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Jewish leaders express dismay at 'unfortunate' rebuke of envoy

WASHINGTON (JTA) - Jewish leaders. have criticized the Bush administration for what they see an "unfortunate" and "unnecessary" public rebuke of Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval for his criticisms of the administration. There is also the suspicion that the administration's pique over Israeli foreign aid requests may be the real reason for the flap over Shoval's remarks.

Shoval has apologized for criticizing the Bush administration, in an interview with the Reuters news agency, for its delay in providing \$400 million in promised guarantees for loans Israel would use to build housing for Soviet Jewish immigrants.

"I did say some things which diplomats are supposed not to say, and I am sorry for that," Shoval told reporters in Miami, after addressing the 1991 plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. Comparing the relationship between Israel and the United States to a family, he said that "certain squabbles and mistakes on my part can be overcome."

The apology came after President Bush, in a rare public rebuke of an ambassador, called Shoval's criticism "outrageous."

"Public statements made yesterday by Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval are outrageous and outside the bounds of acceptable behavior by the ambassador of any friendly country," the White House said in a statement issued February 15. "The secretary of state made this



Zalman Shoval

clear to the ambassador yesterday, and the president protested to Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Shamir by cable this morning," the statement said, adding, "We deserve better from Israel's ambassador.

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Shamir willing to discuss peace, but only after war

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is willing to discuss peace initiatives for the postwar period, but not until the fighting in the Persian Gulf has ended, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir indicated Sunday

In an address to the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is meeting in Jerusalem, the premier said, "We are ready — even anxious — to engage in peace talks at the appropriate time. But who can tell what the Middle East and the Gulf region will look like after the war?

"What kind of Iraq will there be? What will be the fate of Jordan? What will be Syria's role in this war? What will be the fate of Arab governments that are experiencing the trauma

of war between Arab countries?" he asked. Given these uncertainties, he said, "I submit that we should concentrate first on achieving the objectives of the Gulf war. Then, hopefully, we will be able to embark on the road to negotiations and peace, in a better

Shamir stressed, however, that the inter-national community should have learned some lessons from the war that could be applied to the Middle East peace process. Among them, he said, are that the Palestine Liberation Organization, "Saddam Hussein's staunchest ally, has been totally discredited as a factor for peace."

Shamir assailed the "proliferation of nonconventional and conventional weapons in this region," saying they are "a disastrous consequence of the unscrupulous policies of many industrial states. We hope that the international community will, at the earliest opportunity, revise their policy regarding the supply of sophisticated military equipment to non-democratic regimes in the Middle East, such as Iraq," he said.

The prime minister described Israel's domestic priorities, which he said should be addressed right away. He spoke of "the reconstruction of the areas damaged by the Scud missiles" and revival of the suffering tourist industry.

But above all, he said, "we must apply ourselves to the absorption of the biggest aliyah in our history. Before the war, it looked like a million Soviet olim would arrive within three or four years." Now, he said, it may take "another year or two."

Shamir expressed appreciation for "the special efforts of the fund-raising organiza-tions in the Operation Exodus campaign" to resettle Soviet Jews in Israel.

"But these are extraordinary times," he said. "I am sure that you will use this occasion to plan for an Operation Exodus II to be launched as soon as possible. I appeal to you to double and treble your efforts - even more — for this great common cause.

Germany to tighten laws in wake of arms help given Iraq

By DAVID KANTOR
BONN (JTA) — The German government said February 7 that it would tighten the laws against illegal export of weapons and weapons technology and increase the penalties for violations. Draft legislation prepared by the gov-ernment would raise the maximum prison

said had illicit arms deals with Iraq and other

The managers of several firms denied on television recently that German industry as a whole collaborated with Iraq to develop chemical weapons and extend the range of its Scud

The industrialists argued that Germany has

subject to confiscation, and customs officers would be authorized to tap the telephones of suspected firms and check their incoming and outgoing mail.

The government's announcement came as the German media continued to accuse the authorities of laxity and to name companies it

Profits from illegal arms deals would be the best controls in the world to detect and punish violators of arms exports regulations.

The weekly news magazine Stern charged, meanwhile, that the Dusseldorf-based Thyssen company built a huge laboratory for Iraq in 1980 and 1981 for research and experiments in chemical and biological weapons. It said six other German companies were also involved in the project.

According to Stern, the \$14 million contract came to the attention of the German secret service, which reported it to government agencies. To obtain the order, the company had to sign an agreement not to deal with Israel, Stern said.

Thyssen promptly denied the allegation. But a spokesman confirmed that it signed a boycott pledge at the insistence of the Iraqis. He said it was "routine" in normal trade relations.

The German television channel ZDF, meanwhile, reported that Libya has accumulated a huge arsenal of chemical and biological weapons protected by a system of bunkers. The report said experts and technicians of several nationalities, including Germans, are helping the Libyans run the facility.

In 1984, a British magazine, New Scientist, reported that an unidentified West German firm was helping Iraq build vast underground bunkers around Baghdad to protect top officials from nuclear, chemical or biological warfare. Each bunker reportedly can hold 600 people for two weeks. A sophisticated ventilation system was reportedly supplied by the West German firm Artos.

An "enormous rabbit warren of tunnels and bunkers" had already been built under the Presidential Palace, the magazine said. The equipment for the bunkers, plans of which appeared in the magazine, was reportedly shipped to Baghdad through Kuwait.

Rabbi Yitz Greenberg to address community

Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg, President and co-founder of CLAL (The National Center for Learning and Leadership), will deliver the keynote address for the Jewish Federation of Delaware 1991 Advanced Gifts Division event on Sunday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center announced Cas Anolick and David Margules, Division Co-Chairper-

"We are indeed very fortunate to once again be hosting Rabbi Greenberg in our community," commented Margules. "He has positioned himself as one of the great Jew-ish leaders of our time through his distinguished career and multi-faceted talents." In 1987 Greenberg addressed more than 400 members of the Delaware Jewish community at the dedication ceremonies of the Jewish Family Campus.

An ordained Orthodox rabbi, a Harvard Ph.D and scholar, Greenberg has been a seminal thinker in confronting the Holocaust as an historical transforming event and Israel as the Jewish assumption of power and the beginning of a third era in Jewish history. He has published articles and monographs on Jewish thought and religion. His first book, "The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays," a philosophy of Judaism based on an analysis



Rabbi Yitz Greenberg

of the Sabbath and holidays, was published by Summit Books in October 1988.

Before CLAL was founded, Greenberg served as rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Center, and founded and chaired the Department of

Jewish Studies of City College. He was instrumental in the pioneering of numerous organizations in American Jewishlife, including Yavneh, the National Religious Students Association; the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry; and the Association for Jewish Studies, the professional organization for Jewish studies in American universities.

"The Advanced Gifts Division, which last year raised more than \$250,000 from 240 contributors, has been a pacesetter for the overall campaign with a 34 percent card-forcard increase to date set by the division leadership at the opening meeting," commented Anolick.

According to Steve Dombchik, JFD 1991 Annual Campaign Co-Chairperson, "the campaign has been spurred on by events of the war in the Gulf, the threat to Israel, Soviet resettlement in Israel and in Delaware, as well as the needs of the Jews in Delaware."

Toni Young, Campaign Co-Chairperson along with Dombchik, noted that, "even as the missiles fell in Israel, 13,360 Soviet Jews and 1000 Ethiopian Jews arrived at Ben Gurion Airport during the month of January. The first thing that they were given were gas masks. They were willing to risk their lives to Continued on 4

Editorial

The masks of Purim

There is a current joke in Israel that contains a bit of black humor but is relevant to Purim. The question is: "What is the difference between Haman and Saddam Hussein?" The answer is: "With Haman we put on the masks afterward, but with Hussein we put on the masks before." Implied in this "bittereh g'lecter," or bitter laughter, is the implication that as Haman was destroyed so Hussein will be

It is interesting that Purim is celebrated with the donning of masks. We speak of masking our feelings and, while it is very important psychologically to express our deepest anxieties and fears, it is also important to maintain a reasonable control over them. Israel's policy of "havlagah," restraint, in the face of aggression and provocation is admirable. Once more, Israel has taken the moral high ground and enjoys international respect.

There is the legend of the young man who was a very gentle and kind person but, unfortunately, was born with a scowl and an angry look on his face. In order to overcome this, he wore a mask which expressed his true character of gentleness and kindness.

Once when he was courting a young woman, she suggested that he remove the mask. He explained his concern and she assured him that it made no difference to her. When he removed the mask, his face appeared like his character - kind and pleasant. Throughout the years his face took on the expression of the mask. This may be the deeper implication of wearing masks on Purim.

In essence, Purim is a celebration of the Jewish people's overcoming anti-Semitism and persecution. A cursory glance at Jewish history indicates how many times we have been faced with catastrophe, and yet have been able to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. And even on those occasions when we suffered emotional and physical damage, we were able to recover and continue, not only to persevere but also to create.

It is interesting to note that in the Jewish experience there are over 100 personal Purims. This refers to instances when individual Jewish communities or families were threatened with destruction yet were delivered.

One of the most interesting is the Basra Purim, which occurred in the year 1774 in Basra, Iraq. It was a time when the Jews were hard pressed and many of them were indeed robbed and pillaged. However, shortly thereafter, the enemies of the Jews perished in battle. The Jews of Basra called it "Yom Ha'nes," the day of the miracle. They rejoiced and pledged that they would celebrate this event year after year for generations to come. There is a lesson to be learned from this special Purim.

A very basic purpose for Purim is based on the verse from the Book of Esther, which tells us that "deliverance will come from another place." This means that one must keep one's faith. The Hebrew word for place is "makom." Makom is also a euphemism for God.

There is the story of a rabbi in a small shtetl who used to go out into the marketplace every morning and stand on a step shouting, "Jews, remember there is a God in the world!" One day, one of his students said to him, "You know, Rabbi, they will never change their ways." The Rabbi replied, "Perhaps yes. Perhaps no. But I have to be sure that I will not change."

Jews must be certain at this time that they will not change, and keep their faith that there is a God in the world.

Purim also comes to teach us perspective. After all, how can a knowledgeable Jew not understand that the great talent of the Jew is survival? Wars and hostilities have their moments of advance and retreat. It is precisely when we are in the face of a difficult period that we must maintain balance and perspective.

The ultimate defeat of fear comes about through faith: Faith in ourselves that we can solve our problems, and faith in God who has given us the resources and the hope to solve those problems.

Faith is not a magical device, but rather a sure scale against which to measure our fears. If fears are to be resolved, they must be seen in the perspective of a good God, a helpful society and a friendly universe.

When the French tyrant Napoleon started to move his powerful armies, all of Europe was in a state of fear and trembling. In Spain, an embattled army under the Duke of Wellington was trying to resist his advance. One day a young lieutenant came into the British general's tent with a map clutched in his trembling hands and exclaimed in near hysteria, "Look, General, the enemy is upon us!" "Young man," the general replied, "get larger maps, the enemy won't seem so close."

If we possess the larger map of faith, the great enemy of mankind, called fear, will not appear so close. The world has existed for millions of years and will continue to do so. People have solved their problems and will continue to do so.

What is unique about Purim is the manner of its celebration. It is done through humor, masquerades, plays, noise-making and other such devices. It achieves two purposes. The first is to ridicule the anti-Semite and treat that person as a buffoon and a fool. On one level, Saddam Hussein is a desperate despot who deserves our contempt. He sees himself as being clever, but history will treat him as a clown. His cruelty will be seen for what it is and, rather than being lauded, he will be laughed

However, in the last analysis, Purim comes at the right time. It gives us the opportunity to express our anger in appropriate ways. It takes our justifiable feelings of hate and turns them into expression of humor. It is a remarkable psychological device. It seems always to come just at the time when we need it.

(By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS, rabbi emeritus of Temple of Aaron in St. Paul, distinguished visiting professor in religious studies at Macalester College and author of the trilogy, "Heart of Wisdom.")



to the Editor Letter

JCC's preschool gives solid foundation

I am the parent of a child who will be entering kindergarten next fall and, like many parents, I am somewhat anxious about the transition from preschool into the next formal age of her education.

This year my daughter Lara, who will be five in March, is finishing her 3rd and final year as a JCC preschooler. My son Jared, who will be three in April, is finishing his last year there. Now is an appropriate time to consider what my children will "take with them" when they leave this brief and initial experience with

My kids love a school that is not only their school for playing, learning and making neat crafts, but is also the place where they can go to swim in the winter time. It is a place they can go to see a wonderful children's show, enjoy a Chanukah Choopla or experience other special community events. Sometimes, even when their school is out of session, they may go there for summer camp or just to swim and picnic with some friends

Their school is the place where they see people of all ages, from infants being walked in adorable giant wagons to seniors who some-times look like Zadey or Grandmom! They can securely run to a man named "George" who is there just about every day with warm "Hellos" and bear hugs for "his kids.

My children talk about the teachers they sometimes see at shul on the holidays or occasionally on Shabbat. And their school is the place that tries to instill the feeling that "We're a family" especially when we sing that song and some others every Friday morning with the whole preschool at the Kabbalat Shabbat. I come each week to be part of the Kabbalat Shabbat and enjoy seeing all the children sharing in this unique experience. Together with the seniors and the infants, their peers and teachers, the staff and those parents who are able to attend, my children are part of a family, a home.

The JCC preschool obviously offers more than the regular preschool activities of art, music and learning. It presents a sense of security and familiarity for first time schoolgoers. I can only hope that with this nurturing introduction, Lara will continue to look positively and confidently at her next "educational" experience.

Cindy S. Goldstein

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Op - Ed

Given track record, how long can U.S.-Israel honeymoon last?

By MORRIS J. AMITAY

There is a real possibility that Israel's supporters in this country will soon look upon the current period of the Gulf War as a honeymoon period in U.S.-Israel relations. This, because even with the shape of the final outcome of the conflict still in doubt, danger signals are readily apparent. U.S. plans for postwar economic assistance, regional security arrangements and arms limitations are already being formulated. Comprehensive peace arrangements between Israel and the Arab states and the Palestinians are also prominent in outlining these future strategies. It is highly doubtful that American and Israeli visions of the future are the same. Israel is bound to insist that peace arrangements between itself and the Arab states in the region precede any definitive negotiations with the Palestinians. In the longer run Israel will also want to see more tangible evidence of Arab readiness to coexist with a Jewish state.

The key question is what U.S. attitudes will be toward Israeli retention of territory, Jerusalem, and the creation of a Palestinian homeland. Unfortunately, given the pre-January 17 track record of the Bush Administration and more recently the U.S. Soviet joint communique, we can expect renewed U.S. pressure on Israel to make concessions which would impact negatively on her own basic security interests. This would be rationalized on the basis of American guarantees of Israel's future security and the need to maintain the cooperation of the newly formed moderate Arab Coalition.

Essentially out of the picture since the war began, Secretary James Baker barged right back in with his uncoordinated and unacceptable diplomatic initiative with Soviet Foreign Minister Bessmertnykh. Aside from resurrecting the issue of linkage, this communique has also been aptly described as "nothing less than tour de force for Soviet diplomacy". It is difficult to see why the traditional U.S. policy of thwarting the expansion of Soviet influence in the region would be abandoned at the very time that the forces of repression and militarism in the Soviet Union were ascendant. More immediately, it offered Saddam Hussein an out by permitting him to commit to withdrawing from Kuwait, thereby assuring continuation of his leadership of Iraq with most of his armed forces intact. These are surely goals of Soviet foreign policy, not our own.

Those who have a feeling for the value Baker places on his personal relationships with Soviet foreign ministers (and on the lesser value he assigns to Israel as an asset to the United States) should not be surprised by this latest machination.

While Israel was seemingly content to only complain publicly about the lack of consultation, and American Jewish leaders asserted they were "reassured" by subsequent Administration assertions there was "no change in policy", these muted reactions must be viewed against the backdrop of Israel's current low profile. With U.S. Patriot missiles and crews deployed in Israel, now was obviously not the time to raise the same kind of furor engendered by the Carter Administration's

1977 Joint Middle East Statement with the Soviet Union.

The swift U.S. reaction to the Scud attacks on Tel-Aviv, while welcome, should be seen as the very least it could do given the Administration's exaggerated fears of Arab defections from the Coalition. Sending a few Patriot Missile batteries to hold back Israel retaliation and dispatching Deputy Secretary of State Eagleburger to hold hands with Israel's leadership must be viewed against U.S. withholding of previously promised military support - the \$700 million drawdown, and the footdragging on releasing the \$400 million in housing guarantees approved months ago. Eagleburger's visit actually underscored the fact that his boss, James Baker, has yet to set foot

After the dust of war settles and the United States takes up the formidable task of establishing stable regional arrangements, the Bush Administration will have to make some fundamental decisions regarding Israel's value as an ally and the nature of the threats to Israel's security. Accordingly, U.S. policies affecting Israel should be based upon more than shared values but upon a keen appreciation of where Israel stood in our conflict with Iraq as opposed to the PLO, the Palestinians

(Morris J. Amitay is a Washington attorney and former Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs

Israel as exemplar

By RABBI ADIN STEINSALTZ

It is only in a world that has grown accustomed to perversity that we can begin to understand Israel's involvement in the Gulf

Israel's relationship to the Palestinians and to the Palestinian problem is a subject of considerable controversy both in Israel and abroad. The distribution of virtue and blame is neither simple, nor absolute, and even those who have taken no position appreciate its moral complexity.

It must be remembered, however, that the Gulf crisis bears no relationship at all to the State of Israel and its Palestinian problem. And yet it is Israel which, from the very beginning of the crisis, has been threatened by Iraq, a threat made good by the rocket bombing of civilian population centers and by the chilling prospect of chemical attack.

The war between two Arab states, the expansionist designs of an ambitious dictator and his claims to ownership of oil-rich lands are the concern of those countries which are directly involved.

As for the broader implications of the conflict — the invasion and occupation of a weak neighbor which undermines the entire world order, and the threat to the world's great oil reserves — these are no more and no less a problem for Israel than they are, say, for Peru or New Zealand.

These threats against Israel are nothing new; they have been voiced for some time -"If the allied forces attack, Israel will pay." The reaction of the "Civilized World" to these threats is instructive; no one was horrified, no one was outraged.

To be sure, mild condemnations were heard as well as muzzled threats. By and large, though, the "Civilized World" accepts such threatening behavior as a fact of life, unpleasant as it maybe, not in itself worthy of vigorous

Even now, the current international expressions of sympathy for Israel in the wake of the rocket attacks are essentially meant to discourage Israel from a military response that would further complicate the already complex international operation.

