes) Potter.

She leaves a brother, Ralph Potter of Los Angeles.

A graveside service was held August 19 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Memorial week will be private.

UNVEILING NOTICE

An unveiling in memory of Marvin Solomon and Frieda Buckbinder will be held Sunday, August 30, at 12 noon, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

UNVEILING NOTICE

An unveiling in memory of the late Meyer Cohen will be held on Sunday, August 30, at 12:30 p.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

JACOB PERLER

CRANSTON — Jacob "Jack" Perler, 65, of 943 Dyer Ave., died at home Wednesday, August 19. He was the husband of Jeanette (Ades) Perler.

Perler was co-owner of Perler's Bakery in Providence until he retired in 1972.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, the Providence Fraternal Association and ARRP.

Born in Poland, he was a son of the late Isadore and Anna (Denmark) Perler. He lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 30 years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Steven Perler of Madison, Conn.; two daughters, Mrs. Arleen Jacobson of Cranston and Mrs. Marjorie DiMuccio of Coventry; a brother, Samuel Perler of Cranston, and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held today at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jacobson, 15 Randolph St., Cranston, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., through Sunday.

HAROLD FISCHER

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — Harold Fischer, 59, of 11206 Northwest 16th Court, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Met-Fab Industries of Miami for eight years, died Saturday, August 8 in Ft. Lauderdale. He was the husband of Florence (Dubin) Fischer.

Fischer was formerly chairman of the board of the American Finance Corp., Providence. He was a member of the Boston Stock Exchange.

Born in Providence, he lived in Florida eight years.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Neil, Robert and Brian Fischer, all of Pembroke Pines; a brother, Charles Fischer, and two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Glatt and Mrs. Esther Coren, all of Cranston.

The funeral service and burial were held August 10 in Pembroke Pines.

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The West reported that Wallenberg was in prison.

In 1957, in response to continuing demands for an explanation, the Kremlin said that Raoul Wallenberg had died in a Soviet prison in 1947. Why he had been imprisoned was not explained, but it was widely assumed that the Soviet Union, unable to understand Wallenberg's humanitarian purpose, had taken him for a spy.

Reports have continued to reach the West that Wallenberg is still imprisoned. A recent committee of inquiry, examining these reports, concluded that there is reason to believe Raoul Wallenberg may still be alive. A worldwide movement has developed to seek a full explanation of his fate, and, it is hoped, to obtain his return to freedom.

Dr. Gottschalk characterized Wallenberg as a man who epitomized humanity, compassion, courage, and devotion to life, and who, "in an age grown accustomed to barbarity and evil, gave the world an enduring example of man's capacity for goodness and selflessness and moral strength."

On the stage during the presentation was Mrs. Susan Tabor, a librarian at the Klau Library in New York, who, along with her mother, owed her escape from Nazi custody to Wallenberg.

The huge audience stood in tribute as Mrs. Lagergren acknowledged the prize, and the atmosphere was one of gratitude and pain as they listened to her, in an emotion-choked voice, say, "Time is running out." She called upon the world to press for a full accounting of her brother's fate and for his return to freedom.

MARY TRUBOWITZ

SALEM, Mass. — Mary Trubowitz, 90, of 1000 Loring Ave., died Monday, August 17. She was the widow of William Trubowitz.

Born in Lithuania, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Nachamah (Seligman) Turbowitz. She lived in Norwich, Conn., for 31 years before moving to Salem eight years ago.

Mrs. Trubowitz was a former member of Beth Jacob Synagogue and its sisterhood in Norwich, and of Hadassah.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Florence S. Alexander of Swampscott, Mass., and Mrs. Harriet R. Mintz of Salem; a sister, Leah Horowitz of Salem; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, several of whom live in Rhode Island.

A service was held Tuesday, August 18, at the Church and Allen Funeral Home, Norwich, and interment was at Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery, also in Norwich. Memorial week is from Saturday, August 22, to Monday, August 24, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Alexander, 21 Phillips Ave., Swampscott.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Solomon Schechter Day School, Providence.

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Hadassah Raises Over \$37 Million

More than \$37 million has been raised this year by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, it was announced August 12 at the group's convention in New York City.

In attendance from Rhode Island were the following: Shirley Goldberg, Ruth Goldstein, Sarah Kouffman, Esther Share, Muriel Leach and Mildred Tarlow, all of Providence; Arlene Goldstein, Pawtucket-Central Falls; Lorraine Rapport, Jerusalem Group, Cranston; Sue Mayes, Adele Hoffman and Karen Dannin, all of Newport. Dannin was elected to the National Service Committee.

Frieda S. Lewis, national president of Hadassah, announced that a vote was taken to provide 10,000 trees to the Kiryat Shmona area, where forests have been devastated by PLO rockets. In addition, the delegates voted to give \$15,000 to the municipality for programs for children.

The convention, attended by 3,000 delegates and guests, represented about 1,700 chapters and groups from every state in the Union and Puerto Rico.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for their kindness, thoughtfulness and consideration in remembering me with cards, gifts and donations during my recent illness in the hospital.
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Begin: Jabotinsky Remains His Inspiration

Menachem Begin has reverted to type. Not so much to the terrorist Begin of Arab propaganda and selective British memory, but to Begin the disciple of Vladimir Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the prophet of muscular Jewish nationalism that bred the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Herut movement.

The Prime Minister is schizophrenic — Begin the demagogue brandishing a mailed fist and Begin the statesman craving respectability. During the June election campaign the first Begin submerged the second in a wave of intimidation and mob oratory, ethnic resentment and personality cult.

The intoxication of victory, however narrow, has perpetuated the change. The blitz on Beirut was its first expression. It was opposed by the two ex-generals in the outgoing Cabinet, Yigael Yadin and Ariel Sharon. The army could point to no strategic justification. Begin willed it, and Begin could not be denied.

This revolution has polarized Israeli society, less between Western and Oriental Jews, than between fundamentally different conceptions of a Jewish state. Visitors detect a degree of mutual hostility between the two camps they have never found before. Half the country feels not just that it lost an election, but that its way of life is in danger.

For all its compromises and paternalism, the Labour movement, which ruled Israel throughout its first three decades and dominated the pioneering years of the state, was rooted in the Liberal-Socialist tradition. However reluctantly, it came to terms with a rival claim on Eretz Yisrael, the ancient homeland. David Ben-Gurion embraced the partition of the promised land.

Menachem Begin never did. The emblem of Betar, the Herut youth organization, to this day flaunts "both banks of the Jordan" as the Jewish patrimony. For Begin, Palestinian nationalism is a fraud. The Palestinians may be allowed autonomy, but never sovereignty. There is no place for accommodation. The Jew must be proud and mighty. Concession is weakness, criticism is either anti-Semitism or Jewish self-hatred. If the world must be defied, so be it.

Opposition is seen as treachery. Israel remains a democracy. Begin the statesman rejoices in that. Parliament flourishes, the press is free. But Herut's innate authoritarianism is asserting itself. Within the public sector, independent voices are being suppressed. The two deputy governors of the Bank of Israel, a counterweight to the Treasury in economic policy-making, have been dismissed. The governor is expected to follow, to be replaced by a party nominee.

Ministers are waging a guerrilla war against the Israel Broadcasting Authority, whose charter is modelled on that of the BBC. Yoram Aridoer, whose electioneer-



JABOTINSKY

ing economics was second only to Begin's mass appeal in winning the Likud a second term, refuses to be interviewed by Israel Television's financial correspondent, whom he charges with being anti-government. The director-general of the broadcasting authority, Josef Lapid, recognizes this as an attempt to dictate a choice of specialist reporter and is resisting, fortified by the knowledge that he was appointed because of his right-wing views and can hardly be purged because of "bias."

Begin constantly evokes his doctrinal origins. He is a son of Betar, the commander of what Irgun veterans call the "fighting family," the founder of Herut, which increasingly sets the tone for the Likud block of parties and factions.

"Herut," Ezer Weizman wrote in his recently-published memoirs, "was a tiny preserve for an endangered species." The former defense minister, who was in the movement but never of it, depicted Herut as "Menachem Begin's sculpture park," with a statue of Jabotinsky as its largest and most imposing monument.

Jabotinsky died 41 years ago, yet the more you observe Begin, the more you listen to what he says, the more you are convinced that Vladimir Ze'ev remains his inspiration.

Last week Begin paid homage at Jabotinsky's graveside on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. "Western Eretz Yisrael is in our full control," the Prime Minister proclaimed. "It will not be divided again. No part of its territory will be handed over to foreign rule or sovereignty. We believe the day will come when the two parts of Eretz Yisrael will establish peacefully, in agreement and understanding, an alliance of nations, a free confederation for cooperation.

It was not a foreign policy pronouncement, or signal to King Hussein who happens to reign over "Eastern Eretz Yisrael." It was a rededication to the ideals of the master, an act of appeasement to the blessed memory. The other bank of the Jordan had not been forgotten. Jabotinsky was not simply a rightwing

nationalist. His Zionism, like that of the Labour movement, grew out of European soil. But its progenitors were twentieth rather than nineteenth century.

Shlomo Avineri, professor of political science at the Hebrew University, analyzed Jabotinsky's thoughts in an essay published last summer in the Jerusalem Quarterly. "Jabotinsky," he wrote, "was a polished European gentleman towering above other Zionist leaders between the world wars in his cultural attainments, sensibilities and intellectual horizons. No Zionist leader could rival his accomplishments as poet and translator, essayist and novelist."

Begin has stayed true to his teacher, with one major exception. Jabotinsky was a secular nationalist. He would have winced at Begin's skull-cap, at his frequent invocations of divine will, and above all at Begin's theocratic partnership with the religious parties, including one (Agudat Yisrael) which does not even acknowledge the legitimacy of the Jewish state.

The greatest irony is, however, that Begin has fallen victim to the same contradiction as Jabotinsky. Their dogma rests on Jewish power. In Jabotinsky's heyday, the Jews of Eretz Yisrael were few and weak. He sought to persuade imperial Britain that its interests were identical with that of Zionist self-fulfilment.

In the 1980's Israel has the strongest army, navy and air force in the Middle East. Yet it remains dependent, not on the British but on the United States. Begin, encouraged by the campaign rhetoric of the Reagan administration, is seeking to persuade Washington that American and Israeli interests are identical. The haste with which the Prime Minister accepted last month's cease-fire with the Palestinians at the crack of an American whip demonstrated that Washington, too, was not so persuaded.

Providence Opera Theatre Presents 'Man Of LaMancha'

The Broadway musical, "Man of La Mancha" will be presented by the Providence Opera Theatre as its opening production on Saturday September 26 at the Ocean State Performing Arts Center in Providence.

The production will star Giorgio Tozzi of the Metropolitan Opera Association in the dual role of Cervantes, the story teller and Don Quixote, the fanatical Knight errant.

Randof Scheri will be seen as Sancho Panza and Bernadette Gallanti will portray the slatternly tavern maid whom Don Quixote mistakes for his fair lady, Dulcinea. Other leading members of the cast will be Franco Spoto as the Padre, James Stith as The Innkeeper and James Nadeaux as The Barber.

Robert Berkson will direct. The original set from the Lincoln Center production will be used through special arrangement with Norman Main. Eaves, New York will costume the cast.

When it was first presented in 1965 "Man of La Mancha" was hailed by the critics as "the finest and most original work in our musical theatre." It ranks with "Fiddler On The Roof," "Hello Dolly" and "My Fair Lady" as one of the thrilling superattractions of the modern day musical theatre, and has been acclaimed in productions all over the world. Its song hits "Dulcinea" and "The Impossible Dream" have become musical classics.

The Book of "Man of La Mancha" was adapted by Dale Wasserman from Cervantes's immortal classic, Don Quixote, and it presents the story of a windmill tilting cavalier as he is evoked by his creator. Cervantes transforms himself into Quixote in full view of the audience as he sings the stirring, "I, Don Quixote."

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True Picture Of The PLO

The sudden prominence being given to the PLO and suggestions by newspapers that it be included in the Middle East peace negotiations shows a misunderstanding of the basic facts about this organization.

The PLO is a terror organization created in May 1964 by the Arab League, with a single aim — the elimination of the State of Israel through the use of violence and force.

It is most important to understand that the PLO was brought into being before there were any so-called "occupied territories," and was constituted as an umbrella organization for existing terrorist groups which had been active for ten years prior to its formal establishment. The question must, therefore, be asked: what territory was the PLO attempting to "liberate" in the years before Israel came to administer the territories presently under its control?

At its creation in May 1964, the PLO adopted the "Palestine National Covenant," which is its basic charter and accepted by all its factions. Its main theme is that only the Arabs are entitled to self-determination, and that the State of Israel has no right whatever to exist, as clearly expressed in the following excerpts:

Article 15: The liberation of Palestine... aims at the elimination of Zionism...

Article 21: The Arab Palestinian people... reject all solutions which are substitutes for the total liberation of Palestine...

Despite the repeated expectations that the PLO would modify its "Covenant," this has never been done. On the contrary, it has been reaffirmed at every meeting of the Palestine National Council, as well as by the spokesmen for the individual factions.

At its meeting in Damascus in May 1980, Yasir Arafat's Al Fatah, the largest and most influential constituent faction of the PLO, reaffirmed the "Covenant" and its "aim to liberate Palestine completely and to liquidate the Zionist entity politically, economically, militarily, culturally and ideologically."

The PLO is the "umbrella organization" for a number of terrorist groups created by Arab governments and individuals and financed mainly by the Arab states, primarily Saudi Arabia. All the constituent factions are united on two basic issues: they share a common goal — the destruction of the State of Israel; and employ the same methods — the use of indiscriminate violence against defenseless civilians.

Who Is A Jew?

Why Is It Important To Know?

The question of who is a Jew, and matters involving purity of the Jewish people, have basic and urgent relevance to world Jewry, as well as to Israel's proposed legislation concerning the law of return. It is shocking to see that various spokesmen, and others who are known as "scholars," are questioning the traditional (Orthodox) and Halachic point of view.

As a layman who is also a practicing lawyer, I would like to bring to the attention of the community a recent decision issued in 1979 by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, based in Boston, Massachusetts. The decision has a direct bearing on these questions and vividly illustrates what can happen to a people when they slowly, but surely, abandon their ancient traditions.

