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ZAMIR SACKED

TEL AVIV — Yitzhak Zamir, above, was replaced as attorney general June 1 by the Israeli cabinet. Yosef Harish, a Tel Aviv district judge, was named as Zamir's successor. Zamir rocked the Israeli government by demanding an investigation of the security service, Shin Bet, in connection with an alleged cover-up in the killing of two Palestinian bus hijackers. RNS Photo.

Shin Bet Affair: Harish Replaces Zamir

Judge Yosef Harish will replace Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir this week, in the midst of serious questions concerning the investigation of the 'Shin Bet Affair.' Following the 1984 hijacking of an inter-city bus, then-Defense Minister Moshe Arens appointed a commission to examine reports that two of the terrorists involved were killed under suspicious circumstances. Armed with evidence of a possible cover-up and false testimony by Shin Bet, Zamir ordered an investigation of Shin Bet Director Avraham Shalom. Prime Minister Peres said that the attorney general's resignation has been expected for a few months and is unrelated to the investigation (*Kol Yisrael*, June 1).

Sources revealed that the two gunmen died while in Shin Bet custody, but that this information was withheld from the original investigation after agency chief Avraham Shalom convinced Yitzhak Shamir (then Prime Minister) that any publicity "would seriously harm the Shin Bet's ability to function secretly and would result in Shin Bet men refusing to take risks in the future" (*Yediot Aharonot*, June 1).

In another development, the American government has demanded the trial of an Israeli Air Force officer suspected of heading an Israeli spy ring that included alleged spy Jonathan Pollard (*Hadashot*, June 20). Israel's Foreign Ministry denied the

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Senate Clears Way For Saudi Arms Sale; Reagan Veto Sustained

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON — President Reagan got the exact number of votes he needed in the Senate last week to go ahead with his proposed sale of sophisticated missiles to Saudi Arabia.

The Senate voted 66-34 to sustain Reagan's veto of the Congressional resolution rejecting the sale, one vote short of the two-thirds needed to override the veto. Reagan worked to the last minute to convince senators to support him even at a breakfast meeting at the White House attended by most of the Senate Thursday morning to discuss tax reform.

Sen. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who led the fight to sustain the veto, stressed that "the authority of the presidency is at stake" in the vote. That was the position taken by a number of Senators who voted last month to oppose the sale, but switched sides on Thursday. Senator Bill Roth (R. Del.) was one of the senators who changed their vote at the last minute. The Senate vote last month was 73-26 against the Saudi missile deal.

Carter Calls Senators

The latter included Sens. James Exon (D. Neb.) and Chic Hecht (R. Nev.). Both stressed the need to support the president in international relations. Exon revealed that former President Jimmy Carter had called several senators urging them to support the arms sale to the Saudis. He noted that Reagan had not asked Carter to make the calls.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.), who led the fight against the sale, said that despite the vote sustaining the veto, it was still a victory. He noted that two-thirds of the Senate and an overwhelming majority in the House which voted 356-62 against the sale, sent a message to the Saudis that the U.S. expected more from their friendship than it has been receiving.

Cranston also noted that the sale, which includes 1,666 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and 100 Harpoon air-to-sea missiles at a cost of \$267 million, is 90 percent less than the Saudis reportedly wanted in January. He said this was not because the president, just before his veto, removed 800 Stinger shoulder-fired missiles from the package, but also because the Saudis' original request for more F-15 aircraft, M-1 tanks and enhancement equipment for the F-15s previously sold to them, was dropped.

Intense Pressure Cited

Both the Israeli government and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) did not actively lobby against the sale, though they went on record as opposed to it. However, Sen. Barry Goldwater (R. Ariz.) said senators had been under "intense pressure" — the use of money and

49 Jews Emigrate

A total of 49 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union during May, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported. The figure represents what is believed to be the lowest monthly total since the Soviets began restricting Jewish emigration. Seventeen of the 49 Jews went to Israel.

"threats" from a foreign government name — to oppose the sale.

Sen. Alan Simpson (R. Wyo.), stressing friendship for Israel, said that friendship comes from mutual respect and not from an attitude that must be with us at all times. He said friendship must be built on political threats.

Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.) replied that lobbies argued that you have to be with us. He said the Senate vote against the sale last month had nothing to do with one lobby or another but with the belief in Congress that the Saudis were not "truly moderate."

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Roth Upholds President's Veto



At our request, Senator Roth has supplied the Jewish Voice with the floor statement he made June 5 on the Saudi Arms Sale release.

"Mr. President, I've decided to vote to uphold the president's veto of the congressional resolution of disapproval of the proposed Saudi Arms Sale.

"I originally voted for the resolution of disapproval because part of the sale was comprised of highly portable, shoulder-fired missiles. These weapons could be of major value to international terrorists.

"The proposed package is now made up of air-to-air and air-to-ship missiles. These weapons will, however, improve the Saudis' capacity to protect their national interests in a manner which is parallel with the interests of the entire free world. In short, they will improve the Saudi capacity to repel Iranian attacks upon American and other nations' shipping in the Persian Gulf, maintaining a free flow of oil supplies to the U.S. and Western Europe.

"They could be used by a single terrorist to shoot down a civilian airliner or, if they fall into the wrong hands, they could be used against Israel.

I simply could not support the sale of such weapons to Middle East powers which have not formally entered the peace process and I am happy to see that these highly dangerous weapons have now been removed from the proposed sale package.

"They will also improve the Saudis' capacity to defend themselves against Iranian expansionism in the aftermath of recent Iranian victories in the Iran-Iraq War. None of us can afford to contemplate the possibility of the Ayatollah Khomeini taking control of either the Persian Gulf or of vital Saudi oil supplies.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

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All of us learned in school what a great couple were King Ferdinand and Queen Isabel of Spain: they sponsored the voyage of Christopher Columbus in 1492 to America, thereby making possible all the good things we enjoy today. What I didn't learn until later was that this same Ferdinand and Isabel introduced in Spain one discriminatory practice against Jews after another, almost from the day they came to power, culminating in the expulsion of all Jews in that same year of Columbus's voyage, 1492. This action, coupled with the subsequent expulsion of Muslims, and the hounding out of Jews and Muslims who had converted to Christianity, led to an economic and cultural decline in Spain from which the nation never really recovered.

But first, a quick review of what happened in Spain in the 1000 years or so before 1492.

Little is known about the earliest inhabitants of what is now Spain. There were cave dwellers some 16,000 years ago (some of their paintings survived), followed by migrant Iberians, in turn superseded by the Celts, then Phoenicians who built trading posts on the coast. Carthage controlled the peninsula for about two centuries, giving way to the Romans, who had firmly integrated it into their empire by the beginning of the Common Era. Beautifully engineered remains of the Roman period still stand, aqueducts and bridges, and I suspect that the roads in Spain at that time might have been better than they are today.

With the decline of Rome, the Vandals poured into Spain, followed quickly by the Visigoths, who, becoming Catholics in the late sixth century, sought to unify Spain on a religious basis.

While there are claims that Jews were in Spain during the biblical period, solid evidence of their presence first appears in Roman times. There were significant numbers by the Visigothic period, when they were subjected to violent attacks, forced conversion, and the

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The Reign In Spain That Led Down The Drain

choice, finally, of being baptized or leaving the kingdom.

It is not surprising, then, when the Umayyad Muslims under Tarik crossed the Straits of Gibraltar to invade Spain, that they were welcomed by the Jews and crypto-Jews that remained. Because Tarik's invading army was relatively small in size, he called on the local Jews to man the garrisons in the conquered cities, such as Cordoba, Granada, Toledo and Seville, whereby the Jews became closely allied with the new rulers who swept over much of the Iberian Peninsula.

During the period of Umayyad rule, the Jewish population of Spain grew rapidly, and Jewish scholarship, culture and commerce flourished, particularly around Cordoba, the new capital. In addition to their being a major talmudic academy in Lucena in the 11th century, it is worth noting that Arab documents referred to Granada and Tarragona as "Jewish cities." One 10th century Arab wrote, "Whoever has not seen the splendor of the Jews of Granada, their good fortune and their glory, has never seen true glory, for they are great with wisdom and piety."

As has so often happened, the tide of benevolence turned, and in 1066 fanatic Muslims attacked and massacred Granada Jews, the first persecution of Jews in Muslim Spain. The Christian forces who had retreated to the north under Umayyad invasion, now began to

move south to reconquer Spain. The Umayyads were succeeded first by the Almoravid Muslims and then by the Almohads, fanatic Berbers who quickly brought to an end the great Jewish communities of Cordoba, Granada and Seville. Once again Jews were given the option of conversion, this time to Islam, or death. It was in this period that the family of Maimonides fled from Cordoba.

As the Christian reconquest swept southward, taking Toledo in 1085, Jews in the Christian-held areas were in an ambivalent position. Legally, they belonged to the king, serfs of the monarch, property of the royal treasury, and they were supposed to be protected by the crown. In fact, many Jews rose high in the political system, becoming financial and administrative managers and advisors to the throne. It was, as it is called, a Golden Age, but a Golden Age balanced on the edge of a razor. While Jewish courtiers rose to the highest levels of the court, when they fell, they fell very far and very hard. In 1391, spurred by the violently anti-Semitic sermons of archdeacon Ferrant Martinez, there were pogroms against Jews all over Christian Spain.

The final act in the tragic drama of Spanish Jewry began with the marriage in 1469 of Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabel of Castille, merging the two great Christian kingdoms of Spain. It was a marriage arranged, bitter to say, by Isabel's Jewish advisor, Don Abraham Seneor, who was

chief rabbi of Castille. The Catholic Kings, as Ferdinand and Isabel are called, determined to unify Spain by making it all Catholic. So, in 1492 three great events took place in the beautiful Alhambra palace of Granada: the surrender of Granada to the conquering Christian forces, the sponsoring of Columbus's voyage to America, and the signing of the expulsion order for the Jews of Spain.

The expulsion of the Jews was quickly followed by increased persecution of Jews who had converted to Christianity, the Conversos, expulsion of Muslims (1502) and persecution of Moriscos, converted Muslims. As guide writer Ian Robertson puts it, "Isabel, determined bigot that she was, remained entirely preoccupied with the extirpation of the pernicious errors of heresy from her realm, and saw little importance in the fact that commerce was on the decline. The disappearance of the Jews and the persecution of the Conversos had created a void in the world of capital which was never satisfactorily filled by the old Christians. Business slipped into the hands of foreign traders and capitalists." The populations in the great cities of Spain plummeted over the next two centuries, along with commerce and culture, both of which had been principally nourished by the Jews and Moors, now driven out. In many ways, Spain seems not to have recovered from this suicidal act of 500 years past.

The great Spanish poet, Francisco de Icaza, wrote of the beauties of Granada:

"Give him alms, woman, for there is no greater pain than to be blind in Granada."

That day of signing the order of expulsion in the Alhambra of Granada, the great monarch Isabel committed an act of blindness to more than the beauties of Granada, an act that would bring centuries of pain to the people she ruled and to their descendants.

Veto Sustained—

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While Israel was mentioned throughout the debate by both sides, the argument against the sale basically was that Saudi Arabia had not supported U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East, has bankrolled the Palestine Liberation Organization and had not supported U.S. national interests in the region.

Exon and Sen. Pete Domenici (R. NM) said the original vote in the Senate and House against the sale was a message to the Saudis in part that the U.S. was angry over Saudi criticism of the American punitive air raid on Libya May 14. Domenici said he believed the Saudis got the message.

