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House passes foreign aid bill, including \$6.2 billion for Israel

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A total of \$6.2 billion in aid to Israel over the next two years sailed through the House of Representatives on June 19 as the 1992-93 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill passed by a vote of 301 to 102.

The measure provides Israel with \$3 billion in all-grant aid in the 1992 fiscal year and \$3.2 billion in fiscal 1993.

In each year, Israel would receive a \$1.2 billion grant for economic aid, while its military grant would go from \$1.8 billion in 1992 to \$2 billion in 1993.

Aid to Jordan, set at \$27 million by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was eliminated by a 410 to 4 vote deemed a setback for the Bush administration.

The money could go to Jordan, however, if President Bush certifies that it has "taken steps to advance the peace process in the Middle East, or that furnishing assistance to Jordan would be beneficial to the peace process in the Middle East." Bush must certify that it is complying with U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

That language, sponsored by Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.), was approved by voice vote to modify an earlier amendment by Rep. John Miller (R-Wash.). Miller's amendment would have required Bush to certify that Jordan has recognized Israel's right to exist.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher was displeased even by the modified amendment.

"We think that rigid legislation prohibiting or restricting aid to Jordan would remove a key tool we have to respond to improved Jordanian behavior," Boucher said. "Such legislation could inhibit Jordan's effort to return to its traditionally moderate and helpful role in the area," he added.

The administration apparently is seeking to improve U.S.-Jordanian relations, which were severely strained when King Hussein supported Saddam Hussein of Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.

The authorization bill also calls for a freeze on sales of major weapons systems in the region.

Meanwhile, the appropriations bill that would actually supply the money was approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee last week, but has not yet reached the House floor.

The House overwhelmingly defeated an amendment by Rep. John Bryant (D-Texas) that would have cut Israel's aid package by \$82.5 million in 1992. That figure is roughly equal to the amount the Israeli government spent last year to expand Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Under the Bryant amendment, which failed by a 378-to-44 vote, Bush could have allowed Israel to receive the money if Israel demonstrated that it was not investing "in new and expanded settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, other than Jerusalem." Delaware's congressman, Thomas R. Carper, voted in favor of the amendment.

Rep. Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.), chairman of the Foreign Affairs subcommittee on the Mideast, spoke against the amendment. "We are going to stop the settlements only through the peace process itself," he said.

Syrian Jews are 'hostage' community

Human rights, not Arab-Israeli issue

By PAULA HAIT

Editor of The Jewish Voice

SAN DIEGO — No longer the Soviet Jews or the Ethiopian Jews, Syria's Jews are "the largest remaining Jewish hostage community in the world," according to Dr. Gilbert N. Kahn, Executive Director of the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews.

Addressing members of the American Jewish Press Association here last week, Kahn said that these approximately 4,000 Jews live in a "climate of fear and insecurity" under constant surveillance by Syria's Secret Police. The Mukhabarat, as the police are called, are said to be trained by a former Nazi officer. They keep a file on every Jewish person and restrict the travel and immigration of the Jewish population which lives almost exclusively in three cities — Damascus, Aleppo and Kamishli.

For a Jew to travel, Kahn said, he must obtain permission from the Mukhabarat and is not allowed to take family members or large sums of money with him, to ensure his return.

The plight of these isolated Jews is not an Arab-Israeli issue, according to Kahn. Rather, he said, it is a human rights issue and the restrictions placed upon them are in direct violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Accords, both signed by Syria.

Life in Syria is not easy for most of its citizens, "but the Jewish community is treated differently," he said. While all Syrians face travel and emigration restrictions, Jews are the only group to be universally barred from emigration.

Jews suspected of having travelled illegally or who are even planning to do so have been arrested, interrogated and even subjected to lengthy imprisonment. There are currently six Jewish men being held in Syrian prisons for

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Shoval says Israel must choose between settlements and guarantees

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's outspoken ambassador to Washington, Zalman Shoval, stirred up a hornet's nest over the weekend when he advised Israelis that they would have to choose between building new settlements in the administered territories and U.S. economic aid to absorb Soviet immigrants.

In a series of Israel Radio interviews from the U.S. capital, the envoy made clear his opinion that Israel could not have both.

Israel's official position is that the two issues are unrelated. Government officials could not conceal their embarrassment, and the political right is furious. Reports circulated that Shoval was upbraided by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shamir said Sunday that he merely had a "clarifying conversation" with the envoy, leaving observers to ponder the distinction.

Israel is expected to seek \$10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees this September to help absorb

Soviet immigrants. The Bush administration has hinted that its receptivity to the request may be influenced by the degree to which Israel cooperates with its peace efforts.

Israel's settlement drive in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has been a major source of friction. The Americans view the settlements as an "obstacle to peace."

But a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office on Sunday reiterated that Israel did not

regard the two issues to be in any way linked. It stressed that the economic aid is humanitarian while the settlements are a political matter.

Shoval's remarks made clear his opinion that the Americans think differently.

"The government of Israel will have no choice but to decide if it is more important to continue settlement-building in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, or obtain American aid for the

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JCC planning trip to Spain in 1992

Jews from across U.S. will join Delaware-led delegation

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will host a trip to Spain next year in conjunction with "Sepharad '92," a year-long 1992 observance commemorating Spain's "re-encounter with its brilliant Jewish past."

Jews from across the nation will join the Delaware-led delegation from March 25 through April 7, 1992, in visiting the historical sites of Jewish Spain and meeting with the Jewish community of Spain in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain.

"This will be an historic event with far reaching implications," commented Moises Paz, JCC Assistant Executive Director and trip coordinator. "Spain has invited the Jewish community to re-establish a bond of friendship. On March 31, 1992, a royal edict by Spain's King Juan Carlos will proclaim his country's break with centuries of medieval anti-Semitism, and we'll be there to hear the edict pronounced!"

Paz, himself a Sephardic Jew who traces his family's history back to the expulsion from Spain, is promoting the tour to Jewish

Community Centers across the country. Centers in San Diego, Louisville and Rockville, Md., have already expressed considerable interest, he said, and he anticipates many more will "come on board in the next few months."

The ancient city of Toledo has been selected as the capital of the Sepharad. According to Toledo's mayor, Jose Manuel Molina Garcia, his city was "the meeting place of two cultures which never should have been separated." In a message from Garcia delivered in Los Angeles by Samuel Toledano, secretary general of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Spain, the mayor issued a formal invitation to world Jewry to come to Toledo for the celebration of Sepharad '92. He urged Diaspora and Israeli Jews to view his invitation as "an appeal to an absent brother to return home."

Leading up to 1992, the planning commission for Sepharad is organizing many projects, including:

- Restoration of the old Jewish quarters in Toledo, Seville, Cordoba and other cities.
- Introduction of a course on the history of

the Jews in Spain, considered taboo until very recently, in all Spanish secondary schools.

- Publication of a guide to Jewish Spain.
- Construction of a pavilion at the 1992 international exposition in Seville which will chronicle the history of the Jewish people.

Overseeing preparations for the Sepharad is an international commission coordinated by the World Sephardi Federation and headed by former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, currently Israel's minister of education. Nobel Prize winner, Elie Wiesel is honorary chairperson of the committee.

A visit to Spain in 1992 will be quite an experience, Paz said, referring to other events scheduled there. In addition to Sepharad '92, Spain will be celebrating the quinquacentennial commemoration of Columbus' discovery of America and Christian Spain's final victory over the Moslems. Madrid has been designated for that year as the European Capital of Culture by the European Economic Community, and Barcelona will play host to the Olympics.

For further information on the Jewish Community Center's trip to Jewish Spain, contact Paz at 478-5660.

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Editorial

U.S. aid to Israel is in this country's best interest

Given the recent influx of almost 15,000 Ethiopian Jews and the continuing immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, there is a new urgency to Israel's request for U.S. foreign aid. And with Foreign Aid Authorization and Appropriations bills currently being considered in Congress, it is more critical than ever that we urge our representatives in Washington to support this legislation.

Late last month, the House Foreign Affairs Committee completed consideration of the authorization bill which sets policy parameters for how foreign aid is used. In addition to earmarking three billion dollars in U.S. foreign aid for Israel, other pro-Israel provisions include language strengthening restrictions on U.S./PLO contacts, urging Arab states to make peace with Israel and calling on Arab states to end their boycott against Israel.

This month, the bill went to the House of Representatives where it was approved by a wide margin. As presented for the vote, the bill brought in the issue of Israel's settlements in the West Bank. Thomas R. Carper, Delaware's congressman, voted in favor of cutting aid by the amount Israel has spent to expand settlements in the West Bank. (See page 1.)

It is crucial that members of the Jewish community contact their elected officials in Washington to urge them to support the three billion dollars in earmarked aid to Israel, to support the other pro-Israel provisions and to support final passage of the bills. It is also important to ask the representatives to oppose any amendments which link that aid to specific Israeli policies.

Why is U.S. aid to Israel in this country's best interest? There are several reasons.

First, the U.S. and Israel have a longstanding relationship based on shared values and mutual interests, including a commitment to democracy that is deeply rooted. As with other Western-style democracies, the U.S.-Israel relationship remains firm even as political leaders change. This is in direct contrast to the U.S.' ties with other Middle Eastern states whose relationships with the U.S. are based upon personal relationships with leaders, not with people.

Second, as the Gulf War illustrated, the U.S. and Israel share a strategic alliance. Israel made an invaluable contribution to operation Desert Storm by not retaliating for the 39 Scud missile attacks it endured. By doing so, the Jewish state ensured the stability of the coalition, shortened the war and saved American lives. Israeli military equipment and intelligence contributed to the Allied victory in the Persian Gulf.

Third, military and economic aid to Israel is essential to keep her strong and secure, thereby protecting U.S. interests in the region. Since 1973, Arab states have spent \$170 billion on arms while Israel has spent \$13 billion — eight percent of the Arab total. Since the end of the Gulf War, Syria has received two billion dollars in aid from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states which has enabled Syria to buy more arms from the Soviet Union and from North Korea.

Also, almost all of Israel's military aid is spent in the United States, creating jobs and boosting local economies. It is also used to repay past military loans to the U.S. government or to U.S. financial institutions.

An interesting and important fact to bear in mind when looking at the U.S.-Israel relationship is the State Department's annual report to Congress on voting practices at the U.N. Israel, one of the most dependable friends of the United States, backed the U.S. 88 percent of the time. Israel, in fact, voted with the U.S. more than any other country, as it has for the last ten years. An average of the voting records of 20 Arab states showed opposition to U.S. voting 84 percent of the time. In fact, the Soviet Union voted with the United States as frequently as any Arab country and more than all but three of them.

It is important to note that amendments linking foreign aid to Israel with Israel's settlement activity are counterproductive. Characterizing Israeli settlements as the real impediments to peace in the region deflects from the real obstacle created by the refusal of the Arab states — even after the war — to negotiate with Israel. In 1978, Israel froze settlement activity to draw Arabs to the negotiating table, yet none came. More of an obstacle to peace in the Middle East than any other thing is not the settlements, but, rather, an Arab refusal to recognize Israel and a continuing boycott instigated against Israel.

Delaware's representatives in Washington may be contacted at the following addresses or telephone numbers. If they are not available to speak to you, you may ask to speak to their foreign policy aides.

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Letters to the Editor

Reform/Chabad stresses in the Soviet Union

The Moscow Shul you described as "seized in 1938" in your June 7 edition of *The Jewish Voice* should have been entitled "seized in 1991."

In 1990 the Deputy Chairman for Religious Affairs in Moscow promised the liberal Congregation Hineni that he would transfer to them for services and cultural activities one of the many buildings that had formerly belonged to the Moscow Jewish Community. The council of the district in which the Poliakov building was located adopted a resolution that recommended that the Moscow City Council transfer the Poliakov Synagogue to Congregation Hineni. The Vaad and the Coordinating Council of Moscow Jewish Organizations sent written statements endorsing the transfer. Even before final approval was obtained Hineni was permitted to use the facilities.

The Chabad Hasidim, on learning of the transfer, claimed the building for themselves. They told the Soviet authorities that Reform Judaism was not authentic; it was a political movement.

In April, 1991, several dozen Chabad followers forced their way into the Poliakov building and refused to leave. Police were called and the building was closed to all Jews. Subsequently it was learned that the Chabad Hasidim bought off city officials to obtain the rights to the building.

It appears as if the Chabad Hasidim are taking their war against liberal Jews to the USSR. For shame!

Constance S. Kreshtool
(Editor's note: This story is covered by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an article on page 15.)

Gorson is 'voice of conscience'

I commend *The Jewish Voice* for publishing the recent article by Mr. Sigmund (Ziggy) Gorson (May 24). Approximately 20 years ago, shortly after being transferred to this area by Dupont, I became aware of the presence in the Wilmington area of this remarkable, highly intelligent and fiercely courageous individual from his outspoken Letters to the Editor of the *Wilmington News*. The Wilmington community, particularly the Jewish one, should feel

proud and honored to have in its midst one so highly committed to justice and integrity even in the face of personal attack, financial loss and de facto social ostracism. His is a voice of conscience I trust to hear from again, hopefully in *The Jewish Voice*.

Philip Rudnick
Professor, Chemistry Dept.
West Chester University

JWV membership open to community

Recently I received a call asking how to become a member of the Jewish War Veterans in Delaware. This was quite a surprise since we have been an active JWV Post since 1947.

The original Jewish War Veterans were organized in 1896 by a group of civil war veterans who wanted to show that Jewish men on both sides of the conflict fought with distinction and valor.

The first Delaware Post was chartered in 1947 by a group of fourteen organizers. Today, we have a Department of Delaware consisting

of three Posts, with an enrollment of 160 members. We consist of Veterans from World War 1 through Desert Storm.

Full membership requires Military Service during a time of war in which the United States participated. However, any person of the Jewish faith may become an associate member and actively take part in our various programs.

Please call me at 475-6521 for more information.

Harry Lubin
Commander
Harry Fineman Post #525

Israeli broadcasts will connect olim

"Operation Solomon", the rescue of the Ethiopian Jews has become already a milestone in our new history. It indeed represents the highest expression of Jewish solidarity, and it is the acme of the fulfillment of the Zionist mission.

Israel Broadcasting Authority this week inaugurated a new transmission network of radio broadcasts especially for new immigrants, which will air Russian and Ethiopian language programs and news for the tens of thousands of newcomers who do not yet speak Hebrew.

There will be twelve hours of Russian programs a day, and two hours in Amharic (Ethiopian) at evening peak time. The broad-

casts will include news, Hebrew lessons, programs on Judaism and Jewish tradition, the story of Zionism and history of Israel, current affairs, etc. Up-to-date information for immigrants on housing, jobs, education, etc., will also be included.

The new radio services will introduce the new Olim to the reality in Israel, so that when they speak Hebrew, they'll already know that even if we don't all speak in one tongue - we are all working together on the same national mission!

Israel Peleg, Ph.D.
Consul General of Israel

Op-Ed

Only people can create peace

(Editor's note: Becky Halpern Cooke, a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, participated in a March 1991 mission to Jordan, sponsored by Earthstewards Network (a Seattle, Washington, grass roots organization focused on, in Cooke's words, "citizen diplomacy and conflict resolution") and Peacetable, to donate one tone of medical supplies to Gulf War refugees, and

"to build bridges of friendship." The following materials, edited by *The Jewish Voice*, were written by Cooke in answer to question from friends and family about her journey).

By BECKY HALPERN COOKE

As a group (12 Americans, including four from Delaware, Kevin Heslin, John Shuford, Tony Falkowski and myself), we were given an incredible opportunity to learn about the Middle

East through the eyes of Jordan, a majority of whose residents are Palestinians. Or, as one member of our group expressed it, we learned about Jordan, the eye of the (desert) storm.

For twelve intense days we traveled the country. We met with high ranking government officials — Queen Noor; Patrick Theros, the charges d'affaires of the U.S. Embassy; Dr. Ibrahim Budran, Minister of Industry and Trade;

Dr. Achmed Qantaanni, Minister of Palestinian Affairs; Dr. Bassam Kakish, director of the Aqaba Region Authority; Awad Tell of the Port Authority (Aqaba).

We met with Dr. Hanna Nasir, president of Birzeit University and former treasurer of the PNC, and with Mahamoud Milhelm, chief, Occupied Territories Affairs, Department of the PLO. We visited Baqa'a, a Palestinian refugee camp. We had tea and celebrated Ramadan break fasts in homes of Jordanians and Jordanian Palestinians. We met with members of the Jordanian Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War. We met with Rebecca Salti, director of the Save the Children Foundation and an American married to a Jordanian.

Jordan's focus as we arrived was turned to the "returnees," the approximately 200,000 Jordanians, many of Palestinian descent, who has been forced to flee Kuwait and Iraq and returned to Jordan where they had been living with family and friends. With unemployment at 30% and underemployment at 50%, this group was increasingly becoming a problem as they affected the infrastructure of the country. This group added over 52,000 children to the Jordanian schools. Most schools had gone to two half day sessions with many families sending some children in the morning to come home at noon and give their uniforms to other siblings who were going in the afternoon.

The economic cost of the Persian Gulf War on Jordan was staggering. According to Queen Noor, a UN official said to here, "Jordan was not the target of the sanctions, but Jordan was the greatest victim."

