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Administration Withdraws Proposal To Sell Missiles To Saudi Arabia

By JUDITH COLP

WASHINGTON — The Reagan Administration scrapped its proposed sale of 1,600 Maverick air-to-ground missiles to Saudi Arabia Thursday in the face of almost certain defeat in the Senate.

"I think the Administration realized wisely that the arithmetic was staring them in the face on this issue," said Sen. Jesse Helms (R. N.C.). He explained that Senate opposition to the sale might be "the widest political wingspread in history."

The Administration's announcement to drop the sale came as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was meeting about legislation to oppose it. Sen. Bob Packwood (R. Ore.), who was leading the opposition, reported Wednesday if the President were to veto Senate legislation to halt the sale, the Senate could muster the 67 votes necessary to override it.

The day before, Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, had urged Congress to approve the sale.

Lt. Gen. Philip Gast, director of the Defense Department's Security Assistance Agency, told the Senators Thursday that the decision to rescind the sale was "due to obvious strong interests" in the Congress. He said he wasn't sure if the sale would be resubmitted.

Reported Anger At Saudis

Congressional opposition to the \$360 million missile sale increased after Saudi Arabia failed to

assist the U.S. missile frigate Stark after it was attacked last month by an Iraqi jet in the Persian Gulf. The anger grew when the Saudis balked at assisting the 11 Kuwaiti ships to be flagged as American in the Gulf.

The Saudis also invoked Congressional ire for not getting involved in peace talks with Israel and for contributing \$90 million to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But there was also anger at the Reagan Administration for trying to force the Maverick sale without first meeting with legislators. "It's a hell of a way to run foreign policy," snorted Sen. Daniel Evans (R. Wash.).

"It is certainly not a good way to run foreign policy," agreed Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Calif.), who helped to lead opposition to the sale. "Our foreign policy problems started with the failure of the Administration to consult Congress before it made its decisions to close the sale. If we're going to have consistent foreign policy it's going to require consultations."

Cranston also suggested that Congressional opposition to the Maverick sale was not a result of outside lobbying efforts, but rather indicated a widespread sentiment among Senators.

A reconsideration of the sale is likely to hinge on Saudi willingness to provide military assistance to the U.S. in the Gulf. Murphy suggested Wednesday that the Saudis have agreed to assist the Kuwaiti tankers, although he would not provide details.

Local Responses To Saudi Arms Sale

Roth Voices Concern

WASHINGTON — Saying the sale could disrupt the "delicate balance of forces in the Middle East" Senator William V. Roth, Jr., R-Del., has cosponsored legislation in the Senate to oppose the Administration's proposed sale of Maverick D missiles to Saudi Arabia.

"The Administration has asserted that the sale of Maverick D missiles is necessary because of the deteriorating situation in the Persian Gulf," Roth said. "However, with their reluctance to aid the U.S. during the recent attack on the USS Stark, the Saudis have already proven their unwillingness fully to support U.S. interests there. They truly have shown themselves to be unreliable friends to this country."

"Saudi Arabia's failure to support American efforts to promote peace in the region, indicate to me that this sale is not in the best interest of the United States or our allies in the Middle East," Roth said. "We must ask ourselves whether this sale of sophisticated weaponry is worth putting the delicate balance of forces in the Middle East at risk."

The Maverick D is an air-to-surface missile with an infrared guide, making it capable of a night attack. It can be used to target armored vehicles and

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Barbie's Trial Hears Elie Wiesel

LYON, France — Elie Wiesel, the writer who survived Nazi death camps, testified at the trial of Klaus Barbie because he wanted to "stop the killer from killing a second time" by denying that the Holocaust had even taken place.

As he spoke, a group of people began distributing leaflets outside the courtroom calling Wiesel "a great false witness" and denying the existence of the Nazi gas chambers. Police said they would investigate the incident.

Wiesel never met Barbie or his alleged victims, but he was called to testify as an expert on the Holocaust. Much of Wiesel's writings are drawn from his experiences as a survivor of Auschwitz death camp.

Barbie, 73, is on trial for alleged crimes against humanity involving the deportation, torture or murder of more than 700 Jews and Resistance fighters while he was head of the Gestapo in the Lyon area during the Nazi occupation of France.

He has refused to attend the trial since May 13, as he may do under French law, although the judge forced him to make a brief appearance last week.

Wiesel testified that Barbie's trial was important for the memory of the millions of Jews killed in the Holocaust.

"I believe in justice, but for me this is more than that, because no justice is possible for the dead. This is on behalf of their memory," Wiesel, 59, told the court. "A justice without memory is an incomplete justice, false and unjust."

In 1944, when he was 15, Wiesel and his family

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Elie Wiesel

Editorials

Waldheim Visit A Vatican Error

The preceding editorial is reprinted from the June 23, 1987 edition of the News-Journal. The Jewish Voice applauds the courage shown by the News-Journal Co.

Pope John Paul II has traveled the globe preaching human rights. He has consistently called for morality and high ethical standards. He has been a voice for peace, in the military sense and also in efforts to heal age-long rifts as between Catholics and Jews.

Why then has the pope agreed to an official visit from Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, a man accused of having participated in the deportation of Yugoslav and Greek resistance fighters as well as Jews?

Unfortunately, there is no reasonable answer to that question. Heads of state — and the pope counts among them — often have to meet and deal with officials from governments whose policies they despise.

Pope John Paul II has just returned from a trip to Poland, where he met with Communist leaders. That is understandable — the pope's mission in that instance is to attempt to persuade the Polish government to grant more freedom to the people. On his African tour, the pope tried to advance the cause of human rights. In Central America, he sought greater religious freedom for the people; in South America, he addressed the need to relieve the massive poverty.

But what need is there to meet with Mr. Waldheim? Austria is a democracy, free of repression. The pope's intervention is not needed in behalf of human, religious or any other rights.

In the year since Mr. Waldheim was elected to the Austrian presidency, no other government has welcomed him officially. The Vatican itself, it is reported, has several times turned down President Waldheim's request for an audience with the pope, but then decided to relent. The United States this spring declared Mr. Waldheim a persona non grata because of his documented participation in Nazi persecutions.

The pope's willingness to see President Waldheim threatens to set back the cause of Jewish-Catholic conciliation to which John Paul II has devoted much effort. It also casts an unfortunate shadow over the high moral tone we all expect from a world religious leader.

Fig Leaf Hunting

Sixty-Seven Senators and 170 Representatives had signed resolutions of disapproval of the Reagan Administration's proposed \$360 million Maverick missile sale to Saudi Arabia at press time. Congressional opposition — which is expected to grow — has prompted executive branch officials to search for a fig leaf to cover Saudi failures and make the deal less embarrassing.

Last week Administration sources said that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was pleased with his recent discussion with Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan. The Prince apparently agreed to U.S. requests to expand the surveillance routes of the four Saudi-based U.S. AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) planes over the southern part of the Persian Gulf. News stories suggested that Riyadh might even use some of its own five AWACS to monitor possible threats to U.S. Navy ships soon to be protecting Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the Stars and Stripes.

But the Administration's satisfaction may be premature. It is still not clear whether Saudi Arabian F-15 fighters will escort the AWACS on their extended routes. Nor does it seem likely that the Kingdom will permit the basing of American fighters on Saudi soil as U.S. military planners say is necessary. As a result, without Saudi cooperation U.S. Navy vessels in the Gulf will be operating in a war zone — in the face of renewed Iranian threats — without adequate air cover.

Sources said that Weinberger brought up these points, but that the Saudis went as far as they could. Saudi Arabia's desire to help us defend its interests in the Gulf is strong, one analyst explained, it just wants to do so "confidentially."

Such delicacy on Riyadh's part reinforces Congressional and public doubts about Saudi Arabia's reliability in general and the wisdom of the Maverick sale in particular. As noted here last week, by not intercepting the Iraqi fighter which attacked the USS Stark, by not cutting off funds for the PLO or Syria, by withholding them from Egypt, by threatening to do the same to Jordan if it negotiates with Israel, and by numerous other acts the Saudis have demonstrated where they believe their real interests lie. Those interests are not in accord with American policy.

Commenting on a statement by Prince Sultan before his meeting with Weinberger, a Saudi newspaper warned against "Zionist pressures which are trying to stop the sale of the required weapons to the Kingdom." Just as the Saudis try to pass the buck to the United States when it comes to protecting their own interests, they continue to try to shift responsibility for Congressional opposition to their proposed arms deals. Instead of their own sorry performance they blame "Zionist pressures."

But if, as we are told, the Maverick sale is a token of American staying power in the Persian Gulf, then assistance in providing air cover for vulnerable American ships, support for American efforts to bring about Arab-Israeli peace, cooperation — even if "confidential" — against Arab radicals ought to be proofs of Saudi Arabia's commitment to us.

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Barbies' Trial Hears Elie Wiesel—

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 were deported to Auschwitz, where his mother and younger sister were killed. Wiesel and his father were taken on to Buchenwald, where his father wasted away and died.

Wiesel warned against those who would revise history and deny the existence of the gas chambers.

"The killers would kill two times, one time in killing, the second in trying to erase the

evidence of their crime. We were not able to stop them the first time, but we must stop the second. Everywhere in the world, there is an obscene attempt by people who call themselves historians who dare to deny the deaths of the victims. Who dares to tell me my parents were not killed in the camps?" he asked.

He recalled that a young Jew was told by an SS officer that even if he survived the death camps and told about

them, "nobody will believe you."

Barbie's lawyer, Jacques Verges, tried to draw a parallel between the Nazi Holocaust and French atrocities in Algeria, the My Lai massacre by U.S. troops in Vietnam and the killing of 200 Palestinians by the Irgun, a Jewish extremist organization, in 1948.

Wiesel said he had protested the My Lai massacre and opposed injustice wherever he saw it, but he ob-

jected to the question relating to Israel.

"I find it regrettable that the defense attorney, defending a man accused of such crimes, dares to accuse the Jewish people," he said.

Wiesel also said that war crimes took on an even greater horror when children were victims.

"I speak of my father, my mother and my little sister," Wiesel said. "They come to see me in my spirits. I speak to them, but to say this before

you is too difficult. I do not accept a world where little girls die like that. I do not accept a society where we can throw children into the flames."

One of the charges against Barbie involves the arrest and deportation of 44 Jewish children who were rounded up at a foster home in the nearby town of Izieu and sent to Nazi death camps. Only one of the 44 survived.

Two women whose children were among those rounded up at Izieu testified after Wiesel.



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ISRAEL THROUGH MY EYES

Ze'ev Golin



What They Are Talking About

Twenty-one floors above Tel Aviv, twenty six of us - twenty-two women and four men - work in a large office. The shuffle of papers, ringing of telephones, and clacking of computer terminals mark the rhythm of each of our seven or eight-hour days. Over all of it is a continuous, lively flow of conversation, which eases the pressure-filled moments or breaks the dull ones.

Several weeks ago, for example, the festival of *Lag B'Omer* filled an entire morning's conversation. The night before, thousands of bonfires had been lit across the country to commemorate the revolt against the Romans as well as the miraculous end to a plague that had killed thousands of Torah scholars. As the next day was a school holiday, children were allowed to stay up until the wee hours.

The "next day" saw not a few of my co-workers with grim faces and dark circles under their eyes.

One woman from a distant suburb of Tel Aviv reported that a nearby orange grove had caught fire. Every five to ten minutes throughout the night, she heard her door slamming: Yet another one of her daughter's friends was taking five from the bonfire to answer the call of nature.

Another mother stayed up all night waiting for her daughter to return from the festivities: "I sat out on the balcony. My husband told me to come out of the night chill and to come to bed. I told him I couldn't sleep for worry."

I can think of one teenager who is going to feel very guilty for a month or two.

Getting by on relatively low salaries against relatively high prices makes the office a clearinghouse for tips on economic survival. One debt-ridden clerk undergoes a rigorous line-item interrogation to determine why she spends so much on groceries. "My kids are spoiled" she admits. "They won't touch the two-shekel apples; only the four-shekel ones for them."

The women of the Correspondents' division are taking the economic battle beyond the checkout counter. Whipping out their pocket calculators, they weigh savings plans against insurance schemes, while pondering fluctuations in the price of gold. One says "one moment please" to another department's inquiry, then holds the phone at arm's length as she savages the next desk's dental insurance plan.

