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B'NAI B'RITH MONTH: Prior to leaving office, Governor Philip W. Noel proclaimed January as B'nai B'rith Month. Witnessing the proclamation were, left to right, David Kramer, president, Woonsocket Lodge BB; Elliot T. Ross, assistant New England regional director BB; Lawrence Hopfenberg, president Plantations Lodge BB; and Sydney Grunberg, president, Henry Friedman Lodge BB (Pawtucket). Also, J. Ronald Fishbein, past president, Henry Friedman Lodge; Governor Noel; Mitchell Rifkin, member board of governors, District No. 1 BB; Marvin Lax, president, Roger Williams Lodge BB; and Robert Levy, vice president, Hope Lodge BB (Cranston).

Annual Tri-Sisterhood Meeting Will Be Held

The annual Tri-Sisterhood Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, February 1, at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Am, 40 Gardner Street, Warwick. Participating Sisterhoods include Temple Beth Torah, Cranston, Temple Sinai, Cranston, and Temple Beth Am, Warwick.

The program will feature an evening of music with entertainment by "Studio Six," a group of entertainers from Rhode Island College who are members of the Cabaret Theatre. They will feature old and new musical numbers from Broadway and the theatre. The musical director and accompanist is

Audrey Kaiser and vocalists are Denise Duhamel and Carol Lamere.

Arrangements for the affair are being made by program chairmen Corinne Lamchick for Temple Beth Torah; Ruth Jaffa for Temple Sinai; and Marilyn Lerner for Temple Beth Am. Presidents of the three Sisterhoods are Renee Dreyfuss, Temple Beth Torah; Donna Perelman, Temple Sinai; and Jane Silverman, Temple Beth Am.

Members and guests of the participating Sisterhoods are invited to the program and the evening's social hour following.

Dr. Peter I. Rose To Discuss 'What Price Assimilation?'

Dr. Peter I. Rose, a specialist on racial and cultural relations, will discuss "What Price Assimilation? The Case of American Jews" at the University of Rhode Island Division of University Extension in Providence on Wednesday evening, February 2.

The talk, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Extension Division Building, is the first in a lecture series on "Ethnicity and Human Values in a Mass Society."

Other speakers will discuss such diverse ethnic groups as Irish Americans, French Canadians, Italian Americans, Polish Americans, and Portuguese Americans.

The series, sponsored by a grant from the R. I. Committee for the Humanities, is being directed by URI Prof. Valerie Quinney of the history department and Leo Carroll of the sociology department.

One of the program's goals is "to examine the role which ethnicity and specific ethnic groups have played in the political and economic life of the U. S. and of Rhode Island," says Dr. Carroll.

In addition, says Dr. Quinney, "we want to aid individuals in understanding the struggles of their own group and of other groups as well."

Dr. Peter I. Rose, is Sophia Smith professor of sociology and anthropology at Smith College. He is also co-director of the American Studies Diploma Program at Smith.

He is currently a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Massachusetts. A Fulbright lecturer in England, Australia and Japan, Dr. Rose has taught at Goucher, Wesleyan, the University of Colorado, Yale, Clark and Amherst.

His many books include "They and We," "The Subject is Race," and "The Ghetto and Beyond." His latest book, "Strangers in Their Midst," will be published next month.

In the late 1950s Dr. Rose conducted the first extensive study of small-town Jews, gathering data from residents of some 83 communities in rural New York State. His three-fold analysis assessed the nature of Jewish life in the small town (communities of under 10,000); the problems of identity, marginality and minority adjustment, and the equally important reactions of non-Jews to these "strangers" in their midst. children. The new book includes the original research and the results of the follow-up study.

Following Dr. Rose's talk at URI, Will Robin, assistant director of the Jewish Federation of R. I., will comment. The evening will then conclude with a question-and-answer period.

The program is free and the public is welcome. The URI Division of University Extension is located in downtown Providence at Promenade and Gaspee Streets.

