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Israel's Economic Dependence On The U.S. — Fragile And Indispensable

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's biting attack on the United States, while rejecting vehemently any taint of vassalage, has focused new attention on Israel's extraordinary economic dependency on the U.S. Israel today is, indeed, all but totally dependent on U.S. economic support, both overt and indirect.

A fragile and quite indispensable economic lifeline connects Tel Aviv to Washington, providing at no cash cost the weapons Israel could not buy elsewhere in the world, even if it were able to pay. It all adds up to an economic package exceeding

\$3 billion per year. Any Israeli resentment and bitterness at their country's economic dependence would be understandable because the total aid package, including ripple (multiplier) effects, approximates almost one-half of Israel's national income.

Begin's confrontational posture vis-a-vis his U.S. sponsor, however, may be as risky as the resentment is real, because Israel is totally and most uncomfortably vulnerable to the whim and indulgence of the U.S. Congress, which must authorize or at the very least tolerate the complex and multi-

dimensioned array of U.S. aid programs.

South African and Canadian Jewish communities furnish some \$150 million yearly to Israel and West Germany still pays rather more than \$300 million in reparations from World War II. Otherwise, the entire burden of economic support falls on the United States, covering the current balance-of-payments deficit of \$5 billion.

U.S. public aid over the last three years averaged \$3 billion annually and the 1982 expenditure may once again rise — a rare counter example to the slashed budgets of the administration's domestic programs.

Almost half of U.S. official aid consists of grants or instantaneously forgiven loans. The remainder is added to Israel's rapidly escalating foreign debt which now approaches \$20 billion, equivalent to the unprecedented level of (almost) \$5000 per capita.

Military "sales" constitute two-thirds of the total official aid and Congress in the Arms Export Control Act of 1976 created a special financing device in order to reduce the visibility of this aid and forestall possible public criticism.

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Official Says Poland's Premiere Acting To End Anti-Semitism

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — A leading Jewish official told a news conference here that Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski of Poland, responding to "a flood of public criticism" is acting to end "the resort to anti-Semitism" by his military regime which imposed martial law in Poland three weeks ago.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, disclosed this development at a news conference yesterday afternoon at which he and John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, denounced the Warsaw regime for attempts to foment anti-Semitism among the people of Poland in its efforts to suppress Solidarity, the country's independent labor movement.

The Cardinal said such attempts "deserve the highest condemnation — it cannot be condoned." Tanenbaum said the remnant of Polish Jews were being "scapegoated and held responsible for everything that has gone wrong in Poland."

"The most recent report we have now is that Gen. Jaruzelski has begun to take seriously the flood of public criticism of this crude Nazi-like exploitation and has begun these past 24 hours to call upon leaders in the government to try to put an end to the resort to anti-Semitism."

It was announced at the news conference that the Cardinal's statement at the conference was being broadcast to Poland by the Voice of America.

The news conference was called to announce the first of what an AJCommittee official said would be continuing contributions from the Committee to Roman Catholic relief funds for Poland. The official, Robert Fox, chairman of the Philadelphia AJCommittee, gave Krol two checks — one for \$500 from the local chapter and one for \$1,000 from the national AJCommittee.

Tanenbaum reported that the AJCommittee had learned that leaflets are being posted on walls and handed out on the street in Polish cities charging that Jews were monopolizing the distribution of food, manipulating Solidarity, and that they controlled 80 percent of Polish industry.

He added that the 6,000 remaining Jews in Poland were mainly old "and hardly have strength enough to keep body and soul together." He said many Poles apparently were directly combating the posting of the anti-Semitic leaflets, tearing them down as fast as they were posted.

Michael Blichasz, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania district of the Polish American Congress, declared at the press conference that the Congress "stands behind the American Jewish Committee in opposing anti-Semitism."

Blichasz said a march for peace and justice in Poland will be held January 17, in which the AJCommittee will participate, which will start at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and proceed to Independence Hall.

Begin Appeals To Haig To Pressure Soviets For Release Of Shcharansky

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Menachem Begin will discuss the case of Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky with Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. when the two meet Thursday in Jerusalem, a Foreign Ministry official said this week.

Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, appearing at a press conference with Shcharansky's wife, Avital, said Begin will ask the Secretary of State to again bring pressure on the Soviets to release Shcharansky.

According to Shcharansky's mother and brother, who visited him in the Chistophol Prison last week, his physical condition is deteriorating.

They told reporters that his original sentence of 3 years in prison and 10 in a labor camp, on the grounds of treason, had been revised to 6 years in prison and 7 in a labor camp after he had consistently refused to confess.

Anatoly's mother charged the Soviets with intentionally treating him with extraordinary harshness to elicit a confession from him on espionage charges.

Both Ben-Meir and Avital issued an appeal to world opinion, parliaments and governments to help bring about the release of Anatoly. "He is guilty of no crime," Ben-Meir said of the aliya activist sentenced in 1978.

"His only crime is his desire to live like a Jew and live in Israel," Ben-Meir said.

At the press conference, Avital gave



ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY

details of Shcharansky's treatment, including 75 consecutive days in solitary confinement on a near-starvation diet, which, she said, was much harsher than known precedents even in the Soviet system.

His mother, Ida Milgrom and his brother, Leonid, had found him "weak and wasted in body" but "strong and unbroken spirit," Avital said, when they were finally able to meet with him for two hours Jan. 4.

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Lola Schwartz, (right), associate executive director, JCC of Rhode Island, discusses administrative issues at JWB's Membership Directors Training Conference with Seminar Trainer Ezra Landres and (left to right) Joanie Weinstein, Dallas, Tex., and Syville Rubin, Cleveland, Ohio.

Observant Jew Relates Tale Of Drug Addiction; Disputes Myth

(JTA) — The generally accepted belief that observant Jews are immune to alcohol or drug addiction has been strongly disputed by a yeshiva scholar who has disclosed that he received help not only from Alcoholics Anonymous but also from an unpublicized agency for addicts called Pills Anonymous.

The confessional statement, by a Jew using a false name, appeared in the November issue of the "Jewish Observer," the publication of Agudath Israel of America, an Orthodox agency.

Writing under the pen name of "A.B. Cohen," the youth, described by the magazine as a young man attending an advanced yeshiva in the New York area, asserted he had been told by a Pittsburgh psychiatrist that "The problem of addiction now exists in significant proportions in the Orthodox community."

Cohen wrote he had been given that evaluation in a personal conversation with Dr. Abraham Twerski, clinical director of

the psychiatry department of St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh. Cohen also declared that "every Orthodox physician I have spoken to has had at least one or more Orthodox patients who is pill-dependent or alcoholic."

Cohen began by posing such questions as to whether Orthodox Jews were, in fact, immune from such problems; how widespread such problems were among Orthodox Jews; and what forms of help were available from the Orthodox community "to a religious individual who is trapped on the chemical-dependency merry-go-round."

Cohen reported his difficulties began when he started having problems of concentrating during his yeshiva classes, which led to a "barrage of accusations" at his home from his parents which he interpreted to mean, "Why are you such a disgrace to our family?"

After trying "the geographic cure" —
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Joy Of 'Choosing Judaism' Told By Inspired Convert

(This review, in longer and somewhat different form, originally appeared in The Detroit Jewish News by Philip Slo-movitz, editor. It is published with permission of that newspaper.)

"Those who choose Judaism are witnesses to the beauty and value of Jewish tradition. Born-Jews have the security of having been born-in but often do not have the new eyes to see what they were born into. We can help each other. We convert non-Jews to Judaism, but we must also convert born-Jews to Judaism — the joyous, positive, celebratory enrichment of life that Judaism embodies."

These are the words of Lydia Kukoff in "Choosing Judaism" (Union of American Hebrew Congregations Press). They give an indication of the enthusiasm for the Jewish faith generated by a convert to it. Her book will undoubtedly inspire her readers.

Lydia Kukoff was born a Baptist. She began her attachment to Judaism while in

No Trace Of Jews In Czech Works Of Late 50's

LONDON (JTA) — References to the pre-World War II Jewish community of Czechoslovakia has been almost completely banned in publications dealing with the nation's general literary and local histories, and in major comprehensive reference books published during the last 25 years, it was reported by the London-based International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia.

An order placed last year by the Council with a prominent West German bookseller specializing in Central and East European books, requesting material from Czechoslovakia containing material about its Jewish community, has been returned to the Council with the comment:

"In the case of publications that have appeared in the late 1950's and now, there is no trace of a reference to Jews of any substance, nor do indices of such publications provide a lead for this specific subject."

high school. Then she began to attend services in synagogues, to study, to gain an attachment which made her a convert out of conviction.

Now happily married and sharing her husband's Jewish devotions, she had gone to a Conservative rabbi to be taught the Jewish tenets. In accordance with established tradition, he attempted to dissuade her, indicating the difficulties encountered in Judaism. She went through the prescribed courses, was admitted to the Jewish fold in a mikva and with all prescribed ceremonials. Now she is the advocate of devotion and adherence to the adopted faith.

Lydia Kukoff's story will serve as an inspiration to all who seek comfort as adoptees of the Jewish faith. But "Choosing Judaism" is more than a personal and inspired story. It is a guide for those seeking admission to the Jewish ranks. Mrs. Kukoff has a marvelous message of enthusiasm for herself and others who enroll in Jewishness:

"When all is said and done, this book is about 'owning' Judaism. If reading it has made you feel that a little larger piece of Judaism belongs to you, then I am happy."

"If you have come to Judaism as an adult, or are in the process of making that decision, I hope that you have found words with which to express some of your feelings. Also, I hope you've come to realize that hundreds, thousands, of others have had those exact feelings. You are not alone."

"If you are the Jewish friend, spouse, fiancé, or parent-in-law of one who has come to Judaism, I am deeply grateful to you for caring enough to read this book. I hope that I have sensitized you to what is in the hearts of many men and women who choose to cast their lot with that of the Jewish people, who freely elect to share our destiny and our heritage."

"We have an opportunity to forge a rare and magnificent alliance today. We must create a community of Jewish learners, stressing the essentials, the doing, the spiritual fulfillment of living a Jewish life."

"In the final analysis, you see, we are all Jews by choice. All those who choose to live a Jewish life are Jews by choice. It's just that some of us were born to Jewish parents."

Cabinet Votes 5-4 For \$250 Million Package For Northern Sinai Settlers

JERUSALEM — The Israeli Cabinet's 5-4 vote last week to approve a \$250 million compensation package plan for the settlers in northern Sinai has been met by opposition from settlers who think the money is insufficient and from politicians who believe it is excessive.

The settlement was hammered out by Deputy Premier and Agriculture Minister Simcha Ehrlich with the settlers of Yamit and Rafah who must relocate when Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai next April. It was bitterly opposed by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor who reportedly warned after the Cabinet decision that he would demand further cuts in the national budget to pay the added compensation.

The package stipulates a total of \$263 million which will be divided among approximately 1,400 families in the Yamit area and along the coast of the Gulf of Aqaba.

At a news conference this week Yamit settlers threatened violent resistance to the withdrawal if the compensation is not increased. The settlers' threats were interpreted in some political circles as an effort to forestall any cuts in the awards. In protest, the Yamit committee resigned in its entirety.

Northern Sinai was the scene of disorderly protests by the settlers in recent weeks. Houses have been set afire, access roads were blocked and trenches were dug to signal the government that the householders, businessmen and farmers would resist evacuation unless their compensation demands were satisfied.

Yossi Sela, chairman of the Yamit settlers committee, who had praised the Cabinet decision, said this week that "people will oppose by force, and not only with their hands." I estimate that a man fighting for his and his family's survival will also resort to other means. If someone dares to touch my daughter, I'm telling you that I will resist with all the means at my disposal."

Begin was said to want to avoid bloodshed at all costs. But he still must deal with ideologically motivated squatters, chiefly Gush Emunim militants from other occupied territories, who have been occupying abandoned houses in northern Sinai with the stated purpose of blocking the withdrawal. So far, the government has made no attempt to prevent their infiltration of the region.

The Cabinet met in Begin's home where the Premier is recovering from a painful hip injury. Aridor argued vigorously that the State could not afford the sum negotiated by Ehrlich. He noted that an in-

dustrial worker would have to labor 70 years to save what individual Sinai settlers will now receive. Levy accused the government of surrendering to violence, thereby signaling every other special interest group that violence pays.

Begin defended the large sum on grounds that the economy has improved and Israel's exports are growing. He shared Ehrlich's view that Israel had to pay the price for a peaceful evacuation of Sinai.

But Levy contended that bloodshed was unavoidable even if compensation is paid because force will be needed to remove the squatters who are not seeking compensation but the permanent retention of eastern Sinai by Israel.

Last week, it was believed that the Cabinet could avoid submitting its plan to Parliament by transferring funds for it within the already-approved budget. But, Zvi Inbar, legal adviser to Parliament, explained this week, that since this transfer involved a large sum and did not fall within an area of Cabinet of ministerial discretion, Parliament would have a role.

Israel Urged To Develop Nuclear Power Production

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A leading Israeli physicist has recommended to the government that Israel concentrate on nuclear power to produce electricity and make it independent of imported oil. According to Prof. Arnon Dar, dean of the department of physics at the Haifa Technion, nuclear power is the safest, cleanest and most reliable energy source.

In a report to the government made public last week, Dar noted that Israel consumes the equivalent of eight million tons of oil a year, 98 percent of which is imported. About 70 percent of the oil is consumed to produce electricity. The only alternatives for at least the next 20 years are coal and nuclear power, Dar said.

According to the scientist, coal-burning power plants, such as the one which recently opened at Hadera, produce vast quantities of carbon dioxide and other health hazards. Nuclear power, he contended, is safer and creates fewer ecological problems. Dar claimed that reports of dangers inherent in nuclear energy plants were over publicized and proved groundless. "Nuclear plants are technologically superior, cleaner to operate and allow for storage of fuel in a small area. It will make us independent," Dar said.

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80 Percent Of Austrian Population Harbors Anti-Semitic Sentiments

VIENNA (JTA) — After 36 years of democratic government, a prospering economy and social and political stability, anti-Semitic sentiments ranging from moderate to strong are still held by 80 percent of the Austrian population. This phenomenon occurs in a country of 1.6 million where the Jewish community numbers barely 8,000. And, paradoxically, one of the most popular politicians in Austria is Chancellor Bruno Kreisky who is Jewish.