The case, known as *Mashpee Tribe vs. New Seabury Corp.*, (reported at 592 F.2d 575). There, Chief Judge Frank Coffin, who wrote the opinion of the court, affirmed a decision of a United States District Court which held that the Mashpee Indians could no longer be considered to be a tribe because of the fact that they were no longer adhering to their traditional tribal laws and customs and had intermarried to a large extent. As a result of these occurrences, the tribe lost out on its claim to tribal lands in the village of New Seabury, Massachusetts, which had been granted them by treaty.

New Seabury is located on Cape Cod and the lands which claim had been made are extremely valuable. However, just imagine how much more important it is for the Jewish people to continue with their traditional beliefs and laws and not suffer the same fate as the Mashpee Indian Tribe.

The legitimate claims of the Jewish people to the land of Israel, as promised to them in the Bible, quite logically could, and no doubt would, be challenged at some

The contention that the infringements of the current cessation of hostilities between the territories of Israel and Lebanon are to be blamed on "dissidents" cannot be taken seriously, since the factions perpetrating these infringements are full constituent members of the PLO.

The principal factions of the PLO include Al Fatah, led by Yasir Arafat; Black September led by Abu Iyad — Cover name for Fatah terrorist operations outside Israel; Al Saika, financed, trained and controlled by Syria; Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) led by Dr. George Habash — neo-Marxist faction; Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PDFLP) led by Naif Hawatma — Marxist faction, sponsored by Iraq; Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command led by Ahmad Jibril — supported by Libya and Syria; Palestine Liberation Front — a pro-Iraqi group; Arab Liberation Front — founded and run by the Iraqi Government; and Popular Struggle — leftist, with a strong pro-Iraqi tendency.

Farouk Kadoumi, head of the P.L.O. "Political Department" reiterated in an interview with the West German weekly, "Stern" (July 30, 1981), that the P.L.O. remains committed to its goal of the destruction of Israel.

The P.L.O., Kadoumi said, would never recognize Israel's statehood, not even if it were allowed to set up its own independent state in the West Bank and Gaza, nor would it ever let Israel live in peace and quiet.

This should help clear the air of the cant with which it has been filled by wishful-thinking about the P.L.O.'s "underlying" desire to come to terms with Israel. Farouk Kadoumi, it should be stressed, is no spokesman for some especially wild P.L.O. faction: he speaks directly for the mainline Fatah, led by Yasser Arafat himself. The militant front he is putting on is no bargaining ploy, but a reflection of the P.L.O.'s true sentiments.

Kadoumi, in an interview with the West German weekly Stern made the following statements:

Kadoumi: We shall never allow Israel to live in peace. We shall never allow it total security. Every Israeli will feel that: "behind every wall there might be a guerrilla who is aiming at me."

Stern: ... Provided you vow to get this state on the West Bank and in Gaza — and there are not a few who wish you to have it with all their heart — what would then happen to the remainder, to Israel within the

future time if, as the Mashpee Indian Tribe, we no longer adhered to our traditional laws and customs and intermarried to a large extent. Therefore, for this, as well as countless other reasons, our purity as a people and following of Jewish law and customs is absolutely essential. The teachings of the Torah and its obligations are obligations which are similar to, but obviously more sacred than, the obligations of new American citizens swearing to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America. Quite clearly if an aspiring new citizen swore to uphold only some and part of the laws, or stated that he didn't accept other laws of the United States as his solemn obligation, he would not be able to attain his citizenship.

Here in New England, as in so many other places, we are also suffering from a serious problem of intermarriage and loss of identity among those of us who comprise the "Jewish people." Only education and study by our youth of our great heritage, laws, and Torah, along with faithful and loyal adherence to these most important elements of our great heritage, can our people, our families, and Israel be saved.

Clearly, from the layman's common sense point of view, the decision of the United States Court of Appeals in the Mashpee Indian Tribe case shows, at least in small part, the importance of avoiding intermarriage and of maintaining the customs of a people. It also puts in clear perspective, in a modern-day setting involving another group of people, the urgent importance of study and obedience to Torah as a means to the continual survival of our people. Keeping such high standards is absolutely essential if the Jewish people are to survive as we have over the generations. Unfortunately, the threat of extinction is grave and the need to do something about it now is urgent.

Thought For The Week

Submitted By Rabbi Yehoshua Lauter

Learn Torah, Love Torah

In this week's Torah portion, Eikev, we are commanded to teach the Torah to our children and to discuss and study Torah — "When you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you arise."

"Hillel will cause the poor to be found guilty; Rabbi Eliezer Ben Charsum will cause the rich to be found guilty." So say the sages of the Talmud, giving the following explanation: At the final judgment when the soul stands before the heavenly court, one of the questions put to him is, "Why did you not study Torah?" The reply may be, "I was poor and too busy trying to make a living; I had no time to study Torah." This answer will be rejected by the court, for he was certainly no poorer than Hillel who used to work for half a day and earn a trifling half-dinar. He would give half of this coin to the doorkeeper of the Torah study-hall to be allowed to listen to the discourse of the two great Rabbis and scholars Shmaya and Avtalyon. The other half of his wages would go for his family and himself.

The Talmud tells us that one wintry day Hillel found no work, and being unable to pay for entrance to the Beis Hamedrash, he climbed onto the roof and lay down with his ear to the skylight window to hear some precious Torah-learning, not realizing that it had started to snow heavily. The next morning Shmaya remarked to Avtalyon that the room was strangely dark. They looked up and saw the shape of a body over the skylight. Rushing up to the roof, they found Hillel frozen stiff under more than four feet of snow! Apparently Hillel did not permit poverty to deter him.

Another excuse offered the heavenly court might be, "I was a man of affairs. My time was completely taken up in running my business. I had no time to study Torah." This answer is also rejected, for the accused was certainly no wealthier than Rabbi Eliezer Ben Charsum who inherited a thousand townships and a thousand ships at sea, yet he went from town to town and from country to country to study Torah, carrying his frugal provisions on his back. Wealth was no obstacle for Rabbi Eliezer.

Let us probe the reasoning behind the guilty verdict in the two cases. If the accused really had time to study Torah and neglected to do so, there is no need to bring proof of their guilt from Hillel or Rabbi Eliezer. If, on the other hand, they really had no time for Torah study, then why are they guilty?

The answer is that a Jew should have a compelling, burning love for Torah, for it is G-d's precious gift to us, His people. Granted, there are times that we are exempt (according to the strict letter of Jewish law) from studying Torah, but even then we should be driven to take a few precious moments to learn G-d's Torah. The challenge of the heavenly court is not so much, "Why did you not study the Torah as prescribed by G-d's law?" but rather "Where was your 'love' for Torah that would have impelled you to study it even when exempt from doing so, as did Hillel and Rabbi Eliezer?"

Adapted from the works of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

1948 boundaries?

Kadoumi: I shall make it perfectly clear to you. We shall never recognize Israel...

Stern: Your attitude means the destruction of the State of Israel.

Kadoumi: Yes, I want to destroy the enemy who keeps my homeland oc-

cupied. In case all-out war actually broke out, we would be the allies of the Soviet Union — for we prefer to be the friends of the Communists, rather than to be the victims of the Zionist and imperialist occupation forces.

ADL Urges Extension Of Voting Act

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has urged "early action" by Congress in extending provisions of the Voting Rights Act for ten years beyond its expiration next August.

The call for passage was contained in written ADL testimony submitted last week to Representative Don Edwards (D-CA), whose Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights has held hearings on the voting rights extension bill.

The statement, signed by David A. Brody, ADL's Washington representative, stated that the human relations agency is already on record in favor of the extension as part of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, an umbrella group which testified during the public hearings.

Brody said that ADL nonetheless feels "compelled to make this statement in our own name as an expression of our deep-seated belief that extension of the Act is imperative if the progress, which the law has made possible since its original enactment in 1965, is not to be undone."

He acknowledged the strides made in black voter registration since the 1965 Act

was adopted, but maintained it "still lags behind white registration in the areas affected by the Act. Obstacles still continue to be placed in the way of the black voter."

The ADL official said his agency is also in favor of a provision in the current bill which extends the requirement for bilingual election assistance seven years beyond its present expiration in 1985, so that all special provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act expire concurrently in 1992.

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Officials Angered Over Bombing Of El Al Office At Rome Airport

ROME (JTA) — Official government circles and the press are expressing anger at the bombing last Sunday of the El Al office at Rome Fiumicino Airport. The press emphasized during the week that Italy must not be the staging ground for a conflict not of its making. Typical of the press reaction was the commentary in Il Tempo: "Again we must deplore the fact that political conflicts between different countries find their dramatic theater of violence in our country — as if we ourselves didn't have enough violence, bombs and terrorism of our own."

All the newspapers which reported the bombing incident, for which the Palestinian "May 15th Organization" terrorists have claimed responsibility, referred to a statement to the press by the Israel Embassy in Rome. The Israeli diplomatic representatives reminded Italy that a Palestine Liberation Organization official stationed in Rome told a press conference last February that there was an agreement between the PLO and Italy exempting Italy from Palestinian terrorist actions against Israel.

Terrorist Division Of Labor

The fact that this agreement, which was reached after a terrorist attack in 1973 on an El Al plane at the airport, was broken last Sunday has angered official circles. While the Palestine Liberation Organization immediately denied any knowledge of or involvement in the terrorist act, the Italian press hammered home the point

which it has been focusing on in the recent period: the various factions, splinters and split-offs from the PLO, which seem to act as rivals at various times, in reality provide a division of labor between the official and diplomatic segments of the PLO and its political and action squads.

In the past few days, the Italian media reemphasized that many Palestinian terrorists are trained and armed by the Soviet Union with the help of Libya.

The press also noted with dismay that the Sunday bombing here was apparently coordinated with similar bombings against Israeli installations in Athens and Vienna the following day. In Athens, two bombs exploded outside the Israel diplomatic mission which caused minor damage and no injuries. In Vienna, two bombs exploded in a garden adjacent to the Israel Embassy. One woman was slightly injured by flying glass. The incident in Vienna followed the arrest of two Palestinian gunmen there a week earlier.

Although no one was killed or injured in the bombing of the El Al office here, the incident nevertheless cast a pall on at least one Israeli-related event in Rome: the annual summer festival performance of the Israeli "Shalom" dance group. Last year some 6000 people attended the performance, but this year only some 1,500 attended. The Rome daily, "Il Messaggero" noted that this excellent group "merited a bigger audience," and added that "evidently, fear drastically reduced the attendance."

Report Predicts Pakistan Will Develop Nuclear Bomb Before End of 1981

LONDON (JTA) — A NBC television program which 14 months ago predicted that Israel would bomb Iraq's nuclear installation has now forecast that before the end of 1981, Pakistan will have enough plutonium to make its own nuclear bomb.

In a program entitled "The Islamic Bomb," BBC-1's "Panorama" detailed the efforts being made by Pakistan to produce its own bomb and the huge financial backing which it is receiving from Libya's leader Muammar Qaddafi. Several companies in Western Europe including Britain, Holland, Italy and West Germany, are helping, either knowingly or unknowingly.

According to the Panorama team, Pakistan has "almost total access to Western technology and Western companies are happy to accept Pakistani money without asking too many questions." Many of the companies involved refused to answer BBC questions. Others said that they could not be certain that the parts which they were supplying would be used for a nuclear weapon.

Has Ingredients In Abundance

Panorama said that any ruthless and determined government, given the money and the will, can produce a bomb. It then showed how Pakistan possesses both those ingredients in abundance. With evidence from a former aide of the late President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, it recalled how in 1972 Bhutto gathered together a group of the country's top scientists and told them that he wanted to produce a bomb. Shortly af-

ter, he visited Tripoli. Since then money has been no object.

Qaddafi was anxious to get his hands on a bomb and was happy for it to be produced by a fellow Islamic country. And since Israel's raid on the Iraqi installation, the Pakistani project has become "even more important" to Qaddafi, the BBC program pointed out.

PLO Official Ousted From Austria By Chancellor Kreisky

VIENNA (JTA) — Chazi Hussein, the first Palestine Liberation Organization representative officially recognized by a Western government, has left Vienna after being ordered out by Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, official sources said last week. They said Hussein left for Damascus.

The PLO official was ordered to leave following the arrest two weeks ago of two Palestinians who tried to smuggle automatic weapons and hand grenades into Austria. It was widely believed that their attempt was part of "a large conspiracy" against Kreisky.

This belief reportedly prompted President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to cancel his scheduled visit to Austria last week on his way home from a visit to the United States. Another factor in Sadat's decision was Hussein's presence in Austria.

Since his visit to Israel in 1977, Sadat has been surrounded by tight security against possible assassination attempts.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Helene Gelberg Weds Paul Arbor



MRS. PAUL ARBOR

Helene Linda Gelberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Gelberg of Delray Beach, Fla., was married to Paul J. Arbor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Arbor, Pawtucket, on August 16. Officiating in the ceremony at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, were Rabbi George Astrachan and Cantor Ivan Perlman.

The bride wore a Victorian-style gown of chiffon designed with florencec Bodeci of Belgium lace and seed pearls. A matching

picture hat completed the ensemble. The bride carried a crescent bouquet of gardenias and foliage.

Mrs. Janice DeScenzo was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Liz Bohbot, Mrs. Elaine Arbor and Mrs. Deborah Demby.

Best man was Neil Arbor, the groom's brother. Ushers were Jonathan Weitzner, Richard DeScenzo and Jack Foster.

After a trip to San Francisco and Hawaii, the couple will live in Warwick.

Susan Reisman To Wed Jeffrey G. Swartz

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ulrich of San Diego, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lonni Reisman, to Jeffrey Gordon Swartz, also of California. Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Swartz, 165 Ninth St., Providence.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and is associated with Advo-System, Inc. The groom-to-be holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rhode Island and did his graduate work in business administration at Pace University in New York. He is an account executive with Leance and Co. Inc. Public Relations in Newport Beach.

The couple plans to wed February 14, 1982 in San Diego.

Renee S. Bosler Weds Peter Hendlin Shaw

Renee Susan Bosler and Peter Hendlin Shaw, both of West Hartford, Conn., were married Sunday, August 16, at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. Officiating in the ceremony were Rabbi Gerald Zelermyer and Cantor Aaron Marcus.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bosler, 77 Hoffman Ave., Cranston. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shaw of Tamarac, Fla.

A reception was held at the Cafe in the Barn, Seekonk, Mass.