With the exception of American initiatives, this apathetic stance is reminiscent of the world's indifference toward Hitler's threats and deeds against the Jews, long before World War II and during the war. The fact that the poor Jews had nothing to do with Germany's humiliation in World War I, nor with its expansionist designs, was the concern of no nation. After all, in the final analysis, the victims were only Jews.

Aside from the frightening moral flaw inherent in such behavior, there is this to consider: "The Jews are the most sensitive limb in the world body," as the medieval philosopher Rabbi Yehuda Halevi put it.

The world's afflictions begin with the Jews, but never end with them. Jewish suffering is a symptom and a warning of what will eventually afflict the entire world. Saddam Hussein, like Hitler, may one day die in a bunker by his own hand. Yet the blood that will have been spilt, of his own nation and of others, is the consequence of a disease whose symptoms - in his behavior to the Jews and their state - could have been diagnosed years ago.

There is another perverse element: a tolerance of unethical acts by some nations which would be unacceptable behavior for others. Certain nations earn the explicit or veiled label of savages, barbarians. Therefore, paradoxically, they are "permitted" to do as they please.

Saddam Hussein has already experimented with poison gas in his own country, killing thousands of Kurdish nationalists. To be sure, while no one complimented him for these acts, the world's reactions were mild at best. Anyone who contrasts the millions of media words and photos sparked by the intifada in Israel, and the Israeli response to it, with the scant attention paid to the thousands who were brutally massacred in a similar nationalist uprising in Iraq can only conclude that there unjustly. Do not favor the poor, nor show deference to the rich" (Leviticus 19:15). This admonition is as much a formula for realpolitik as it is for moral integrity. Injustice is not only rendered when favoring the rich and the powerful, but also when indulging the poor

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exists a moral double standard, one standard for civilized nations and another for the "bar-

In this case, anti-Semitism is only partially a factor. The major factor lies in giving license to savages to act like savages. The Bible warns us, "You shall not judge

and the primitive. That, too, is a wrong which first sires evil, then war and suffering. (Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, author of some 40 books on Jewish thought, is best known for his Talmud translations and commentary, including the English Talmud published by

Random House.)

The Vatican, Islam and Israel

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

Two documents have been issued by the Vatican in recent weeks about relations with Islam and Israel. The separate documents appear to be unrelated, but in fact, may have subterranean connections in the Vatican's thinking and their meaning for Israel and world

The first document, published on Jan. 23, was an encyclical of Pope John Paul II on evangelizing non-Christians. From a Jewish point of view, the most significant fact of this encyclical was not only that it did not point to Jews as a target for conversion, but it confronted for the first time Islamic repression of Christianity in the world of Islam. "Not only is evangelization forbidden," the Pope said, "but conversion as well, and even Christian wor-

A Vatican official commented that the Pope was referring to "most North African and Middle Eastern nations where Christians may practice privately but it is against the law to convert Moslems. Saudi Arabia forbids any cult that is not Moslem."

The second document was a Vatican statement issued on Feb. 6, seeking to explain why the Vatican has not established full diplomatic

relations with Israel. The statement asserted that the Vatican does not recognize and respect the existence of the state of Israel, and that there exists no theological objections to Israel's sovereignty.

The bottom line of the Vatican's policy, repeated often to us in Vatican-Jewish meetings, is that there are "political problems" that prevent the full normalization of diplomatic relations. These "reasons" usually include the future sovereignty of Jerusalem, the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, Palestinian 'self-determination" and the status of Catholics in Israel and the territories.

Those are apparent reasons. The real reasons, I have often felt, is their fear of reprisals against millions of Arab Christians in Moslem countries, such as Lebanon, where some 150,000 Maronite Catholics were slaughtered by Moslems. The list of such massacres is long, including the Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, Pakistan, etc.

In lengthy, private conversations that several of us have had with Vatican authorities, we have made the case that the failure of the pope for years to stand up against the Moslem-Arab threats and reprisals have in fact invited mounting intimidations and pressures against Christians. An apothegm summarized this view that

we expressed: "A bleeding lamb invites the

Several Vatican officials have recently told us that they realize now that the Vatican made a major mistake in not establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel in 1948. That would have made clear to the Arab extremists that the Vatican believes in Israel's permanency, and that the Arab Moslem world has to come to terms with that reality.

Appeasing the Arab Moslemworld at Israel's expense has obviously not brought security to the Arab Christians.

The Pope's frontal confrontation with the Moslem world's hostility to Christians could well be the beginning of a change in Vatican policy toward the Arab Moslem world.

What I fear is that the Holy See's belated firmness is too little and too late. They are going to have to find the wisdom of normalizing full diplomatic relations with Israel if the Vatican ever wants to become a meaningful player in Middle East peace negotiations.

(Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, former International relations director of the American Jewish Committee, is a past chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.)

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The priestly attire

By SAMI BARTH

Special to The Jewish Voice
Majesty and glory, Warmth and intimacy. Spirituality and world-

liness. Many are the dichotomies that seem to surround us in our lives — and, not surprisingly, in our Jewish lives.

We often judge our environment and the way in which Jewish lives are lived: "That place is so formal! Everyone is dressed up as it were a dinner party. How can one serve God in a place like that?"; or, "That place is a mess! No one shows any respect for worship. How can one serve God in a place like that?"

One can imagine other variations on the theme. The Torah portion of the week forces us to confront the issue of clothes and appearance. We read (Exodus 28:1-3), "Bring forward your brother Aaron with his sons... to serve Me as priests... Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron for dignity and adornment... They shall make Aaron's garments to consecrate him to serve Me as a priest."

Within the Jewish tradition we are uncomfortable with talk about priests at the best of times. We take refuge in the platitude that we have no priest — that other faiths need a human being as an intermediary, but that we approach God directly. But we all know that it is not so simple.

Within the circles of the Havurah movement we are uncomfortable with talk of appearances. We would like to have left such things behind us (in the synagogues that we think we have left), and we would like, perhaps, to have created new communities where only the penimiyus — the internal — matters. We know that this is not the case.

We know that there are acceptable and eccentric ways to appear even in a havurah community. A suit and tie — the norm to some — seems eccentric to us. We pride ourselves instead on the beauty of our talleisim (prayer shawls), our head coverings, and even our clothes. In fact, appearances seem to be truly important in our communities. There is a powerful rabbinic tradition of hiddur mitzvah — beautifying the objects with which one performs a mitzvah: Our communities love this concept of hiddur mitzvah, and we have found in it a source of spiritual enrichment.

How are we to understand the concept of priestly garb in this week's parsha? The rabbinic commentators are divided on the issue. There are those who see the special apparel of the priests as being for the benefit of the people: because of the special apparel of the priests, the people will have a greater sense of awe and reverence for the ritual acts carried out by the priests.

Another interpretation sees the priestly vestments as serving a function for the ministering priest, by elevating his consciousness. The Sefat Emet sees the body as the garb of the soul — and so the priestly garb is a way of symbolizing the purity of soul to which the priest should aspire.

We see in the practices of the Catholic Church the emphasis that is still placed on priestly attire. There are special vestments of different colors for different occasions. In rabbinic circles, there are rabbis whose robes vary as well: black for regular use, purple for the Festivals, and white for the Yamim Noraim from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur. If we are honest, we know that symbolic clothing can exert great power over the congregation.

Many are the teachers who stress that, since the destruction of the Temple, every Jew is to be regarded as a priest, every home as a Temple, every Shabbat table as an altar, and every place where Jews gather to pray as a Holy of Holies. If we are to see ourselves as priests, let us be priests who serve each other as well as ourselves.

Let us look for the clothes that produce for us a sense of holiness. Let us explore the sense of awe and wonder that we find when we are wrapped in a tallit, and draw strength and inspiration from the choices of others around us as well.

The Yalkut Hagershoni, a Hassic commentary on the Torah, explains, "The majority of the people will honor a person because of their clothes. For these people the garments of Aaron are described as being for 'dignity and adornment'. But for those who are wise, it is written (in the following verse) 'that he (Aaron) may be made holy to minister to Me.'

Rabbi Sami Barth is the Assistant Dean of the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, a member of the West Side Minyan, an expatriate Brit, a karate student, and is rarely to be found well dressed. © National Hawurah Committee

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start a new life in the free world. The least we can do is provide them with funds for the necessities of life."

Before the 8 p.m. event with Greenberg, Division Workers will be serving desserts in their homes for those invited. Rabbi Greenberg will be discussing the "Jewish Community and Jewish Destiny." Following Greenberg's address, those in attendance will have the opportunity to make their pledges to the JFD 1991 Annual Campaign. There will be no card calling.

For reservations or more information about the Advanced Gifts event, contact Seth M. Bloom, Director of Community Development, 478-6200.

JCC resolution on Gulf War

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, Delaware, the following resolution was adopted:

We endorse the decision of the United Nations validating the use of force to remove Iraqi forces from Kuwait. We further endorse President Bush's wisdom and courage to implement such force against Saddam Hussein. We support the President's leadership of the international effort against Iraqi aggression.

We pray for the safe and early return home of our forces in the Gulf and the success of their mission. We also pray for the innocent victims of this war. Our hearts go out to all those who have loved ones in the Middle East whether in the military or as civilians. We ask God to give them strength in this time of trouble and urge our fellow Americans to comfort them as they face this crisis.

We are deeply pained by the Iraqi missile attacks against Israel, a nation that has not been part of the conflict in the Gulf. These latest events underscore the commonality of interests of the United States and Israel. The unprovoked assaults directed against innocent civilians in Israel, Jew and Arab alike, demonstrate the continuing danger of Saddam Hussein's military arsenal and the urgency of eliminating the threat he represents to the stability of the nation and the peace of the world.

These factors must be emphasized in evaluating the serious escalation

of hostilities that has taken place:

The launching of the missiles are acts of war. Each nation has the right and the responsibility to respond to attack, to defend its citizens and protect its borders.

Israel has taken enormous risks in acceding to the American request not to launch a preemptive strike against the missile sites in Iraq, despite its repeated warnings that Saddam Hussein's threats had to be taken seriously and in not immediately retaliating against Iraq following the assaults. In acting with such restraint, Israel has accepted on itself great danger to its people and territory.

The missile attacks against Saudi Arabia and Israel make even more urgent the dismantling of Iraqs military capability as an essential goal of American and international policy in the Gulf.

We salute the courage of the government and people of Israel in confronting the great challenges they face.

We salute further the bravery of our troops and as American citizens, we thank them for their selfless efforts in support of our Country's undaunted effort to prevent the spread of Saddam Hussein's insatiable quest for power and its accompanying reign of terror.

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Bush says he backs school prayer

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush reaffirmed his support for school prayer and his opposition to abortion, positions that make many American Jewish groups uncomfortable.

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"Students who go to school to nourish their minds should also be allowed to nourish their souls," he told the 48th annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters reThe president expressed opposition to bills that would allow government funds to be used to pay for abortions. Current law bars federal funds from going to birth-control clinics that provide abortions.

"Like me, you endorse adoption, not abortion," Bush told the 2,500 convention delegates, suggesting that women with unwanted pregnancies should bear their children and put them up for adoption.

Jewish groups publicize campaign to help 4,500 Jews still in Syria

By ALIZA MARCUS

NEW YORK (JTA) — Sixteen years ago this month, four young Jewish women from Syria attempted to illegally flee their country. But the smugglers they hired to help guide them through the perilous journey turned out to be more dangerous than the journey itself, and the young women were later found murdered.

For years, their death was a symbol of the desperation Syrian Jews felt in a country in which blanket repression was the norm, and which for Jews was even worse.

As the anniversary of this tragic event approaches, American Jewish groups are promoting anew their old campaign to pressure the Syrian government into easing restrictions against Jews, with the focus on allowing free emigration. The groups also want to see six Jewish men now believed held in Syrian jails released and allowed to emigrate. The six reportedly were arrested for trying to escape from Syria.

The unofficial start-off for the campaign is this weekend's Shabbat services, also known as Shabbat Zachor, the Shabbat preceding Purim, when Jews traditionally recall historical threats to their existence. Synagogue congregations are being called on to recite special prayers for Syrian Jews, and to send letters of concern to Syrian President Hafez el-Assad, President Bush and other U.S., Syrian and U.N. officials.

National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, say they want to capitalize on the new alliance between Syria and the United States to try to persuade a loosening of restrictions.

"We have to capitalize on that and use whatever leverage the United States has in conveying a message to Syria in a direct yet non-hostile manner," said Abraham Bayer, director for international concerns at NJCRAC, the umbrella group for Jewish community relations.

The campaign also is calling on Syrian officials to allow the reunification of divided families, and specifically allow the emigration of young Jewish women who frequently are unable to find Jewish husbands.

According to international human rights groups such as Amnesty International and Helsinki Watch, Syria is a longtime serious human rights violator, with torture of prisoners common and freedom of speech and press severely constrained.

Thousands of political prisoners, including hundreds of prisoners of conscience, continued to be detained under state of emergency legislation in force since 1963," wrote Amnesty International in its 1990 annual

Under the rule of Assad, who came to power in 1971, Syria has become known as a major exporter of terror-.S., Syrian and U.N. officials. ism. Syria was linked to the December 1988 bombing of a Pan Am

airplane over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which hundreds died.

Nevertheless, Jewish leaders believe Syria may now be open to changing its policies concerning Jews, citing the recent U.S. State Department human rights report which indicated that "Syria did continue to respond positively to specific requests from the United States about the status of Syrian Jews.

Campaign officials said they were pleased with the level of U.S. government involvement in passing messages along to Syrian officials, and they are also heartened that Syrian officials have responded to inquiries, even if the responses have not yet led to public action.

About 4,000 Jews live in Syria, more than half of whom are in Damascus, with smaller communities of less than 1,000 each based in Aleppo and Qamishli.

On the surface, Jewish life is maintained, with working synagogues and two Jewish elementary schools, according to the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, founded in 1989 by members of New York's Syrian Jewish community.

But the Jewish quarter is reported to be under constant surveillance by members of the Syrian secret police, known as mukhabarat, and a file is kept on every member of the com-munity, according to the council.

Jews are generally denied all but the lowest level government jobs, while Jewish schools are run by Moslem directors and Hebrew instruction is prohibited, council offi-cials say. Those requesting permission to travel abroad must leave behind family members and a large sum of money to ensure their return.

Those involved in the campaign said the process of freeing Syrian Jews would be a long one, but added they were confident that the new relationship between Syria and the United States would aid immeasurably in their struggle.

The lack of positive, public steps has at least been somewhat offset by Syrian acknowledgement of certain issues, such as family reunification raised by those concerned about the else," she added.

plight of Syrian Jews.

'Our emphasis is on human rights, we feel this is a human rights issue and the Jews should be able to leave the country and return freely," said Alice Harary, vice president of the Council for the Rescue of Syrian

"We basically would like the travel restriction lifted on the community there so they are equal to everybody

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Congress to question U.S. officials over reported deaths of spies in Syria

By HOWARD ROSENBERG WASHINGTON (JTA) - The

Senate Intelligence Committee plans to investigate allegations that Syria killed pro-Israel undercover agents working in a Damascus-based terror-ist group after receiving U.S. data on Syria's links to terrorism

Sen. David Boren (D-Okla.), the committee's chairman, announced the probe after congressional leaders met with President Bush for their weekly meeting February 7.

The White House refused to comment on a report in The New York Times that the information was provided to Syrian President Hafez Assad by Secretary of State James Baker when they met in Damascus on September 14. Nor would it comment on Boren's planned investigation. "We don't comment on intelligence matters," said deputy White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler issued a statement saying that "any suggestion that Secretary Baker handed over a demarche that led to the death of any individual is categorically untrue.

She added that the United States last year received a "credible and serious threat" against a U.S. ambassador in the Middle East. "Any demarche that may have been passed on such a subject would have done solely to protect the life of an American ambassador and would be fully coordinated within this government,

including our intelligence commu-

An Israeli Embassy official here had no immediate reaction to the

The Times, quoting anonymous U.S. officials, reported that "two or three undercover agents believed to be working for Israel in a Syrianbased terrorist group were unmasked and killed last fall, not long after the United States gave the Damascus government information about terrorist activities in the country."

Those in the administration who favored disclosing U.S. terrorist data argued "that Mr.Assad should be given an unusually detailed briefing about the actions of Syrian-based terrorists, to impress upon him the weight of the evidence against his government," the Times said.

The link between the killings and the sharing of U.S. intelligence "has not been proved," the Times re-ported. "It is a casual relationship," it quoted one official as saying. "There is no doubt in my mind.

Baker, in testimony February 7 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he had no plans to remove Syria from the U.S. list of countries engaged in "state-spon-sored terrorism." Syria has been on the list since it was first drawn up in 1979. Listed countries cannot receive U.S. foreign aid or goods and technology that would improve their military or terrorist-support capabili-



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NJCRAC statement affirms policy of not directing olim to territories

the administered territories.

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

States narrowly adopted a statement this week that, in effect, urges the MIAMI (JTA) - Jewish leaders Israeli government to abide by its from communities across the United pledge not to direct immigrants to

The stipulation, amended to a statement urging the U.S. govern-ment to provide Israel with more financial aid for immigrant absorption, was adopted during a policy debate Monday at the annual plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, which convened here from Sunday to

Wednesday.
NJCRAC is the policy coordinating body for 13 national Jewish agencies and 117 local Jewish community councils. The plenum is the occasion when NJCRAC constituent agencies debate and set their community relations priorities for the coming year.

The amended statement on U.S. financial aid for immigrant absorption in Israel was adopted by a vote of 201-176 after 45 minutes of impassioned debate, a vote so close that it had to be taken by ballot rather than the customary show of hands.

The adopted statement "supports an increase in loan guarantees from the United States to resettle the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel, consistent with the stated Israeli policy not to use such funds in the West Bank or Gaza

Strip, and neither to direct nor to provide special incentives to settle Soviet Jews in the West Bank and Gaza.

The stated policy of the Israeli government is not to direct or settle Soviet Jews beyond the areas which were under Israeli control prior to the Six-Day War, as Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy outlined in a written pledge to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker early last October.

But the Bush administration has been concerned by recent reports that Israel's Housing Ministry is continuing to channel funds to Jewish settlements in the administered territories. It wants to make sure those funds will not be used to build housing that could later be occupied by Soviet immigrants.

As a result, the administration delayed for months the release of \$400 million in already-promised loan guarantees, pending clarifica-tions from Israel. The guarantees were finally released Wednesday.