Lugar, as he has done several times

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possibility of such a large-scale operation. "The Pollard affair was an unacceptable deviation from Israel's clear policy to abstain from any espionage activity in the United States," the Ministry stated.

in the past, brought up the economic consequences of not selling arms to the Saudis. He noted that by not selling them F-15 fighters, the Saudis are buying planes from Britain in an amount that will eventually come to \$20 billion.

He said the senators consistently ignored this fact at a time when the U.S. needs to improve its balance of payments, its foreign trade and to provide more jobs for Americans. He added that the U.S. was not giving the Saudis anything. "We're making a cash sale."

Sen. Paul Simon (D. Ill.) said that to argue that if the U.S. does not sell arms to the Saudis someone else will, is not a valid argument. The decision should be on "whether it is right or wrong," he said.

After the vote, Lugar told reporters he did not believe the Administration will have similar problems when it presents to Congress later this month the certification needed to begin delivery of the five AWACS reconnaissance planes sold to Saudi Arabia in 1981. He said he believed the whole issue was discussed during the present debate and the air was cleared.

Peres Proposes 'Marshall Plan' For Mid-East

In April, Prime Minister Shimon Peres made the suggestion that the United States and other industrialized nations finance at \$20-30 billion "Marshall Plan" development fund for the Middle East. The money would come from savings accruing to Europe as a result of the oil price collapse — a sum estimated at \$70 billion for this year alone. The main purpose of the plan would be to help Arab states which have been hit hard by dropping oil prices. It would encourage economic cooperation between the industrialized countries, the Arab states and Israel, which would put its technical know-how at the disposal of its neighbors.

Peres' plan again demonstrates Israel's commitment to peace with its neighbors. The Prime Minister has tried the diplomatic route but has yet to find a partner willing to join him at the peace table. Now he offers the possibility of economic cooperation, the chance to make the entire Middle East as green and productive as Israel already is.

Peres lists all of Israel's neighbors as potential beneficiaries of aid from the West, even Syria. Of course, Syria responded with a speedy no and a denunciation of Peres. Still, Peres is undaunted. He has urged the United States and the other nations meeting at the Tokyo economic summit to give serious consideration to his proposal. Both Washington and Bonn have said that they will. Rome, Tokyo, and London have also expressed interest.

The Peres proposal makes a great deal of sense. In the first place, any economic cooperation between the various Mideast states decreases the likelihood of war. But beyond that is the fact that economic instability often leads to political instability and war. Jordan, Syria, and especially Egypt are all suffering because of the current oil glut. Further economic deterioration in those countries would weaken King Hussein and President Hosni Mubarak and could lead President Hafez Assad to divert his people's attention by going to war. To put

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Kutz Home 30th Anniversary To Be Celebrated At A Gala Ball

A gala celebration will be the theme for this year's Forget-Me-Not Ball as members of the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home join together with our community to honor the 30th anniversary of the Home.

Under the co-chairmanship of Arlene Simon and Wendy Berkover, the Forget-Me-Not Ball Committee has launched its plans for a festive dinner dance to be held Sunday, Oct. 19, in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont. Last year's attendees will be pleased to note that Shir Chardash — the band whose music encouraged you to dance the night away — will be back!

Proceeds from this year's gala will be used to continue renovating and refurbishing the Home's interior, a project begun with the money many people in the community helped raise last year. During the 30th anniversary celebration, the committee hopes to move further toward their goal of updating the Home's facilities to better meet the needs of the residents.

The cost of the 1986 gala is \$150 per couple for sponsors, \$200 per couple for patrons, and \$250 per couple for benefactors. Additional opportunities for participation will be available through the patron book.

In keeping with the gala nature of this year's celebration, a video tape of the festivities will be made, through the gracious contribution of a supporter, and it will be given to the Kutz Home residents. For those who would like their own memento of the evening, photographer Bill Lattomus will be returning to take individual or group photographs. Why not join the Committee, the Auxiliary, and supporters of the Home on Sunday, Oct. 19 — Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; dinner and dancing from 7:30 p.m.

The Forget-Me-Not Ball Committee includes: Arlene Simon and Wendy

Berkover, co-chairpersons; Faith Goldman, invitations; Susan Heffer, posters; Micki Edelson, decorations and flowers; Ellen Koniver, calligraphy; Phyllis and Carl Cobin, board/out-of-town liaison; Susan Herrmann, publicity; Netty Hart, reservations; Danna Levy and Barbara Miller, telephone; Leslie Goldenberg, table arrangements; Betty Diznoff, Susan Nicholson, Marsha Evantash, Leslie Newman, Barbara Conrad, Debbi Hertzfeld, Ed Hertzfeld, Ceci Ufberg, Hal Ufberg, Renee Spiller, Helen Rubin, Roberta Woloshin, and Judy Bernard, program book.

Israel's Ambassador In Austria Is Recalled For 'Consultation'

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel manifested its displeasure over the election of Kurt Waldheim in the presidency of Austria by calling its Ambassador in Vienna, Michael Elitzur, home Monday for "urgent consultations."

President Chaim Herzog, at the same time, refrained from sending Waldheim the standard message of congratulations that one head of state normally sends to another just elected to office.

Israelis of all political persuasions were plainly angered by Waldheim's sweeping victory in Sunday's run-off elections despite a growing body of evidence that the former United Nations Secretary General may have been directly involved in atrocities while serving as an intelligence officer with the German army in the Balkans during World War II.

Unlikely Ambassador Will Be Replaced

The decision to recall Elitzur was announced after a meeting between Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Elitzur will be ending his tour of duty in Vienna next month and there is a strong likelihood that he will not be immediately replaced.

The man believed slated to succeed him is Avi Pazner, long-time media spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. He is a close associate of Shamir who made no secret of his diplomatic efforts in Europe in recent weeks to thwart the election of Waldheim.

There have been many calls for Israel to sever diplomatic relations with Austria and these were echoed by the moderate independent daily *Haaretz* Monday morning. MK Yossi Sarid of the left-leaning Civil Rights Movement said "No Israeli envoy should ever have to present credentials to Kurt Waldheim."

Austrian Confident Of 'Correct' Relations

Austria's Ambassador to Israel, Otto Pleinert, sought

to ease Israeli anger in an interview with the Itim news agency here Monday. He said he was sure relations between the two countries would remain "correct" despite the strong feelings against Waldheim.

He pointed out that the presidency of Austria is largely a ceremonial office and that until the next parliamentary elections a year from now, Austria will continue to be governed by

the Socialist government of Chancellor Fred Sinowatz, a long-time friend of Israel.

(Sinowatz announced his resignation Monday. A report from Vienna said he has been under increasing pressure to do so following Waldheim's election. The report said he would be succeeded by the present finance minister, Franz Vranitzky. Sinowatz will continue as leader of Austria's Socialist Party until the general elections in April 1987. Vranitzky, a banker,

was described as a member of the Socialist Party's right wing.)

The daily *Yediot Achronof* urged Monday that Israel continue to probe Waldheim's alleged Nazi past before he is sworn into office next month. "It might not be too late to reverse the election result if firm evidence were put together," the paper said.

The *Jerusalem Post* criticized the World Jewish Congress and, to some extent,

the Israel government for waging a campaign which predictably "helped Waldheim's supporters to revive the ghost of a world Jewish conspiracy."

The *Post* advised Israel to heed President Herzog's advice Sunday to react with caution, not anger to Waldheim's election and decide the matter on the basis of what is "good for the people of Israel and the government of Israel."

Reconstructionists Denounce Council Vote

"At this critical time for American Jewry, when the pluralism of American Jewish culture makes the search for Jewish unity a burning communal concern, this rejection by the Synagogue Council of America negates the very essence of its mandate." With this statement, Lillian Kaplan, president of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot (FRCH) vigorously denounced the Council's decision to deny membership to Reconstructionism, the fourth major movement in American Judaism. She was careful to point out, however, that most of the leadership supported the admission of the Reconstructionists. The Orthodox exercised a unilateral veto. Nothing that the Council claims to be "the umbrella for Jewish religious life in America," Kaplan stated that the rejection "does not weaken our movement, but it does demean the Council's credentials in terms of religious leadership."

The Synagogue Council was founded in 1926 by three major synagogue movements of American Judaism and their rabbinical affiliates — the Central Conference of American Rabbis and Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox); and United Synagogue and Rabbinical

Assembly (Conservative). Council By-laws include the rule that a nay vote by any of the six members can veto any proposition put before its board.

Since the Council was formed, FRCH executive director, Rabbi David Teutsch related, the Reconstructionist Federation has been the only other Jewish religious organization to apply. When it did so in January 1985, he said, the Council agreed to reweave the application but indicated that its By-laws contained no procedural provision for admission of new members.

In decrying the vote, Teutsch stressed that the structure of Reconstructionism parallels that of the other movements represented in the Council and that Reconstructionist membership is currently undergoing rapid growth. He cited the fact that the Reconstructionist movement has its own rabbinical college (in Wyncote, Pennsylvania), its own rabbinical association, and its own organization of congregations. To date, he said, the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot boasts 54 affiliates in almost as many cities. "Our congregations are located in most of the largest Jewish population centers of the country, and our members are leaders in local federations, branches of UJA, and other areas of

Jewish communal life out of all proportion to their numbers. What is more, the Reconstructionist movement holds great appeal for unaffiliated Jews, acknowledged to be a key group in shaping the future of American Judaism." He concluded, "The Council's decision demonstrates woefully insufficient commitment to pluralism on the part of the Orthodox in the American Jewish community.

Rabbi Ira Schiffer, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, endorsing the views of Kaplan and Teutsch, said, "Reconstructionism has gained acceptance among increasing numbers of Jews. Our college is graduating ever increasing numbers of

rabbis, and REconstructionists are taking important positions in synagogues throughout the country. In addition, the Reconstructionist movement has proved to be a wellspring for development of *havurot*, the groups that provide an appealing alternative for those struggling to find or retain their Jewish identity in today's assimilationist environment."

The Jewish Reconstructionist movement was founded 60 years ago by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Its guiding principle is that Judaism is an evolving religious civilization — a culture and a way of life as well as a religious faith. In the Reconstructionist view, Jewish tradition must change with the conditions of contemporary life.

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it mildly, none of these developments would be good for Israel or for the United States. Only the Soviet Union and various Middle East extremists will benefit if the Arab world sinks into economic depression.

That is why it is important that the Peres proposal be given full consideration by the West, beginning at the Tokyo economic summit. It is true that Arab states are unlikely to buy into any proposal, no matter how

beneficial, that bears the mark of Israel or Shimon Peres. So call it a new Marshall Plan or Shultz Plan or a Reagan plan. It doesn't matter. The point is to help the Middle East avert political catastrophe by averting economic catastrophe. Prime Minister Peres deserves credit for empathizing with his neighbors' predicament despite the four decades of Arab attacks against Israel. He is one statesman who understands that his enemy's bad fortune is not necessarily his good fortune.



THATCHER IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV — Israel's Prime Minister Shimon Peres, right, welcomes British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on her arrival May 24 at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport. Thatcher met with Israeli officials and Palestinian leaders and said she would try to revive the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process during her meeting with Jordan's King Hussein in three weeks. RNS Photo.