Singer Norman To Be In Philharmonic

Soprano Jessye Norman will be the guest soloist with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra at the January 29th Concert at 8:30 P. M. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. Francis Madeira will conduct the Orchestra in a concert which will include the Fourth Symphony by Gustav Mahler and Rimski-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol.

Born in Augusta, Georgia, Miss Norman has studied with Carolyn Grant, Alice Duschak, Pierre Bernac, and Elizabeth Mannion. She has appeared with many of the world's most renowned orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the

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Day School Will Participate In N.E. Teachers Conference

Elementary and junior high school teachers of the Providence Hebrew Day School will participate in the New England Teachers Conference to be held in the Yeshiva of Greater Hartford on February 2. The conference is sponsored by Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools and by the National Conference of Hebrew Day School Principals of which Rabbi Nachman Cohen, dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School, is regional chairman.

The conference will have lectures and discussions geared to both the secular and Judaic studies teachers.

Among the workshops to be presented are "Integrating the Total Day School Experience for the Child," "Early Recognition of Learning Problems" and "The Hebrew Language Arts Program."

The keynote address of the conference will be delivered by Rabbi Dr. Aaron Twersky, chairman of the School of Law and professor of Law at Hofstra University. Dr. Twersky is a prolific author, well-known lecturer and a recognized Jewish communal leader.

Discussants include Rabbi Nachman Muschel, founder and dean of the Yeshiva Hadar Avraham Tzvi of Rockland County, formerly an educational consultant for the Board of Jewish Education of New York; Rabbi Abraham Kahana, principal of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, Brooklyn, New York. Also, Dr. Anne Fitzmaurice, assistant professor, School of Education, University of Connecticut and a specialist in math education; and Dr. Donald Protheroe, head of elementary education at the University of Connecticut and a specialist in language arts.

teenagers. It is the opinion of Jewish educators, as well as of thousands of parents of day school children, that Hebrew day schools have the most to offer Jewish children. Not only does the student receive an intensive Jewish education as well as a superior secular education, but the day school also stresses moral and ethical conduct. The goal? A well-rounded American, a loyal Jew, a leader.

The Shabbos Torah Weekend will be ushered in with Friday night services, a traditional Shabbos supper, singing, dancing and an Oneg Shabbos. Highlighting the evening will be a Melaveh Malkah, to be held Saturday night after the Havdalah service. This celebration, combining good food, discussions and plenty of Israeli and Hebrew music, will feature live entertainment from New York.

Welcoming the day school students to Providence will be Rabbi Nachman Cohen, dean and principal of the Providence Hebrew Day School and its high school, the New England Academy of Torah. Members of eighth, ninth or tenth grades in the Providence area who wish to join this Shabbaton are encouraged to contact the school.

Shabbos Torah Weekend Planned February 4-6

"How good it is for brothers and sisters to sit together." So says the Psalmist, expressing the beauty of fellow Jews enjoying each other's company, sharing experiences, a vision, a word of Torah. During the weekend of February 4-6, day school students from eighth and ninth grades across New England will gather at the Providence Hebrew Day School for an inter-Day School Shabbos Torah Weekend. In planning for this event, the Hebrew day schools in nearby Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as in Maine and Pennsylvania, have been invited.

Hebrew day schools across the country have enjoyed high reputations for responding to the need of positive Jewish identity for

Against Daoud

NEW YORK (JTA) — Mrs. Faye Schenk, president of the American Zionist Federation, said the French government by releasing Abu Daoud "has sullied French honor and has set back the fight against international terrorism by at least five years." She said that "France has violated every principle of human decency, and all of humanity will suffer for years to come, because of this immoral and infamous French action."