Israel was frustrated by the delay, especially because it may eventually ask for some \$10 billion worth of additional loan guarantees, not all from the United States, to help resettle the tens of thousands of immigrants arriving each month from the

Delegates here wanted to urge the Israeli government to do everything it can to ensure the United States provides the desperately needed funds on an expedited basis

The Original NJCRAC proposition brought to the floor simply supported an increase in U.S. loan quarantees to aid the resettlement of Soviet immigrants, "consistent with the understanding between the United States and Israel

But some NJCRAC member agencies, including the American Jewish Congress and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, felt that the "understanding" needed to be explicit. They proposed amending the statement to include reiteration of official Israeli policy about settlement only within Israel's pre-1967

"It's important to be clear and honest about what the policy and understandings are, and not try to obfuscate assurances, which can only lead to further misunderstanding and mistrust. That's what it will take to get this behind us and get additional loan guarantees," argued Thomas Smerling, executive director of Project Nishma, a group that seeks to educate people about Israeli security and the Middle East peace process.

As a result of the open, heartfelt and sometimes contentious debate that most delegates agree is the heart of NJCRAC's strength as an umbrella organization, the original language was modified.

Another focus of debate Monday was a statement urging communication to the administration, Congress and other key players of "the Jewish community's position in support of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of

The proposed statement also affirmed "the fundamental right of Jews to live in all parts of the city of Jerusalem," a right that at one point last year appeared to be disputed by the Bush administration.

Many plenum delegates were upset that the proposition failed to address the rights of Jerusalem's non-Jewish residents and implied a double standard for Jews and Palestinians.

Some recalled an incident last spring in which a group of Orthodox Jews covertly leased a Greek Orthodox Church building in the Christian Quarter of the Old City, with funds from Israel's Housing Ministry, offending the sensibilities of the city's Christian minority.

After debate, the NJCRAC policy statement was amended to affirm "the fundamental right of Israelis to live in all parts of the city of Jerusalem, while being sensitive to the traditional ethnic and religious character of the Old City's neighborhoods."

The final version, adopted by a margin of approximately 3-1, was endorsed by NJCRAC's Israel Task Force and acknowledged, in the analysis of one delegate, that all Israelis have the right to live in all parts of Jerusalem, but the exercise of those rights must be tempered by other considerations.

The plenum also adopted a statement supporting international efforts to "turn back Iraqi aggression in the Persian Gulf" and a lengthy policy statement on the postwar period. The latter statement said, among other things, that the Palestine Liberation Organization "cannot play a constructive role, directly or indirectly, in advancing the prospects for peace.

Before the annual plenum began here on Sunday, some delegates wondered if a desire to show solidarity with Israel in the face of the Persian Gulf War would outweigh the desire of some American Jewish leaders to express themselves publicly on matters of concern about

But when the time came to move the debate from private meetings in the corridors and around the pool to the open floor of the Joint Program Planning Session, representatives of American Jewish opinion once again proved that certain areas of disagreement on policy are worth fighting for

Shamir, Levy fail to patch up differences

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Prime meeting - period," and refused Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign further comment. Minister David Levy apparently have not succeeded yet in patching up their differences, despite the need for unity in the face of touchy relations with Washington.

Levy declined even to put a cosmetic gloss over the matter, although he had the chance to do so Monday, when he emerged from a meeting

with the prime minister. According to reports, they had met specifically to ease their personal relations. But when Levy was questioned by reporters afterward, he replied, "We held a working

Neither the Prime Minister's Office nor the Foreign Ministry were more forthcoming. Sources at both described the meeting as routine, saying "current political matters were discussed."

Tension surfaced between Levy and Shamir on February 12, when the foreign minister suddenly postponed a February 15 meeting he had scheduled in Washington with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker.

Levy made clear he was furious over Defense Minister Moshe Arens' Continued to 25

loan guarantees for \$400 million WASHINGTON (JTA) - Ending months of delay and removing a

Ending long delay, U.S. releases

source of increasing friction in U.S.-Israeli relations, the State Department on Wednesday released \$400 million in long-promised loan guarantees to finance the construction in Israel of housing for immigrants from the Soviet Union

The decision was announced in a short statement issued by State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler. It said Secretary of State James Baker had telephoned Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy to inform

Baker told Levy that the guarantees would be released for the entire \$400 million, which will allow Israel to seek the loans from commercial banks at favorable rates.

The announcement came a day after Vice President Dan Quayle told delegates to the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council plenum in Miami that the loans would be released "later on this week."

The Israeli Embassy here had no immediate official comment, but an almost audible sigh of relief could be heard. Embassy officials had been bombarded for months with a continuous list of questions from the Bush administration aimed at ensuring that none of the money would be used to house Soviet Jews in the West Bank or the Gaza Strip.

Only last week, Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval accused the administration of giving Israel "the runaround" through a series of almost endless technical questions. Shoval later apologized for his remarks, which the White House called "outrageous.

Israel prefers Hussein remain as king

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israel retains its interest in the stability of the present regime in Jordan even though King Hussein has formally aligned himself with Iraq, Foreign Minister David Levy declared here earlier this

He said the king's speech in Amman on February 6 ending his professed neutrality in the Persian Gulf war was "very sad and problem-

Israel continues to hope that the king will maintain control over his country, Levy said in a television dan to interview, adding that Israel has made regime.

that position clear to Jordan "these very days" in discreet ways. King Hussein maintained that the

Gulf war was aimed against "all Arabs and all Moslems, not against Iraq alone," and is intended to assert "foreign hegemony" in the Middle

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker asserted a similar policy in testimony to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday. He said the United States saw no desirable alternative in Jordan to King Hussein's Hashemite

Levy said he was gratified by U.S. expressions of readiness-in-principle to give favorable consideration to special aid requests from Israel. He indicated he would be meeting with Baker shortly, "either here or there" and that the aid issue would be closely

But Levy discouraged media speculation over specific figures. He stressed that Israel had no intention of "exploiting" the war situation and the fact that it sustained direct and indirect damage through enemy ac-

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Analysts skeptical about reports to recognize Israel-Syria ready

By ALIZA MARCUS

NEW YORK (JTA) — Syria's reported offer last week to recognize Israel's right to exist as part of a Middle East peace settlement is being greeted by foreign policy analysts with interest tempered by skepticism over what, if anything, it actually means.

Israeli officials reacted cautiously to reports of the offer, and the Israeli Consulate here issued a short statement reiterating Israel's desire to enter into "direct, bilateral, unconditional" negotiations with its Arab neighbors.

"We have in the past extended our hand for peace and normalization to Syria, as to any other Arab country, since Israel was established in 1948," said Yuval Rotem, the consulate spokesman.

Syria's proposal, announced by German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher after a meeting February 13 with his Syrian counterpart in Damascus, specifically refers to Israel recognizing the Palestinians' right to self-determination as a condition for Syrian recognition of Israel.

Middle East experts here say the proposal, if true, could be a sign of the softening of the normally tense Israeli-Syrian relations.

Syrian President Hafez Assad has been one of the Jewish state's staunchest enemies, and before the Persian Gulf war started, Syria was considered by the United States and others to be possibly the leading exporter of terrorism.

Since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Syria has linked up with the United States to fight Iraqi aggression, in the process shedding some of its negative image and perhaps becoming more open to U.S. influence, analysts said.

According to Patrick Clawson, author of the study "Syria's Unaffordable Ambitions," Syria may have made this offer with an eye toward halting the arms race with Israel and using some of its new financial aid for other purposes.

Like many of the countries taking part in the multinational forces fighting to drive Iraq out of Kuwait, Syria has received financial aid promises from Saudi Arabia.

Clawson also asked whether in exchange for softening its position toward Israel, Syria expected to be given a freer hand in its intervention in Lebanon, as well as being treated as a major player in the region.

"Still, it's only a small step forward, because the offer includes first an overall settlement for the Palestinians," said Clawson, who is editor of Orbis, a quarterly journal published by the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

Other analysts pointed out that with the diminished Soviet role in the region, Syria must look for a new supporter for weapons and economic aid. If the Soviet Union's place is to be taken by the United States, then it is to Assad's advantage to appear more moderate.

This is a chance for Syria to make inroads with the United States, but I think it's really a little early to come to any definitive decisions until we know more about the offer," said Ken Jacobson, director of international affairs for the Anti-Defamation

League of B'nai B'rith.

Still, there have been other signs of a softening of Syria's position toward Israel. Last June, Clawson said, there were credible rumors floating around of Syrian interest in accepting a demilitarized Golan Heights from Israel in exchange for a peace treaty. Israel captured the Golan Heights during the 1967 war and has since annexed it.

A few days ago, Secretary of State James Baker suggested to Israel's ambassador to the United States that Israel consider demilitarizing the Golan Heights and putting it under U.N. or U.S. supervision. Israeli officials have not formally responded to this suggestion.

An Israeli official who did not want to be identified questioned whether Syrian officials would later deny Genscher's report, and he also asked why Genscher should have been the first to release the information.

"We are trying to be cautious about this statement, because we are used to having this kind of statement come from foreign ministers during private talks, which has later been contradicted by public statement," the Israeli said.

American Jewish organizational leaders were also skeptical.

"We have seen these games before, so it's hard to know where the Syrians stand," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "So we shouldn't read too much into it at this stage."

If Assad is "ready to negotiate, let him come directly with a proposal," Hoenlein said.

David Harris, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee, said his agency viewed "the reports of Syria's willingness, after all these long years, to recognize Israel's

cism."

"When Syria finally is prepared to sit down with Israel in direct, face-to-face, bilateral talks without conditions, that truly may augur an historic breakthrough in the 43-year-long search for lasting peace in the Arab conflict with Israel," he said.

Some analysts pointed out that Syria's offer is not unlike earlier Israeli offers — only turned on its head. Israel has always offered direct negotiations before settling the Palestinian question, while Syria wants the reverse.

Israeli officials added that recent statements out of Syria did not point to a radical shift in the country's position toward Israel.

A Syrian official attending the United Nations Human Rights Commission meetings in Geneva last Friday publicly resurrected the ancient blood libel against Jews. The blood libel, often used as an excuse to kill Jews, accuses Jews of killing Christians, particularly children, and using their blood to bake matzot for Passover.

"In the broader sense, the rhetoric coming out of Syria has been as hostile to Israel as ever before, and one doesn't come to any firm feelings that the Syrians have made any radical changes," said Jacobson of ADI

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Mention of blood libel against Jews at U.N. session, draws protest

By TAMAR LEVY

GENEVA (JTA) — Israel and the United States are trying to generate the strongest possible condemnation of the ritual blood libel levelled against Jews by Syria at the February 8 session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission here.

The polemic, by the second-ranking member of the Syrian delegation, Nabila Shaalan, so far has elicited neither dissent nor comment from the commission's top officials.

The daily La Tribune de Geneve reported it under the headline "Scandal at the Human Rights Commission: A Tough And Purely Anti-Semitic Declaration."

Yitzhak Lior, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, called on the commission's chairman, Enrique Bernales Ballesteros of Peru, to "denounce this statement publicly and unequivocally in order to preserve the credibility and honor of the commission."

The U.S. ambassador, Morris Abram, was reported to have requested instructions from Washington as he, too, sought a strong reaction to the centuries-old calumny against Jews.

It was revived by Shaalan during the February 8 debate over the agenda item on racism and racial discrimination. She recommended that commission members read "a valuable book which confirms the racist character of Zionism."

It is called "The Matzah of Zion" and was published in 1985 by the Syrian defense minister, Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlas. He justified the ritual murder charges brought against Jews in Damascus in 1840 for the death of a Catholic missionary.

The blood libel in various forms dates back to medieval Europe and has been one of the most potent incitements to physical violence against Jews. It accuses Jews of using the blood of Christians, usually young children, to make their Passover matzot.

In Damascus 151 years ago, leaders of the Jewish community were arrested and tortured until they would say they killed a Catholic friar, Father Tomaso, and used his blood for ritual purposes.

One of the accused died in prison; eight were condemned to death. They were saved only by the intervention of Adolphe Cremieux of France and Sir Moses Montefiore of Britain with the Egyptian ruler of Syria, Mehmet Ali.

Turkey in the meantime regained control of Syria, and Cremieux and Montefiore were able to obtain from Sultan Abd al-Majid a denunciation of the blood libel as a base falsehood.

The Syrian delegate claimed the book proved Jews engaged in ritual murder. "According to this book, during the Middle Ages, Jews could

kill and take your blood to make his Zionist bread. I recommend to every member of this commission to read this book, which is the story of Father Tomaso, who was sent to Damascus.

"At the time of his murder, he was 33 and practiced medicine. Whoever reads this book will be informed of the reason behind Father Tomaso's murder and will clearly discover the racist reality of Zionism," she added.

Tlas's book had been cited earlier by David Littman, representing the World Union for Progressive Judaism, a non-governmental organization with observer status on the Human Rights Commission.

Littman referred to it as an example racist incitement.

As La Tribune de Geneve pointed out, Shaalan made her provocative response in the presence of Bernales, Jan Martenson, director of the Human Rights Center, and John Pace, the commission's secretary-general, none of whom reacted.

Ambassador Lior's letter to Bernales said: "It would be astonishing if such a deliberate incitement to racial and religious hatred were to be uttered with impunity in any United Nations forum.

"It surpasses belief, however, that it should be made in the Commission on Human Rights, the very organ entrusted with the task of combatting all manifestations of discrimination and bigotry."



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Annual concert for young musicians celebrating 20 years

will honor young Israeli musicians

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of The Jewish Voice
Lillian Balick and the Delaware
Contest for Young Musicians. There
are certain things that just belong in
pairs. To a Pelawarean who knows
Balick or music, it's almost as if you
can't say one without the other. For
20 years Balick has devoted her time
and energy to the contest she founded
out of the frustration that for local
music students there were not a lot of
opportunities to compete.

For two days and evenings each year — for the last 20 years — Balick has watched with pride as local young musicians have competed for cash prizes and, more importantly, the status that comes with placing in this contest. With this year's group of performers, there have been close to a thousand participants in the contest. Both the contest and the Win-

ners' Recital have always taken place at the Jewish Community Center, a joint sponsor with the Delaware Arts

Balick, a music historian, pianist, lecturer and teacher, has also served as an arts specialist with the Delaware State Arts Council. She is a former faculty member at Temple University College of Music and has served for ten years as a member of the Delaware Humanities Forum Speakers Bureau. Balick is a past state chairman of the Delaware Alliance for Arts Education.

She calls the Delaware contest a "great grassroots springboard." She is tremendously proud of the accomplishments of previous contestants and winners, a number of whom

have "gone on to establish themselves in prestigious national and international concert careers," she says.

According to Balick, most of those who compete in this contest want professional careers and they go on to enjoy successful careers. She knows many of the musicians who have participated in "her" contest over the years and she likes to keep in touch with with them.

This year, however, Balick has announced with a certain degree of sadness that she will retire as the contest's director. She said she feels that it's time for someone else "with new ideas" to take over. At this point, Balick noted, no appointment has been made.

Applicants in the piano and instrumental categories are 16 to 24 years of age while those entering the vocal category must be 19 to 29 years of age. Among the eligibility requirements is the stipulation that the participant live in Delaware or within 30 miles of Wilmington.

The Jewish Community Center lobby was filled with the annual sounds of practicing and performing in the competition on February 13 and 14. The winners were announced at the conclusion of the competition.

In the Piano Category, Randy Scott Knee of Newark, Delaware, won first prize. Knee is a student at the University of Delaware. Second prize was awarded to Drew Christien Neilsen of Bath, Pennsylvania, a student at West Chester University.

First prize in the Instrumental Category was awarded to Amy Lynn Brunski of Newark, Delaware. She is a student at the University of Delaware. Kenneth R. Jester, also a student at the University of Delaware, won second prize.

In the Vocal Category, first prize was given to Elsa Harriette Cornish, a student at the University of Delaware. Temple University student Charlotte Daw Paulsen won second prize. Third prize, a tie, will be shared by Dawn Patricia Murphy, a student at the University of Delaware, and Andrea Lauren Brown, a West Chester University student.

In the Vocal Category, Barbara Anne Boyle, a student at the University of Delaware, was awarded an honorable mention.

1991 contest dedicated to young Israeli musicians

The Winners' Recital — which is dedicated this year to young Israeli musicians — will be held on Sunday, March 3, in the Jewish Community Center Auditorium. Each of the winners of this year's competition will perform at that recital. In addition, the recital will feature the performances of two young Israeli musicians, both winners of the 1990 contest

Avner Arad, a recent graduate of Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music, won first prize for piano in last year's competition. Born in Haifa, Israel, Arad began his musical education at the age of 7. By the age of 13

he was a winner of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation's Sharet Scholarship. Arad has performed across Europe, including at the prestigious Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival in German. In 1990, he made his debut at Carnegie Hall. Arad is currently a student in the Master of Music Program at Julliard School.

Violist Zvi Carmeli won the first prize in the 1990 Delaware contest for instrumental. Born in Jerusalem, Carmeli began his musical studies as a violinist. He was a member of the Israeli Army Quartet and, like Arad, recently graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music. He is currently in his second season as a member of the "Concerto Soloists" Chamber Orchestra. Carmeli has performed as recitalist and chamber musician in New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Palo Alto, Tel Aviv and Haifa. This summer he will participate in chamber music appearances in Australia and Italy.

The Winners' Recital will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the Jewish Community Center auditorium. Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$4 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens. There is a patron category which is \$15 per listing or \$25 per couple. For more information regarding the contest or to become a patron, contact Lillian Balick at (655-6123 or 764-8672) or Lynne Greenfield at the JCC (478-5660).

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By JANIS NICHOLL

Albert Einstein Academy was among four Jewish day schools out of 60 that were selected by the Community Day School Network to participate in a special curriculum project. The purpose of the project, explains Principal Eleanor Weinglass, "Is to begin creating a national curriculum, this one on Shabbat to span the range of Jewish belief and observance"

Weinglass is a member of the team of ten curriculum writers who met in Los Angeles at the University of Judaism from January 23 to 29 to produce Shabbat units for Kindergarten through eighth grade. Dr. Hyman Chanover, a well-known rabbi and author of Jewish educational books and articles, was educational consultant to the committee. Several professors from the University also conducted seminars for the participants.

The program will be field-tested in four pilot schools, including Albert Einstein Academy, and then disseminated to other Jewish Day Schools.

Seventy-two children now attend Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish day school of Delaware, from Kindergarten through sixth grade. The basic purpose of Einstein is to provide children with Judaic learning along with secular studies. "the small classes," says Weinglass, "give children the opportunity to know that they are important as learners."

The Judaic curriculum includes the study of Hebrew language, prayer skills, history, Bible, holidays, values and Israel. The basic components of the secular curriculum include lanuage arts, social studies, science and math as well as physical educa-



Emily Myers, Albert Einstein Academy's computer teacher and author, explains the publishing process to AEA students.

tion, art, music, and computer classes. When feasible, secular and Judaic learning are integrated so that students can see the relationship of one to the other, according to Weinglass.