There were signs of the economic difficulties everywhere. Empty hotels, restaurants closed, shops closed, and limited airline flights all reflected the cost to tourism, Jordan's number one industry. The ancient city of Petra, which usually handles over 2000 visitors a day, saw only our group and two other tourists the day we were there.

Aqaba port piers were virtually empty. Shipping through Aqaba dropped drastically with the imposition of the sanctions. Iraq was Jordan's major trade partner. The port director felt also because of the foreign attitude toward Jordan's political position of neutrality, some ships from other countries would not come and those who did were subjected to onerous inspections and increased insurance costs.

Jordan's economy was also affected by the loss of foreign aid from the U.S. and the other coalition nations. Because Jordan steadfastly remained neutral, many countries cut off aid

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Saudis calling shots as U.S. frames policy in wake of Gulf War

By JOSEPH PUDER

Why is it that the United States is now prepared to co-exist with an Iraq led by Saddam Hussein, once called "a new Hitler" by President Bush, who covertly sought his elimination during the Gulf War?

The answer lies with the Saudi royal family. The Wahhabis of Saudi Arabia would rather have a Sunni-Moslem tyrant to their north than a free, democratic Iraq with Shi'ite and Kurdish participation. This narrow, racist and prejudiced view of Riyadh has influenced Washington's decision not to aid the Kurds and the Shi'ites.

In fact, it is the Saudi royal family that dictates U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and, specifically, in the Gulf area.

The Saud family's iron-fist rule of its vast kingdom is as oppressive and dictatorial as that of Hussein in Iraq and that of another U.S. "ally," Hafez Assad of Syria. The Saudis abhor democracy and free choice for their own people and fear that democracy in Iraq, or majority rule there, will open the door for the same in their own kingdom.

Fear of democracy has made the Saudis uncomfortable with the U.S. presence there, although they would like the United States to leave its huge arsenal of weapons in the country.

Moreover, the Saudis have now accepted the former monster from Baghdad as the legitimate ruler of Iraq. They have persuaded the Bush administration to ignore the suffering of the non-Arab Kurds and Shi'ites in favor of the perpetuation of a Sunni-Moslem dictatorship.

"The Saudis fear that democracy in Iraq will open the door for the same in their own kingdom."

Washington's policy in the Gulf has followed the whims and wishes of the Saudis. The Bush administration has paid lip service to democracy while, in essence, helping to squelch it in Iraq and, for that matter, throughout the Arab oil sheikhdoms, including liberated Kuwait.

The Bush administration cooperated with the Saudis in stifling and suppressing a lawsuit brought against the Saudi government by a U.S. citizen, Scott J. Nelson, who was sent there by the U.S. government and who subsequently endured torture and humiliation at the hands of the Saudis. Nelson's story is one among many about Americans denied basic human and civil rights in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudis basically fashion U.S. attitudes toward the Palestinians and the Arab-Israeli conflict. When Riyadh cools off toward the Palestine Liberation Organization, Washington follows. And when the Saudis nudge Secretary of State James A. Baker III on Israeli settlements in the

territories, Baker and Bush react immediately.

For Bush, the Saudis can do no wrong. As vice president in 1981, he defended the Saudis' move to raise oil prices, which caused severe dislocation in Western economies.

For the United States, it is a time for self-examination, as we ponder who we are as a nation and the values we cherish. We must consider our relationships with the Saudis and the other oil-rich dictatorships of the Arab Middle East.

Should greed override principle? Must we ignore the human rights record of the Saudis while demanding that Israel treat Palestinian-Arab murderers with kid gloves? Must we abandon the suffering Kurds to appease the Saudi - and Egyptian - fear of democracy?

Despite a crushing military defeat, Hussein has shown the Arab world that he is the real winner of the Gulf War. He has survived the world's onslaught against him and has re-emerged as the accepted leader of Iraq, with U.S. and Saudi consent.

President Bush's "new world order" enjoys little credibility as long as Hussein still reigns in Baghdad.

Ironically, U.S. commitment to the survival of the Saudi regime may backfire in more than one way. It is only a matter of years before the climate changes in Saudi Arabia itself. Radical forces in this archaic monarchy are biding their time.

The need for qualified personnel to run the increasingly sophisticated machinery of a modern state will require intense and widespread technical education. The royal family is not large enough to accommodate these needs. Sooner or later, the resentful Saudis, who endured the extravagances of the Saud family for 65 years, are bound to take their revenge.

The Shi'ites of the oil-rich Hasa province, who were severely oppressed by the Wahhabis and denied economic and political opportunity in the Saudi regime, are potential enemies. The Hijazis in the northwest, the aristocracy of desert kingdom and citizens of Mecca and Medina also await their turn.

They never forgave the upstart Ibn Saud for usurping their power and influence. They, too, must be considered as ready and willing to replace the corrupt Saud family and establish themselves once again as the desert elite.

The Bush administration's posture of bending backward to satisfy Saudi sensitivities is at the expense of doing the right thing in Iraq - driving out Hussein, helping foster democracy in the region and protecting the human rights of the Shi'ites and Kurds.

(Joseph Puder is executive director of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation, based in Washington, and a Middle East consultant.)

President Bush and the Jews

By MARC TANENBAUM

The relationship of the Bush administration to the American Jewish community and to Israel becomes "curiouser and curiouser."

After Secretary of State James Baker's recent appearance before a congressional committee, there was substantial reason to believe that the Bush administration had become truly hostile to Israel and decisively pro-Arab. Baker's statement that "Israel remains the major obstacle to peace in the Middle East" was so outrageous and undiplomatic that Bush found it necessary to modify the excesses of his secretary.

The pattern of one-sided pressure on Israel by Bush's people was further reinforced by the sharp attacks on West Bank settlement activity and calls for massive arms sales to Arab nations.

At the same time, however, other developments indicated that Bush and his administration are the best friends the Jews and Israel have ever had.

It is indisputable that Bush personally made possible the exodus of Ethiopian Jewry both in 1984 and today. I can testify from my own experience in 1983 and 1984 with Bush's

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Independence Day Feature

The little sentence that could

(Editor's note: The Skirball Institute of American Values, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, conducted an essay contest for high school students in the western United States. Competing students were encouraged to write on the subject of the Bill of Rights. The following essay was the unanimous choice of the six university presidents who served as judges.

By **MICHAEL EFRON**

Out of all of the monumental documents and lawbooks and institutions that make up the foundation of this country, one little paragraph — one long run-on sentence, really — is, to me, the core of what it means to be an American: the First Amendment.

In it, Americans are guaranteed freedom of speech, of religion, of the press and of assembly. Or, more simply, freedom. That's what it all translates to: The People of the United States are guaranteed their freedom. All of the songs, all of the speeches, all of the great works that laud the United States of America as the Land of the Free owe their praises to this one little paragraph. Without it, no matter what the rest of the Constitution says about democracy, no American could ever be called free.

All my life I've been taught that I'm living in the greatest country on Earth, that America is the best there is, and that we can do it better than anyone else, whatever "it" may be, from computers to wars to standard of living. Well, over the years I've found out that this is, shall we say, an overstatement. America messes up. Things go wrong. The Indians, the Japanese-Americans of the World War II era, the homeless of today, all could testify to the fact that America has some fairly sizeable warts. So I've had to re-examine those claims that we're infallible, invincible — that God is, in fact, an American. What is it about this country that can look all of America's mistakes in the eye and still say, "I am righteous"? Why is America so special?

And all of my answers somehow lead back to that little run-on sentence that began long ago as a political compromise for Constitutional ratification. To that short First Amendment which says that no one can tell me, "You must think this," or, "This shall be your religion." It's a sentence strong enough to hold back all of the errors of judgment and violations of rights that threaten to cloud my thoughts about this country. It's strong enough to convince me that, no matter what mistakes she may make, America is worth the effort needed to patch things up, to tighten up the rigging and keep sailing forward. Just as it was revolutionary when written 200 years ago, so is it vital, inseparable from the heart of what America is today.

The rights guaranteed me in the First Amendment are so basic, so much a part of how I am, that I rarely even think about them. I cannot fathom living in a place where I did not have the right to think, to believe what I wanted to. Our other rights — the rights to privacy, to jury trial, to decline self-incrimination, no property, to legal counsel — are all vital, and taking any of them away would be an unforgivable violation of basic human rights. But take away the right to speak, to believe freely, and you're getting right into a person's

mind, into his or her soul. Without those rights, no other freedom is true or certain. Just look at history; the first thing people like Hitler, Lenin, Mao and Botha have always done to get control over their peoples has been to take away those most basic rights. And just look at how much easier things got for them once they shut people's mouths and minds; like shooting fish in a barrel. But keep the gags off and the presses running, and no one can do what those people have done. Keep the First Amendment, that one little sentence, and America will forever remain the Land of the Free.

Of course, there are always those people around who try to weaken our First Amendment rights. You have the people like Joseph McCarthy, who thought that everyone had the right to speak freely, except those damned Communists; you have the people who thought "The Last Temptation of Christ" was one temptation too many; you have the people who believe that everyone has the right to protest — so long as they don't cause a stir; and you have the people who thought "Huckleberry Finn" was just too scandalous to be taught in schools — to name a few. And I've got to admit, I don't much like these people.

Come to think of it, there are a lot of people that I don't much like. There's the White Aryan Resistance, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, the Society for Historical Review (those who say that the Holocaust was all a fake), and all of those other deeply intellectual people who are motivated solely by an irrational but very convenient hatred. And if it was up to me, you can bet that no one would say things like what these people do. But it's not up to me.

And that's the way it should be. I am Jewish. It hurts when I hear the things that these people say. I've read and heard so much about the Holocaust — much of it first-hand from survivors — that hearing the so-called "historical revisionists" say that it never really happened, hearing the White Aryan Resistance call for the death of all Jews, hearing the man on the street immediately begin to blame Jewish people for all of his hardship hurts me, makes me angry. I want to shout at those people, "You have no right to say those things about me!"

But then I step back, and I realize that, yes, they actually do have that right. And I step back some more, and I realize that I would never take that right away from them — for the simple and very selfish reason that if I can take it away from them, they can take it away from me. Those people are Americans just as surely as I am, and at the heart of that title lies that ever-present sentence saying that I have no right to silence them. It's a sentence that I love so much, a right I protect so jealously, that I am willing to "suffer the slings and arrows" of these people's vengeful words to keep it safe.

When I took a trip to Israel a couple of years ago, I was asked by a young student, "Which do you think of yourself as first, a Jew or an American?" I had to think about that one; it was a question that had never really occurred to me before. I finally answered that the essence of America was that I could be both without conflict, but that, were I someday forced by America to choose between the two, I would pick "Jew,"

because the title "American" would no longer hold any meaning for me. To me, the entire foundation of the word "American" springs from this one amendment, which says that I can believe what I want, that I can be who I want to be, and that no one in this country can tell otherwise.

One little, short, run-on sentence. A collection of words on parchment in some hermetically sealed glass box in Washington. A few strokes of ink 3,000 miles away from my home represent, to me, everything that is vital, everything that has profound meaning in the statement, "I am

an American." I can say what I feel, believe in the god or gods or golden calf of my choosing — or in none of the above. I can print my ideas and opinions, I can express who I am, I can be my own human being. I can give vent to my soul. All of these things, all of these essential, vital, functional aspects of a free life are held in this collection of words. There is no other such sentence in all of the literature and institutions that make up this nation. As long as the First Amendment is intact, I will be proud to say, "I am an American."

(Michael Efron is a senior at Acalanes High School in Walnut Creek, Calif.)

Dvar Torah

Parashat Balak, June 29th

On choices

By **RABBI DAVID B. KAPLAN**

In the reading entitled Balak, the king of Moab, Balak, engages Balaam, a pagan soothsayer to curse Israel. Balak believes that spiritual forces may be mounted against Israel if the right person pronounces the proper incantation against them. Balak believes that under the right condition God can be manipulated to do the will of humans.

A classic section of this parsha is the scene in which Balaam's ass sees an angel in the road while Balaam does not. Repeatedly, the ass swerves to avoid the angel, at one point squeezing Balaam's foot. Each time the ass avoids the angel, Balaam beats the animal and becomes angrier than the previous encounter.

Finally, God gives the ass the ability to speak. After a brief conversation, the ass confronts Balaam regarding his disgraceful behavior. Balaam's eyes are opened and he sees the angel who has been blocking the way.

Both Balaam and Balak act out of the wrong motives. Balak wants power of the Israelites and Balaam wants the money promised as a reward. Both have their eyes closed to spiritual principles and ignore and divine guidance.

The errors of Balaam and Balak are common human failings. We are good at praying to God to change a situation. When a dear one is sick, we pray for their health. When we are in a crisis, we often pray to God to give us a quick solution. Perhaps the most sincere words of prayer ever offered, are, "God help me!" We, like Balaam and Balak want to manipulate God to resolve the predicament that we face.

At the end of the Amida is a prayer that is beautiful in sentiment, but difficult to live by. In the Silverman Siddur the beginning lines read:

O Lord, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile, and to those who slander me, let me give no heed. May my soul be humble and forgiving unto all. Open Thou my heart, O Lord, unto Thy sacred Law, that Thy statutes I may know and all Thy truths pursue.

Probably because these words are so difficult to live, few of us regularly pray them.

It is largely because of how we pray that many of us are in the spiritual dark. We do not really wish to know what God wants of us, but want God to know what we want of God. Few of us truly have the desire to make a lasting spiritual connection. Yet, true inner happiness and peace come mainly from that spiritual connection, that attachment to the Divine presence.

In Psalm 145, which we chant as the Ashrey, is the line, "The Lord is near unto all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." Many people have not experienced the closeness of the Divine presence because they do not call out to God sincerely, but only with a hidden motive.

The Ashrey starts out, "Happy are they that dwell in Thy house; they will ever praise Thee." Those who dwell in God's house are not necessarily those who frequent the synagogue, but those who reach out to God without qualifications. In striving to be spiritual, God opens the eyes of the spiritually blind.

We, as Balaam and Balak, all have a choice. We may pursue the dictates of our own hearts only, and thus shut out the Divine light. Or we may attempt to endeavor to become more God-oriented and experience the true meaning of Shalom. May we all choose wisely. (Rabbi David B. Kaplan is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth El'ne Newark).

Congress looking to White House on loan guarantee

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — If the Bush administration does not back loan guarantees sought by Israel, Congress may not do so either, a key member of the House of Representatives has warned the Jewish community.

Israel is expected to ask the United States in September to guarantee \$10 billion in loans over five years to provide housing and other infrastructure needed to absorb the Soviet immigrants.

Support for the guarantees is "politically difficult," so if the administration did not support the loans, a "lot of people would hide behind it," Rep. Dante Fascell (D-Fla.) said Monday.

Fascell, who is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, spoke to members of the national board of advisers of the American Jewish Congress, who were in Washington for daylong meetings with administration officials and members of Congress.

Henry Siegman, the organization's executive director, said the 16-member delegation

found that there is "frustration" in both the administration and Congress that Israel is continuing its policy of expanding Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The group came to Washington after Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval caused a storm in Israel, when he said in weekend radio interviews that the administration may try to force Israel to choose between settlements and the loan guarantees, which are needed to help absorb Soviet immigrants. Shoval said that administration officials have indicated a linkage between the settlements and U.S. approval of the guarantees.

The administration strongly opposes the building of new settlements and the expansion of existing ones, which Secretary of State James Baker last month called the "leading obstacle" to Middle East peace talks.

Siegman said that Brent Scowcroft, President Bush's national security adviser, told his group there is no "formal linkage," but he left the impression that in "the real world," such a

linkage in fact exists.

Robert Lifton, AJCongress president, urged that the administration keep the two issues separate and that the loan guarantees be seen as, "above all, a humanitarian issue," Siegman said.

But he said the administration looks at the issue from the opposite perspective. Scowcroft gave the impression that the administration cannot understand why the Israeli government would "jeopardize" a critical humanitarian issue such as the successful absorption of Soviet immigrants for the sake of the settlements, Siegman said.

However, at a luncheon at the Israeli Embassy, Shoval told the AJCongress leaders that Israel cannot allow such linkage. He warned

that if it did so, it would set a precedent for linkage on other issues.

"I do not think that it is advisable to give out signals that Israel can be pressured in matters vital to her, even where such important matters like the loan guarantees are concerned," the ambassador said in his radio interviews.

Shoval told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Monday that he was optimistic that Israel would ultimately get the loan guarantees. "In spite of everything, it will be approved," he said.

He said it is unthinkable that Congress "would not help in the effort to absorb" the Soviet Jews. At the same time, he pointed out that "even people in Congress who are favorably disposed link these two questions, which I think is unjustified."

Arens says settlements not issue in meetings with Quayle, Cheney

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Neither Vice President Dan Quayle nor Defense Secretary Dick Cheney apparently raised the touchy issue of Israeli settlement activity in the administered territories when they met separately here Tuesday with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

"I haven't received any criticism since I got here," Arens said outside the Pentagon when asked whether either Quayle or Cheney had criticized Israeli settlement policy.

Israel's ambassador to Washington, Zalman Shoval, warned in radio interviews last weekend that Israel could soon be forced by the administration to choose between continuing to expand the settlements and receiving U.S. aid for immigrant absorption.