The barometer of anti-Semitism was recently measured by Dr. Hildegard Weiss of the Institute of Sociology at the University of Vienna. Her 200-page dissertation on the subject was prepared to qualify her for the position of permanent lecturer at the university.

Weiss told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there are roughly three sets of attitudes toward Jews in Austria. Only 20 percent of the population is completely free of anti-Jewish prejudice she reported. "Those holding indifferent to moderately strong anti-Semitic views comprise 60 percent and those with strong anti-Semitic prejudice 20 percent," she said. The variations in the intensity of anti-Semitic views were demonstrated in the responses to the questionnaire Weiss used in her study. Asked, "Should there be a limit placed on the amount of property and land Jews can acquire," 20.5 percent replied affirmatively. Asked if they would oppose the marriage of their children into a Jewish family, 22.5 percent of parents said they would. Well over a quarter of the respondents — 29.4 percent — said they would not object "if somebody around you talks disparagingly about Jews."

Weiss said the results of her survey corresponded to a similar one she made in 1976. Weiss found furthermore that there was no strong correlation between anti-Semitism and age or affluence as some theories suggest. She pointed out that poverty has been largely eradicated in Austria so dislike of Jews cannot be attributed to envy or to the search for a scapegoat for economic deprivation as was the case between the two world wars.

Factors Influencing Anti-Semitism

The most important factors influencing anti-Semitic prejudices are level of education and the opinions of former or current peers and relatives, Weiss said. People lacking higher

education are considerably more hostile toward Jews, she found. But within families, prejudices seem to be passed from generation to generation without any discernible relation to sociological factors.

For example, Jews are still believed to control banks and financial institutions, when, in fact, they are virtually non-existent in those areas in Austria today. There was a correlation between prejudice and geography. Rural people tended to be more anti-Semitic than city dwellers, but that corresponded to their relatively lower level of education, Weiss noted.

She observed that people with a university or gymnasium (roughly equivalent to junior college) education showed less hostility toward Jews. But this is due as much to social acceptability as to their humanistic training, she said. Intellectuals, public employees, teachers and white collar workers would be breaking the rules of their social class if they were openly anti-Semitic, according to Weiss. Consequently, a high percentage of those people simply refused to answer questions which pin-pointed the extent of anti-Semitic prejudice.

Personal contact with Jews reduced the tendency to discrimination, Weiss reported. But because of the small size of the Jewish population this was possible for a minority of Austrians. Only 14 percent of her respondents said that anti-Semitic attitudes were grossly out of step with reality. But some people believed that Jews comprised 10 percent of the Austrian population, which would put their number at over 100,000. The old Nazi charge of Jewish domination of finance and foreign policy was often expressed, she said.

Positions Of Political Parties

According to the study, anti-Semitism decreased in proportion to interest in political matters and information on the subject. Weiss said that the rightwing National Democratic Party was able to garner three percent of the vote in the last elections only because of public apathy.

She found, however, that members of the Freiheitliche Partei (Free Party) and its sympathizers were especially hostile toward Jews. Anti-Semitic prejudice was somewhat stronger among members of the conservative Volkspartei (Peoples Party) than members of Kreisky's Socialist Party.



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Thus, for example, in fiscal 1980, \$1 billion worth of foreign military sales were authorized for Israel's account. Immediately following the "sale," however, \$500 million of the loan was canceled and the residual \$500 million was added to \$7-plus billion the State Department estimates that Israel now owes the U.S. government. This debt involves grace periods of up to 10 years prior to any repayment.

As a consequence of Israel's worsening economic malaise since 1973, it can service this debt only in the formal sense that installments are paid when due but are in fact funded through new U.S. aid each year.

A further layer of aid flows from U.S.-based Jewish organizations. The IMF reports such flows globally at almost \$1 billion per year largely from the U.S. Such charitable contributions, except for Israeli Development Bonds, are fully tax-deductible and hence are tax expenditures in the U.S. context. At one time, hearings under Sen. J. William Fulbright revealed political uses of such funds; today United Jewish Appeal or Hadassah contributions have funded access roads in the Golan Heights or settlements in the occupied territories on the West Bank, but most flow into the Israeli economy.

Begin's critical economic stake in perpetuating U.S. assistance extends still further into a third and murkier tier of economic assistance. For example, military sources indicate that some of the weapons transferred to Israel are underinvoiced at special discount prices, which particularly offends the Department of Defense (DOD) when Israel subsequently

profitably sells U.S.-source equipment at higher prices, as occurred recently with Iran.

Another form of implicit aid is a net of specially crafted contracts between the U.S. DOD or defense suppliers within the U.S. to support the Israeli arms industries. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. recently intimated that these would be expanded in the future, providing critically needed cash infusions for those firms. Israel Aircraft Industries has been particularly insistent on such support and has received subcontracts for manufacturing components for the F-4 and F-15 fighters.

In another transaction, an Israeli shipping firm was accorded subsidies under the U.S. Maritime Administration's shipbuilding program, but the precedent was quickly frozen when Burmah Oil, a British firm, applied for similar support.

Further assistance outside the formal foreign aid structure is the extensive and sustained support for Israeli universities and research institutions that is funded by the Department of Education, the National Institute of Health and other U.S. agencies in the form of grants and contracts. These reportedly aggregate almost \$100 million per year.

The final tier of economic assistance involves special concessions on Israeli exports to the U.S. In spite of its high per capita income, over \$3500 per year, Israel has been specially designated as a "developing country," which accords it reduced or zero tariffs under the Generalized System of Preferences. As a result, 96 percent of its \$1 billion exports to the U.S. enter free of any tariffs.

By Dr. Thomas Stauffer, research associate at the Harvard Center of Middle East Studies.

Observant Jew Relates Tale Of Drug Addiction; Disputes Myth

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two years in an Israeli yeshiva — which failed to help, Cohen began a series of equally unsuccessful therapies. He began getting prescriptions for a variety of mood-altering pills, such as Valium. He wrote that he learned the trick of going to many different doctors for different prescriptions to make sure he had enough pills "to calm the self-hate and anxiety that were my steady companions." He became an addict.

He reported that, by chance, he read a newspaper report about Pills Anonymous and began to attend meetings of the group. He said he became aware that there is "a great deal of cross-addiction for many people between minor tranquilizers and alcohol" and that this included him. He then joined an Alcoholic Anonymous group.

After he was on the road to recovery, he added to the information about addiction he had learned from Pills Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous, concluding that chemical addiction is a disease and, like most diseases, "it can affect anyone, even religious Jews."

Cohen reported he also learned that addiction is possible on even small amounts of a chemical — "it is not a matter of the amount" of drugs or alcohol one takes but "why he is taking it," which he said was "to satisfy his dependency on it."

He reported he found that the greatest hurdle to recovery is the "denial syndrome." He added that "more serious than individual denial is the situation when an addict is a member of a community that believes it has no addiction." He asserted that "the common claim: 'The utter impossibility of me, an Orthodox Jew, being an alcoholic or an addict' compounds the individual's tendency towards denial."

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ending an 18 month ban on visits. "I asked them to release my husband," Mrs. Shcharansky said, "and do everything possible to save his life, because three years in Chistophol Prison is dangerous for a man in his condition."

Ben-Meir said that the Israeli Government had determined that Shcharansky had never worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, as the Soviet authorities charged. "I appeal on behalf of the Government of Israel, to all the governments of the free world, to all the parliaments of the free world, to raise their voices."

Cohen asserted that, for this reason, among others, "many therapists believe that when addiction strikes an individual who subscribes to a culture that has less overt alcoholism and addiction, it will strike him more severely."

He asserted that the conviction of immunity in the Orthodox community makes it "very difficult" for the addict or alcoholic to get help. He wrote that "those of us who are Orthodox in Alcoholics Anonymous or Pills Anonymous programs have tried to carry the message of recovery to our co-religionists in need but we have run up against a wall of resistance because of a lack of familiarity" in the Orthodox community "with these programs."

Who Will Be Begin's Successor?

TEL AVIV (ZINS) — For many years General Ariel Sharon struggled to become Israel's Defense Minister. Now, finally his dream has come true. Will that be the end of his ambitions? The answer is negative, according to the well-informed journalist, Matti Golan writing in Ha'aretz.

Citing information he had received from circles close to Sharon, Golan writes that the incumbent Minister of Defense is now intent on becoming the leader of the Likud coalition and in that way reach the position of Prime Minister, after Begin will have retired from political life. The writer cautions the Labor Alignment to rid itself of the illusion that once Begin leaves the political scene the Likud will have lost its appeal to the voters. That is a very dangerous illusion, the journalist writes.

He also notes that Sharon is very popular amongst those who are part of the so-called Oriental community, the same voters who played a decisive role in the victory of Likud at the polls for the Knesset elections. Those same enthusiasts who sang "Begin King of Israel" during the election campaign to the 10th Knesset, will also sing "Sharon King of Israel" when the time comes for election to the 11th Knesset, the journalist added. The newspaper, Yediot Ahronot, which in most instances is in accord with the editorial policy of Ha'aretz, concedes that in his quest for the premiership Sharon will have to cope with the opposition of Vice Premier Simcha Ehrlich, leader of the Liberal party faction in the Likud.

Pope Urges Israel To Work Harder For 'Just And Stable' Mideast Peace

ROME (JTA) — Pope John Paul II called on Israel last week to work harder for "a just and stable peace" in the Middle East, to adhere "to international conventions" and stressed the need for "full respect" of the rights of the Palestinians in the territories occupied by Israel.

Those points were made in a Vatican communique issued following a 35-minute meeting between the Pope and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the first high level contact of its kind since 1978.

The communique stated: "His Holiness underlined the urgent need to intensify efforts to reach a just and stable peace for all people of the region who have suffered and are still suffering so much because of the decades-old conflict. He underlined the necessity that all interested parties take part in the negotiating process, while in the meantime adhering to international conventions, so as to favor dialogue and discussion."

The communique said the Pontiff also suggested that it will be "a useful contribution if the Palestinians of Cis-Jordan and Gaza could enjoy a peaceful existence in full respect for all their rights." The term Cis-Jordan was used at the time of the Palestine from Trans-Jordan, now the kingdom of Jordan, and in the context of the communique apparently was a reference to the West Bank.

The communique said the Israeli Foreign Minister described to the Pope

"efforts and concessions" by Israel to achieve its peace treaty with Egypt. "The Minister expressed his profound preoccupation about the massive flow of weapons into the region and also recalled the grave problem of terrorism," the communique said. Shamir was also reported to have explained Israel's motivations for annexing the Golan Heights, a move sharply criticized last month by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano and the Vatican radio.

Likud Ready To Take Leadership

TEL AVIV (ZINS) — Israel's Deputy Prime Minister, David Levy, has promised his followers in the Histadrut that the day is not far off when the Likud will take over the leadership and control of the Histadrut, which includes 1 million members and is now led by the Labor Party. David Levy, himself an immigrant from Morocco, pointed out to his followers at an assembly that Herut members already account for 30 percent of the votes to the annual Histadrut Convention. He further showed that more than 50 percent of the total number of Histadrut members are from the so-called Oriental or Eastern communities.

These same Jews, said Levy, were responsible for bringing the Likud to power in the Histadrut.

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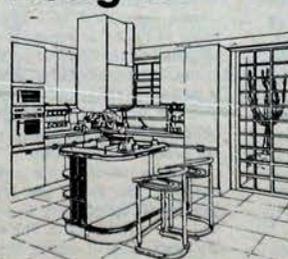
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The Troubled Israel — U.S. Agreement

EDITOR:

It seems that the most formidable problem facing the Reagan administration is pacifying the Arab countries, while maintaining its commitment to Israel. Washington, like previous administrations, finds it incumbent to prod "intransigent" Israel to make major concessions "for its own good." With such "friends" why be concerned about enemies.

It is only recently that we passed through a turbulent period regarding President Reagan's decision to sell AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia. Israel is probably fortunate that it lost that battle. One can imagine what problems it might have created for Israel had the president been thwarted in what had become a major political issue, with his prestige at stake.

What apparently escaped notice is that Saudi and Egyptian pilots are being trained in the U.S. The Egyptians are concerned with the evergrowing menace of Col. Qaddafi, but the greater probability is that Saudi and Egyptian planes will one day be directed against Israel, rather than against their Arab neighbors or the Soviets.

The issue most often raised is that America's strategic interests would be better served by closer ties with the moderate states. While the public is occasionally dubious about the I.Q. of some of its officials, it is doubtful if Washington, and more particularly the Defense Department, really believe it.

First, there are no "moderate" Arabs. A so-called moderate Arab would be so foolhardy as to publicly consider that Israel could exist in the Arab Middle East under any circumstances, would have his life insurance cancelled promptly.

Saudi rulers live in abject fear of the PLO whom they bribe by enormous subsidies. We have seen several instances where a Saudi official would state that Saudi Arabia might consider acceptance of the presence of Israel if major concessions were made, only to promptly reverse himself, claiming to have been misquoted, and then state that Israel must unconditionally withdraw from all occupied territories, including East Jerusalem, before any discussions can take place.

Saudi Arabia is a seething cauldron, awaiting an eruption. The ruling Saudis have recurrent nightmares when they think of the attack on the Grand Mosque in Mecca, and how close they were to catastrophe.

EDITOR:

My R.E.a.l. personal relationship class and private practice has had many inquiries and registration calls since last week's interview.

However, many who called were upset and irate over statements which were sexist put-downs of divorced/women. In reality, the statements were published with key words omitted.

Regarding lack of trust, my statements originally were:

"Lack of trust is the second most prevalent problem I find. It affects single,

Not only do they live in constant fear of the PLO and rival Moslem factions employed in the oil fields, aware as they are to the possibilities of sabotage, but also have to contend with rivalries among the scores of Saudi princes, many of whom feel slighted, despite liberal allowances.

Certainly the Defense Department must be aware that there is an inherent anti-communist, anti-Soviet feeling among the Moslem states, which has been accentuated with the invasion of Afghanistan, so that there need be no thought of this so-called fear of a "swing to the Soviets."

Every so often Washington will announce the possibility of "reassessment" of its policy towards Israel. The most recent flap regards Prime Minister Begin's "arrogant" annexation of the Golan Heights, without even the courtesy of consultation with its American ally, particularly so soon after the U.S.-Israel Strategic Agreement.