The bride wore a contemporary crepe Georgette with ribbons and valenciennes forming tucks on the bodice and on the sleeves. A high neck edged with lace and a flowing skirt completed the ensemble.

Matron of honor was Karen Bosler Backner, sister of the bride. Flowergirls were Nicole Nelson and Dori Bosler.

Jonathan Shaw, brother of the groom, was best man.

The couple will live in West Hartford after a trip to Nantucket.

Friends Of Touro To Hold Elections, Historic Readings

The annual meeting of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue will be held Sunday, August 30, at 12 noon, at the Jewish Community Center of Newport (opposite the synagogue).

The election of officers and the Board of Directors for 1981-82 is included on the agenda. In addition, the status of Patriots Park will be discussed, and the future plans of the stamp commemorating the synagogue to be issued by the U.S. Postal Service will be the subject of a report by the stamp committee.

At 2 p.m. the group will proceed to the synagogue, where the traditional reading of the George Washington letter and the address of the day will take place. Rev. Hayes Rockwell, formerly of St. George's School in Newport and currently of St. James' Church, New York, will be the principle speaker. The Washington letter will be read by Robert Riesman.

Dr. Frank Seixas, lineal descendant of Moses Seixas, will read the Seixas letter.

A reception will follow on the synagogue grounds.

Lynn S. Storm Weds Eli Perlman

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Silverman of Florida have announced the marriage of their daughter, Lynn Silverman Storm, to Eli B. Perlman, son of Cantor and Mrs. Ivan E. Perlman, on August 10. The ceremony took place at Agudith Achim Synagogue in Freehold, N.J.

Officiating were Cantors Ivan E. Perlman, father of the groom, and Emanuel C. Perlman, brother of the groom.

The couple will reside in Manalapan, N.J.

Andrea Brown Weds Richard Zelinka



MRS. RICHARD ZELINKA

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Brown of Providence was the setting for the August 16 wedding and reception of their daughter, Andrea R. Brown, and Richard C. Zelinka. He is the son of Sally Zelinka of Hollis Hills, N.Y., and the late Irving Zelinka.

The bride's sisters, Ellen Effren and Heidi Brown, were attendants. Jay Zelinka, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride, who will retain her maiden name, is a fund-raiser for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. She attended Boston University and was graduated from Colgate University. She studied art history at George Washington University.

Her father is a director and secretary of the Henry W. Cooke real estate

agency in Providence. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Herman Rosen and the late Mr. Rosen, and the late Charles and Lillian Brown, all of Providence.

The groom was graduated summa cum laude from State University of New York at Buffalo, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree with honors from the National Law Center of George Washington University. He is an attorney in New York City, where the couple will make their home.

His mother was formerly an executive advertising copywriter in New York City and is now a teacher in Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y. His late father was a member of the fashion firm of Zelinka-Matlick in New York.

After the wedding, the couple was to vacation in Greece.

Kritzes Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Mark Kritz of Brockton, Mass., have announced the birth of a son, Edward Jacob, on August 4. Mrs. Kritz is the former Lisa Nancy Ridge.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. Frank Ridge of McLean, Va., and Mrs. Jeanette Ridge of Arlington, Va. Paternal grandparents are Cantor and Mrs. Karl S. Kritz of Narragansett. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kritz of Warwick. Paternal great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Matilda Neroslavsky of Providence.

Goldmans Announce Birth

Robert and Randie (White) Goldman of 96 Rangeley Rd., Cranston, have announced the birth of a son, Mitchell Andrew, on August 3.

Grandparents are Seymour and Sybil Goldman, and Herbert and Charlotte White, all of Cranston.

B'nai B'rith Women To Convene In DC

B'nai B'rith Women of the New England Region, which encompasses areas in Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island, will attend leadership workshops August 29 and 30 at the Hawthorne Inn in Salem, Mass.

The keynote speaker will be Irma Gertler, International Treasurer of B'nai B'rith Women. Sessions on administrative responsibilities, human relations, public speaking and group dynamics are planned.

Call (617) 944-8978 for more information.

Cong. Sons Of Jacob To Celebrate 75th

The 75th anniversary dinner of The Congregation Sons of Jacob will take place October 25 at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

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Yiddish Entertainer Cindy Herbert Gilman

Introducing Others To The Psychic World

by David Essex

When she was about eight years old, Cindy Herbert Gilman, a Yiddish entertainer and psychic from Boston, had what she calls one of her first strong psychic experiences.

Gilman was performing for an audience of several hundred people, many of them Holocaust survivors, at Holocaust memorial services in Boston. She sang in Yiddish, as other performers did, but when she started singing "the whole place broke into tears." Too young to remember, the Holocaust still fresh in the minds of some in the audience, she could not understand her effect on them.

Then, she says, "I saw their faces change, and I actually saw how they looked in the time of the camps."



CINDY HERBERT GILMAN

Since then, Gilman has been performing what she calls "Carol Burnett-type stuff" for audiences in New England, New York, New Jersey, the Bahamas and Florida. More recently, she is pursuing her interest in psychic phenomena by teaching courses and conducting private readings in Massachusetts. She wants to do more performing and psychic research in Rhode Island when she and her husband, Paul Gilman, move to Warwick later this month.

Born in Boston, Gilman began her career as Cindy Marsh (her real name), first performing at the age of seven or eight on local radio and television shows. She attended Emerson College and was a classmate of Henry Winkler, who plays Fonzie on the TV show "Happy Days." After a stint at the New England Conservatory came two seasons as a member of the Boston Opera,

where Gilman was, as she puts it, "the baby of the company."

Her big break came when Totie Fields, who was a fellow guest on "The David Allen Show," suggested she talk to her agent in New York about getting some bookings. By 1965 she was working in the Catskills doing Yiddish vaudeville.

She worked throughout the Northeast, including Providence, where her singing coach, Reuben Osofsky, brought her to perform at the Yiddish Culture Club. Gilman says she still has the newspaper clippings.

The entertainer's life was surely more hectic in New York City. Gilman talks of a theater on Washington Avenue where she performed three shows a day, at 3, 6 and 9 p.m. For \$1.25, a person could watch all three shows, and many did, bringing bag lunches for sustenance. During the week, Gilman says, there were many senior citizens in the audience, and Fridays and Saturdays were special, when "the limousines would pull up to the door."

Popular demand for Yiddish theater in Miami lured her to that city in 1966, where she stayed for three years. Back in Boston in 1969, she started an I.L. Peretz school, which was funded by the Workingmen's Circle, a Jewish organization interested in preserving Yiddish culture.

Gilman began teaching adult classes in telepathy, clairvoyance and precognition in the Boston area, and began instructing children who showed the ability to move objects with their minds, a phenomenon known as psychokinesis.

Gilman's talents as a psychic are well-known around Boston. She has appeared on "The Sharon King Show," "Good Day," and "People Are Talking." On the "Good Day" program, Gilman says the psychokinetic energy released by her students made the machinery go haywire, and a man's keys snapped in his pocket. There have been other unintended targets of psychokinesis, like a boy's orthodontic device and the just-washed silverware of a woman in New Hampshire.

Gilman hit the pages of the Boston Herald-American of January 1, 1978 with the prediction there would be a huge snowstorm that would paralyze Boston. She visualized the "No milk today" signs that became reality in supermarkets a month later during the Great Blizzard.

Gilman's pet project now is working with kids, because "the future is with the younger generation." Children often have psychic ability, she says, but they repress it out of fear of being ridiculed. "Many kids who are intuitive or creative have problems in school because they can't concentrate." Children who can see auras, or energy fields around people, are sent to the eye doctor by their parents.

Five-year-old Danny, Gilman's son by a previous marriage to Massachusetts businessman Jack Herbert, has some psychic ability, Gilman says. "I was driving with Danny in the car, and he said, 'Mommy, the phone at home is ringing.' I asked him who it was, and he said 'Grandpa.' About an hour later, when we were home, my father came to the door and said 'Where have you been all day? I've been trying to reach you on the phone.'"

Gilman says the lights flicker when she or her students are doing experiments. When this happens at home, her son says "Mommy, the angels are here." As Gilman relates this story, her expression shows obvious affection for her son, whose very birth she considers to be psychically influenced.

"I was told I'd never be able to have children, but I was so damned determined." She and two other people formed a healing group, which she felt enabled her to have Danny.

"My philosophy has always been that those who have been healed will heal others," Gilman says. She has done private healing for individuals by first receiving an impression of what their illness is and then passing her hands over the affected area. The healing is supposed to continue after she has gone.

She has incorporated part of the healing method and psychic reading into her club act. Typically, Gilman will walk over to a

table in the audience and predict that someone will soon travel out of state or has an ailment. A person at the table or from elsewhere in the room usually confirms Gilman's impression.

She and her husband, who she says is also psychic, have worked with police departments in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Gilman refuses to say exactly where, but says they have assisted police in murder and arson cases, and apparently successfully, because the police keep asking them back.

Gilman hopes to entertain for Rhode Island Jewish audiences after she and her husband move here. They intend to teach adult courses similar to the ones in Massachusetts, and will continue working with police departments and psychically-gifted children. Psychic reading sessions, which last about a half hour, will still be offered.

Performing in Yiddish before older audiences is a special experience for Gilman. At 35, she is too young to remember the horror of World War II, but says "if there's reincarnation, then I did live through it." She says people often come out of the audience and tell her that she must have been there, because no one else could sing those Yiddish songs with so much power and emotion.

Gilman is by no means selfish with her talents. "I was put here to touch people in some way."



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JCC Announces New Learning And Enrichment Center To Begin This Fall

Special Photography Course

Donald Levine, a handicapped photographer, will be an instructor in the Adult Learning and Enrichment Center program at the Jewish Community Center. He will teach a unique course that offers basic photography skills to people with special disabilities.

When a driving accident as a teenager left him paralyzed from the neck down, he began the slow adjustment to life as a handicapped individual. His interest in photography has led him to develop many new techniques and pieces of equipment which are specially suited for his problem of manipulating the camera without the use of his hands.

Donald has studied photography and has taken between 4,000 and 5,000 photographs throughout Rhode Island and in the United States. He shoots with color filters, infrared, and other experimental materials. He is also involved with some commercial photography. "Photography has given me a new way of seeing, he says. 'People in everyday life are too busy to see what's really going on around them... that's what it is. A new way of seeing.' Donald has not allowed his handicap to stand in the way of his motivation and independence.

The course Donald will be teaching is: **Photography for People with Special Disabilities.** It will begin on Sunday, September 20 and continue for six sessions. The program will meet from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A new Learning and Enrichment Center for Adults sponsored by the Jewish Community Center this fall will bring to the total Community nearly 30 courses and classes for adults in many areas of interest. The purpose of the new program is to offer skills and interest areas to East Side residents and other interested people. The courses will assist participants to gain personal achievement in classes of the arts, humanities and general subjects matter.

Some of the classes to be offered include language classes in Hebrew and Yiddish, instruction in decorative calligraphic script, technical classes in painting and drawing, needlepoint and photography, and skill development in public speaking. Many of the programs are offered in the evening hours; some are daytime classes.

In addition, there is a class being offered for handicapped individuals who want to learn about photography, but cannot operate the camera in ways non-handicapped people would. Donald Levine, himself a handicapped individual, will be teaching the basics of picture taking, while helping each student overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of becoming a photographer.

Registration can be made now and an open house to be held Sept. 13. Brochures about the new program are available at the JCC, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, or can be sent by calling the Office, 861-8800.

Elizabeth Taylor To Get Hadassah 'Freedom Award'

Elizabeth Taylor Warner will receive the "Freedom Award" from the Emunah Women of America on Sunday, August 23, in recognition of her efforts on behalf of Israeli children. The benefit event will kickoff fundraising for a new daycare center in Jerusalem to be dedicated to Warner.

The event begins with a 3 p.m. matinee performance of "The Little Foxes," in which Warner appears, at the Martin Beck Theatre, 302 West 45th St. During a 6 p.m. reception at the Milford-Plaza Hotel, 8th Avenue and 45th Street, she will be cited as the Outstanding Woman of Achievement for 1981. The presentation of the "Freedom Award," a polished bronze sculpture by award-winning artist Norman Gardner, will follow.

Upon her conversion to Judaism in 1960, Warner purchased \$100,000 worth of Israel Bonds. She has raised millions of dollars for Israel through public appearances at fundraising events, and has made private donations to Israel's needy.

Youngman And Goulet To Headline Kutsher's

Henny Youngman and Robert Goulet will headline Labor Day weekend at Kutsher's Country Club, Monticello, N.Y. Youngman will appear September 5 and Goulet September 6.

The Labor Day weekend festivities at Kutsher's will conclude with a cocktail party.



ELIZABETH TAYLOR WARNER

For reservations and ticket information, contact Charlotte Berch at (212) 564-9045.

Providence ORT To Meet August 27

The Providence Chapter of Women's ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) will have its first board meeting of the 1981-82 year on August 27 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at Chapter President Cory Pink's home, 449 Love Lane, Warwick.

A luncheon will follow. For more information, call 884-0157.

Dentist Leads Double Life As Karate Champion

During the day, he's a periodontist, practicing in offices in Ridgewood and Westwood, N.J. Most nights and weekends, he's perfecting the karate skills of sparring kata (floor exercises) and weapons.

He is Dr. Sidney Hassenfeld, a native of Providence and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. Hassenfeld reached a pinnacle of achievement by winning the national championship in his division at the annual AAU karate tournament in Hyannis, Mass.

Hassenfeld won the national championship in the Senior Men's Novice Division, a category for men over 35 with less than four years of competitive experience.

He made it to the top a year after qualifying for the nationals for the first time. In 1980, his first year in national competition, he was third in sparring, fifth in kata and sixth in weapons.

"Winning the championship requires skills in all three competitive departments," Hassenfeld explained. "Many of the other participants are good in one area, particularly sparring, which is the karate equivalent of fighting and very popular."

Hassenfeld became interested in karate about four years ago because he was looking for a sport to sustain his good physical condition. A tennis player for many years, he was discouraged because he wasn't improving enough, he said.

He enrolled in Bushido Karate Dogo in Hillsdale, where his sensei, or master, is Americo Santucci.

"Karate is a sport which develops the mind and the spirit as well as the body," Hassenfeld said. "It develops the ability to concentrate because it requires tremendous self-discipline. It trains you to control your mind. As a result of your success, you find that you improve your spirit as you develop self-confidence and respect for your own skills."