Editorial

Visit Enrages Saudis

Margaret Thatcher's visit to Israel — the first ever by a British Prime Minister — produced a howl of outrage from the government-controlled Saudi press. The newspaper *Ukaz* (May 26) strongly attacked her for setting foot in the "Zionist entity." It reminded her that "Peres and Begin were the ones who blew up the King David Hotel when it was the headquarters of the British Mandate authorities." (Peres?) It argued that instead of greeting Israeli leaders she should be "seeking the apprehension of all these people ... as political leaders of an entity historically and falsely known to have been erected despite the British Mandate authorities."

The *Ukaz* editorial is another demonstration that Saudi Arabia remains — as ever — unreconciled to Israel's existence. That "Zionist entity" garbage should have been thrown out years ago, if only out of consideration for the

way that type of rhetoric plays abroad. But the Saudis can't drop it — political considerations aside — because the quaint little phrase expresses the way they feel. There is no Israel. Just an entity. As far as they are concerned, Jews can create entities but not states.

There is one piece of truth in the editorial. It argues that Israel — the entity — was "erected despite the British Mandate authorities." That is correct. The British did everything they could to thwart the establishment of the Jewish state. In their infamous White Paper of 1939, they banned Jewish immigration to Palestine at the very moment when European Jews most needed a refuge. Throughout the 1940's — as Jews were killed by the millions — Britain kept the gates of Palestine barred tight, in effect signing the death sentences of those who might have escaped if there was a place to go.

The Saudi assertion that the Jews defied the British in creating Israel contradicts the more traditional — and false — Arab view that Israel was created by British and other colonialists as a gift for the Jews. On the very day that *Ukaz* was telling Thatcher that the Jews defied Britain in creating their state, Damascus Radio was putting out the other line. It reminded Thatcher that "during its occupation of Palestine from 1917 to 1948" Britain "brought in Zionist terrorists, facilitated their emigration to Palestine, and enabled them to take up arms against the Arabs ... in order to wrest Palestine from its rightful owners." It warned that "the Palestinian people will continue to hold Britain greatly responsible for the disasters that befell them." They had hoped that Britain would "atone for its crime" by supporting a Palestinian state, "not side with the usurpers to prevent the restoration of this homeland."

In fact, the Palestinian Arabs have no reason to expect atonement from Britain for its role during the Mandate. It did what it could to prevent Jewish immigration and statehood. It backed some of the most extreme Palestinian leaders — like the Mufti of Jerusalem, a British choice. It severed Jordan from the rest of Palestine and gave it to the Arabs while repeatedly trying to appease them by offering large chunks of the rest.

If the British need to apologize or "atone" to anyone, it is to the Israelis. Thatcher's visit to Israel was a first *symbolic* step in that process. However, it is not quite enough. Even while in Israel Thatcher managed to lecture the Israelis about the Palestinians, noting that "because of your (the Jewish people's) high standard, more is expected of Israel than of other countries." She told her hosts that she favored "self-determination for the Palestinian people" — which usually means an Arab state on the West Bank — but she added that federation with Jordan seems most promising now.

Thatcher's suggestion that Palestinian Arabs find an "alternative" to the PLO, and her assertion that Israel's security needs are unique and pressing, were positive. But so long as Britain continues its embargo on arms and oil sales to Israel while selling billions in arms to the Arabs, some of her other remarks were a bit "cheeky." After all, Prime Minister Shimon Peres while in England recently did not lecture Thatcher about her government's handling of Northern Ireland or about British inflexibility over the Falklands. Peres understood that it's not his place to tell London how to run its foreign and domestic policies despite its own traditional "high standard." Thatcher, and other world leaders, should recognize the same about Israel. □

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LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A young Jerusalemite and a former soldier, Shlomo Galizon, is suffering from a degenerative disease which now permits him only to move his head. His sole remaining pleasure is to collect picture postcards from around the world. *Jewish Voice* readers, their families and friends are urged to send such cards, which need not even be with messages, to Shlomo at 19 Rechov Even Sappir, Nachalat Achim, Jerusalem 94551, Israel. This *mitzvah* will be much appreciated by this brave young man. (Airmail postage is 33¢ for a card and 40¢ for a half-ounce envelope.)

Sincerely yours,
Glenn Richter
New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor:

I would like to briefly respond to the recent Letter to the Editor pertaining to my article on Judaism. The gentleman apparently did not understand my theme. I am *for* a reorganizational effort within the framework of Judaism; probably a step or two further than Reconstructionism. I am *for* bringing spirituality back to Judaism by way

of monthly discussion groups. I do not know the Rosenthals he refers to, and I am not in any way, shape or form an advocate of Christianity. Ironically though, "If" is also my favorite poem.

I invite anyone who is interested in starting a new age Judaic fellowship to contact me. I was disappointed in the lack of responses to my article; doesn't anyone read the *Jewish Voice*? Please send any comments to me at 507 South Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804, (302) 994-0874 - home.

Sincerely,
Mel Rosenthal

To the Editor:

I am interested in locating any woman who attended Camp Hiawatha, a Jewish girl's camp in Maine, between the years of 1939 and 1950.

If you are interested in helping plan or attending a reunion at camp or in a convenient city during the summer of 1987, I would love to hear from you.

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Yom Hashoah 5746: We Must Care

The Jewish Voice received several requests to reprint the talk Barbara McCloskey gave at the Holocaust Memorial in downtown Wilmington on Yom Hashoah. The text follows.

The world knew and remained silent. Millions were killed, but the horror has been denied.

Why do I care? Why should any of us want to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive?

Because unless this history is passed on, unless our children — all of our children, Jews and non-Jews — are shown the unspeakable events and encouraged to share the horror, the danger remains. History can be dismissed, ignored and repeated. Meaning can fade and memory diminish.

The Holocaust — a seemingly incomprehensible horror that destroyed 1/3 of the world's Jewish population while the rest of the world watched and allowed the murders to happen. How could it happen? How could the world remain indifferent? How can we assess the loss to individuals, families, communities — the world?

What we must understand is that the history of anti-

Semitism is a history of hatred that has plagued the world, and had as its logical conclusion — the Holocaust. The Holocaust was not just a historical aberration nor is it just another example of "man's inhumanity toward man."

Why do I care when a woman in Washington, D.C. asks at a Holocaust Memorial, "Why are you doing this — you know this never really happened?"

Why must I care when a citizen in Austria defending Kurt Waldheim declares, "It's too bad Hitler didn't do his job right the first time!"

Why should I have minded when President Reagan planned his trip to Bitburg in an effort to forgive and forget and to let the wounds heal?

Why should any of us be concerned about the anti-Semitism of the revisionists and neo-Nazis — or the indifference of those who advise us to forgive and forget?

I do care. I care deeply about the loss to the Jewish people and the loss of humanity.

We must care if our world has any hope for survival.

Healing cannot take place without confrontation, understanding and compassion.



Barbara McCloskey

Our hope for a future based on decency and freedom lies in seeing the Holocaust clearly — in its horrific entirety. It is a living reminder to all people to refuse to abandon liberties at any cost. It is also a powerful lesson in perhaps the most pervasive and persistent hatred of all times — anti-Semitism.

Although genocide has plagued our history, only in this instance did the state employ all its bureaucratic resources for the principle objective of exterminating one

people — the Jews.

The survivors of the Holocaust are a living testimony to the strength of the human spirit, faith and will. But I'd like to ask those of us who did not directly endure the Holocaust — Have we survived it? Survival means more than hanging on to life with a limited world view and an unwillingness to change. It has become obvious that knowledge and technology alone cannot save us. We need people with hearts as well as minds who are committed to compassion and community and love — upon which the future of human life depends. When we look at the Holocaust, we must choose to remember all that we can bear — and we must continue to bear all that we know — keeping our hearts and minds open by an act of spirit, intellect and will.

Survival means renewing our hold on life. It means acknowledging mistakes and making necessary changes. It means developing new awareness and a connectedness to values. It means using our resources — material and human — to expand our compassion. Most of all, it means confronting the horrors of the Holocaust with our hearts and minds open —

ever open to the possibility that the horror never sleeps and open to the gift of life that is ours. Much of the tragedy and anguish of human life is caused by our determination "to play it safe." The hope of life is maintained when people develop their capacities for growth and openness.

We cannot afford to play it safe. We must act and take stands to see that it never happens again.

Change will occur whether we want it to or not. The future will unfold whether we participate willingly in shaping it or hide our eyes in avoidance. We are each part of the conflict and struggle which will decide our future — personal, national and global. We must develop a strong sense of the continuity of life — past, present and future and the interconnection of each.

While we must not be paralyzed by the past, neither can we ignore it or the horrors of oppression and anti-Semitism will never cease.

Only by staying open to the pain of the past can we prepare ourselves to battle the bigotry and oppression that always starts close to home even if it never ends there.

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Hearing-Impaired Youngsters Encounter The Holocaust

Ben Berch, an American liberator during World War II, saw that his chilling account of a Nazi atrocity was having a particularly powerful effect. His story—similar to many of the testimonies being told and systematically collected at the Center for Holocaust Studies in Brooklyn, New York—was finding its way into the hearts and minds of an audience of hearing-impaired teens.

"Once, during our march through Germany, we saw a barn burning," said Berch, who was in the United States 701st Tank Battalion. "Inside were 1,100 charred bodies of prisoners. Retreating Hitler Youth members and the Nazi Home Guard had burned them alive."

Forty years have not dimmed Berch's vision nor cleared the smoke from his consciousness. "This is

something I must repeat over and over. I will stand at that barn for the rest of my life," he said. The faces of his young audience were somber. They too were standing with Berch at that barn. Frowns displaced smiles, and a sense of horror and pain filled the room. Several of the teenagers simply shook their heads in disbelief. Nothing they had read, nothing they had studied prepared them for this graphic personal account.

For these members of a unique program called OUR WAY, sponsored by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, the

Holocaust has a personal dimension beyond their identification with the six million Jews annihilated by the Nazis. Aware that Jews with any disability, physical or mental, were immediately marked for death, each young person visibly struggled to comprehend the scope of the horror and to get in touch with his or her own feelings.

The entire group felt a real affinity for Berch, who is hearing-impaired as a result of damage sustained from an exploding bomb during World War II.

NCSY's OUR WAY Program provides social and religious experiences for

hearing-impaired young people across the country. According to the program's director, Rabbi Eliezer Lederfeind, members from six regions attended the Annual Convention (May 16-20), which this year was organized around the holocaust.

According to Rabbi Lederfeind, "The program was a revelation for the kids. Most of them had only a vague idea of the Holocaust. Coming to the Center for Holocaust Studies personalized events which had only been vague images in history books.

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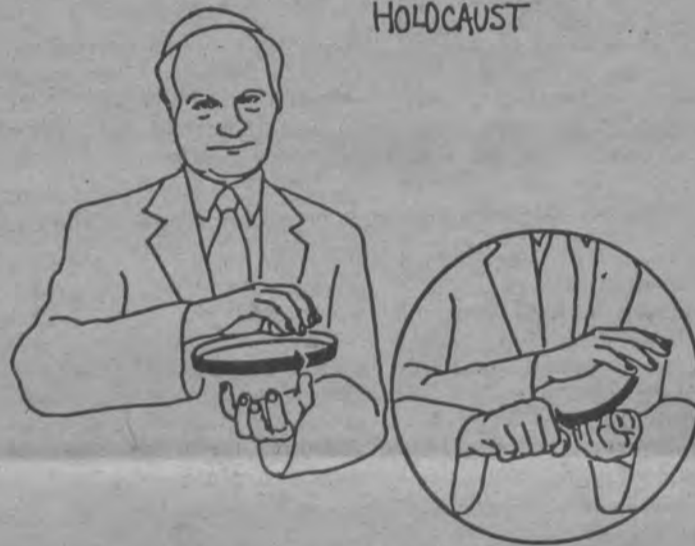
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Giacometti Portrays The Holocaust

By RABBI LEONARD
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In the interpretation of sacred Jewish texts, there are four levels of meaning: Pa Ra Di Se, (*pardes*).