Prime Minister Begin was well aware what Washington's response would have been, and even Israeli moderates realize how vital Golan is for the country's safety. Syria has been Israel's most implacable enemy since its very existence. The area has little economic value, and Arabs living there are chiefly Druze. However, when Sadat regained the entire Sinai, including the settlements at Yamit, that Begin had sworn would never be abandoned, President Hafiz al-Assad could not possibly accept less.

During the Yom Kippur War it was only by a miracle and the devotion of the slim Israeli forces stationed on the Golan, that the Syrians were prevented from sweeping over the Golan, into Galilee. During the early stages the overwhelming Syrian forces regained almost the entire area. The Syrians promptly trained their rockets on the defenseless settlements below, causing considerable havoc. Cattle grazed in fields torn and seared by countless Katyusha rockets. The Galilee has suffered considerably both from Syrian and PLO terrorist attacks.

Washington should realize that the key Arab state is Syria rather than Saudi Arabia, and that instead of courting the Saudis its attention should be directed towards Syria. The Palestinians sole military base is Lebanon, and depends upon Syria's occupation of that country. It would be unable to operate without the approval and participation of Damascus.

divorced-single, widowed; all categories of people; men and women. Often I find divorced individuals, especially women verbalizing lack of trust as a problem. (This verbalizing is definitely to their credit!) . . . Sometimes they have been hurt so badly that even if they get involved in a relationship they won't deal in an open and honest way."

Relationship joys and problems cross all ages and sexes. Hopefully we can learn skills to increase our joys!

Russ Irving

Torah Portion

Vicarious Judaism

by Rabbi Milton L. Kroopnick
Temple Beth Am-Beth David

The dictionary defines the title "vicar" as "a person authorized to perform the function of another." From the title "vicar" he have the word "vicarious" which means "acting for another" or "filling the place of another." The Christians have adopted the use of vicar and vicarious to reflect their theological philosophy. In Christianity the Vicar performs the rites and rituals on behalf of the people. The Vicar ministers religiously and oft-times vicariously for the people. The people do not have to participate, they can merely be spectators, placing religious performance upon the shoulders of their ministers. For the Christian vicarious religion is acceptable.

Vicarious religion is not a Jewish philosophy. Yet, in our contemporary society, many Jews have adopted the vicarious attitude in Jewish life. Prayers and Synagogue attendance have been relegated to the rabbi and cantor. Observance of rituals and Jewish law have been transferred to the rabbi and cantor. Religious education is expected only from the young children and the religious school

teachers. Charity has become the expected privilege of the affluent.

But this is not what Judaism teaches. Judaism does not recognize the rabbi or cantor in the role of vicar. Judaism does not allow vicarious mitzvot. Vicarious living is not part of the Jewish way of life. Observing the Sabbath, Kashrut, Holidays and ethical precepts are as much the responsibility of the lay person as it is the rabbi's or cantor's. There is no Jewish "specialist." For as much as a rabbi or cantor is expected not to go shopping on the Shabbat or Yom Tov, so too, is it expected of all Jews. There is no Jewish religious "professional." Just as the rabbi and cantor are obligated to pray daily, so too, is it the obligation of every Jew.

Judaism teaches the equality of function. The rabbi and lay person have equal opportunity to serve God and the Jewish people. The rabbi and lay person have equal obligations. Nine lay people cannot make a minyan nor can nine rabbis make a minyan. Ten rabbis can make a minyan and ten lay people can make a minyan.

The prophet Isaiah informs us clearly that all Jews are equal in the observance of Jewish functions when he says in God's name, "And your people, all shall be righteous." (Isaiah 60:21)

It must have been apparent to Washington that the Golan or at least the major portion would never have been returned, considering Syria's implacable hatred which has been amply demonstrated, particularly in the brutality of its treatment of Israeli prisoners, when neither the Red Cross or journalists were permitted access to them.

Despite the fact that the Soviets liberally re-supplied the Arab forces from the very onset, they complain bitterly about U.S. support to Israel. While Israeli soldiers were fighting U.S. tanks supplied the Saudi contingent, and Israel was literally fighting for its very life on both fronts, arms promised Israel failed to arrive.

Secretary of State Kissinger deliberately withheld these vital supplies to assure Israel would not achieve total victory, thus making it more amenable in negotiations. It was only when Prime Minister Golda Meir appealed personally to President Nixon in the second week of the war that arms finally began to arrive.

As a result of U.S. interference hundreds of needless casualties resulted. When Israel had conclusive proof that an attack was planned on Yom Kippur, Golda summoned the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Kenneth Keating. He explained to the Prime Minister that "If Israel refrained from a pre-emptive attack, allowing the Arabs to provide irrefutable evidence that they were the aggressors, then America would feel morally obligated to help."

This threat prevented Israel from mobilizing, calling up reserves or doing anything that might be construed as a

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — They do it every year, and they're doing it again now — the astrologists and the soothsayers who consult the stars and announce to the public their predictions — dire or delightful — of what will happen during the coming year, 1982.

How reliable are their prognostications? Last year I craftily filed away all the predictions and now I trot them out for verification. If we compare the forecasts it would appear that some of the prophets consult entirely different sets of stars. At any rate, the following is what is supposed to have happened during the 12 months of 1981, just elapsed.

Herzl Lipshitz, best known of Israel's astrologists, had a mixed bag of successes and failures. He predicted that the Likud would be returned to power, but Begin would be out of service for prolonged periods because of illness. Assad of Syria and Hussein of Jordan were both to be toppled by September of 1981. Brezhnev was to retire from power in the Soviet Union.

Before the year was up a military agreement was to have been reached between Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and even Iran, now free of Khomeini. The American hostages in Iran were to be released between 10-22 January 1981 (bull's eye!) Israel would strike oil this year. Reagan would be assassinated. By the end of the year World War III would break out. Israel would emerge not only safe, but stronger than ever.

Judge for yourselves how well he did.

His major competitor is Miriam Spector. She had a different view of what was to be expected. She found all indications in the horoscope of Shimon Peres that he would become prime minister. There was no chance of finding oil in Israel. She foresaw violence in Egypt, but the peace process with Israel would continue. Without being specific, she forecast earthquakes in various parts of the world, mounting energy problems (a safe prediction), crisis in the stock exchanges and an expansion of religious revivalism.

She agreed with Lipshitz that the American president faced danger of assassination. She too foresaw world War III, but placed its outbreak in the beginning of 1984. In the summer of 1981 an Israeli personality was supposed to have won a prestigious international honor. Shlomo Glickstein tried . . .

Claïrovoyant Miriam Benyamin took to the radio last New Year to tell the public what to expect. According to her, labor would win the elections, Israel would strike oil this year and Khomeini would be finished. However, she agreed with her colleagues that Reagan should beware of an ambush being prepared for him by

provocative act. Paralyzed into inactivity, Israel could only wait helplessly for the blow to fall. For this compliance with Keating's request Israel paid in blood.

Anyone who has visited Jerusalem and has witnessed the miracle God has wrought (with Teddy Kollek's help), remembers it before the War of 1967 when it was a divided city, separated by barbed wire, with high walls erected to protect the inhabitants from pot shots by Arab soldiers stationed on the walls of the Old City.

In the desolate area between, considered no-mans land; homes were destroyed by shell fire, with gaping roofs open to the sky, and the land mined and covered with rolls of rusty barbed wire. That area, now attractively landscaped, must not be returned to Arab savagery; nor the synagogues to be desecrated by the barbarians. Graves on the Mount of Olives ruthlessly vandalized, have been carefully restored, and should be permitted to rest in peace.

President Reagan is well aware that no Prime Minister could contemplate its surrender and remain in office. There are no important Arab shrines in Jerusalem. Jerusalem is dear to them only as Mohammed . . . believed to have ascended to heaven from the rock in the Mosque of Omar. The Moslem holy shrines are in Mecca, Medina and Damascus. Only to the Jew does Jerusalem have spiritual significance, and the Jew also has to suffer the indignity of an Arab mosque located on holy Temple ground.

To surrender the West Bank to Yasir Arafat and his terrorist gang would not bring peace, but would inevitably precipitate another even more bloody war, which would not be in the interest of the Middle East or the United States.

Dr. Jay N. Fishbein
Pawtucket

Predictions From Beginning Of 1981 Did Not Prove To Be Terribly Reliable

demented men.

The traditional astrologists last year were challenged by a pair of young men, Danny Herman, and Shmuel Waknin, both in their early 20s who maintained that the oldtimers were not using proper mathematical methods to study the movements of the celestial bodies. Their calculations showed that in the fall of 1981 there would be danger to Sadat — but he would escape. Israel would lose more friends abroad, the government at home would be increasingly impotent, subject to crises and helpless in the face of problems. There would be a hysterical reaction by the public and outbreaks of violence. An accident would cause national mourning. The economic situation in Israel would continue to improve.

They ventured a look into the coming year as well and warned that in August — September of 1982 Israel would be faced with grave danger to its very existence. First signs of this danger would appear in March, 1982.

Herman and Waknin contemptuously declared that 80 percent of the predictions by the other astrologists turn out to be wrong. It would appear that their own average is not much better.

It's an interesting game. I suggest to readers who would like to try a hand at it that they drink a pint of whiskey, straight, wait for reaction, and then record their predictions for 1982. If they can still write straight.

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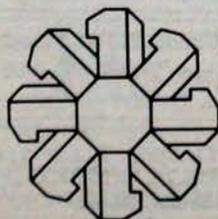
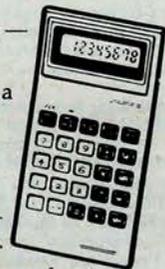
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



'Chronicles' — New Venture For Stephen Melzer

1 + 1 = 3 never fails to show up in Sunday comic strips on classroom blackboards.

But how ideal it would be in the television industry if 10 hours of shooting, 10 hours of editing, 10-15 hours of viewing and 10 hours of creating the concept could equal more than one seven-minute segment for free-lance television producer and photographer Stephen Melzer.

"Producing is anxiety," admits Steve, "but when it goes on, you know it's yours." And on it will go when Boston's Channel 5 launches a new five-day week show at 7:30 p.m. with main host Chet Curtis called "Chronicles" patterned on the 20-20 style.

Steve has already shot and edited a story, "King of the Rock," focusing on radio station WCOZ in Boston and the competition for teen-age listeners among radio stations. The feature zeros in on this age group, the targets of violent promotions and beholders of rock musicians smashing instruments.

Another story feature revolves around the controversy over increased Caesarian births. Steve took a self-taught crash course on the subject to prepare for the interviews with doctors and those women who regretted having this method of delivery.

Steve juggles his schedules for CHRONICLES into a regular balancing act. While editing one story, he is filming another and keeping appointments to profile personalities such as Red Auerbach, Boston Celtics president and general manager.

Steve's good stroke of luck in the popular TV magazine format started off with EVENING/PM MAGAZINE. He was right there at the ground level of this new video technology originally designed for news.

Known as newscam, "portable video equipment is location-oriented," according to Steve, "and EVENING/PM MAGAZINE was the first to use it for an entertainment format. It caught on like wildfire! As long as the magazine format is in vogue, I'll have a job."

When he was an intern at Boston University School of Public Communication in the Film and Broadcasting Department, Steve was sound engineer for the very first EVENING/PM MAGAZINE. The program featured Johnny Carson, that year's winner of Harvard's Hasty Pudding Award with an exclusive interview afterwards.

Steve free-lanced as story producer, videotape editor and videographer for several years with EVENING/PM MAGAZINE. He interviewed and produced a segment on Ben Gazzara during that time.

COMPUTER WORLD, which ran this past year for 40 weeks on Boston's Channel 56 had Steve as its cameraman and consumed his full time. Syndicated in 15 top market cities, the privately-funded show was forced to end abruptly due to economics.

Steve's experience in broadcast television production includes a stint as videotape editor for Goodson-Todman production THAT'S MY LINE on CBS in Hollywood; news videographer and videotape editor for NEWSROOM 7; and producer/director for EASTER IN JERUSALEM, a one-hour TV documentary for CBN Air, viewed on French and Swedish TV and filmed in Israel.

The Boston-based story producer has also filmed and edited for industrial, edu-

cational and commercial production.

Steve, son of Dolores and Bill Melzer, studied at the Jerusalem Institute in Israel for a year, attended University of Rhode Island and was graduated from B.U. School of Public Communications in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Broadcasting and Film.

His sister, Jan, will soon be featured in AROUNDTOWN.

Providence Revisited

Across the North Atlantic from London via sunny Marrakesh, Morocco to Chicago, Colorado and finally Providence flew Erna Schwartz Place and Robert Place for a visit with family.

Erna is the daughter of Lola and Irving Schwartz. She and her husband have been London residents for a year and a half.

Robert, a vice president with the Continental Illinois Bank in Chicago, was assigned to the Bank's London office as an area specialist in the Middle East in September 1980.

At that time Erna opened a private practice in Clinical Psychology and joined the teaching staff at Guys Hospital in London.

She is associated with the Women's Therapy Center in London as part of her deep commitment to improve quality care for low-income women. The American School there also refers clients to her.

Back home in London now, the couple make an annual trip to the U.S. and have several family reunions along the way with Robert's family in Colorado, Erna's family here, with an additional week in Chicago where Robert meets with colleagues at the Continental Illinois Bank.

They met at Brown when Erna was studying Psychology and Robert, Foreign Relations. After graduation, Erna went on to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland to earn a Master's Degree and PhD. in Clinical Psychology, and Robert, an MBA from the University of Chicago.

They were married in May of 1979. Following her residency at the Northwestern University Medical School, Erna became an instructor there.

During her years at Classical, Erna was involved with youth activities year-round at the Jewish Community Center. She was one of the recipients of the Annual Isador S. Low Awards for Service to the Jewish Community Center where her mother is the assistant executive director.

Kosher Restaurant Opens In Providence

Rhode Island's newest kosher restaurant will open on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m. The "Kosher Korner" will feature good, home-style cooking at reasonable prices.

Kosher Korner will be open one Sunday a month and will serve glatt kosher meats. The menu will consist of a variety of chicken and meat dishes with full course dinners starting at \$5.95. Children's portions beginning at \$3.50 will also be available.

Kosher Korner, located in Rosenfield Hall at Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion, 275 Camp St., Providence, is designed to accommodate families and is open to the public. For reservations call the synagogue office at 331-9393.

JCC Plans Adult Spring Classes

The Jewish Community Center Learning and Enrichment Center will begin adult classes for the spring semester in mid-March. Among the classes planned are: Quilting, Creative Movement and Stress Reduction Program.