The school frequently takes advantage of programs offered by the community and brings people from the community into the school to enable children to have varied experiences, she noted.

The Kindergarten recently hosted the four-year olds of the Jewish Community Center preschool for a Tu Bishvat celebration. Soon after, when studying the "Lincoln Era," Kindergarteners had a hands-on experience at the Hagley Museum when they visited the Gibbons House and were able to pump water, bake cookies, use quill pens and dress in period clothing. The first grade recently had a trip tot he library where they were able to identify and choose

books they wanted to borrow.

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders, in conjunction with their study of Delaware, were addressed by Jo Flickinger, Register of Wills, and went on a field trip to the Family Court of the State of Delaware where arbitration and mediation were discussed.

During the Write-In, a week dedicated to focusing all children on writing, poet Jean Lanyon spoke about poetry and Emily Myers, published author and computer teacher at Einstein, explained publishing. Pam Beal, also an Einstein teacher, will show children how to bind their work into books, which children will read to one another.

AEA is currently accepting applications for next year. Anyone interested in further information or in observing classes should call Eleanor Weinglass at 478-5026.

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War has boosted Israel's standing in U.S. public opinion

NEW YORK (JTA) - Israel's already favorable rating in American public opinion has risen significantly since the Persian Gulf war began, according to a national survey of 600 registered voters conducted this month for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The 88 percent approval of Israel in February, up from 70 percent in December, probably stems from the Israeli government's restraint in the face of Scud missile attacks from Iraq, according to Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director who released the poll results last week.

By a 79-19 percent margin, Americans said Israel should con-tinue to exercise restraint. But 59 percent of those supporting restraint thought Israel should retaliate for a chemical attack. Although 37 percent would support retaliation if the attacks persist for another month, 51 percent were opposed.

Despite the support for restraint however, a majority of 53 percent believed the United States has no right to demand that Israel refrain from retaliation. By a 46-37 percent margin, Americans thought the

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United States "should stand by Israel" if it retaliates against Iraq, even at the risk of Arab defections from the U.S.-led coalition.

But 51 percent believed the coalition would not break up if Israel became militarily involved in the war, compared with 37 percent who thought it would

By a margin of 89-10 percent, the respondents were convinced the United States was "doing everything" it could to protect Israel from Iraqi missile attacks.

The telephone poll was conducted February 4 and 5 by Marttila & Kiley Inc., a Boston-based public opinion research firm. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percent.

By 60-17 percent, Americans sympathized more with Israel than with the Arab nations. In the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, the sympathies of 47 percent were with the Israelis. as opposed to 28 percent for the Palestinians.

By a 58-20 percent margin, the respondents favored giving the Palestinians a homeland in the West Bank. But that was down from 62 percent before the Gulf war began. Asked if they would support a Palestinian homeland if it might pose a risk to Israeli security, the response was

44-41 percent in favor. By a 47-42 percent margin, Americans thought Israel should never negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Americans believe the United States and its allies should continue fighting until Saddam Hussein is removed from power and the Iraqi military machine is broken. That contrasted with 23 percent who thought the war should end if Iraq pulled its forces out

According to the poll, 46 percent rated Israela "close ally" of the United States, while 42 percent saw it as "friendly but not an ally.

Favorable opinions of the present Israeli government were held by 58 percent of the respondents compared with 23 percent "unfavorable" and

The poll found that 64 percent of 10 percent who had "mixed" feel-

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir got an overall 69 percent favorable rating, of which 16 percent was "very favorable.

According to Foxman, Shamir's popularity was more a reflection of American support for Israel in general than specific support for Sha-

The pollsters observed gender quotas so that the final sample was 52 percent female and 48 percent

Demographically, 83 percent of the respondents were white, 10 percent black and 3 percent Hispanic. More than half — 53 percent were college educated. Religious affiliations included 47 percent Protestant, 26 percent Catholic, 15 per-cent other Christian and 3 percent Jewish. The largest single bloc, 48 percent, identified themselves as conservative or "moderate conservative," as opposed to 17 percent who identified themselves as liberal.

President's Bush's overall approval rating was 83 percent, while 62 percent "strongly approved" his decision to go to war with Iraq.

U.S., Israel have no comment on reported promise of radar codes

WASHINGTON (JTA) - U.S. and Israeli officials have declined comment on a CBS News report that the United States has promised to give Israel the electronic airplane identification codes it needs before it can launch an air strike on Iraqi targets.

In Israel, military and diplomatic commentators dismissed the CBS report as false. They said Defense Minister Moshe Arens had not requested the radar codes during his meetings Monday with President Bush, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Secretary of State James

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, also said the issue was "not discussed" and "not re-solved" during the Arens visit. "Our understanding is that the CBS reports were wrong," he said.

But a reliable pro-Israel lobbyist here said last week that the Pentagon has promised to provide the Identification Friend or Foe codes to Israel if Iraq attacks the Jewish state with unconventional weapons.

The electronic recognition codes, which are changed daily, are needed by the Israeli air force to distinguish allied aircraft from Iraqi planes. Without them, Israeli jets the run risk of accidentally shooting down "friendly" aircraft or mistaking enemy planes for allied ones.

U.S. officials "understand that if there is a gas bombing, Israel is going to go" launch an attack, regardless of whether or not it has the codes, the pro-Israel lobbyist said. Bombings that would provoke swift Israeli retaliation include any Iraqi Scud missile attack with warheads containing biological, chemical or nuclear warheads, he said.

It is known that Iraq has chemical weapons, but U.S. officials have questioned whether Iraq is capable of mounting chemical warheads on its modified Scud missiles.

The CBS News report said that the United States had agreed to provide the airline codes to Israel, but only after the allied forces begin a land invasion of Kuwait. During that phase of the war, allied bombers are exwhere Israeli planes would likely strike.

Capt. Sig Adams, a Pentagon spokesman, refused to comment on the report, except to say that since it was filed by CBS State Department correspondent Bill Plante, "it must have been a State Department source" who provided the informa-

While the pro-Israel lobbyist and Hoenlein differed on whether the airline codes were requested, they seemed to agree that Arens told senior U.S. officials Israel believes it is better able than the allied forces to destroy Iraq's Scud launchers.

"It may very well be that they discussed that," Hoenlein said. U.S. officials are "very much aware of Israel's feelings in that regard. I assume that at some point that matter has come up."

According to the lobbyist, Arens "didn't provoke any meat or substance" to his argument that Israel can do a better job against the Scud launchers. When Arens made the comment about Israel's perceived superiority in destroying Iraqi Scuds, pected to hit targets mainly in Ku-"there was nothing specifically stated wait, rather than in western Iraq, from the U.S. side," the lobbyist said.

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Cheney: U.S. wouldn't have Israel's restraint

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF ecial to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, praising Israel's "admirable restraint" is not striking back at Iraq, said "It isn't easy. It wouldn't be easy for us to sit quietly while being hit by missing and not retaliating.

"Israel is very supportive" of the U.S. in the Persian Gulf War, Cheney added, and Saddam's "aim" to bring Israel into the war "has failed." The secretary said he does not think that if Israel retaliated it would "shatter" the U.S.-led coalition as some fear and the Arab allies in it "understand" the circumstances.

Cheney responded to questions at the meeting of the American Mining Congress here after the latest Iraqi attack brought the number of its Scud missiles landing in Israel to 30.

"I don't buy into the argument that Saddam went to war to help the Palestinians," he told another questioner. "Thousands of Palestinians are out of work" because of his aggression which he said the U.S. is "interested in not permitting to happen again.

Stating that the U.S. will continue to have a role to develop security and stability in the Middle East after the war, Cheney said the U.S. will try to have its "key friends to work together" and named Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. He did not include Syria, which is in the coalition, nor Israel, which is not.



Richard Cheney

Regarding Israel-U.S. relations, Cheney said, "We're in close touch" and "we continue to work on the problem" of bringing down the lraqi missiles with Patriot batteries.

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Israelis questioning civil defense on best policy of Scud protection

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Shaky public confidence in civil defense authorities deteriorated sharply February 11 when it became apparent that the Israel Defense Force is itself confused over what is the best protection against Scud missile attacks.

Ever since they began on January 18, the IDF has insisted that everyone stay home in a poison-gas-proof room during the air raid alert.

The public, however, feels better protected in underground air raid shelters and regularly flouts the official instructions.

An unseemly row broke out in the upper echelons of the IDF after its civil defense chief advised the public that the ideal protection was an underground shelter sealed against gas. That was the recommendation of Brig. Gen. Ori Manos in a recent television interview. Unnamed "senior sources" in the IDF promptly called it "scandalous."

The official army spokesman, Brig.

Gen. Nachman Shai, made clear that it remains the IDF's firm conviction that lives are best protected in gasproofed rooms.

That premise is arguable, especially after the devastating missile raid on the Greater Tel Aviv area February, which destroyed two dozen homes and damaged at least 500 buildings in a wide area. There were no fatalities and no serious injuries,

miracle and attribute to divine protection. But it may have been due to the fact that most residents ignored the IDF and took shelter underground.

The controversy has grown from the fact that all of the 33 Scud missiles fired into Israel since January 18 carried conventional, high-explosive warheads that blasted buildings to rubble in densely populated areas.

The military and civil defense authorities are convinced, however, that Saddam Hussein still has the capability to launch a chemical or biological attack on Israel, as he has threatened. Should that happen, the IDF warns, underground air raid shelters would become death traps, because gas is heavier than air and seeks the lowest level

The IDF has broadcast detailed instructions on how to make rooms gas-proof. by and large, the public has compiled. But Israelis have felt vulnerable sitting in their sealed rooms with gas masks handy while their blocks were shaken by exploding warheads.

The issue seems to be the standard apartment building, where even if a common underground shelter could be made gas-proof, getting to it within the limited advance warning time would be difficult for many tenants.

Manos laid down a time frame. He said that if it is possible to reach the shelter within two minutes after the

which the Orthodox have termed a alert sounds and if the shelter is gas- the military's stubborn faith in sealed sealed, it should be used instead of a sealed room in each individual apartment. He stressed that in advising a gas-proof underground shelter in preference to a sealed room, he was thinking of single-family homes and small apartment buildings, where everyone could reach the shelter in

Civil defense sources said Manos was addressing the reality that many people ignore the IDF sealed room recommendation and dash for their basement shelters as soon as the siren sounds.

But the IDF senior sources who attacked Manos in the media insisted that the shelter option was advisable only in one- or two-story residential buildings. They maintained that for the vast majority of the populace, the sealed room is still the best protec-

This lack of consensus among authoritative sources inevitably caused public confusion and a further sinking of confidence. The media and general public have begun to ventilate basic doubts about the country's state of preparedness for this war, the first in Israel's history in which the civilian population, not the military, is bearing the casualties and destruc-

The daily Ha'aretz ran a frontpage article February 10 by columnist Gideon Samet suggesting that rooms may mask the "scandalous fact" that there is a shortage of shelters against either conventional or chemical attack.

That came close to authoritative corroboration in a weekend article by Eitan Haber in the mass-circulation Yediot Achronot. Until last June, Haber was media adviser to then Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Citing Gen. Ya'acov Lapidot, the defense minister's special adviser on civil defense, Haber wrote that there are an estimated 3.7 million Israelis who have shelter space available for them. But there are no shelters available for 1 million people - 21 percent of Israel's population — not including those in the administered

"In kindergartens and schools, there are no shelters for 140,000 pupils," Haber wrote. He maintained that to provide shelters for the entire population would cost more than a half-billion dollars, which simply is not available now or in the foreseeable future.

"Is it because of this serious shortage in shelters that the order was given that we should stay in our sealed rooms?" Haber asked. "Key persons in the defense establishment swear by all that is holy that this was not the case," he write.

They insist that the danger of chemical attack remains very real and that the consequences are too horrible to contemplate unless there is proper protection, which they say the sealed rooms provide.

The military has faith in plastic

sheeting and masking tape, Haber said, while "4.5 million nervous citizens are waiting to 'ambush' whoever was to blame for the inadequate preparations made over the years preceding the Scud attacks.

He recalled that the "warning lights went on" in the defense establishment in September 1988, when more than 200 Iraqi Scuds slammed into Tehran. He recalled, too, Saddam Hussein's threat last spring to "incinerate half of Israel.'

During the present crisis, begin-ning with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August, it quickly became clear to the policy-makers that any thought of protecting existing shelters against chemical attack was wholly unrealistic. The cost would exceed \$5,000 per family, according to Haber. These sums do not exist" in the defense budget, he wrote.

It has become clear that the governing authorities did not give civil defense the priority which the hindsight of Israel's current traumatic experience shows it should have had. There will be much soul-searching and not a little recrimination when the crisis is over.

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Shamir scores high in poll

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's handling of Israeli policy in the Persian Gulf war has sent his approval rating to an all-time high of 49.8 percent, according to a recent poll by the Public Opinion Research Institute published Thursday in Ma'ariv. In a PORI poll in December, the prime minister's performance was approved by only 26.8 percent of the respondents.

Shamir's popularity has rubbed off on other members of his govemment since the war began, even those not directly involved with

Defense Minister Moshe Arens' rating climbed from 31.8 to 54.5 percent since the Gulf crisis began. Housing Minister Ariel Sharon went from 37.4 percent approval in December to 49.6 percent now. Foreign Minister David Levy is approved by 34.2 percent, up from 26.7 percent in December

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i remains the least popular of the senior Cabinet ministers. Nevertheless, his rating increased by 10 points, from 18.1 to 28.4 percent since the war started.

Soviet foreign minister praises Israeli restraint

BY CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh praised Israel's restraint in not being drawn into the Persian Gulf War, according to New York City Councilman Noah Dear, who had a two-hour meeting with Bessmertnykh in Moscow on February 6.

Dear, who was in Israel for several days, said that Bessmertnykh asked him to "tell the people in Israel that we appreciate what they are going through, and that the restraint shown by the Israeli government will be beneficial in the future."

Dear said that the Soviet foreign minister, who succeeded Eduard Shevardnadze, also noted that there is now a growing realization in the Soviet Union of the importance of territory for Israel's security, and that it may be necessary for Israel to retain some of the territories administered since 1967.

Bessmertnykh also said that the Soviet Union wants full diplomatic relations with Israel, but wants to see diplomatic movement on the peace process on Israel's part before this happens. The Soviet Union recently raised relations with Israel to consular level.

Dear become friendly with Bessmertnykh when the latter served in other senior Foreign Ministry posts, including as ambassador to the United States. Dear said that Bessmertnykh "has warm relations with the Jews

and takes an interest in their needs."

Dear, who has been visiting the Soviet Union regularly for the past five years to help re-establish Jewish communal life, this time took a New York restaurateur with him to discuss setting up a kosher restaurant in Moscow. No deals were struck, but they did bring samples of sliced pastrami to the minister of trade and explained the intricacies of kashrut

It takes time, Dear said, to develop initial business contacts into fullfledged projects. As for a kosher restaurant, "we want it and the Soviets want it too. The problem is making it self-sufficient in supplies, so that no imports are needed. A restaurant like this would be important mainly for local Jews, and it is important that local religious leaders be involved."

The economic problems in the Soviet Union are very difficult, Dear said, "and I am pushing as hard as I can to encourage American businessmen to go the Soviet Union and help them turn it into a market economy. That's how we can show good will. There is a danger that united Germany will have great economic influence in the Soviet Union, and Jews should be leery of this.

In his contacts with various Soviet ministries, in addition to his talks with Bessmertnykh, Dear said that he saw no indications of the rising power of conservatives within the Soviet power

Despite Scud fears Israelis tell jokes

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's involvement in the Persian Gulf war as a noncombatant target has given rise to a sort of gallows humor.

Although the latest jokes are just variations of gags many say have been around for generations, the Jerusalem Post published its first anthology of war jokes last week.

Some samples: A Jew, a Moslem and a Christian rush to the roof to watch a Scud missile attack. The Jew looks to see if a Patriot has knocked out the Scud. The Moslem blesses Saddam Hussein. The Christian files a report for Cable News Network.

Then there is the competition for extra large gas masks between asthmatic youngsters and Orthodox Jews who refuse to trim their beards to fit. The solution: Feed the kids hormones so they will grow beards.

Finally, Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, chafing under President Bush's appeals for Israeli restraint in face of Iraqi attacks, is quoted as saying the last time Jews listened to a bush they ended up wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.

> Your Opinion Counts.... Write A Letter To The Editor

Arens' session with Bush interrupted by news of another Scud attack

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens was in the midst of telling President Bush about the extent of property damage caused by Iraqi missile attacks on Israel when the two leaders were informed that air raid sirens had just sounded again throughout the Jewish state on February 11.

But news of the air raid, coming as it did in the middle of the 35-minute White House meeting, provided a "very dramatic" illustration of the continuing, unpredictable threat Israel faces from Iraq, Arens later told

The defense minister, who arrived here February 11 and flew out that night, said he told Bush that the amount of damage the Iraqi missiles had caused in Israel was "very signifi-

"We see sites of destruction in Israel that have not been seen in Western countries since World War " Arens said.

While it is widely believed that Israel will seek compensation for such

damage, from the United States as well as other sources, Arens said he did not raise the subject during the Oval Office session.

You don't want to ask for aid based on your end of January or early February losses if the war lasts another six months or two months," a pro-Israel lobbyist explained. "The length of the conflict will decide the extent and type of aid.

Arens reportedly carried a message to Bush from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, which apparently was a follow-up to a telephone conversation the prime minister had with the president Saturday night. But there was no immediate information about the contents of the message.

Arens also met for two hours with Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who had just returned from conferring with military commanders in Saudi Arabia. He was accompanied by David Ivri, director general of the Israeli Defense Ministry. It is presumed they discussed coordination of U.S. and Israeli military plans in the next phase of the Persian Gulf conflict, which may include a ground campaign by U.S.-led forces.

One contingency they may have discussed, a knowledgeable source suggested, was what the United States and Israel will do if Saddam Hussein does get desperate and launches something that might have a chemical capability.

Asked by reporters at the Pentagon if Israel would continue its policy of restraint and refrain from military action against Iraq, Arens said, "I don't think that we can make any commitments. A great deal depends on what happens."

The same day, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the United States has no interest in seeing Israel change its strategy of restraint. "I don't think we anticipate any change in policy," he said.