P- *P'shat* - the first level of meaning offers the realistic, literal understanding of the text.

R- *Remez* - the second level of meaning offers the implied and hinted meaning of the text.

D- *Drush* - the third level of meaning offers the interpretative, homiletical meaning of the text.

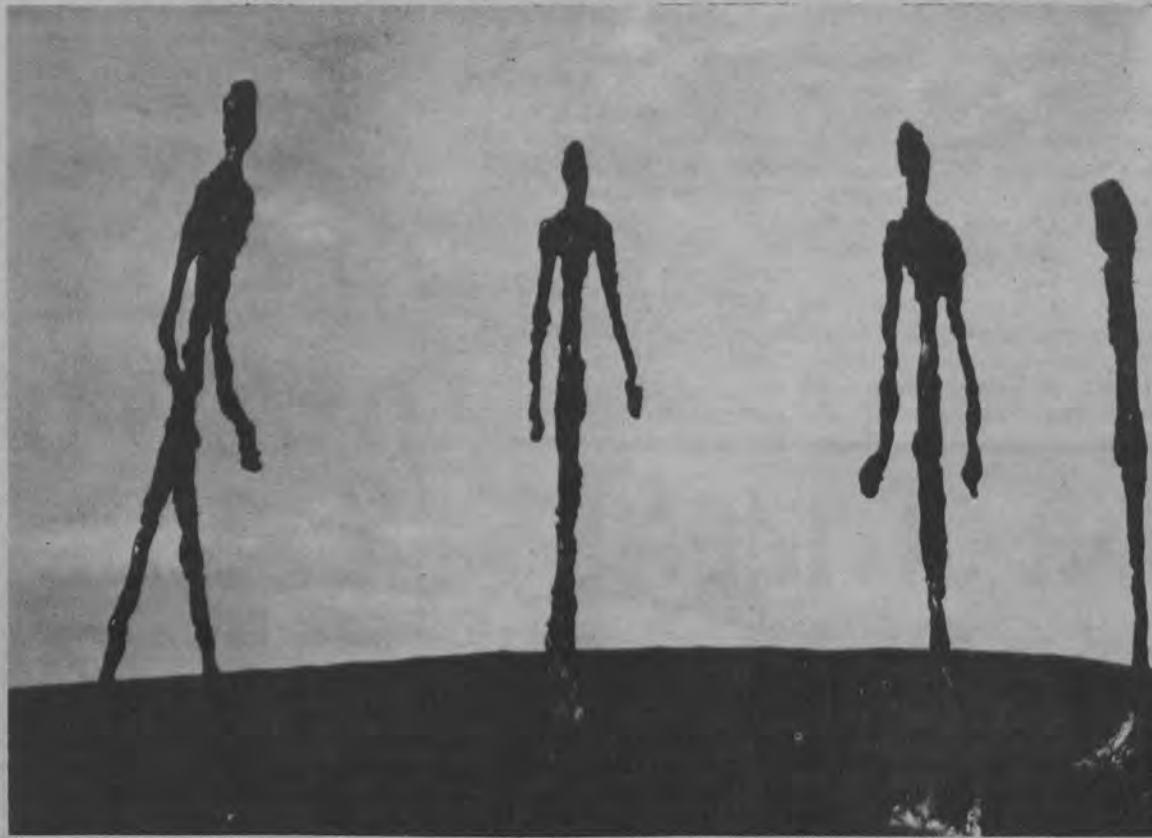
S- *Sod* - the fourth level of meaning offers the hidden, secretive meaning of the text.

I submit that there are four and more levels of meaning to any great work of art. One may approach Giacometti's sculpture on the four levels mentioned and derive an interpretation that may never have occurred to the master himself.

There is a pregnant *Aggada* about *Moshe Rabbenu* who heard about Rabbi Akiba and his original powers of *Drush*. He asked the *Ribbono Shel Olam* for permission to go to B'nai Brak and listen to Rabbi Akiba's Torah in his Yeshiva. G-d granted this permission to *Moshe Rabbenu*. He came to the Yeshiva and listened in amazement as Rabbi Akiba expounded laws and Torah derived from *Torat Moshe*. *Moshe Rabbenu* listened and he was overwhelmed. He had never spoken these meanings that Rabbi Akiba was deriving from his text. Yet, he was happy because Rabbi Akiba's Torah was derived from *Torat Moshe*. (Menachot 29b)

I

Alberto Giacometti (1901-1966) was born and lived in Switzerland, where he experienced both World Wars. Giacometti's tragic sense of life came to him from the age in which he lived, when death and nothingness branded European thought (Sartre and Becket). These feelings became part of his art. When Giacometti was 20 years old,



CITY SQUARE by Alberto Giacometti, 1948-49

This sculpture, composed of four bronze figures, is in the collection of Peggy Guggenheim in Venice.

he watched with dread and fascination as a 61 year old traveling companion passed from life to death along side him. Life became to him like an "abominable trap." He said later, "Everything became fragile for me." From that point on, he never slept without a light on. (N.Y. Times, Art Page, p. 21; Sunday, 9/1/85) We see how privately and historically, *angst*, fear, tension, and dread dominated his life. Surely this overwhelming mood of apprehension saturated his sculpture.

In the National Gallery of Art, East Building, Washington D.C., we behold a brass figure: feet fastened to a frame, half-kneeling, eyes unseeing, mouth half-opened as if after a shriek, hands cupped in front of her with fingers open and not meeting - "Holding the Void."

This work by Giacometti reminds me of the prayer on Yom Kippur:

"...the wise as if they were without knowledge;
the intelligent as if they lacked understanding;

for most of their doings are worthless;
and the days of their life are vain in Thy sight;"
We recognize that Giacometti is more than a surrealist sculptor, he is speaking for and to our time.

II

His "Large Standing Women," in bronze (1960), is typical of his treatment of the human body. His women, like his men, are elongated, gaunt, emaciated figures, whose heads appear to have their hair singed away by an atomic fire. The skin on the body is wrinkled and singed. Their dry, shrunken breasts sag, emaciated, drained of their vitality. These women could be the starved, tortured women who survived the Concentration Camps.

Giacometti is the artist of the Holocaust - of the atomic Holocaust of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, as he is the artist of Hitler's Holocaust, of torture, murder and crematoria.

Like all of us, Giacometti could not comprehend how such events could occur. Such

conscious optimism of man's ability to survive.

Giacometti portrays the survivor, walking tall, denuded of every possession, hungry and alone. But the survivor speaks to us, saying, "I survived and Hitler is dead. The Nazi war machine and crematoria are broken."

To me, the most revealing work is "City Square." This haunting sculpture is peopled by the burnt, pained figures, who walk erect. They remind one of a burnt-out forest, left with only a charred tree trunk standing here and there. This group of figures inhabits the same area. They have lived to tell the tale and they exude dignity. Having lived through the Holocaust, those figures in "City Square" are fulfilling Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones:

"Prophesy over these dry bones
and say unto them.
O ye dry bones, Hear Ye the word of the Lord.
And I will lay sinews upon you
And bring up flesh upon you
And draw over you a skin
And put a spirit into you
And you shall live."
(Ezekiel 37:5 & 6)

III

Giacometti is the sculptor of catastrophe, of how these catastrophes wipe out the humanity in man. Nevertheless, he offers us the survivor who walks erect, the survivor with *dos pintelev yid*, or *dos pintelev mensch*, who may save mankind.

In all of his depiction of destruction and implied death, Giacometti presents the inner spirit of man, the survivor, who is formed in the image of G-d in Man.

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Wedding

Martha Gilman, daughter of Muriel and Marvin Gilman of Wilmington was married to Dr. S. Gregory Smith May 4 at the Hotel Du Pont. Mayor Daniel L. Frawley officiated.

Dr. Smith is the son of Veronica and Stewart Smith of Grosse Isle, Mich.

Mrs. Smith, a graduate of the University of Delaware with an M.B.A. from Wayne State University, is the vice

president of development and marketing for the Gilman Development Company, a real-estate concern, of which her father, a lawyer, is the president. Her mother, Muriel Gilman, is the executive vice president of the United Way of Delaware.

Dr. Smith, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Wayne State University School of Medicine, is an ophthalmic surgeon in Wilm-

ington. His father retired as the president of Cunningham Drugs in Detroit. The bridegroom's mother, Veronica Smith, is a regent of the University of Michigan.

Mazel Tov

Steven H. Kerbel, son of Ruth and Bob Kerbel of Wilmington, graduated from the Baltimore School of Law June 1. He received his undergraduate degree in 1982

from the University of Maryland. Steven will be joining a law firm in Columbia, Md.

Harriet and Marvin Sachs of Wilmington will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in August. Marvin's parents, Jean and Bernie Sachs, will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary in October.

Leni Markell of Newark has been named "Woman of the Year" by the University of Delaware's Women's Club (UDWC).

Currently state director and coordinator of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Program, she has organized a support program for SIDS parents. She is in a private practice partnership as a licensed clinical case worker in family therapy and counseling, and she is a member of the cleft-palate team at the A.I. duPont Institute. She also has lectured extensively in the field of geriatrics.

Leni Markell has been actively involved in Jewish Family Services and many synagogue activities. She also has served as a board member of the Newark League of Women Voters and as president of both the Newark Day Nursery and the UDWC.

The Delaware House of Representatives passed a resolution on May 28 honoring Paula Lehrer. HR No. 216 thanks Paula Lehrer for her "tireless and selfless service" to the Delaware House

of Representatives and the State of Delaware, and wishes her "Godspeed and a speedy recovery" from her surgery. Paula flew to Chicago last month to donate a kidney to her sister, Marian Bennett of Chicago.

Doris Kane of Kennett Square, Pa., newly-elected president of the Associated Auxiliaries of Jewish Homes for the Aging, is continuing a long family tradition of involvement in the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. She has served as president of the Kutz Home Auxiliary and is secretary of the Home's board. Her great grandmother, Rosa Topkis, was a founding member of Bichor Cholem, the forerunner of the Kutz Home.

Doris has also represented the Kutz Home Auxiliary on the board of the Associated Auxiliaries of Jewish Homes for the Aging. She co-chaired the group's 1985 symposium in Washington, D.C. as well as the 1986 symposium held last month in Connecticut.

Susan Isaacs of Wilmington will open an art gallery Sunday, June 22 at 709 Tatnall Street in Wilmington in the Eastburn Art Building. The L.B. Jones Gallery and Frame Shop will feature a blend of traditional and contemporary art. The opening show will include Judith Schwab, Alan Burslem, Susan Isaacs, Ann Oldach and James W. Plumber, among others. Susan is the daughter of Alice and Dr. Milton Isaacs of Arden.