The sensei plays an important role in the development of his pupil's competitive spirit, according to Hassenfeld. "In addition to teaching you the art of karate, he must set an example and supply the student with the inspiration to continue to concentrate, even when physically exhausted. Sensei Santucci has helped me to discover mental and physical resources I never knew I had," he said.

The regimen is rigorous: Hassenfeld is at the Hillsdale school a minimum of two nights a week for two to two-and-a-half hours, and he practices at home for 10 to 15 minutes a day.

Success didn't come quickly. "My family looked upon my passion for karate as an idiosyncrasy," Hassenfeld said. "In fact, I did not invite them to watch me compete until this year. Now, they're all very proud of the family's national champion."

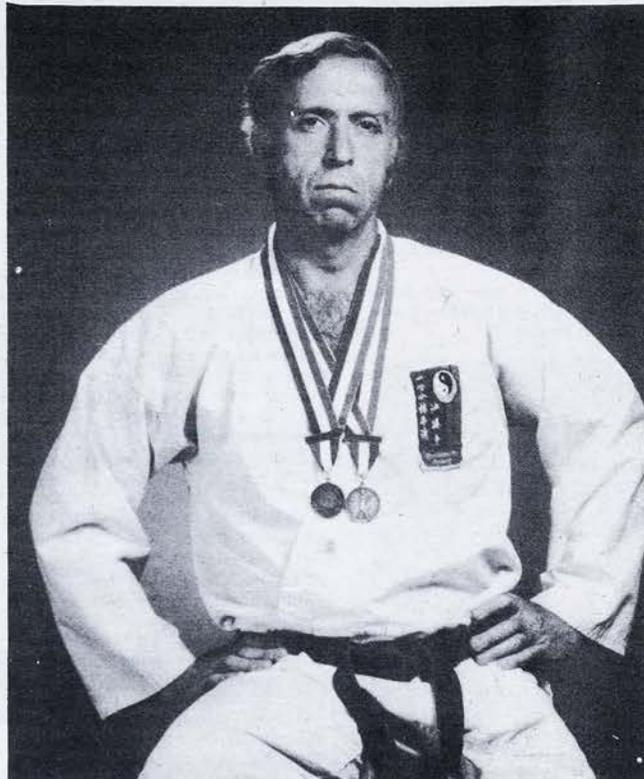
Hassenfeld, who still has many relatives in Providence, went on from URI to further his dental education at Temple University. He did his post-doctoral training in periodontics at New York University.

Hassenfeld's professional activities are as demanding as his karate regimen. He was a clinical professor of periodontics at the New Jersey College of Dentistry, and is an instructor in periodontics at the School of Dental Hygiene of Bergen Community College. In 1980, he served a term as president of the Bergen County Dental Society.

He is a member of Temple Emanuel, Westwood, and has served as chairman of the Professionals' Fund-Raising Committee for UJC.

Hassenfeld lives in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., with his wife, the former Barbara Treistman, and their three children, Debra, James and Jocelyn.

Where does he go from here? Hassenfeld said, "I'm looking forward to defending my title as Senior Men's Novice Champion



DR. SIDNEY HASSENFELD

next year, and I'll compete as long as I'm able to, including in the Senior Men's Advanced division, when I qualify for that.

"In the senior division, you have to face opponents as young as 35. I'm 47 and I don't

feel like a senior, but I sure don't regard 35-year-olds as seniors. But those are the rules, and that's okay. As my sensei has been telling me from the start, the greater the challenge, the greater the opportunity.

At a time in life when most men are content to look back upon their achievements, Dr. Jacob Rader Marcus, considered by many to be the dean of American Jewish historians, has completed an ambitious new work and is planning yet another.

Dr. Marcus, who is 85, has written a two volume history of the American Jewish woman. One volume is a narrative account covering the period 1654-1980; the second, a documentary history, comprises nearly 200 letters, memoirs, congregational minutes and other materials which illustrate and illuminate the experience of American Jewish women over more than three centuries.

His canvas is broad and covers such subjects as the religious evolution of American Jewish women, their role in political, labor and feminist movements and the development of voluntaristic organizations. It includes a host of figures, some famous, such as anarchist Emma Goldman and poet Emma Lazarus, and others who are largely forgotten, such as early feminist Pauline Steinem (grandmother of Gloria), and performer Adah Menken who scandalized Victorian audiences.

It also discusses unsung wives, mothers, teachers, nurses, factory workers and professionals whose stories shed light on

Marcus Writes New History Of American Jewish Women



JACOB MARCUS

such topics as courtship, marriage, divorce, education, civil rights and the

evolution of the female self-image.

Dr. Marcus believes that American Jewish women understood themselves to be a distinct group with a special history well before the beginning of the 20th century. "Their history is a fascinating story," he says, "but one which has been largely disregarded. This work will, I hope, help redress the balance."

Dr. Marcus has spent more than 65 years at HUC as student and teacher. He joined the college faculty in 1926 and over the ensuing 55 years has become legendary both for his learning and his ebullient spirit. Generations of students remember him not only as teacher but as counselor and friend.

Dr. Marcus founded and still directs the American Jewish Archives which, with its eight million pages of documentation on every aspect of the American Jewish experience, is a major center for historical research. He has written extensively on both American and European Jewish history and has won more honors than can be counted. He recently received the Akiba

Award of the American Jewish committee, which cited him as a "distinguished historian and scholarly trailblazer who... has established American Jewish history as an academic discipline..."

With the publication of his new work, Dr. Marcus is returning to another major task. For the past twelve years, he has been working on a history of the American Jew covering the period between 1776, when America declared its independence, and 1921, when Congress enacted legislation which brought an end to the great wave of Eastern European Jewish emigration.

The work, which will be in three volumes, is a continuation of his three volume history of Jews in colonial America. Dr. Marcus expects to complete it in two years, on condition, he says, with a characteristic twinkle in his eye, that no historian is needed in heaven.

"The American Jewish Woman 1654-1980" (256 pp.) and "The American Jewish Woman: A Documentary History" (1200 pp.) may be ordered by writing to the publisher, Ktav Publishing House, Inc., 75 Varick Street, New York, N.Y. 10013, or the the American Jewish Archives, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220. The two volume set costs \$50. The volumes may be purchased individually; volume I is \$15, volume II, \$35.

Sadat Reaffirms

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reached the framework at Camp David and the Treaty which are the only prevailing facts in our area, which is full of changes and full of tensions."

Sounding very much like Prime Minister Begin, the Egyptian leader mentioned specifically the "chaos" in Iran following the revolution, the war which later erupted between Iran and Iraq, the other related tensions in the Persian Gulf, the instability of Syria and the "tragedy" of Lebanon.

"Over all these changes," he affirmed, "one fact remains prevailing — Camp David and the peace between Egypt and Israel and the normalization between Egypt and Israel."

Throughout the news conference, Sadat was in good spirits, puffing on his pipe, clearly enjoying the opportunity to meet the press. "Whenever I feel hatred or ill will or jealousy from a magazine or a newspaper," he said, "I immediately stop

dealing with it. Maybe I'm the only head of state in the world who doesn't sleep with sleeping pills." Reporters laughed.

Backed Away from Earlier Demand

Sadat wound up his talk with Reagan backing away from his earlier call for formal U.S. recognition of the PLO. The Egyptian President said that the PLO was not "the sole representative" of the Palestinians. On the West Bank and Gaza, he said, there were mayors and other Palestinians who could play this role well.

Haig, at a State Department news conference, said the U.S. would not change its longstanding position against dealing with the PLO until the PLO accepted UN Resolutions 242 and 338 as well as Israel's right to exist. This was made clear to Sadat by President Reagan, according to Haig.

The Secretary said that American "fidelity" around the world and confidence in U.S. reliability would be endangered if

U.S. policy toward the PLO were unilaterally changed. Interviewed a day earlier on NBC's "Today" Show, Haig insisted that the PLO had to take the first step by accepting America's minimal conditions. "I think that is clear," he said.

Reagan, himself, did not mention the Palestinians or the PLO specifically during his formal public comments during the Sadat visit here. But when asked by a reporter at the White House State Dinner honoring Sadat about the Egyptian's call for a U.S. dialogue with the PLO, Reagan replied: "This does not mean an alteration in our position." He merely pledged that the U.S. was going to do "everything we can to bring about peace in the Middle East."

The U.S. President, during a final interview with the now-defunct Washington Star, promised that the U.S. would not be biased toward any of the parties in the Middle East. He called the region "the tinder-

box that could light the fire."

Israeli officials and other pro-Israel activists here in Washington were pleased that the Administration had rebuffed Sadat's call for direct U.S. talks with the PLO. They were very disappointed, however, that Haig and other senior Administration officials differentiated between "elements" of the PLO which may be "terrorist" and the organization as a whole, which was not. At a White House press briefing, a senior Administration official told several dozen reporters that Reagan did not mean to include the PLO as a Soviet "surrogate" in the Middle East — only Cuba, Libya, East Germany and others. This was a clear reversion back to the Carter policy toward the PLO, as distinct from Reagan's earlier, tough statements against the PLO.

Recognizing the shift, Haig, at the news conference, merely insisted that he did not want to discuss these "historic hooks."

Art Buchwald

The Prolific Pen Of A Satiric Genius

by Linda A. Acciardo

Why did Art Buchwald, syndicated columnist and noted Washington political satirist, agree to be the guest speaker recently for the New Bedford Friends of the Public Library fund-raiser? Well, he says, he took the dangerous trip from Martha's Vineyard to New Bedford because of his love for libraries."

Buchwald has had a "life-long love affair" with libraries and, oddly enough, America has had a long-term love affair with Art Buchwald. His witty satirization of the news has made life a little more palatable.

Buchwald's initial fame began as the creator of the widely read "Paris After Dark" column in the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune. From his prolific pen have flowed two guide books to Paris, a novel and 15 books, which are collections of his columns. Most recently, he collaborated with his wife on a book entitled "Seems Like Yesterday."

On stage at the Bronsiegel Auditorium, Buchwald's verbal wit equalled any of his printed satire. His satirical topics are diverse — anything newsworthy becomes a target for his sharp, satirical genius. But, attacking Democrats and Republicans has been his emphasis for over 11 years.

He is concerned about America, its problems — like the economy — as he says, "It's now cheaper to borrow money from the mafia than it is at the Chase Manhattan Bank."

Presidents have always been a "good source" for his political humor. He told the audience that he knows why Carter lost so big in the presidential election. "Carter would still be president if he hadn't let it slip that daughter Amy was in charge of nuclear proliferation for the country."

Reagan ran a good campaign, according to Buchwald, even though he kept getting his facts wrong. During the campaign Reagan said that trees caused more pollution than automobiles. So, Buchwald wasn't a bit surprised when he entered the main gate of a mid-western university campus and found a sign hanging from a tree which read, "Chop me down before I kill again."

Buchwald will always be grateful to one special president, Richard M. Nixon.

"Nixon was my favorite president. He provided me with the most material. All I had to do was read about Watergate and I'd be out playing tennis by 10 a.m. They'll never be another Nixon," he says.

Art Buchwald's name has enjoyed much notoriety for many years. Through his columns millions of Americans have been able to laugh at the world and themselves. In recent years, the face behind the name of Buchwald, has become recognizable to many — with his horned rimmed glasses, receding hairline, constant smile and ever-present cigar. He's a celebrity and a man for all seasons and all time.

Buchwald's perspective on life today is that Americans are uptight. "There is a name for this country — 'The uptight society,'" he says. "For every person there is an uptight organization to back him up."

Americans are uptight about sex education in the public schools, he says. Even the moral majority has felt the sting of Buchwald's pen as he answers the controversy over sex education with his own personal experience as a youth. Because there was no openness about the subject of sex, Buchwald says he spent his youth believing that it was an absolute fact that if you necked with a girl in the back seat of an automobile, she would automatically have a baby. "This kept me out of the back seat of cars until I was 25 years old."

Buchwald is convinced that this country's problems with oil in the middle East have only Harvard Business School to blame. "If they hadn't taught the sons of sheiks how to screw us oil would not be three dollars a barrel. If these same sons of sheiks had gone to the University of Southern California, they'd all be surfers now."

Although highly acclaimed for his sharp wit, Buchwald never received any formal education. He is a perfect example of a self-taught man and the power that is associated with speaking the truth — no matter the consequences.

An avid reader, he keeps abreast of national and international events by delving into the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Washington Star and the now defunct Washington Post. However, according to Buchwald, 70 percent of Americans acquire their informa-



Art Buchwald

tion from television news headlines. By monitoring TV news he is assured that enough people are familiar with the topic to satirize it. Anything that needs to be addressed, Buchwald will tackle.

"I'm for gun registration and it's very personal with me because my neighbor owns a gun and can't even water his lawn straight."

Buchwald did admit that everyone seems to be "down on the press these days." In a recent survey, he says, journalists were rated lower than garbage collectors. Because of the tendency toward sensationalized journalism, Buchwald says a journalist has to be careful. "When you print a story about hanky panky in Washington, it's something to be careful about."

"Does this kind of stuff really sell newspapers?" he asks. Guided by the "pressure to print the truth as I know it," Buchwald states that "for every congressman who messes around there are two who couldn't."

Even bumper stickers in Washington have picked up on the sensationalism of the news media. One bumper sticker during the presidency of Jimmy Carter read, "In his heart he knows your wife." Buchwald says that for the last four years this country has had a president who didn't do it, but thought about it a lot."

Through his columns, Buchwald has solved some of the ills affecting our society today. His suggestion for alleviating the rising medical costs of hospital rooms is "for the hospitals to go condo. It's cheaper to buy them than to pay for a 3-week stay. You can always sell them at a profit," he adds.

For the few who are unfamiliar with Buchwald's satiric humor, solutions to the everyday problems have sometimes aroused anger and hostility. Despite his intentions, the readers of a column distributed on Martha's Vineyard were outraged at his suggestion to build a bridge from Woods Hole to Martha's Vineyard. The bridge could turn the simple, slow life of Martha's Vineyard into another Manhat-

tan, suggested Buchwald in the column. "You can't imagine how many people took me seriously," he added.

By 1982, Buchwald predicts that the entire postal system in this country will be drastically altered. He expects that mail delivery will be scheduled one day a year. "It will be called 'Mail Day.' Like Christmas, we can decorate our mailboxes with holly and all of us can come down in the morning and open our bills together."