Much of the discussion revolves around the problems of being a working mother. From as young as three months, their children are in the care of others: daycare centers; nursery schools; or "metaplot" - women who provide private daycare to the children of working mothers. Some hire babysitters to look after younger elementary school children for two or three hours in the afternoon.

The working mothers are clearly worried about the effect of their absence on their children:

"My boy breaks things on purpose...."

"When I get home, I can't get anything done: They want my attention all the time...."

"She eats almost nothing and cries all the time...."

"The metapelet stuffs her with junk and lets her sleep all morning...."

The woman seated next to me has an entire catalogue of tsores. Her mother speaks only Yiddish and complains constantly about being lonely. Every Friday, her husband has to make a four-hour roundtrip to Haifa to sort out his father's problems. Her daughter attends a prestigious and difficult engineering high school and hardly eats or sleeps. She wonders how she will house, feed, and entertain eleven guests from the "old country." Her great niece....

She's taught me just about everything I know about work, so I listen. Despite our reputation as a country where people shout each other down, there is always someone ready and willing to listen.

ON THE OTHER HAND

N. Even-Or



Gewirtz On Jewish Spirituality

My first introduction to Leonard Benjamin Gewirtz, rabbi of Wilmington Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, was when he visited me at my office in 1971 and presented me with a copy of his book, *The Authentic Jew and His Judaism*. In the years since then, my affection and respect for him have continued to grow, and it was therefore with great pleasure that I read his latest work, *Jewish Spirituality: Hope and Redemption*.

This slim volume is really two books: the first, Rabbi Gewirtz's discussion of the doctrines of immortality and redemption in traditional Judaism; and the second, a translation of and commentary on Rav Abraham Isaac Kook's writings concerning that traumatic period preceding the coming of the Messiah, known in the Talmud and Midrash as "the footsteps of the Messiah." What binds the two together is the high degree to which Gewirtz's interpretations are influenced by Kook's works.

Now, it takes a great deal of courage, perhaps even a bit of windmill tilting, for an American rabbi to write today about immortality, redemption and resurrection. Despite the fact that these doctrines have been basic to Judaism for two millennia, that they are woven into our daily and festival prayers, that they are intricately bound into our rituals, most American Jews are unaware of their centrality; and, among those who are, probably a majority wish that they would go away. Most rabbis "tactfully" avoid these subjects in their sermons, and they certainly don't write books on them. The best sellers lie in writing about intermarriage, psychology, Vietnam, Nicaragua and Jewish gourmet cooking.

Rabbi Gewirtz is, as Rav Kook was, a political, social and economic liberal. But "once a people's physical survival has been secured," he writes, "its next challenge is spiritual existence.....The Jewish people must find their purpose in their spiritual heritage." In Rav Kook's metaphor, we climb a ladder toward God, the lower rungs of which are material well-being, the upper spiritual growth; we cannot begin the upper rungs until the lower have been traversed, but the climb is never completed if we stop too soon.

After discussing the erosion of the spirit in modern man, despite our increased leisure and more comfortable environment, Gewirtz argues that we need time for contemplation and reflection to balance the continued whirl of action and stimulation. He refers to the various scientific explanations of creativity and spirituality, and then presents the traditional Jewish view that spirituality lies in the soul, and that its source is God.

In explaining the Jewish concept of

immortality of the soul, he gives the rabbinic position that "spiritual, intellectual, ethical growth takes place on the physical plane, in this world. This world has been created to provide opportunities for growth." It is only after this period of struggle and growth in earthly passage that the soul is ready for the "world-to-come."

In his section on redemption and the messianic spirit, Rabbi Gewirtz shows how these ideas are deeply embedded in our daily prayers, the Passover Haggadah, the Brit Milah (covenantal circumcision), the wedding ceremony, and the prayers at graveside. "In the history of the messianic idea," he writes, "first the Jews prayed for their national and mankind's redemption; then impatient individuals and followers broke out into messianic movements, without practical or realistic programs, to return to the Promised Land; and then, in the 19th and 20th centuries, prayer and hope became action and program."

To understand Rav Kook's writings and Leonard Gewirtz's affinity for the ideas of this great modern rabbinic leader, it is essential to understand the ways in which Abraham Isaac Kook did not fit the usual mold of Orthodox rabbis in Israel. Born and educated in Eastern Europe, Kook became the first Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of modern Israel, a post in which he served from 1919 until his death in 1935. He was a man of many contrasts. A deeply religious mystic, he was also strongly interested in practical affairs and politics. Along with his kabbalistic writings of convoluted style stand a goodly number of legal *halakhic* treatises. He criticized the irreligious for considering only material things in their ideologies, and simultaneously criticized the ultra-conservative religious for lacking social responsibility. Above all, he was an ardent Zionist who deeply believed that, as God has linked Himself to the Jewish people, so has He linked Himself to the land of Israel. He believed in the unity of all the Jewish people, irreligious as well as religious; he chided both sides, and loved them all for their potential redemption in the world-to-come. In his *Footsteps of the Messiah*, he wrote concerning the time of redemption, "The souls of the pious ones who observe the Torah will be corrected through the wholeness of the souls of the good among the irreligious ones, whose goodness is expressed in their concern with matters of benefit for all society, in their hope for physical and spiritual betterment, which is achieved through human recognition and feeling. In balance, the spirit of the sinners will be improved through the influence of the pious, Torah-observing people of great faith. Obviously there will appear to both partners a great light, and a great repen-

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JAMAICAN SYNAGOGUE

KINGSTON — This 1921 synagogue is the only synagogue on the island of Jamaica; it is run by the Kingston United Congregation of Israelites. The congregation is made up of both Sephardic (Portuguese) and Ashkenazi (English and German) Jews. The Kingston synagogue has the distinction of being one of only five synagogues in the hemisphere with a sand floor. There are approximately 65 Jewish families in Jamaica. RNS PHOTO/John Metzler

U.S. Requests The Opening Of U.N. War Crimes Files



RECEIVES NAZI CRIMINAL FILES

NEW YORK — Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Benjamin Netanyahu, foreground, receives 500 files of Nazi criminals from confidential U.N. War Crimes Archives. The files, which were handed over to the U.N. by the War Crimes Commission in 1948, have sat dormant ever since, even though the initial purpose for gathering the files was to enable prosecution of war criminals and to preserve a record for future generations. RNS PHOTO

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK — The policy change of the United States to favor opening the United Nations files on Nazi war criminals was lauded by American Jewish leaders.

UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar disclosed Tuesday that he received a letter from U.S. Ambassador to the UN Vernon Walters informing him of the change in the American policy. The UN archives, located here, contain some 40,000 files on Nazi war criminals and their collaborators.

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations, praised the American decision. "Our country now becomes part of an international effort to remove a major impediment to justice," Abram stated. "There was never a reason why the UN should have decided to keep the archives secret. This confidentiality has served only to permit Nazi war criminals still at large to escape justice. The cause of justice itself has been ill served."

Burton Levinson, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, also welcomed the news. In a telegram to Secretary of State George Shultz, Levinson wrote that inherent in the U.S. move was recognition that "justice will not truly

be served until information regarding the wartime activities of thousands of Nazis and Nazi collaborators sees the light of day and those still alive are called to account for their crimes."

In his letter to the secretary General, Walters said that the U.S. view is "that the current rules governing access to the material in the War Crimes Commission archives should be amended to permit access by persons specifically accredited by their governments to the UN for this purpose. It is our view that this access should be granted to individual files specifically identified by name."

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, (D. NY), a former UN Ambassador, said Tuesday night, "While I welcome the apparent new openness suggested by the Administration's policy change, I would suggest the true test will be whether all organizations and individuals wishing to perform research will be allowed to examine the files."

The U.S. joined Holland, Australia and Yugoslavia in seeking the opening of the files to the public. All four were members of the long defunct 17-member War Crimes Commission that established the UN archives. Israel also has advocated public access to the files.

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Pope's Planned Audience With Waldheim Condemned

(JTA) — Jewish leaders continued to express shock and anger over the decision by Pope John Paul II to grant an audience to President Kurt Waldheim of Austria, whose alleged complicity in Nazi atrocities during World War II has made him unwelcome in most of the world.

In Rome, Tullia Zevi, president of the Federation of Italian Jewish Communities, said the meeting "could have negative consequences on relations between Catholics and Jews."

Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat of France called it an "intolerable" insult in the memory of Nazi victims. In New York, Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, urged the Pope to reconsider.

The Vatican announced Wednesday that the Pope will receive Waldheim. Waldheim, a practicing Catholic, will be accompanied by Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock on what will be Waldheim's first trip abroad since his controversial election last July.

A spokesman for the Italian government said Thursday that President Pietro Cossiga will not meet with the Austrian President "because of the internal political situation." But Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti will confer with Mock while he is in Rome, the spokesman said. He added that Waldheim would be greeted at the airport with "all the courtesy due a foreign President."

The only reaction from Israel was a brief statement by a Foreign Ministry spokesman who said the Vatican's invitation "surprised the Jewish world and the State of Israel." He added, "We wonder what were its motives and we condemn the decision."

Calls For Cancellations

Reactions were especially strong in the United States, where the Justice Department recently placed Waldheim on its "watch list" of undesirable foreigners barred from

entering the country. Several American Jewish groups hinted that it could affect Jewish attitudes toward the Pope when he visits the U.S. next September.

Mann said the Pontiff's meeting with Waldheim "would temper the enthusiasm with which leadership anticipates the Pope's forthcoming visit to the United States." The Synagogue Council of America, which represents the rabbinic and congregational organizations of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism, warned that "These developments cast a dark cloud on Jewish-Vatican relations and on the scheduled meeting of the Pope with leaders of the American Jewish community in Miami on September 11."

Theodore Ellenoff, president of the American Jewish Committee, said the Pope's decision to receive Waldheim "with full 'state honors' is morally and politically incomprehensible." Ellenoff observed that, "It would be altogether a matter of personal conscience were the Pope to receive Dr. Waldheim as a private Catholic communicant seeking pastoral solace" but "for the Supreme Pontiff as head of the Holy See to receive Kurt Waldheim as President of a state makes a mockery of truth and justice."

In urging the pope to reconsider, Mann pointed to "the revulsion felt by the rest of the world over Waldheim's past Nazi associations and activities" which "is reflected in the decision of leading nations, including our own, to ban, or at least discourage visits by Waldheim."

In Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, declined to comment on the forthcoming meeting, but noted that the Pope "traditionally never refuses a meeting with a foreign chief of state." The same explanation was offered by Vatican Radio Wednesday.



POPE MEETS JEWISH COMMUNITY
WARSAW — Pope John Paul speaks with members of the Jewish Community of Warsaw on June 14, the last day of his seven-day pilgrimage to his homecountry. RNS PHOTO

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Israel Receives 489 UN Files With Names Of Nazis, Collaborators

By YITZHAK RABI

UNITED NATIONS — Israel received Monday 489 files on Nazi war criminals from the confidential archives of the United Nations containing the names of 36,000-40,000 Nazi war criminals and their collaborators.

The files were handed to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, who went with his aides to the UN archives in midtown Manhattan.

"This initial delivery is part of the files requested by the Israel government for the Yad Vashem Institute for Holocaust Research in Jerusalem," Netanyahu told a press conference here Monday afternoon.

The files are in addition to 349 files that Israel received and inspected in recent months. Netanyahu said the latest files contain the names of and information about senior Nazi officials, Gestapo agents, SS officers, death camp doctors, camp commanders and ghetto supervisors.

"The information contained in these files can shed im-

portant new light on the personnel, organization and crimes of the Nazi extermination machine," the Israeli envoy said.

He said that six countries that were members of the now defunct United Nations War Crimes Commission support Israel's demand that the UN archives be opened to the public. They are Australia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Denmark, Greece and the United States. The Israel government will continue its efforts to convince the remaining member states to support opening the files, Netanyahu said. "It defies logical comprehension why these files should continue to be closed to public inspection," he explained.

Names Include Bormann

Netanyahu gave the press conference a sampling of the names contained in the files he received Monday. Among them are Martin Bormann, who was secretary of the Nazi Party, Hitler's personal secretary and signer of a protocol on October 2, 1940, which launched the Final Solution. He was sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment

at Nuremberg on September 30, 1946. If he is alive, he would be 87.