Israel is planning to ask the United States early this fall to provide guarantees for \$10 billion of commercial loans which it would use to help resettle immigrants from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

Shoval told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* on Monday that U.S. officials had been sending "signals" to American Jewish groups that the guarantees could be linked to limits on Israeli settlement activity. But Arens said that in his meetings with Quayle and Cheney, "we didn't get

really into too much detail" on the prospect of such a linkage. "My own view is that these are two incommensurate parameters," he said. "There's really no connection at all between the question of whether Jews can or cannot live in Judea or in Samaria and whether the million Russian Jews who are leaving the Soviet Union after 70 years of persecution and coming to Israel should be helped."

Arens declined to be specific when asked what was discussed in the White House and Pentagon meetings. All he would say was that Cheney and he "dealt with the whole gamut of items on the Israeli-U.S. strategic relationship" and that "Vice President Quayle treated me royally."

A spokeswoman at the Israeli Embassy later said that Arens raised two main issues in his talks with Cheney. He expressed concern about reports of a Syrian military buildup in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War and he asked the United States to continue investing in Israel's weapons research and development programs.

Arens said such investments are the only way that Israel can maintain its qualitative military edge in the Middle East, since the wealthy Arab states can buy nearly unlimited amounts of sophisticated military hardware.

During his visit here Tuesday and Wednesday, Arens was to meet with Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.), chairmen respectively of the Senate and House Armed Services committees; and Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Robert Kasten (R-Wis.), Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Warren Rudman (R-N.H.) from the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on foreign aid. An Israeli Embassy official who attended Arens' meetings with Nunn and Inouye said they amounted to "nothing earth-shaking."

Arens also was scheduled to meet with Rep. Dante Fascell (D-Fla.), chairman of the House Foreign Committee and was expected to be the guest at a 40-person United Jewish Appeal fund-raising dinner here at the home of Charles Steiner, past annual campaign chairman of UJA Federation of Greater Washington.

Arens schedule also included an appearance on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" program and lunch at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a pro-Israel think tank.

He also addressed the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, before returning to Israel.

Syria a no-show, but IDF team participates at parades

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In the face of opposition from U.S. senators, Jewish activists and others, Syrian representatives did not participate in either of two giant parades staged here and in New York to honor those who served in Operation Desert Storm.

A Syrian presence had been expected at the June 8 national victory parade here, in which the Syrian flag was to be carried by an American soldier. But Syria's ambassador, Walid al-Moualem, who was to be present in the reviewing stand, did not show up.

In New York, Mayor David Dinkins had extended an invitation to Syria and 39 other nations to participate in the June 10 extravaganza, including Israel. But when Syrian diplomats found out that Israel was participating, they apparently de-

clined to join in the march Monday through New York's "Canyon of Heroes."

An Israeli delegation was not invited to the Washington parade, because Israel was not a member of the Desert Storm coalition, said Ruth Yaron, the Israeli Embassy spokeswoman. Nevertheless, Syria apparently decided at the last moment not to show up.

A State Department official suspected that the Syrians had declined because going through with the honors "might simply have caused them more grief than it was worth."

Last week, the Senate voted 92-6 to adopt a non-binding resolution opposing Syria's planned participation at the Washington parade. The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), opposed the honors for any country on the State Department's list of terrorist

countries or nations involved in drug trafficking.

In New York, a nine-man Israel Defense Force team that had helped operate Patriot anti-missile batteries during the war joined in the ticker-tape march. It was the same contingent that marched in New York's Salute to Israel parade on June 2. One of the participants was Gaym Solomon, who immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia in 1982 at the age of 14, and was joined by his parents five years later.

Meanwhile, Jewish members of the U.S. armed forces who served in the Persian Gulf received some words of praise from President Bush. In a letter sent June 6 to the Jewish War Veterans of America, Bush noted that "during Operation Desert Storm, as in previous conflicts, American Jew readily answered their country's call to duty."



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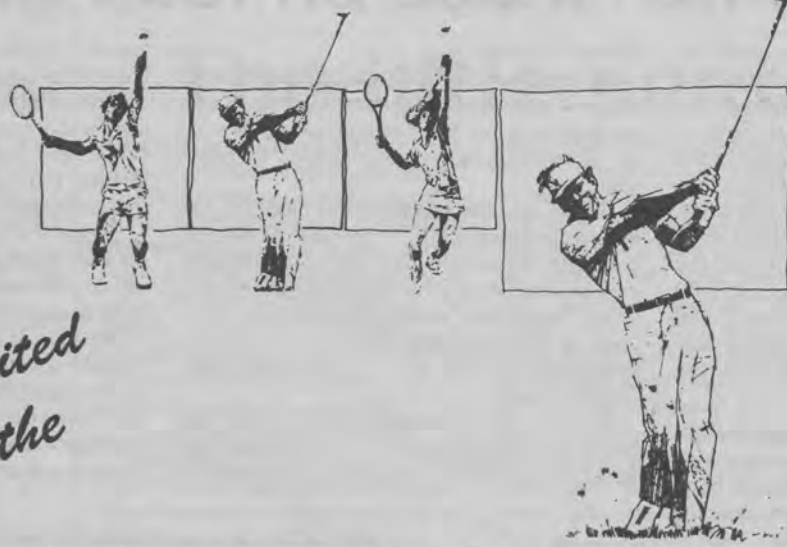
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Recent gift enhances Garden of Righteous



Through a gift from Pat Sloan, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee has added shrubs and plants to the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles. Sloan, who has had a lifelong interest in gardening, made the gift in memory of her late husband, Martin, and in memory of Anna and Aaron Sloan.

Located in front of the main entrance to the Jewish Community Center the Garden is dedicated to the non-Jews who risked their lives and the lives of their families to save Jews during the Nazi Holocaust in Europe. Especially honored are those righteous Gentiles who came to live in Delaware or who saved Jews who later came to live in Delaware.

David Sorkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center noted that the Sloan gift has made possible the completion of the landscaping plan, the installation of benches and the establishment of a maintenance fund. "The Garden, as it matures, promises to be a quiet place for reflection and contemplation," Sorkin said. (Photo: P. Hait)

Witnesses sought to assist in war-crimes investigations

NEW YORK (JTA) — The government of Australia and the United States have requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in connection with their ongoing prosecutions of Nazi war criminals and their collaborators.

The Australian government is seeking witnesses for two war-crimes investigations into murders committed in the Vinnitsa district of the Ukraine. These investigations involve the participation of the Ukrainian police, with the German Sicherheitsdienst (SD), in the murders of Jews and partisans between 1941 and 1943.

The Australian government would like to interview you if you lived in any of the following locales in the Ukraine during that time period, or if you otherwise have relevant information regarding the wartime experiences of the Jews living in these places: Vinnitsa, Tyrov, Gorbaniyka, Sytkivtsi, Illinetsky, Gnivan, Selyschi, Gryzhintsy, Shabelnya, Brailov.

The U.S. Department of Justice is seeking to identify and interview persons regarding the persecution and murder of civilians in the Joniskis district of Lithuania in the summer of 1941.

In addition, the Justice Department is seeking to interview persons imprisoned at Austria's Gusen 1 (sub-camp of Mauthausen) from February 1940 to May 1945; or at Ebensee (sub-camp of Mauthausen) from April 1944 to May 1945.

If you believe that you may have information useful to these investigations, please contact: Ms. Bessy Pupko, World Jewish Congress, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 755-5770.

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HATS OFF TO SONNY AND SONNY

Norman Schutzman and Frank Chaiken are completing two full terms (six years) as Trustees of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. The By-laws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware do not permit a third continuous term.

Norman Schutzman served as Chairman of the Board and Frank Chaiken as Vice-chairman during the formative years of the Endowment Fund. To both of them go the credit for encouraging, cajoling and pushing the community to invest in an endowment program. In addition both their families have made major commitments to the endowment program.

Six years ago when they assumed leadership of the Fund the assets were about \$350,000; today they are close to one and one-half million dollars. Both believe strongly in building an endowment for our Jewish institutions. In the current economy endowment income becomes a crucial factor in continuing programs and services for the community.

To both Sonny Schutzman and Sonny Chaiken a grateful community says thank you very much for your foresight and leadership in creating an endowment to insure our future well-being.

Levy: US and Israel agreed that peace process won't lead to Palestinian state

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said here June 16 that Israel has a firm understanding with the United States that the ongoing peace process cannot lead to a Palestinian state and that the Palestine Liberation Organization is unfit to be a negotiating partner.

Levy, who addressed a dinner of the World Sephardi Federation at the Pierre Hotel, also warned Syria not to attempt any military "adventure" against Israel. "If they try such an adventure they'll be hit like they never were before and they won't forget it," Levy told a cheering black-tie audience.

He said he hoped that the Syrian government, "which is buying missiles with the billions it got for joining the anti-Saddam (Hussein) coalition,



Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy

understands that peace is preferable to war."

The Moroccan-born Israeli minister spoke highly of his relationship with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, with whom he last met in Washington on June 13.

He praised Baker for recognizing the fact "that the peace process cannot lead to a Palestinian state, which would be the beginning of the end for Israel" and for recognizing too, "that the PLO, which deals in terror and which is still guided by the PLO covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, is not a fit partner for negotiations toward peace."

Levy made the same points at a meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here earlier Monday.

He emphasized to them that "while

some differences remain between the Americans and us, we have reached agreement on many more items than we differ on."

He said the Bush administration promised Israel there would be "no surprises" and that any further moves to bring Israel and the Arab states to the peace table would be made in full consultation with Jerusalem.

Levy told his audience that he and Baker, "from our very first meeting, developed a relationship of trust. And that is preferable to mere diplomacy."

He also stressed the concessions Israel has made to advance peace. "In recent weeks, we have been asked to let the United States be a sponsor of Arab-Israeli peace talks. We agreed," Levy said. "Then we were asked to let the Soviets be a sponsor. We agreed. Then the Europeans

wanted to be a sponsor. We agreed.

"Now there are many sponsors, but where are the bride and groom?" the foreign minister asked. "What is the Syrian reply to the American proposal? We say, 'Let us talk peace face to face.' But thus far there has been only silence from the Syrians."

Levy told the presidents Conference that Baker shares Israel's position that the only purpose to be served by a peace conference would be to bring Israelis and Arabs together for face-to-face talks.

"He accepts our position that there shall be no preconditions attached to the peace talks," Levy said.

The Arab demand that Israel withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza "cannot be a pre-condition but is rather an issue for negotiation," Levy explained.

Prominent Palestinians call for end to intifada in present form

JERUSALEM (JTA) — For Palestinians who marked the start of the 43rd month of the intifada this week, the burning issue was self-inflicted wounds. The popular uprising this past year has become less a struggle against the Israeli presence than a murderous Arab civil war.

Hardly a day passes without at least one gangland-style execution of a presumed "traitor" to the Palestinian cause, so designated by the ubiquitous "popular committees" that control the streets.

Lately the category has been enlarged to include such "negative elements" as prostitutes and drug dealers. And many a personal score has been settled and blood feud pursued under cover of the intifada.

The situation has degenerated to the point where prominent Palestinians have issued public appeals to end the bloodbath.

On June 11, a group of Palestinian journalists, university professors, trade unionists and white-collar workers gathered at the Hakawati theater in East Jerusalem for one of the soul-searching sessions that have become a regular event since the Persian Gulf War. The message that emerged would have been unheard of six months ago. It was, in effect, a call to

end the intifada, at least in its familiar form.

Dr. Yussuf Abu-Samra of Bir Zeit University suggested a fundamental change of tactics. Shops closed each afternoon to protest the Israeli administration should be reopened. Strike days should be limited to one or two a month, but schools should remain open. Children under 15 should not be involved in the struggle, Abu-Samra said.

But the most painful issue was the destructive effect the murders are having on Palestinian society. Abu-Samra called the killers "fascists." If the intifada does not change, he warned, it will not last out its fourth year.

As television cameras from the Israeli and foreign media recorded the scene, speaker after speaker urged the Arab intelligentsia not to abandon the struggle to "the youths in the streets." Some claimed the masked youths terrorizing the population are criminal elements not interested in politics.

It was also charged that some are even provocateurs of the Israeli authorities.

There were many suggestions, including a two-month "freeze" on the activities of the violence-prone

popular committees and an end to the frequent strikes and boycotts of Israeli products which hurt Palestinians more than Israelis.

No answers were given at the meeting and no new directives were issued. The consensus was, however, that the intifada should take a new tack, comprising less violence and more civil protest.

Also proposed were the fostering of local institutions for the benefit of the population and special efforts for the advancement of education.

Basically, the call was for a new leadership to seize the initiative from the streets. But that leadership must be able to enforce its authority. It can expect no help from the Israeli authorities whose attitude is "a plague on both your houses."

Past experience has shown that in a contest between the meeting hall and the streets, it is the most brutal elements that take the upper hand.

This flower shop doing big business



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These students were honored locally at a graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 23, at the Jewish Community Center. They joined other graduates of Gratz College in Philadelphia for formal commencement exercises and conferring of diplomas on Tuesday, June 4, at the College's new home on the Mandell Education Campus in Philadelphia.

"We extend our congratulations to these fine students for their outstanding achievements and offer our best wishes to them for continued success and excellence," said Elaine Friedberg, Principal of Delaware Gratz.

Bill to amend Wisconsin hate law brings Jews and Arabs together

By **ANDREW MUCHIN**
The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle
MILWAUKEE — Two Arab-American and three Jewish organizations that have never worked in coalition have announced that they will lobby the state legislature on behalf of a bill of common interest.

Proposed revisions to the state Hate Crimes Act have generated support from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, the Wisconsin Committee of the American-Arab Affairs Council, the Madison Jewish Community Council, the Milwaukee Jewish Council and the Wisconsin Jewish Conference.

"I'm happy that this bill has been the occasion of forging a coalition," Brad Backer, a vice president of the Milwaukee Jewish Council, said at a recent news conference here introducing the bill. "This is an opportunity to join forces although we have different perspectives on other issues."

Fahed Ra'ad, state chairman of

the Anti-Discrimination Committee, also appeared at the news conference along with the bill's Senate sponsor, Tom Barrett (D-Milwaukee), and representatives of the Jewish Conference and United Cerebral Palsy of Wisconsin.

Ra'ad said in an interview that his committee will help with the bill "any time we can." He noted that Milwaukee Arab Americans experienced hate crimes during the Persian Gulf conflict, when cars parked outside the Islamic center were vandalized.

He said he was "not surprised" when the Milwaukee Jewish Council called to seek his support for the bill.

During the Gulf war, the Jewish council condemned prejudice against Arabs and Moslems.

Ra'ad and Backer both expressed hope that their groups' cooperation on the bill would expand to other, as yet unspecified areas.

State Sen. Barrett said this coalition will make an impact. "I think the legislators will certainly take note

that Jewish and Arab groups agree on important legislation," he said.

The current hate crimes law allows a court to impose an increased fine and term of imprisonment if the criminal victimizes an individual, group or property solely because of the criminal's prejudice against race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.

The proposal would expand the law to apply if the perpetrator acted on the "belief or perception" that the victim belonged to a protected group, even if that belief or perception was wrong.

Other organizational supporters include the American Indian Peace and Justice League; the Japanese-American Citizens League, Wisconsin Chapter; the Milwaukee urban League; the NAACP branches in Milwaukee and Madison; and the United Community Center, Milwaukee. State Attorney General James Doyle also has endorsed the measure.

Israeli Perspective

How will the Soviet Jews in Israel vote?

By **CARL ALPERT**

Special to The Jewish Voice

HAIFA—If the next national elections in Israel take place according to schedule in November 1992, some hundreds of thousands of new Soviet immigrants will have joined the voters' rosters. Their numbers could account for as many as 15 Knesset members, thus changing the whole political map here. Who will the newcomers vote for?

The pollsters are having a field day, as are the statisticians, the sociologists, the psychologists and even the astrologers. The polls are not uniform in their findings, but they do indicate a definite trend. Thus, a straw ballot conducted among the Soviet immigrants by the Tazpit Research Institute established that if a Russian party were to be created, more than half of those questioned reported they would vote for it. If an immigrant party is not set up, 46 percent of the newcomers will support the bloc of right wing parties, and 21 percent the parties of the left.

Other surveys put it differently. No more than 5 percent of the new voters would support a socialist oriented party, and this may explain why there is a move in Labor to drop the red flag and May Day and the International anthem, or perhaps even change the name of the party.

Even the domestic Arab press is curious. A survey conducted among Russian immigrants by the East Jerusalem weekly *Al-Bayader A-Siyasi*, reported 52 percent for Likud, 30 percent for the smaller parties to the right of Likud, and 15 percent for Labor.

Somewhat different results are shown in a survey conducted by Dr. Michal Shamir of Tel Aviv University. She found that the voters' inclinations were based more on economic issues than on national policy toward the Arabs and the occupied territories. Most showed utter unfamiliarity with Israel's political personalities, and some even identified Shamir as a Labor leader. Of those who would vote for a Russian party, 26 percent leaned to a party backing Likud as against 13 percent to Labor.

Natan Sharansky, who is most often mentioned as a potential leader of a new party, has repeatedly disavowed all political ambitions, but his references to "pressure from the street" would appear to indicate that he could be made amenable. Yet many of the Soviet Jews report they have never heard of him.

In the meantime, the first candidate has thrown his hat into the ring, and it is expected that others will follow. Yosef Harol, a 62-year-old veteran of Stalinist persecution, arrived in Israel in 1969, and has since established himself here. He has announced the establishment of a new party based on Zionism, Aliyah and Democracy; hence the party name, pronounced in Hebrew *Zaad*. It leans right in national Arab policies, and left on social and religious matters. Harol is strong, energetic and ambitious, and has surrounded himself with a staff of devoted volunteers. He is completely unknown outside Russian circles.