The profile on Buchwald, which was recently aired on the television documentary, "60 Minutes," revealed the personal side of his life. During the program Buchwald's wife was shown serving her husband breakfast in bed. Since the airing of the show, Mrs. Buchwald has had to contend with harassment by her feminist friends. The negative responses almost brought Mrs. Buchwald to tears. "Just as she was about to cry she realized that she was the only one of her friends who was still married," Buchwald says.

If he had it to do all over again, Buchwald would have made the same decision to return to the United States after 30 years in Europe. "I had exhausted most of what I wanted to do in Europe. It was a beautiful period of time in my life, but people stopped being interested in Europe — it rarely gets into the papers."

Despite the fact that the State Department has contacted Buchwald about his column being circulated in the Soviet Union, he's not concerned. He is pleased that the Russians are printing his attacks against America and the politics of the United States.

What the Russians and Americans don't seem to consider is that if the United States is allowing him to say the things he says and walk around with the freedom to criticize the government, "There's gotta be something good about the U.S."

A Soviet citizen "would be put in the slammer" for expressing verbally or in the printed word what Buchwald has dared to say about the country and the United States government.

Former Carter Security Adviser Says Washington Should End P.L.O. Boycott

WASHINGTON — Despite Washington's policy toward the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is firm in not dealing with the group until it recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts United Nations Security Council resolutions, Zbigniew Brzezinski said the time had come to end the boycott.

Brzezinski, the national security adviser to former President Jimmy Carter, said Washington should establish "some form of dialogue with the PLO which encourages moderation in solving the West Bank and Gaza Strip issues."

Brzezinski stressed, in a breakfast meeting with reporters, that he was not advocating formal negotiations or recognition of the PLO.

Washington's policy, first stated in September 1975 in an American-Israeli document that coincided with the second Sinai disengagement, includes the PLO's acceptance of the U.N. resolutions, which have formed the framework for negotiations toward a Middle East settlement.

The document has been interpreted by the Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations to mean that there should be no American discussions with the PLO until the conditions are fulfilled.

The only other senior member of the Carter Administration to advocate a break with the policy of not dealing with the PLO was Andrew Young, who served as chief representative to the United Nations.

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Money Sense:

The Retired Lives Reserve

by Bill Waters



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A new development in life insurance is helping employees who would ordinarily lose their group life insurance after they retire. This new concept is known as retired lives reserve, and without it, many employees who retire would either have to pay the full cost of continuing their company-sponsored group life insurance, accept reduced coverage or face the loss of life insurance completely. Through retired reserve, their company, if it chooses to implement the program, continues paying the life insurance premiums for the retired employees at no cost to the former employee.

The retired lives reserve plan consists essentially of two parts: Basic group term insurance and a reserve fund. The fund accumulates from regular contributions by the employer during the employee's working years. At retirement, the money in the fund covers the cost of all future premiums that come due.

A Tax Break As Well

The plan offers significant tax benefits to both employer and employee. Both the premiums and the contributions to the fund are fully tax-deductible to the company, making the plan attractive to many employers who wish to improve benefits. Like any well-designed fringe benefit, a continuing group life insurance plan is one way a company can recruit, attract and retain valued employees.

For the employee, there is no tax to pay unless the insurance policy has a face value in excess of \$50,000. If, for example, the group plan provides protection of \$100,000, the employee must report as income a portion of the premium paid by the employer. After retirement, however, the employee incurs no further tax obligation on the premiums, no matter how large the face amount of the policy. Since the employee is not considered an owner of the assets in the reserve fund, he or she never incurs any tax liability with respect to the fund.

Depending on individual state laws, such reserve plans are now available to most companies. Generally, if a firm has fewer than 10 employees, all employees must be included in any pre-retirement coverage. However, for groups of any size, post-retirement benefits can be offered on a selective basis, using classifications such as type of job, salary level or length of service.

If an employee leaves a company, the insurance coverage can be continued as term insurance under an individual policy. If the employer decides to terminate the plan, employees would still be entitled to post-retirement coverage. Contributions to the

fund are irrevocable and would continue to cover the insurance premiums as long as retired employees are still living.

Depending on the exact plan selected, the retired lives reserve should continue to pay premiums whether one chooses early or late retirement. This feature differs from many group plans which reduce benefits sharply if a person continues working after normal retirement age.

Review Your Own Insurance As Well

If your employer does not offer such a plan or if you are self-employed, you would be well advised to take a good look at your insurance coverage. The task may not be as grim as you fear. While the high interest rates of the last few years may have made your insurance less adequate, they have also served to bring down the cost of many policies and stimulated the development of new insurance products.

As with the retired lives reserve plan, many insurance policies, for both groups and individuals, are undergoing changes of potentially great advantage to the insured. There's no better time, therefore, to review your insurance needs. As more companies seek ways to improve benefits to offset high inflation and personal income taxes, you'll want to be informed — whether you're remaining with your present employer, seeking a new position or actually weighing an offer.

Israel Sponsors Medical Games

NEW YORK — The First Israel Medical Games and International conference on Sports Medicine will take place from October 29 to November 8, in Tel Aviv.

The event will be held under the patronage of the Israel Minister of Health, the Tel Aviv University, and the Mayor of Tel Aviv. It will be conducted under the auspices of the World Medical Games. The Israel Games will take place in the years in which the World Games are not held. The World Games will continue to be held every two years.

The meeting consists of two programs, one scientific and one sporting. The subjects of the scientific program include the adaptation of man to extreme climatic conditions, injuries resulting from physical activity and epidemiology in warm countries.

All individual events will be classified according to age group. The official languages of the conference are Hebrew, English and French. For further information, please contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, Conventions Department, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10118 (212) 560-0622.

Sharon Announces Soft Line Policy, Arabs Will Be Treated Differently

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A week after assuming his duties as Israel's new Defense Minister, Ariel Sharon, generally regarded as Israel's most hawkish personality, startled Israelis and Arabs alike by announcing a new conciliatory policy toward Arabs living in the administered territories.

The changes were embodied in a series of directives issued by the Defense Ministry. Ministry sources said the purpose of the new policy was to speed resumption of dialogue with local Palestinian leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The directives stipulate that:

- Terrorists and civilians will be treated differently.
- Efforts will be made to prevent acts which might humiliate the Arab residents in daily contacts between them and the Military Government.
- Soldiers will stop entering schools to disperse demonstrations.
- Collective punishment of villages or neighborhoods for security violations within their areas will be halted.
- Israeli soldiers will be instructed to show greater courtesy to Arab residents, particularly when holding them for road block checks.
- The new policy will aim to create a joint framework of "common life" with the Arabs "in a spirit of mutual respect, to implement the policy of the government, as set up in the Camp David agreements," in the words of the Ministry sources.
- There will be an "open door and a listening ear" to Arab leaders who are willing to cooperate with Israel in resolving the autonomy issue.
- An effort will be made to create a situation in which such potential Arab partners to the negotiations will not remain silent out of fear of the Palestinian terrorist groups or of the Israeli Government.
- With adherence to the policy of no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, there is to be a concerted effort to increase the influence of "moderates" in the territories, to include physical protection of such Arabs so that they will not fear to speak out.

The Sharon plan caught most Arab public figures off guard. Generally, they had expected the new Defense Minister to live up to his reputation as a hard-liner by further limiting their political freedom.

The response of those Arabs who appeared to be a desire by Sharon to open a new page was to welcome the easing of the "iron-fisted" policy of the Military Government. They also welcomed Sharon's intention to start meetings with the moderates.

Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem welcomed the new policy, calling Sharon "courageous," adding he hoped to meet with Sharon soon. Freij also expressed the hope that the new policy plans would lead to greater understanding between the Arab residents and the Israeli government.

Gaza Mayor Rashad A-Shawa took a different view, declaring that the orders to the Israeli army to treat the Arab resident better was a side issue. He said the real question was the Palestinian right to self-determination, which he said Israel avoided.

Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem daily, Al-Fajr, which is identified with the Arab radical nationalist line, said "Sharon's declared policy is to provide a homeland for the Palestinians in the East Bank of Jordan. This we vigorously oppose. If Mr. Sharon wants to start a dialogue, he should start it on this main issue — self-determination for the Palestinians."

They said that while Sharon wanted to create a "proper atmosphere" for implementing the autonomy plan, they — as foes of autonomy — felt that a more humane treatment of the Arab residents would work only if operated within a framework of full Israeli sovereignty over the territories.

Observers commented that the new Sharon proposals are reminiscent of the declared policies of then Defense Minister Moshe Dayan soon after Israel took control of the territories following the 1967 Six-Day War. They noted that the more open policy subsequently was restricted several times, partly by Dayan himself, who was the first to use "collective punishment" as an anti-terrorist measure in the territories.

Successful Investing

Caution On Collectibles



by David R. Sargent

Q — I am a widow with very limited income. I would like to give my grandchildren some little keepsake that might increase in value as they grow older. What do you think about a series of commemorative plates? — M.S., Michigan.

A — I am sure the plates would make a very nice gift, which could be presented over the years on your grandchildren's birthdays. However, I would not look on them as an investment. Their value lies in the pleasure they evoke, not in any monetary reward.

This goes for most collectibles these days. Although investing in art and antiques has been all the rage in recent years, it may be on the wane. In times of high inflation, tangibles attract investors in droves. But with greater confidence in the Reagan administration's ability to slow inflation, the bottom may drop out of the market for collectibles.

Now more than ever, the quality rule of investing in collectibles applies: Buy only top-of-the-line items which are in excellent condition. Aesthetic appeal is also important. These items are more likely to retain their desirability and marketability, and to increase in value. But just in case they

don't, be sure you can live with your purchases.

Q — Can you name some companies that reinvest dividends at a 5 percent discount from the market price of the shares? And also allow for optional cash investments? Am I required to own shares first before enrolling in a DRP plan, or can I start right off reinvesting? — J.G., New Jersey.

A — Investors in the common stocks of more than 1,000 companies can enroll in these capital-building programs with only a small initial stock holding. Companies usually send out a notice explaining the plan and an application form with the first dividend check to make it easy for you to sign up. But if you are not certain whether a company in which you already own shares has a DRP option, write to the corporate secretary and inquire. Most plans include the option to add a limited amount of cash to the dividends for reinvestment.

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In 1981 alone, we'll spend well over \$55 billion on improving our living quarters, nearly double the outlays in '74, estimates M.R. Robinson of "Building Supply News." By the end of this decade, our annual spending for home improvements are projected at nearly double even this volume, at a mind-boggling \$100 billion a year.

But be warned: You'll waste uncountable sums whether you do-it-yourself or use professionals — unless you have the proper tools, proper materials, properly trained craftsmen and proper plans.

Also, whether you get help from a moonlighting pro, hire a full-fledged contractor or do it yourself, you'll still waste money if you do the wrong thing to the wrong house in the wrong place at the wrong time.

For instance, say your family is growing (more, or bigger children). You want to turn your unfinished basement into a recreation room, since you must live where you are. But stop. Think ahead.

Will you need that basement space in a few years for a grown child who can't finance his or her own place? Or will you need the room to provide a "home" for an aging parent or parent-in-law?

A little extra planning — and perhaps a bit more extra money — now could save you thousands of dollars later, when building prices almost surely will be higher. Just finishing the basement for recreation might cost you \$4,000 to \$10,000, depending on the size of the space and how you equip it. Adding plumbing — another lavatory — could fatten this total a lot.

In contrast, for \$18,000 to \$20,000 today, you could build a 600-square-foot, one bedroom basement apartment, including air conditioning, heating, bathroom and kitchen. You could furnish it as a recreation room now, then convert it inexpensively into a money-earning area later. (Check your zoning laws first. You may be able to shelter a close relative, but not take a paying stranger.)

For this sort of project, talk to a professional contractor at the start. Be



Your Money's Worth

Remodel Rather Than Relocate — And Save

by Sylvia Porter

candid and objective about your own capacities in the areas of finance and craftsmanship. You might compromise on a semi-finished project that the contractor begins and you complete.

Analyze your needs and space with the utmost care, for now and for the future. Say you must have an added bedroom. Converting the basement or attic will cost only about half as much as adding a dormer for the new room; and adding the dormer will, in turn, cost only about half as much as building the new room or a complete second story.

Again, though, think ahead to a decade or more from now. Building that dormer room, or even a complete second story (or building an addition to a one-story home if you have the land space) could save you money now and later, if you'll need that setup.

Also keep in mind that interest rates on a home improvement loan are, relatively, just as devastating as interest rates on building or building another home. You

have choices. Weigh them.

As a rough guide; (assuming national averages and no special problems), here are cost ranges on typical projects, prepared by Home Tech Publications, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20814 (\$28.80 each).

Frame addition to house, \$40-\$60 per square foot, 15x20 square feet, \$15,000-\$18,000; detached two-car garage, \$5,000-\$7,000; 5x7-foot bathroom, existing space, \$3,000-\$5,000; new attic room 15x20-foot, existing space, \$5,000-\$6,000; added room, dormer, \$10,000-\$15,000; second story room, \$18,000-\$30,000; insulating attic, 50-75 cents per square foot; storm windows, \$50-\$75 each; complete new insulated glass windows, \$250-\$400 each; thermal steel door, \$500-\$800; new furnace, \$1,200-\$1,800. Payout on these depends on energy costs in your area.

Study these cost ranges, save them to compare with prices quoted to you if you remodel. The more expert advice you get, the more you'll save.

Jewish Bd. Sets Up Hot Line

With the launching of its eighth annual survival through education drive the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York will once again utilize the mass media to encourage parents to enroll students in Jewish schools.

The Survival Drive, to begin September 8, has enrolled over 5,000 students in Jewish schools during the past seven years. Funded by a grant from the Fund for Jewish Education, the campaign has also succeeded in providing the first significant upturn in Jewish school enrollment in a decade.

The "Jewish Education Hot Line," will provide a special direct line to Jewish education professionals to inform parents about the type and level of Jewish schooling available in their own neighborhoods. The "Hot Line," (212) 245-8390, is a 24 hour

number, which will be operative throughout the two weeks of the campaign's duration. Referrals are made to all types of Jewish schools — both afternoon and all day.

In addition to the "Hot Line" activity, consultations are provided to individual schools and community groups through the year to aid them in planning local campaigns to coordinate with this city-wide program.