In addition, the A.L.E.C. program will add a new Investment Course, which will include sessions on "tax sheltered investments," "option trading techniques" and "processes for comparing investments," according to the instructor, Maurice Bissonette, Vice President and Branch Manager of Tucker, Anthony and R.L. Day, Inc. Brokerage in Providence.

All courses in the A.L.E.C. program, are open to any adult, at member and nonmember rates. Information on all adult courses as well as children's and special programs will be available in the spring catalogue, coming out in March.

Dr. Denhoff Receives Leydorf Medical Award

Eric Denhoff, M.D., co-founder of Meeting Street School and pediatric neurologist, has recently received the Leydorf Medical Clinic National Service Award. Only one award was given. He was unanimously selected for this honor from a field of outstanding candidates from various areas of the United States, all viewed as having made meaningful contributions to the care of persons with Developmental Disabilities.

Denhoff was nominated by H.R. Soboloff, M.D., who stated in his nomination letter, "He has devoted virtually his entire professional career to the treatment of handicapped children. Long before the words 'developmental' was a term and before there was such a physician as developmentalist, Dr. Denhoff functioned as just exactly that."

Denhoff is the author of many articles which have appeared in medical publications and has been a featured lecturer at national and international conferences.

Sholes Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Steven T. Sholes of 133 Merrymount Dr., Warwick, have announced the birth of their third son, Noah Calvin, on Dec. 18.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abrahms of Houston, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Sholes of Cranston.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Abrahms of Springfield, Mass. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greenfield of Manchester, N.H. Paternal great-grandfather is Mr. Julius Kohn of Stamford, Conn. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Sholes of Warwick.

Fields Announce Birth Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Roy Field of 39 Hollins Dr., Cranston have announced the birth of their third child, and first daughter, Rachel Allison on Dec. 22. Rachel's brothers are Adam Benjamin, 5, and Daniel Eric, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Miriam Snell and the late Albert Snell of Providence. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Field of Narragansett.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Abraham Kaplan, Mrs. Sarah Goldberg, and Mrs. Nathan Snell, all of Providence.

Safrans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Safran of Randolph, Mass. have announced the birth of a daughter, Danielle Alyssa, on Jan. 10.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jacobs of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. William Safran of Framingham, Mass.

Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. William W. Meyers of N. Miami Beach, Fl. and paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Safran of Lakewood, N.J.

CORRECTION

The article on the YMCA in the Jan. 7 issue of the Rhode Island Herald should have read that senior aerobic classes are held at Washington Park Community Center not West Park.

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Guest Chef will demonstrate her cooking expertise with Purim's special treat — Hamentashen. Members will be able to sample the sweets! For additional information call Judy, 885-1040.

Parents Of Americans In Israel Meet

The Association of Parents of Americans in Israel will hold its next meeting on Sunday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m., at the home of Frankie and Ira Wellins, 171 Glen Ridge Road, Cranston.

All who have children living in Israel, temporarily or permanently are welcome to attend. For further information call 467-3833 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Emanu-El Sisterhood Group Meets

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood Group will meet on Sunday, Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m. at the Temple, Session St., Providence.

The topic will be "ERA: Jewish Viewpoint." Panel will consist of Linda Kushner, Galya Greenberg, Lois Schlar, and Doris McGarry, moderator.

Coffee served at 1:30 p.m., will be followed by the program at 2.

Beth-El Sisterhood Group Meets

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Winter Study Group will meet at the Temple, Thursday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.

Mrs. Claire Berk will be the speaker, discussing Women Trailblazers in the world of the Theatre. Coffee will be served at 9:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

JCC Sponsors Yiddish Film Festival

The Jewish Community Center Cultural Arts Programs, will sponsor a Yiddish Film Festival in January. The festival will be the fifth such film experience at the JCC, featuring films as follows: Jan. 17, "Where is My Child?"; Jan. 24, "A Vilna Legend"; Jan. 31, "American Shadchen." All films will begin at 7 p.m. and be shown at the Center. Fees will be charged for all programs.

The first film, "Where is My Child?" epitomizes immigrant suffering in a way calculated to tug heavily at the heartstrings of audiences who themselves remembered the experience or were barely a generation removed from it. The film's strong theme of the pains and joys of a mother-son relationship, always idealized in the Jewish Folk mind, could (and frequently still can) be counted on to strike a responsive chord. This film, as the others, centers its theme around women and the relationship they strike with men.

The films are from the Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Library of the American Jewish Historical Society located on the campus of Brandeis University, Massachusetts. They are part of the largest extant group of Yiddish language films in the world.

Hadassah Meets

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah Study Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Archie Finkelstein, 36 Alton Rd., Providence.

Current events will be discussed by various members with special emphasis on Israel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

B'nai B'rith Meets

The next meeting of B'nai B'rith, Hope Chapter, will be held jointly with Roger Williams Chapter on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., at the Hillel House, Brown University.

The speaker will be Rabbi Kathy Felix.



THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER cultural arts program will feature "Where Is My Child?" on Jan. 17 as part of its Yiddish film festival during the month of January.

PHDS Students Create New Peanuts Gang

New characters for the Peanuts Gang have been created by the fourth graders of Providence Hebrew Day School, as part of the school's creative writing program.

The project consisted of analyzing the present Snoopy comic strip, listing the personalities in the Peanuts Gang and choosing a new personality which would blend in with the present characters. The new personalities created are; Almond Joy, Peppermint Patty's sister; Penelope, Snoopy's new friend (a cat); Nancy, Snoopy's wife; and, Linda, a superstitious friend of Linus.

The class, under the direction of Denise Kavanaugh, fourth grade teacher, has mailed this packet to Mr. Schultz with the hope for a response and analysis of their work.

BJE Hosts Teacher Conference

The Bureau of Jewish Education will host a teachers conference in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, on Monday, Jan. 18 from 2-4 p.m. Teachers will have an opportunity to learn new ways to incorporate the teaching of Israel into their curricula.

"Israel is Real" is the theme of the conference, featuring a number of table clinics, each geared to heightening Israel-awareness through a different medium.

Babysitting for the conference will be provided if advance registration warrants. For further information call Carol Ingall at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956.

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PREPARATION

Miriam Involved In Investigation FDA Approves Breakthrough In Heart Therapy

by Sandra K. Lindley

A dramatic therapeutic breakthrough in the treatment of angina pectoris, a drug, Procardia (nifedipine) has been approved by the FDA.

Dr. William Boden, Director of Coronary, Miriam Hospital, Providence, at a press conference at the hospital on Friday, Jan. 8 said the drug is not new. "The drug was developed in West Germany around 1970-1971 and has been under intensive investigation in our country for three years. We, here at the hospital, were fortunate to have procured this drug two and a half years ago, and have enrolled over 100 patients to test its safety." About eighty percent of the patients that have used the drug have experienced complete or favorable incomplete relief from angina pectoris, according to Dr. Boden.

Procardia (nifedipine), marketed by Pfizer Laboratories in New York, is expected to reach the market within the next two weeks. The drug is the first oral form of a new class of heart drugs, known as the calcium channel blockers.

The drug is expected to save lives, delay, and in some cases eliminate, the need for coronary bypass surgery, and significantly improve the quality of life for patients with all types of coronary artery disease.

Procardia (nifedipine) will cost \$17.50 wholesale and is expected to cost about \$25 per 100 capsules for patients. Recommended dose ranges from 1 to 2 capsules every four to six hours.

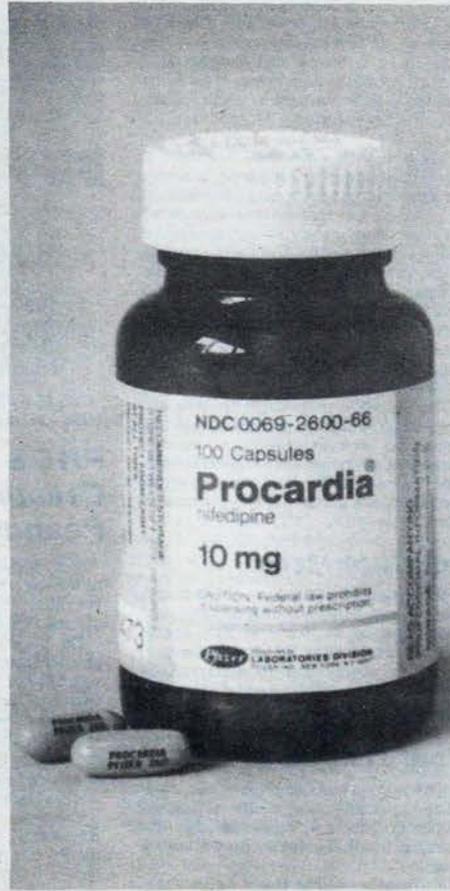
Potential side-effects, according to Dr. Boden, are dizziness, lightheadedness, nausea, weakness, flushing and headache, and swelling of the ankles, each occurring in 1 out of every 10 patients. "In patients," Dr. Boden said "we will start at the lowest possible dosage and if no side-effects are present we will increase the dose."

Angina pectoris is the most prevalent adult disease in this country, according to Dr. Boden. He said the drug is a "hot cure-all." Procardia (nifedipine) has been used safely with nearly 200 other medications, thus it can be used safely with drugs a patient may be taking to treat other problems — among them, antihypertensives, other cardiovascular drugs, bronchodilators, antidiabetics, and antibiotics. Procardia can be used for all forms of angina and in all patients.

Dr. Capone, of Rhode Island Hospital, also attending the conference, said he believes once the drug hits the market it will be used by many cardiologists. Dr. Hahn of Memorial Hospital said the drug will lessen the amount of heart surgery in the future.

"Since Procardia (nifedipine) is a new drug it is difficult to predict what its results will be," said Dr. Boden.

In all, Procardia has been the subject of over 300 studies. It has been under intensive clinical development by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in the United States for the past three years in over 15,000 angina patients. It has been used internationally for over a decade, and administered to more than four million angina patients worldwide.



Meshanticut Vista Celebrates Chanukah

The first annual Christmas-Chanukah party of Meshanticut Vista, was held on Dec. 19 in the Community Room of Meshanticut Vista. Entertainment was provided by the Beaudette Sisters.

The first meeting for this year was held on Jan. 4, presided by Marion O'Brien. Plans were made for a Valentine Party to be held on Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Villa De Georgio.

Arrangements have been made for a monthly Sunday brunch to be catered by Chef Sherman Berger.

Israeli Students Visit New England

A cooperative effort between Israel and the Jewish Community of Rhode Island will begin its fourth visit on Sunday, March 7 through 14, when a contingent of two Israeli high school students arrive for a week long visit as part of a six-week visit to communities and high schools in New England and other parts of the United States.

Sponsored by the government of Israel, the purpose of this Mission is to provide an opportunity for cultural and educational exchanges between America and Israeli youth. In addition to their appearance in high schools, the students will address synagogue and church groups, youth and community organizations.

This year, over 100 communities in the United States will act as hosts for several students for at least one week's duration.

David Unger, Director of Group Services, at the JCC, will coordinate the visit and will be looking for host families to provide homes where youngsters will live with families of students attending the school they are visiting, and invites inquiries from interested families with teenage children. For further information contact him at 861-8800.



Survey Pinpoints Italian Attitudes To Anti-Semitism

The World Jewish Congress reports on the findings of research undertaken by local Jewish institutions in Italy which indicate the persistence of anti-Semitic stereotypes in the strata of the Italian population.

Most revealing were a series of short interviews carried by the Rome community's monthly journal *Shalom* under the title, "The Geography of Prejudice." These interviews, though not purporting to be a scientific survey, were assessed for broad trends by the Jewish Documentation Center of Milan — the research organization which monitors anti-Semitic incidents within Italy and analyzes their sources.

The first in the series was conducted by a young anthropologist at the University of Arezzo (Tuscany) in the townships and villages of the nearby Casentino Valley. The Church archives in the area include many records of trials against Jews in the Middle Ages and even later. The question asked was, "How do you picture a Jew?" The answers contained fantasy, folktales, stereotypes based on hearsay and legends, and a general mistrust of Jews. Tales of bleeding wafers and stolen bleeding coins as well as ancient maledictions were related by students, clerks and peasant women as though they had happened yesterday.

Although there was much repetition of the classic stereotypes (Jews gained riches as usurers, killed Christ, etc. . .) the interviewers were impressed by the absence of malevolence with which these "facts" were related. A former teacher explained that, while there was no racism in the Valley, there remains a traditional negative attitude toward Jews, much of it motivated by economic factors. But he pointed out that during the war, with many Jews in the area forced to hide, there was not a single case of betrayal.

The poll was next conducted in Milan and Rome. The replies, again, showed no hatred or even strong dislike though there was clear prejudice — all (in the words of one investigator) expressed with great civility. Perhaps the most remarkable reply came from a young traffic policeman who described Jews as "persons who need a lot of affection and understanding from others."

An indicator of "indirect prejudice" was the exaggerated estimate of the number of Jews in the country and city. While Italy's total Jewish population is about 35,000 the guesses ranged from 500,000 to 5 million for all of Italy; from tens of thousands to a million for Milan or Rome.

According to the WJC, the experts of the Documentation Center have concluded that these interviews point up basic ignorance and confusion much more than hatred and racism. These are seen to present difficult but not insurmountable obstacles. An independent finding of the Center indicates a rise in anti-Semitic episodes of Fascist or Neo-Nazi origin while their analysis indicates that Church and religious inspired incidents have greatly decreased.

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Well, it's time to Herald in the new year! Certainly, those of us who desired to celebrate the inescapable fact that 1982 has arrived have already done so. Those of us who are inclined to do so have also made (perhaps already broken) our New Year's resolutions.

Still, it's not too late to make another resolution — especially when our children, grandchildren, and others' children are involved. That's it! INVOLVEMENT.

This may be a new year but involvement on behalf of our children and ourselves is an old idea. With any new year a number of circumstances interfere with our desire and commitment to be involved with our children. There are social engagements with friends, evening business and professional meetings to attend, new business projects to plan and implement, and weekend or extended vacations sans kids.

Given the current political and economic picture, many people will need to work harder just to keep pace. Children, even well-informed children, have an awfully hard time understanding factors which diminish positive interaction with their parents and grandparents. Even those children who understand the situation may feel the impact of lost time.