VALENTINE DINNER DANCE: The Lincoln School Mothers Association plan a Valentine dinner dance for February 12 at the Providence Marriott. Co-chairmen for the event are Mrs. Roger Cournoyer and Mrs. Anthony Novielli. President of the Mothers Association is Mrs. Vincent Coletta. All proceeds will benefit the Lincoln School Scholarship Fund. Left to right are Mrs. Cournoyer, Mrs. Coletta and Mrs. Richard Oster.

Jewish School Enrollment Is Stabilizing Based On Reports

NEW YORK: The number of students enrolled in Jewish schools, although still seeing an overall decline, is beginning to level-off. This is particularly noticeable in the Jewish day schools, which are actually seeing a slight increase in enrollment, according to a report released recently by the American Association for Jewish Education.

The decline has not yet been reversed, and Jewish educators are wary of drawing over-optimistic conclusions from the visible trends. The trends, however, are at least one sign that the movement away from traditional Jewish values may be subsiding.

Jewish education in the United States is traditionally carried on through part-time programs, in either one-day-a-week "Hebrew schools" or in two-to-five day a week afternoon programs. These two programs are still dominant, but much less so than before.

Overall, according to the association's estimates, 80,000 students are enrolled in full-time schools, compared with about 66,000 in 1966.

Overall Decline

By contrast, the schools that are less than full time have suffered a drop in enrollment of about a third since 1966.

The combination of these two factors produced an overall decline of 11 percent in the number of students enrolled in all types of Jewish schools between 1971 and 1975.

This figure compares favorably with the 18 percent drop experienced in the previous four-year period.

Despite their cautious optimism, many community leaders believe that the effects of the long period of decay will not be easy to overcome.

Robert W. Arnov, the president of the association, believes that a decline in the Jewish birth rate is largely responsible for the drop in school enrollment. This, he believes, "raises profound implications not only for Jewish education but also for all Jewish communal activity in the next generation."

'Classical' Pattern

The central issues for many Jews, however, remain secularization and cultural alienation, according to observers, and the way these forces are reflected in increasing rates of intermarriage. For Jewish leaders who have been opposing these trends, the rise of the day school is seen as a hopeful sign and a useful tool.

For Milton Himmelfarb, the director of research and information for the American Jewish Committee, the growing desire on the part of Jewish parents to enroll their children in full-time schools

indicates broader desire on the part of Jews to return to more traditional affiliations.

"It's almost a classical immigration situation," Mr. Himmelfarb noted recently. "At first, things look good in the new country, bad in the old country."

Now, he says, the older ties are looking better.

There is a growing consensus among Orthodox, Conservative and Reform educators that the part-time schools did not perform adequately in this area.

"Reform educators themselves have reached the conclusion that the one-day schools have not been effective," said Rabbi Isaac Toubin, the executive vice president of the association. Until recently, many American Jews, particularly those in the Reform movement, had opposed full-time schools on the ground that they promoted patterns of Jewish isolation.

Growing Concern

At the moment, however, the Reform movement has five full-time day schools in operation — all started in the last five years. And, despite reluctance on the part of some Reform congregations, the movement plans to open more day schools over the next several years.

Many Jewish educators acknowledge that there are non-religious factors at work in promoting the full-time day school. These include the decay of public school systems in many cities and, in some cases, problems caused by racial integration of schools.

But Mr. Himmelfarb suggested that, while these factors help account for decisions by some parents to withdraw their children from public schools, they do not necessarily explain why these parents then chose religious schools.

He noted that, a decade ago, parents who decided not to send their children to public schools often enrolled them in secular or Protestant private schools. Now, he said, many parents are turning to Jewish schools.

This intensification of commitment, which many feel has also been encouraged by the concern that followed the 1967 Six Day War in the Middle East, is also reflected in the fact that those students who are enrolled in Jewish schools are receiving about a third more hours of instruction per year than their counterparts were getting a decade ago.

Among Orthodox Jews, the one-day-a-week school has virtually disappeared, and the overwhelming majority of Orthodox children enrolled in Jewish schools — nearly 80 percent — go full time.