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Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

Back in the cold days of January the month of June seemed far away. Now it is the middle of June and in a

couple of weeks the year will be half over. We are getting into the "lazy, hazy days of summer."

Most of the college and high school graduations have been held and hopefully the thank you notes have been written and mailed. These graduates have shared the last few years with a special group of friends and acquaintances. Now they will be going their separate ways. Some will always keep in touch; others may not meet again for many years to come. Many will leave the Wilmington area and will return only for

special occasions. I suppose all endings have new beginnings.

Before the heat sets in and for any special occasion like Father's Day and birthdays, etc. you might want to try these chocolate cakes.

Chocolate Bar Cake

1 milk chocolate bar (8 ounces), broken into pieces
 ¼ cup butter or margarine
 1½ cups boiling water
 2½ cups unsifted all-purpose flour
 2 cups packed light brown sugar
 2 tsp. baking soda
 1 tsp. salt
 2 eggs
 ½ cup sour cream
 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine chocolate bar pieces, butter or margarine and boiling water in medium mixing bowl; stir until chocolate is melted. Combine flour, brown sugar, baking soda and salt in large mixer bowl; gradually add

chocolate mixture, beating until thoroughly blended. Blend in eggs, sour cream and vanilla; beat 1 minute on medium speed.

Pour into greased and floured 13x9-inch pan. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool completely; frost as desired.

Honey Chocolate Cake

3 squares melted unsweetened chocolate
 ¾ cup honey
 1¾ cups sifted cake flour
 1 tsp. baking soda
 ¾ tsp. salt
 ½ cup butter or ½ cup other shortening

½ cup sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 2 eggs, unbeaten
 ¾ cup water

Blend chocolate and honey. Sift flour once, measure add baking soda and salt, and sift together 3 times. Cream butter until soft. Add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add chocolate-honey mixture and vanilla. Mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Add flour, alternatively with water, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Bake in 2 greased 8-inch layer pans in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Frost as desired. ENJOY!

Yom Hashoah

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We cannot face the pain of the past, the terror of the Holocaust unless we confront our own fears, our own pasts, our own bigotry.

I care because only such a confrontation will grant us the power to think, reflect,

reason and feel.

I care because only then will the world have the power to survive.

As Dos Passos said — "Our only hope will lie in the frail web of understanding of one person for the pain of another."

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Israel Aims To Increase Tourism

NEW YORK — Israel's safety record and cultural heritage will be the basis of continued growth in tourism despite a recent decline in travel to the Middle East, according to Moshe Shoshani, Israel's Commissioner for Tourism in North America.

"A record 1,436,000 tourists worldwide traveled to Israel in 1985, a

15 percent increase over the previous year," Shoshani said. "Of that total, 428,000 tourists came from the United States."

Commenting on this increase, the commissioner said, "We're gearing up for two million tourists from around the world in 1988, the 40th an-

niversary of our independence, and 3.5 million tourists in the year 2,000. Airlines are increasing the number of non-stop flights from the United States to Israel and we're letting travelers know that airport security in the United States and Israel is so sound that no direct flight between either country has ever been interfered with."

Shoshani went on to say that tourism produces more income in Israel than any other product or service, with 20,000 Israelis employed in the travel-hospitality industry. "For this reason, we want to dispel any misconceptions about travel to Israel and emphasize that our country is not only culturally enriching but, above all, safe."

Tourism Statistics

Cultural Attractions

- In 1984, a record number 1,250,000 tourists worldwide visited Israel, spending more than \$1.2 billion. In 1985, the total reached 1,436,000 tourists, with revenues exceeding \$1.4 billion.
- Nearly 428,000 tourists flew to Israel from the United States in 1985. Forty per cent were repeat visitors. In 1986, the goal is 500,000 American tourists.
- Israel occupies third place among tourist countries, with travelers spending an average of 16 nights per tourist.
- Israel is among the top 10 international sites for conventions and congresses.

Economic Impact

- Israel's tourism industry employs some 20,000 persons, about five per cent of all business sector employees.
- Tourism is Israel's number one income producer, with a net rate of \$19,600 per tourism worker.
- Israel occupies fifth place among the world's major tourist destinations, with receipts from tourism reaching \$260 per resident capita in 1984.
- In June 1985, President Reagan signed a new Free Trade Agreement between Israel and the U.S. This agreement calls for a gradual tariff reduction in goods and services, including travel and tourism, between the two countries. This Free Trade Agreement, which will reach its climax on January 1, 1995, will undoubtedly increase business travel to Israel.
- The Eilat free trade zone, which opened in November 1985, will reduce the price tourists pay for goods, packages and services in Eilat by 15 per cent.

Security

- Airport security in Israel and the United States is so strict, that no direct flight between either country has ever been interfered with.
- Israel's security measures for airline traffic are among the most detailed and restrictive in the world.
- Luggage in Israel goes through special security checks.
- On departure from Tel Aviv, every piece of luggage is searched individually and every passenger is interviewed.
- There has never been a hijacking from Tel Aviv Airport.
- Israel has one of the lowest crime rates of any country in the world.
- The safety of Americans in Israel has not been threatened by recent world happenings.

Airlines

• El Al has year-round, non-stop service from New York to Israel. In the spring, TWA will resume non-stop service from New York to Israel. Air France, Alitalia, British Airways, Iberia, KLM, Lufthansa, Olympic, Pan Am, SAS and Swissair all fly one-stop from New York to Israel daily. Sabena also offers one-stop flights.

Hotels

• Israel has 300 hotels - 30,100 rooms.
 • Jerusalem offers 7,200 hotel rooms; Greater Tel Aviv has 7,100 rooms; Eilat has 4,000 rooms; and Tiberias some 2,450 rooms. Nearly 3,800 more rooms are under construction.

Dining

• Israel's ethnic diversity is particularly apparent in its restaurants which feature Italian, Middle Eastern, Moroccan, Argentine, Greek, French and Chinese cuisines to name a few.

Health

• Israel's cultural riches include 3,500 registered archaeological sites, 80 museums, four major repertory theatre companies, three modern dance companies, two folk dance companies, a philharmonic orchestra, two symphony orchestras and a chamber orchestra.

Resorts

- Located 1292 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea has the highest concentration of minerals in the world (33% vs. 3% in the ocean) and offers relief from a variety of skin, respiratory and rheumatoid ailments. The entire Dead Sea region, with its high concentration of oxygen (10% more than at sea level), low humidity, filtered ultra-violet rays, mud baths and sulphur springs, is a world-renowned health resort.
- Tiberias, a city on the western edge of the Sea of Galilee, has been a popular health resort since ancient Roman times. Today, the city's huge mineral pools and hot springs are popular with visitors seeking relief from rheumatism and nervous disorders. Water sports enthusiasts also enjoy superb recreational opportunities.

40th Anniversary

• In 1988, Israel will celebrate 40 years of independence. Plans for an international celebration are already underway.



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Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I know it is not acceptable to be superstitious, but in spite of that I have always found that things come in threes. Late last year my mother was killed in a freak car accident. Four months to the day after we buried her my father fainted on his way to work, and had an emergency operation to put a pacemaker into his chest.

Ever since then, I have been waiting for the third disaster to happen. I have become more and more ner-

vous the longer I wait. I know it is irrational, but sometimes I will just jump up and call my father or my husband to make sure they are all right. A couple of times I kept my kids home on the days of school trips, and my excuses sounded lame even to me. Now camp is coming up, and I am afraid to let them go. I can't help doing what I am doing. What can I do, short of checking myself into the State Hospital?

Superstitious
Wife/Mother/
Daughter

Dear Superstitious,

What you describe is more than just the superstition that things come in threes. You are experiencing a phenomenon called generalized anxiety. It involves a feeling of impending doom that colors one's whole existence. It can be caused by many things, including a realization of the mortality of one's parents - and oneself. Mortality has been all too evident in your family this year.

Considering the series of blows you and your family experienced, it is not surprising that it is taking you some time to come to terms with what happened.

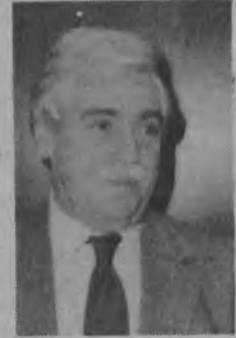
However, your feelings are having a negative effect on you and your children in addition to the effects of your parents' misfortunes. You feel out of control. Getting that back may take some time, and it will require professional help. Give yourself and your family the best possible chance to get back to normal - soon. Good luck.

Rachel

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Youth Suicide

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



In the last issue, I discussed a very interesting project wherein teen-agers "walked in the shoes" of old people to see what it is like. It is just as important to point out that walking in the shoes of many teen-agers would also not be an easy task or a pleasant experience.

We all know that adolescence is a time of change, turmoil, rampaging emotions, and bizarre behavior. A more frightening aspect that seems to be increasing dramatically is teen-agers attempting and committing suicide.

It is now estimated that each day 15 to 20 young people take their lives. Since attempts outnumber completed suicides by as much as 100 to 1, the scope of this problem is staggering. All evidence that has been compiled to date indicates that the Jewish community shares at least proportionately in this tragic phenomenon.

To be sure, many resources have been brought to bear on this problem. Many existing facilities are available to treat young people for the

underlying causes which lead to their attempting suicide. However, as in all cases of both physical and mental illness, prevention is vastly preferable to treatment, if at all possible.

Early detection of behavior which may lead to a suicide attempt is usually not easy. There are, however, some generally agreed upon "danger signs" with which everyone should be familiar. These include "extreme depression," "drastic changes in personality or behavior," "threats or apparent preparation for death," and, of course, "previous attempts."

Just as important as recognizing the danger is doing something about it. The person needs to be stopped if in the act; needs active emotional support if considering suicide; and, above all, needs to be strongly encouraged to take positive action by seeking professional help.

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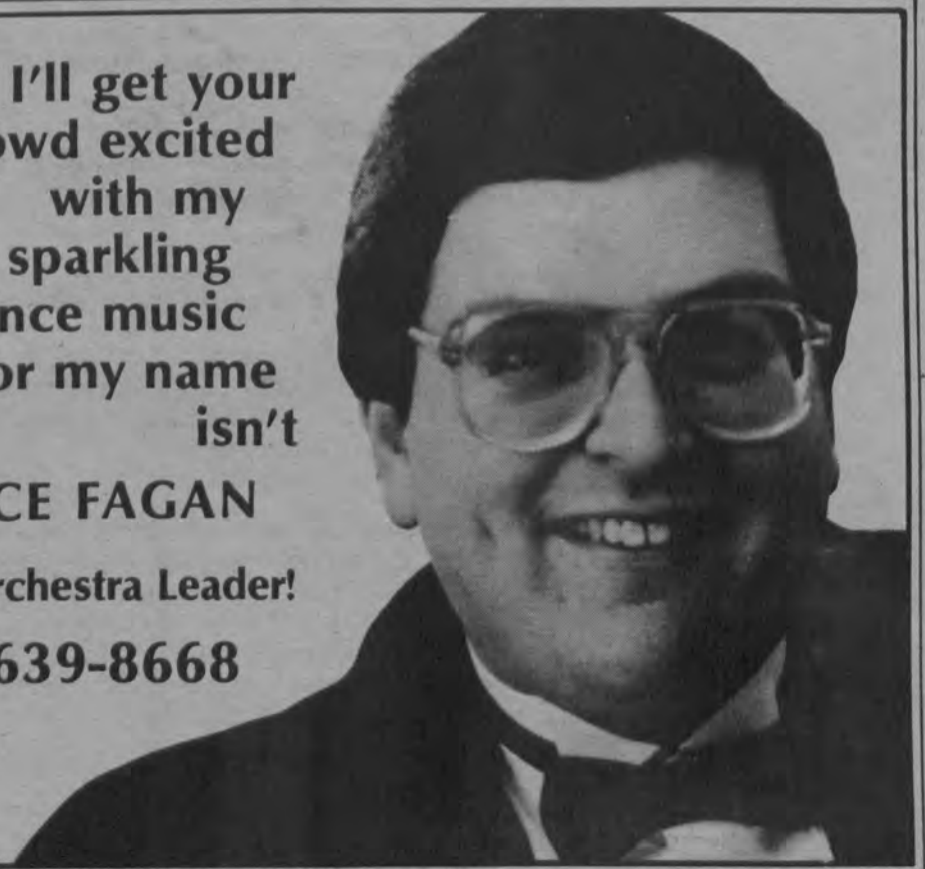
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20 Women Ordained As Rabbis This Month

By BEN GALLOB

NEW YORK, (JTA) — The total of American women rabbis is expected to reach 130 this month when 20 women will be ordained as Reconstructionist, Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's annual survey.