Individuals wanting further information about the program should contact Deborah Shor at the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, 426 West 58th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019, (212) 245-8200. Copies of the advertisements are available free of charge to Greater New York schools, and at a nominal fee to schools outside of New York.

Six Syrian Jews Tortured In Damascus Jail

NEW YORK (JTA) — Abraham Dwek, president of the Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jewry, reported that six Syrian Jews are imprisoned and being tortured in a Damascus jail. According to Dwek, the five men and a woman, all members of the Saadia family, were abducted in Beirut, to which they had escaped, late last month by Syrian agents and were taken to Syria with their children.

Dwek also reported that four other Syrian Jews continue to be imprisoned in the city of Aleppo. He identified them as members of the Farhi, Marashli and Koss families who were arrested two months ago.

According to Dwek, a young Jewish woman, Badria Barakat, was shot and seriously wounded in the back when she attempted to cross the border with her family last year. She is currently in the United States for medical treatment of her broken spine, Dwek said. He said that her husband and children were jailed for six months and tortured when they tried to flee Syria to join her.

In a telegram to President Reagan last week, Dwek called on the President to appeal to Syrian President Hafez Assad to release the imprisoned Jews and let the 4-, 500 Syrian Jews emigrate.

Begin, Sadat Meet

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin will meet with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt on Aug. 24 or 25.

It now seems that Begin will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. If Sharon actually does accompany Begin, he will cancel his own 10-day official visit which was to have begun Aug. 19. Begin wants to meet with Sadat before he meets with President Reagan in Washington early next month.

The three Israeli officials will, in their meeting with Sadat, seek to reach a breakthrough in the autonomy talks which have been stalled for more than a year. The Israeli ministerial committee on the autonomy talks, headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, will meet shortly to prepare the Israeli position on the talks at the meetings with Sadat and Reagan.

Sequel To Laqueur's 'The Missing Years'

Reviewed by Gary Krist

Walter Laqueur has long been known as a political commentator, international affairs expert, and historian of note. His books *Weimar, Guerrilla, and Terrorism* did much to establish his reputation, and his latest non-fiction work — *The Terrible Secret: Suppression of the Truth About Hitler's Final Solution* — received wide attention, including front-page accolades in "The New York Times Book Review."

It came as something of a surprise, then, when Laqueur turned novelist and last spring published his first fictional work, *The Missing Years*. But while the author's mode has changed, his subject matter remained essentially the same: *The Missing Years* depicted World War I, the Weimar Republic, Hitler's rise, and the destruction of the Jews in Germany, as seen through the eyes of Richard Lasson, a dignified and articulate German-Jewish physician in Berlin. And now Laqueur has come out with a second novel, *Farewell to Europe*, which continues the Lasson saga from the end of the war to the early 1970s.

There can be little doubt that Laqueur intends his two novels to serve as a running commentary of sorts on the twentieth-century historical experience. The history of the Lasson family is, to a large extent, the history of the modern world, and certain characters, Lasson's granddaughters in particular, seem more like representatives of entire generations than flesh-and-blood human beings.

Laqueur is trying to come to terms with the major events of modern history, and unfortunately the resulting novels suffer from a turgid ponderousness that is perhaps to be expected in such weighty endeavors. But while the subject matter of the earlier novel — the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust — lent the narrative a certain urgency and sense of purpose, in *Farewell to Europe* Laqueur seems to have lost focus. The book attempts to take on too much, and the final impression it leaves is that of a tendentious narrative which subordinates its realistic fictional plot to the needs of political and sociological analysis.

Life Among the Ruins

Farewell to Europe is divided into three major parts. The first part, "Life Among the Ruins," takes place in Berlin in the mid-1940s. Lasson, who has miraculously survived the war in a quiet suburb, makes plans to leave Germany, which he sees as the graveyard of his people. His emigration to America, however, is held up by inevitable complications, and the doctor finds himself inexorably drawn into the politics of the reawakening city. When his Social-Democratic friend Otto disappears mysteriously in the Russian sector, Lasson sets himself the task of extracting him, nearly setting off an international incident of major proportions in the process.

The Russians, concerned for the Communist Party's showing in the upcoming city elections, can neither release Otto — and thereby admit wrongdoing and weakness — nor continue to hold him — and thereby incur bad publicity from an enraged Western press. The episode, related in Lasson's typical informative and rational manner, offers an interesting perspective on the complex political machinations that made postwar Berlin the principal theater of international power-politics in the 1940s.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem

The book's second section, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem," follows Peter, Lasson's elder son, to Palestine. (Not accidentally, this area was also a political "hot spot" of the

postwar era.) Having entered the country illegally in 1945, Peter makes his way south and joins the Mishmar Hagalil Kibbutz, where his dreams of ideal communal life are soon shattered by the reality of human nature. He is repelled by the pettiness of these people on whom he sees the entire fate of Zionism resting. "Millions of Jews have been killed," Peter complains, "and now the future of this country is to be decided and what are our urgent preoccupations? Whether or not Albert should have his radio for three days or seven."

The question of a kibbutz member's radio is never resolved, but the question of Israel soon is, and, lest we miss out on this important historical event, Laqueur has Peter join the press corps that accompanies the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine as it makes its decision concerning the creation of a Jewish state. Despite the obvious tendentiousness of this narrative ploy, the Israeli episodes of the novel are quite successful, owing perhaps to Laqueur's own extensive experience in Palestine during the war.

In the New World

However, in part three of the novel, "In the New World," the narrative deteriorates. Lasson has emigrated to America and has become a reluctant member of the New York intellectual community. Surprisingly, the chapters that follow say nothing at all about the McCarthy era and its effect on the emigre intellectuals of Lasson's generation; rather the novel turns immediately to what seems a thinly-disguised condemnation of the American youth movement of the 1960s.

Lasson is called away to California to rescue his drugged-out, suicidal granddaughter, and what the doctor finds there is the subject of a chapter entitled "Turn Off Your Mind." The title is characteristic, for Lasson's judgment of the entire '60s generation is as ill-tempered as it is simplistic. The following quotations should convey some idea of the '60s according to Lasson: "Everyone was against the imperialist war in Vietnam, and everyone was studying sociology;" the youth movement was "an inchoate rebellion with strong elements of madness"; Lasson "could not muster any sympathy for these rebels with phony causes;" they "wanted instant enjoyment and satisfaction, entertainment not tragedy."

Lasson's diagnosis of the generation's ills as the result of too much privilege and easy living, however, is too facile to serve, and it is here that the book fails both as fiction and as sociological commentary. The problems of youth in the United States in the 1960s were not quite so simple. The standard "surfeit of freedom" explanation simply does not suffice.

Despite the book's manifold weaknesses, however, *Farewell to Europe* is not without its civilized charm. By the end of the novel we have developed a genuine affection for the aging Richard Lasson, despite his tendencies toward morose speculation. And the novel concludes with a very nice touch: the doctor and three generations of Lassons are kneeling on a beach in Israel, digging in the sand for archeological relics and historical objects. The scene is apparently meant as a metaphor: Laqueur is an archeologist of sorts, digging up the relics that constitute the twentieth-century historical experience. One can only regret, however, that some of the relics uncovered in *Farewell to Europe* have been reshaped to suit the archeologist's needs.

Farewell to Europe, by Walter Laqueur, Little, Brown and Co., Boston, 1981, 310 pp., \$12.95.

Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



In today's hand there is an interesting bidding situation plus a type of play that comes up quite often and that after examining it you might look at it differently the next time you are confronted with it. Actually the hand is only a seemingly harmless little part-score thing. But on noting what happened as I followed it around the room, it was anything but that.

North
 ♦ A J 8 6 3
 ♠ A 5
 ♥ J 7
 ♣ Q 9 6 2

West
 ♠ 5 4
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ A Q 10 5 4
 ♣ 10 7 5 3

East
 ♠ K 10 9 7 2
 ♥ J 10 8
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ A J 8

South
 ♠ Q
 ♥ K 9 7 4 3 2
 ♦ 9 6 3 2
 ♣ K 4

East-West were vulnerable, North Dealer with this bidding:

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| N | E | S | W |
| 1S | P | 1NT | P |
| 2C | P | 2H | End |

North just barely had enough to open and the suit he bid effectively quieted East. South had no choice but the No Trump call, he wasn't strong enough to bid his suit at the two level the first time around. The vulnerability and the necessity to bid at the two level kept West silent, too. At this point the attention returned to North, the opener. Some passed and fared very poorly. Some rebid their ragged Spades even though partner's bid had promised less than three card support if they were playing five card majors. They also did not do well. Those who bid as shown and then played the hand correctly ended with the only plus scores.

With but twelve points North should view No Trump as a great risk for South showed a weak hand, too. The two Club rebid gives the North-South pair all kinds of options. South can pass that if he likes it or bid any long suit he owns that he couldn't bid before. A suit bid here does guarantee a

long suit and the desire to play right there. North should pass like a shot happy to be out of his misery. This sequence is especially beneficial when opens two suits are the black ones.

In Hearts, most Wests led a Spade and right here at trick one is the key to the hand. Some of the Declarers, with but a singleton in their own hand, felt to finesse would be foolhardy. They won the Ace and tried to obtain a Diamond ruff. But astute defense was able to thwart this plan by a Trump lead every time they won a trick. On that tack the Declarer was only able to come up with seven tricks, down one. One Spade, five Trumps and one Club. Of course, the Defense could have helped by not leading Trumps but good Declarers should not count on that except as a last resort.

But see what happens if, at trick one, we do take that Spade finesse. It will lose as expected but now we have manufactured a second Spade trick for ourselves. Of course it was there all the time but many players do not look at it that way. That adds to eight to make the contract.

Moral: Sometimes, by losing a trick that seems a waste, you get it back with interest if the situation is right. Try to be aware of when it is.

Simmons Club Elects Saltzman President

Andrea G. Saltzman was elected president of the R.I. Simmons Club at its recent annual meeting and supper, which took place at the home of A. Marion Hager of Cranston.

Other officers elected were: Barney Proctor, vice president; Wallis Davis, treasurer; Naomi Thovmasin, recording secretary; Barbara Gates, corresponding secretary; and Joan Abrams, membership.

The club's 1981-82 season will include the Annual Freshman Party, August 25; an October 5 dinner meeting with a panel discussing "Reentering the Labor Market"; participation in the annual holiday cooperative, November 7, at the Unitarian Church; "They're Playing Our Song," a December 13 theatre party; a book review on March 16, 1982; and the annual Casserole Supper, May 25, 1982.

New York Mayoral Candidate Labelled A "Bigot" By ADL, Incumbent Mayor

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Republican Party leader of Nassau County, Long Island, has urged his party's voters to "repudiate" a Glen Cove mayoral hopeful labelled a "bigot" by the incumbent mayor and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

According to an article in the latest issue of the Long Island Jewish World, the candidate, Michael Hansen, an official contender for the Republican nomination, has expressed outrage in recent weeks over "minority bloc voting" in Glen Cove city elections which, he said, keeps the "majority" of citizens out of the decision-making process.

In a letter to selected registered Republicans, Hansen said citizens of Mediterranean and Jewish descent are overrepresented in Glen Cove politics, while Nordic and Slavic Americans are barely represented. Hansen did not indicate which specific groups of Mediterranean descent he was referring to. He defined Nordics as British, German, Irish, Scandinavian, Dutch, and French. Slavics, he said, are Russians, Poles, and Czechs. The total population of Glen Cove is 27,616, of which 3,215 are Jews.

The bulk of Hansen's criticism seems directed against Jews. In written correspondence to the Glen Cove Record Pilot, a community newspaper, Hansen said "Zionism is analogous to Nazism" and that "We should pay" the plane fare of Jews wishing to move to Israel from America.

In a poll accompanying his voter letter, about half of Hansen's questions dealt with issues such as taxes and sanitation. The remainder asked such things as: "Are you sick and tired of seeing your people kept out of the decision-making process?" and "Do

you believe that the priorities of Nordics are different from those of Mediterraneans?"

Situation Termed 'Deplorable'

Hansen, not given more than a slim chance to win the election, is trying to unseat Republican incumbent Alan Parente. "He is attempting to divide and polarize this community,"

The ADL had urged Joseph Margiotta, chairman of the Naussau Republican Committee, to denounce Hansen to send "a warning to other bigots that they cannot use the party as an outlet for their bigotry." Margiotta issued a statement last week in which he said it is a "deplorable situation when a candidate would use race, creed or religion as their main issue to further their campaign. I urge Republicans to repudiate his candidacy by electing Parente."

Asked in an interview with the Long Island Jewish World if he is anti-Semitic, Hansen replied: "I am not anti-Semitic. I don't dislike Jews. I'm in the insurance business, and some of my clients are Jewish. I treat them as I do others."

K'Tonton Klub School Holds Registration

K'Tonton Klub Nursery School, the only nursery school in the state offering a Jewish, Hebrew and general education, is holding registration for 1981-82.

The school uses an informal, comfortable blend of activities to teach children religious and cultural values and to help them acquire general knowledge. Activities include music, games, drama, songs, crafts, field trips and dance.

The school will be directed this year by Shira Sears of Norwich, Conn. Sears has studied at the University of Connecticut and The Tolla Center for the Deaf, and has been an instructor at Norwich Hebrew Day School and Maria Montessori School in Norwich. She also served as workshop coordinator of the Expressive Arts Center for the City of Norwich Youth Service Bureau, and has conducted classes in tie dye, batik, arts and crafts and cooking for children. Sears is married and has three children.

Rabbi Jake S. Rubenstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion, and founder of the school, will direct the curriculum with Sears. Deborah Schiavo will serve as consultant.

For more information on the five-day program, call 331-9393 Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, or 751-5654 evenings.

Adding Insult To Injury

WASHINGTON (JTA) — "This is adding insult to injury," Ambassador Ephraim Evron of Israel made this comment to reporters last week after he learned that Israel would have to pay an estimated \$13,500 daily aircraft storage fees for the 10 F-16's whose delivery to Israel has been embargoed by the United States.

The fees for the planes, which are being stored at the Peace Air Force base in New Hampshire until President Reagan gives a go-ahead for their delivery, reportedly comes to a total of about \$100,000 as of last Thursday. One Israeli noted that it seems unfair that Israel has to pay the fee since the planes belong to Israel, but Israel has not been allowed to get them.