The Israeli defense minister was also asked about the likelihood that Israel would join the allied war effort against Iraq, or at least contribute in some way to it. "Our contribution could be significant if arrangements were made for that contribution," Arens replied. He did not elaborate

Israel refutes Iraqi claim Scuds fired at Dimona plant

TEL AVIV (JTA) - The Israel Defense Force has so far failed to find evidence of Scud missiles the Iraqi military authorities claimed to have fired at Israel's nuclear facility at Dimona in the Negev.

Army units were reported Monday to still be searching for the impact point or debris where Jewish and Bedouin eyewitnesses reported seeing a bright flash in the sky followed by a loud roar Saturday night.

Baghdad claimed three advancedtype Scud missiles were fired at Dimona and a fourth at Haifa port. But the Israelis say they know nothing of a missile fired toward Haifa,

Two missiles were reported earlier to have hit Israel's southern region Saturday, causing neither injuries nor damage. The IDF, for security reasons, does not say precisely where the missiles landed. Both reportedly carried conventional warheads. There was no official report of Patriot antimissile batteries being fired to intercept them.

The all-clear sounded within minutes, except in the southern region, which civil defense authorities designate Zone 6. Residents there were ordered to stay in their gas-proof rooms with their gas masks on for additional time.

Zone 6 extends from Ashkelon on the Mediterranean coast to Ein Gedi on the Dead Sea and includes all of the Negev south to Eilat. It had been considered a safe haven from missile attacks by many Tel Aviv area residents, who left the city after the first Scuds struck on Jan. 18.

All of the 35 Scud missiles launched

against Israel so far have carried conventional high-explosive war-

People have gotten into the habit of leaving their shelters without their gas masks, but the civil defense authorities have issued stern warnings against such complacency.

Senior security officials told the Cabinet at its meeting Sunday that while Iraq's ability to manufacture chemical weapons may have been severely impaired by allied bombings, the danger of a chemical attack on Israel is not over. It may, in fact, have increased.

Israeli officials say they have no reason to change their assessment that the closer Saddam Hussein comes to defeat, the greater his incentive to "settle accounts" with Is-

halt banking in Israel Japanese

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice WASHINGTON — Japanese banks have ceased doing business with Israel since the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War in January on the recommendation of the Japanese Bankers Association that 11 Middle East countries including Israel be avoided by its members during the war. Japanese postal service to them also have been suspended, The Financial Times of London has reported.

The Japanese Embassy in Tel Aviv said it had pressed the government in Tokyo to reverse the recommendation following many complaints from Israeli companies and that both the banking and postal services are returning to normal.

However, Israeli businessmen and the Foreign Ministry, which joined in

their protest, said they have not so far detected any change among the banks. The London newspaper reported Eichanan Harel, chairman of the Israel-Japanese Chamber of Commerce, said the move by the banks and the suspension of postal inks had brought trade worth almost ters of credit and money orders, were

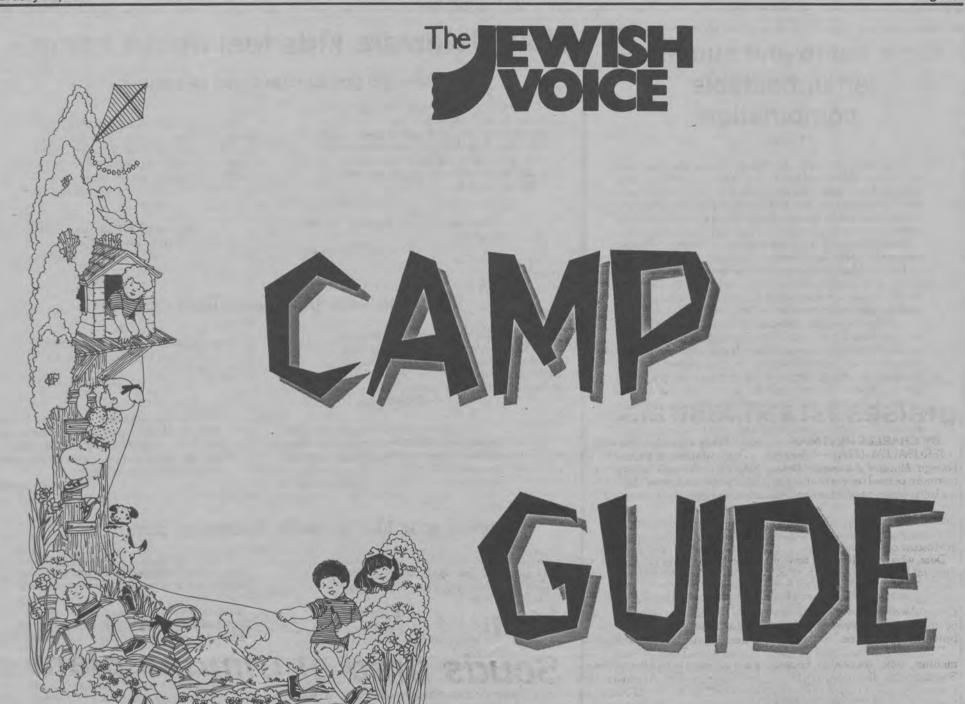
Trade between the two countries has doubled over the past five years with Israel reportedly achieving a trade surplus with Japan. Israeli experts totaled \$870 million last year against direct imports of \$550 million. Harel was reported saying, "Equally remarkable," the newspaper reported, "Israeli banks are net lenders to Japan due to large depos-

its held with Japanese banks for local

regulatory reasons."

Some three-fourths of Israeli exports are in polished diamonds. Other exports are mainly software products, pharmaceuticals, food and chemicals. Much of the Japanese imports come via third countries. Many big Japanese companies ref-\$1.3 billion to a virtual standstill as use to trade with Israeli companies transactions, such as obtaining let- for fear of the Arab boycott of Israel.





Choosing your child's camp

The weather forecast is for snow. Again. The temperature has dropped into the single digit numbers. Again. perfect time to look for a camp for Even though it is difficult to think your child for next summer.

about windsurfing when others are talking about windchill, now is the

Camp dos & don'ts

Don't overpack. Bunk storage space is limited and too much gear can be overwhelming.

Don't pack items that camp instructions warn will be confiscated, i.e., pocket knives, electric fans, hot pots, etc.

Don't send valuables to camp, i.e., expensive clothing, accessories, jewelry or large amounts of cash.

Don't call your camper during the first two weeks. This is a critical time of adjustment and your call may bring on homesickness.

Don't sent packages laden with junk food. They attract animals to the bunk, take away appetite for meals; we know how large doses of sweets affect our children.

Do write to your camper before camp starts, so your child will have mail waiting when he or she arrives.

Do write often. Mail call is an important time at camp. Keep your camper to complete and return to you is one effective way of finding out about camp life and routines.

Do pre-address and stamp envelopes for younger campers.

Do send packages. Include small games, books, comics, newspaper clippings, cards, etc. If you do send candy, include enough to share with bunkmates.

Do send a plastic crate or covered container for extra storage. Canvas shoebags with pockets make terrific organizers for flashlight, bug spray, shampoo, etc.

Do discuss your camper's concerns about being away from home. stressing all the positive aspects of camp, i.e., making new friends, participating in a variety of activities, never having "nothing to do."

Do say your "good-byes" with a smile and encouragement. A positive attitude is contagious!

often confusing process. Parents are inundated with suggestions of "the perfect camp" from friends and relatives. They are unsure where to look, what questions to ask and to whom these questions should be directed.

The first step in this process is to assess the needs of both your child and yourself. You know your child best. Do you want a day or sleepaway camp? Does your child separate from you easily? Does he or she wish to experience camp away from home and is he or she old enough for sleepaway camp?

Should you decide on a day camp, there are basic decisions to be made involving location, cost, program and transportation. Some important questions to ask a camp director are:

•What program is the camp offering and how much will it cost? Do you want a general camp with activities like swimming, boating, baseball and arts and crafts, or would you like to have a more specialized program, like a tennis camp, for your child?

•Is the camp accredited? If not, why not? Accreditation assures you the camp has been inspected by trained professionals for over 200 standards involving site, health, personnel and program.

·How many children are in a

Choosing the correct camp is an group? How many counselors are with them? Who is directly responsible for the child's welfare and to whom can the child go if there is a problem? How old are these counselors and how are they selected and

> ·What trips will the children take over the course of the summer? Will there by any overnight trips?

> Many of the same questions should be asked of a camp director if you are contemplating sending your child to sleepaway camp. Again, choosing an accredited camp will let you know that certain standards are being met and that every three years these camps are re-inspected to make sure they continue to comply with these standards.

> In addition to questions of cost, personnel and transportation, there are other factors involved in choosing a sleepaway camp. Some parents prefer one location or another because of ease in commuting for visiting day or a fondness for the region. Other considerations include the size of the camp, co-ed or not, sleeping and bathroom facilities.

> There are many different types of camps, ranging from traditional, allaround camps to specialty camps like theater- arts or sailing. Which will be right for your child? Do you want a more instructional program or a

more recreational one? How highly specialized do you want the camp?

There are camps to fit every budget. There are both private and agency camps of fine quality. Choose the camp that meets your needs and is within your price range.

Now that you have clarified your thinking and narrowed your search, you can begin to look for a camp. There are many sources you can turn to. Some children prefer to go to camp with their friends. Investigate the camps they are attending to see if one is right for your child. Another avenue is a referral service. There are non-profit referral services like those run by the American Camping Association as well as private, for-profit ones which charge a camp a commission for each child enrolled. The American Camping Association, New York Section, offers a free referral service staffed by trained professionals. These professionals visit every ACA accredited camp in their service so that complete, personalized guidance can be given.

Camp can be the most glorious experience a child can have. Never to be forgotten skills are learned, friendships are formed, independence, sharing and community are fostered. Taking time to investigate camps thoroughly can bring a lifetime of wonderful memories.

Kids, camp and summer an unbeatable combination

Camp certainly seems an obvious choice for a summer activity for children and teens. But, there is so much more to camping than swimming and singing songs. Parents want their kids to have fun, first and foremost. A lot more happens at camp than meets the eye: friendships are forged, creativity is unleashed, while self-esteem is built and confidence grows.

Jewish camping is an extraordinary adventure. Positive experience spills over to campers' lives as they grow into teens and adults. Many campers go on to be active in Jewish youth groups and college campus Jewish activities. Studies have shown the Jewish communal leaders and executives frequently have strong roots in Jewish camping.

Parents are always pleased about the enjoyment their kids get from camping, but a lot of positive things happen that may not seem readily apparent: their Jewish identities are enhanced as they observe Shabbat, use some Hebrew and say the blessing each day; they learn to function as part of a group; gain social and cooperation skills; learn to set and achieve goals; learn how to make friends and how to be a good friend.

Campers learn to swim, to master various sports, to experience healthy competition and learn to appreciate and respect nature and the environment. They experience theatre, art and music. Frequently, a child will discover a talent that may have been dormant until the child explored the experience at camp. Camping also builds leadership skills. Young campers look up to counselors and aspire to emmulate them.

The setting is a warm, nurturing, Jewish environment that surrounds children as a support system through caring and creative staff in an atmosphere that acts as a catalyst for growth. There are so many reasons why kids and camp go together so well. Children are so diverse and unique, but so is camp. A child can easily find his or her niche and that feeling of friendship and belonging can build strength in a child that can last a lifetime. Jewish camping is an experience that a child should not miss. It is so much more than fun and childhood memories of camp can be carried with a child throughout his or her lifetime. Many parents think back to memories of their own camping experiences and almost always...a smile crosses their face.

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- Tracey, age 9

"Because I love to play with my friends

- Mallory, age 4

"Everybody needs to have goals in their life, and it's hard to organize a goal when you're by yourself at home. When you come to camp, you're organizing something, whether it's play or a simple game thing." - Jamie, age 12

> "Because it's fun and we do neat projects and we get to swim everyday."

- Justin, age 6

What do you like best about camp?

"I like flagraising in the morning because something crazy and funny always happens. One day, we had a loud contest to see who could make the most noise. My bunk won cause we're always the loudest.

- Rebecca, age 10

"There is lots of sports. You can't get bored 'cause you're not playing the same sport day after day. If you run out of games, they make up new ones."

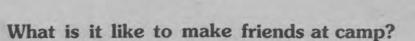
- Susan, age 9

"Definitely nature. We learned how to make fires the right way and cook over them. That was cool.

- Danny, age 11

"The overnights are really great. It's like one big slumber party, except there's lots more people there than you could ever have at your house and you get to do things you can't do at home.

-Stacy, age 10



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- Emily, age 8

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- Peter, age 10 "Making friends is one of the most difficult things. I think you can have lots of friends, but

the best thing is to have a best friend. I am searching for a best friend." - Josh, age 11



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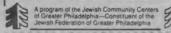
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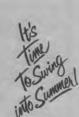
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Nahman Shai: The still small voice of reason

By HELGA ABRAHAM

cial to The Jewish Voice (WZPS) The time is 6 p.m. Sirens are blaring across the country and, as Israelis huddle together in their sealed rooms, a calming voice is heard across the air-waves.

"Everyone, please, stay in your sealed rooms and put your masks on. There's been an alert. As soon as we have more details we'll tell you exactly what has happened. In the meantime, keep calm and help anyone you see who is in distress."

The voice is that of Brigadier General Nahman Shai, the IDF spokesman (the very name "Nahman" means "comforter") who spearheads the task of soothing the nation's frazzled nerves. The Gulf war, with its threat of chemical attacks, has brought fear into every Israeli home, and if Israelis have reacted with such equanimity, it is in part thanks to the calming presence of Shai.

Dubbed by one Israeli newspaper, as the "valium of the nation," the soft-spoken officer has become the reluctant hero of the hour — the man whom every Israeli wants to hear when the sirens blare. His broadcasts, on radio and television — heard within seconds of an attack—are not part of any planned strategy on the part of the military authorities. They just happened and characterize well the Israeli talent for improvization.

When the first missile attack on Israel was launched on the night of January 17, Nahman Shai was driving from his home near Jerusalem to his office in Tel Aviv. "I switched on the radio and became aware of a lot of confusion," he recalls. "No one seemed to know what was going on. So as soon as I reached my office and collected accurate information, I called the joint Kol Israel and Galei Zahal radio station and that's how it

The logistics involved in covering a missile attack are formidable, particularly when several parts of the country are affected. As soon as an alert is sounded, Brigadier General Shai moves from office to office collating and assessing data as they pour in. His quiet caution and reluctance to make any statement before being absolutely confident of the facts have earned him the respect and, more important, the trust of the public at large.

Parents with small children in particular have been grateful for his intelligent advice. "I made a point," he says, "of talking to as many psychologists and experts as possible and it's their guidelines that I try to include in my broadcasts. I tell parents whose children refuse to put their gas masks on not to insist. Many

Israel Army spokesman Nahman Shai gets a "10" in popularity ratings for his calm manner and professional demeanor throughout the crisis. (Photo: Debbi Cooper).

dren even more distress by forcing them into their masks. The best approach, I tell them, is to reassure the children and stay calm themselves. The same applies to old people. Many cannot tolerate gas masks but I tell them not to worry as they still have the protection of their

Shai himself admits to having donned a gas mask only once at the onset of the first attack. His gruelling 20 hour day leaves little time to think of his own safety and even less time to be with his family. "I have seen my family only once since the crisis began," he says regretfully. "But I know that they are safe. In fact, my five-year-old daughter knows the procedure of putting on a gas mask even better than I do and my eldest son, like many Israeli boys, has become an expert on missile warfare.'

Comforting an anxious population in times of crisis is a new profession for Shai. As IDF spokesman, his main role is of liaison between the military and the foreign and local press. A former correspondent for Israel Television and press attache in New York and Washington, 44 yearold Shai was a natural choice for the post when it became vacant in 1989. He had previously been commander of Galei Zahal, the army radio station, which under his direction became one of the most popular stations in Israel.

When war broke out on January 16, the IDF Spokesman's office was fully prepared to deal with the avalanche of journalists who poured into the country. "I knew immediately that the Gulf war would be a media war and we made all the necessary parents panic and cause their chil- preparations." Press centers with all

IPO resumes concerts EL AVIV (JTA) - The Israel Symphony No. 7 and the other the

Philharmonic Orchestra resumed its concert series Wednesday. The series was suspended over a month ago by the start of the Persian Gulf war. Zubin Mehta, the IPO's lifetime musical director, who came to Israel at the war's start to show his solidarity with Israel, will conduct.

The concert marks a resumption of events banned since the first Scud missile attack on Tel Aviv on January 18. But the IPO has still not returned to its home base, the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. This week's performances, one featuring Dvorak's to normalcy.

Brahms Violin Concerto, was given at the smaller Noga Auditorium in Jaffa and Beit Hahayal, the Soldiers Welfare Organization, in Tel Aviv.

Ticket-holders for what are usually evening performances have been notified that concerts will be held at noon and in early afternoon. Tel Aviv becomes a deserted city after dark because of the threat of Iraqi missile attacks, which for the most part have occurred at night.

The IPO's resumption of its schedule, nevertheless, represents a return up in hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem by the Government Press Office and extra staff taken on to deal with the flood.

But as the first missiles landed in Israel and the press scrambled to cover the story, misunderstandings arose over censorship regulations. To solve the problem, Shai called an emergency press conference where he addressed the journalists directly. "I felt very strongly that those who were disclosing the exact sites where the missiles had landed were betraying the Israeli people. I told them, too, that with their revelations, they were putting their own lives in dan-

His appeal to the press had an immediate effect. "The foreign press corps are now more understanding of Israel's problems," says Shai, "and they are showing a much greater willingness to cooperate."

At the Jerusalem press center, Canadian photographer Jean Le Mire

communications facilities were set says the IDF's restrictions are understandable: "The army lets me do my work and I try to show as few strategic details as possible. In such a crisis, doubt that even in Canada I would be given as much freedom as here."

National Public Radio correspondent Linda Gradstein says she is impressed by Shai. "I think he's doing his job very well. He's getting information through to us faster than before — though of course we have our own sources as well — and he is particularly good with the Israeli

Yehuda Golan, a reporter from the Hebrew daily Ma'ariv, gives Nahman Shai a "ten" rating. "He's great. He's managed to convince everyone that this crisis is not the end of the world and we can still lead normal lives."

Admitting feeling "uncomfortable" in the race of such adulation (it appears that over the last few days 'Nahman" is the most popular name in Israel for newborn boys!), Shai

nonetheless is happy to note that the IDF spokesman's office enjoys unprecedented credibility among the Israeli public.

Israel's new-found popularity in the world's press, though welcome, should, he says, be treated with circumspection. "When we lose lives and suffer material damage as now, we have a good image. When we safeguard our security, we have a bad image. It's a real dilemma and if I have to choose, I prefer to be less popular but save Israeli lives.'