The Reconstructionist movement, ordained seven women as rabbis in graduation ceremonies June 1 at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia.

Six women were ordained as Reform rabbis on the same day at graduation ceremonies at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan. Six women were ordained as Reform rabbis in ceremonies on June 7 at the Isaac N. Wise (Plum Street) Temple in Cincinnati.

The JTA reported previously that Nina Bieber Feinstein of Dallas, Texas, had met all scholastic requirements for ordination as a Conservative rabbi, the second Conservative woman rabbi in American history.

Feinstein was ordained at graduation ceremonies here on May 11 at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS), site of the Conservative rabbinical school. Amy Eilberg of Bloomington, Indiana, was the first Conservative woman rabbi. Ordained in 1985, she was appointed as a chaplain at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where she continues to serve.

Reconstructionist Graduates

The names of the seven women graduating from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) are:

Judy Gary of Richmond, Va.; Gail Glicksman of Philadelphia; Laurie Levy of Elkins Park, Pa.; Sue Levy of Abington, Pa.; Avis Miller of Washington, D.C.; Joan Sacks of Chicago; and Sheila Weinberg of Philadelphia. Sue Levy has been hired by Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, and will replace Rabbi Jacob Rosner.

Reform Movement Graduates

At the New York school of the Reform movement, the Jewish Institute of Religion, six women were ordained as Reform rabbis. They are: Judith Cohen-Rosenberg of Brooklyn; Ellen Greenspan of Scarsdale, N.Y.; Margaret Holob of Tustin, Cal.; Shira Milgrom of Berkeley, Cal.; Nina Mizrahi of New York Ci-

ty; and Paula Winnig of Milwaukee.

The six women to be ordained as Reform rabbis by the Cincinnati school, the Hebrew Union College (HUC) are: Eve Deena Ben-Ora of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Ellen Sue Levi Elwell of Buffalo, N.Y.; Ruth Langer of Pittsburgh; Margaret Jane Meyer of Cincinnati; Linda Jean Motzkin of Los Angeles; and Julie Sue Schwartz of Cincinnati.

The first class of 20 women candidates in the rabbinical school of the JTS was admitted two years ago, in the climax to a battle within the Conservative movement over such admission of nearly a decade, a battle led by the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis. Both Eilberg and Feinstein were members of that initial class.

Women had been permitted to take JTS rabbinical school courses, after being informed that taking such studies would not qualify them for rabbinical status. Both Eilberg and Feinstein qualified for graduation and ordination through transfer credits and credits earned in the JTS rabbinical school which became valid for ordination after the first class with women was admitted.

Supply Of Women Rabbis Certain To Grow

Since the rabbinical school of the HUC-JIR, the JTS and the RRC all have women studying for the rabbinate, the supply of such rabbis is certain to grow. The JTA was informed that the number of women attending the JTS rabbinical school as of the

close of the 1985-86 academic year was 30, including 11 who enrolled in September, 1985. One of the 11 dropped out.

There are 26 women currently enrolled in the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Most of the 110 women who have been ordained as rabbis since such ordination began more than 10 years ago were placed in positions as assis-

tant rabbis. Some have since been advanced to positions as associate rabbis. A minority of the women rabbis have taken administrative and teaching positions.

Some of the women rabbis have been named to "solo" pulpits, a designation for a rabbi in a congregation too small to need more than one rabbi.

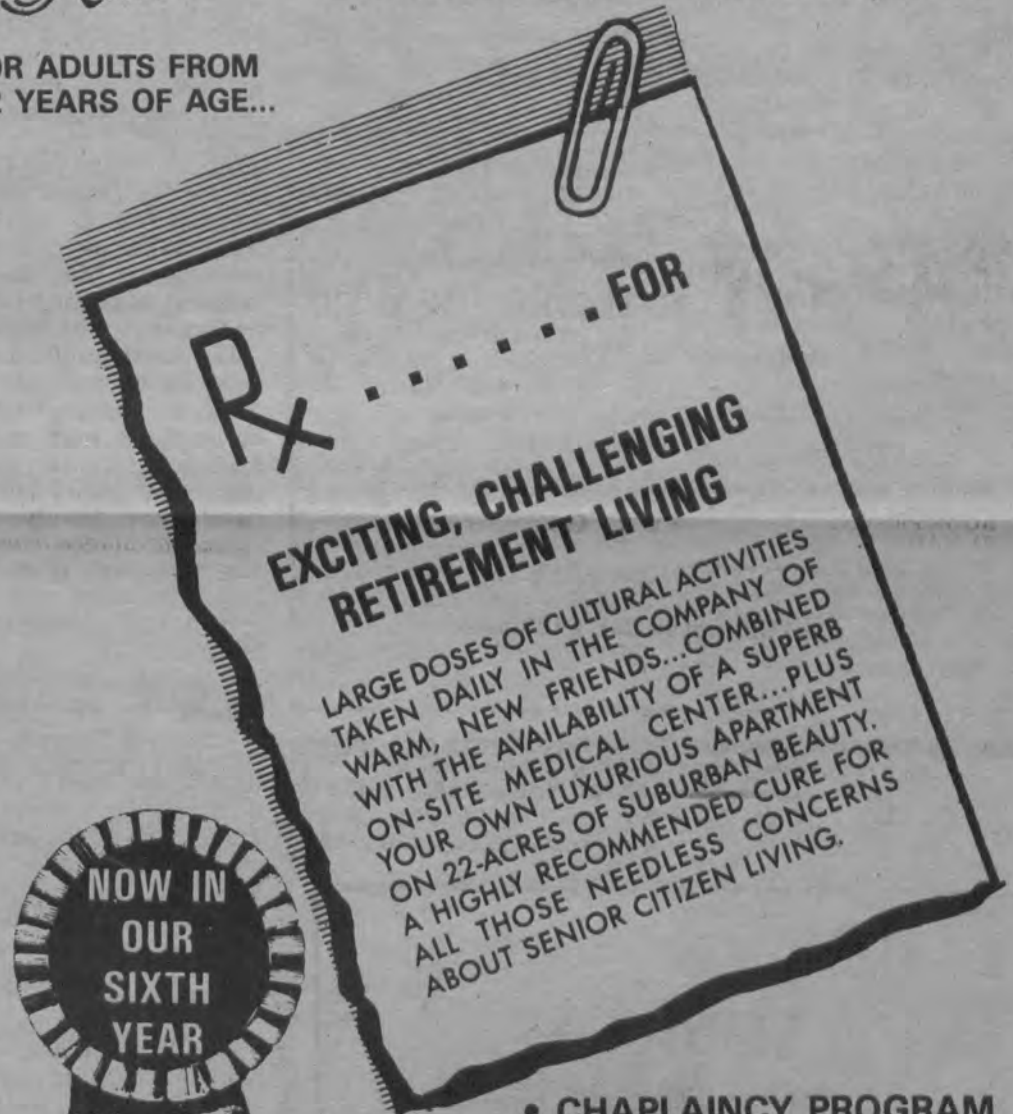
The program of ordaining

women as rabbis began in 1972 when Sally Preisand was ordained as a Reform rabbi. She served as assistant rabbi, then associate rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City, before resigning to accept a pulpit at Temple Beth El in Elizabeth, N.J. She then became rabbi of Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton, N.J., her present post.



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Obituaries

Ralph Levine

Ralph Levine, 77, of 1902 N. Broom St., died Wednesday, June 4 in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Levine was proprietor of Jay-Bee Liquors, formerly at Seventh and Washington streets, for 35 years before retiring in 1980.

He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

His wife, Ethel, died in 1980.

He is survived by two sons, Allen M. of Newark and Norman E. of Wilmington; and five grandchildren.

Services were held in the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington 19806; or to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington 19802.

Rose Westerman

Rose Westerman, 87, of 12 Evelyn Road, Everett, Mass. died Thursday, June 5 at the Malden Hospital, Malden, Mass. after a brief illness.

Mrs. Westerman was the widow of Hyman Westerman, who died in 1983.

She is survived by two sons, Bernard of Lexington, Mass., Sidney of Lynnfield, Mass.; two daughters, Ruth Falk of Medford, Mass., and Ella Zukoff of Wilmington, Del.

She is also survived by a sister, Esther Brenner of Flushing, N.Y., seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Services were held in Chelsea, Mass.

In memoriam, contributions may be made to Adas Kodesch Synagogue, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

Dorothy Paul Tucker

Dorothy Paul Tucker, 80, of 1820 James Ave., Miami, formerly of Wilmington, Del., died Monday, June 9, in Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami.

Mrs. Tucker and her first husband, Samuel Paul, operated Paul's Liquor Store and Paul's Smoke Shop, both on Delaware Avenue. Samuel Paul died in 1947, Mrs. Paul retired around 1971, the same year her third husband, William Tucker, died.

She was a member of Hadassah.

Surviving are her husband, August Schaeffer; a son, Dr. Jay D. Paul of Barley Mill Court, Wilmington; two sisters, Rena Friedman of Philadelphia, and Mildred Sernoff of Boca Raton; and two grandchildren.

Services were held in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington.

Interment was in Har Jehuda Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pa.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth Prayer Book Fund, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802.

Terrorism: Not Getting Better, But Not Getting Worse

By DAVID IGNATIUS

TERRORISM, hardly a sudden crisis of the mid-1980s, has been a fact of life for decades. The situation certainly isn't getting any better, but it isn't getting much worse, either. Tough anti-terrorism measures may help curb the problem, but probably not very long or very much.

That's the analytical picture that emerges from statistics on terrorism compiled by the State Department's Office for Counter-Terrorism and Emergency Planning and the Federal Aviation Administration. The good news is that the United States isn't facing a new or unique threat from terrorism; the bad news is that terrorism is a serious problem and is likely to remain so as long as there are people in the world with grievances and access to weapons.

The statistics don't capture some changes, like the growing sponsorship of terrorism by such nations as Libya, Syria and Iran. But it's likely that the most profound change isn't in the nature or frequency of terrorism, but in our perception of it. Thanks largely to television, the terrorism war has entered our living rooms.