Another name was Otto Abetz, the German Ambassador to Vichy who deported 40,000 French Jews to death camps on July 2, 1942. He was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Paris court in 1949 but was released five years later. He died in an automobile accident in 1958.

Also among the names was Dr. Werner Vest, who represented the Third Reich in Denmark during the war and ordered the deportation of thousands of Danish Jews. Most were spirited by the Danes to neutral Sweden. Vest was sentenced to death in Copenhagen in 1946 but was released in August 1951. He was tried again in 1969 but released in 1972 for health reasons. He is still alive.

Another name was Dr. Otto Dreschler, the Nazi Governor of Riga, Latvia, who ordered 15,000 Jews deported to death camps on November 29-30, 1941, to make room for a transport of 18,000 Jews from Vienna, Hamburg and Prague. His whereabouts are unknown.

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Local Response —

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 fortified buildings. While Saudi Arabia has Maverick A missiles, a less advanced version of the missile, it does not have the Maverick D missiles in its arsenal.

"The United State's proven ally and friend in the Middle East is Israel," Roth said. "Saudi Arabia must clearly demonstrate its commitment to peace in the region before we should consider the sale of the Maverick missiles."

Other Hand —

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"The resolution disapproving the sale of Maverick missiles to Saudi Arabia, supported by an overwhelming majority of the Senate, sends a clear message to the Reagan Administration that Saudi Arabia must prove itself a reliable ally of the United States before we sell them our most technologically advanced weapons.

"I have long sought to restrict arms sales to Saudi Arabia and will continue to do so until the Saudis recognize Israel's right to exist and support our Middle East peace initiatives."

Congressman
 Thomas Carper

My opposition to the president's proposed sale of Maverick D anti-tank weapons to the Saudis stems from several troubling questions which have remained unanswered: What are the Saudis going to do with Maverick D's? Israel has the only large tank force in the Middle East. Why do the Saudis need a weapon as sophisticated as the Maverick

D? Not even Israel, the most powerful military force in the region, has them. Are the Saudis playing a constructive role in the Middle East peace process? It doesn't appear so, and their reluctance to become more involved in the Persian Gulf crisis following the attack on the Stark seems to add credence to that view. How, then, would such a sale at this time promote U.S. interests in the region? In my opinion, it would not.

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PLO Reunification: A Giant Step Away From Peace

By MITCHELL BARD
JTA 1987

What does the recent reunification of the PLO mean? For one, that the Palestinians have taken another giant step backward away from peace. Secondly, Yasir Arafat, who has been hiding behind the fig leaf of moderation for the past few years, has given up all pretenses of an interest in political accommodation. He even used the occasion of the Palestine National Council meeting to applaud the efforts of three terrorists to infiltrate Israel and take hostages. Thirdly, the meeting itself was symbolic because it was held in Tunisia, thousands of miles from the "front," illustrating the current weakness of the PLO.

For the most part, the reunification was merely a case of papering over deep, long-held divisions between the different Palestinian factions. Those divisions remain intact, with each group still adhering to its own agenda which, in the case of two of the three largest factions, involves the pursuit of Marxist-Leninist ideals. These groups have very different ideas than Arafat about what a Palestinian state should be, and it is clear where their allegiance lies, so it was not surprising that they would call for Soviet participation in peace negotiations.

In addition, it is worth noting that Abu Nidal's faction was not represented because he felt that Arafat did not go far enough in his concessions to the radicals. This demonstrates what PLO watchers have said all along: that Arafat and the others have very little control over what goes on among Palestinians, so that even if one was

to reach some agreement with Arafat it would not guarantee the other factions would abide by the agreement.

On the other hand, Abu Abbas, the terrorist responsible for the hijacking of the Achille Lauro and the murder of an American citizen, was in attendance. His presence was not surprising since the one thing that has held the PLO together during its entire history is the common goal of driving the Jews into the sea. The meeting reaffirmed that objective, with the "moderate" Arafat declaring that the PLO would fight to create a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. Since Israel will never give up Jerusalem under any conceivable agreement, that goal can mean only that the PLO intends to drive the Jews out of Israel.

The PLO split that occurred during the war in Lebanon was never over objectives. It was over tactics. Arafat's Fatah wing never abandoned the armed struggle. It simply disguised it with diplomatic overtures in the hope that it could somehow induce other nations to force Israel to give up what the PLO was too weak to win on the battlefield. The other factions were perhaps more realistic in recognizing that such tactics were unlikely to succeed. They retained their long-held, though unrealistic, belief that by terrorizing Israel, they can eventually cause such fear and anguish that Israelis will be willing to give in to their demands.

Arafat's willingness to reunite with his opponents was primarily a result of his uncanny knack for survival. He recognized that the PLO in general, and Fatah in particular, has become political-

ly and militarily irrelevant and that the only hope of regaining the influence it enjoyed was by unifying its disparate forces. It was also necessary because the Palestinians confined to the refugee camps in Lebanon find themselves in danger of being wiped out by the Muslim armies that are still trying to repay the PLO for its rape of southern Lebanon. Arafat's rivals have come to realize that their Syrian sponsors are not particularly anxious to save the Palestinians in Lebanon and that their only hope of survival is to stick together.

The reunification was also necessitated by the fact that Fatah lacks a base anywhere near Israel and the Syrian-based organizations are tightly controlled by Hafez Assad. This rapprochement is perhaps a last, desperate effort to prevent King Hussein from mobilizing a moderate Palestinian presence in the West Bank which he could bring to negotiations with Israel. By increasing the level of terrorism, as it does whenever there are any rumblings about peace, the PLO hopes to sabotage any initiative that threatens to exclude it. The sad fact is that because of the degree of influence the PLO retains within Jordan, it may succeed.

The United States and other Western nations can help undermine the PLO's efforts by refusing to deal with the Organization and not giving it an opportunity to escape its present isolation. In this supposedly new era where the West is going to be tough on terrorism, the best way to demonstrate our resolve is to fight the predominant terrorist organization of our time.

Those who still doubt that the PLO is a terrorist organization, or believe it has in some way changed, need only glance at a statement by the Palestine National Council's chairman. He described the attempted infiltrators of Israel as martyrs who deserved "glory and immortality." Perhaps when the Palestinian people are tired of the PLO making them

"martyrs," they will recognize the time has come to abandon terror and enter negotiations.

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Sophisticated Scam Fools Atlanta Man

By VIDA GOLDGAR
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A new scam making the rounds has left an Atlanta Jewish communal leader \$900 poorer, yet shaking his head in disbelief and grudging admiration.

The "father and son" scam

has so far been accomplished in Boston, Tampa, Little Rock, Ark., and probably other cities besides Atlanta. It is a sophisticated scam aimed at sophisticated people.

While the victim asked not to be named, he was willing to

tell his story to The Atlanta Jewish Times hoping that others could be forewarned. For convenience, we'll call him Mr. Goodheart.

It started with a phone call to Goodheart's office last Friday. A man identified himself as Israel Schwartz from Beverly Hills, calling from Miami on his way to Israel. "He was extremely apologetic," Goodheart said, "and said he was only calling me because he couldn't reach his good friends (and here he named two other well-known individuals) and needed a favor."

This is the story "Schwartz" told. His son, a champion tennis player on scholarship to the University of Georgia, had dropped out of school two months earlier and hadn't been heard from since. He surfaced, Schwartz told Goodheart, when he went to pawn a very expensive gold watch, a gift from his father. Because he was apparently willing to accept \$500 for a watch worth thousands, the pawnshop man figured it was stolen and called the police. That forced a call to the young man's father to verify ownership.

"What do you want from me?" Goodheart asked.

"I just want to know what's going on with my son and what kind of trouble he's in," was the reply.

"Does he need money?"

"I don't want you to give the son of a (gun) a nickel. I'll try to get him to call you if I can."

Then, with more thanks and apologies, Schwartz hung up. Ten minutes later "Marcus Schwartz" the son called, saying: "I'm only calling because I promised my father I would. I have no interest in talking with you about what's going on."

Marcus spurned Goodheart's offer of help. In-

sisting he would handle things himself. Pressed, however, the tale gradually unfolded in great and unbelievable detail.

In summary, this is what Marcus said. As a hyperactive child, he had been sent to the Devereaux School in Victoria, Texas, then to other private schools, eventually accepting the tennis scholarship at Georgia because his academic record wasn't as good as his tennis. After he dropped out, he worked for a delivery company. Riding his bicycle home from work, a car hit him, leaving him with a broken arm and an injured thigh which required stitches. He lost his job as a result, couldn't pay his apartment rent and was locked out. Since then, he said, he had been sleeping in his car — a Porsche which was actually a company car of his father's.

Marcus even included details, such as going to the community center every day to shower and clean up. But things were looking up, Marcus said. "I just got a job handling baggage and I start next week."

Now how could any kind soul hear this young man, determined not to ask his father for aid but obviously in need, and not want to help? Goodheart asked, "Would you let me lend you some money?"

"No. It would take me months to pay you back."

Finally succumbing to Goodheart's insistence, Marcus agreed to accept a loan "but only if my father isn't told, because I want to make it on my own."

Somewhere in the conversation, the information had been dropped that the older Schwartz was a Hollywood producer who had not only built a synagogue for his rabbi son in Israel, but had given \$100,000 to United Jewish Appeal last year. Surely a young man so determined to be independent despite family wealth was worth helping.

So it was arranged. "I convinced the guy to take my money," Goodheart says ruefully. Marcus appeared soon after at the office to pick

up a check. He was limping badly. Why? Because sleeping on the leather seats of the car had caused him to perspire and his leg had gotten infected. Goodheart called a doctor friend, made arrangements for Marcus to be seen and invited him to come to his house for Shabbat dinner that evening.

As Goodheart prepared to write the check, Marcus carefully outlined his needs: \$400 to pay the rent to get back in his apartment; \$200 security deposit; \$60 for prescriptions he hadn't been able to get filled; and \$100 or so for food until the first paycheck. Goodheart made it \$900 and sent Marcus downstairs to the bank to cash it.

To make it all more convincing, Marcus even returned from the bank to verify the doctor's name. Later, he called and said: "I've never been able to lie to my father. I called him and told him you helped me." That was followed by a call from "good old dad" saying he was having \$1,000 wired immediately from California," recalls Goodheart.

Needless to say, Marcus never showed up at the doctor or for Shabbat dinner.

Goodheart discovered that the same day he was being set up, another man in Atlanta was approached but something went wrong — or, from the intended victim's point of view, went right. Daddy's name in that call, however, was Israel Cohen.

Goodheart learned too late that the Council of Jewish Federations had circulated a memo several months ago warning of the scam. But it wasn't circulated widely enough.

Even now, he believes the whole thing was "absolutely brilliant" in its execution. Goodheart said it won't stop him from helping someone in need in the future, but it will make him check out a situation before uncapping his pen.

Vida Goldgar is editor of The Atlanta Jewish Times.

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Faith Goldman New President Of Kutz Home Auxiliary

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of over 800 men and women, 408 of whom are Life Members. The Auxiliary's main objective is to enhance the quality of life of the residents of the Kutz Home. Auxiliary members provide direct volunteer service to the Home and its residents, and funds for new equipment and improvements to the home's physical facility. The Auxiliary employs a Volunteer Director for the Home and has funded kitchen renovations, purchase of a wheelchair-lift equipped van, redecoration of the dining room and living room and other areas of the Home. Plans are currently being finalized for redecoration of corridors, remodeling of the front lobby area and construction of new office space.

The Auxiliary's major fundraising activity is its Gala, this year's to be held at the Hotel DuPont on Saturday,

September 12, 1987. Other events, such as the Family Day/Bazaar — to be held on Sunday, July 26, 1987 — benefit the recreational activities program for residents of the Home.

Completing a two-year term as president of the Auxiliary was Joan Wachstein. In her honor, the Auxiliary

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Answering 'Jews For Jesus'

Reform Magazine Helps Youngsters Resist Missionaries

How can Jewish teen-agers be taught to resist the subtle and well-financed blandishments of "Jews for Jesus" and other missionary and cult groups?

As part of Reform Judaism's ongoing effort to counter Christian missionizing, the February issue of *Keeping Posted* examines current practices and suggests practical defenses against the "campaign of deception" by fundamentalist Christian groups to convert vulnerable Jewish youngsters.

The magazine, designed for young adult readers, is published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and edited by Aron Hirt-Manheimer.