Another potential new party leader is Eduard Kuznetsov, who ran for the Knesset in 1981 with a party formed just on the eve of the elections. At the time, it got 7,000 votes, then equiva-

lent to half a Knesset member, he observed. Today, as editor of *Vremya*, the most widely circulated of all Russian papers in the country, he is in a position of influence.

Despite opposition in many circles to a party based on the ethnic or previous national origins of the voters, it is recalled that the refugees of the 1930s formed their own political group, the Organization of Immigrants from Central Europe, which affiliated with the General Zionists.

The big parties are undoubtedly watching developments closely, and

perhaps have taken their own polls, results of which they have not revealed. Many in the Likud feel that they have the Russians "in their pocket", and need do nothing. The mood among many in Labor is that the Russian vote is lost to them, and they might as well throw up their hands.

On one thing everyone agrees. If integration of the immigrants gets bogged down, if housing is unavailable and if jobs become scarcer, there is bound to be a strong reaction against the party in power, which will

find its outlet in support of a new, separate party of their own. Here the problem will be to forge some form of unity among the various groups which are already emerging among the newly politically conscious Soviet Jews. Even in the abortive 1981 attempt there were three Russian parties.

The political element which is bound to lose ground in any event are the religious parties, though several of the latter are making superhuman efforts to garner support of the new

immigrants by social, human and economic assistance.

The new voters from among the Ethiopians will be too few to have any great influence, but it is expected their gratitude will express itself by support of the party in power which brought them here.

It is clear that when the next elections are held, a new political constellation will emerge in Israel.

(Carl Alpert writes occasionally for The Jewish Voice from Haifa.)



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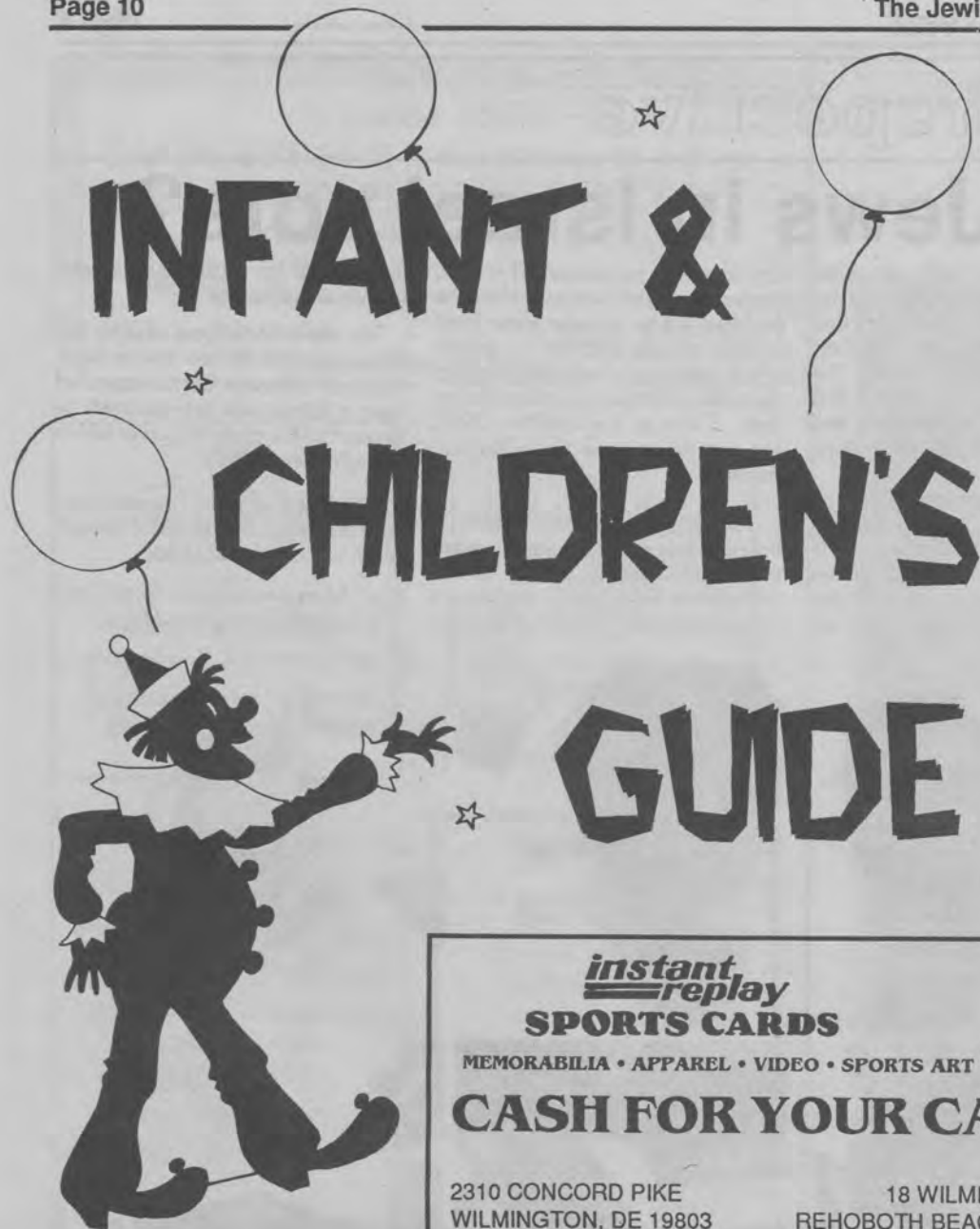
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Spunk takes this woman through a century

By TOM DAVIS

Special to the Jewish Voice

MILFORD - On her 100th birthday, June 2, a friend of the family gave Milford resident Fanny Levitsky Levinson a pot of flowers, and then kissed her.

People love Mrs. Levinson, and she loves people.

"This woman has a beautiful attitude. No self-pity," said her 70-year-old daughter, Ellan J. Levitsky Orkin.

The celebration for her milestone was tempered a bit because she was upset that her eldest daughter, Molly, couldn't be there. She died last month.

The two were very close, and throughout her 100-year life, Russian-born Mrs. Levinson fought hard to keep her family together.

Her surviving daughters, Ellan and Dorothy, have been there to comfort her. They kept the family celebration dinner on Sunday simple instead of throwing the initially planned party.

"They reached out to me with compassion and kindness at the recent death of my daughter," she said in a handwritten note translated by Ellan. "How can you ever forget such kindness?"

So on Mrs. Levinson's 100th birth-



Fanny Levitsky Levinson blesses the Sabbath candles. Mrs. Levinson celebrated her 100th birthday on June 2. (Photo: Delaware State News)

day, she was where she wanted to be — with her family in their house in Milford, eating her special cooked-from-scratch chicken noodle soup.

"My mother asked me that while she is alive, not to take her from her roots," her daughter said.

Mrs. Levinson still shows a lot of the same spunk and fire that family members say helped keep the family together despite some adverse circumstances and bad luck.

Just her mere presence in the house, Ellan said, keeps the family together.

"She is really a matriarch," she said. "Ever since she's been here, we've been more of a family."

Mrs. Levinson is hard of hearing, but she speaks well and still has the same strong opinions — especially about the price of food.

"When I look at this paper, it's

unbelievable," she said. "When you have a couple of children and a couple of potatoes go bad, what can you do to feed them?"

Mrs. Levinson, who cooks the sabbath dinner for the Jewish family every Friday, won't use any food that she thinks is too expensive. And when she and the family go out to eat, she will not eat it if it's too expensive.

"She says, 'I'll give you a tip,' so she'll leave \$1," said Dorothy's husband of the past six years, George W. Sinner.

Ellan, in turn, said her mother has had to be thrifty and can't tolerate waste.

Mrs. Levinson has had to scratch for every penny. She lost her first husband early in life, but she emerged from being virtually penniless and managed her family's grocery store

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A Philanthropic man in the Salem, N.J., area sold her a mansion for \$3,000 almost 70 years ago. And another man stayed at the mansion and tutored her three children as they were growing up, receiving a small pay check while living rent-free.

"He was a well-off man, but he helped me," Mrs. Levinson said. "I was helpless. I had three babies."

When her home burned down in 1972, her family took her in at their house in Milford. It's been 19 years since that move, and she has had some health problems, including a massive heart attack 15 years ago. She also suffers from arthritis, but otherwise, she is fine.

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Jewish Federation of Delaware

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1990-91 JFD officers from top left - Jack Blumenfeld, Treasurer; Nancy Kauffman, Assistant Treasurer; Bill Topkis, President; Steve Dombchik, Vice-President; Henry Topel, Vice-President. From Bottom left - Leslie Newman, Secretary; Toni Young, Vice-President; Bob Coonin, Assistant Secretary.



Bill Topkis congratulates Leslie Goldenberg, 1991 Women's Division Campaign Chairperson on a successful campaign.



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Building the Young Leadership Cabinet Puzzle, from left: Mark Kuller, Chairperson; Seth Bloom, JFD Director, Community Development; Suzanne Grant; Sheryl Fried, Vice-Chairperson; Susan Kreshtool; Debra Kattler; Lori Barbanel; Max Rosenberg; Frances Ratner. Not photographed: Steve Blener; Steve Palkin.

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Vision Committee What Will We Be When We Grow Up?



Leaders of the Vision Process join Bill Topkis from the left: Richard D. Levin, Leslie Newman and Toni Young.

Jewish pilot dismissed from Marines for refusing to defend Arabs in war

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA)—Lt. Tony Homayoun Moradian, a helicopter pilot raised as an Orthodox Jew, will be dismissed from the U.S. Marine Corps for refusing to fight a war in defense of Arabs, a military judge rules earlier this month.

Moradian, who was born in Iran, was found guilty of leaving a troop ship at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 10 that was taking his light-attack helicopter squadron to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm. He was sentenced to the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge and a \$3,000 fine.

During his court-martial at Camp Pendleton, near San Diego, the 26-year-old Moradian said that "being brought up as an Orthodox Jew, being aware of the animosity of the Arab-Israeli conflict and considering myself a Zionist, (I couldn't see) going and defending an Arab nation that doesn't believe in my right to exist. But I wanted to be a Marine."

The *Los Angeles Times*, which ran the story June 16 under the headline "A Collision of Faith and Duty," reported that defense witnesses described Moradian as an outstanding and dedicated Marine. His loyalty to the corps was equaled only by his deeply rooted religious convictions, one witness testified.

Moradian's brother, Ibrahim, said, "All his life, he wanted to be a pilot—that's what he dreamed and lived for. On one side he was a Jew. On the other, he loved the Marine Corps."

Religious faith and military duty were never in conflict until the escalation of the confrontation with Iraq, the defendant testified. Even then, he said, he believed that he could find a solution and do his duty.

"I'm not a coward, nor am I afraid to take part in any battle," said Moradian, who became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1985. "I knew I had a duty to this country and I thought I had come to peace with myself. But once I got aboard the ship, I found those duties overwhelming."

After leaving the troop ship, Moradian caught a commercial jet to the mainland and immediately reported to the Marine base at Camp Pendleton. He realized he would be punished for what he called a desperate decision, but he hoped he would be allowed to continue his military career.

"I always wanted to be one of you," Moradian said at the trial, reading from a prepared statement. "I never wanted to give anyone any reason to treat me differently. I'm proud to be an American," he said.

During the trial, the government prosecutor, Maj. Carlos Baldwin, upbraided Moradian, charging that "his tour in the Marine Corps is remarkable only for its selfishness. All he wanted to do was fly—under his terms and conditions."

Baldwin added that many female Marines had served in the Gulf war to defend Arab countries whose women do not enjoy equality.

The executive officer of Moradian's

unit, Maj. George Trautman, testified that its effectiveness was weakened by Moradian's absence and that all 43 helicopter pilots in the squadron saw combat duty in Kuwait.

"He tarnished the reputation of the unit and hurt morale," Trautman told the *Times* outside the courtroom.

Klinghoffer daughters enraged at Italy's parole of hijacker

NEW YORK (JTA)—The daughters of Leon Klinghoffer are enraged at an Italian court's decision this month to grant conditional parole to one of the Palestinians implicated in the hijacking of the Italian cruise liner *Achille Lauro*.

Klinghoffer, an elderly Jewish man confined to a wheelchair, was shot and thrown overboard by terrorists during the October 1985 hijacking. His body washed up on the shore of Syria and was turned over to the United States.

At a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League held here June 12, Klinghoffer's daughters, Lisa and Ilsa, issued a statement strongly criticizing the decision by a court in Genoa to grant conditional liberty to Bassam al-Ashker, now 23.

Ashker, who was 17 at the time of the crime, was identified after the hijacking by Klinghoffer's late widow, Marilyn, and sentenced by a juvenile

court in December 1986 to serve 16 years and three months in prison. As a result of the parole, he is to live with the prison chaplain in a nearby Catholic sanctuary and is to work at the Genoa office of the Red Cross, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Magid al-Mulqi, the Palestinian who shot Klinghoffer and ordered his body dumped overboard, was given a 30-year prison sentence. However, neither he nor any other defendants were convicted of murder.

The Klinghoffer daughters were angered upon learning of Ashker's conditional liberty. Noting that he had served just one-third of his sentence, they said his release is a "miscarriage of justice," even given the conditions under which he has been granted parole.

"Community service may be appropriate for such a terrorist while in prison, but it is no substitute for

prison," they said in the statement. Ashker is the third *Achille Lauro* hijacker to be granted a pardon by Italy this year. In January, two of the terrorists serving prison sentences for their part in the hijacking were released and expelled from Italy.

Mohammed Issa Abbas, who provided weapons to the hijackers, and Yusuf Sa'ad, who served as paymaster, had their sentences commuted. They were believed to have headed for Algeria.

Abbas is a cousin of Mohammed (Abul) Abbas, who masterminded the hijacking and heads the Palestine Liberation Front, a radical faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Klinghoffer daughters and ADL National Director Abraham Foxman have sent a letter to Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti expressing displeasure over Ashker's parole.

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Racist groups find forum on public access airwaves

By
DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
NEW YORK (JTA) — Turn on your television and flip to the public-access cable channel, and you may find yourself watching Tom Metzger interview an extremist who shares his white-separatist, anti-Jewish, anti-black views.

The production values may not be sophisticated, and Metzger may not be vying for Jay Leno's job as the new host of "The Tonight Show," but the White Aryan Resistance leader is regularly broadcasting his message of hate to a potential viewing audience of millions of cable subscribers across the country.

And he is doing it for free. Metzger and several other extremists are taking advantage of a medium available to every resident of the nation's 1,577 communities with public-access television.

Public-access television stations are prohibited by the federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 from exercising any editorial control over a program, except for programming that is obscene or otherwise unprotected by the Constitution.

Though racism may be obscene to many, the legal measure of obscenity in this country is limited to sexual content.

So if a White Aryan Resistance supporter in your community submits an episode of Metzger's program, "Race and Reason," for broadcast, then the public-access station is legally required to air it.

In the largest 100 television markets in the country, 24 stations currently broadcast programs that preach racial and religious hatred, according to a new report by the Anti-Defamation League.

According to "Electronic Hate: Bigotry Comes to TV," these 24 stations have recently aired 57 different programs, including Metzger's "Race and Reason," "The Other Israel," "Airlink," "Crusade for Christ and Country," "Our Israelite Origin" and "The Joe Goyim Show."

Millions of Households

Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam and the Institute for Historical Review, a group that denies the existence of the Nazi Holocaust, also provide videotapes for broadcast.

Although no exact figures exist for the number of public-access television viewers, the cable networks reach millions of households.

And according to a study in progress by the National Clearinghouse on Audience Research for Community Cable Broadcasting at Western Michigan University, cited in the ADL report, as many as three-quarters of cable subscribers who get public-access TV tune in to it at least once a month.

Even if just a small percentage of those subscribers watch the hate programming, the racists have reached tens — if not hundreds — of thousand of viewers, the ADL report notes.

While the content of the programs is all about hate, the way the various programs are packaged and their level of sophistication vary tremendously — from simple one-on-one interviews to professionally produced shows.

"Race and Reason" was probably the first hate program to be aired on public-access stations, and was first

seen soon after the Cable Act was enacted in 1984.

It is also the most widely viewed hate program; it airs — or has aired recently — on 31 public-access stations.

The format never varies. Fifty-two-year-old Tom Metzger, a television repairman from Fallbrook, Calif., former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and the founder of the White Aryan Resistance, interviews spokesmen of other racist groups.

One recent viewer in Pittsburgh compared the appeal of the program to "a bad 'Saturday Night Live.'"

It gets such wide play because a single episode of "Race and Reason" gets "bicycled from community to community" where local supporters submit it to the public-access station in their town, says Carl Kucharski, chair of the public-policy committee of the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers.

Sophisticated And Appealing

By contrast, "The Other Israel" is, by some accounts, more dangerous because the quality of its production makes it much more sophisticated and appealing.

Produced and narrated by Ted Pike, "The Other Israel" is a "slick, professional film which uses a good deal of artwork and footage from various legitimate sources," the ADL report states.

It is currently shown on four cable networks, according to the ADL report, and an Arabic-language version of the program has also been shown several times.

Community response to programs like these has ranged from indifference to outrage, expressed in demonstrations, statements and newspaper articles.