Consumer Report: Prepare An Inventory Before Loss Occurs

Many persons pride themselves on having a "photographic" memory, but the Insurance Information Institute warns that memory alone isn't adequate when reporting a loss of filing an insurance claim.

The Institute advises every household to prepare a complete, current inventory of all furnishings and personal belongings. Remember, the best time to make an inventory is before a loss occurs. "Without an up-to-date in-

ventory it may be difficult to remember or prove exactly which items were lost and their approximate value if your home is damaged by fire or looted by a burglar," says Nancy Golonka, the Institute's director of consumer affairs.

In addition to making a listing of items room by room, including contents of all drawers, closets and cabinets, the Institute suggests that a photo inventory be made to supplement the written one.

The Institute points out that photos can add to the thoroughness of an inventory. Photos record details, shapes, colors and configurations that are difficult to describe in words.

The cost of the items and the purchase date should be on the back of each photo. Photographic records taken before and after damage, break-in, fire or other losses, also can help both the insured and the insurance company to replace the proper value of the lost or damaged items.

When taking photos, it is important to remember to take plenty of shots, overlapping if necessary, so that nothing is missed. Many homeowners have found that

home movies or videotapes also provide accurate records of personal property.

The written inventory, with date of purchase, costs, identifying number and other verification should be kept with photos, films or videotapes in a safe place away from the premises, preferably a safe deposit box.

Remember, an up-to-date inventory of your household furnishings and personal belongings can help to: determine the value of your belongings and your personal insurance needs; establish the purchase dates and cost of major items in case of a loss; identify exactly what was lost (most people can't recall items accumulated gradually); settle your insurance claim quickly and efficiently; and verify losses for income tax deductions.

To help you get started on your home inventory, the Institute has published a new brochure, "Taking Inventory." Single copies in English and Spanish are available free from the Insurance Information Institute, 27 School Street, Boston, Ma. 02108.

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The Jews Of Denmark

Part II (continued from 8/13/81)

The country's youngest Jewish organization, established by the Chief Rabbi last year, is the Society for Danish Jewish History, which sponsored its second Nordic Congress on Judaica June 14-17. The opening setting was the Jewish Department in the Royal Library, but most of the sessions were held at the community's central address, a large, renovated home dedicated as the Community Center in 1968.

Any political turmoil in the host community seemed far removed as the historians and educators met in the spacious conference rooms, enhanced by ceremonial art, for an exchange of information and review of research. Subjects discussed ranged from Jewish antiquities to the teaching of the Holocaust.

Uri Yaari, the editor of the monthly magazine published by the official Jewish community, who is also a teacher of mathematics in a Danish public school, participated in the session on the Holocaust. He reported that a participant from Germany revealed that the subject is given the minimum of exposure in schools there — one lesson on the period for every 10 or more on Bismark. Yet the interest of young Germans in the Holocaust is strong, and growing stronger, according to the report.

How the Danes, from royalty on down, acted to save Danish Jews from the Holocaust is a well-known story. With their help, all but about 500 escaped to Sweden. The "happy homecoming" of Danish Jews in 1945 is noted in a brief historical listing in a pamphlet about the synagogue, along with the notation that in 1953 King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid attended a special Thanksgiving Service on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of "the miraculous escape."

Synagogue's 150th Anniversary In 1983

In 1983 the community will mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of its large synagogue. Located in the heart of old Copenhagen, near to the church in which its Torah scrolls were safely stored during the German occupation, the building was "completely restored in 1961, thanks to the support of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany."

A brick structure of simple lines and angular portals, the synagogue has a magnificent sanctuary — pillared, high-ceilinged, with a frieze at the top of gold and deep Copenhagen blue.

Services, while distinctly traditional in the sequence of prayers and the universal Judaic melodies, have a Danish touch in the formal attire of the chief participants, a continuing custom echoing the royal days of yore.

Coping With Problems

For the young — the 300 pupils in the

Jewish Day School, those in the two Talmud Torah Schools, and in the four Jewish kindergartens in Copenhagen, as well as those in the several youth groups — their future as members of a strong Jewish community of Danes is not so secure. Assimilation at the rate of 50 percent in a community numbering at the most 8000 could have staggering results in just a generation.

"Without some infusion from abroad," Yaari said, the community will shrivel in about 50 years, "and it is hard to see where that infusion could come from now." Although Danish Jews demonstrate strongly on behalf of Soviet Jewry, they know very few released emigres will come to Denmark.

A Good Land For Jews

The first Jewish House of Prayer was opened in Copenhagen nearly 300 years ago, 62 years after Jews first came under Danish rule — by invitation of the King. Nine years after the opening of the Synagogue in 1684, the first Jewish cemetery was established. The issuance of a decree "granting all Jews civic rights and duties of Danish citizens" came in 1814.

As the late Chief Rabbi, Marcus Melchior, wrote in his memoirs, published in English under the title, "A Rabbi Remembers," being both a Jew and a Dane, he did not think of himself as having double loyalty, but rather, "double love."

For the elderly, sunning themselves in the garden of their "home" at the rear of the Synagogue (one of the two maintained by the community), Denmark, especially for those from the more recent waves of refugees, has been a good land to live in as a Jew.

Likud Gaining Public Support

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The incumbent Likud team heading the government has gained support among the public since the elections last month, according to a public opinion poll published in the Jerusalem Post.

Premier Menachem Begin's popularity was 45.3 percent just before the difficult coalition agreement was reached last week (up from 43.7 percent just before the elections), while his runner-up was Yitzhak Rabin (15.0 percent) followed by Shimon Peres (10.4 percent). Ariel Sharon received 39.5 percent as Defense Minister, followed by Rabin with 14.2 and Haim Barlev with 8.8 percent.

Yitzhak Shamir narrowly led Abba Eban by 27.3 to 23.3 percent, as choice for Foreign Minister, while Yoram Aridor received 35.9 percent as Finance Minister, against 16.8 percent for Labor's candidate Haim Ben-Shachar.

Jews Gather Nationwide On Tisha B'Av To Condemn Nuclear Proliferation

Hundreds of Jews gathered in cities throughout the United States on Sunday, August 9 to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki and to observe Tisha B'Av, the anniversary of the destruction of the ancient Temples in Jerusalem. The events were sponsored by New Jewish Agenda, a new grass roots, politically progressive Jewish organization.

"The survivors of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings view themselves as 'chosen people' whose mission is to prevent further nuclear holocaust in the world. We Jews, commemorating our historical devastation on Tisha B'Av, also feel chosen to prevent potential holocausts wherever they might occur," said Rabbi Gerald Serotta to 200 Jews in an all night vigil at the White House. After chanting Eicha, (Lamentations) the participants marched from the White House to the Soviet Embassy.

In a statement read at the vigil, Agenda called upon "Jewish communities everywhere, especially those in the United States and the Soviet Union, to throw the whole weight of Jewish wisdom, energy and creativity against the nuclear arms race, against militarism, and for meeting the needs and hopes of all the world's people."

Nuclear physicist Michio Kaku stated that studies show that in the event of a nuclear attack on major American cities, 45 percent of Protestants, 70 percent of Catholics and 90 percent of American Jews would be killed.

In Boston, over 200 people attending a special service called on the Jewish community to take stand on the issue of nuclear proliferation.

In Los Angeles, 13 rabbis inspired by Agenda's program issued a statement say-

ing that "the fast of Tisha B'Av provides an opportunity to decry the stockpiling of nuclear weapons. We Jews are admonished to seek peace and pursue it."

Bringing greetings from the non-Jewish community to the Washington vigil, Reverend Michael Clark of Manhattan's Riverside Church said that more Americans were observing Hiroshima and Nagasaki days this year than in any other year since 1945. Similar observances sponsored by Agenda chapters were held throughout the country.

In New Haven, Agenda was represented at a silent protest of the nuclear arms race where a spokesperson connected the Jewish experience as victims of systematic annihilation with the danger of nuclear catastrophe.

After worshipping at Kam-Isaiah Israel synagogue in Chicago, 100 people marched to the Museum of Science and Industry, proclaiming, "Never again. Never again another Holocaust, never again another Nagasaki."

Ezrah Announces New High Holiday Catalog

Ezrah, an education mail order company for the Jewish Community, announces its new catalogue and gift collection for the High Holidays 5742. The Ezrah Catalogue presents a unique assortment of gifts, books and collectibles as well as background information to enhance the Jewish family's celebration of Rosh ha-Shanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. From honey pots to plush toy honey bears, from New Year cards to gifts for the new school year, Ezrah offers something for everyone in the family. Full color catalogues are available free of charge by calling collect, 24 hours a day (215) 642-1250.

AJC Sponsors Missions To Israel

NEW YORK — Five memberships missions to Israel sponsored by the American Jewish Committee will take place between September, 1981, and October, 1982, it was announced here last week by AJC President Maynard Wishner.

Each mission "will allow participants to meet with Israelis from every walk of life — Jews and Arabs, scholars and business leaders, Knesset members and other cultural and political figures, sharing a wide range of viewpoints on major social, political, and economic issues that confront the country," Wishner said.

While each mission includes dialogue with Israelis and a week-long stay in Jerusalem, itineraries and themes vary with each mission.

The first mission, "Celebrations," scheduled for September 20 - October 4, 1981, will visit Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberias and Tel Aviv.

The second mission, "Generations," scheduled for December 13-27, 1981, will be open to AJC members, and to their children and grandchildren ten years of age or older. Scheduled for the tour, which will stay in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tiberias and Tel Aviv, will be a visit to the Diaspora Museum, meetings with Israeli army cadets, visits to Masada, Degania (the first kibbutz in Israel), and Yad Vashem.

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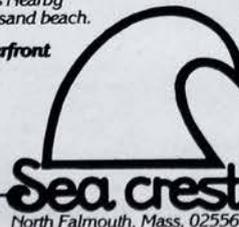
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When The Katyushas Come

Project Renewal Works To Improve Life In Embattled Kiryat

Hanna Belenik is 78 years old. She has given birth to five children in her lifetime and lost three to starvation and Nazi artillery in the siege of Leningrad.

In 1975, three years after the death of her husband, Hanna and her family finally received exit visas from the Soviet Union. Her son and her daughter chose New York. For Hanna, living in Israel — living as a Jew — was a life-long dream. At age 72 she came, alone, and settled in Kiryat Shmona.

"I love it here," she said in a mixture of Yiddish and Hebrew. The air is clean and I am healthy and happy. Israel is the greatest country in the world."

But when asked about the terrorist attacks, she loses her smile and lapses into her native, familiar Russian.

"When the katyushas come, I remember Leningrad and I am frightened." The katyushas (Soviet-made rockets) came with vicious vengeance in July, when terrorist rocket attacks escalated along all of Israel's northern borders. An elderly man and a 14-year-old boy were killed and 42 others injured in three separate attacks. Scores of buildings were damaged, including a synagogue. Many residents fled south to safer territory. Hanna and her 23 elderly companions living in the old-age facility also were evacuated. The Jewish Agency Aliyah Department transferred 15 families to Ashkelon.

With the announcement of a ceasefire — though few here believe it is more than a temporary lull — the residents of Kiryat Shmona are beginning to return to their homes. Even the old-age facility is full again and Hanna and her friends are back in their small apartments, determined to stay despite the fear that is part of daily life in Kiryat Shmona.

This northern Israeli development town, established by the Jewish Agency in 1949 on the ruins of an abandoned Arab village, has been a favorite terrorist target for 30 years. More than 100,000 people have lived in Kiryat Shmona over the past three decades, yet at any one time the population never exceeded 18,000 residents. Currently, Kiryat Shmona is home to about 13,000 Israelis.

But according to Menachem Hight, Regional Director for Project Renewal, terrorist rocket attacks and artillery are not the main reason for Kiryat Shmona's fluid population.

"Kiryat Shmona has always been a target. Yet, people want to live here. The air is pure, the climate cool and the pace of life is not like in Tel Aviv. The residents know how important this community is as an outpost... a Jewish presence in the Galilee. They want to be part of that

presence.

"But we always lose population, not because of katyushas, but because there are no opportunities for young people. Project Renewal can help provide those opportunities."

Project Renewal, the joint effort between the people of Israel and the world Jewish community for the comprehensive rehabilitation of Israel's distressed neighborhoods, began in Kiryat Shmona in the Sprinzak neighborhood, the oldest part of town, located on its northern edge. Sprinzak is far from Kiryat Shmona's commercial district and close to the Palestinian guns. Under Project Renewal the neighborhood is linked to 26 communities in the southeastern United States, through the United Jewish Appeal. With the exception of its physical rehabilitation, the problems of the Sprinzak neighborhood are common to the rest of the development town.

"We need to extend the social portion of Project Renewal to the entire town," said Hight. "For example, the old age facility where Hanna Belenik lives is in the neighborhood. It was there before Project Renewal, but we were able to supplement the staff and provide additional services to improve the quality of life for the elderly. There are more elderly throughout all Kiryat Shmona who need the same services.

"We also need to provide adult education, youth services, pre-kindergarten programs, health facilities, recreation programs and mother and child clinics — all the things we have started in Sprinzak — throughout Kiryat Shmona."

The single greatest difficulty, and the one that causes the population to constantly change, according to Hight, is the serious lack of meaningful employment. There is very little industry of any kind in the entire region. Approximately 40 percent of the work force is unemployed. Many are on welfare. The municipality itself employs a far greater work force than it really requires, simply to provide people with a regular income.

"We need industry here," Hight said, "real jobs that can provide a decent living for families. While attracting industry to Kiryat Shmona is not a formal part of Project Renewal, we are hoping that, through the involvement of people from the southeastern United States, we can find investors. The social programs will provide for their financial needs. Then the population will become stable. The people will stay despite the katyushas."

Physical rehabilitation, often the largest component in a Project Renewal



HANNA BELENIK (right) and a companion at the old-age hostel in Kiryat Shmona. The hostel was totally evacuated during the recent shelling.

neighborhood plan, is not a major problem in Kiryat Shmona. There are fewer than two dozen apartment buildings in need of expansion or renovation. The town has two community centers, both supported in part with funds from UJA/community campaigns, one that has functioned for years and a new facility is opening in the Sprinzak neighborhood. Part of the cost of the new center was provided through Project Renewal and, although construction has been delayed due to damage caused by a rocket attack, the facility will be function-

ing soon.