One phrase which seems to be bantied about (that's another one) more frequently these days is the expression "quality time." With more mothers working today individuals have said that what is most important is not how much time you actually spend with your children, but the degree of positive involvement which occurs during the time you spend with them. Obviously, if you are with your kids for most of the day or evening but you read the newspaper without even looking at your children, if you watch television and look disdainfully at your children when interrupted, or if the type of communication is primarily negative and commanding, then quality time becomes a very significant issue for you and your children.

Of course, there does not appear to be any magic equation regarding quantity vs. quality time, but in order to have quality time you certainly need to see and interact with your children. To our children (I am including adolescents here as well), quality time can be spontaneous or planned. Letting the children make or help decide on how that time is spent can be very important. Whether you play a game, take a walk, watch a television program, go to a movie, see a play, or make a project. If it's an activity that you and your child or grandchild enjoy, then you have satisfied one very important ingredient for experiencing "quality time."

Another key ingredient is the communication process which occurs when you are together. If genuine positive feelings are exchanged well and good. If, however, the nature of word or glance is acidic,



Parents Plights And Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber

that's not quite what I had in mind. Do these ideas seem obvious to you? From my experience as a parent and a consultant to other parents, the phrase "easier said than done..." seems appropriate.

Involvement on other levels can be very important. For example, taking a special interest in your son or daughter's education is another way of being involved. Going to those P.T.A. meetings and especially parent-teacher conferences may help you to find out more about the education your child is experiencing. The above suggestion takes on more significance when two parents attend such meetings (where two parent families exist). As economic conditions increasingly impact on our public schools, parent involvement will be even more critical. I will hasten to add that if your brand of involvement is perceived by your children as earning the "Third Degree" or participating in a daily after-school inquisition, understand if your concerns are not well-received.

The new year is likely to be one in which computer games and video hardware become increasingly more commonplace. If you have the time, inclination, and money consider increasing educationally related involvement through the purchase of computer learning devices. Texas Instruments produces several items such as Dataman, Spelling Bee, Speak and Math, Speak and Read, Speak and Spell, and other devices designed to increase skills in mathematics, reading, and spelling. Other newer computer equipment will allow you greater flexibility in working with your kids. Should you desire more sophisticated equipment, visit Sears, Radio Shack, or other stores which carry programmable computers.

There is yet another level of involvement which is not only important to our own children and grandchildren but to children in the community at large. I am referring to involvement in parent-professional advocacy organizations which are concerned with handicapped children and youth.

Whether you become involved as a professional (pediatrician, psychologist, social worker, guidance counselor, lawyer, special or regular educator) or as a parent

of a child with special needs your involvement is more critical now than during the last five years. The reason is that although federal and state regulations for the education of handicapped children have been implemented since 1977, there are still children and adolescents who need special education and are still not receiving any. In some cases, the assistance received is merely token assistance; the needs of the children are not being met.

I recently worked with a client who attends public school in Rhode Island. His parents have patiently waited for a meeting with the Special Education Director to plan a program for their son's education. The boy's mother noticed a problem six years ago when observing her son struggle with reading. I have received some interesting and very disconcerting information that the boy will be offered two half hours of resource assistance per week. He will be expected to continue in his regular classroom. If this prediction proves to be the case, the boy will very probably continue to fail and develop even more negative feelings about himself, his teachers, and school in general.

But involvement is important now because what has been achieved may soon be lost given the present course of our

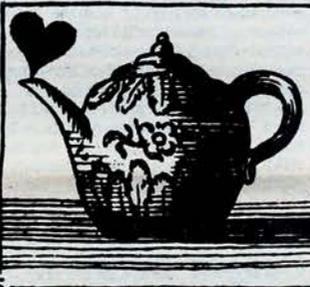
Federal Administration. Such organizations as the Rhode Island Association for Retarded Citizens, the Rhode Island Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, or the Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children need support and very direct involvement from parents and professionals if they are to help regular and special education personnel more effectively serve children.

The Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children is having one of their bi-monthly meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Apponaug Police Station in Warwick. Representative, Dr. Paul Sherlock (D-Warwick) will speak on Reaganomics and the New Federalism: Implications for Children with Behavioral Disorders. That organization and others are looking for parents and professionals to serve as officers. Involvement in such organizations may be one of the best ways to increase in-school quality time for children and adolescents who will otherwise find school to be a very uninviting place.

So, if you are still open to adding another New Year's resolution, consider increasing your involvement on behalf of your children through a variety of alternatives. And now, if you'll be kind enough to excuse me, I'm going to finish a game of Farm Lotto with my children.

During the coming year, please feel free to write to me in care of the Rhode Island Herald, Box 6063, Providence, Rhode Island 02940 or call me at 521-5387 if you have any questions pertaining to children's or adolescents' learning and behavioral problems.

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by David R. Sargent



Q — For many years we have held more than 1,000 shares of Butler Manufacturing (OTC). Our cost is less than \$1 per share, compared to the current market value of about \$26. Now at age 65, we would like to improve on the 5 percent yield. But how can we make a switch without a large tax expense? Should we sell some this year and some next year? — B.C., Missouri

A — Butler's businesses are particularly sensitive to the recessionary economy, and over the past two years earnings have dropped sharply from 1979's \$4.45 per share to this year's estimated \$1.30 per share. Analysts are predicting around \$1.75 for 1982, as only a modest recovery in the non-residential construction and agricultural industries may be expected. The company's strong balance sheet and good product reputation — Butler buildings are designed for energy efficiency and reliability — will carry it through to better days ahead. But I would not expect the stock (which may soon be listed on the NYSE) to be a superior performer over the near term. A switch now would make good sense, especially in light of your changing

investment goals.

There are several ways to alleviate the tax burden of your considerable capital gain. One way is to arrange for an installment sale plan with your broker, where you will pay taxes on income as received. You may be able to defer payments and spread them over two years. Or, you can stagger the sale of your shares yourself; I would have no objection to holding a portion of your position a while longer. A third method is to sell the total shares now and use 5-year income averaging when you prepare your 1982 tax return. Any of these techniques would be appropriate, but I suggest you consult a tax attorney for more specific advice.

Q — The International Harvester \$5.76 cumulative preferred stock looks very attractive now. At a current price of 17 1/2, it provides a yield of 33 percent. My feeling is that as soon as farm equipment starts to sell again, Harvester will be back on its feet. Or do you think the company is damaged beyond repair? We would appreciate your opinion. — M.C., Nebraska, and F.M., Missouri.

A — I would strongly advise you to avoid both the common and preferred stock of troubled International Harvester. The company has never recovered from the effects of the lengthy strike in 1980, and even with help from the economy, no near-term relief is in sight. The threat of bankruptcy hangs overhead, although so far a refinancing package, expected wage concessions from union employees, and the possible sale of some assets will keep the company solvent. But creditors' claims take priority over shareholders', and I fear that even the preferred dividend may not be safe. You should be aware that such a high yield is often a tipoff to inordinately high risks. I would direct you instead to Deere & Co. (NYSE) for cyclical growth in agricultural machinery.

RIJHA And JCC Plan Exhibit

Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association has joined with the Jewish Community Center and with interested individuals in planning for a continuing exhibit of Rhode Island Jewish History. Recommendations outlined by Dr. Bart Schiavo, chairman of the research section of the proposed project, were accepted by the participants in the planning meeting held on Nov. 22 at the JCC.

Dr. Schiavo's proposals included; using available visuals and books in the historical archives for a photo/audio exhibition; changing the exhibit from time to time; building it at JCC and moving it from place to place; setting a time frame for the exhibit of 1850-1950; focusing the study on the predominately Jewish trades, occupations, workers and owners from which life in Rhode Island has developed; developing the study about the critical periods of 1840-1880, 1880-1914, 1914-1950; and considering the inclusion of the new immigration of Russian Jews to Rhode Island as representative of another phenomenon in the development of the community. Dr. Schiavo suggested that the exhibit formally opens in October 1982.

Rachel Kaufman serves as chairperson. Debbie Samperil will serve as design consultant, and Judith Lantos is recorder.

A committee to "block out" the narrative for the exhibit includes: Dr. Schiavo, Dr. Seebert Goldowsky, Albert Klyberg, Florence Markoff, Rachel Kaufman, Eleanor Horvitz, Michael Bell, and Judith Lantos. Anyone interested in serving on this important committee may contact Dr. Schiavo or RIJHA, 130 Session St., Providence.

Newport B'nai B'rith Youth Present Special Service

A special creative service will be presented by the Newport Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization on Friday, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Shalom, Valley Road, Middletown. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate and chant the liturgy.

Also participating in the service will be: Judie Charnock, Larry Cohen, Audrey Feldman, Rita Feldman, Louis Feldman, Elaine Goldberg, Ken Kadet, Karen Kuzminsky, Robert Lasky, Ellen Josephson, Beth Mendell, David Mendell, Phillip Margolis, Danny Palay, Gayle Rubin, Aaron Schmier, Marc Schmier, David Soforenko, Larry Ziegler, Naomi Ziegler.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, sponsored by the BBYO organization.

On Shabbat morning, a Youth Service and Luncheon will take place, beginning at 10 a.m.

Reservations are currently being accepted for a Viva Italian night and Penny Auction which will be held on Saturday Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Reservations may be made with Shirley Solomon or Doris Fischer.

Summer Program In Israel Offered To American Families

NEW YORK — A unique summer program is now available for American Jewish families who wish to experience Israeli life, the Israel Aliyah Center announced last week. Applications for the four-week program, which involves light forestry work, sightseeing and Hebrew study, are now being accepted.

The program, entitled "A Family Summer Experience in Israel," is cosponsored by the World Zionist Organization's Dor Hemshech Division, the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department and the Jewish National Fund (JNF), in cooperation with the Movement for Conservative Judaism in Israel, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the Association of American Hebrew Congregations.

During the first three weeks, families spend their mornings working in JNF Forestation projects, while their children (those under age 12) attend an Israeli summer camp. The work is primarily light physical labor, but participants are expected to help wherever needed. The Jewish National Fund was founded in 1901 by the World Zionist Organization to acquire and develop land for forestation in pre-independence Palestine.

The families will be housed at Jewish Agency Absorption Centers in Israel's Galilee region, where the program takes place. Evening activities include lectures

on Israel's historic, social and political structure, folk dancing as well as visits with Israeli families.

In addition to a four-hour-a-day, six-day-a-week work schedule, the program features more than three days of sightseeing throughout the Galilee. The final week entails three days in Jerusalem and a half-day visit to a kibbutz.

A special three-week ulpan (Hebrew language course) features an intensive learning experience, with classes tailored to adults and children.

The program, now in its third year, is open to adults up to age 45 and children no younger than six. Families leave New York during mid-July.

A personal interview is required of all applicants. Information about the program and application procedures can be obtained by contacting Schmuel Rosenman, Dor Hemshech, 515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Tel. (212) 371-7750.

Pioneer Women Meet

Shalom Chapter, Pioneer Women will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Iris Gesualdi, 24 Irene St., Warwick.

Dr. Marvin Wasser, a pediatrician from Cranston, will speak about Preventive Medicine. A question and answer period will follow.

Cuba, PLO In Joint Film Venture

NEW YORK (JTA) — A film dealing with the Palestinian people has been co-produced by the Cuban Institute of Radio and Television and the Palestine Liberation Organization, it was announced in Granma, the official organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba.

The paper, published in English in Havana, said the film, "El camino de la tierra" (The Road of the Earth), "skillfully depicts the tragedy of a people displaced from their land and forced to wander throughout the world."

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Israel's Exports To The U.S. Go Over The \$1 Billion Mark

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel's exports to the United States went over the \$1 billion mark for the first time in a single year in 1981, it was reported last week by Israel's Economic Mission here. Uri Oren, spokesman for the Mission, said the dollar value of Israeli sales in the United States rose by 28 percent over last year, making the U.S. Israel's largest single customer. The U.S. share of total Israeli exports rose from 18 percent to 25 percent last year.

Particularly strong Israeli exports to the U.S. Oren said, were high-technology products, including electronics, avionics, lasers, solar energy devices, computer software and medical equipment. Leading the list of consumer items was gold jewelry. Furniture, printing materials and food products also did well, Oren said, more than making up for the decline in the sale of polished diamonds to the U.S. The diamond industry has been in a worldwide recession for more than a year.

Leads In Science-Based Industry

A typical new product was Neurogar, a

member of the family of transcutaneous electronic nerve stimulator (TENS) devices, which uses electrical impulses to kill pain. Neurogar was developed at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and is manufactured at Kibbutz Ginossar on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

One of Israel's major export items to the U.S. in 1981 was the Westwind 2 executive jet. The Westwind, manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries, is now selling in the U.S. at the rate of five per month, with each plane costing from \$4 million to \$6 million — Israel's highest-priced export item.

Israel's leadership in science-based industry was a major factor in its record export total for 1981. Israeli-made computer-aided design systems (CADS) by Scitex, CAT scanners by Elscint and precision tools by Iscar were major export items, but the range of Israeli products also included synagogue furniture (by Solcoor), swimwear (by Gortex) and Yehuda matzoh, imported by B. Manischewitz.

Special Tax Benefits For Older Americans



Older Americans are special because of their knowledge and experience. They are also in a unique situation financially. Many are retired and living on fixed incomes. Making ends meet is becoming increasingly difficult. To assist this rapidly growing segment of the nation's population, the tax laws offer a number of special tax benefits.

For instance, anyone 65 or older is entitled to an extra exemption of \$1,000. This means an automatic additional reduction to income of \$1,000 for single persons, and \$2,000 for a married couple, both 65 or older, who file a joint return.

Do senior citizens have to file at all? In some cases, yes, since filing a tax return has nothing to do with age; it's income that decides that question.

Single persons 65 or over do not have to file a federal income tax return if their income was less than \$4,300. The limit for a married couple, filing a joint return, with only one spouse 65 or older, is \$6,400; \$7,400 if both spouses are 65 or over. For tax purposes, persons are considered to be 65 on the day before their 65th birthday. An important benefit to

keep in mind, is that Social Security payments are not taxable. The same holds true for Railroad Retirement benefits.

Another special benefit is the "Credit for the Elderly." The credit can in some cases, but not all, reduce taxes owed by as much as \$375 for single persons and \$562.50 for married couples who file a joint return. Although the credit generally applies to persons 65 or older, it is available to those under 65, if they have a taxable pension from a public retirement system.