Robert Purvis, legal director of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, a Baltimore-based research, resource and educational organization, says the most effective way of responding to hate programming is by supporting the First Amendment.

"Although the focus of controversy may be a racist cable program, the racist program should be viewed as only part of the problem facing the community," Purvis asserts in his report, "Bigotry and Cable TV: Legal Issues and Community Responses."

A Springboard For Action

"Public access should be supported as a First Amendment forum, and exploited as an integral part of a comprehensive strategy of prevention and response to prejudice."

Rather than challenge the protection of racist speech under the First Amendment or try to silence the racists by eliminating public access altogether, those opposed to racism should "learn how to use this powerful medium," he says.

When the broadcast of a racist program generates no local controversy, a low-key response should be considered, such as the submission of a positive program for broadcast, Purvis says.

But where controversy over racist cable programming does exist, it should be used as a springboard for action.

"Recognize controversy as an opportunity, not necessarily a problem," he says. "It means people care and are actively concerned about racism. Be prepared to channel this in positive directions" like the introduction of an ethnic intimidation statute into the state legislature, or the establishment of victim assistance programs.



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Groups hail revisionist's admission that he is not an execution expert

By **SUSAN BIRNBAUM**
NEW YORK (JTA) — Two groups that have been monitoring the activities of Holocaust revisionist Fred Leuchter have expressed satisfaction with an official statement he has made admitting he is not an engineer qualified to comment authoritatively on execution equipment.

The Anti-Defamation League and Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice, which filed a complaint of fraudulent misrepresentation against Leuchter submitted June 11 to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engi-

neers and Land Surveyors. ADL hailed the statement as "a major blow against the Holocaust revisionist movement."

The statement was made as part of a deal with the state by Leuchter, who is the author of a notorious report denying that the Nazi gas chambers were designed to kill people.

Leuchter, who wrote the report on the basis of his professed expertise in the field of execution equipment, was to have gone on trial June 24 in Malden, Mass., for practicing without a license.

E.C. to loan Israel \$95 million

BRUSSELS (JTA) — The European Community will loan Israel up to \$95 million for industrial development over the next five years, according to a financial protocol just signed here.

The signatories were Ambassador Joseph Weyland of Luxembourg, the country that currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the E.C. Council of Ministers, and Juan Pratt, director general for Mediterranean policy of the European Executive Commission. Israel was represented by its ambassador to the E.C., Avi Primor.

A joint statement issued after the signing explained that the European Investment Bank, the E.C.'s financial institution, would extend credits to Israel for a period up to Oct. 31, 1996.

The loans would be earmarked for projects contributing to Israel's economic growth, in the framework of the E.C.-Israel trade and financial cooperation agreement signed in May 1975. "It would allow the two parties to deepen cooperation contributing to Israel's economic development and to the strengthening of their relations in their mutual interest," the statement said.

The E.C. has signed trade and financial cooperation agreements with a dozen Mediterranean countries.

In his statement, Leuchter wrote: "I am not and never have been registered as a professional engineer with the board."

The agreement also specifies that Leuchter will be on "pre-trial probation for two years," according to Shelly Shapiro, director of Holocaust Survivors and Friends, a group based in Albany, N.Y., whose April 1990 complaint against Leuchter initiated the legal proceedings against him.

In the agreement, Leuchter also stated that he had misrepresented himself before the states of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Alabama and others, as "an engineer able to consult in areas of engineering concerning execution technology."

Moreover, he admitted to having "produced reports, specifically but not limited to 'An Engineering Report on the Alleged Execution Gas Chambers at Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Majdanek' containing my engineering opinions, which I have submitted to other individuals and which were subsequently published."

Leonard Zakim, ADL's New England regional director, said "Leuchter's admission of lying to promote his business, in violation of Massachusetts law, should serve to discredit Leuchter everywhere he travels."

"In effect, he threw in the towel," said Irwin Suall, head of ADL's fact-finding department.

Albanian Jews arrive in New York, reunited with family after 25 years

NEW YORK (JTA) — Thirty-seven Jews from Albania arrived at Kennedy International Airport here for a joyous reunion with relatives whom they had not seen in 25 years.

The coordinated efforts of several American Jewish organizations were responsible.

The new arrivals, members of an extended family, are among the first Jews to have left Albania, a Balkan nation of 3.3 million isolated under a Stalinist dictatorship for 40 years.

Though still governed by the Communist Party, the country is undergoing liberalization. Most of its 300 Jews immigrated to Israel in March and April.

The Jews who landed here on Pan Am Flight 111 left Tirana, the Albanian capital, in December for Rome, to be processed by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. They were granted admission to America for family reunification.

During their six-month stay in Rome, they were helped by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, or JDC. Their immigration to the United States was facilitated by HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

On arrival here, they became clients of NYANA, the New York Association of New Americans, which will assist them in finding jobs and living quarters. And the American Sephardi Federation, the association of Sephardic Jews in the United States, is helping them adjust to life here.

But the successful emigration effort was the culmination of work begun in the summer of

1990 by the American relatives of the Albanian family, who asked to remain unnamed.

The Jews of Albania were originally from Ioannina, Greece. They fled into Albania when Greece was occupied by the Nazis in 1941.

After World War II, the repressive regime of the late Enver Hoxha prevented them from leaving the country. But some managed to repatriate to Greece and came to the United States in 1966.

Last summer, the patriarch of the American branch of the family, who is in his 80s, went to Greece to visit a son. While there, he visited the local HIAS office to register the names of family members in Albania.

They held dual Albanian-Greek citizenship.

When he returned from Greece, the family head approached the JDC, which had some contacts with Albanian Jews over the years. For immigration purposes, they directed him to HIAS in New York.

The time-consuming work of documenting each family member in Albania and his or her relationship to the American family began.

Fortuitously, Albania relaxed its exit requirements at the end of 1990. All but one of the families received passports for the adults and laissez-passer documents for the children.

The remaining family did not have an American sponsor to obtain documents, so HIAS became its sponsor. The agency's Geneva office also arranged transportation out of Albania and Italian transit visas.

Reform loses out to Chabad in battle for Moscow synagogue

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The head of the world movement of Reform Judaism has changed that Chabad used underhanded tactics to gain control of a disputed synagogue in Moscow. "Chabad spread lies and acted irresponsibly throughout this entire affair," said Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which is based here.

"They are trying to keep the Reform movement from being established in the Soviet Union, but they won't succeed," he said.

But in New York, a spokesman for Chabad called the Reform movement's charges "completely unfounded."

"It displays a degree of desperation on their part and reminds me of the saying, 'When your argument gets weak, yell as loud as you can,'" said Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, spokesman for the Lubavitcher Hasidic movement.

The dispute, which was resolved by the Moscow City Council on May 7 in favor of Chabad, involves the former Moscow mansion of Eliezer Poliakov, which is a five-minute walk from the popular McDonald's restaurant on Pushkin Square.

Poliakov was a wealthy banker and railroad magnate of the pre-revolutionary era, and his home included a private synagogue. The building was seized before World War I by the czarist government when Poliakov's enterprises failed. In recent years, it was occupied by the All-Union House of Folk Arts.

Late last year, Hineni, the Reform congregation of Moscow, received permission to use the synagogue, which had been turned into a theater. Reform services on Friday nights drew crowds of several hundred people. Orthodox leaders in Moscow, including Chabad rabbis and the leaders of the Great Synagogue, objected to this arrangement and pressured the city authorities to keep Hineni from using the building.

Reform and Orthodox leaders fought over the building for several months in numerous meetings with the Moscow authorities.

Rabbi Hirsch, who visited Moscow in April, charged that Chabad "lied to the authorities.

They said we were a political and not a religious movement, and that the Poliakov synagogue had belonged to the Hasidic community.

"Chabad acted irresponsibly," he charged, "by making a public scandal over the building in front of the authorities. This makes the Jewish community look terrible."

But in New York, Krinsky of Chabad said the accusations were "very vituperative, convoluted and distorted." He said the Reform leaders should "really be a little more sophisticated and respectful in their statements." Krinsky maintained that Poliakov and his family were "very prominent Lubavitch Hasidim who supported the work of Lubavitch in Russia" as far back as the early 1900s.

"Eliezer Poliakov gave the house Lubavitch Hasidim to pray in before the revolution, in the early 1900s, and they used it constantly for decades," he said. "It was taken away in 1938 or '39, confiscated by the Communists, who changed it into some kind of cultural center."

"The Reform sect never had any Reform temple in Moscow before World War II," he said. "I have no idea why it was given to Reform or taken by them in the meantime. This has nothing to do with the rightful ownership of the building."

But Hirsch said, "We have a letter from the Jewish Historical Society of Moscow attesting to the fact that the building was never a Hasidic synagogue."

The Moscow City Council resolution says that another building will be provided for the Hineni congregation. Chabad is supposed to bear the costs of renovating the Poliakov building and moving the present occupants to other quarters.

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Eyewitness account 'Operation

By AMOS AVGAR

The miraculous rescue of Ethiopian Jewry that took place on May 24 and 25 lasted a mere 27 hours — but those 27 hours were only the final ticks on a clock that had been set in motion months before.

The tense rhythm of that clock controlled the prolonged negotiations that preceded the rescue of the Jews from Addis Ababa. It's presence was felt in the minutely detailed preparations that became apparent only after the operation came to a successful conclusion. And it still reverberates in the thoughts of those who were closest to the negotiations and who were on the scene to manage the final departure — and redemption — of 14,000 Jewish souls to their homeland in Israel.

"The week's events," said Amos Avgar of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's Israeli office, "were by far greater than any individual or organization that participated in them."

"There is no shadow of a doubt that an enormous privilege fell in the hands of all those who were in any way part of the operation."

Avgar was one of those who had a great deal to do with Operation Solomon. The following is his eyewitness account, recorded during the operation's momentous last days.

Tuesday, May 21

As we arrive in Addis Ababa the order of the day is twofold: make the final preparations to receive and process the Ethiopian diaspora, and prepare the negotiation strategy with the collapsing Ethiopian regime. (JDC Israeli staffer) Ami Bergman is already in Addis preparing for the operation. He teams up with (JDC Israeli staffer) Kobi Friedman and continues the "fortification" of the compound — negotiating with transport companies to provide transportation to the airport, gathering wood to provide cooking fuel in order to feed this huge and great people, and arranging fueling stations within the compound.

Similarly, Uri Lubrani — special envoy of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir — Eli Eliezri of JDC, as well as representatives of the embassy, the air force and I, sit down to formulate our demands from the Ethiopians in order to make the operation possible.

No detail is left unattended. Baking-ovens in the compound kitchen churn out thousands of small rolls. The produce is to become the local and most recent version of unleavened bread that the Jews will eat in their hasty "exodus" from Addis. Water is stored in case of a shortage, and an emergency generator is installed in order to accommodate the computers with their essential lists — in case of a power failure. Every contingency is covered.

Eli Eliezri and I ride in a car headed from the Hilton Hotel to the Israeli Embassy. Our driver nervously switches the radio channels, telling us an important announcement is about to be broadcast. Finally the

announcement comes through: President Mengistu Haile Mariam has left the capital and is now in Kenya.

The ramifications of the announcement are too complex to absorb. Had he left or fled? With whom should we carry on the negotiations? What are the fate and position of the chief Ethiopian negotiator? Will the negotiations come to a standstill, or can they continue? The possibility and the probability of the operation seem, at this moment, as remote as they ever were.

I realize only later that while we were en route to Ethiopia via Nairobi, Mengistu was in the airport with us, hiding in a local plane and waiting to escape from Addis and the land of tyranny which he created.

Arriving at the Israeli Embassy, we find rumors and speculation at a peak. However, the calmness of the staff is commendable. Finally it becomes clear. Negotiations will continue. In the midst of the chaos there is still an address.

Outside the embassy compound life goes on as it has for months. The lines to the JDC offices are packed, and the sitting area near the counters is overcrowded as usual. Hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of our clients are waiting as they have every day for months for their care and maintenance stipends from JDC. The local staff are making the usual payments according to family size, and sending the people home with a smile, not even mentioning that redemption is at hand.

Thousands of schoolchildren sit quietly and with characteristic respectfulness in classrooms inside the traditional Tukuls (small huts) in the compound, their notebooks open before them. For months the school has served as a psychological and physical refuge for the children. It is a place that welcomes them with camaraderie, supplies them with perhaps their only square meal a day, and relieves them of the tedium and uncertain tension of waiting for their hoped-for departure to Israel.

Today their teachers review the basic Hebrew they will need upon their arrival in Israel. Not one of the children suspects that negotiations aimed at ensuring their departure are underway nearby.

Wednesday, May 22

By early morning Uri and Eli are deeply involved in negotiations, dashing hopes of a 48-hour notice for the operation. It is clear there is going to be very, very short notice.

As the moment of the operation draws closer some of the population must be readied, but not alerted, to the reason for their preparation. During the preceding weeks a committee of local leadership has been organized. It will serve as the group to be dispatched throughout the scattered neighborhoods where the Jews live in Addis, telling them to gather at the embassy when the time for departure arrives. The scheme takes its cue from the biblical book of Exodus, where Jethro tells his son-in-law Moses, who is about to venture deep into the wilderness of Sinai: "Place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of fifties, rulers of tens."

Meetings are held with the leadership of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, the other organizations working with the Jews in Addis. All are ready to act as one body.

The computerized lists of beneficiaries JDC has been keeping all along

are now essential to keep track of the eligible clients and their dependents. We must also ensure that the main computer program with the relevant data is operative at all times during the operation. I call JDC-Israel to make sure that two computer programmers are ready around-the-clock to answer any possible questions and overcome any obstacles.

The computer programmers are Orthodox Jews. We expect the operation to take place over Shabbat. The computers are shipped to their homes and a rabbi, acceptable to the programmers, is consulted. The rabbi gives his "hechsher," allowing the programmers to work during the sabbath.

We hear that the rebels are approaching Addis and the fleeing Ethiopian army soldiers are entering the city. We are told that as they are entering Addis they are being disarmed. Not so, report Ami and Kobi as they arrive from the city center. Hundreds, if not thousands, of soldiers are entering the city with loaded guns and bazookas.

At midday we hear that the huge statue of Lenin is being dismantled. The last sign of Mengistu's communism is erased from the face of the earth. Twice we see it. The first time a huge chain is tied to its neck like the noose of the condemned and the statue is lifted from its base. When we pass the statue a second time it is lying on its side being hammered to pieces by the Ethiopian crowds.

Thursday, May 23

The buses begin to arrive. The previous day Ami had arranged for 20 local buses for transportation to the airport. No one knew at the time when the operation would begin — only that it could start with little or no prior notice. Thus, the buses had to be ready. In order to test their availability and the operation of the municipal transport company, the manager is told the buses are needed to take the children on a tour of Addis



More than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews gathered at the Israeli Embassy in Addis Ababa on May 24 to be bused to the airport for the secret airlift to Israel. (Photo: APF)



An Ethiopian-born sergeant in the Israeli army cradles one of the newest arrivals from Addis Ababa. (Photo: Z. Ozeri)

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and its zoo. I assist the school principal and staff in getting the kids in single file to embark on the buses. They are exuberant. They are going on a trip.

Thursday evening the die is cast. The operation is to begin the next morning.

Friday, May 24

At 5:30 on Friday morning we return to the embassy compound. The entrance is already packed. The family members of the "committee" of local leaders have already arrived. Ami and Kobi assemble the "committee" and again dispatch them to gather the congregation. They are to give a sticker to each family and

best attire, ready to be redeemed from the land of Kush.

Ami and Kobi head for a meeting with the operator of the municipal bus company. He is expected at 7:45 a.m., but he does not show up. For the next 40 minutes, which seems like an eternity, Ami and Kobi wait.

Finally, at 8:35 a.m., the man apologizes for the delay and tells Ami that the buses can be obtained. He does not realize that while waiting Ami has arranged for 30 buses that are ready to move.

The agreement with the bus company ends at 7 p.m. because of the curfew. Finally, Eli persuades the

the embassy's administration officer. He does not give a green light. The planes, he says, should wait — in the air, mind you — until a green light is given.

Ami and Kobi are guiding the flow to the embassy. They speed it along like lightning as the local population senses that something extraordinary is going on. Tens of thousands of spectators, refugees, and particularly Jews who converted to Christianity, are hanging on the doorsteps. The periphery of the compound has been fortified with wooden sticks, barbed wire and covered with sacks to prevent people on the outside from seeing what is going on, and, of course, from bursting into the compound. Hundreds of outsiders climb over the fences trying to break in. They are continuously pushed back. The only comfort is the nature of the Ethiopian Jews — calm, good-natured, humble and quiet. They have complied with the strict instructions to leave all of their possessions behind, and vacate their shacks. Yet, not for one moment does the situation get out of control.

In the meantime, Manlio Dell'Araccia (the head of JDC's Rome office) takes charge of the trucks and starts endless rounds of trips amidst the mass of people, bringing the doctors and other medical personnel, food and medications to the embassy. Manlio's cargo includes mattresses and metal detectors needed at the embassy. Because of the crowds, his cars and trucks have to stop some distance away and the supplies must be carried in on foot. He also manages to bring the fuel so badly needed at the airport for the Israel Defense Forces' generators.