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Israel under attack







Clockwise, from top left: The aftermath of an Iraqi Scud missile attack on a Tel Aviv neighborhood in January. Parents of triplets have an especially hard time during the almost daily alerts. This photo, transmitted by CNN, underscores the tragic and poignant plight of injured and traumatized Israelis. The remains of houses hit by one of the earliest Scud attacks on Tel Aviv. Life goes on, even during an alert, for hospital employees, this one at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. An injured father and his child following an Iraqi attack. A teenager and a youngster, who moments earlier arrived from the Soviet Union, are fitted with gas masks upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv.













Dutch sending Patriots to Israel

By HENRIETTA BOAS

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Holland will provide Patriot anti-missile batteries to Israel, as well as food and gas masks to Palestinians in the Israeliadministered territories, it was announced recently in The Hague.

The lower house of Parliament voted 146-4 to approve the loan of Dutch Patriots. Only four of the sixmember left-wing Green party dis-

The batteries will be accompanied by a detail of 25 Dutch military personnel to serve as instructors and maintenance crews. Fifteen of them will remain in Israel for an unspecified period.

The Dutch Patriot systems, presently located in Blomberg, Germany, are not the most advanced type but have been modified to intercept missiles as well as aircraft, which they were originally designed to down.

They were offered to Israel three weeks ago but declined at the time because Patriot batteries had just arrived from the United States. But the Scud missile attacks are continuing, and Israel can now use the additional anti-missile systems.

Transporting them is a problem. The Dutch air force lacks transport planes big enough to carry the Patriots. When Holland supplied missile

batteries to Turkey two weeks ago to protect its border with Iraq, Soviet transport planes had to be chartered.

The Ministry for Development Aid to Third World Countries announced last Friday that Holland will donate an additional \$1.2 million for food for the Palestinians and provide 10,000 gas masks for them. Holland gave the Palestinians \$1.75 million for food in December.

Its latest donation comes on top of the \$10 million the European Community decided last Friday in Brussels to give the Palestinians for additional food supplies, following a request by the United Nations.

Israelis will train in Germany

By DAVID KANTOR BONN (JTA) — Several dozen Israeli soldiers arrived February 12 at Sandhoven, northern Germany, to begin a six-week training course in the operation of one of the most sophisticated weapons defense sys-

Sailing despite Scud threats

About 50 yachts, power and sail, plowed through choppy seas from Tel Aviv to Jaffa recently in a gala regatta that belied the fact that Tel Aviv remains under threat of Iraqi missile attack. It was not exactly a race but a "pass-in-review" to salute Tel Aviv, which has suffered extensive property damage from Scud

tems in any army

When their training is completed, Israel will receive eight units of Germany's famous Fox armored reconnaissance vehicle, equipped with a device that can detect and search out nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

The Nuclear Biological Chemical reconnaissance system, or NBC, as it is called, can tell within seconds what kind of toxic agent the weapon con-

A government spokesman said that the purpose of providing Israel with the system is to help Israel better protect itself against possible attacks with unconventional weapons. Iraq has threatened to fire Scud missiles with chemical warheads at Israel and may have the capability.

U.S. response to Soviet peace plan brings relief, new worry to Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) - President Bush's initial negative response to a Soviet plan to end the Persian Gulf war has generated waves of relief in Israel. But it also has raised fears of the short-term consequences should a desperate Iraq, facing an imminent allied ground offensive, conclude it has nothing to lose and launch a chemical attack on Israel.

The U.S. president, about to meet with congressional leaders in Washing-

ton on Tuesday, told reporters that the secret plan proposed to Iraq by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev fell far short of U.S. requirements to end the conflict and that he was "not going to give."

Those remarks, while not a total rejection, satisfied Israelis that Bush shares their conviction that Saddam Hussein must not be allowed to emerge from the war with his regime in place and his military machine intact. That stance is good for Israel in the long term.

But a more immediate cause for concern is the considered judgment of the Israel Defense Force that Iraq may still have the ability to mount chemical or biological warheads on its Scud missiles, despite the aerial pounding it has taken for more than a month.

Moreover, the belief here is that when the ground offensive begins, Saddam Hussein will unleash whatever non-conventional weapons he has, not only against U.S.-led coalition forces but at civilian targets in Saudi Arabia

Neither Washington nor Moscow has disclosed the nature of Gorbachev's peace plan, which does not satisfy Bush.

The German news magazine Bild published what a Soviet spokesman indicated was a fair approximation.

According to Bild, the main points are that Iraq should withdraw from Kuwait without conditions; the Soviet Union would guarantee Iraq's state structure and borders; the Soviet Union would oppose any sanctions against Iraq or personal punishment of Hussein; and all further issues, including the Palestinian problem, would be discussed in due course.

An interesting sidelight was an interview broadcast Tuesday with Robert Markurian, an aide to Soviet Middle East troubleshooter Yevgeny Primakov. Markurian, one of the officials present at Gorbachev's meeting Monday with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, said the Soviet side made clear its "negative attitude" toward launching missiles at Israel and warned Iraq that the war could not end until that stopped.

Furthermore, the Soviets stressed that one condition for ending the war had to be "ensuring Israel's security," Markurian added. He said Primakov spoke in a similar vein at his meeting with Saddam Hussein in Baghdad last week, which Markurian also attended.

The Germans are especially sensitive because German companies reportedly helped the Iraqis extend the range of their Soviet-made Scuds to reach Israel. Moreover, what was formerly the East German army trained Iraqi troops in both Iraq and East Germany in the use of chemical weapons. The East German army has since been dissolved, and Israel may get some of its less sophisticated armored reconnaissance vehicles.

The government confirmed the East German vehicles will be sent to Egypt, which is participating in the U.S.-led coalition fighting Iraq and could be vulnerable to chemical attack by Iraqi missiles or aircraft.

U.S. troops beat Kibbutz team

TEL AVIV (JTA) — U.S. soldiers operating Patriot anti-missile batteries "somewhere in Israel" whipped Kibbutz Gezer 11-4 in a spirited softball game Monday. It was the soldiers' day off, and they were obviously pleased by the diversion. Until now, their sports were limited to makeshift basketball matches at their

Kibbutz Gezer was founded by immigrants from the United States.

American soldiers in their camouflage uniforms have become a familiar sight on the streets of Tel Aviv and always get a friendly greeting. They are the first U.S. soldiers ever sent to Israel to help defend the country.

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Despite its support for Iraq, PLO may survive Gulf War intact

By ALIZA MARCUS
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization, long reviled by Israeli officials as a terrorist group but revered by Palestinians as their beacon of hope for statehood, may emerge from the Persian Gulf war relatively unscathed, some Middle East analysts and peace activists say.

Despite PLO leader Yasir Arafat's support for Iraqi Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein, and the widespread anger it engendered among Arab leaders opposing Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, the PLO continues to remain the one organization capable of negotiating on behalf of the Palestinians, analysts

And while Arafat may be replaced in an attempt to appease Arab anger with his stance, it remains unlikely the PLO will suddenly collapse or be totally estranged from postwar peace negotiations.

Nor does the antagonism now shown toward Arafat mean the Gulf states, along with Egypt and Syria, have ceased to support the creation of a Palestinian state, said Don Peretz, a political science professor at the State University of new York, Binghamton, and author of a book about the Palestinian

uprising in the administered territories.

"The antagonism is mainly due to the position taken by the (PLO) leadership, but due to the basic program of the PLO for a Palestinian state, I'm inclined to think Arab countries will continue their support," said Peretz.

Some analysts say the most likely postwar scenario is one in

which the 61-year-old Arafat steps down and is replaced by one of the younger members of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's quasi-legislative body; Such a move would make it easier for Arab nations to again throw their support behind the

Analysts say a change in leadership would not harm the ability of the organization to function effectively, the PLO is not a monolithic structure, but an umbrella group encompassing everything from terrorist cells to student associations, insurance programs and investment portfolios. As such, the organization would neither disintegrate nor weaken noticeably under the guidance of a new, though probably less charismatic, leader.

Already, some European nations - notably France and Germany - seem to be acknowledging the necessity of including the PLO in any postwar discussion of the Palestinian

In addition, British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas have agreed to appoint a joint Anglo-French team to arrange a postwar Middle East settlement that would include an international peace conference. Although the PLO was not specifically mentioned,

finished as a negotiating partner, and a number of American Jewish organizational leaders have echoed that view.

But peace activists say that if Shamir is serious about reaching a settlement with the 1.75 million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, he will have to deal with the PLO sooner or later.

"The question is, can the other side deliver?" said Drora Kass, and Israeli-born peace activist who is director of the U.S. office of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East.

'We might want to fantasize that the Palestinians may pick some representative who we love, who is just like us, but that's not going to happen," she said. "Realistically, our choices are the PLO or Hamas.

Ilamas, an Islamic fundamentalist group opposed to a settlement with Israel, reportedly controls almost half the population in the Gaza Strip and is vying for leadership in the

The less support Arab and European countries give to the PLO, the more likely groups such as Hamas will increase their power base, said Adam Garfinkle, an analyst at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

That would further fragment the Palestinians and make negotiations with Israel virtually impossible, he said.

"For those Israelis who want to stay in the West Bank forever and don't want a settlement, then the division of the Palestinian movement makes it easier," said Garfinkle

Right now, he said, Arafat remains the only Palestinian leader who can deliver on a promise. But if Arafat's support dwindles beyond recovery, it will be years before any person can again speak for the Palestinians both in and out of the administered territories.

"He is Mr. Palestine, and nobody can do that," said Garf-

Some analysts say Arafat's decision to embrace Hussein was less an ideological choice then a bad political move aimed at raising the profile of the Palestinian problem. Arafat may also have been trying to appease the more radical factions within the PLO who felt it was no longer possible to believe in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

A peace plan presented by Israel in May 1989 included

it is known that at least the French favor its inclusion. holding elections to appoint Palestinian representatives, who Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir maintains the PLO is would then negotiate limited autonomy for the administered territories. The plan collapsed a year later when Shamir rejected a U.S. proposal to hold preliminary negotiations in Cairo on the modalities of the elections.

The theory behind the Israeli peace plan, which Shamir maintains is still alive, is to let the Palestinians in the territories speak for themselves, instead of having their future decided by outside forces, such as the PLO.

But Mitchell Cohen, a political science professor at City University of New York, said Israeli policy in the administered territories has thwarted an indigenous Palestinian leadership from surfacing.

Activities such as the recent detention of Bir Zeit University Professor Sari Nusseibeh discourage the development of an indigenous, West Bank leadership, making the PLO all the more important, said Cohen, who is also an editor of the leftwing journal Dissent.

Nusseibeh was detained two weeks ago on suspicion of spying for Iraq, but under the laws of detention the evidence does not have to be presented to him. He will be in detention for three months.

In the end, the PLO's future will likely be determined by the U.S. government, which can either embrace the PLO as the sole negotiating voice of the Palestinians or demand a different partner in peace talks with Israel.

The U.S. government, which broke off talks with the PLO last summer after a PLO faction attempted to launch a terrorist attack on Tel Aviv beaches, can play an important role in pressing the Israeli government to move on the Palestinian issue, analysts say.

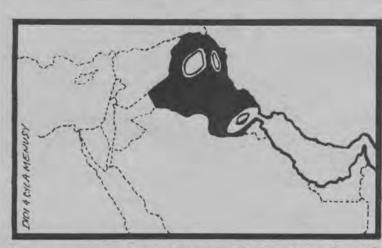
Still, the final vote is up to the Israelis, who are now more wary about sitting down with the same Palestinians who

cheered while Iraqi missiles smashed into Tel Aviv.

"I certainly think the PLO has damaged its credibility enormously with the Gulf states and the Western world," said Jonathan Jacoby, executive director of Americans for Peace Now. "But I think we should keep in mind that it has always been and continues to be an extremely powerful symbol for the Palestinians.

He added, "Those who have a problem with the PLO are likely to have many of the same problems with its successor.'

Updated map of the Middle East?



A cartoon map of the Middle East produced in Israel shows Iraq with a new face. (WZPS)

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Soviet Jews can remain in Germany

BONN (JTA) — The estimated 6,000 Soviet Jews who arrived in Germany over the last several months will be allowed to remain permanently and have the right to legal employment, Heinz Galinski, chairman of the German Jewish community, told reporters here Monday.

But Soviet Jews seeking to immigrate since last Friday will have to apply for visas at German consulates in the Soviet Union.

According to Galinski, that is the agreement the community reached with the German authorities, and he considers it a great success

It is understood that from now on, entry visas will be granted only to Soviet Jews who can prove ethnic German origin, have relatives already in Germany or fit the category of "hardship cases.

That, in part, is a concession to Israel. The Israeli government, anxious that every Jewish emigre come to Israel, has approached Bonn openly in recent months to deny entry to Jews from the Soviet Union.

Most of the Soviet Jews already in Germany live in Berlin and the surrounding area.

Prague, Tel Aviv flights OK'd

PRAGUE (JTA) - Direct flights between Prague and Tel Aviv were approved this month by the Czechoslovakian federal government.

The inaugural date and technical details have yet to be worked out between El Al and CSA, the Czechoslovakian airline. But security problems, which held up the start of flights after the two countries agreed to them in principle last June, have been settled.

Formal approval of the air link at this time was seen as a further expression of Czechoslovakia's solidarity with Israel since it became the target of unprovoked Iraqi rocket attacks last month.

Announcements/Events

Israel scholarships available

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, chair of the Kutz Foundation Israel Allocations Committee, has announced that applications may be submitted for financial assistance for those planning on educational trips to Israel in 1991. This is primarily for students in grades ten and higher who are participating in summer programs organized by national and international Jewish organizations. Those young people interested in more formal programs in Israel may also apply for financial assistance.

The deadline for applying is March 15, with decisions to be made in

April. Write Rabbi Grumbacher c/o Israel Allocations Committee, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802, to receive the pertinent forms and information. Or call the temple at 764-2393 and ask to speak to

Medical Center plans for Purim celebration

Patients at the Medical Center of Delaware's Christiana, Wilmington, and Eugene duPont Memorial Hospitals will be able to celebrate the Purim holiday with a special closedcircuit television program.

According to Rheva Cook, Jewish Chaplain for the Medical Center, all Medical Center hospitals will air the television program on Wednesday, February 27, 1991, Erev Purim and on Thursdays, February 28, Purim

If there are any special needs, contact Chaplain Cook at 428-2780.

Beth Emeth square dance

Congregation Beth Emeth's An- attire is suggested. nual Square Dance will be held on Saturday night, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple. The charge is \$10 per couple. Refreshments will be served. A professional caller will teach the various steps and talk the dancers through the squares. Casual

Please contact Kathy Greschler, 478-0253 or Lois Chalawsky, 475-3423 to make your reservations by March 5. Checks should be sent to Kathy Greschler, 3426 Kingman

NCJW meeting set

The Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will hold its next luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. The featured speaker, Frances C. Taylor, a librarian who also collects information on the Underground

Railroad, will speak on that topic.

The program will be held at Fredda Pennock's home, believed to have been part of the Underground Railroad. To make reservations or for more information, call Ari Bodnar at 479-5579

AKSE Purim ball

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will hold a Purim Ball on Saturday evening, March 2, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the Synagogue Social Hall. Music will be provided by

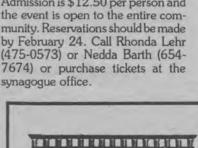
Beth Shalom auction

The Second Annual Gala Auction sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight and will be held at Brandywine Country Club on Shipley Road.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes all-vou-can-eat buffet, open bar, participation in the silent auction and the main auction. Auction items include 1991 Ford Explorer, a variety of art work, limousine service, use of Florida vacation homes, airline tickets, sports tickets as well as other items.

There is a limit of 150 people. Tickets may be purchased at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington. For additional information, contact Ruth Ann Kauffman, 654-4462.

"Lox & Vodka," a Washington D.C.based band which specializes in Israeli and American dance favorites. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded to those in costume. Admission is \$12.50 per person and the event is open to the entire comby February 24. Call Rhonda Lehr (475-0573) or Nedda Barth (654synagogue office.





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Cookbook author to speak at Kutz Auxiliary luncheon

Lora Brody, writer of culinary memoirs, will be the guest speaker at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home Auxiliary's Annual Donor Luncheon on Tuesday, April 30, 1991. Ms. Brody's most recent book, Cooking with Memories, serves up special memories with a liberal dash of humor, a dollop of nostalgia, and a generous seasoning of wit.

The luncheon will be held at the Brandywine Country Club beginning with a reception at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and Brody will speak at 1 p.m.

Categories for the luncheon are Diamond (\$120), Gold (\$70), Donor (\$45), and Guest (\$25). For reservations call Ethel Parsons at 762-6407. For more information, call Bobbie Tomases at 478-0890

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Ashkanasi

Friedberg/Nachlis
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Wilmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Jane, to Jerome P. Nachlis. Mr. Nachlis is the son of Beverly and Arnold Nachlis of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Rosen

Dr. Michael B. Rosen and Miranda Levine-Rosen of Philadelphia announce the birth of their son, Eli Matthew Rosen, who was born on January 3.

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March YJAD events set

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles intheir twenties and thirties) has planned several activities for March. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter.

On Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m., the YJAD Event Programming Committee will hold a meeting at the JCC to plan events for May through August. All members are welcome to attend and contribute. Contact Aaron Gobler at 798-0252 for more information.

On Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, the YJAD will play coed Volleyball in the JCC gymnasium beginning at 6 p.m. Games are noncompetitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk at 475-4981 for more information.

On Sunday evening, March 10, at 7 p.m., the YJAD will learn Israeli folk dancing at the JCC, led by Michelle Weiner. Admission is \$5 and reservations are requested by March 7. Contact Aaron Gobler at 798-0252 to make a

On Monday, March 20, the YJAD will travel to the Philadelphia Spectrum to see the 76'ers. The game begins at 7:30 p.m., and carpools will leave the JCC at 6 p.m. Reseration and \$12 are due to Josh Weinstock by March 8. Members are asked to meet at the Kate Smith statue at 7 p.m. Contact Josh

On Tuesday, March 26, at 7:15 p.m., the YJAd will hold its Chavurah discussion at a member's home in Newark. The topic will be "The Middle East Situation." Chavurah is a gathering of 15 to 20 people for a friendly and stimulating discussion of current topics. There is a \$1 admission charge. For more information and directions, call Debbie Sadoff at 368-8783.

ACLU program at **Congregation Beth Emeth**

"The Pursuit of Justice, A Study of Our Constitutional Rights," will be presented at the Sunday, March 17, Brotherhood Breakfast meeting of Congregation Beth Emeth. The program, developed by the American Civil Liberties Foundation of Delaware and funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, consists of a video tape with comments by Oscarwinning actor Burt Lancaster.