Senior citizens who are thinking about selling their personal residence should consider the once-in-a-lifetime \$100,000 or \$125,000 exclusion of the gain on the sale of their home. If you sold your home before July 20, 1981, the exclusion is limited \$100,000. For homes sold after that date however the exclusion is up to \$125,000. An awareness of the tax consequence is essential before selling a personal residence at any age, but doubly so for those age 55 or older to whom this benefit applies.

Taxpayers needing assistance with their returns can turn to Tax Counseling for the Elderly, an IRS program through which organizational volunteers provide free tax information and assistance to individuals age 60 or over.

You may obtain either information on Tax Counseling for the Elderly by calling the IRS Tax Information telephone number listed in the telephone directory. Publications of special interest to older taxpayers include:

- 502 "Medical and Dental Expenses"
- 505 "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax"
- 523 "Tax Information on Selling Your Home"
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How To Recognize A Good Job Offer

by Sylvia Porter

If you're changing jobs in 1982 — and millions of you will, voluntarily or involuntarily — seize this moment for an honest assessment of the priorities of your career. When you do get a job offer, how will you recognize whether it's good or bad for you?

Whether the job you're offered is the result of your own search or whether it just comes to you without your looking, step back, fully appraise the value of the prospective new situation and make a "reference check" on your would-be employer, just as that company would make a reference check on you. Once you have done this, you'll be amazed at the way the wrong company will fade and the right one will leap out before your eyes.

Money? Of course it's a powerful motivator, but by no means the top one (assuming you're not desperate for any employment that pays a salary). And money is not the only motivator if the change involves relocation.

Potential for advancement, job satisfaction, security, the attitudes of your family — all these factors must rank high in this vital decision. And the benefits to you translate into personal satisfaction, a certain mental "comfort level" that dwarfs money alone.

Here's a checklist that you can use to recognize how good the job offer is for you. It's extraordinarily revealing.

— Start with the company's report, which is, in fact, its resume. What accomplishments does it emphasize? Does the style it projects match what you see as suited for yourself? If the company is publicly held, you easily can check its earnings over the past few years.

— Try to find out firsthand from friends in the industry or whatever sources you can locate (a stock analyst if you know one) how the company is perceived among its peers.

— Are you heading in the same direction as the company? A healthy stock price and growth potential are overall good signs, but do the company's future plans dovetail with your qualifications, interests and ultimate objectives? (There are deep pitfalls here; think carefully.)

— What is the company's management philosophy? Of crucial importance, emphasizes Alan Schonberg, president of Management Recruiters International Inc., the country's largest executive recruiter, is the individual to whom you will report. How do you feel about that person? Do responsibility and authority go hand in hand in this company? Can you really make your mark? Is the company structured so that you will be recognized for and given credit for your accomplishments?

— Titles are impressive, but will you be

responsible for all that yours implies? How many people actually will be reporting to you, if any? How much decision-making authority will you have?

— Is there room in upper management for you? Is the company known for promoting from within, or does it look for "fresh blood" from the outside?

— If you are successful, what will be your next step in the company? Does each rung on the management ladder involve relocation?

— If you are asked to relocate, what expenses should your new employer cover? According to Richard W. Wirth, vice president of marketing for Homequity, a leading relocation management firm, you should ask for: one fully paid househunting trip, reimbursement for moving your household goods, travel expenses to the new location for you and your family and an expense allowance to cover temporary living costs (both food and shelter) for up to 60 days.

Fringe benefits (health, dental and optical plans), club memberships, parking — all these "perks" are important. The quality of life, including neighborhoods and school systems, will affect your entire family relationships. Against all the above, cash in hand as the keyfactor downgrades itself, which is what this checklist is designed to do.

Golden Age Club Reports Dec. Events

The Golden Age Club of the JCC held its first annual pre-New Year's Eve "Matzoh Ball" Dinner Dance on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The evening had many highlights including a Kosher roasted chicken dinner, dancing and entertainment provided by the Larry Perlman Orchestra, with the boy scout troop 104 of the JCC working in the kitchen.

The club board of directors has already begun planning next year's event.

On a snowy day in December, 40 Club members visited several historic sites in the Boston area.

The tour began with a slide presentation at the American Jewish Historical Society, and then a beautiful Kosher lunch was served at the mealsite in Chelsea, giving members an opportunity to meet other seniors from the Boston community. The tour then went to a Senior Adult Sheltered Workshop, where many GAC Board of Directors were enthused by this moneymaking possibility and will be exploring this with the club. The last stop was at the Orange St. Shul in the Chelsea area where, Ruby, a seventy-five-year-old gentleman gave a beautiful explanation in Yiddish.

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Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Most of the hands in this column range from slightly difficult to quite tricky. In fairness to the newer, less experienced players, every once in a while I try to show what should be an easy hand. Sometimes a few Declarers or Defenders fail to see it that way but that doesn't mean it became a hard hand all of a sudden. These players just didn't look at it that way. I trust that after seeing some of these hands they will make the easy ones stay easy.

North		East	
♠ AK75		♠ Q943	
♥ J863		♥ 72	
♦ 543		♦ K976	
♣ Q8		♣ A63	
West		South	
♠ 10862		♠ J	
♥ A5		♥ KQ1094	
♦ QJ10		♦ A82	
♣ 10742		♣ KJ95	

Both sides vulnerable, South was Dealer with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1H	P	1S	P
2C	P	3H	P
4H	End		

As far as the bidding is concerned, the contract is very normal. South might have rebid One No Trump rather than Two Clubs in case that contract might have been the best place to play the hand. However, with the singleton Spade certainly Two Clubs is

a good bid. It is North's bid we should discuss more fully. Many players would simply bid Two Hearts on their first rebid. That would not nearly do justice to that hand. The bid of two would merely be a preference showing nothing more than a bare minimum with two or three Hearts. Three Hearts at this time is not a jump but rather a raise showing about ten or eleven high card points and reasonable Trump support. It can be passed but is a good try for game. South had enough extra to accept the invitation.

To make the hand we can only afford to lose three tricks. The Trump Ace and the Club Ace are two we can do nothing about. The success depends on how many Diamonds we lose after the lead of the Diamond Queen from West. As you can see, that lead removes South's Ace leaving two losers in each hand, one too many.

So many new players are either taught or have learned for themselves that the first thing to do as Declarer is pull Trumps. See what happens in this hand if they do and two did. West will take his Ace and immediately cash those two Diamonds to set the hand.

To offset this all that has to be done before touching Trumps is to get rid of one of those losing Diamonds. How easy, just use the two high Spades over in Dummy for that purpose. After having accomplished that now the Trumps can be attended to and the hand is made. Of course, if any suit is led other than Diamonds, Trumps can be gone after immediately. Even if the Defender switches to a Diamond after he wins his Trump Ace Declarer can still discard his losing Diamond the same way, on a high Spade.

Moral: First things first. Don't draw Trumps just for the sake of drawing them unless that is the most important thing to do at the time.

'A Lesson From Aloes'

All Elements Come Together For Extraordinary Evening Of Theatre



APRIL SHAWHAN AND RICHARD KAVANAUGH in the Trinity Square Repertory Company production of "A Lesson From Aloes" by Athol Fugard, directed by Suzanne Shepherd.

by Lois Atwood

"A Lesson From Aloes," Trinity Rep's newest production, is one of those rare plays where directing, acting, setting, lights, and costumes all come together to reinforce the playwright's intention, so that, like Athol Fugard's earlier "Boesman and Lena," also very well done at Trinity, the result is an extraordinary evening of theater.

It is highlighted by the performance of April Shawhan as Gladys Bezuidenhout, in a brilliant portrayal of a woman driven to the edge of madness. She plays a young housewife who is quiet and gentle, but too controlled; when they were raided, her privacy was violated in a way that seemed like rape, and now she can no longer trust life not to do it again. Living in the hostile culture of South Africa, married to an Afrikaner who was part of a subversive movement, and knowing that her husband Piet will never leave their country, Gladys has no defense except insanity.

The play is set in South Africa in 1963 but could as well be set today, so far as the repressive political climate is concerned. It is a play about survival, with the harsh, purgative aloes that green a sunbaked yard being the only greenery — nothing else can survive in such unfavorable conditions. The three characters choose very different ways of coming to terms with their world: Piet, the husband, settles into the veld and hunts aloes, identifying them with zest, and Steve, their colored friend, after betrayal and arrest has decided to take his family to England on a one-way exit permit.

The background that filters out during a longish but interesting first act is necessary for the relations of the men and of the couple. Gradually it becomes clear that Piet is suspected of being the informer who betrayed the movement, so that his former associates no longer know him. Richard Kavanaugh's performance as Piet was rich, warm, and moving. He played it like the working-class intellectuals associated with socialist movements in this country, the goodness and worry spilling out through the surface facade.

And Ed Hall as Steve moved from forced joviality through polite conversation and finally back into the shared lines of friendship as he described life growing up and his recent term in jail. His remark that though the family's land had been appropriated, "no whitey has built on it yet,"

is a vivid reminder that these three shared an illegal friendship and a subversive association. The sadness of the exile about to leave his country is vividly shown, and his bravado when he tears up a childhood photograph is moving.

This powerful play shows with dreadful clarity what living in a nakedly unjust society can do to people — and forces us to consider our choices, too. Suzanne Shepherd, who directed, has worked with Fugard's plays before, and her touch here is sure. Scenery design was by Robert D. Soule; lighting, by John F. Custer; and costumes, by William Lane. There are some things in the theater that really are unforgettable, and one of them is Shawhan's precise and flawless acting, with its overwhelming quietness at the end.

2 N.Y. Theaters Present Israeli Film Festival

An Israeli Film Festival, expected to become an annual event in New York, will be held from Jan. 13 to 19 at the Manhattan I Theater on East 59th Street and from Jan. 17 to 21 at the Continental Theater in Forest Hills, Queens.

Eleven feature-films will be shown in Hebrew, with English subtitles, including new and recent productions as well as several that are regarded as Israeli classics.

A world premiere will start the festival at 8 p.m. on Jan. 13 with "Repeat Dive," a story of a unit of frogmen in the Israeli army, contrasting their bravery and skill in their work with the somewhat cowardly ways in which they conduct their personal lives.

A champagne reception preceding the film at 7 p.m. will be attended by celebrities from the American and Israeli film industries, diplomats, and New York representatives. A city proclamation honoring the festival will be presented.

A festival last May in Boston — a sort of tryout for the first New York series — featured six films and attracted more than 3,000 people, according to spokesmen for the event.

The New York Israeli Film Festival is being presented under the auspices of the Israel Trade Center of New York, Israel Film Center of Jerusalem and Fund for Quality Films of Tel Aviv. It is produced by International Film Festival Productions Inc.

For information call 737-2270.

Scientists Identify Viruses Which Cause Cancer In Sheep

JERUSALEM — Scientists at the Hebrew University Of Jerusalem's Faculty of Agriculture have succeeded in isolating viruses from the cancerous lungs of sheep and using them to cause cancer in healthy sheep. This achievement may be a breakthrough in the study of prevention and cure of lung cancer in sheep and could also have implications for cancer research in man.

In 1971, a team of researchers in the Department of Animal Sciences at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot, headed by Professors Kalman Perk and Israel Hod, conducted research on tumors from cancerous sheep's lungs and discovered viruses of the kind that cause cancer in laboratory animals. In further research, during a sabbatical at the U.S. National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, Prof. Perk also proved the existence of these viruses in the sheep's lung tumors by biophysical and biochemical tests.

The research continued, with the aim of finding absolute proof that these viruses

Wildlife Harmed Since Egyptian Takeover

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Avraham Yoffi, head of the Nature Reserves Authority, says that great harm has been done to wildlife in Sinai since the southern part was handed back to Egypt nearly two years ago.

In a weekend radio interview he said that the gazelles had been decimated by Bedouin hunters, due to lack of government supervision, and the wonderful coral reefs at Ras Muhammed had been ruined by Egyptian fishermen using dynamite to capture fish.

Yoffi said that for the 14 years of Israeli occupation of the region Israel had sought to maintain strictly Egyptian law on these matters, placing personnel at the disposal of the Authority. But the Egyptians had failed to do so. Yoffi said he had discussed this with the Egyptians and other Arab officials even before the peace treaty, at international forums.

are indeed the cause of lung cancer in sheep. The next success came a year ago, when the research team clearly isolated and purified the viruses from the affected lungs.

Healthy sheep were then injected with the viruses and kept under constant observation. These sheep were slaughtered and found to have active cancer in their lungs.

Prof. Perk said this is the only scientific model in the world in which such clear-cut, decisive results have been achieved with virus-induced lung cancer in domestic animals in their natural habitat. This model may have implications for the study of cancer in human beings. Further development of the model may lead to the introduction of new treatment modalities for cancer.

Assoc. For Children With Behavior Disorders Meets

The Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Apponaug Police Station in Warwick. Dr. Paul Sherlock, Rhode Island representative (D-Warwick) and a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College will speak at the organization's first statewide meeting of the year.

Sherlock will address the topic "Reagonomics and the New Federalism Implications for Children and Youth with Behavior Disorders." The topic is an especially timely one since the Federal government has been seriously considering dismantling Public Law 94-142, which supports the concept of free and appropriate education for handicapped children.

A brief business meeting will precede the presentation. One major item on the agenda will be the nomination of new officers for the 1982-83 year.

Members include parents, special education teachers and administrators, school psychologists, social workers, and regular education personnel. The meeting is open to the public. For further information contact Dr. Steve C. Imber, President of the RIABDC at 521-5387.

Women's Rights

You've Come A Long Way, Maybe?

by Sandra K. Lindley

"Many years ago, women were placed in the categories of insane people and deaf mutes if they were involved in activities which kept them outside the home. Women have come a long way since then, but we still have a long way to go," said Susan Leach DeBlasio, attorney at law with the Providence firm of Hinckley and Allen, at a meeting of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah on Monday, Jan. 11. Her topic "You've Come A Long Way, Maybe? - Women's Rights," included rights on marriage, job discrimination, divorce, social security benefits, and wills.

"Marriage is a status not a contract," said Susan, a member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bar Association, a life-long member of Hadassah, and a member of Miriam Hospital Women's Auxiliary and the National Council of Jewish Women. "Under Jewish law, marriage is a contract (The Ketubah) not a status and at all times the Jewish husband is to be conscious of his wife as an equal partner. The wife can now pray with him and read from the Torah. Consent by the woman is essential and required. Rights of a homemaker have yet to be gained. No monetary value is placed on her work, according to common law. "A married woman without outside income may have spent 30 years budgeting family needs and paying bills on time," Susan said. "All those years of sound money management were attributed to her husband and on his death there is no single proof of the woman's input for household budgeting."