Keeping Posted's lead article — "You Are The Target," by Annette Daum, director of the UAHC Committee on Cults and Missionaries — describes how highly-trained proselytizers infiltrate high school and college campuses, often through sports and social clubs, to pressure susceptible Jewish youngsters to accept Christ as their messiah. She reports that many cults and missionary groups use misleading techniques in targeting Jewish youngsters — employing Hebrew terms to mask the true meaning of their beliefs, conducting mock seders and Sabbath services and avoiding specific Christological words or concepts that they know will repel Jews, even disaffected ones.

In a poignant autobiographical essay, Robin Schanker, now 26-years-old and a member of a Conservative congregation in Illinois, gives a personal account of her gradual involvement with "born again" Christian missionaries while in college, her baptism and her ultimate return to Judaism.

Her story — typical of many youngsters who find little or no fulfillment in the Jewish faith — illustrates the need, the UAHC publication notes, for Jewish individuals and organizations to reassess the way in which they are transmitting the Jewish religious heritage to their youngsters and to devise meaningful methods of teaching them to explore and develop their own spirituality and Jewish identity.

How to Answer a Missionary

Rabbi Richard Birnholz of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa, Fla., in an article entitled "Beating The Missionaries at Their Own Game," gives specific suggestions to Jewish teenagers who lack the knowledge to

engage in theological disputations with missionaries and proselytizers. Among the techniques he suggests are:

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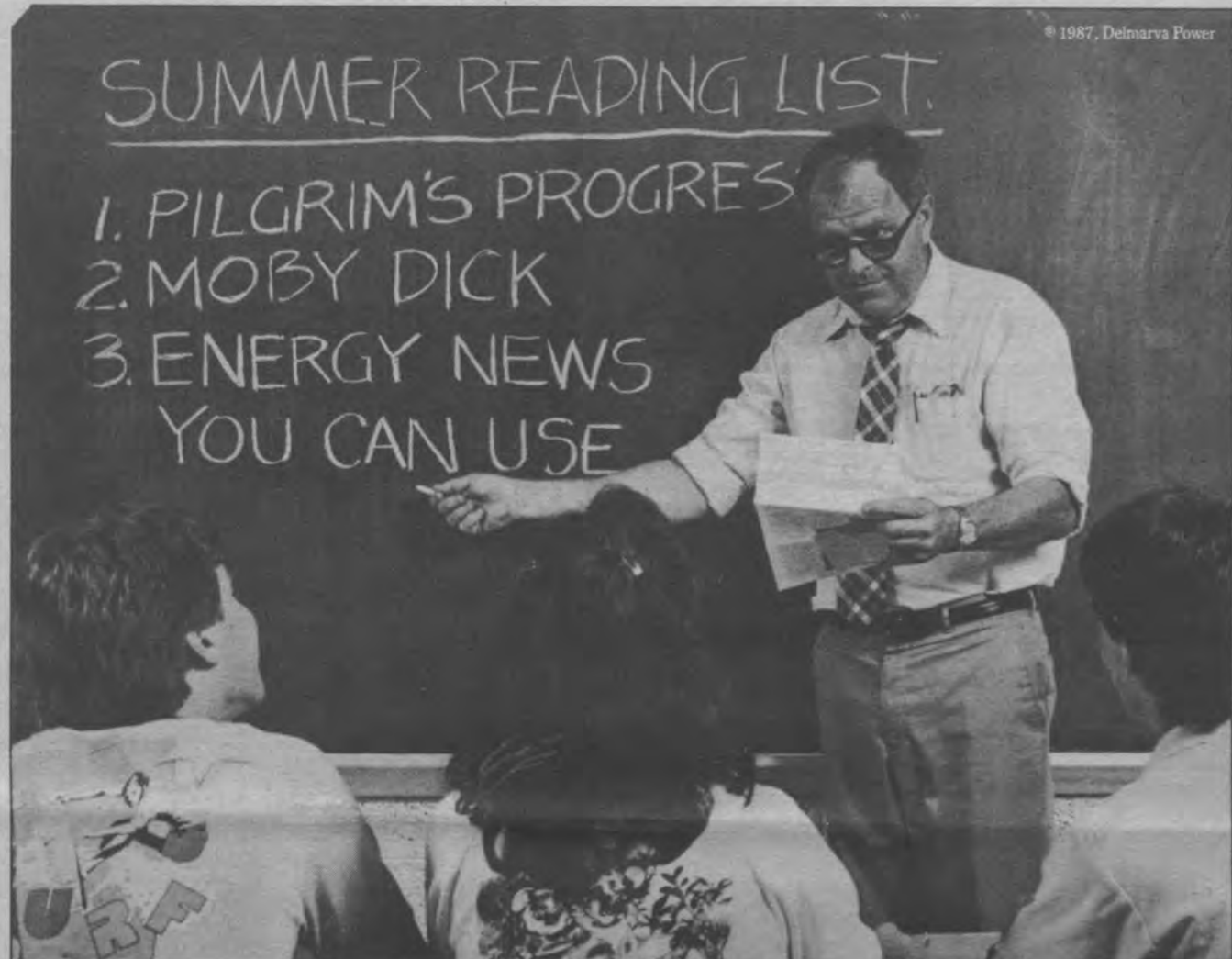
Tell the missionary, "I can't accept your argument that Jesus is Messiah unless you can show me where the word Jesus is written in my Bi-

ble." It isn't.

• The art of non-engagement: Rather than engage the missionary in debate, simply say: "Let's

respect our differences and talk about something else."

• The golden rule: As a last resort, you can invoke Jesus' (Continued to Page 13)



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Hadassah's 73rd National Convention

NEW YORK — More than 2,500 delegates from throughout the United States and Puerto Rico will gather July 12-15 in Baltimore, Maryland for the 73rd National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah National President Ruth W. Popkin announced today.

The delegates — representing 385,000 members in 1,700 chapters, the largest women's volunteer organization of its kind in the U.S. — will take action on a range of issues impacting on the changing role of American Zionist women in world Jewish affairs, Popkin stated. "New challenges emerging

now in Israel and the United States require that we explore new directions in carrying out our Zionist mission during the remainder of this century and the years beyond," she said. "At the same time, the needs of American Jewish women are changing as they think in new ways about their roles in their families, their work, their communities and the destiny of their people.

"We are going to Baltimore, the birthplace of Henrietta Szold, Hadassah's founder, to build upon the values and achievements of our past as we prepare to take up the changing needs of our people in Israel, and the changing role of the

American Jewish women in helping to meet them, in the future," Popkin added.

The convention sessions will include discussion of Hadassah's projects in medical care, education, youth welfare and land reclamation in Israel and programs on Jewish education, personal and leadership development, Zionist and American affairs and Zionist

youth activities in the U.S.

In addition, prominent speakers in government, U.S.-Israel affairs, education and Jewish life in both the United States and Israel are slated to participate in seminars, workshops and plenary sessions throughout the four-day convention, which will be preceded by a meeting of Hadassah's National Board.

The National Convention

also will include presentation of the Henrietta Szold Award, given each year to a man or woman whose life and work exemplifies the humanitarian principles and service of Hadassah's founder. The 1987 recipient will be announced shortly.

The 73rd Convention is part of an ongoing year-long celebration of Hadassah's 75th anniversary.

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Visa Issued For Official Soviet Visit

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM — The Foreign Ministry confirmed Thursday that Israel has issued visas to members of a Soviet consular delegation due to come to Israel next month.

The visas were issued by the Dutch Embassy in Moscow which represents Israeli interests in the Soviet Union. The delegation will be the first official Soviet body to visit Israel since Moscow broke diplomatic relations after the 1967 Six-Day War. It will be headed by the Deputy Director of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Consular Department, Evgeni Antipov.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman here was unable to give a date for their arrival, say how long the Soviet officials will stay or with whom they would meet.

A report from Paris Wednesday quoted Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov as saying the mission's task is "to ascertain the situation of Soviet-owned property in Israel and to provide consular services for Soviet citizens living in Israel." He reportedly ruled out a reciprocal visit by an Israeli delegation to Moscow.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said Israel was not demanding reciprocity. He added, however, that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres believes that if an Israeli delegation applied for Soviet visas, they would be granted.

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- July 3: Family picnic and informal worship
- July 10: Mr. John Crum, Mount Pleasant High School: *Women and the Constitution*
- July 17: Rabbi Howard A. Berman, Chicago Sinai Congregation: *Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land... the Jewish Roots of American Democracy*
- July 24: Film from People for the American Way, *The 'People For' Story*
- July 31: Mr. Nathan Barnett, *Are Jews Still the People of the Book?*
- August 7: Mr. Alan Schoenberg, *On Serving the Jewish Community*
- August 14: Mr. Arnold Kneitel, *Salesmanship in the Bible*
- August 21: Mrs. Sue Rohrbacher, *Judaism, Ethics and the Gifted Child*
- August 28: Dr. Henry Schenker, *Why I Chose Reform*
- September 4: Mrs. Francis Isakoff, *Israel: A New View*

Five Top UJA Leaders Discuss Funding Controversy

By RACHEL HART

"Nothing in Jewish life is easy, especially if you have thoughtful people who are emotionally committed and concerned. It's easier when people don't give a damn. But when everybody cares it gets difficult. People fight for what they believe in."

**Martin Stein,
National Chairman, UJA**

If there is one topic about which Jews "give a damn," it is Israel. Raising money for Israel has always been an issue around which American Jews have rallied, whether Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, or Orthodox; whether Zionist or non-Zionist.

"American Jewry's single honorable accomplishment," says Rabbi Louis Bernstein, chairman of the board of Religious Zionists of America, "is philanthropy. That is the only table around which Jews meet."

Rabbi Bernstein feels that lately the table around which Jews meet has become a combat zone.

Although Jews may agree about the importance of raising money for Israel, they disagree bitterly about how it should be distributed there. It is a controversy which has become particularly intense in the past few years, as Reform leaders have grown increasingly dissatisfied with the allotment to Reform projects in Israel.

This year, for the first time, money was allotted to the world-wide Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox movements to fund their own Israeli projects. The total share for the worldwide movements is just \$3.6 million of the approximately \$400 million distributed annually by the Jewish Agency for Israel. Yet the amount of concern it has generated in the American Jewish community is disproportionate to the amount of money involved.

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golden rule and say, "You wouldn't want anyone to try to convert you, so please don't try to convert me."

The *Keeping Posted* issue emphasizes, "It is not enough to say no to Jesus, we must know what it means to say yes to Judaism." Citing the talmudical injunction, "Be diligent in the study of the Torah and know what to answer anyone who challenges your Jewish beliefs," the Reform magazine concludes:

"You have a right and an obligation to protect your Judaism, and do so with pride."

uproar over such a relatively small amount of money," one observer notes, "then the real issues must go beyond the money."

The money issue seems to



be symptomatic of larger, deeper issues for the Jewish community in Israel and the U.S. discussions with national leaders of movements entangled in the funding issue quickly move from matters of finances to matters of ideology.

The "real issues" that eventually rise to the surface are many and complicated. Should money raised by the UJA and other fundraising organizations for Israel be distributed on the basis of need or ideology? Should Jews in America have any say at all about how the money is distributed? Was Reform pressure on the Jewish Agency to fund projects a legitimate means of appealing for money, or was it blackmail?

The IJN raised these issues with key players in the controversy, including Rabbi Louis Bernstein, of the (Orthodox) Religious Zionists of America; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Eric Yoffie, Executive Director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA); and Martin Stein, National Chairman of the UJA.

Carmi Schwartz, Executive Vice President of the Council of Jewish Federations, declined to be interviewed, but issued a statement through his public relations department.

Money raised by the United Jewish Appeal is distributed in Israel by the Jewish Agency for Israel. The structure of the Jewish Agency is labyrinthine, but a brief outline of its components is necessary to explore how funding decisions — and disputes — take place.

The Jewish Agency is composed of 398 members from around the world, half of whom are designated by the World Zionist Organization, the other half by the UJA and other diaspora fundraising

organizations. The Jewish Agency General Assembly meets annually. There is constant tension between the Zionists and the fundraisers. A majority of the fundraising constituency in the Jewish Agency is Reform and Conservative.