This year is the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights, a critical part of our constitution. "The Pursuit of Justice," offers an opportunity to quickly refresh our memories on the development of constitutional rights and to consider four landmark U.S.

Supreme Court cases concerning those rights.

Discussion will be led by Dr. Gilbert Sloan, an ACLU representative and member of Congregation Beth Emeth, and will follow the video presentation. This program is jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood and the Beth Emeth Social Action Com-

Breakfast will be served in the lounge and will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at about 10 a.m. A short service will be held in the Chapel starting at 9:15 a.m. To attend, notify Phil Weinberg (475-4962) or Bob Gamiel (764-4122) so that facilities can be appropriately

State Art Gallery will feature work of recent immigrant

The intricate drawings and porcelain works of Irina Zaytceva will be exhibited in the Delaware State Arts Council's Gallery I in the Carvel State Office Building during March. A recent immigrant from the Soviet Union, Zaytceva creates porcelain pieces that are the equal of those by European artisans. Her works display an incredible attention to detail and often combine small plants and creatures from nature coated in delicate colors. While the artist will be exhibiting only her one of a kind figurines and boxes, she also creates fine porcelain jewelry. Complementing the porcelain pieces in the exhibition will be Zaytceva's finely detailed pencil drawings which appear as the finest etchings. A graduate of the Moscow University of Polygraphic Arts, Zaytceva, her husband and son left Moscow in 1988. Since that time she has exhibited in Switzerland and won first prize in porcelain sculpture at an International Art Exhibition in Toronto. In 1989 the family settled in Newark. A reception for the artist will take place on Friday, March 1 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is open to the public as part of the Art on the Town Gallery Nite.

Music program planned by Beth Emeth sisterhood

Folksinger Jackie Pack will per-form a program of Yiddish, Hebrew, and other Jewish music in celebration of Jewish Music Season at the March 19 meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. The music program will be preceded by a light supper at 6 p.m. in the temple's auditorium.

In addition to performing at folk festivals and concerts throughout the country, Pack is a highly regarded music therapist. She has recorded three albums for children and families, appeared on radio and had her own weekly TV series. In addition to the guitar, Pack plays a wide array of folk instruments.

The cost for the combined supper and music program is \$3 and is open to the community. There is no charge for members of Beth Emeth Sisterhood. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Carole Bernstein at 475-6259 by March

Teachers needed in Israel

The TOVS Organization, which is based in New York City has announced on behalf of the American Zionist Federation, the Israel Ministry of Education and ORT, ISRAEL that volunteer teachers are needed to tutor English in Israel for the summer of 1991. Part-time assignments will

be available in various ORT schools, WIZO centers and public schools in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel-Aviv, Netanya and Ashkelon.

For further information, contact Nurit Katziry, Israeli shelicha, at the JCC, 478-5660.

College admissions seminar

A free seminar on the college admissions process will be offered to all high school juniors and their parents on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at the Main Line Reform Temple in the Youth Lounge. The "College Readiness" session features tips and strategies on choosing a college, interviewing and applications. Handouts will accompany the talk presented by college consultant, Wendy Robbins. M.A., M.S. The Temple is located at 410 Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Call 557-9564

Gratz professor to discuss 'Freedom to remember'

"Beyond the Evil Empire: Freedom to Remember or Freedom to Forge Forget?", will be the topic of Gratz College's Annual Sol Feinstone Memorial Lecture on the Meaning of Freedom, this year. It will be delivered by Gratz's new Assistant Professor of Jewish History, Dr. Michael C. Steinlauf, on Sunday, March 10, at 2

Steinlauf will discuss the role of the overthrow of communism in Poland and question what the new freedom may mean for Poles and for Jews throughout the world searching for the fragments of their past. Dr. Steinlauf, an historian of East European Jewish culture, spent a year in Poland in 1983-84 as a Fulbright Fellow. During the past year, he returned to Poland for four months as Project Director for the research conducted under the auspices of the United States Holocaust Memorial

Museum.

Steinlauf holds a Ph.D. from Brandeis University and an M.A. from Columbia University, and has taught and done research at Brandeis, Harvard, and the University of Michigan. The recipient of many research grants and fellowships, Dr. Steinlauf has over a dozen publications to his credit. At Gratz he teaches courses on the Holocaust, Eastern European Jewry and Modern Jewish History.

The lecture is free and open to the community at large. It will be followed by a question and answer period and refreshments. The event will take place in the College's Ann Newman Building, located on the Mandell Education Campus, Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose

For further information, contact the Office for External Affairs, 635-

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"PRAYER FOR PEACE" HELD AT THE JCC



A very special "Prayer for Peace" was held at the Jewish Community Center on Monday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Beth Shalom led the group in prayer. Many members of the Jewish War Veterans were in attendance as Israel Weiner, Commander of the JWV Department of Delaware, presented a plaque to Richard David Levin, JCC President, for the purpose of listing the deceased Jewish War Veterans.

CHILDREN'S CENTER REENROLLMENT UNDERWAY

It's not yet Spring, but reenroliment for the JCC Children's Center Pre-School and Day care programs is already underway.

This year's students had a wonderful time growing, learning and exploring in a nurturing Jewish environment. Where else but at the JCC Children's Center can your child develop a positive sense of Jewish Identity while at the same time, strengthening his or her creativity, confidence and sense of self-worth?

Registration forms were sent home last month with currently enrolled students and may be picked up at the Center front desk. Reenrollment of current students must be completed no later than March 15, 1991. Registration for new students begins March 15.

SENIOR CENTER CANDLELIGHT DINNERS A HUGE SUCCESS

"The newly instituted Senior Center bi-monthly evening, Candlelight Dinners, have met with outstanding success," according to Ann Metzker, Site Council President. "Our members really enjoy coming to the Center at 5:30 p.m. to share in the evening meal, and they particularly enjoy the special program at 7:00 p.m."

American Folk Songs, Culture of Personality in America, Shtetl and Israeli Music and The Wilmington Photography Exhibition are four of the evening programs that have been presented. In recognition of Jewish Music Season, Cantor Norman Swerling, will present a special program on March 7, entitled, "A Short Illustrated History of Jewish Music: Sacred and Secular", and on March 21, Sarah Goldstein and the Senior Center Choral Group, will present "The Music of the Jewish People".

All programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free and open to the community.

YJAD MAKES DONATION

Elleen Wallach, Recreational Services Director, announced this week that The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) made a very generous donation of a new volleyball net and ball. YJAD plays volleyball every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with over 40 people in attendance each week.

Their donation to the department is greatly appreciated.

All Jewish singles in their twenties and thirties, are invited to Join YJAD members on any Wednesday night for a fun-filled game of volleyball. For more information on YJAD, please call the Center.

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Folk Music
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The Young Country/Tzena period
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The only thing that could possibly be missing is staff I "We're looking for some talented individuals," said Camping Services Director, JJ Alter. He went on to explain that he is searching for college students, educators and specialists in the various camp departments.

"We compensate our camp staff quite well," he said, "this gives us the ability to attract high caliber individuals that meet our high standards." It is a great opportunity for summer employment that affords the staff a chance to work with children, hone their leadership skills, while getting to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors.

JJ also pointed-out that approximately 70% of the staff are former JCC campers themselves. In addition to having a great summer, working as a camp counselor can be a strategic career move. In a recent American Camping Association Magazine feature article, a C.E.O. of a major corporation was quoted as saying that executive recruiters rank candidates very highly who have been camp counselors. He pointed out that it shows executives that the prospective candidates are creative, caring and possess a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. This is definitely a great addition to a resume.

In addition, college students can really enjoy a summer working at camp, "The comraderle that coworkers share is marvelous," JJ said, "It's really one of the best summer Jobs around and it is a great break from the routine of school."

JJ also stated that it truly is a great way for teachers to spend the summer. "Clearly, teachers are already committed to working with kids," he said, "but the outdoor openess of camp really affords them the opportunity to loosen up and be creative and just really have fun with the kids and their co-workers."

If you are a very energetic person, love to work with children and enjoy the beauty of nature, contact JJ Alter at (302) 478-5660. It could be the opportunity of a life-time.

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR KABBALAT SHABBAT

Amazing things happen at the Kabbalat Shabbat celebrations of the JCC's Children's Center, and the ruach - the spirit - is contagious.

At 11:10a.m., every Friday, pre-school and day care students, teachers and staff — the entire Children's Center — gather together with parents, grand-parents and JCC administrators in the lobby to light candles, bless the grape Juice and challah and Join in a spir-lted sing-a-long.

On any given Friday, the children and adults are Infor a treat I Rabbi Jeffrey Elsenstat, gultar In hand, may be Joined by teacher Lynn Sullivan on the flute and Sara Berman, Senior Center outreach worker on the plano. Or an enthusiastic audience may be regaled by Children's Center Director, Jane Hormadaly, singing "Old MacDonald's Farm," Israell style. Towards the end, right before "Hatikvah," everyone stands to sing, "We're a family, and we're a tree, our roots go down in history." As one parent puts it, "For those few moments, I really feel like we are all one big family."

If you haven't joined us yet, please do so. You'll leave with a warm feeling and a spiritual lift. After all, YOU'RE an important part of our family, too.



MIGHTY MITES IN THEIR FIRST DEVELOPMENTAL SWIM MEET



(Left to right): Andrew Hopkins; Elana Caplan; Michelle Godfry; Mary Husty; Beth Blankenship; Mark Washburn; Andrew Margules (Standing): Hester Kingsbury; Judah Mulinsky; Carolyn Skinner; Marla Thorns; Taylor Duncan; Heather Nortz; Daryl Davlin; Jonathan Chadross; Kevin Clare

Obituaries

Samuel Levine

Samuel Levine, 76, of 1005 N. Franklin St., Ingleside Retirement Apartments, Wilmington, died February 8 of septic shock anemia, a blood disorder, in Wilmington Hospital, where he was a patient.

Mr. Levine was a fire and security official for the state of New Jersey at Kean College of New Jersey, Union, N.J., retiring in the late 1980s. He was a member of Temple Emanuel of Westfield, N.J., and Shonrum (Neighborhood Police) of Newark, N.J. He moved to Wilmington several

months ago.
His wife, Sarah, is deceased. He is survived by a son, Philip of Cardiff, N.J.; a daughter, Marsha Smith of Newark, Del.; a brother, Sidney of Queens, N.Y.; a sister, Sarah Gor-don of Delray Beach, Fla.; and a granddaughter.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapels.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, P.O. Box 568, Ardmore, Pa.

Ralph M. Safran

Ralph M. Safran, 76, of Beverly Place, Hillcrest, Penny Hill, died February 8 of heart failure in Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was a patient.

Mr. Safran had owned Standard Poultry Co. in Philadelphia. He retired in 1978 after 25 years.

He was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Lee Safran; a son, David of Wilmington; a brother, Louis of Bedford, Va.; a sister, Alice Rehfeld of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Delaware Heart Association, Wilmington.

Max Goldberg Max Goldberg, 84, of 8420 Society Drive in Wilmington, died February 10.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie

Bloom Goldberg.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapels. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Deborah Heart and Loung Foundation, Wilmington

Chapter, in care of Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806.

Joseph Dicker Joseph George Dicker, 68, died

February 12

He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Dicker; three sons, Ira Dicker of Wilmington, Allen Dicker of Staten Island, N.Y., and Steven Dicker of Yonkers, N.Y.; a daughter, Lisa Dicker of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.; a brother, Max Dicker of Florida; two sisters, Ruth Roth and Edie Dicker, both of Florida; and four grandchil-

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapels. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Operation Exodus, c/o The Jewish Federation of Dela-

Marian F. Sklut

Marian F. Sklut, of Martin's Run, Media, Pa., formerly of Wilmington, died February 12 of heart disease in Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Hospital, where she was a patient. Her age was not dis-

Mrs. Sklut had been a homemaker.

She was a member of Congrega-tion Beth Shalom, Wilmington, its Sisterhood and past president of Hadassah for several years.

Her husband, Millard, died in 1975. She is survived by two daughters, R. Lynne Meshbesher of Wilmington and Rochella S. Black of Syracuse, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapels.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Martin's Run Life Care Center large print book fund, Media, or Hadassah, care of Judy Steibel, 6 Devon Court, Wilmington, 19810.

Bessie Saltzman Fisher

Bessie Saltzman Fisher, 95, of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, died February 13 of pneumonia in St. Francis Hospital, after becoming ill at home.

Mrs. Fisher and her husband, A.J., who died in the mid-1960s, owned Fisher's Women's Apparel stores for more than 50 years. They founded the business at 812 N. Market St. in 1921 and later expanded to stores in

Centreville and Talleyville. Their son, Irving R., who died in 1981, took over the business from his parents in the late 1940s. He sold the Wilmington and Talleyville stores in 1980.

She is survived by a son, Richard A. and a daughter, Jeanne Hendleman, both of Wilmington; four grandchildren and three great-grandchil-

Dr. Murray M. Klein

Dr. Murray M. Klein, 78, of The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bran-dywine Hundred, died February 13 of complications from diabetes at St. Francis Hospital, where he was a patient.

Dr. Klein, a dentist, practiced at 1900 Washington St., Wilmington, for 30 years, retiring in 1972

He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 and Delaware State Dental

He was a graduate of New York University and Temple University Dental School, Philadelphia

His wife, Irene, died in 1956. He is survived by a son, Michael D. of Newark; two daughters, Joyce L Shores of Rutherford and Leslie A. Rubin of Warwick, R.I.; and five grandchildren

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

Dr. Lawrence Katzenstein

Dr. Lawrence Katzenstein, former chief of dermatology at Wilmington and St. Francis hospitals, died February 15 of pnuemonia at Wilmington Hospital. He was 82. Dr. Katzenstein, of 709 Bellevue

Road, Bellevue Manor, Bellevue, practiced for 40 years in Wilmington until retiring in 1988. He served as chief of dermatology at Delaware Hospital, Wilmington General Hos-pital and Memorial Hospital, which later merged as the Medical Center of Delaware, and at St. Francis Hospital until 1988. He also conducted the dermatology clinic at Veterans Affairs Medical Center,

He was a member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware board of directors from 1952 to 1958, and a member of the board of directors at The Kutz Home in Brandywine Hundred.

He was a member of the New Castle County and Delaware State Medical societies and a life member of the American Academy of Dermatology and Philadelphia Dermatol-

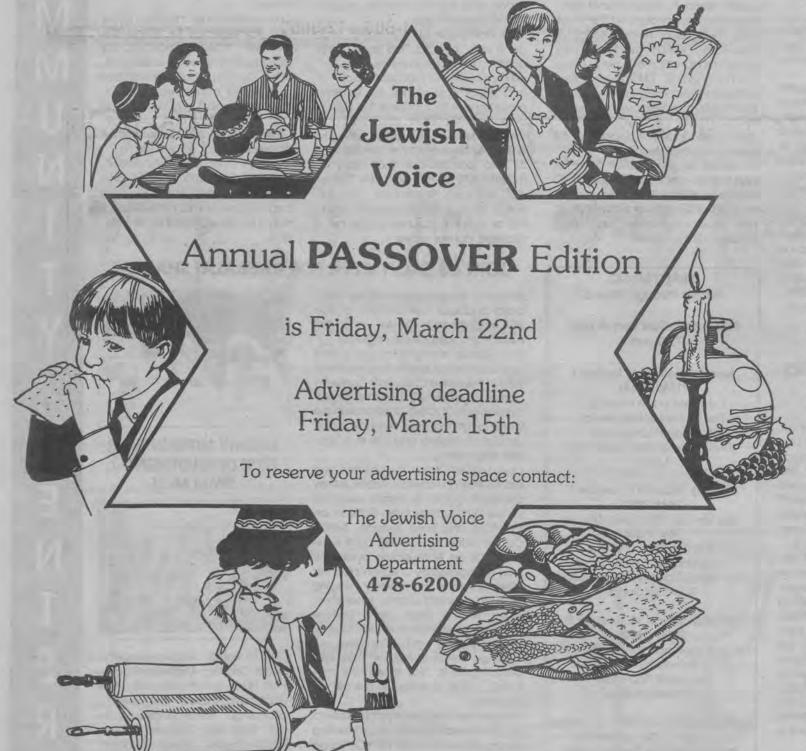
ogical Society.

He was a 1932 graduate of the University of Virginia and a 1932 graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School. He did his residency at Mount Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, trained at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, and studied dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the 118th General Hospital, known as the Johns Hopkins unit, in Austtralia and the Phillipines.

He is survived by his wife, Joan: two sons, Lawrence of New York. and Robert of Wilmington; a daughter, Lisa Warshaw of Wynnewood, Pa.; a brother, Alvin of Baltimore and four grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributiions to Sojourners' Place, P.O. Box 1394, Wilmington, 19899.



Full Jackson-Vanik waiver unlikely

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush says he will not recommend to Congress a complete waiver of Jackson-Vanik Amendment sanctions as long as the Soviet Union continues to use force against the independence movement in the Baltic republics.

"It will be extraordinarily difficult to pass anything of this nature in terms of waivers, given the present situation inside the Soviet Union," Bush said in reply to a question after a speech earlier this month to the Economic Club of New York.

The president said he was "very happy with the exodus" of Jews from

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surprise junket to Washington the day before.

Arens, considered Shamir's closest associate in the government, had unannounced meetings Feb. 11 with President Bush and Baker, in addition to conferring with his American counterpart, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. Levy considered Arens to be encroaching on his foreign policy domain, which Arens denied.

But the episode and Shamir's offhanded effort to mollify Levy were seen by observers as an attempt to isolate the foreign minister, who may have become too independent for Shamir's taste. the Soviet Union, but the repression in the Baltics makes it difficult to move trade relations with the Soviets forward

Last December, Bush announced a waiver of certain restrictions in the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the U.S. Trade Act of 1974. That allowed the Soviet Union to receive up to \$1 billion in U.S. government-guaranteed credits to buy wheat and other U.S. food products.

But he did not lift the major provi-

But he did not lift the major provision of the amendment, which bars the Soviet Union from receiving most-favored-nation trade benefits. He said that the Supreme Soviet must first pass long-promised legislation codifying emigration reforms.

Bush noted that the Supreme Soviet has "not been able to do that" for internal reasons.

According to the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, the emigration reform legislation is item 15 on the president said.

agenda proposed by the Suprem Soviet's Legislative Committee and therefore unlikely to come up in its spring session.

The Union of Councils opposes a complete waiver of Jackson-Vanik sanctions until the legislation is adopted and implemented, though it did not object to Bush's decision to extend the trade credits last December.