The flow of buses to the airport does not cease for a moment. The planes land at a record pace despite the fact that there is only a single landing strip at the Addis airport. JDC's doctors, Hodes and David Rave, run the JDC emergency hospital at the compound, caring for sick and the women in labor. They deliver the babies, including the twins, born at the gates of the embassy. Doron, Ami and Kobi keep a continuous flow of food to the hungry crowds

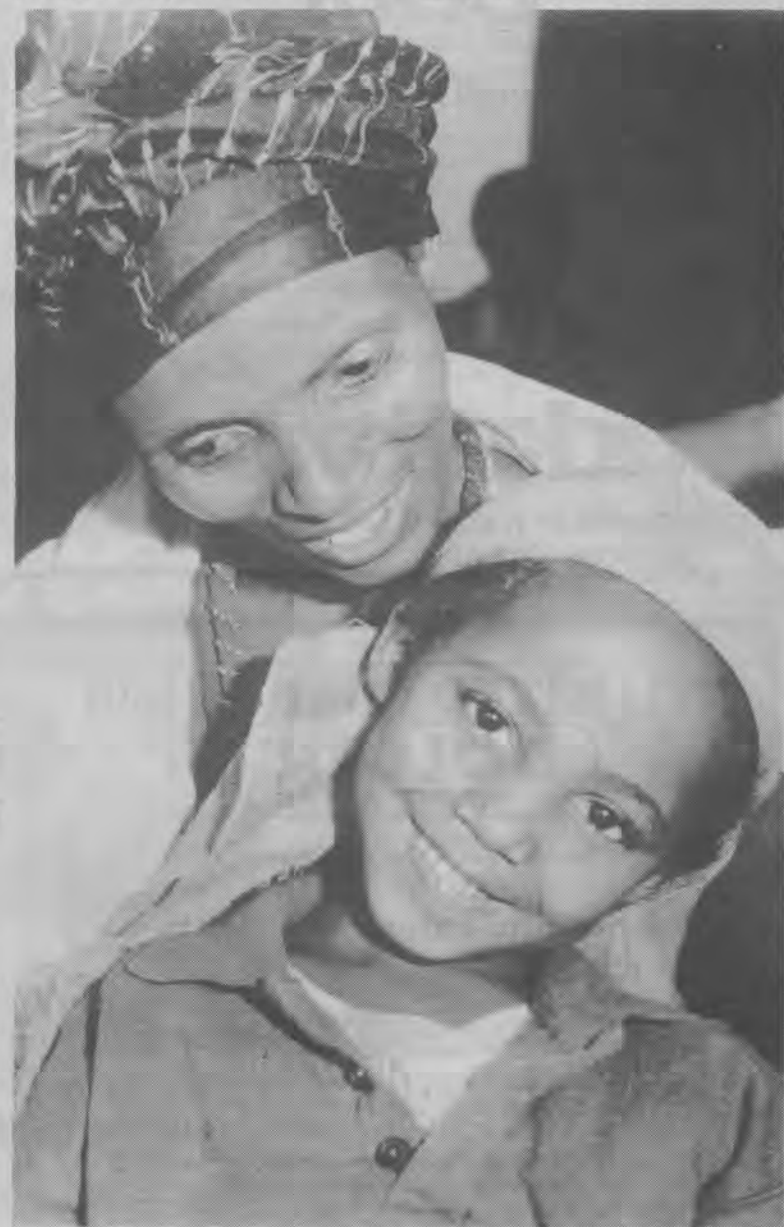
waiting at the compound to be flown to the promised land.

I arrive at the airport to assist with the crowds. There, at midnight, as the Jews board the planes, I see the other side of the miracle taking place. A teenage mother carries one child on her back, another in her arms and a third holds her hand. She is unable to carry a fourth. Israeli security and Jewish Agency personnel guide the scattered family from the bus to the

plane. JDC staff still at the compound receive a panicked message from one of the planes.

Another mother, already in flight, realizes that one of her children has been left behind. JDC staff locate the missing child and make sure he gets on board.

Carrying an unguided Ethiopian Jewish child up the steps of the plane departing for Eretz Yisrael is clearly the mitzvah of the day.



A mother and her son are finally able to smile after the long and tense wait to leave for their new homeland. (Photo: Z. Ozeri)

“There is no shadow of a doubt than an enormous privilege fell in the hands of all those who were in any way part of the operation.”

return with the stickers of those families who have not been located. Some have arrived before receiving the notification. After eliminating those who have already arrived, the committee members are to go for a second round and identify the missing.

At 7 a.m. the JDC clinic doctor, Rick Hodes, starts collecting our hospitalized clients. In some cases, he has difficulty obtaining their release. Finally, all of them are gathered in our clinic. The JDC nurses wait for Rick to retrieve the patients from the hospitals and care for them until their departure. Rick will stay at the embassy to arrange transportation for our special patients.

On Friday morning, May 24, the remnant of the Tribe of Dan is gathered in the compound of the sovereign State of Israel and the headquarters of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. They all come. The young and the old, the sick and disabled, the shocked mothers and the controlled fathers, all dressed in the traditional robes, their

manager to extend the agreement and secures the buses for the entire night. For the next 15 hours there is a continual flow of buses with some 200 passengers packed into each bus.

The situation room is empty. Ami requests that I take over and man the station and keep in touch with the Foreign Office, the airport and the military headquarters in Israel. It should be stressed that Friday morning at 8 a.m. the compound is flooded with Jews, the buses are already on their way and four aircraft are in the air on their way to Addis. Yet, the detailed negotiations have not yet begun. There is no green light for the operation. Even the control tower does not yet know of the arrangements.

At 10:15 a.m. I receive a phone call from the situation room in Israel. We desperately need a green light. The entire fleet of planes, equipped and scheduled to take off at 10:30 a.m. has to be notified. Four planes are already in Ethiopian airspace and are waiting to land upon receipt of a signal. I am finally able to get hold of

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YJAD July Calendar

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

On Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, the YJAD will play coed Volleyball outside on the JCC Family Campus beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk at 457-4981 for more information.

On Wednesday, July 10, the YJAD will enjoy a Restaurant Sampler at The Front Porch Restaurant, 232 Philadelphia Pike, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1. Call Roz Sherman at 762-2739 for reservations by July 6.

On Thursday, July 18, at 7 p.m., the YJAD Event Programming Committee will hold a meeting for all members at the JCC to plan events for September through December. Contact Debbie Sadoff at 368-8783 for more information.

On Sunday, July 21, at noon, the YJAD will hold its Sixth Annual Summer Picnic and Second Annual Olympics. Members are invited to participate in a barbecue and (optional) Olympics-style games on the JCC Family Campus. Admission is \$9. Casual dress is suggested and sneakers, bathing suit and a towel are recommended. Reservations are requested by July 17. Call Ron Grosz at 762-7411 for more information.

On Saturday, August 3, at 9 p.m. the YJAD will enjoy a round of miniature golf at the Valley brook Miniature Golf Course, just north of the Delaware/Pennsylvania state line on Route 202. (Rain date is Sunday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m.) Afterwards, members will meet for ice cream at a nearby custard stand. Reservations are requested by August 1 and may be made by contacting David Bernstein at (609) 678-8029.

Naches

Seidel

Dan and Laurie Seidel have a new son, Eli Benjamin, born June 3 in Bellevue, Washington. His brothers are Joshua and Noah and his sister is Rosalie Anna.

The grandparents are Ruth and Tom Seidel of Claymont and Clemence and Meir Varon, Mercer Island, Washington.

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Chabad at UofD reports successful year

With the end of the spring semester at U. of D., Chabad-Lubavitch reports that this has been a highly successful year. According to Rabbi Chuni Vogel, director of Chabad at U. of D., this will be remembered as one of "Jewish growth and identity."

"This was an historic year for Jewish students," said Vogel. "The tremendous crowd at the first public Menorah lighting, spirited dancing in the Student Center, Megillah reading in the Bacchus Theater, Sukka-mobile on Harrington Beach, are just a few of the memorable Jewish holiday events on campus."

The beginning of the fall semester saw an unfortunate rise in racist and anti-semitic incidents, Vogel noted. This sparked a general awareness among Jewish students and, according to Jill Schwartz, a senior at U. of D., "Chabad was able to channel some of that awareness into increased participation and positive ends."

Chabad staffs a weekly information table in the Perkins Student Center, where students can stop by for a chat, pick up books and articles of interest, find out what's going on or get an answer to anything that might be on their minds. Holiday supplies and information are always

"hot items" with hundreds of menorahs, candles, dreidels and hamantaschen being distributed, Vogel said.

Shabbat dinners are very popular, noted Vogel. Guest speakers have included Tova Mordechai, a former Pentecostal minister, and more recently, Professor Shlomo Kalish of Tel Aviv University, a former Israeli fighter pilot, who shared his experiences and feelings in his talk, "Israel at 43; Where are we heading?"

"These students are the Jewish future and it is our responsibility to do everything during these critical years," said Vogel.

Bush's emotional call for prayer in the public schools is criticized

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush's emotional call earlier this month for a constitutional amendment permitting voluntary prayer in the public schools has been criticized by the American Jewish Congress.

Bush "seems once again to be exploiting religion for short-term political gain, as he did when his administration endorsed school-sponsored graduation prayers or government funding of parochial schools," Henry Siegman, the organization's executive director, said in a statement.

The president called for the amendment in a June 6 address to the annual convention of Southern Baptists in Atlanta after describing how he wept as he prayed before ordering the bombing that began the war against Iraq.

Bush then described his outrage

that a fifth-grader in a public school had been prevented from reading her Bible during school recess. "My friends, the day a child's quiet prayer group during recess becomes an unlawful assembly, something's really gone wrong," Bush said.

He said those who oppose school prayer "forgot that the First Amendment was written to protect people against religious intrusions by the state, not to protect the state from voluntary activities by the people."

The president then added: "In that spirit, once again, I call on the United States Congress to pass a constitutional amendment permitting voluntary prayer back into our nation's schools."

Siegman charged that by linking the incident with the fifth-grader to voluntary prayer, Bush confused the concepts dealing with separation of church and state. "No one knowl-

edgeable about the First Amendment believes that students acting wholly on their own initiative may not pray or read the Bible to themselves," Siegman said. "That is what freedom of religion is about."

But, he added, "prayers composed or organized by school officials, even if attendance and participation is nominally voluntary, involves government in religion in precisely the way" the First Amendment was "intended to prohibit."

This is the third time this year Bush has urged a constitutional amendment allowing voluntary prayer. His persistence on the subject has surprised many observers, who thought he did not share the ideological commitment on this issue expressed by his predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

French revisionists targeted

PARIS (JTA) — Outraged war veterans and former Resistance fighters here have brought legal action against a group of revisionists spreading propaganda among schoolchildren that the Holocaust never occurred.

The latest example was a 15-page pamphlet written in 1979 by Robert Faurisson which mocks "the war fib" that Jews and others died in Nazi concentration camps.

The pamphlet was mailed recently to about 40 French students from the Caen area in northwest France who had just returned from a tour of the former Auschwitz death camp in Poland.

Three organizations of veterans, Resistance fighters and former deportees have filed suit under a law passed last year that makes it a misdemeanor to deny crimes against humanity.



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We would greatly appreciate any donations - board games, clothes, arts and craft supplies, as well as small tools and appliances for our workshop area.

Please contact our Kidsplace Director, Paul Mann at (302) 478-5660 for information.

POETRY READING Wednesday, July 3, 1991 10:30 a.m.

Lou Moss, a poet from Lake Worth, Florida, who is visiting Wilmington, will conduct a special poetry reading class for members of the JCC Senior Center.

Mr. Moss possesses a special gift of writing and has an abundant and awesome vocabulary. His ideas for poems come from events within his lifetime as well as outside influences. He has written over 3800 poems, some of which have been published in various newspapers.

This class will be on-going. Join your friends at the JCC for this stimulating and refreshing new class ! Please contact Ray Freshman for more information.

Children's Center Offers New Kindergarten Program

Beginning in October, the Children's Center will offer SPECIAL K...a one or two day per week program for children attending half-day kindergarten.

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Obituaries

S. John Silverberg
Longtime Wilmington businessman S. John Silverberg died June 15 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital after being stricken at his home near Centreville. He was 84.

Mr. Silverberg, who lived at 5612 Pyles Ford Road, was a founder and owner of the Linen Mart on Market Street Mall.

He founded the store with Edward J. Cohen in 1934 at 812 Market St. In 1949, the partners moved their business to a larger site at 827 Market Street Mall. When Mr. Cohen died in 1960, Mr. Silverberg took over the business.

The Silverbergs closed the popular specialty business, known for its

shelved walls of finer linens, in 1985.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and was a 50-year member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

His first wife, Doris Silverberg, died in 1967. He is survived by his wife, Lucille Silverberg; a son, Robert P. of Chevy Chase, Md.; a daughter, Marcia Lobman of New Orleans, La.; three stepsons, Howard Cohen of Middletown, Bruce Cohen of Raleigh, N.C., and Ron Cohen of Wilmington; a brother, Louis, and a sister, Pearl Cohen, both of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to National Stroke Association, 300 E. Hampden Ave., Suite 240, Englewood, Colo.; or Kutz

Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington.

Sam Madway

Sam Madway, of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, died June 23. He was 73.

Mr. Madway is survived by his wife Theresa, of Wynnewood; three daughters, Linda Cook of Wilmington, Constance Bressman of New York City and Jill Madway of Clearwater, Florida; three grandchildren, Danny Cook and Peter Cook of Wilmington and Jacob Bressman.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Operation Exodus in care of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Shooting by survivor's child raises troubling questions

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The bizarre murder of a bus passenger by a middle-aged woman has renewed speculation on the traumatic after-effects of the Holocaust on children of survivors.

The killing occurred in the late evening of May 15, when Esther Rachel Rogers boarded a bus in downtown Los Angeles. As the bus proceeded to Hollywood and Beverly Hills, eyewitnesses said, Rogers wandered up and down the aisle, muttering about her hatred of Nazis, foreigners, the Mafia, blacks, Hispanics and whites.

Accustomed to odd types, her fellow passengers largely ignored Rogers, until she pulled out a .357 magnum revolver and, 20 minutes later, shot two bullets into Bernard Calonne, a 31-year old French citizen, who died shortly afterward.

After the other passengers had fled the bus, officers from the Sheriff Department's Special Weapons Team surrounded the vehicle and tried to coax Rogers into surrendering. Two hours after the murder, officers stormed the bus and killed her in a hail of gunfire.

In a violence-prone city, the inci-

dent might have been quickly forgotten. But the *Los Angeles Times* decided to dig into the woman's past.

Through interviews with Rogers' sister, Cita, and friends and neighbors, *Times* reporters Mark Stein and Mathis Chazanov reconstructed the life and death of Esther Rachel Rogers.

She was born in Germany on June 21, 1948, in a relocation camp for refugees fleeing communist purges in Poland. Her father, Joseph Radziejewski, a rural salesman before the war, had been in Auschwitz. In later years, he used to tell his children how he and his brother escaped from a concentration camp and then rescued their sister from another camp. He returned to his home in Poland after the war, but left after the Communists consolidated their power.

Esther's mother, Margaret, told her children she had lived through the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

The family came to Los Angeles in 1950, and the father bought an old furniture store in the then-predominantly Jewish Boyle Heights section. He prospered moderately and bought some real estate properties in Boyle Heights and the newer Jewish en-

clave in the Fairfax area. In 1961, when he became an American citizen, Joseph Radziejewski changed his last name to Rogers.

As a teenager at Fairfax High School, Esther was, according to classmates, a bright student and a "bubbly and sweet" girl.

With the death of her mother when Esther was 17, the girl started to "lose some direction," her sister recounted. After the death of her adored father, and a failed marriage, she displayed increasing signs of depression and instability.

Though neighbors noted her erratic behavior, they described her as a gentle and caring woman who frequently talked to homeless people at a nearby park. A few hours before Rogers boarded the bus for the fatal ride, she dyed her hair orange and cropped it so closely that it reminded one observer of photos of concentration camp inmates.

Some experts, *The Times* reported, saw in her death a chilling echo of the Holocaust, an extreme example of the psychic aftershocks suffered not only by those who lived through it, but sometimes also by their children.

Nixon blamed Jews for anti-war activity

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — When Richard Nixon was faced with massive demonstrations against the Vietnam War while in the White House, his first reaction was to blame it on the Jews.

The former president's May 5, 1971 remarks can be heard on the latest set of Nixon tapes to be made available to the public. The tapes were released by the National Archives this month.

On the tapes, Nixon speculated to

H.R. Haldeman, his chief of staff, that the anti-war demonstrations were inspired by Jews. "Aren't the Chicago Seven all Jews?" Nixon said, referring to the anti-war activists on trial in Chicago for seeking to disrupt the 1968 Democratic National Convention. "Davis's a Jew, you know," Nixon said.

Haldeman replied that he didn't believe that Rennie Davis was Jewish.

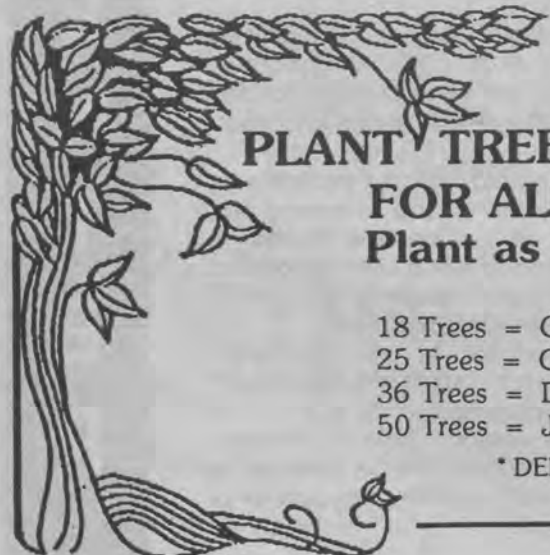
"Hoffman, Hoffman's a Jew," Nixon said. Haldeman replied "Abbie Hoffman, and that's so."