The Jewish Agency Board of Governors actually makes the distribution decisions. There are 74 members of the Board, 50% of whom are elected by the WZO and 50% of whom are chosen by the fundraisers. It was at a Board of Governor's meeting last June that a controversial Zionist loyalty oath was proposed, requiring recipients of Jewish Agency funds to declare their support for the State of Israel. In recent weeks, certain Orthodox educational institutions, both Zionist and non-Zionist, have refused to sign the oath.

The body that makes the day-to-day decisions of the Jewish Agency is the Executive. Its chairperson, who also chairs the General Assembly, is the chairman of the WZO. Jewish Agency department heads comprise the other 18 members of the Executive. The department heads, appointed by the WZO, are Israelis, linked to the complex, confused political system. While the Jewish

Agency for Israel is not the government of Israel, it functions by charter of the government, and is highly politicized.

Originally, the Jewish Agency for Israel was established to fund social services. It was purely a charity organization, and distribution was based on need alone.

Martin Stein of the UJA explains that "before the State of Israel was created — during the British Mandate time — the only religion that was accepted by the British was Orthodoxy.

"The agencies that had historically provided social services — not Jewish education and all that, but social services — were Orthodox. The fact there has been more money being provided to Orthodox institutions is not by design of the Orthodox pushing out the Reform and the Conservative, but in fact the whole reason that happens is the historical reason.

"The Jewish Agency and the UJA does not raise money for religious streams. It raises money for social service organizations."

The Jewish Agency, however, has evolved from funding social services to funding a greater scope of projects. It provides services for youth *aliyah*, for rescue and

absorption of immigrants, and for Project Renewal. It also funds settlements and kibbutzim.

Reform and Conservative kibbutzim have long been the recipients of money from the Jewish Agency. Rabbi Schindler of the UAHC contends that as far as Reform kibbutzim are concerned, "the Jewish Agency and its departments have always been fair to us. When we established two kibbutzim in the Arava a great deal of help was given.

"But that was mostly because in those instances we had the support of the kibbutz movement," which is strong in Israel and carries political clout.

"But in the youth department and the *aliyah* department," Rabbi Schindler continues, "the Jewish Agency was constantly reading us out of money that we should have received as everybody else was receiving it. They always found an excuse to turn us down."

Rabbi Yoffie, of AZRA, remarked:

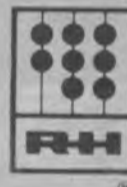
"We had been looking for some money for educational projects, for cultural projects, and for social service projects. We got very little money in that area previous-

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ly. So the controversy in the last two years has been primarily over grants in these areas.

"The Agency leadership," he continues, "well before we even entered the picture, had made a decision that its mandate required that it do more than simply be involved in the social services. Before we entered the picture, it had established a whole variety of mechanisms to deal with the issue of Jewish education."

Orthodox educational institutions received funding, the Reform leaders contend, because they are represented in the Israeli political bureaucracy. Since Reform Judaism is not officially recognized by the State, and has no political party of its own, it has no pull with the politically affiliated department heads of the Jewish Agency.

Out of frustration over the Jewish Agency's continued rejection of their proposals, the American Reform and Conservative communities began, as Rabbi Joffie put it, "an effort to convince the Jewish Agency that our projects were worthwhile and they deserved support." The department heads in Israel, he explains, were not sympathetic to Reform requests.

The American fundraisers on the Board of Governors, however, says Rabbi Joffie, were more helpful.

"Ultimately," he says, "it was largely through their support over a two year period of time, with long talks and education on both sides, they (the Board of Governors) recognized the validity of at least some of our requests, and made the case for us to the Agency bureaucracy."

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, of the Religious Zionists of America, sees the process by which Reform projects received funding in an entirely different light. "What they were saying," argues Rabbi Bernstein, "was, 'we're raising the money, so we're entitled to a greater allocation.' That is their argument."

Rabbi Bernstein argues that American Reform and Conservative Jews threatened to withhold money from the UJA if they did not receive a greater allocation from the Jewish Agency. He calls the tactic "blackmail," and it is of enormous concern to him. He feels the Jewish Agency allocations to worldwide Jewish movements are a result of the threat of financial pressure from the American Jewish community.

It is a precedent, he believes, that could "break the one thing that unites American Jewry — philan-



thropy."

The Jewish Agency money, he emphasizes, "needs to be distributed exclusively on the basis of need, and exclusively to agencies in Israel. Otherwise, it is not charity. Otherwise, philanthropy becomes a political football."

ARZA's Rabbi Yoffie is quick to dismiss the charge of "blackmail."

"Those people who use that term," he says, "seem to be saying in essence that expressing disagreement with the Agency and disapproval of any form constitutes blackmail. As if it were somehow inappropriate to be involved in a discussion about how the money of the Jewish people is expended."

To the charge of applying financial pressure on the Jewish Agency, Rabbi Yoffie

claims that "at no time did the Reform movement suggest to its members or to its congregations or to its leaders that money should be held back."

Rabbi Schindler declares that any financial pressure came from the rank and file of Reform and Conservative movements, not from the leadership.

"Look," he says, "there was dissatisfaction out there. We didn't stimulate any of that dissatisfaction, but it existed. For the last 20 years, every year I would get scores of calls from Federation leaders saying there's a Conservative or Reform leader who doesn't want to give to the UJA because the Reform is being disadvantaged in Israel. That pressure was building up, but that's not blackmail. We never threatened, we merely tried to persuade. I think we won, essentially, on the justice of our cause."

"It wasn't blackmail," concurs Stein of the UJA, "It was people saying, we want to get our voices heard, and we're willing to use a little bit of muscle. The truth of the matter is that had the funding not gone through, the overall impact of the funds that would have been withheld would not, in fact, have been significant."

Although the money withheld may not have made a dent in the total collected by

the Federations for the UJA, it might have set a precedent. This, Rabbi Bernstein feels, is the greatest danger to American Jewish giving.

A spokesman for the Council of Jewish Federations was unable to give an assessment of potential implications on federations of such a precedent. Carmi Schwartz, vice president of the Council of Federations, declined to comment.

The clash between Reform and Orthodox Jews on this particular question of funding is complicated by a simultaneous and equally ferocious struggle between Zionists and non-Zionists in the allocation of Jewish Agency funds. Underlying both battles is the struggle for a political voice by Reform Jews in Israel.

The Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting last June generated a Zionist loyalty oath for recipients of Jewish Agency funds, resulting in another angry storm.

From Rabbi Bernstein's perspective, "the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, people who themselves are not Zionist and are very far from being Zionist — and who have no intention of settling in Israel — passed resolution saying that non-Zionist institutions shall not receive Zionist funds."

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who doesn't even know what *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israel Independence Day) is tell an Israeli who lives in Israel but does not celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut* that their children are not eligible for philanthropic funds? This is clearly and obviously designed against right-wing Orthodox institutions."

Rabbi Yoffie (ARZA) explains that the loyalty oath assures that organizations which receive Jewish Agency funds meet certain criteria.

"Do they celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut*? Do their graduates go into the Israeli Army?"

While Rabbi Yoffie says he is not prepared to say whether he defends the idea of the white paper, he feels that "diaspora Jews give money on the assumption that what they're doing is supportive of people who are accepting of the State. And if you have institutions openly declare that they don't recognize that national holidays of the State, and they aren't prepared to send their young people to defend its security, then that raises some serious questions."

Graduate of non-Zionist institutions do, in fact, serve their country. Their Army service comes when they are older, however, and for a shorter period of time.

Military service aside, Orthodox Zionists feel that non-Zionist yeshivot serve the spiritual needs of the country.

Stein feels the screening of non-Zionist institutions is necessary. "How can you accept money from somebody you don't believe should be there?" he asks. "It's like saying, 'I hate my mother, but if she sends me a check I will accept it.' That's not right. If you hate her, you should write her off."

The only educational institutions whose ideology prevents them from signing a loyalty oath are certain Orthodox yeshivot. In support of these institutions, other Orthodox yeshivot who could easily sign the paper and continue to receive funding are boycotting.

An Orthodox Zionist, Rabbi Bernstein admits that "it's not an easy question," determining a definition of Zionism. "It's not an easy question for me as a Zionist. But I have to grapple with that. I won't take money away from children. If they're going to use money as a tool to extract this loyalty oath, or to punish, the Orthodox community may very well say, 'we have principles, too.'"

The question of "who is a Zionist" is tied closely to the issue of "who is a Jew." Rabbi Bernstein stresses that "the loyalty oath, passed by the Jewish Agency, has the support of groups that are for

religious pluralism, which we see as clearly anti-Orthodox."

Again, here, the lines between Orthodox and Reform, between Zionist and non-Zionist are exacerbated.

"Orthodoxy," continues Rabbi Bernstein, "says there's no such thing as religious pluralism. There's no way that an Orthodox Jew is going to accept a divorced woman who has never had a 'get'. There's no way that I will accept one of Rabbi Schindler's patrilineal Jews. That is what they want us to accept; we're not ready to accept this."

Underlying all of this, it is clear, is the desire of non-Orthodox Jews to be "on the same level as the Orthodox movement in Israel," says Rabbi Bernstein.

He contends, further, that if those involved in the decision-making were truly Zionists, they would support Israel with money, and not demand a voice in the decision-making.

"I supported the government of Israel whether it was Golda Meir or Menachem Begin," Rabbi Bernstein contends. "I didn't like the way Begin was running the war in the Galilee, but I would never withhold my support from the government of Israel. If you have used money for blackmail for this purpose, you have opened the door to use it for any purpose whatsoever. As a Zionist and a Jew

I am opposed to it. It is dangerous."

Rabbi Joffie, however, rejects the notion that philanthropic funds come with no strings attached.

"Our connection to the State of Israel," he feels, "flows from the assumption that it is not only a state of the Israelis, but it's a state of the Jews."

"Jews throughout the world have an obligation to be involved in what the State is doing and what its policies are. We don't sit there and we don't vote. So what we're talking about is influencing the State rather than voting in the election. That kind of influence is appropriate, and particularly appropriate in areas having to do with Judaism and Jewish values."

Blindly sending money to Israel without raising a voice, he implies, is akin to suicide for Reform Jews.

"Right now it's easy for Rabbi Bernstein to say what he does," commented Rabbi Joffie. "He's part of a movement that's allied with the Chief Rabbinate for Israel, which is connected to his party. We don't accept the Chief Rabbinate. And we think it's a perversion of Jewish history for there to be a Chief Rabbinate at all. That a politically elected rabbinate should be making Jewish decisions for the Jewish State is absurd. Rabbis should exert influence by virtue of their personal characteristics and

their learning, not by virtue of being selected through a corrupt political process."

Some observers feel, however, that Israel's political autonomy implies religious self-determination, of which the Chief Rabbinate is an integral element.

Although the decision has been made, and worldwide Jewish movements will be receiving funds, at least this year, the issues raised will no doubt resound for years to come.

The question of whether financial pressure by special interest movements will permanently damage the Federation structure is shrugged off by all those interviewed, with the exception of Rabbi Bernstein.

Carmi Schwartz, CJF vice-president, issued a statement, saying this round of allocations "should have a positive impact on campaigns, and will hopefully increase campaigns."

Stein also feels optimistic. "I don't see anything bad coming out of this," he remarks.

From the Federation and UJA perspectives, the crisis is over. From Rabbi Bernstein's, it is only beginning.

The issue is definitely a factor in the upcoming World Zionist Organization elections. While the makeup of the WZO portion of the Jewish Agency is unlikely to change much, all constituencies want

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would be of interest once again.

The existence of the collection was all but forgotten until July, 1986, when it came to the attention of the National Yiddish Book Center. The Center is an activist organization which rescues unwanted and discarded Yiddish books and helps to make Yiddish culture accessible to a broad-based constituency.

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ferent subjects, such as "Yiddish Theater," "Folk Songs," "Israel and Zionism," "Romance," "Songs of Work and Struggle" and "Cantorial Classics." All of the sheets are first editions in mint condition, showing only minor signs of aging. Most of the folios are printed in a large format, and include lyrics in the original Hebrew or Yiddish alphabet and in roman transliteration, together with

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Membership Art Show

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Helen Mason, Art Director at the Tatnal School, was the juror for the show. Center members submitted fifty five pieces of diverse interesting, and excellent work to the Membership Show. The winners were: Elizabeth Corey who won first prize for "Ms. Echie," Herbert Adelman who won second prize for "Pueblo at Santa Clara," Nathan Michlin who won third prize for "Violets," and Oren Ganz, Lois Bronstein, and Edward Davis who all received honorable mentions for their work.