Consider some of the surprising statistical findings:

- The terrorism danger to Americans hasn't increased significantly compared to the early 1970s. More Americans died in terrorist incidents in 1974 (42) than last year (23) and more Americans died in 1972 (23) than in 1984 (11), according to the State Department statistics.

- The Middle East isn't the leading venue for terrorist attacks involving Americans; the real hot spots are Latin America and Europe. There were 369 terrorism incidents involving Americans in Latin America from 1980 to 1985 and 458 in Europe, compared with only 84 in the Middle East. Moreover, in all but three of the past 18 years, Latin America had more terrorism incidents involving Americans than the Middle East; Europe had more such incidents than the Middle East every year but one. (The geographical lines are blurred, to be sure, by the fact that a Libyan terrorist can operate as easily in Paris as in Cairo.)

- American diplomats and military personnel aren't the main target of terrorists; businessmen are. From 1981

to 1985, there were more attacks each year against U.S. business representatives than diplomats. In every year but one during that period, there were more incidents involving American business people than military personnel.

- Bomb explosions aboard commercial aircraft aren't a new problem; they have been a continuous danger since the advent of international air travel. Indeed, FAA statistics show that the threat of mid-air explosions has been declining in recent years. FAA statistics show that during the 1970s, there were 44 in-

The Middle East is not the leading venue for terrorist attacks involving Americans.

idents in which bombs exploded aboard airplanes; from 1980 to 1984, there were only 11 such incidents. The death toll from such bombings during the 1970s was 650; the death toll from 1980 through 1984 was 115.

- The number of terrorist bombings around the world has been fairly constant over the past 18 years. There were 404 bombings last year, according to the State Department — high, but still less than the 452 recorded in 1972. In every year since 1969, there have been at least 120 terrorist bombings, and in most of those years there have been over 200 bombings.

- Terrorism takes a much higher toll among non-Americans than Americans. Last year, international terrorism produced 2,223 casualties, of which only 162

were Americans. During the last five years, Americans have accounted for less than 10 percent of the total 7,260 casualties attributable to international terrorism.

The State Department statistics on "international" terrorism include only incidents that involve citizens or territory of more than one country. Thus, they don't measure the growth of strictly internal political violence. A broader calculation used by Risks International Inc., a consulting group based in Alexandria, Va., shows a steeper increase in terrorism, from 293 incidents in 1970 to 3,525 in 1984. But even their numbers show a slight drop last year, to 3,010.

The statistics paint a depressing picture of the havoc wrought by terrorists and the diversity of causes invoked by them. The numbers also show that while Mideast terrorism has tended to get the headlines over the past two decades, the terrorism problem is global.

If this mass of statistical evidence offers any lesson, it's that the United States shouldn't look for any quick fixes to the terrorism problem. We may succeed, through good intelligence and a policy of reprisal, in putting out today's terrorism fire in Libya or Iran, and that's all to the good.

But recent history teaches that the fire is likely to erupt somewhere else before long. And in this long and frustrating struggle, the best weapons are likely to be patience, resolve and common sense.

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SENTENCED TO DEATH

ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA — Andrija Artukovic, 86, is shown in court May 4 where he was convicted and sentenced to death for ordering mass killings and deportations as an official in the Nazi-supported government of Croatia from 1941 to 1945. Mr. Artukovic, who was extradited from California for his alleged crimes, is expected to appeal the decision. RNS photo.



"THE ALTAR"

NEW YORK CITY — "The Altar," a 1977 piece made by artist Leonard Baskin, is made of linden wood. The work is part of "Treasures of the Jewish Museum," an exhibit running at New York's Jewish Museum from March 1986 to Summer 1987. RNS Photo

Jewish Heritage Tour Of China

George R. Golden, a native Wilmingtonian presently living in New York City, will escort a "Jewish Heritage Tour To China" from Aug. 24, through Sept. 11, 1986.

In addition to Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, Nanjing, Suzhou and Hong Kong, the group will visit Kaifeng, capital of China during the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127). Kaifeng, once the home of a 2,000-member Jewish community, is the focus of a current exhibit at the Jewish Museum in New York City.

The 19-day Jewish Heritage Tour was developed by China Passage Travel Service and

Rabbi Arnold Belzer, East Coast director for the Sino-Judaic Institute. Frederic M. Kaplan, author of *The China Guidebook*, the world's best-selling travel guide to China, is the founder and president of China Passage Travel Service.

George Golden lived in China for two years (1981-83), teaching English at the Beijing College of Tourism and the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade. He is married to Wu Xiaolun (Sharon Wu), formerly of Shanghai and Beijing. His insights into the people of contemporary China and his familiarity with their everyday lives

distinguish him from the usual China tour escort.

A former Rosh Hoshana Ba'al Kriah at Temple Beth Shalom and student of Dr. Philip Birnbaum and Rabbi Jacob Kraft, Golden brings a substantial Jewish background to this tour of the People's Republic of China. He is the son of Dr. Abraham and Cissie R. Golden and the brother of Bettina G. Heiman, all of Wilmington.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Golden at (212) 866-8876 or (302) 764-3858. The direct number for China Passage Travel Service is (201) 837-1400.

Plastic Gun Ban

Reps. Bob Mrazek (D-N.Y.), Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.), and Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) have introduced a bill entitled "Terrorist Firearms Prevention Act of 1986." The bill has 95 cosponsors.

By prohibiting the import or manufacture of any firearm that cannot be detected by airport security equipment, the bill would add a legal barrier to the defense against terrorism. Advances

in plastic and fiber make it possible to manufacture a handgun virtually invisible to current x-ray technology.

A study by the Office of Technology Assessment finds that "the technology does exist to manufacture certain firearms which would be completely or almost completely non-metallic." A Florida company estimates that such a weapon will be in

production within two years.

This gun is not to be confused with the recently publicized Austrian Glock 17 handgun which has a number of metal parts and can be detected by a skilled x-ray machine operator. A plastic handgun with only a few metal springs would easily escape detection from the x-ray machines and metal detectors currently in use at airports and other high-security sites.

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The first concert featured pianist Jerome Lowenthal as guest artist in

an all-Brahms program. Lowenthal was a student of Alfred Cortot at the L'Ecole Normale de Musique. After winning prizes at the competitions of Brussels, Bolzano and Darmstadt, he moved to Jerusalem, where he was concert-lecturer at the Jerusalem Academy of Music and a regular performer with the Israel Philharmonic.



Nina Beilina

Since returning to the United States, he has soloed with virtually every major American orchestra under the direction of conductors including Ormandy, Bernstein, Stokowski and most recently with Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic. Recently he has played in recital with Itzhak Perlman.

Russian emigre violinist Nina Beilina was the guest for the second concert. Her career began after first prizes at the competitions of Bucharest, Paris and third prize in the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. She left the Soviet Union in 1976 to pursue artistic freedom. Since coming to the U.S. she has soloed with the Chicago Symphony, the American, Detroit, Seattle and Baltimore Symphonies and the Minnesota Orchestra. The concert will feature works of Schubert, Mahler and Ravel.

The final two concerts will feature the Festival Chamber Players in works of Kvandal, Dohnanyi and Brahms on the 11th and Mozart, Moeran and Faure on the 14th.

Concerts are at the first and Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Wilmington at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$7 at the door.



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WATERBURY, CONN. - Former Yale University lecturer Vladimir Sokolov, who wrote Nazi propaganda during World War II and lied about it when he applied for U.S. citizenship, was stripped of his citizenship by a federal judge June 2. Mr. Sokolov is shown leaving a Waterbury, Conn., courtroom last year. RNS Photo.

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Book Reveals Anti-Semitism At Yale

Joining the Club: A History of Jews and Yale. Dan A. Oren. Yale University Press, 92A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. 1986. 440 pages. \$19.95. Reviewed by Joseph Aaron

Just because you're paranoid, goes the old saying, doesn't mean that someone's not following you.

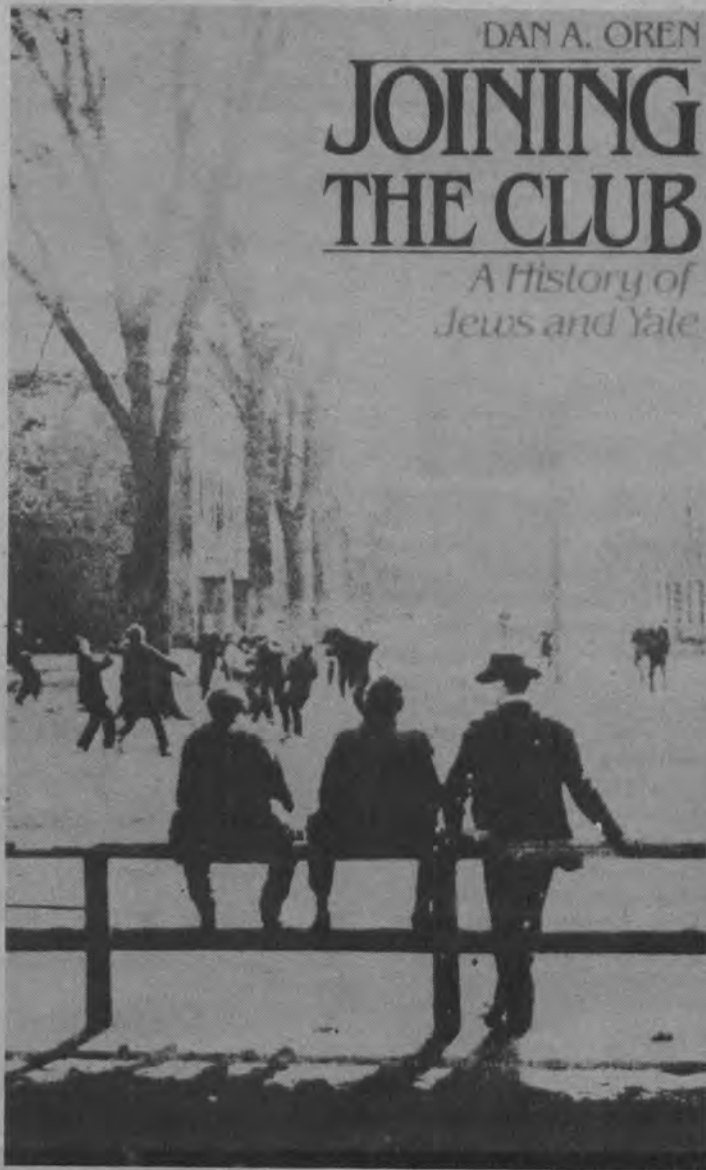
Don't judge a university, goes the variation on another old saying, by the Hebrew on its seal.

What prompts this wallowing in old sayings is the publication of *Joining the Club* which documents, for the first time, what many have suspected for a long time. Namely, that Ivy League schools, for a good part of this century, had quotas to limit the number of Jewish students they would let in.

The book deals specifically with the policies of one of those Ivy League schools, Yale, but, says author Dan Oren, what took place at Yale almost certainly took place also at Harvard, Columbia, Princeton and others of the prestigious Eastern universities.

What took place, as Oren shows in this thoroughly researched work, is that for almost four decades, Jews were officially kept out of Yale while those who were let in were unofficially kept down. This at a school which features Hebrew words on its official seal and that was founded on the principles of "Enlightenment and Truth."