One important part of the rehabilitation plan is unique to the community. While other Project Renewal neighborhoods are converting unused shelters into youth clubs, in Kiryat Shmona more shelters are required. Since the residents spend considerable time in the shelters, Project Renewal is seeking to improve the facilities and provide recreation and programming to help occupy people productively during the long hours they are forced to be underground.

Will We Repeat The Sin Of Silent Complicity?

NEW YORK (JTA) — Charles Allen, the noted author-journalist who has written extensively on racism, Nazism and anti-Semitism, said he will urge the Jewish War Veterans of America at their national convention in Hollywood, Fla. this week to take definitive action on behalf of Jacobo Timerman. Allen, who will address the convention, said that if the JWV does take action, it will be the first major Jewish organization to do so.

In his address, which will be based on an article he has written for the JWV's national convention journal, Allen notes that Timerman "insists on an un-categorical struggle against anti-Semitism, racism and oppression no matter what the source is" and that his principles are an "acute discomfort" to "certain circles in the United States and abroad."

In his article and speech, Allen calls on JWV members to "face the hard truths which Timerman offers us, close ranks and resolve that we will not relive the murderous follies of the recent past." Timerman, the former editor of *La Opinion* in Buenos Aires, spent 30 months in Argentinian prisons and was then stripped of his citizenship and deported to Israel. He recounts the torture and anti-Semitism he experienced at the hands of his Argentinian jailers in his book, "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number."

Allen, a former senior editor of *The Nation* and a contributing editor of *The Churchman*, points out that Timerman reported the tortures he went through

"with meticulous attention to detail." Non-Jewish survivors' of Argentinian tortures have corroborated that "the chambers are painted with swastikas, SS death heads, and photographs of Hitler," Allen says.

Attacks Led By Far Right, Conservatives

He notes that Timerman has been criticized for attacking only the more acceptable, benign 'authoritarians' who are needed to combat the 'totalitarians'. He describes efforts to discredit Timerman as "a well orchestrated campaign... led by avowed (and influential) far right academics, neo-conservative publicists and some public figures." Disputing the criticism, Allen stresses that Timerman "hammers away at the theme that human rights are indivisible, universal and transcend all ideologies." Continuing, Allen notes:

"The Timerman affair goes well beyond his person. The assault upon him are designed to discredit entirely the issues he raises and gives honest testimony about; he has just emerged from an experience in a country whose ruling circles have been officially infested with Nazism for more than 40 years."

Challenging anyone "who dares dispute" the charge of Nazism in Argentina, Allen says that Timerman "throws down the gauntlet to all of us, Jewish and non-Jewish alike: will we remain silent in the face of an historic, clear and present danger? Are we once again going to repeat the sin of silent complicity?"

'Mysticism Is A Tool, Focal Point Is Torah'

by Laura Silverman

"Mysticism is a tool, and when you have a powerful tool you must have something to use it with, you must have a focal point to which you can root yourself. Our focal point is Torah," Gershon Winkler, teacher and author, told an audience at the Congregation Beth Shalom Sons of Zion as part of a lecture series sponsored by the Summer Educational Environmental Development program.

"If a person has a yearning to study mysticism, he should, but he should keep in mind that mysticism is only a means to an end," Winkler said.

Twenty years ago people would have thought that a person who was interested in mysticism was crazy, but now there is a big turn around Winkler says, "we are coming back to something we have been trying to escape, and that is spirituality."

There are three basic reasons we have mysticism, according to Winkler. Man, by nature, is a seeker, and if his soul is not channeled properly, "it ends up running amuck," he says. Mysticism provides the answers to the questions, it provides a "spiritual channel, a framework with which we can

link ourselves."

Low self-esteem is another reason we have mysticism. "In today's society we are just a number in every computer, one small part of a big insignificant mass," Winkler said. This, he believes, leads to a desire for power among individuals. "People's reality is dependent upon someone else's recognition and therefore man is pressured into finding power to get attention."

Finally people are turning to mysticism because they are "plain tired" of the mechanics of everyday living. Life basically consists of being born, incubated, educated, graduated, hired, and retired." People feel there must be more to life and if there isn't — then why bother with it, Winkler said. "Because we are seekers by nature we believe there must be something more," he said.

Mysticism is the deepening of a person's consciousness so he understands first and foremost what being a human being is all about. Nature runs by its roots, we run by our roots," Winkler said. But in order to study mysticism we first have to really understand and master what the Torah is because the mysticism that we know is in the Torah, he said.

WZO Establishes Pioneering Network Of Child Educators

NEW YORK — Arthur Levine, chairman of the department of Education and Culture of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization announced the pioneer establishment last week of the North American-Israel Network of Early Childhood Educators. Levine called this "a profoundly meaningful step forward in building a strong, mutual support system that will bring rich dividends in the education of our young children who attend Jewish schools. It will help bring them closer to Zion and Israel," he said.

The conference was organized for consultants of Bureaus of Education, directors of day schools and Jewish community centers from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Baltimore, New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Montreal and Toronto and held in New York.

The idea for the network was proposed by Dvora Lipshitz, head of the WZO Early Childhood Division and Early Childhood Department of the Levinsky College for teachers. She stressed the need for stronger ties between Israel and the Jewish Early Childhood community in the United States.

Three innovative programs for helping children acquire a second language were also presented by Dr. Ellen Adio of McGill University. Frances Mortimer reported on the Jewish People's School in Montreal which uses a "total immersion" language approach in English, French and Hebrew.

The American-Israeli team of Ruth Musnikow and Rivka Behar of the New York Board of Jewish Education and Miriam Snapir presented their "ALEH" program which is designed to provide the structure, classroom activities and materials for children four to six years old to acquire communication skills in Hebrew, whether or not their teachers are fluent in Hebrew.

ZOA President Urges Sadat To Reject Anti-Semitic Covenant Of The PLO

In a meeting held in New York recently, president of the Zionist Organization of America, Ivan J. Novick, personally delivered a written message to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat stating his "surprise and deep regret that you have urged my country to bring into the negotiating process those who advocate and practice violence and international terrorism."

Novick responded to the Egyptian President's recommendation to President Reagan that the PLO be included in the negotiating process. "The PLO is the enemy of my people," Novick said. "It has waged a war of destruction against the homeland of all the Jewish people. It is in partnership with other world terrorists who threaten the welfare of the United States and that of the democratic free world."

In his statement Novick pointed out to Sadat that the road to peace cannot be accomplished by the acceptance of the PLO or the acquiescence to terrorism. "The United States is a nation built on civilized law. President Reagan made clear that those who defy the law of the land cannot sit at the negotiating table," Novick said. In England, Prime Minister Thatcher has also insisted that until terrorists cease their activities there cannot be a place for them at the negotiating table, he added.

"Mr. Sadat," the statement read, "when you ask our nation to set aside our precepts of government and urge that we include the PLO in negotiations, you ask the people of the United States to accept the immorality of those who use violence to achieve their objectives. I must respectfully say that this is not possible."

"Just as President Reagan told those who are today defying the laws of our nation that he cannot negotiate with them, so

has our President concluded that until the PLO accepts the law of the civilized community, he will neither recognize or negotiate with them. This means that the PLO, the supporters of the PLO and the Palestinian Arabs must accept the State of Israel as a permanent and legal entity.

"This is in the American spirit. This is in the best interests of our nations. This is for the welfare of all peace loving people, who refuse to surrender to those who would impose by force their will, and seek to achieve their goals by threats of actions of violence."

"We reject the PLO. We urge that you reject the Covenant of the PLO which is a 'manifesto of the world anti-Semitism' which cannot be ignored or accepted."

"We recall the dastradly acts against innocent Olympic athletes, school children in

Israel, diplomats and travelers, as well as the heinous crime against the people of Lebanon. This is a record of evil which is unacceptable to us and which should be rejected by you.

"President Sadat, the American Jewish community does not speak for the State of Israel. We speak for ourselves. Therefore, as American citizens we fully support President Reagan's rejection of the PLO and we will resist to the utmost any influences to alter this position."

"We extend to you President Sadat, our best wishes and express our genuine hope that the continuation of negotiations between Egypt and Israel will be successful. As an American, I wish to convey to you my respect for the constructive role you have played in helping achieve peace between the great nation of Egypt and America's sister democracy, the State of Israel. Your initiative should be recognized by all the other nations in the Middle East as an extraordinary example of a sincere desire to achieve genuine brotherhood between peoples and nations."

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Illegal Arab Housing:

A Conspiracy Against Israel?

The news media has devoted ample attention to the question of "illegal Jewish settlements." At issue is the right of Jews to build settlements on land liberated during past wars. The Israeli government is often condemned for letting unauthorized Jewish settlements go up, or even for authorizing settlements in the first place.

But there's a parallel story which hasn't received as much press coverage. It's the story of illegal Arab houses in Israel.

By some estimates, as many as 40,000 Arab homes have been built without official permits on Israeli government-owned land. Some government officials believe that this represents nothing more than a continuation of the way things have always worked in Arab villages: communities have expanded as they have seen fit, not bothering about such Western procedures as "official permission." But other officials are deeply alarmed by what they deem an Arab conspiracy to "take any land without Jews on them," thereby putting obstacles in the path of future Jewish homes.

There are two main problem areas — the Galilee and the West Bank. In both regions, a sort of "rural sprawl" has taken place, as Arabs have freely put up homes in the land surrounding their villages.

Technically, an Arab who wishes to build a house on Israeli government-owned land or liberated territory must get permission from the appropriate government agency. (In fact, a Jew who wishes to build a home must also get permission.) But frequently, the Arabs don't even ask for permission from the government. Sometimes they get permits from their villages, sometimes not. The homes which are built may block roads, interfere with Israeli plans to develop the area, and render it difficult for Israel to supply basic services, like electricity, to the increasingly distended villages.

Uri Elitsur, Director of Information for Gush Emunim, remarks, "Tens of thousands of buildings are being erected. We don't know which are with permission, which without. If someone goes to an Arab and says, 'You are building without permission,' he'll go that same day and get permission from his village." The Arab village authorities often provide permits with no questions asked.

Rafi Levi, Jerusalem District Commissioner, thinks that the illegal Arab building in the past few years is a direct reflection of the Jordanian laissez-faire attitude on that subject.

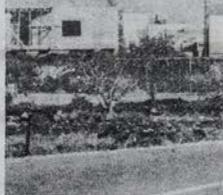
"Arabs are used to building without permission," he notes. "They continued building in the same manner until they got used to Israeli laws. And today, since it takes time for permission to come through, they build in the meanwhile."

Levi says that any illegal builder who is caught is taken to court and must get a per-

mit and perhaps pay a fine. In addition, some of the illegal dwellings are demolished. Discussing the effectiveness of these preventive tactics, others claim not much success as Arabs continue illegal building.

A number of Israeli citizens and government officials have a different reaction to the illegal building. To their way of thinking, it's tantamount to demographic sabotage. Uri Elitsur says that Arab homes have been built right up against roads, ruling out the possibility of expansion. He cited the highways from Jerusalem to Schem and from Atarat to Giran as having been "closed in" by illegal Arab homes. In another instance, Elitsur said, Arabs have built right up to the gate of an Israeli military base at Bet El. Often, Arabs will start construction of illegal homes in the dead of night. In the morning, the Israeli authorities are faced with a fait accompli. Meanwhile, Arabs often refuse to move into Israeli-built villages for fear that they will be accused of cooperating with "the enemy," thus endangering their own lives and the lives of relatives abroad.

Another serious charge is the one leveled by a high Israeli government official. He alleges that Arab villages around Jerusalem are attempting to ring the city with their illegal expansion. An article in Ha'aretz, a leading Israeli newspaper, bore the headline, "Jerusalem — City In A Trap." Ephraim Shilo, coordinator of the Ministerial Committee for Jerusalem, was



SOME ARABS will start to put up illegal homes in the middle of the night, aware that the Israeli authorities are reluctant to demolish the homes because of the fear of international reaction.

quoted in the article as saying that Arab residents of the Old City have moved out to Jerusalem's northern suburbs, where they have built homes without permits. Taking their place in the Old City, Shilo said, have been thousands of Hebronites. As a result, the Arab population of Jerusalem increased more than the Jewish population in the last year.



ILLEGAL BUILDING by Arabs in Atarat, a West Bank town, "closes in," the road and prevents future Israeli building.

There have also been charges that Arabs are building on archaeological sites and have, in the past, built illegal houses which block roads being constructed to and from Jewish settlements in the West Bank. According to some sources, money for the illegal housing comes from the Jordanian, and possibly Saudi Arabian, governments, and the P.L.O.

Money is not the only element fueling the construction. The P.L.O. uses threats and outright killings to prevent local Arabs from cooperating with Israel. The illegal construction is seen as part of this effort to foment internal trouble for Israel.

Those Israelis who believe there is a conspiracy of illegal Arab housing tend to favor demolition of the homes as the only truly effective means of dealing with the problem. But such punitive actions have aroused strong sentiments in Israel. On the one side, both Jews and Arabs have protested the measures as too harsh. In the Galilee, Arab village authorities have acknowledged that in some extreme instances demolition may be necessary, but they insist they be given the right to approve or deny any such action.

On the other side, there are Jews who complain, "We can't remove these houses not because of the international reaction that would provoke." According to this point of view, the Arabs know they can do whatever they please as far as putting up illegal houses because of the wedge of "international pressure." The irony in all this is that Jewish houses which have been put up illegally have been demolished. One example is a 10-room villa constructed without permission in Gadera by the Greivers, a Jewish family. Today, there is no Greiver villa, but the thousands of illegal Arab homes still stand.

Are the illegal Arab houses part of a conspiracy against Israel or just a sign that in Arab culture personal wishes take precedence over bureaucracy?

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In either case, the problem of illegal Arab housing may eventually work itself out if the reports of a marked decrease in this kind of construction turn out to be accurate. If not, the resolution to the problem would undoubtedly be far off in the future. As one government official in Israel commented, even if it is a conspiracy now is not considered a good time to raise the issue of illegal Arab housing. In fact, Israeli officials are reluctant to carry out the more than 10,000 court decisions now authorizing dismantling of illegal Arab houses. To do so, it is feared, could result in more trouble for Israel from both internal and external sources.

ARABS OFTEN BUILD HOMES without Israeli government permits. This illegal Arab house stands near Tekoah in the West Bank.