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Population Map Indicates Threat Of Arab Growth

By DAVID GROSS
Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — If the demographic processes that have been at work during the past 20 years continue, there will be some 4.3 million Jews and some 3.7 million Arabs living west of the Jordan River in the year 2000.

This projection formed the TNT in the "demographic bombshell" that Professor Arnon Sofer, a Haifa University geographer, hurled at a recent symposium on the future of Israeli democracy held at the Van Leer institute here. This demographic bombshell, Sofer said, will certainly explode and will lead to "the destruction of the Third Jewish Commonwealth," unless Israel withdraws from most of the territories it occupied in the

wake of the 1967 Six-Day War.

According to Sofer's projections, by the year 2000 there will be a de facto binational State in Israel, a population ratio of 55 percent Jews and 45 percent Arabs. Within the Green Line — Israel's pre-1967 borders — that ratio, however, will be 78 percent Jews to 22 percent Arabs.

During a recent meeting with Herut Party activists, Sofer said, he discovered that several party leaders were feeding the party faithful with demographic data that conflicts with that published by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

"For example," he said, the Herutniks were told "that the natural growth rate of the Jewish population is 2.8 percent, when it is actually 1.4 percent, and that the Arabs'

natural growth rate is decreasing, which is true only with regard to those Arabs living with the Green Line."

At the present time, Sofer noted, the geographical division between Jews and Arabs is far from uniform, with most of the Jewish and Arab populations living in different areas. While Jewish settlement in Arab areas becomes increasingly difficult, the Arab population has begun to find a foothold in areas that previously have been considered Jewish.

Given the situation that is likely to obtain at least until the year 2000, Sofer maintained that there is no chance that the Jews can change the map — even in the event of a large-scale immigration.

This situation, he warned, could readily lead to a dynamic of disaster. The tendency toward separation, he said, will continue to grow among the Arabs, and the Jews — frightened by the burgeoning Arab population increase — will grow increasingly frustrated. This will, in turn, lead to increasing extremism among part of the Jewish population, which will then cause a responding extremism among the Arabs.

"If the overall Arab population of 2 million throughout Eretz Yisrael hasn't given us a moment's rest since 1967," he said, "just think what will happen when that population is doubled and also gets stronger economically."

The only solution, Sofer said, was an Israeli withdrawal along the lines of the Allon Plan, under which Israel would retain the Jordan Valley and parts of the eastern slopes of the Judean and Samaritan mountains, as well as Gush Etzion, the Ayalon Valley and some areas of the Sharon, while returning the rest of the West Bank to Arab control.

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the music itself. Many of the folios contain dramatic cover illustrations and other art work which make them suitable for framing.

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All the nachas fit to print.

Some of our readers may have noticed the name of an interim editor for the Voice. Karen Moss will be returning as editor this fall. Presently she is taking care of the newest arrival to the Moss family. Karen and her husband Arthur Moss are the proud parents of a son Noah Samuel, born on June 2. This is the Moss' second child, they have a daughter Jessica who is 2½ years old.

Births

Gal and Susan Shifron, of Wilmington, Delaware, are the proud parents of a son, Aaron Dov, born on May 27. This is their first child.

Tim and Marcy Lucas, off Winston Salem, NC, are the parents of a daughter, Monica Sharon, born on June 17, 1987. Monica's grandparents, both of Wilmington, DE, are Dr. and Mrs. Allen Levine and Mr. and Mrs. William Lucas.

Engagements

Edie and Hal Davis of Wilmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Lynne, to Keith Jay Cohen, son of Mrs. Dorothy Gould of Niagara Falls, New York, and Mr. Gary Cohen of Buffalo, New York. They will be married on March 27, 1988.

Graduation

Harry Sachs, son of Albert and Myra Sachs has been accepted at the University of Minnesota Veterinarian School. He graduated from the University of Delaware with honors and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Harry will start his studies in Minnesota in September.

New Appointment

Ruth Kerbel will be the next President of the evening Chai/Shalom group of Hadassah.

Faith Brown will be the President of the Sabra group of Hadassah.

Andrea Simkins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Simkins, was elected State Treasurer of the Delaware Student Council for Junior High Schools.

Transportation Network For Disabled American Veterans

Due to severe Federal budget cuts, the travel reimbursement program that has been in place to help serve disabled and older veterans has been discontinued as of April 13, 1987. This is a need that must be met, as the Elsmere Facility serves all of Delaware, southern Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. At this time many veterans are unable to receive essential medical care because of lack of transportation.

The Disabled American Veterans will be establishing a National Transportation Network to serve the needs of

our country's disabled veterans and their families. The Volunteer Transportation Network is designed to provide transportation services to veterans in need of medical care at V.A. facilities and who have no other means of transportation.

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People In The News



Jeremy Halberstadt

Jeremy Brian Halberstadt of Wilmington, DE, is one of twenty high school seniors awarded the Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, for the summer of

1987. The Fellowship includes a month in Israel under Bronfman Foundation sponsorship.

Jeremy was recently elected President of the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth (MAFTY). He is a member of the Class of '88 at the Tatnall School, where he was awarded membership in the Cum Laude Society in his junior year. He is a member of the school band, the Blue Zeus Jazz Band and the Peer Counseling Program.

Jeremy is the son of Vivian S. Halberstadt of Green Acres and Bertram Halberstadt, the grandson of Isadore and Sylvia Silverman of Wilmington and Edward and Ida Halberstadt of New York.

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Mazel Tov

26 Couples Wed In N.J.; Denied Jewish Rites In Soviet Union

TEANECK — Cries of "Mazel tov" filled the air as 26 bridegrooms smashed 26 glasses under their feet in a mass wedding for Jewish couples who had been denied traditional religious ceremonies in the Soviet Union.

Shaded from the blazing sun by *chupas*, 24 of the couples renewed vows they had made in civil ceremonies, some as long as 35 years, in the Soviet Union. The other two couples were married for the first time in the ceremony in a hotel parking lot.

"I am nervous and excited, like a young bride again, but this time it is better," said Sofia Stepansky of Passaic, who was married to Yakov Stepansky in a civil ceremony in the Soviet city of Livov 34 years ago.

They came to the United States in 1978.

"We have again the traditions what were lost a long time before," Yakov Stepansky said. "In Russia, we got no choice. Here we are free. We can choose. We choose to be Jews."

The Stepanskys' daughter, Inna, stood beside them during the ceremony, renewing the vows she and her husband, Leonid Bondar, recited in a civic building in Livov 14 years ago. Bondar's parents, married for 35 years, also renewed their vows.

"We could not have a Jewish ceremony then," said Inna Bondar, of Clifton. "We

didn't have a synagogue. We were not allowed to have our religion. We were not allowed to know who we are. Now I have freedom. I feel I am a new person."

"In Russia everyone is afraid, so we don't have such a wedding," said Leonid Bondar's mother, Raya. "I knew a little about Jewish tradition because my father before the revolution had schooling. He would teach us at night, but it was very frightening. To teach such a thing was not allowed."

Symon Bondar, Leonid's father, who came to Passaic 10 years ago, said in halting English, "Today, I am happiest man in all world."

Mrs. Stepansky's sister, Anna, and her husband, Izya Braun, of Passaic, also renewed their vows. Other relatives taking part in the ceremony were Issac and Raisa Fox, of Queens, New York City, and Issac's sister, Eugenia, and her husband, Boris Malitz, of Fair Lawn.

The ceremony, performed by 26 rabbis, was organized by Jersey City-based Bris Avrohom.

Simon and Sofia Wolowitsch of Los Angeles were married for the first time. He arrived from Moscow only three weeks earlier. Mrs. Wolowitsch said she had been planning a wedding in Los Angeles, but decided to take part in the mass wedding "to share the happiness of freedom."

Contributions Help Rebuild Synagogue

In Madison, Wisconsin, third and fourth grade students at Sunday Shalom contributed \$42.50.

In Savannah, Georgia, students at the Community Hebrew Academy came up with \$39.13.

And in New York City, three brothers held two seders at their restaurant and collected more than \$11,000.

These were some of the contributions received by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to help repair the damage done to Temple Neve Shalom in Istanbul, Turkey, during a murderous attack last September.

The attack occurred during Sabbath services, and 22 worshippers were killed. After

being closed for repairs, the synagogue reopened with a special prayer service May 20.

"JDC began receiving contributions to help the Istanbul Jewish community immediately after the attack," said JDC President Heinz Epler. "This was a spontaneous outpouring of support on the part of American Jews outraged by this vicious assault."

This Passover, Jacques, Samuel, and Albert Capsouto, owners of Capsouto Freres Restaurant in Manhattan, held two seders to benefit the synagogue. The proceeds from the dinners, augmented by additional donation, provided a total contribution of

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WEDDING LINE

TEANECK, N.J. — Roman and Eugena Yedilavich of East Windsor Township, N.J. are shown renewing their wedding vows under one of 26 *chupas* set up outside the Loews Glen Point Hotel in Teaneck. The 26 immigrant couples were denied traditional Jewish weddings in the Soviet Union. RNS PHOTO

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Hospice: A Concept Of Caring

By Ruth Kerbel, LCSW
Caseworker



From the moment we are born, we begin to experience loss, the first being the separation from our mother's womb. As we grow, we experience successive stages of separation appropriate to the life cycle. We learn to walk away from our parents, take on adult responsibilities, leave our parents' home to go away to college, begin a career, marry, and so the life cycle begins anew.

At the end of that life cycle, the losses appear to come in close succession. We retire from our jobs or careers, perhaps lose a spouse, friends, and sometimes move from a lifelong home to a smaller residence. While loss is a normal part of the life cycle, it is to the issue of loss of a loved one through terminal illness that this article is addressed.

Caring for a loved one suf-

fering with terminal illness can be a very difficult task, but a concept of caring that is both old and yet new is available to the residents of Delaware. Until several years ago, most people suffering terminal illness in Delaware died in hospitals or nursing homes. In 1983, hospice care became available under the auspices of Delaware Hospice, Inc. The term "hospice" is derived from the medieval word meaning a place of shelter for travelers on difficult journeys. Today, this term is used to describe programs that are designed to control and relieve the suffering of the terminally ill.

The concept of hospice care originated in Ireland in the nineteenth century and spread to England and other countries. The first modern hospice, St. Christopher's,

was opened in a London suburb in 1967 and has most influenced Americans.

Although hospices are actually buildings, or areas of hospitals in some communities, in Delaware, hospice is a concept rather than a place. It is a home care program where an interdisciplinary team visits patients in their homes and provides support services on a 24 hour basis through team members and volunteers.

The purpose of hospice care is to alleviate pain and meet the psychological, spiritual and social needs of the patient and family during the final stage of the illness and to provide bereavement counseling after the person's death. As only individuals with three to six months to live are eligible, the emphasis is on care

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Elder Support Network

The Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, which is the national membership organization of Jewish Family Services agencies throughout North America, has announced the opening of the *Elder Support Network*.

The Elder Support Network is a system designed to act as a telephonic bridge for adult children seeking social services for elder parents in other communities and those Jewish Family Service agencies than can provide that very service. There are currently 70 local Partner agencies in communities of every size from coast to coast as well as Canada (including JFS of Delaware)..

The Elder Support Network became operational on June 15 and can be contacted by dialing a toll free number, 1-800-634-7654. After obtaining some basic information, the Network operator will then notify the Partner agency in the parent's community which in turn will contact the person who made the initial referral. The worker from the local agency will then initiate contact with the elder relative. An evaluation will be made and a treatment plan will be suggested where appropriate.

These services can only be provided if the elder person agrees to accept them and there are usually fees attached to the provision of service.

For further information, call either Jewish Family Service of Delaware at 478-9411, or the Elder Support Network at 1-800-634-7654.

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

My wedding is scheduled for the fall, but I'm beginning to wonder whether or not I'm doing the right thing. If you tell me I'm crazy I'll respect your opinion, but I think it is my fiance who is way off base.

Listen to this. My fiance, who was married once before, is demanding a pre-nuptial agreement to cover our finances if we get divorced. He says "Linda" took him to the cleaners, and he won't allow that to happen to him again. I have explained to him over and over that I am not Linda. I am not vindictive, or mercenary, or mean. Sometimes I think he looks at me and sees Linda. I love him, but he is killing any sense of romance and even trust between us with his talk of contracts and financial settlements. The whole idea of getting married is to build a life together — isn't it?