And the truth, notes Oren, is that the philosophy pretty



much held from Yale's founding in 1707 through the end of the 19th century. Yale was known for its tradition of open

enrollment and tolerance, with Jews receiving equal access to clubs and classrooms. That, however, was simply because there weren't very many Jews at Yale. But with the mass immigration of Eastern European Jews at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries, came far greater numbers of Jews applying to, and getting into, Yale.

And that proved to be too much for members of the elite that made up much of Yale's alumni. They felt threatened by the rise of the "alien and unwashed element," were concerned about Yale maintaining itself as "one of the links in the national chain protecting the WASP establishment." They insisted that something had to be done.

The book, in fascinating detail and in an appealingly anecdotal style, describes how members of the Yale alumni got their message across about what that something should be. Equally gripping are specifics of how members of the Yale administration devised ways of keeping Jews out, without anyone knowing that that was what they were doing.

What they did, beginning in 1923, was set up a Limitation on Numbers Policy which, while announced publicly as a measure aimed at paring total enrollment, sought, specifically and privately, to reduce the number of Jewish students. Under the policy, which would remain in effect until 1960, Jewish enrollment at Yale was deliberately limited to about 10 percent of the student body.

Just as riveting is Oren's account of how those Jews who were let into the student body were kept out of fraternities, clubs, publications and secret societies that made up Yale's campus elite and that did much to determine campus policy.

Citing example after example, Oren shows convincingly that the only way for a Jew to make it at Yale was to give up all signs of his Jewishness. Perhaps the saddest example of that is Dr. Milton Winter-nitz, a Jew who transformed the Yale Medical School from a fourth-rate institution to one of the nation's best, yet did much to hide his own Jewish

background and did much to harass those students who didn't do the same.

Oren provides many such intriguing and telling behind-the-scenes peeks at the personalities and inner workings of this major university. Workings it was able to hide until Oren began snooping around while working on a sophomore term paper for the Jewish history class he was taking at Yale.

That's right Yale. Oren researched and wrote the book beginning while he was an undergraduate at Yale and continuing as a student in Yale's Medical School. Which shows not only that he's an excellent investigative reporter and a surprisingly good writer for a chemistry major, but that he's not short on guts either. Happily, Oren suffered no ill effects from airing his alma mater's dirty linen. On the contrary, he received nothing but help and support from Yale officials.

That fact, along with the facts that Jews now make up more than 30 percent of Yale's student body and that the book was published by Yale University Press, shows the truth of yet another variation on yet another old saying:

You can teach an old university new tricks.

Joseph Aaron, editor of the Chicago JUF NEWS, is a frequent contributor to a number of Jewish publications around the country.

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Wilmington Teens Active In Central Region East BBYO

Several of the newly elected Central Region East B'nai B'rith Youth Organization regional board members are from Wilmington. Congratulations to Harlan Tenenbaum, vice president, Danny Ufberg, *moreh* (teacher) and Greg Pollack, secretary. Cen-

tral Region BBYO has over 275 members in the AZA (boy's part of BBYO). Tina Rubin has become the regional president for the B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) while Natalie Woloshin is the secretary. The girls have over 315 members in BBG.

Local elections were also held recently and the new boards are as follows. Wilmington AZA will be led by Greg Mand, president, Neil Hockstein, 1st vice president, Matt Meyer, 2nd vice president, Jeff Rothschild, 3rd vice president, Brian Domchick,

moreh, Jason Pollack, secretary, Steve Arsht, treasurer, and Greg Pollack, past president.

The Wilmington BBG Board consists of Faun Riebman, president, Nicole Tenenbaum, vice president - programming, Jackie Korr, vice president - fundraising, Stephanie Lewis, mit-mom, Alyse Reichwald, treasurer, Denise Riebman, secretary, Tina Rubin, past president.

Newark BBYO had an excellent first year as the region's newest chapter. Leading the chapter this year will be Barry Herman, president, Stacey Alinkoff, vice president - social and communications, Jeff Stapen, vice president - fund raising,

Marc Osman, treasurer, Roni Zarge, mit-mom, Scott Hirsh, *moreh*, Laura Herman, secretary and Amy Dumas, past president.

Special thanks to our local volunteer advisors, Steve Chamish, Wilmington AZA, Jean Chamish, Wilmington BBG, Kathy Friedberg, Newark BBYO, and Joan Ellis, Wilmington BBG and Newark BBYO, for helping to make the Delaware area the strongest part of the region!

Congratulations to Joel Tenenbaum, newly elected chairman of the BBYO Regional Adult Board of Directors and to Leah Tenenbaum, reelected to serve as a member of the board.

Gratz Teacher Attends Conference On Hospice And Judaism

The first Philadelphia area conference on "Hospice and Judaism," held on May 15 at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, was attended by Lori Hubner, teacher of Gratz's "School and Community Service" elective.

Lori Hubner became interested in this after a guest speaker from Delaware Hospice spoke to her students. She attended workshops such as "Jewish Tradition in Grief and Bereavement."

The two highlights were the introductory and keynote addresses. Dr. Julian Ungar-Vargon of Harvard Medical School gave a personal, historical and legislative overview of palliative health care in this country. Rabbi Maurice Lamm, author of *Jewish Meaning in Death and Dying*, spoke about the new halachic research being done on living and dying. Rabbi Lamm also proposed a halacha of care.

Hubner will be able to share her new acquired knowledge and insight with the students of Delaware Gratz.

EDR Hosts Jewish Deli Night

Everyone is invited to attend a "Jewish Deli Night" to be held on Sunday, June 29 at the Emmanuel Dining Room, 121 N. Jackson Street, Wilmington.

There will be three seatings available, at 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, and convenient parking is available.

All proceeds will help further the efforts of the Emmanuel Dining Room. This event is co-sponsored by the board of director of Jewish Family Service.

Correction

Diane Tucker is also the daughter of Leonard Tucker, formerly of Wilmington, Del. The *Jewish Voice* regrets the omission in the May 30 issue.

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Among the many certificates of awards for outstanding volunteerism presented by Governor Castle at the 'Volunteer Award luncheon' last month was one from NCJW. The Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women have had a particular interest in fostering the spirit of volunteerism among the young members of our community, and, in keeping with this priority, NCJW presented a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond to three high school students for their outstanding efforts this past year. Helen Rubin, past president of NCJW presented the award to, from left to right, Jennifer Rellick, Sharpley, Claymont High School, Leslie Miller, Georgetown, Sussex Central Sr. High School, Katherine Smith, Hockessin, A.I. duPont High School.

U of D Offers New Course: 'Jewish Roots Of The Western Mind'

A course entitled "Jewish Roots of the Western Mind" will be given in the fall at the University of Delaware, Newark campus, under the auspices of the University Honors Program. The course number is AS167-80. A series of 10 lecturers will survey the fundamental texts and concepts of Judaism as the source of ethical and legal thought in the Western world. Topics include: pentateuch

period, judges and kings, early prophets, later prophets, Jonah, Job, mishnaic period, talmudic period, medieval period, hasidic masters, responsa.

Already scheduled to speak are Rabbis Kenneth Cohen, Leonard Gewirtz, Peter Grumbacher, Ira Schiffer and Ivan Caine. There are no prerequisites for the course. A reading list will be provided. The course will meet on

Wednesdays from 3:35 to 4:25 p.m., in Newark. A room will be assigned to the course in the late summer. The course is for one credit and only pass or fail grades will be assigned. There will be a final exam. Students wishing to attend class, but not do all the required work may register as "listener." Registration and tuition are the same for listener status as for registration for credit.

Coordinators for the course are Dr. Nisson A. Finkelstein and Dr. Barry S. Seidel.

Students at the university may enroll by contacting the Honors Program at 451-1195. Others should call the Division of Continuing Education, 451-2741. The fee is \$88.

Beth El News

First Adult Confirmation

During Shavuot services, Friday, June 13, Joyce and Don Francisco, Micki Frank and Binnie Reed will participate in the service as Temple Beth El's first adult confirmands.

Following their adult B'nai Mitzvah three years ago, all continued in Beth El's Continuing Adult Education program. Their three year cycle of study included an overview of Jewish history, a survey of Jewish literature, and a course in comparative religion.

Beth El's program of adult study, including beginner and intermediate Hebrew, will continue in the fall and is open to non-Temple members.

High School Graduation Shabbat

Temple Beth El will be honoring their high school graduates at Sabbath services on Friday, June 13. The students being recognized are: Amy Dumas, Allen Ganz, Diana Gleckner,

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On Being A Convert

By EVELYN SPILLER

I was given an opportunity to participate on a panel discussing the topic "A Jew By Choice." This occasion was at the Northern Seaboard Region's Board Meeting at the Iron Hill Inn in Newark on Feb. 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussing my status as a convert to Judaism was something I used to feel very uncomfortable about... unless I was talking to another con-

vert, someone who "understood." My sponsoring rabbi had made a big deal out of the fact that Jewish law prohibits referring to a person who has converted as a "convert" — and I thought that meant me too! At this point in my life, though, I really don't have a problem talking about it. If other Jews or non-Jews or potential converts gain something from knowing about my experience, then it's worth talk-

ing about it. I was reading my *Third Jewish Catalog* on the subject and thought the following excerpt written by Lynn Andrew Ellenson was right on the mark in many ways:

"Although each individual's conversion is unique, I believe that there are several experiences that many converts share. The first problem most face is this: How do Jewish customs operate for the non-Jewish

members of the convert's family? Should I light a *yartzeit* candle for my grandmother? Should I say *Yizkor*, since none of her children are doing it for her?

The second is, How do non-Jewish customs, especially holidays, affect the convert? Should a convert who was previously a Christian visit his/her parents over the Christmas holidays? Emotional levels run high in homes where Christmas is be-

ing celebrated, so no matter how secularized the mode of celebration, a convert and his/her parents are likely to feel moments of tension. Children, of course, complicate such problems. Obviously, there are no easy answers, and such situations must be worked out by the people involved. (Another) area of experience that many converts share is the assimilation of a new ethnic identity. If a convert has been a WASP, and therefore relatively invulnerable to the slings and arrows of American anti's, it is especially difficult to learn ethnicity. It is difficult but certainly not impossible: it is a feeling acquired little by little, day by day.

Coming to terms with the Holocaust: a convert must usually experience this, or any ill-treatment of Jews, on two-levels... (1) the sometimes overpowering guilt felt by those born into the "oppressor" group (loosely defined) and (2) the absolute horror of the victim. A convert knows that had she/he lived in Germany during the 1930's and 40's a tremendous amount of courage would have been required to take a stand against the Nazis, and many converts spend considerable time wondering, with great anguish, whether or not they would have been capable of such heroic action. There is also the awful knowledge, which often accompanies the bearing of a Jewish child, that this child's life would have depended on just such efforts.

I would like to offer three or four "helpful hints" to potential converts:

1. Do not balk at learning Hebrew, even if by rote. It will make you feel so much more at home in any Jewish service.

2. Find someone to teach you some Hebrew songs for the same reason - plus the fact that they're fun.

3. Try to visit - or make plans to visit Israel.

4. Shelve, as much as possible, your tender feelings. If you are used to converts being sought and catered to as they are in Christian tradition, you may be puzzled not to have a red carpet rolled out for you. Try to talk about this attitude (if it occurs) and understand it from several points of view, especially the theological and the historical.

One of my friends who converted told me that she heard a rabbi once say that he thought each convert represented the soul of one of the six million who died. This is the most complete welcome anyone could have."

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