Homemakers do suffer economic discrimination during marriage. "It wasn't until the Equal Opportunity Act," Susan asserted "that women could take out credits on their own."

Even if a married woman has outside income, she still suffers economic discrimination, according to Susan. An example Susan used, was a husband making \$11,000 and his wife making \$12,000. They find a house to buy, apply for a mortgage and discover that only the husband's income is taken into consideration.

"If both the husband's and wife's names are on an account, and the husband dies,"

Susan explained, it is contingent upon the woman to prove she contributed to the account.

"In Rhode Island a married woman has the right to keep her maiden name if she wishes. The rule that she use her husband's name is custom not law. "The Supreme Court of Rhode Island says an individual married or not has the right to use any name he or she wishes if not under fraudulent causes," Susan asserted.

Susan believes that if a woman's work is not valued inside the home, then it will have even less value outside, even though there are laws protecting women from job discrimination and sexual harassment. Today, if a woman applies for a job and is denied the position because of her sex, then she has the right to file a complaint.

she has the right to file a complaint against the agency offering the job, unless sex is a bonified qualification for the position, according to Susan.

When questioned, if women still get less pay than men in the professions of doctors and lawyers, Susan answered, "Women do get less pay in businesses, but I'm not sure about professions. Law firms and government employers must pay women the same as men, but they have a way of getting around this, by saying they will pay you according to your skill. Men are usually paid more and women less."

The most significant change concerning women's rights in no-fault divorce cases, according to Susan, is that family court assigns each person (husband or wife) a portion of the estate acquired during marriage. Either the husband or the wife is entitled to alimony or child support.

A gain in women's rights has come from Social Security benefits. "Benefits," Susan said, "are payable to workers, dependents and survivors. A divorced wife 62 or over, a widow 60 or over, or a woman, any age caring for the child of the deceased may collect benefits. These benefits are especially important for any divorced woman who never worked outside the home. She is able to draw her husband's benefits if she was married at least 10 years prior to divorce and not married when she seeks the benefits. If woman



divorces husband A, marries husband B, and husband B dies, she can collect from husband A's Social Security benefits," Susan said.

In women's rights concerning wills, Susan said, "It is very important that a woman make a will, and realize her responsibilities under the marital trust to provide for distribution of her estates." She stressed that joint ownership is not a good substitution for a will. If a woman's husband doesn't have a will, she should urge him to make one out.

Married women may have the right to make a will, but they still do not have the right to sue their husband for personal injury, except in Rhode Island. "Rhode Island Courts put a bar on this in 1978, but if you move out of state and fall on ice, you

better make sure it is your neighbor's and not your husband's property," Susan said.

Susan said one major problem many people fail to realize is that the Equal Rights Amendment applies to both men and women, and it still needs ratification by the deadline of June 30, 1982. She believes the amendment gives women a basis to fight for equal rights.

Recently, her husband, Dr. Peter DeBlasio, asked what her topic would be at this meeting. When she told him women's rights and ERA he exclaimed, "How can you call these women's rights when we (men) have them too. You are talking about human rights. Men have always had them." "It is true," Susan said, "and if states ratify ERA then we can call them human rights."

Jewish Groups Rally At The State House For Ethiopian Jewry



by Sandra K. Lindley

SAVE MEN AND WOMEN, CHILDREN THE VICTIMS OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ETHIOPIA. SAVE THE ETHIOPIAN JEWS. STOP THE HOLOCAUST. NOW.

That was the message on signs carried by men, women, and students from Providence Hebrew Day School at a rally to "Free Ethiopian Jews," on Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Providence State House lobby. The rally was sponsored by the Jewish Idea and the Friends for Ethiopian Jewry.

Thirty-five years after the Holocaust, the oldest diaspora Jewish Community, the

black Jews of Ethiopia, are facing certain and imminent death. They are caught in the crossfire of bloody civil war, persecuted by roving bandits and anti-Semitic terrorist groups, and ravaged by a new wave of starvation, according to a statement of the Canadian Association of Ethiopian Jewry (CAES).

The men, women, and students at the rally, gathered in this breathtaking cold weather, to demand action from local and state representatives, to help their Jewish Brethren in Ethiopia.

The rally began with the people forming a line and marching around the lobby stairs holding their signs, and then huddling

together to listen to the speakers.

"There are 25,000 Jewish Brethren in trouble," Leon Missry, member of the Jewish Idea and Friends for Ethiopian Jewry, exclaimed, "being murdered, raped and slain. Resolutions are not enough! It isn't enough to say we will ignore it and it will go away. It is time for the whole Jewish Community to join us and for the Jewish Federation to hold meetings with us, to take action. This is indeed a holocaust!"

Melvin Alperin, president of the Jewish Federation, was unavailable for comment about meetings for the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

Rabbi Strajcher offered two prayers, Psalm 121, The Pilgrim Song, and Psalm 124, Pilgrim Songs by David on behalf of the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

Ethiopian Jews call themselves "Beta Yisrael" (House of Israel). Cut off and unaware of the existence of Jewry, they suffered anti-Semitism and resisted the conversion in order to preserve the Torah. "Ethiopians thought they were the whole Jewish nation," said Michael Fink, member of the Jewish Idea and teacher of film studies at Rhode Island School of Design. He related to the crowd the story of the black Jews in Ethiopia. According to Fink, black Jews of Ethiopia are the oldest Jewish Community.

Fink said, "I'm very proud of the fact that American Jews came here today and are concerned about this issue. It is great to see how the idea comes from the young people caring about a poor community. It is mostly young people, students here today."

"Rallies have been held in the past," Fink said "for lost Jews in Russia and now we gather today for the Jews of Ethiopia. We have to make the story widely known, with an urgent request for all representatives local and national to ask them to join us and hear us and take action." Ethiopian Jews might be the artists of Israel, according to Fink, because they know the

land, and he said he is sure that a place for them can be found back in Israel, because knowing the land is important.

Why the state house? Larry Dub, attorney said, "We have to start local, get the attention of local representatives, then work our way to federal." He said, "People in Ethiopia are living under a Marxist regime, ruled by force, not reason, might not pity. They have to look to the American Jewish Community for help. They have nowhere else to turn for help. "Help the Falashan Jews" is a silent word no one seems to hear. There are over 3,000 refugees in the Sudan Camps. We have to let it be known," Dub firmly stated, "to state and local federals we would like our voices heard that Falashan Jews must be FREE! So do all you can to contact representatives to let them hear our voices."

The rally ended with the crowd singing out the song "Am Yisrael Chai" (may the nation of Israel continue to live). The cold marble lobby suddenly filled with voices of emotion.

A report from CAES stated, life for all Ethiopians is a hardship. Smallpox has yet to be checked, 93 percent of the people are illiterate, \$120 is the annual income and 90 percent of all the wells are polluted. Infant mortality rate is 40 percent and the life expectancy is 38 years.

For Jews, the situation is worse. They earn one-third less than the already meager average, and until 1975 were legally prohibited from owning land, and must alternately suffer the programs of anti-Semitic and anti-government groups of the official hostility of government forces, according to a statement from Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews. Their plight seems bleak. The refugees need desperate help, to get them back into Israel and this rally was the beginning of the cry for action from government representatives.

Obituaries

EDMUND WEXLER

PAWTUCKET — Edmund Wexler, 75, of 134 Ridge St., a former Providence lawyer and councilman, died Friday, Jan. 8 at home.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late William and Rose (Prague) Wexler and lived in the city most of his life, before moving to Pawtucket two years ago.

He graduated from Brown University in 1927 and Harvard Law School in 1930. He practiced law in Providence until his retirement last year and recently honored by Rhode Island Bar Association for 50 years completion of practicing law.

Wexler was a councilman from Providence's 11th Ward from 1939 until 1969.

An army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Elmwood Post, American Legion, and the Jewish War Veterans Post 23. He was a member of the 11th Ward Democratic Committee, the Democratic State Central Committee and attended several national Democratic conventions as a delegate or alternate.

He was active as an officer, board member or member, of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, Order of Hebraic Comradship, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Miriam Hospital, where he was honorary secretary for life, the United Moes Chitim Association of Greater Providence, where he was honorary president for life, and the Providence Fraternal Association.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Edith Eisenberg of Pawtucket.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 10 at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory, may be made to a favorite charity.

IDA M. GORDON

REVERE, Mass. — Ida M. Gordon, 79, of Pines Road, died Friday, Jan. 8 at Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the widow of Morris Gordon.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Isaac and Deborah (Richman) Stein, she was a lifelong resident of the Chelsea-Revere area.

Mrs. Gordon retired in 1975 after 49 years as a custom designer of bridal fashions in Chelsea.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Gold of Cranston, and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 10, at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory, may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth and Marsha Brodsky

Dear Departed Friends,
Always in my prayers.

Sadly Missed
Jules

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Philip Birenbaum wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks to all their friends and relatives for their cards, donations, and kind expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Sadie H. Birenbaum
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Mrs. Judith L. Steiner

NATHAN D. DAVIS

PROVIDENCE — Nathan D. Davis, 96, a resident-member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Friday, Jan. 8, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Rebecca (Goldsmith) Davis.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Jacob and Dina (Shepard) Davis, he lived in Providence most of his life.

Davis was founder of Davis Dairy Products Co., previously located on N. Main Street, and now on Hope Street. He was a life member and honorary treasurer of Congregation Mishkan Tefilah, and founder of the original Ohawe Sholom Synagogue and the Providence Hebrew Sheltering. He was a former board member of Chesed Schel Emess, and also a member of Temple Beth Shalom and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Davis leaves four daughters, Mrs. Miriam Feinstein of Cranston, Mrs. Ruth Gershman and Miss Gladys Davis, both of Warwick, and Mrs. Dinah H. Sholovitz of West Hartford, Conn.; a son, Judge Louis Davis of Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Harry Davis of Providence and Saul Davis of Boston; four sisters, Mrs. Belle Rubin of New London, Conn., Mrs. Rebecca Bellow of Boston, Mrs. Ruth Silverman and Mrs. Rose Davis, both of Los Angeles; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 10, at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to a favorite charity.

CELIA GRECO

WARWICK — Celia Greco of 101 Circuit Dr., died Thursday, Jan. 7 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of Fannie (Freedman) Greco of Warwick and the late Nicholas Greco.

She was a member of Temple Beth Am-Beth David.

Besides her mother she leaves six brothers, Benjamin F., Ralph C., Joseph P., Harold and William C. Greco, all of Warwick, and Earl M. Greco of East Greenwich.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 10, at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to a favorite charity.

BELLE FIERSTEIN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Belle Fierstein of 300 East Shore Circle, died Sunday, Jan. 10, at Rhode Island Hospital, after a three-week illness. She was the widow of Lester Fierstein.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Simon and Lucy (Sherman) Cohn, she lived in the city until moving to East Providence seven years ago.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

She leaves a son, Richard Fierstein of Stamford, Conn., and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Children and Family Service.

AARON KLEIN

PROVIDENCE — Aaron Klein, 77, of 341 Morris Ave., director of religious education at Temple Emanu-El from 1943-1968, died Friday, Jan. 8 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Jenny (Machlowitz) Klein.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Simcha and Chaia (Leimsider) Klein, he lived in Providence since 1943.

He was member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, and a national vice president and a founder of the Educators Assembly of the United Synagogues of America. He was the first person to receive a doctorate of religious education from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He was past president of the Providence District of the Zionist Organization of America, and a translator for the Jewish Publication Society of America. Klein was also a member of the Farband and the National Association of Jewish Education.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Ruvain Klein of Warwick, and Joel M. Klein of Baltimore; a sister, Charlotte Goldfarb of New York City; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 10 at Temple Emanu-El, corner Morris Ave. and Sessions St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Dr. Aaron Klein Memorial Fund, Temple Emanu-El.

HARRY M. TANENBAUM

PROVIDENCE — Harry Milton Tanenbaum, 86, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died last night in Miriam Hospital. Formerly of Squantum Dr., Warwick, he was the husband of the late Rena Ada (Herr) Tanenbaum.

He was the founder and president of Lakewood Hay & Grain, Inc. and Warwick Lumber & Supply Co. A past officer of the Coal Dealers of Rhode Island, he had also founded the former National Coal of Providence.

Tanenbaum was also founder of the Hebrew Free Loan, and Moes Chitim, Providence.

He was one of the last surviving members of Shaare Zadek Synagogue, Providence, and past president of that city's Talmud Torah, Sons of Abraham Synagogue, and Beth Israel (Anshe Austria). He was also a member of Providence Hebrew Day School and Chesed Shel Emess.

Born in Austria, he was a son of the late Jacob and Scheindel (Korn) Tanenbaum. He had lived in Providence from 1913 to 1957.

He leaves two sons, Jacob Tanenbaum of Warwick, and B. Samuel Tanenbaum of Claremont, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Muriel Ruben of Wilmette, Ill., Mrs. Leo Zeffel of Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Leslie Grey of Ossining, N.Y., and Mrs. Harvey Switzky of Sycamore, Ill.; a brother, Dr. Lewis Tanenbaum in Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Lipsy in New York, Mrs. Helene Berger of Providence, and Mrs. Rose Fabian of Goldsboro, N.C., and 16 grandchildren.

His funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Temple Beth Am-Beth David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Memorial week will be observed from his son's residence, Jacob Tanenbaum, 130 Squantum Dr., Warwick, with visiting hours from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

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SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN

PAWTUCKET — Samuel Goldstein of 85 Dartmouth St., formerly of Providence, died yesterday at the Rhode Island Veterans Home, Bristol. He was the husband of Betty (Wexler) Goldstein.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Morris and Jennie (Solomon) Goldstein, and lived in Providence most of his life before moving to Pawtucket six years ago.

He was a plant manager for United Merchants in Fall River until his retirement 17 years ago.

Goldstein was an army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El; the Touro Fraternal Association; a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42, AF & AM; the Palestine Shrine; a charter member of Sackin-Shocket Post 533, Jewish War Veterans, and a member of the Elks.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, Paul Goldstein of Providence; three sisters, Sadie Brown of Cranston, Betty Auerbach of N. Miami Beach, Fl., and Bella Stone of Cranston.

The funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory, may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, 2-4, 7-9 p.m.