Prior to Bush's decision, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry had urged the president to waive all Jackson-Vanik sanctions for one year, including the ban on most-favored-nation trade benefits.

Bush did take an opportunity to praise Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, for "having done wonderful things" and for cooperating in the Persian Gulf crisis. "But when we see repression in the Baltics, it is very hard to have business as usual," the president said.

Israel abolishing agorah

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is abolishing its smallest denomination coin, the agorah, which the Bank of Israel says costs three times its value to produce. The tiny bronze coin, worth half a U.S. cent, will be phased out of circulation over a period of three years, the Ministerial Econom-

ics Committee decided this month. But prices will be rounded off immediately to the nearest five agorot.

An official of the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, said 90 percent of the public favored abolishing the coin.

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Strains of anti-Semitism mix with anti-war sentiments

By ALIZA MARCUS

NEW YORK (JTA) — When Alisa Solomon, a Jewish writer who is opposed to the U.S.-led war against Iraq, decided to attend last month's peace rally in Washington, she was not altogether surprised to find anti-Semitic statements mixed with anti-war rhetoric.

"What I've felt (in the anti-war movement) is a kind of Israel bashing which is different from regular criticism," said the 34-year-old, who contributes to the Village Voice, a liberal weekly published here. "It is a kind of gleeful bashing that starts to define the U.S. role in the war as (one) for Israel, which translates into a war for the Jews," she added. "It's easy enough to blame the U.S.; Why blame Israel?"

As the anti-war movement continues to grow in strength, many of those within and outside the movement are becoming aware of an anti-Semitic strain that has entered some of the anti-war critiques.

At the Jan. 26 anti-war rally Solomon attended, some placards amid the tens of thousands of people marching under the banner of the National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East announced "No American Blood for Israel," according to Solomon and others there.

"We would look to the peace movement to make a strong statement about anti-Semitism and to date we haven't heard that," said Rebecca Suber, field director for the Shalom Center, a liberal Jewish organization. Many peace activists — both Jewish and other — have been among the most vocal critics of Israeli government policy over the past few years, and they are finding the line

now often blurring between legitimate criticism and scapegoating.

Much of the rhetoric blames Israel for the war by saying the United States should have accepted Iraq's offer of an international Middle East conference in exchange for withdrawal from Kuwait, and some activists say Israel refused to agree and thus forced the war.

But others say Saddam Hussein's offer was a spurious one, made almost two weeks after his Aug. 2 invasion, and they question whether the former view hides an anti-Semitic perspective

The anti-war movement has also brought together some seemingly unlikely partners — leftists and extreme rightists — who share a similar anti-war perspective and, some peace activists and others fear, a similar anti-Jewish agenda.

"The radical right and left have for many years focused on Jews and/or Israel and Zionism for scapegoating on many issues, and now they have found their voice on the war issue on many of the same lines," said Alan Schwartz, director of research for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which monitors anti-Semitism.

The Lyndon LaRouche organization, described by critics as a fascist political movement with neo-Nazi touches, has tried to work within the anti-war movement in 30 cities countrywide, according to Chip Berlet of Political Research Associates, an organization based in Cambridge, Mass., that monitors extremists

LaRouchians, as they are known, along with Liberty Lobby, another group trying to infiltrate the peace movement, have a strong anti-Se-

mitic component, one which is prominent within their anti-war rhetoric. Most peace organizers refuse to work with these groups, but members may still try to land out leaflets at rallies or join the anti-war coalition under a different name, Berlet said.

Berlet characterizes the Liberty Lobby's platform as one that espouses a neo-Nazi racialist world-

An anti-war flyer distributed on the streets of New York by Liberty Lobby blames the war on "America's oil

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policy, (which) makes international manipulators rich (and) the Israeli lobby, which controls Congress, wants war to eliminate the threat Iraq poses to Israeli dominance in the Mideast."

In a recent edition of its newspaper Spotlight, an article titled "Volunteers Flock to Iraq to Help Fight U.S., Israel" favorably compared this with "the building of Waffen SS legions in Europe during World War II," according to a memo for peace groups put out by Berlet's monitoring organization.

LaRouche's newspaper, the "New Federalist," formerly New Solidar-Ity, is well-known for its conspiracy theories, and articles combine real issues and events with wild hypothesizing that is based in racism and anti-Semitism.

"Somewhere in there is a Jewish banking theory waiting to jump out," said Berlet. "Both LaRouche and Liberty Lobby put Jews up there as the conspiracy, both have a tendency to use code-words and both have a soft spot for fascism."

One of the major peace movements, the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East, has allowed members of extremist anti-Semitic groups, such as the Lyndon LaRouche organization and Liberty Lobby, to speak on its behalf.

The coalition, which sponsored its own Washington march on Jan. 19, is headed by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who recently returned from a fact-finding mission to Baghdad. Clark said Monday that U.S. bombing missions had killed 6,000 to 7,000 Iraqi civilians, and that the United States was guilty of war crimes.

Although organizers within the coalition heatedly deny that these extremists groups play any role in the organization, a well-known comedian with links to Liberty Lobby acted as the coalition's spokesman for the Jan. 19 march, as acknowledged by Monica Moorehead, a spokesperson for the coalition.

Dick Gregory also addressed the 1990 annual meeting of Liberty Lobby, according to a spokeswoman for *Spotlight*, the organization's publication, who only gave her name as Ann.

The Rev. James Bevel, a former prominent civil rights activist who now writes a column for the La-Rouche paper, spoke with Ramsey Clark at a Jan. 4 coalition news conference broadcast on cable television, according to Frank Bell, a spokesman for the LaRouche organization.

An assistant to Clark, Bob Schwartz, who also serves on the coalition's administrative committee, said he "believed" Bevel attended the Washington press conference, but thought Bevel was the relative of a LaRouche supporter.

Schwartz, no relation to Alan Schwartz of ADL, said the coalition would not tolerate LaRouchians in its organization, although he said he did realize LaRouchians were using Clark's name in their publications.

Schwartz said it was not Clark's style to respond to such incidents, "otherwise he'd be spending all of his time defending himself and his actions."

But Berlet and others would like to see Clark make a public statement disassociating himself from the La-Rouchians who have spoken out on behalf of the Coalition. And they also question why Clark has allowed people associated with extremist groups to appear as speakers on behalf of the coalition.

"The real dilemma, especially with the LaRouchians, is with Clark's name," said Berlet. "Students especially are very respectful of Clark's name and figure then it must be O.K. to include them (LaRouchians) in their movement.

"I don't know if he (Clark) didn't know any better, or if he just drifted into that mind set."

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The statement, issued after Bush had left for a weekend at his vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine, was even more surprising since it had appeared the flap had ended when Shoval met with Secretary of State James Baker last Thursday, after his interview with Reuters appeared.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said Monday that it was "unfortunate" that the White House issued the public rebuke after Shoval had met with Baker. "I hope that this chapter is over, and I hope that there are no broader implications in terms of policy," he said.

Seymour Reich, immediate past chairman of the Conference of Presidents, called the White House rebuke of Shoval "outrageous." The current chairman of the conference, Shoshana Cardin, was in Israel and could not immediately be reached. "The administration came down unnecessarily hard on Shoval," Reich said. "It was as if they were trying to put Israel in its place for having achieved sympathy and understanding from the American people and Congress."

Shoval's complaint about the slow pace of the promised U.S. aid, approved by Congress last spring, was a reflection of Israeli frustration at continuing requests from the Bush administration for technical documents on how the loan money will be spent.

"We sometimes feel we are being given the runaround, although, to the best of my understanding, Israel has fully complied with the requests that were raised in this connection by the United States government," Shoval told

After his meeting last Thursday with Baker, Shoval told the Associated Press that while Baker seemed "upset" by his remarks, "they were certainly not meant to upset him." While Shoval's public remarks were unusually strong for a diplomat, he received some sympathetic understanding from one of his predecessors, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens. Shoval is "not a professional diplomat, and I have some sympathy with him because I was ambassador" without "having any professional diplomatic training," Arens said in an appearance Sunday on the ABC News program "This Week with David Brinkley."

He said that the feeling in Jerusalem was that since Shoval came to Washington last fall, he has been "doing a very good job as ambassador, at a very difficult time."

The Israeli Embassy said in a statement Friday that while Shoval's words were partially taken out of context, they "reflect a sense of bewilderment in Israel regarding the repeated delays in receiving the guarantees."

U.S. officials have recently told Israel that "all we needed to release were one or two other pieces of clarification" on how the money would be spent, an embassy official said. "Strangely enough, every time we clarified, there was another chain of requests" that left "some sour taste in our mouths."

The embassy was upset, when after submitting information on plans for new roads and a "few budgetary aspects of the settlement activity" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, additional questions were submitted, the officials said

Reich said there is concern in the American Jewish community that "the housing guarantees have not been implemented after one year of enactment by the Congress." He charged that the administration is trying to get "more details than has ever been requested by a prior administration."

The latest U.S. request for information was made after two Israeli opposition Knesset members, Dedi Zucker of the Citizens Rights Movement and Haim Oron of Mapam, released a report showing that the Israeli Housing Ministry was continuing to channel funds into settlements in the administered territories.

Baker reportedly was infuriated by the report and asked Dennis Ross, director of the State Department's policy planning staff, to seek clarifications from Shoval.

William Burns, principal deputy director of the policy planning staff, said in an address to the NJCRAC gathering Sunday that it was "unfortunate" there had been a delay in releasing the loan funds. But he said Israel would get the money in one lump sum, rather than in three installments, as has been previously reported.

On Monday, the 500 NJCRAC delegates adopted a statement calling on the administration to "implement expeditiously" the promised loan guarantees.

Shoval also complained to Reuters that Israel "had not received one cent in aid" to compensate Israel for losses due to Iraqi Scud missile attacks on the Jewish state.

When Arens visited Washington on February 11, he told Baker that Israel will have spent \$910 million in military costs by April 1 directly as a result of the Persian Gulf crisis, according to a pro-Israeli lobbyist.

An Israeli Embassy official confirmed that Arens provided Baker with the Israeli military's "service-by-service" and "transaction-by-transaction" operational costs, "to prove that we are only talking about those activities that are Desert Storm-related."

Israel has also mentioned a figure of \$2.2 billion in indirect war costs, such as damages to homes hit by the Scud missiles and reduced trade and tourism.

Some administration sources have complained that Israel is asking for more money even though the United States is essentially fighting Israel's war for it by destroying Iraq's military power.

This view was echoed by Zbiegniew Brzezinski, President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser. "Geopolitically, Israel is a major beneficiary of the war," Brzezinski said Sunday on the NBC News television program "Meet the Press." The war "destroys the principal Arab military power in the region, it weakens the Arabs, it discredits the PLO because of the position it took," he said.

But White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater indicated last Thursday that the administration may still ask Congress for supplemental foreign aid for countries such as Egypt, Turkey and Israel. Such a bill would only cover items directly related to the war.

A Capitol Hill source said it is Israel will likely hold off making a formal request for emergency aid until it is clear whether there will be a supplemental aid bill.

Israeli sources said Israel is not expected to ask for the \$2.2 billion in indirect costs, since that would count against other contenders for a slice of the \$20 billion U.S. foreign aid budget pie for 1991, of which Israel receives the largest portion. "We are not dummies," an Israeli Embassy official said. "We know exactly the state of the U.S. budget."

but the \$1 billion in direct aid for war losses and the \$400 million in loan guarantees skim the surface of Israel's hoped-for special foreign aid allotments over the next years. Israel wants \$10 billion more in loan guarantees to assist the absorption of Soviet immigrants, to be provided in \$2 billion-a-year installments over five years, Israeli officials said.

Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) said the United States does not have the "sort of money" Israel needs. But "we've got to find something for Israel," he said Sunday on "Meet the Press." But Lugar said that "a good way to start" is with a suggestion Shoval made to some senators that Iraq ought to pay reparations to Israel.

Israel expects to receive some \$700 million from Germany and possibly some aid from the 12-nation European Community.

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The gourmet touch for Purim

Special to The Jewish Voice Purim is a joyous holiday celebrating the defeat of King Ahasuerus in the fifth century. In the Book of Esther it says, "Days of feasting and gladness and of sending portions one to another," which established the tradition of gift giving, called shalach manot. The gifts, usually sweets, are delivered to relatives and friends.

Hamantashen is a traditional sweet eaten on Purim. It is a three-cornered cookie filled with prune, nuts, poppy seed or apricot filling. A welcome gift, children and adults will enjoy them also for dessert or as a snack. Choose one or two of the different cookie doughs and the fillings can be used in any of them.

HAMANTASHEN I

2/3 cup margarine or butter

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

3 tablespoons milk or water

2 1/2 to 3 cups flour

Cream shortening with sugar. Add egg. Continue beating until smooth. Stir in vanilla and milk or water. Stir in flour until a ball of dough is formed. Chill dough several hours or overnight. Filling:

1 cup walnuts, ground

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Grated rind and juice of 1/2 lemon

1/4 cup margarine, melted Grated rind and juice of 1/2 or-

ange
3 tablespoons raisins

1/2 cup apricot preserves.

Combine filling ingredients and mix well. Roll out 1/4 of the dough on a lightly floured board to thickness of 1/8-inch. Cut into 3-inch circles with a floured glass or round cutter. Place a rounded teaspoon of filling in each center, and bring the edges together tightly to form a closed triangle over the filling. Repeat with the remainder of the dough. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake in a 375degree oven 10 to 15 minutes. (Makes

HAMANTASHEN II

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups plus 2 tablespoons flour

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder 1 12-ounce jar apricot preserves

or prune or poppy seed filling

1/2 cup white raisins 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In a large mixing bowl using an electric mixer, beat eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla for about five minutes or until mixture is light and fluffy. Combine flour and baking powder. Stir into egg mixture a little at a time, using a wooden spoon. When dough gets too stiff to be mixed with a spoon, knead with hands. When all the flour is absorbed into the dough, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and hour. Combine preserves, raisins and nuts.

Roll out half of the dough on a lightly floured board. Cut out 3-inch circles. Place one rounded teaspoon filling in the center, bring the three edges to the center, pinch edges together tightly to form a closed triangle over the filling. Repeat with other half of dough. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake in a 350degree oven about 20 minutes. Remove pastries from sheets after they are cool. (Makes approximately



HAMANTASHEN III

1/2 pound margarine or butter, at room temperature

6 ounces low-fat cream cheese, at room temperature

2 cups flour

Combine margarine and cream cheese and beat until smooth. Add flour and stir until dough is formed. Lightly shape into a ball, wrap in waxed paper and chill for at least three hours. Roll out half of the dough on a lightly floured board to 1/ 4-inch thickness and cut into 3-inch circles. Place a rounded teaspoon of filling in the center, pinch sides together tightly to form a closed triangle over the filling. Bake on greased cookie sheets in a 375-degree oven 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown.

PRUNE FILLING

8-10 ounces prunes

2 tablespoons grated orange rind

1/4 cup chopped nuts; optional 2 tablespoons sugar

Cook prunes and raisins in a small amount of water until fruit is tender. Drain and chop fine. Stir in remaining ingredients.

POPPY SEED FILLING

1 cup milk

cup poppy seeds

3 tablespoons margarine or butter

1/4 cup raisins

2 tablespoons honey

1/4 cup sugar

2 teaspoons lemon juice

teaspoon grated lemon rind Bring milk, poppy seed and mar-garine to a boil. Reduce heat, add remaining ingredients and simmer until milk is absorbed. Cool.

(Naomi Arbit is a syndicated food columnist and the co-author of eight cookbooks. She is a member of the International Association of Cooking Professionals.)

Dear Rachel,

The war in the gulf has come home to everyone's livingroom via the TV. A lot of people seem to be in a nervous tizzy, particularly about the attacks on Tel Aviv and Haifa. I'm not thrilled about them myself, obviously. As a mother who has two children who have lived in Israel for many years, however, I would really like to ask everyone to calm down! Years ago, when my daughter's kibbutz was under fire, everyone coped, including the children. When something happens, you stop, you ache, and you go on living. That's what Israelis do, and so can you. You have my permission to hold the sympathy and go on living. If doing something would help (it works for me), join Hadassah, raise some funds for UJCA, buy a bond. Just don't drive me crazy with your anxiety - I have enough of my own.

Calm in the Face of the Storm

Dear Calm, sympathy for people who are a little less rational than you A lot of people feel guilt, anxiety, helplessness, and a whole morass of unpleasant emotions in the face of a war which attacks civilian Jews just for being. They feel guilty about being safe while fellow Jews or fellow Americans risk their lives to keep them safe. At the same time, they feel helpless. Archetypal memories of the Holocaust are invoked by gas masks

and impotence in the face of threat. While anxiety is natural, it can also serve to make people feel as though they are doing something. Your suggestion of doing something concrete is a real antidote to all of these difficult feelings. And you have my permission to avoid people who make you crazy for the duration.

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE. 19810". Names and details will be altered to protect your privacy.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 1991

6:00 p.m. Hillel Shabbat Dinner Beth Emeth BESTY Conclave

8:00 p.m. AKSE Purim Dance 10:30 a.m. Beth El Purim Carnival

12:00 p.m. Hillel UJA/Federation Phone-a-thon

5:00 p.m. JCC Young Musician's Winners Recital 7:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Adult Education Series

9:30 a.m. AKSE Sisterhood Board Meeting 12:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Downtown Study Group

7:30 p.m. JCC Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Board Meeting

8:00 p.m. JFS Board Meeting

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Book Review 9:30 a.m. NCJW Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Chabad Shabbaton

7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Couples Club Square Dance

8:00 p.m. Beth El Monte Carlo

12:30 p.m. Chabad Day of the Jewish Woman 7:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Israeli Dancing

12:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. AEA Science Fair 7:30 p.m. BBW General Meeting

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7:30 p.m. JFD Executive Committee Meeting

12:00 p.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m. AKSE Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Board Meeting

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7:30 p.m. Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. Kutz Home Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:15 a.m. Hadassah/JFD Women's Division Bus Trip to Ellis Island

9:00 a.m. Beth El Men's Club Breakfast 12:00 p.m. Hillel Bagel Brunch 1:30 p.m. Chabad Model Matzo Bakery

8:00 p.m. JFD Advanced Gifts Division

An Evening with Yitz Greenberg 6:00 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Trip to Sixers Game

7:30 p.m. AKSE Sisterhood General Meeting & Passover Demonstration

7:30 p.m. JCC Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. AEA Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. AKSE Board Meeting Beth Emeth Sisterhood Dinner

7:30 p.m. AEA Dinner Dance

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7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m. Kutz Home Board Meeting

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