After the two went over the names of the other members of the Chicago Seven, Nixon concluded: "About half of these are Jews."

Earlier tapes had also revealed anti-Semitic remarks by Nixon in the privacy of the Oval Office. In one tape, Nixon expressed concern that one of his daughters was spending a lot of time with the New York art crowd, because too many of them were Jews.

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Anti-Israel lobby has smart tactics but limited success, says ADL study

NEW YORK (JTA) — An anti-Israel lobby spearheaded by several major Arab-American organizations is utilizing sophisticated techniques to win the support of U.S. policymakers and public opinion, especially on college campuses, for the Palestinian cause. But so far it has had only limited success, according to a new study prepared by the Civil Rights Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Titled "The Anti-Israel Lobby Today: An Examination of the Themes and Tactics of an Evolving Propaganda Movement," the report was to be released here Friday at the ADL's 78th annual National Commission meeting.

It documents the anti-Israel efforts of two related groups, the American Educational Trust and the Council for the National Interest, whose leadership includes many former U.S. government officials and former

members of Congress. "By becoming more directly and consistently involved with political campaigns, legislative deliberations and party platform debates, the anti-Israel lobby has sharpened the skills of promotion and persuasion necessary to influence the formulation of public policy," the report says.

It cites as examples of growing political savvy the sponsorship of four pro-Palestinian ballot measures in California and Massachusetts during the 1988 elections.

One was passed in Cambridge and parts of Somerville, Mass., calling on political leaders to support the creation of a Palestinian state. An aggressive campaign by the Arab-American Institute led to the inclusion of platform planks favoring Palestinian statehood at eight Democratic Party state conventions during 1988-89.

Another example of the Arab lobby's growing boldness and financial resources was the numerous full-

page anti-Israel advertisements appearing in major American newspapers in recent years, reaching millions of readers.

Pro-Arab propagandists approach American college students with positive-sounding themes, such as human rights and national interest.

American colleges have been the prime targets of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, or ADC, and the Palestine Solidarity Committee, which have formed on-campus chapters. The ADC sent students on one of its "Eyewitness Israel" tours. After traveling through the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the students issued a statement on their return condemning Israel.

The familiar "Zionism-is-racism" theme, echoing the 1975 U.N. General Assembly resolution, is promoted on campuses by the Muslim Students Association.

Another theme of the ADC is

opposition to Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel. After an ADC delegation visited the Soviet Union, its leader, Abdeen Jabara, charged that "Soviet Jews are being used as cannon fodder by the Israel government to help its expansionist goals."

The ADL report concludes that the success of the pro-Arab propaganda drive has been limited and uneven. Recent polls show U.S. public support and sympathy for Israel to be

at an all-time high.

"These groups have skillfully exploited such diverse phenomena as American economic uncertainty and televised scenes of intifada violence to advance their cause, with some tangible results," the ADL study says. "However, Israel's supportive role and victimization by Iraq during the Gulf war bolstered the image of the Jewish state as a democratic ally in the American mind."

Pamyat launches newspaper

NEW YORK (JTA) — Pamyat, the ultra-nationalist anti-Semitic movement active in recent years in the Russian republic, publicly announced the official registration of its newspaper at a June 1 rally in Moscow, two Jewish groups here said.

The meeting, held at a club at Moscow's Steel and Alloys Institute, drew some 1,500 supporters and was Pamyat's largest to date, according to the World Jewish Congress.

The group's newspaper, also called *Pamyat*, has published two editions since January. The newspaper first appeared in 1989 as a four-page underground publication, according to sources here. It is registered with the Russian Ministry of Press and Mass Information.

The paper has a circulation of 100,000, a refusenik in Moscow reported to the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews, a member group of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry.

Pamyat's leader, Dmitry Vasiliev, said the paper is financed by a "very patriotic" agricultural cooperative which he heads.

Vasiliev, whom the Union of Councils described as a journalist and photographer and leader of an especially militant faction of Pamyat, described the crowd of 1,500 as just the "backbone" of the movement, the World Jewish Congress reported. "if necessary," said Vasiliev, "we could fill a stadium." Vasiliev sidestepped reporters' questions about Pamyat's attitude toward Jews, the World Jewish Congress said. "We are launching a Russian newspaper today and I am more interested in the Russian question," he said.

Nevertheless, after his official speech, Vasiliev declared, "I have fought and will fight Zionism. I have nothing against the Jews."

The World Jewish Congress quoted a Soviet periodical, *Kommersant*, as saying, "Vasiliev was thus displaying a considerable change of tactics, guarding against charges of violating Article 74 of the Penal Code of the Russian Federation, which landed Konstantin Ostashvili in prison."

Ostashvili, who reportedly committed suicide in prison this past spring, had been serving time for organizing an anti-Semitic demonstration at a writers' club in Moscow in January 1990.

Peace

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just when Jordan needed it most. In addition, Iraq's debt to Jordan remains on hold until sanctions are lifted and Iraq can rebuild enough to resume payment.

As one member of our group put it, in the heat of a conflict many things become black and white, and it's easy for the attitude "If you're not with me then you must be against me" to become prevalent. And that happened to Jordan. Our embassy contact said, however, that Jordan's legal position of neutrality and opposition to the war was not incorrect. The U.S. state department has also cleared Jordan of any allegations that Jordan provided arms to Iraq during the conflict. However, Jordan's image and international relations have suffered as a result of its position and because of the way some of King Hussein's speeches were worded and received.

To Americans, Iraq is just a place on our maps half way around the world. To Jordanians, Iraq is a country of people they trade with, communicate with, and become family and friends with. Jordanians adamantly told us they were opposed to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, a political action, but when the Allied forces moved in, their loyalties to the people prevailed. They felt the war was started too soon, and that other, non-violent methods could have been used. They felt that excessive force was used beyond that needed to achieve the stated goal. We heard repeatedly about the 200,000 Iraqis killed (a figure confirmed last week by the Greenpeace organization).

We met with three Jordanian physicians who risked their lives to drive in a private car on the 400-mile "death highway" to Baghdad at the height of the bombing in mid-February on behalf of the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). Dr. Nabih Muammar, a general surgeon, Dr. Mahmoud Huneid, and internist, and Dr. Hassan Badran, an ENT specialist, told us of air attacks on civilian trucks carrying baby food, milk and medicine to Iraq. The physicians confirmed reports we heard from the Red Crescent that planes used machine guns to chase drivers down and shoot them as they fled. Sudanese refugees we met in the Red Cross

camp also said they saw an open truck in front of them, full of refugees, struck by an allied plane.

Dr. Huneid described the bewilderment and anger among the Iraqi people of the "massacre" of the 60,000 retreating Iraqis in what is now called the "killing fields" north of Kuwait City. The Jordanian physicians described the allied high-tech "surgical" bombing as "very bloody surgery." Since almost every factory, every post office, and telephone center were hit, there was, according to these men, significant damage to adjacent homes and stores. Allied bombing of Iraq's only baby milk factory, the AL Amorea air raid shelter in Baghdad (Sam of the Red Crescent told me they pulled over 1400 bodies from the shelter, mainly women and children), most bridges and several hospitals, markets and residential areas were viewed by these physicians as attacks of no military significance. They said that three minutes after they crossed the Fallouja Bridge on the Euphrates River, an air raid destroyed the bridge and a very busy market place nearby killing 130 people and injuring 87. When they arrived in Baghdad, they were told a civilian bridge in downtown Baghdad had just been destroyed killing 400 pedestrians.

We also saw a film documented by the Gulf Peace Team that included excerpts from a CNN interview with former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and correspondent Peter Arnott. After Clark described the devastation and almost complete destruction of Basra he had seen as he "crisscrossed Basra," the New York correspondent asked him "what about military installations." When Clark replied he didn't see any, the correspondent said, "We must remember this is one man's opinion." As Clark began yelling in the background, "This is not one man's opinion, this is an eyewitness account," CNN cut Clark off. This is an interview seen widely by Jordanians and Israelis.

I certainly had gone to Jordan with the belief that there could have been an alternative, a non-violent alternative, to the problems with Iraq. I am also an American who loves her country. But as the days went by, I was starting to squirm. What was the "truth" about the Persian Gulf crisis?

What these Jordanians saw and received about the "truth" in the war was not what we were receiving as the "truth." We were all making observations and judgments of each other based on different sets of "truths."

The impact of the trip to Jordan on our group was certainly in the area of understanding Jordan and the effect of the Persian Gulf War on the area. But the impact of the trip to Jordan on me was going another level deeper.

I thought of my family and friends who angrily had confronted me about my trip to Jordan as anti-American, anti-Israeli. I thought of the Palestinians I had been meeting and their agonizing stories of being removed from their homes and businesses and leaving behind loved ones. I thought of my Jewish friends back home and their horrible stories of the Holocaust and the continued persecution of Jews all over the world. I thought of the 200,000 Iraqis killed by Allied arms. I thought of the Kuwaitis who had been killed and homes and businesses destroyed. I thought of the over 400,000 Americans who had risked their lives for their truths and of the over 100 who had lost theirs.

As I continue to sift and sort through the pieces of my trip to Jordan that have returned with me, so much is still tucked away inside. I know that one of the most important things I learned is that politics won't create peace, only people can. And, yes, there are nonviolent paths to peace if we truly seek them. They become the only paths to peace when we can learn to affirm our own power as individual human beings and reach across the borders and boundaries of our lives and put human faces on our conflicts. Through this "citizen diplomacy" we can begin to experience each other and our realities. We must use our power as human beings to demand that the new world order include the assumption that both sides can win, that both sides will be heard, and that we will find resolutions to these conflicts.

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Cultural Calendar

LOCAL

"Middle East: Culture, History and Politics" is the subject of an exhibition on view through July 12 in the Hugh M. Morris Library at the University. The exhibition includes books, periodicals, newspapers, government documents, microfilm and atlases relating to the region's diversity of cultures, reflection of religion in art and literature, and Western political and economic influences. Examples in the display are representative of the general collections, special collections, media and government documents at the University's library.

PHILADELPHIA

A collection of photographs by Philadelphia native Laurence Salzman, entitled "Anyos Muchos y Buenos: Photographs Celebrating 500 Years of Spanish Jews Living in Turkey," is currently on display at the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania. The exhibit features a 60-piece selection from the thousands Salzman took over a six-year period beginning in 1986 and serves as a record of that community of about 21,000 Jews, 19,000 of whom live in Istanbul. The exhibit will run through August 10.

"Going Home: How American Jews invent the Old World," an exhibition that explores the ties American Jews maintain with their Eastern European origins, at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia will remain on display through July 16. More than 120 photographs, posters, books and souvenirs, as well as home movies and treasured family heirlooms, reveal the continuing fascination that ties American Jews to their families' roots in the "old country."

"The Heritage of Jewish Vienna" is scheduled through July 14 at the Gershman YMHA. This is a photographic exhibition of documents the history of Vienna's vibrant Jewish community.

NEW YORK

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum is presenting "Meddling with Peddling: The Pushcart Wars" through January 5, 1992. This exhibit is a look at both historical and contemporary aspects of street peddling and merchants on the Lower East Side.

"The Sephardic Journey: 1492-1992," an exhibit which chronicles the history and lives of Jewish communities throughout the world whose members are descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews, will be on display at the Yeshiva University Museum through November 1992. The exhibit will include more than a thousand religious and cultural objects, photographs, paintings and costumes, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain during the Inquisition.

More than 50 original posters illustrating Jewish history make up a new exhibit at Yeshiva University Museum. The exhibit, "Witnesses to History: The Jewish Poster 1770-1985," displays major themes such as the changing status of Jews in Europe, the anti-religious sentiment of Stalinist Russia, and the support of the American Jewish community for Israel.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

"From the Ends of the Earth: Judaic Treasures of the Library of Congress," an exhibition of some 240 items reflecting America's hospitality to different peoples and cultures, will be on view at the Library's Madison Gallery through August 25.

The role of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) in accomplishing social reform in America will be highlighted in a new exhibit at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. "From Parlor to Politics: Women and Reform in America, 1890-1925," features NCJW's efforts in the area of social welfare. The exhibit will continue indefinitely.

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum has opened a new exhibit entitled "Stars of David: Jews in Sports." The exhibit highlights the careers of outstanding Jewish American athletes while noting the accomplishments of Jewish athletes worldwide. Among the memorabilia are Sandy Koufax's Cy Young and Most Valuable Player awards, Hank Greenberg's uniform and Sid Luckman's leather helmet. The exhibit will continue through November.

For more information on these events, contact the sponsoring organizations.

Lurie

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job of running the agency.

"I have great admiration for his administrative ability," said UJA board Chairman Kornreich. "He is one of the brainiest guys in the business."

Although UJA officials would not comment on what salary offer was made to Lurie, Horowitz' salary this year was rumored to be \$300,000. One member of the search committee said the offer to Lurie did not include housing.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware belatedly wishes to acknowledge the work of Bradford L. Glazier in taking several of the photographs in JFD's publication "Campaign '90 - Our Global Jewish Family." Mr. Glazier's photographs depicted the services provided by the Federation's member agencies in the areas of care for the elderly and education. We inadvertently failed to attribute those photographs to Mr. Glazier in the Campaign '90 publication and apologize for that oversight.

Good vibes, little substance at meeting with pope

ROME (JTA) — A Polish Jewish leader thought the atmosphere was good but the substance meager at a meeting Pope John Paul II held with Polish Jews in Warsaw on June 9. "The atmosphere was warm and the pope was visibly moved," Stanislaw Krajewski, co-chairman of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews, said in a statement from Warsaw.

Nevertheless, "I think the pope's visit did not stress sufficiently the need to oppose anti-Semitism, and more generally to oppose Catholic fundamentalism, and to accept pluralism and foster tolerance," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

But Krajewski, who serves as the American Jewish Congress' representative in Poland, said in his statement that "the meeting was significant because it testified to the pope's appreciation that Polish Jews are an important and legitimate part of Poland."

The pontiff said he would like to visit Warsaw's Yiddish theater.

Both Polish Jews and Vatican officials look forward to further dialogue, Krajewski added. But he said he was disturbed by the pope's emphasis on the "pitfalls of Western liberalism, which has led to empty churches, proliferation of pornography and abortion."

"While he has every right to warn against moral problems," Krajewski said, "it seems that the result of his approach is that fundamentalists in the Polish Church have been strengthened,

those who think the Polish Church should be an example for Europe. They would like to see a Catholic state, or at least the Catholic principles, as integral elements of the state structures.

"The pope supported triumphal-

ism in the church, and this is a disappointing result of the visit from the Jewish perspective and, more generally, from the point of view of all who prefer to live in a religiously neutral democratic order," the Jewish leader said.

Waldheim visits Khomeini tomb

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The State Department noted without comment the visit of Austria's President Kurt Waldheim to Teheran where he became the first head of a Western state to lay a wreath at the tomb of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and signed the memorial book there. He was greeted at the cemetery by Khomeini's son, Syed Ahmad. His visit to Iran was the first by a Western government head since 1979.

Waldheim is barred from entering the United States because he con-

cealed his service in World War II with the German forces in the Balkans as an intelligence officer. His affiliation with those forces became known after he had completed two terms, totalling ten years, as secretary-general of the United Nations.

Austria was neutral during the eight-year Iraq-Iran war and the two countries have friendly relations. During his four-day stay in Iran, Waldheim was accompanied by Foreign Minister Alois Mock and Austrian businessmen who reportedly sought an increase in trade. The group went to Syria upon leaving Iran.

Kohl visits Buchenwald

BONN (JTA) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl placed a wreath June 10 on a memorial to the 60,000 people who died at the Buchenwald concentration camp, which also served the Stalinist regime after World War II.

His visit, before attending a special convention of the ruling Christian Democratic Union in nearby Weimar, focused attention on the fact that the many Jewish victims of Buchenwald, which was opened in 1933, are hardly

acknowledged as such.

The memorial lists 32 nations from which the victims came but makes no reference to any of them having been Jewish. The concentration camp site itself includes a small Jewish memorial plaque, which tells visitors in Hebrew of the Jews who perished at the hands of "German fascists." The German and Russian translations omit the word "German."

Top court to rule on swastika, burning cross

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Whether placing a burning cross or a Nazi swastika on public or private property is a criminal act or is safeguarded by the Constitution's First Amendment as "expressive conduct" is to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The issue arose after a 17-year-old youth was prosecuted in St. Paul, Minn., for burning two crosses last

June in the yard of a black family's home. St. Paul has an ordinance that outlaws such action if it "arouses anger, alarm or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or gender."

The nation's highest tribunal agreed to review the ordinance June 10 after hearing an appeal of the juvenile's lawyer against the misdemeanor charge against him. The lawyer asked the tribunal, in effect, to

rule how far a community can go to fight hate crimes and to set a boundary between restrictions against such crimes and "expressive conduct" protected by the First Amendment.