Poll Shows U.S. Public Maintains Support Of Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Despite the heated debate over the sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia and despite the U.S. Administration's inference that Premier Menachem Begin of Israel was trying to interfere with U.S. foreign policy, the American public maintains its strong support of Israel, according to a Gallup poll just released.

The survey, based on more than 1,500 interviews conducted during the last week in November, was commissioned by the American Jewish Committee as part of its ongoing study of American attitudes toward Jews, Judaism, and Israel.

In response to a question about countries that constitute a vital interest for the United States, 81 percent of the respondents named Israel. This was an increase of three percent over responses in a similar survey conducted in 1978.

Given the hypothetical situation of war breaking out between Israel and one or more of her Arab neighbors, only about one in eight of those surveyed would sympathize with Israel's opponent. However, the survey revealed that a significant number of Americans, more than one in three, could not or would not choose either side.

Commenting on the findings, Bertram Gold, AJCommittee's executive vice president, expressed gratification that "despite the Administration's tilt toward Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries, the American public remains committed to our only true ally in the Middle East."

Parents Without Partners Meet

The Providence Chapter of Parents Without Partners, Inc. will hold a general meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. at the New Farm in Warwick. Guest speaker Harriet Gorodetsky, will speak on "How to handle stress in a relationship, and in your life in general." All members are urged to attend.

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Power Struggle Among Conservative Jews Continues

NEW YORK (JTA) — A power struggle is underway within American Conservative Judaism over the best way to create a large Conservative Zionist organization qualified for membership in the American Zionist Federation (AZF).

The goal is to give American Conservative Jews a strong voice in the World Zionist Organization and to strengthen the Conservative movement's fight for recognition in Israel, denied to it by the dominant Orthodox rabbinate there, according to information provided by qualified sources to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The protagonists in the conflict are Mercaz, the three-year-old "Movement for the Reaffirmation of Conservative Zionism" and the United Synagogue of America, the association of Conservative congregations. Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz of Washington, president of Mercaz, lists Mercaz membership at 10,000. The United Synagogue claims a total membership of 1.5 million in its affiliated congregations.

Both Mercaz and United Synagogue leaders agree there should be one big Conservative Zionist organization, but Mercaz leaders point to the fact that Mercaz has been accepted for membership in the AZF, the coordinating agency for all American Zionist organizations; and that, accordingly Mercaz, structurally reorganized to handle a mass membership, should be the big Conservative Zionist organization.

Last November 22, Rabinowitz and

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, were formally voted in as AZF board members, representing Mercaz.

Powerful elements in the United Synagogue feel that Mercaz cannot build a mass membership and have proposed an admittedly novel concept of applying to the AZF for mass membership of a United Synagogue-sponsored Conservative Zionist group.

Sees Amicable Solution

Rabinowitz told the JTA, in a telephone interview, that he felt "confident" the struggle between the protagonists could be worked out amicably. He said his confidence was based on the results of a meeting he had in Washington Dec. 28 with Marshall Wolke, a Chicago businessman who was elected president of the United Synagogue at its biennial convention last November.

Rabinowitz told the JTA that, at the Dec. 28 meeting, he had been informed that Wolke had completed formation of a committee to negotiate the "outstanding issues," and that the committee would meet "within the next three weeks" with Mercaz representatives "to work out a procedure that will enable us to cooperate in mounting a mass membership campaign and that will permit us to face the forthcoming World Zionist Congress as a united group."

Rabinowitz was asked by the JTA

whether Wolke understood, in the Dec. 28 meeting, that the "united group" to which Rabinowitz referred was an enlarged Mercaz. Rabinowitz replied, "well, he knows our position."

Rabinowitz said the timetable for a meeting between the United Synagogue committee and Mercaz leaders to work out agreement on the proposed cooperative membership drive was dictated by the June 30 deadline for the filing of lists of members eligible to participate in elections for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

Seeking An Accommodation

The United Synagogue has scheduled a board meeting in Atlantic City Jan. 17. But Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, United Synagogue executive vice president, told the JTA that the Wolke committee could not possibly prepare recommendations in time for the Jan. 17 meeting. He said the meeting to which Rabinowitz referred would probably be held at United Synagogue headquarters in Manhattan.

Last month Wolke told the JTA that his new administration would seek to work out an accommodation with Mercaz in the hope of negotiating the "one big Conservative Zionist movement."

But he also told the JTA that failing such an accommodation, the United Synagogue would probably proceed with its tentative plan to bring the United Synagogue, as a corporate body, into the AZF. The rationale for such a United Synagogue-sponsored Zionist group, according to proponents of the proposal, was the endorsement by a United Synagogue board meeting in Jerusalem, last March, of the Jerusalem Program, the prerequisite for AZF membership.

There has been considerable debate among those who favor seeking to bring into the AZF the entire United Synagogue movement, using some kind of Zionist label, as to just how this could be done, the JTA was told by several sources. An AZF spokesperson told the JTA last December

that AZF rules would not permit the United Synagogue to bring its congregations as a corporate body into the AZF and then sign up individual congregants to the Jerusalem Program.

Wolke, in one of several telephone conversations with the JTA after the November convention, admitted the "en masse" proposal had problems and that "the machinery still has to be worked out."

Background Of The Struggle

In an earlier message to Mercaz members on Dec. 4 Rabinowitz wrote that it was his understanding that the United Synagogue planned "to create a separate instrumentality to enter the (American) Zionist Federation. This procedure, if effective, would create two Conservative Zionist organizations, which would hardly benefit either Zionism or the Conservative movement."

Wolke was authorized by a 1981 United Synagogue convention resolution to name the negotiating committee, which mandated him to "develop and implement the means by which the force and influence of the Conservative movement in America can be effectively carried to the World Zionist Organization and Israel."

The 1981 convention also issued a news release, described by Rabinowitz as "misleading," which declared that the delegates had acted to involve American Conservative synagogues in the Zionist movement through a United Synagogue-affiliated Zionist organization which would belong to the AZF.

The JTA was told that Reform leaders are watching with great interest the struggle within American Conservative Judaism because Reform Judaism is also rejected by the Israeli Orthodox rabbinate. In recent years, the refusal of that rabbinate to recognize the legitimacy of both Conservative and Reform Judaism and their rabbis, congregations and institutions has created a growing rift between Israel and diaspora communities, particularly American Jews.

Landmark Library Case

Supreme Court Asked By Jewish Groups To Rule On First Amendment Violation

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has asked the United States Supreme Court to rule that a school board cannot ban books on political or ideological grounds.

In an amicus curiae (friend-of-the-court) brief made public last week, the League urged the high court to uphold a federal appeals court decision that a Long Island (NY) school board violated the First Amendment by removing nine books from high school and junior high libraries and curricula.

Justin J. Finger, director of ADL's Civil Rights Division, said the Island Trees Union Free District "censorship" action was "by its own admission politically motivated." He added that no ideology — "whether it be liberal or conservative can be used by a school board as a basis for banning books advocating the opposite point of view."

The case, Finger went on, "is crucial for the entire country because of the disturbing increase all across America of book banning from school and public libraries, which keeps books away from both adults and children."

The Long Island book ban, imposed in 1976, was challenged by a group of students, led by Steven and Frances Pico, in a federal district court, which upheld the school board's action. The U.S. appeals court then overruled the lower court and the school board took its case to the Supreme Court.

In asking the high court to affirm the un-

constitutionality of book banning, the League's brief asserted that "among the most precious and meaningful rights in any true democratic society are the rights to express and to have access to the full spectrum of political and social thought."

The Island Trees School Board, according to ADL, violated the First Amendment in casting a "pall of orthodoxy" on the school district by "excluding ideas simply because they did not conform to the ideological beliefs of the board's members and, in their opinion, of the people they represented."

The League cited a 1943 U.S. Supreme Court decision, in West Virginia State Board of Education vs. Barnette, which affirmed that "no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion or other matters of opinion . . . the very purpose of a Bill of Rights was to withdraw certain subjects from the vicissitudes of political controversy, to place them beyond the reach of majorities and officials."

The books removed included such works as Bernard Malamud's "The Fixer," Langston Hughes' "Best Short Stories of Negro Writers," and Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.'s "Slaughter House Five."

A friend-of-the-court, brief was also filed by the American Jewish Congress on behalf of 14 religious educational and professional groups. The brief contends that the school board's actions violated the First Amendment of the Constitution and were motivated not by educational values, but by "impermissible ideological considerations."

AJC Hails Ruling On 'Creation Science'

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Committee last week hailed the decision of Judge William Overton, of the U.S. District Court in Little Rock, Arkansas, declaring as a violation of the First Amendment and hence unconstitutional the Arkansas law that would have required the teaching of "creation science" in the public schools wherever Darwinian evolution was being taught.

In its comment, the human relations agency, which had filed an amicus curiae brief in the case, declared that the law would have authorized what amounted to religious teaching in public schools. The AJC continued:

"'Creation science,' in its explanation of life and the universe, happens to coincide in every respect with the Biblical account of creation as set forth in the Book of Genesis. Hence it is clearly religious teaching, and, as such, should have no place in American public schools."

Survey Predicts Decline In Jewish Birthrate

JERUSALEM (ZINS) — In the next 10 years one should expect a decline in the natural birthrate of the Jewish sector of the country, according to a study by the Ministry of Labor. The decline in natural increase the study shows, will be the result of the following factors: A decline in the number of marriages; an increase in the number of divorces; and a rising age level. In 1979, the study showed, there were 24,970 recorded marriages, compared with 28,568 in the year 1974. That is a decline of 3,500 weddings amounting to a drop of 12.6%. In the same time span there was an increase of 45.3% in the number of divorces compared with 1974.

The average age of married couples remains more or less the same, approximately 25 years. There is a very slight rise in the average age of brides — from average age 21 in 1969 to an average age of 22.5 years in 1980.

Neo-Nazi Terrorism Since 1978 Results In 19 Dead, 223 Wounded

BONN (JTA) — Justice Minister Juergen Schmude disclosed last week that 19 persons have been killed and 223 wounded in West Germany as a result of neo-Nazi terrorism since September 1, 1978. He said that in the same period, 631 neo-Nazis were sentenced to prison terms for a wide variety of offenses ranging from murder to the vandalization of Jewish cemeteries and daubing swastikas.

Schmude, who is pressing hard for tightening the laws against neo-Nazi and extreme rightwing activities, said the country's law enforcement agencies can cope with the problem. The Bundestag's Justice Committee is presently studying proposals prepared by the Justice Ministry to close loopholes in existing anti-Nazi laws.

The draft bill is supported by the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) but some elements of its junior coalition partner, the Free Democrats and the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU), have expressed reservations.

Schmude said most offenses by rightwing extremists were categorized as "criminal agitation" which includes the circulation of Nazi propaganda material banned by law, the public display of Nazi symbols and incitement against Jews and other minorities.

He reported that in addition to the 631 neo-Nazis sentenced, 97 others are awaiting verdicts and the State Prosecutor has prepared indictments against 92 persons.

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UJA Film Featurette Wins Medal In 1981 International Festival

NEW YORK — "The Town I Knew," a film featurette produced by the United Jewish Appeal, was awarded a Bronze Medal in the 1981 International Film and TV Festival. Over 4,000 filmmakers from 39 countries participated in the Festival, which was held in New York City.

The film, conceived, directed and produced by Issachar Miron, Director of the UJA's Creative and Educational Programs Department, won the honor in two categories, "Fund-raising" and "Art and Music."

"The Town I Knew" was originally produced as part of the UJA dramatic production, "The Night Shall Shine As The Day," which was seen in Jewish communities nationwide. It was also presented by Julie Frank Pick, broadcasting director for the New York Board of Rabbis, on the CBS television program "The Way To Go," evoked an unusually strong viewer response.

Based on the song, "The Town I Knew," with Hebrew lyrics by Haim Hefer, English lyrics by Lan O'Kun and music by Issachar Miron, which was sung and recorded by Kenny Karen, the film is a memorial tribute to a little town razed during the Holocaust and to all those martyrs who perished. It ends on a hopeful note: "Yet though they would destroy a town/And watch till every house was gone./The people's dreams could not burn down./And mine will always linger on."

Miron is a prize-winning composer, writer, producer-director and educator who has created over 100 UJA dramatic-musical productions designed to enhance UJA/Federation campaigns. His

Marion Simon Receives Public Service Award

Marion Simon, Director of Development and Public Relations at Trinity Square Repertory Theater, Providence, will receive an "Honorary Doctorate of Public Service" from Rhode Island College.

The doctorate, in honor of her volunteer work in the community and support and involvement in Trinity Repertory for many years, will be awarded to her at the commencement exercises of Rhode Island College on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m., at the Dennis J. Roberts Auditorium.

film/multi-media documentary, "Unity of Differences," won the Silver Medal in the 1980 International film and TV Festival in the category "inspirational audio-visual documentaries with public message."

Cohen Foundation Camps Have Vacancies

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation, now in its 52nd year, announces that a limited number of vacancies are available in certain age groups at Camp Pembroke, Pembroke, Ma; Camp Tel Noar, Hampstead, N.H.; and Camp Tevya, Brookline, N.H.

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Further information regarding registration may be obtained by contacting the camp office, located on 140 Union St., Lynn, Ma. 01901, at 592-0438.

JWB Conducts Consultation

Mrs. Lola Schwartz, assistant executive director of the JCC of Rhode Island, along with over two dozen other membership related professionals attended a JCC Membership Directors Consultation recently held at the JCC of Southern New Jersey in Cherry Hill.

The consultation was conducted by the Jewish Welfare Board, the network of and central service agency for the Jewish Community Centers, YM and YWHAs and camps in the United States and Canada.

Clergymen Explore 'Common Roots'

NEW YORK — Baptist and Jewish clergymen met in Fort Worth, Texas, this week for a Baptist-Jewish Institute designed to promote greater understanding of each other's religion and roles in American society.

The three-day Institute was sponsored by the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where the Institute was held.

According to Theodore Freedman, ADL's national program director and one of the participants, the Institute will deal with "our common roots amid religious diversity."

Jewish Leaders Concerned About Anti-Semitism

BONN (JTA) — Jewish leaders in West Berlin are considering an appeal to the West German government to use its contacts with Polish authorities to stop the anti-Semitic campaign in that country. The chairman of the community, Heinz Galinski, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he was aware that West Germany could possibly do more than other Western governments.

West Germany was the only country in the West to have established high level contacts with Polish officials after the military takeover in Warsaw. In an effort to assure West German interest and to keep detente alive, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has had an exchange of letters with the Warsaw regime.

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