In Love,
Not in Larceny

Dear In Love,

You are both right. You are both wrong. And you'd better reconcile the two so you get to the hupa with the best possible chance of building a lasting relationship.

The romance, the sparkle, the thrill of building a new life with your love is an experience which no one should miss. You and he deserve to share it. Beyond "a loaf of bread, a jug of wine" come the practicalities of building that life, however. The financial arrangements are part of every marriage, and must be worked out by every couple.

The ketubah, the Aramaic document signed by the

groom and read under the hupa, is a pre-nuptial agreement of exactly the sort your fiance desires. Developed for the protection of women in marriage and divorce, the traditional document specifies the economic and other obligations of a man to his wife. Why not use this as a starting point for a discussion?

You cannot ask your fiance to forget about his experiences with his first wife. His feelings about that marriage are real; those experiences color his views of women and relationships. "Linda" is part of the baggage your fiance brings to the marriage. How much weight "Linda" carries will determine the chances of success in your relationship. If he is very involved with her (anger is involvement, too), he is not yet ready for marriage with you. If he has regrets; has learned something about himself; has realistic goals for this marriage: he is ready.

A pre-nuptial agreement is a great tool for learning the answers to some of these questions. Involve your rabbi in discussions about your ketubah. Consider using (separate) lawyers if you make any financial arrangements. And if the going gets tough this summer, see a therapist for pre-marital counseling. Lots of luck.

Rachel

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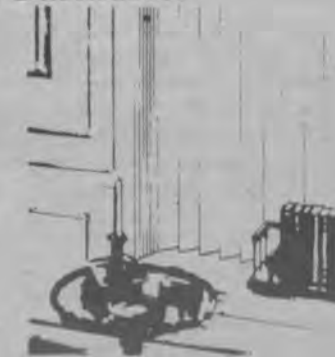
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Photo left to right (foreground): Elisha Maroney, Maple Lane 1st grader; Mrs. Minnie Grablow, Kutz Home; Jennifer Shadwell, Maple Lane 1st grader. Background: Mrs. Esther Rieur.

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"It is fitting that the Capsoutos raised these funds during Passover, one of the ancient symbols of Jewish unity, and the holiday that most traditionally brings the entire family together," Mr. Eppler commented.

The Capsoutos have special ties to the Turkish synagogue. Their father was a native of Istanbul, who later settled in Lyons, France. The local synagogue was quite poor, and the elder Capsouto arranged for the donation of Torah scrolls from Temple Neve Shalom. For the brothers, the seder benefit was a way of repaying the Istanbul congregation's earlier generosity.

Other contributions coupled with a grant from JDC, came to \$25,000. "It was especially heartening to receive contributions from young students," said JDC Executive Vice President Ralph I. Goldman. "It shows that today's young people are deeply concerned about their fellow Jews anywhere in the world."

artwork with the seniors at the Kutz Home. They first met the residents last November when they visited the Home for singing, conversation and a tour of the building.

The Maple Lane School/Kutz Home Outreach Program, sponsored by the STRIVE Elementary Program/Green Circle of the Delaware Region NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews), was started in 1983. Student and senior response to the Outreach Program has been very positive. The residents have been energized by the students' songs, smiles and hugs, while the children have taken great pride in performing for the residents and making pictures and decorations for their rooms.

Outreach Program Concludes Its Fourth Year

"A Celebration Of Israel" was the theme of the closing session of the 1986-87 Maple Lane School/Kutz Home Outreach Program. On May 22 Joan Downs's Maple Lane School first graders visited the Kutz Home to hear about Israel from Ruth Seidel, Kutz Home dietician, and view slides of Jerusalem narrated by Naomi Goldstein. The students entertained the residents with enthusiastic singing of "It's A Small World" and "The Mouseketeer Song."

The day before, five Kutz Home residents visited Maple Lane to see the second grades' performance of "The Wizard Of Oz." Throughout the 1986-87 school year Mrs. Downs's first graders have been exchanging letters and

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rather than cure. Palliative measures, reducing and alleviating pain and making the patient physically comfortable, are major goals.

In addition to the physician, nurses and physical therapists who provide the medical care, a social worker is available to deal with psychological issues, and volunteers are available to handle a myriad of duties that include being a friend to the family in time of need. Pastoral services are provided to meet spiritual needs of the patients. For our Jewish residents in Delaware, there is no Jewish hospice program; however, Delaware Hospice is attuned to the needs of its Jewish patients and additional pastoral care may be requested by the rabbi of those affiliated with congregations and by Delaware's Jewish Chaplain, Rhea Cook, for the unaffiliated.

We at Jewish Family Service will be happy to answer

any questions about the hospice program in Delaware, to make a home visit that will help the family determine if hospice care is an appropriate option, or to make other referrals to those individuals ineligible for hospice care. Call us at 478-9411 or Delaware Hospice directly at 478-5707. Delaware Hospice runs volunteer training programs in the event you would like to contribute time to this very worthwhile organization.



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Obituaries

Rose Z. Friedman

Rose Z. Friedman, 97, of Kutz Home, 704 River Road, formerly of Collingswood, N.J., died Sunday, June 7 in the nursing home.

Mrs. Friedman was born in Russia and moved to the United States as a child.

She was a homemaker and a member of Temple Beth El. She lived most of her adult life in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1973. She is survived by a grandson, Lawrence S. Kalkstein of Ainsley Woods, Newark.

Herman Reitzes

Herman Reitzes, well-known sports announcer, died Friday, June 12. He was 84.

In 1983, Mr. Reitzes received the first Herm Reitzes Award presented annually by the Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association for "outstanding contribution to athletics and sports in Delaware."

Mr. Reitzes was born in New York, reared in Philadelphia and completed high school at Wilmington High, where he had no time to compete in sports. "I had to work," he once explained.

He played freshman and sophomore football at Delaware College (as the University of Delaware was then known) and graduated in 1925.

For a while he sold insurance. During the 1925-26 school year he taught at the old Millsboro High, where he also coached football and boys and girls basketball — all for \$1,200 a year. He announced for the old Wilmington Clippers football team when Vince Lombardi played here as a guard.

Before moving to Tilton Terrace Nursing Home, 801 N. Broom St., he lived with his sister, Anna Reitzes, at 3203 Jefferson St. In addition to Anna Reitzes, now of Miami Beach, he is survived by two brothers, Isadore of Hilltop Manor and Samuel of Miami Beach; and another sister, Lillian Blank of Miami Beach.

Graveside services were held in the Adas Kodesch Shel

Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom.

Samuel Greenberg

Samuel Greenberg, 77, of 34 Lawson Ave., Claymont, died Saturday, June 13 in Riverside Hospital.

Mr. Greenberg was a resident of Delaware for 38 years. He was the owner of Sammy Green's Restaurant at 800 Delaware Ave. for seven years. Before that, he owned Green's Restaurant in Fairfax Shopping Center.

He is survived by his wife, Florence L.; two sons, Frank Lloyd of Stratford Apartments and Mark L. at home; two daughters, Pamela S. Morayata of Detroit, and Sally A. Greenberg of Wilmington; three brothers, Milton of Atlantic City, N.J., Irving of Rome, N.Y., and Jack, address unknown; a sister, Sylvia Green of Stratford Apartments; and two grandchildren.

Services and burial were private.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Riverside Hospital, Wilmington.

Sylvia S. Oken

Sylvia Schatz Oken of 6 Colony Blvd., a speech pathologist in the New Castle County public schools for over 20 years, died Monday, June 15. She was 61.

She is survived by her husband Aaron; a daughter, Judy Oken Hodas of Wilmington; a sister, Selma Gwatkin of Shaker Heights, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services were held in Temple Beth Emeth, Lea Boulevard. Burial was private.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Jewish Community Center, Wilmington.

Edward M. Jaffe

Edward M. Jaffe, 76, of 704 W. 38th St., died Wednesday, June 17 at home.

Mr. Jaffe owned Wilmington Drug Co. at Fourth and

Rodney streets for 39 years, retiring in 1978.

He was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy and was a member of the Pennsylvania and Delaware pharmaceutical associations.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and a life member of B'nai B'rith, Michael Jaffe Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Yetta C.; a daughter, Joan Lois Jaffe of New York City; and a brother, Abram of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Services were held at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike. Burial was in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Reba L. Benjamin

Reba L. Benjamin, 95, of 3603 Labyrinth Road, Baltimore, Md. died Saturday, June 20 at home.

Mrs. Benjamin was a homemaker. She was a life member of Hadassah, where she was a corresponding secretary for many years.

Her husband, Ben, died in 1959. She is survived by a son, William of Baltimore; two daughters, Ruth Siegel of Wilmington and Elaine Gaby of Baltimore; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Sol Levinson & Bros. Inc., Baltimore.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shaom, Wilmington.

Evelyn Levitt

Evelyn Levitt, recognized in bridge circles as one of the country's outstanding players, died June 23 in the Wilmington Hospital. She was 67.

Mrs. Levitt, of 509 Shipley Road, first began playing bridge at her grandmother's house, where her aunts always would use her as a fourth. She continued to play regularly "for fun" with her husband, Harold, former owner of Levitt Jewelry Co. on Market Street.

But she said after entering — and winning — her first competition, the Delaware State Women's Tournament, "then I got crazy. I really got the bug."

A life master with 7,800 master points, she frequently played in local, regional and national tournaments, and was the top ranking female player in Delaware.

She was a world master of the World Bridge Federation and was winner of North American Championships in (Continued to Page 23)

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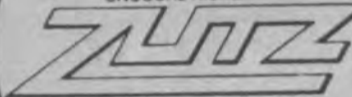


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Jewish Books in Review

By WILLIAM MCGURN

"No people has ever insisted more firmly than the Jews that history has a purpose and humanity a destiny." So writes British historian Paul Johnson in the prologue to his latest book, "A History of the Jews" (Harper & Row, \$25). Over the next 644 pages he unfolds the unparalleled story of this stiff-necked people and their grudging God — what they have meant to each other and what together they have meant to the world.

A former editor of the New Statesman, Mr. Johnson comes admirably prepared for a work of such magnitude. His prior credits include "A History of Christianity," "A History of the English People" and "Modern Times: The World From the Twenties to the Eighties." As the titles themselves suggest, the author's works are delivered with the air of Moses coming down from the mountain — and with the same urgent sense of purpose.

In this instance the theme is that the Jews serve as a "pilot" for humanity, with their knack for turning "their particular fate into a universal moral." The idea for the book, he says, came to him while working on his history of Christianity, when he began to appreciate "the magnitude of the debt" his own faith owed to that of Abraham. Mr. Johnson picks his way through his historical clutter of the centuries to reveal how the ebb and flow of Jewish fortunes has been decisive for the world as a whole, beginning with Abraham's purchase of the burial plot at Canaan, through

Guiding Light: Jews As 'Pilot' For Humanity

"A History Of The Jews"

By Paul Johnson

the Babylonian exile and the final sack of Jerusalem, up to the Holocaust and the triumphant declaration of the State of Israel.

The primary text, of course, is the Bible, here treated as "a work of history" (though subject to many qualifications). Against the claims of 19th-century thinkers who dismissed the Old Testament books as a collection of myths edited by later generations of Jews to support their own practices and prejudices, Mr. Johnson takes pains to show that in fact the Jewish scribes were remarkably literal when recording these works and that modern archaeology especially is yielding dramatic physical corroboration of the main events.

Thus, for example, Mr. Johnson uses the biblical report that Abraham came from Ur and the excavations of that city by Sir Leonard Woolley to dispel the notion that the first Jews were a rustic, desert people. Ur was a leading metropolis, and Abraham would consequently have been "familiar with cities, complex legal concepts, and religious ideas which, for their day, were

sophisticated" — an apt environment for the Jews' first momentous contribution to the world — one, personal God. Similarly the contention that Moses was a myth and the Mosaic Code a concoction of post-Exilic priests is dismissed as "scepticism carried to the point of fanaticism."

It was precisely this gift of the Law, of course, that gave the Jews purpose. Not only did it allow them to maintain their identity wherever they found themselves — essential for a nation mostly in exile — it helped "rationalize" belief, the very narrowness of the creed heightening the revolutionary potential its members would have on the rest of society. With the Enlightenment much of this Jewish energy was channeled off from purely religious applica-

tion, with Marx and Freud but two examples of the explosive consequences. From Einstein in science to Trotsky and Disraeli in politics, secular Jews did not stop being a light unto the gentiles; they cast light into hitherto darkened corners.