Minnesota's supreme court last January unanimously upheld the ordinance noting it applies only to those actions that express hatred and "bias-motivated personal abuse" that the First Amendment does not safeguard.

Organ donations authorized by Orthodox group

NEW YORK (JTA) — In a landmark decision by an Orthodox rabbinical group, the Rabbinical Council of America has approved organ donation as permissible, even required, from brain-dead patients.

The endorsement, made this month at the group's annual convention, puts the 1,000-member group, the world's largest body of Orthodox rabbis, at odds with some other Orthodox authorities, who do not agree that the cessation of brain function indicates death according to Jewish law.

In authorizing organ donation, the RCA has affirmed that "pikuach nefesh," or saving of life, is of utmost importance.

The position was taken at the group's yearly conclave, held at the Homowack Lodge in Spring Glen,

N.Y., as part of a health care proxy developed by the RCA for distribution by health care providers.

New federal guidelines, to go into effect in December, will require that every health care provider make available to patients a proxy, designating someone to be the patient's "agent to make any and all health care decisions" in case the patient is incapacitated.

The section of the RCA's proxy addressing organ donation reads: "The saving of a life takes precedence over all but three halachic imperatives — murder, idolatry and adultery."

"Therefore, no halachic barriers exist to donation of the organs of the deceased if they are harvested in

accord with the highest standards of dignity and propriety," the proxy says. "Vital organs such as heart and liver may be donated after the patient has been declared dead by a competent neurologist based upon the clinical and/or radiological evidence," he says. "Since organs that can be life-saving may be donated, the family is urged to do so. When human life can be saved, it must be saved."

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler of Yeshiva University, a well-known Torah scholar who chairs the RCA Bio-Ethics Commission, developed the proxy.

In addition to designating an agent, the proxy also has an optional instruction that directs the agent to consult with Orthodox halachic authorities before making decisions.

UJA appeals for Ethiopians nearing goal

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal's emergency cash drive to collect \$40 million to aid Ethiopian Jews airlifted to Israel has already received close to \$30 million, said Gerald Negal, a UJA spokesman.

The \$40 million is part of at least \$130 million that American Jewry is being asked to provide to help Israel with the first-year costs of absorbing over 14,000 new Ethiopian immigrants.

The Ethiopian Jewry campaign will be part of Operation Exodus, the continuing campaign to assist Soviet Jewish immigration and absorption.

UJA, the national fund-raising arm of the Jewish community which raises funds in partnership with local Jewish federations, is working to raise \$450 million this year for Soviet Jews. That sum is in addition to the more than \$420 million raised last year in the first phase of Operation Exodus.

The regular 1991 campaign, meanwhile, has so far raised over \$600 million. UJA officials expect this year's regular campaign to exceed last year's, which raised \$765 million.

"It's a lot of money," said Marvin Lender, UJA national chairman, in a statement. "But the needs in Operation Exodus and the regular campaign are clear, and Jews are generous people, and you know what? We're going to raise it," he added.

Rabbi Brian Lurie will be top UJA professional

By ALIZA MARCUS

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Brian Lurie, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation in San Francisco, has accepted an offer to become chief executive officer of the United Jewish Appeal. Although exact details of the offer still have to be worked out by UJA's executive committee, Lurie is expected to begin work Sept. 1, said Gerald Nagel, UJA's spokesman.

Lurie will replace Stanley Horowitz, whose resignation becomes effective June 30.

"I feel privileged to be asked to do this job," Lurie said in a telephone interview Tuesday. He said he felt "thrilled to follow in the footsteps" of former UJA Presidents Herbert Friedman, Irving Bernstein and Horowitz, "because they've created a marvelous legacy."

Morton Komreich, chairman of UJA's board of trustees, said the search committee, which he chaired, "cast a wide net" for a new executive and decided unanimously that Lurie was "far and away the best-qualified person for the job."

"We are confident that Brian Lurie would be an outstanding chief executive officer and will work well with the lay leadership to help lead the campaign in these times of extraordinary challenge and opportunity," said spokesman Nagel.

The offer ends weeks of searching for a new executive of UJA, the major fundraising arm of American Jewry. Working in conjunction with the 179 local U.S. federations, UJA raises hundreds of millions of dollars annually for Israel and overseas Jewish needs.

As chief executive officer of UJA, Lurie, who will turn 49 in August, will have the challenge of charting a path and identity for UJA amid the increasingly crowded world of Jewish philanthropic organizations.

"UJA must get even better at what it does — raising money. The system needs more money," Lurie said.

The new executive also will face the daunting task of maneuvering



Rabbi Brian Lurie

between UJA, which at one time organized most local fund-raising campaigns, and local federations, which now raise most of the money for UJA's national campaigns.

Last year, the annual UJA general campaign raised \$765 million, in addition to over \$420 million in the successful Operation Exodus drive to aid the absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel.

But UJA, which has 200 employees and last year had an operating budget of \$22.9 million, has come under criticism from some Jewish federation leaders, who say the organization is top-heavy and doing work done by other Jewish agencies.

Over the past few years, local federations have taken on a more important role in the fund-raising process, not only in setting the goals, but in deciding how they will raise the money and what portion will stay in the community for local needs.

"What does UJA have to offer for most federations that they don't have themselves?" one American Jewish fund-raising official asked in March, shortly after Horowitz's resignation was announced.

But Lurie, who gained a reputation as a maverick thinker during his 17-year tenure at the San Francisco federation, is considered by many Jewish officials to be the one person who can revitalize UJA's image and operations.

As executive director of the San

Francisco federation, Lurie pioneered a program in which the federation donated a portion of its general campaign proceeds directly to Israel, rather than channeling the money through UJA.

Although the amount of money, about \$100,000 annually, was a tiny percentage of the federation's overall campaign, it was initially viewed with suspicion by some Jewish officials. They feared direct donations might undermine UJA's position and threaten UJA's ability to raise funds for Israel.

But the program had the opposite effect, supporters say, because by strengthening the ties between a local community and Israel, people were encouraged to give more.

Since San Francisco initiated the program in the mid-1980s, federations in New York and elsewhere have embarked on similar undertakings. Similarly, Lurie was at one time an outspoken critic of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The Jewish Agency, which is the largest beneficiary of funds raised by UJA, had been criticized by Lurie and others for its large bureaucracy.

Lurie acknowledged that he is coming to the position "with some controversy, as everyone knows," but he maintained that he has "always worked for the good of the Jewish community."

"At a particular moment in time, he was somewhat outside the establishment. But frankly, a lot of what he has attacked has been changed in the Jewish Agency," said Robert Loup of Denver, a former UJA national chairman who served on the search committee.

"People might question his choice" in how he expressed his criticism, said Loup, "but everyone endorses his feelings."

Lurie is also considered by many to be a charismatic leader with a compelling vision of the need for a strong Diaspora role in aiding Israel and strong background in fund raising.

Referring to the ongoing immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel and last month's emergency airlift of over 14,000 Ethiopian Jews, Lurie said that "at a time like this, the key issue facing UJA is raising dollars" for the Jewish community here and abroad.

"If you want a strong Israel, you must have a strong American Jewish community," he said.

He added that because of the historic wave of immigration, the needs

of "world Jewry — of Israel — are deemed to be in first place, but that doesn't mean you ignore the other needs."

Under Lurie, UJA will likely be quite a different place than it was during the seven-year tenure of Stanley Horowitz, who was considered a technocrat more at ease in managing a multimillion-dollar fund-raising operation and cutting operating costs than in developing warm

relationships with people.

Although Horowitz has been praised for presiding over many successful campaigns and streamlining UJA's staff, some UJA officials were rumored to be unhappy with his dry, bureaucratic style. But despite occasional personality clashes, Horowitz was thought by most people involved in Jewish fund raising to have done a more-than-admirable

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- 1 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JFD Vision Committee Meeting
- 2 8:00 p.m. JFS New Board Orientation
- 4 All Day JCC Jewish Family Campus - Heroes Day
- 8 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 9 7:30 p.m. JFD Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 JCC - YJAD (Singles) Restaurant Sampler
- 11 7:30 p.m. JFD Board Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. Adas Kodesh - Women Rosh-Hodesh Service
- 14 JCC Jewish Family Campus - Dinner & Children's Theatre
- 15 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 16 7:30 p.m. AKSE Board Meeting
- 20 JCC Jewish Family Campus - Late Swim
- 21 JCC - YJAD (Singles) Annual Picnic
- JCC Jewish Family Campus - Sunday Funday
- 22 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 29 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball

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- 3 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Mini Golf
- 4 JCC Jewish Family Campus - Dinner & Children's Theatre
- 5 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 11 10:00 a.m. Adas Kodesh-Women Rosh-Hodesh Service
- 12 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 14 Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 17 JCC Jewish Family Campus - Late Swim
- 18 JCC - YJAD (Singles) Bike Hike
- JCC Jewish Family Campus - Body Painting Day
- 19 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 26 6:00 p.m. JCC - YJAD (Singles) Volleyball
- 28 ORT Board Meeting
- 30 Beth El Sisterhood Rummage Sale/ Flea Market

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Dear Rachel

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Am I wrong in thinking that there is a fundamental clash here between Jewish family values and American culture? Not only is my whole family of grown children close with me; I am close to my mother and was to my father, may he rest in peace. Not a day goes by when I don't speak to one of my sisters. My Israeli family is even closer. Parents, children and grandchildren seem to eat at whichever of their apartments they happen to be at at lunchtime. By me Jewish standards, our family is highly successful. By the article's, we are probably sick.

I clipped the article for you to see.

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Bush

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refugee coordinator, that as vice president he went to Ethiopia and personally made the political and financial arrangements leading to the first major rescue of Ethiopian Jews.

Bush also had a central role in the present heroic redemption of the remaining Ethiopian Jews.

He has been equally as involved in the release of Soviet Jews. In the 1970s, when he served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, I went to him to ask for assistance in getting two Soviet Jewish families released. Bush did not hesitate for a moment, and went beyond the call of duty to free these Soviet Jews.

As Soviet Jewry experts freely acknowl-

edge, Bush has confronted Mikhail Gorbachev consistently with demands for the mass emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel and elsewhere.

The waiving of Jackson-Vanik Amendment sanctions for one year could well become additional Bush leverage not only to save the Soviet economy but also to keep the doors open for Soviet Jewish exodus.

In sum, Bush's relationship with Jews and Israel is complicated and ambiguous.

The task of Jewish leadership in the months ahead, I believe, will be, in the words of an old song, to "accentuate the positive" and "eliminate the negative."

(Marc Tanenbaum, for 30 years the director of the international relations department of the American Jewish Committee, is now a lecturer, writer and consultant.)

Shoval

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absorption of Soviet immigrants," the ambassador said.

He stressed that he himself took no position but intended only to lay out the problem facing the government. "There is no escape from this choice," Shoval said on his first Israel Radio interview. "If the government refuses to freeze the settlements, it must know whether it is capable of absorbing the immigrants without U.S. aid."

He made the same point in subsequent interviews. Some observers said he pulled the rug from under the efforts of Israeli diplomats and pro-Israel lobbyists to persuade Congressional opinion that immigrant aid and peace policy should not be linked.

Shoval, a Likud Knesset member when he was appointed to Israel's top diplomatic post abroad, has been in hot water before. He was rebuked by the White House in February for complaining publicly that the administration

was foot-dragging on \$400 million in loan guarantees to Israel to provide housing for Soviet olim.

His latest comments have contributed to a polarization of opinion along existing political and ideological fault lines.

Leftist Knesset members welcomed Shoval's "straight talking" and praised his "realism." On the right, there were demands for his recall.

Some Israeli newspapers reported from Washington and New York on Sunday that Shoval's assessment of the situation is widely shared by the American Jewish establishment.

Ma'ariv quoted Abraham Foxman, head of the Anti-Defamation League, who is considered right of center on most issues, as saying Israel's current settlement drive is "a provocative act that ultimately will harm the settlements themselves."

Foreign Minister David Levy, who has the reputation of a "dove," avoided reporters' questions about Shoval's remarks, saying he

Israel-Czech air route opens

TELAVIV (JTA) — El Al opened Israel's first regular air service to Czechoslovakia on Tuesday night.

Flight 521 took off at 7:15 p.m. on the three-hour flight to Prague and was due back at Ben-Gurion Airport at 4:20 local time Wednesday morning.

The Israeli national airline had flown to most Eastern European capitals before the Communist bloc broke diplomatic relations with Israel

in 1967. But it never served Prague.

Arrangements to fill the gap began when President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia visited Israel last year.

El Al sources said the Czechoslovakian capital would not be used as a pickup point for Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel. They will continue to travel via Budapest, Warsaw or Bucharest until the Soviet Union permits direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv.

First Jewish book fair in Berlin

BONN (JTA) — Between 20,000 and 30,000 people visited the first Jewish Book Fair held in Berlin this month according to a spokesman of the Jewish community center, who said it was the biggest event of its kind ever held in Europe.

The fair, which closed June 7 exhibited

about 10,000 titles, mainly about Judaism and Israel, and were, for the most part, published in German. According to the Berlin Jewish community, the fair afforded many East Germans the first opportunity to become acquainted with Jewish-related literature free from communist indoctrination.

had not yet spoken to the ambassador.

But Shamir spoke to him at least twice on Saturday.

Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party, said Shoval was reporting "the truth." But according to Peres, the government prefers not to face the choice between "one million Soviet Jews and two million Palestinian Arabs."

At the extreme right of the political spectrum, Rehavam Ze'evi, leader of the Moledet party, threatened to quit the Likud-led coalition which he joined only recently.

Ze'evi said he finds no fault with Shamir's uncompromising stand on peace talks, but objects to his persistent refusal to even discuss "practical proposals" to end the intifada.

Among Ze'evi's proposals is one of the "transfer" — meaning expulsion — of the entire Palestinian population out of the administered territories.

On the far left, Knesset members Yossi Sarid and Dedi Zucker of the Citizens Rights Movement hailed Shoval for pointing out "that the settlers are the main enemy of aliyah and absorption."

But Geula Cohen, of the right-wing Tahiyah party, called the linkage "immoral" and accused Shoval of allowing himself "to be pressured and then to pressure his government, rather than standing firm against Washington's design."

Yair Tsaban, of the left-of-center Mapam party, pointed out that Shoval sounded his warning even after Congress approved over \$6 billion in grants to Israel for fiscal years 1992-1993 and rebuffed attempts to link them to the settlement issue.

That, said Tsaban, is an indication of how serious Shoval is in his fear that Israel's request for immigrant loan guarantees would suffer because it is recalcitrant about peace.

Syrian Jews

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such travel violations.

There have been numerous Jewish arrests, according to Kahn. He specifically mentioned a few:

—Two young couples — one married with a pregnant wife and one engaged — were arrested in August 1990 for attempting to leave the country. The men and women were separated and the pregnant woman gave birth in prison prior to the women's release. The men, Kahn reported, are still being held in Aleppo where, he said, reliable reports claim that they have been tortured.

—In the beginning of May, six Syrian Jews — two couples, a two-year-old baby and a three-month-old baby — were arrested at the Syrian-Turkish border by the Mukhabarat, Kahn said. For almost three weeks they were held incommunicado, until the women and babies were released. Upon their release, the women showed signs of having been beaten. The two men, still in custody, have not been seen since June 10.

—The most pressing problem, according to most groups campaigning on behalf of the Syrian Jews, is that of two brothers — Eli and Selim Soued — who have begun a hunger strike after being sentenced in mid-May to six and a half years in prison. They were arrested in November and December 1987 and were held incommunicado for almost two years. There has never been any due process and only after being held for three years were they formally charged with having visited Israel (to visit their sister whom they had not seen in 30 years).

During the first two years of their imprisonment, the Soueds' whereabouts were unknown and it was not known if they were even alive. According to recent family reports, the brothers have been brutally tortured and are in poor health. Until April 1990, when they con-

tracted tuberculosis, they had been kept in dank underground cells.

Other known restrictions on the Syrian Jews include the stamp "Musawi" — meaning the "mosaic faith" — on their internal passports. No other group in Syria is identified by religion on their passports. Jews, unlike any other group in Syria, are also required to obtain special permission to sell a car or a house. Also, Syrian Jews are forbidden to teach modern Hebrew.

Hebrew can only be taught as a language of prayer, Bible and Jewish law. Zionist activities are illegal and teaching about Israel and many aspects of Jewish history are forbidden. The directors of the Jewish schools are Muslim and report directly to the Mukhabarat.

Because it has historically been the men who have escaped, there are currently more young Jewish women than young Jewish men. Marriage prospects for the women, therefore, are uncertain.

Kahn urged his audience to return to their communities and spread the story of the plight of the Jews of Syria. "This is a community that wants out," he stressed. With the efforts on behalf of the Soviet Jewish community and the Ethiopian Jewish community, Kahn said, there hasn't been much attention paid to the Jews of Syria. "We ought to highlight this issue and see that decision makers and government officials be sensitized to this question."

The Bush administration has placed the issue of Syrian Jewry into their discussions with Syrian officials, he said. "Keep the pressure on and educate the administration and congress," Kahn pleaded.

Kahn's agency is not the only one urging Jewish communities to issue protests against the prison sentences and secret trials that preceded them. The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Jewish Congress' National Task Force on Syrian Jews are working on the Syrian Jews' behalf as well.

(The Jewish Telegraphic Agency contributed to this article.)

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