For the most part, Mr. Johnson's approach serves him well, but as the story draws closer to our own day, his judgments become more contentious. Regarding the founding of modern Israel, for example, he exhibits the British proclivity for calling Her Majesty's foes terrorists, in particular Menachem Begin. This charge rests more on disagreeable statements Mr. Begin had made than on what he has actually done.

Although he emphasizes the ambiguous and piecemeal

nature of our knowledge of the past, his own judgments are distinctly categorical: Words like "certainly," "clearly" and "no doubt" appear frequently, as in the assertion that Mordecai Noah, America's first Jewish diplomat, "a hundred years later... would certainly have become a movie mogul."

Nevertheless any work of such breadth is bound to have a few bumps, and Mr. Johnson's is a relatively smooth ride. "Jewish history," he concludes, "is not only a record of physical facts but metaphysical notions." From the proposition that man was created in the divine image first recorded by Hebrew scribes in antiquity to the Statue of Liberty's appeal to the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," written by the Jewish New Yorker Emma Lazarus, such notions have become so much a part of everyday assumptions we have forgotten from whom we learned them. Part triumph, part tragedy, Jewish history is, as Mr. Johnson shows, an eminently Jewish irony.

Mr. McGurn is deputy editorial page editor of *The Asian Wall Street Journal*.

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1978, 1981, 1983, 1985 and 1986. She represented the U.S. in the World Bridge Federation's Olympiad in Miami in 1986 and was on the winning team of the "Women's Knockout Team of Four Bridge Championship" in Toronto in July. This October, she was to represent the United States in the Venice Cup competition in Jamaica.

She turned her avocation into a vocation, teaching bridge and running tournaments around Wilmington. She coordinated duplicate bridge at Wilmington Country Club for 24 years and lectured on bridge at the Du Pont Country Club for 20 years.

She served as district recorder and on the national appeals committee of the American Contract Bridge League, where she arbitrated disputes among players and tournament directors.

She was president of the Delaware State Bridge Association in 1975-76 and current president of the Forum for Women in Bridge.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah and the Jewish Community Center.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Andrea Baum of New York City, Ilene Levit of Amherst, Mass., and Donna Levitt of San Francisco; and a grandson.

Services were at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard. Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association, Wilmington.

Winners Of The 38th Annual National Jewish Book Awards

Eight authors and one illustrator have won the coveted 1987 National Jewish Book Awards, it was announced by Abraham Kremer, president of the JWB Jewish Book Council. Their works ranged from a children's book about a Refusenik family written from the perspective of a 12-year-old girl, through a

shocking study of how physicians could become killers during the Holocaust, to an exquisite compendium of Jewish folk art.

The winners received their awards at a ceremony held in New York City on Wednesday, June 10th.

Winners were chosen in the fields of the Holocaust, Jewish Thought, Israel,

Jewish History, Scholarship, Visual Arts, Children's Literature and Illustrated Children's Books.

The winners are:

Holocaust — Robert J. Lifton, *Nazi Doctors: Medical Killing and the Psychology of Genocide* (Basic Books).

Jewish Thoughts — Arnold M. Eisen, *Galut: Modern Jewish Reflection on Homelessness and Homecoming* (Indiana University).

Israel — Samuel Heilman, *A Walker in Jerusalem* (Summit Books).

Jewish History — David Biale, *Power and Powerlessness in Jewish History* (Schocken Books).

Scholarship — Reuven Hammer, *Sifre: A Tannaitic Commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy* (Yale University Press).

Visual Arts — Joy Ungerleider-Mayerson, *Jewish Folk Art: From Biblical Days to Modern Times* (Summit Books).

Children's Literature — Eileen Bluestone Sherman, *Monday in Odessa* (Jewish Publication Society).

Illustrated Children's Books — Myra C. Livingston, author, and Lloyd Bloom, illustrator, *Poems for Jewish Holidays* (Holiday House).

A cash prize of \$750 and a certificate of recognition was given to each winning author, and a citation was presented to each publisher.

Israeli Exchange Students Seek U.S. Host Families

Israeli high school students and students from more than 20 other countries are scheduled to come to the United States in late August to live with families and attend school. Offers of hospitality are urgently needed if these students are to come to the United States as scheduled.

The OPEN DOOR Student Exchange, a not-for-profit international exchange organization, has been bringing foreign students to the United States and sending U.S. students abroad for more than 23 years. The Israeli students require hospitality for approximately 5 months as do a number of students from other countries. Most students arriving in late August come for a stay of 10 months, but others come for 3 months or a semester.

The OPEN DOOR Student Exchange was founded in 1963 and maintains an active scholarship program to

enable students (U.S. and foreign) to have an international experience abroad. In recent years it has been the recipient of 7 U.S. government grants to help U.S. and foreign students participate in one of the many varied programs offered by this organization.

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The film follows Singer through some of the events of his busy schedule — a question and answer period after a speaking engagement, a session with an assistant translating one of his stories. Old photographs illustrate Singer's early years on Krochmalna Street in Warsaw, Poland, and chronicle the young man's emigration to America.

ISAAC IN AMERICA provides a rare opportunity to see the Nobel Prize laureate as a struggling young writer trying to establish himself in America, as well as an intimate look at his life today. The film weaves together present-day documentary scenes of Singer with excerpts from "A Day in Coney Island," his highly autobiographical short story, which gives the author's impressions of his first days in America. Actor Judd Hirsch narrates the story.

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Baseball Comes To Israel

By JEREMY KESSLER

(WZPS) — Knuckleballs, screwballs and grand-slams are not easily translated into the Israeli patois, for baseball is as foreign to Israel as 'apple pie.' Yet Jerusalem recently witnessed a game that was so exciting that it had the spectators roaring and rocking in the stands.

Under the patronage of Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek, who pitched the first ball, a veritable United Nations met at the YMCA sportsground in Jerusalem for the first official game in Israel. Representing teams with names like the Sharon Valley All Stars, the Hertzliya Bears and the Jerusalem Shleppers, players from as diverse backgrounds as Ethiopia, Russia, America, Israel, South Africa, Romania and Argentina, all got together to take part in that great American ritual - baseball.

The Israel-American Baseball Corporation (a non-profit organization), which so far has a league of 14 teams and over 200 youths aged 8-14, is the brainchild of Texan, Randy Khan, 27, and his father Leonard, a retired attorney now living in Israel. It's aim is to use baseball as a vehicle to promote cooperation and understanding amongst youth in Israel.

Randy's inspiration came while visiting his sister on *Moshav Beit Yitzhak* in 1985. He brought along with him a couple of balls and mitts for the benefit of his nephews and in no time had all the *moshav* kids wildly enthusiastic about the game. Soccer and basketball, the two staples of the Israeli sporting diet, are games of constant motion and contact. Baseball calls for thought and is not a contact sport. Randy's feeling was that the teamwork and understanding called for in baseball could introduce these elements into this troubled Middle East - quite an achievement if it were possible.

13 year old Zvi Saguy, an Ethiopian *oleh* who arrived in Israel two years ago in Operation Moses, is a star pitcher, one of many talented and dedicated Ethiopian players. Apparently they served their apprenticeship in Ethiopia, where they played a stickball game and were occasionally called on to help defend their villages in times of trouble by arming themselves with stones!

The "Tira Tigers" is made up of seven boys from the Arab village of Tira and seven Jewish boys from *Kibbutz Ramot Kahovesh*, whilst most other teams are



The first official baseball game in Israel kicks off at the YMCA sportsground in Jerusalem, May 1987. WZPS photo by Jeremy Kessler.

liberally sprinkled with kids from American or Canadian backgrounds. This diverse mixture already shows great teamwork and deep understanding. Randy is delighted with the progress already made.

Setting up such a league, which already consists of 14 teams is a difficult and complex task. Apart from intense dedication and limitless hours of work, it also needs money. Lots of it! Randy has been fortunate in getting help from such diverse sources as the American Parks and Recreation Department, the Kentucky equipment manufacturer "Louisville Sluggers," as well as many private donors. Some donated funds, other equipment. Everything has helped.

Not everything has been clear sailing. Randy has also had the dubious pleasure of encountering the fabled Israeli bureaucracy. It is ob-

viously not an easy task explaining to customs men why equipment for a fledgling sport should not be taxed! Persuading municipalities to show an interest and support the sport has also been a time consuming task, although Randy feels that he is beginning to have some success. Mayor Kollek's sponsorship of the recent exhibition game is proof of that.

Randy and Leonard feel that the potential for baseball in Israel is tremendous. It will break down barriers and improve relations between youth in Israel from every type of background, and of course, it is good, clean fun. Plans for the future are not modest. Randy is aiming at having an Israeli baseball team at the 1992 Olympics, "and the kids in this league will be players on Israel's team," he says. Randy does not think competing is in anyway unrealistic.

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The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center elected a full slate of Officers and Members and re-elected Judy Levy as President of the Center. In addition to the election, the Annual Meeting was notable for honoring of two communal leaders for their long standing service to the Center and community.



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Sadie Toumarkine, presented the Harry Cohen Award to Nan Lipstein. In presenting the award that honors her father, to Nan Lipstein, she said "Along with all her other commitments to the United Way, Temple Beth Emeth and the Jewish Federation, it was to the Community Center to which she gave her most unstinting devotion." "For nearly two decades the Center has been a beneficiary of Nan's commitment to its purpose. As a fundraiser, problem solver, allocations negotiator, spokesperson, leadership trainer, member and chairperson of numerous committees, Board Member, Vice President and President she has provided an unbroken line of authentic and committed leadership to the Center. Her leadership has helped stabilize and shape the Center in its course of serving our community and membership. As much as she is a bearer of the Center's traditions and history she is also committed to its future and has lent her experience and knowledge to the current leadership in their efforts to assure the Center's future in our community."

Judy Levy, in presenting the Barbara Weiner Leadership Award to Richard Levin made the following remarks. "This years recipient of this award has been a member of the Center Board and is a member of its Executive Committee. He also holds the important post of Chairperson of the Finance Committee and was recently instrumental in negotiating our safety concerns about the impact of the changes being planned for Route 202 with the State Highway Department.

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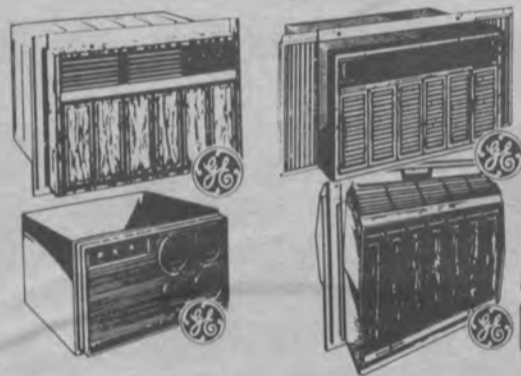
In her Presidential Report, Judy Levy expressed her appreciation to Judy Mellen for her efforts on the Development Committee; Deane Kattler for directing the Membership Committee; Jerry Grossman for his work with the Campus Maintenance Committee who gave leadership for the planning of our maintenance needs at the Campus; Len Togman along with Richard Levin for managing a difficult issue related to the State of Delaware and to Eileen Conner for her wise and helpful financial counsel. She thanked the Center staff, the members, the community volunteers and supporters who have made the Center a very special place.

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*Joe Dawson Inc. Lowest price challenge requirement: Simply bring in written proof of price on a competitor's sales invoice from within our trading area for any make or model in our stock — if we are unable to beat our competitor's price, we agree to buy that item for free!

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED 90-DAY REFUND OR EXCHANGE OPTION DIRECT FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC ON GE MAJOR APPLIANCES

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THANK YOU DELAWARE!

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ON THIS, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COMMITMENT TO DELAWARE, THE EMPLOYEES AND MANAGEMENT OF MARTIN OLDSMOBILE, MARTIN HONDA, AND THE MARTIN USED CAR CENTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF DELAWARE FOR MAKING OUR FIRST YEAR A SUCCESS. WE GIVE YOU OUR PLEDGE TO CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO SATISFYING YOUR AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

—SONNY OWENS
V.P., GENERAL MANAGER

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