IN JERUSALEM: Michael Kornstein of 503 Woodland Road, Woonsocket, is serving as a volunteer laboratory assistant in the clinical biochemistry department of the Hadassah Hospital, Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. He will begin medical school in September at Upstate Medical Center, State University of New York in Syracuse.

For Conservative Jews, the trend has been away from the one-day school and toward two-to-five-day programs — which account for more than 85 percent of Conservative school enrollment.

Only among Reform Jews do the one-day programs remain dominant. About three-fourths of the Reform students attend these programs.

Money has always been a serious problem for the more intensive schools, since the cost of a full-time program runs to about \$2,000 a pupil a year, compared with \$500 to \$600 for the two-to-five-day program and with \$150 for the once-a-week school.

As a result, financing for Jewish education has become a major recipient of Jewish philanthropy, Rabbi Toubin said. He estimated that the amount raised for Jewish education had increased fivefold over the last decade.

Overall, the association study estimated enrollment in all types of Jewish schools nationwide to be 400,000, compared with 550,000 in 1966 and 600,000 in 1961, the peak year for Jewish education.

In the New York City area, the five-year enrollment decline was proportionately less than in the nation as a whole.

And, according to Thelma Mann, a statistician for the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, enrollment in Jewish schools in the New York area increased last year, the first increase in more than a decade.

In the New York area, enrollment rose substantially in day schools and nursery schools, and declined in the one-day and two-to-five-day programs.

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Newspapers Fighting For Classified Ads

TEL AVIV: There's a new war in Israel that's getting the attention of business men here — this one between Israel's two major afternoon dailies over classified advertising volume.

On one side is MaAriv, which claims the largest circulation here at 240,000 copies; on the other side is Yediot Achronot. At stake is dominance in the classified category (from want ads to recruitment ads), which represents about 15% of all Israeli ad volume.

MaAriv recently organized an eight-newspaper front, offering Israeli advertisers and consumers placement in seven additional dailies, almost doubling the circulation of MaAriv alone, but with MaAriv charging its old per line rate. The others in the MaAriv package are Davar, the 40,000 circulation morning newspaper sponsored by the General Federation of Labor, and foreign language dailies for the Yiddish, Rumanian, Russian, German, Hungarian and Polish communities (all totaling 100,000 copies).

Because of this package plan, MaAriv said that one Friday last month classified linage gained 10% to hit 2,000 column inches of the 17,000 inches for all its advertising.

The MaAriv-move followed on the heels of the successful combination plan of the opposition Yediot Achronot with Ha'aretz, a prestigious morning paper; their widely promoted "Double Postings" morning/afternoon classified package has been biting into MaAriv's former leadership since last year.

MaAriv's ad department now contends that its inclusion of foreign language dailies offers advertisers an ethnic audience of immigrant groups they might not otherwise reach, while its opponents' classified package is solidly geared to Hebrew readers.

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The Jews Of Syria

By DR. JAY N. FISHBEIN

For the first time since Syria won its independence some thirty years ago, strident threats of destroying Israel have abated. President Hafez Assad is finding himself more and more isolated from the mainstream of Arab life. Ancient rivalries have begun to reassert themselves. All that had united them was their implacable hatred of Israel and desire for the annihilation of this tiny state.

When President Sadat of Egypt ignored his Arab allies and entered into an agreement on non-belligerency with the State of Israel, Assad found himself facing a hostile Arab world alone. Iraq who had been an ally only three short years before, was reverting to her old position of distrust and hatred.

Unlike Sadat, Hafez Assad had been irked with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's seemingly inept efforts to effect a Middle East settlement. Secretary Kissinger was able to persuade Israel to relinquish the additional areas taken in the Yom Kippur War, and even in yielding Kuneitra, which had been Syria's principal city on the Golan.

Other than these concessions, Kissinger could promise only minor "cosmetic" adjustments. Assad grumbled that "step-by-step" efforts might be satisfactory, provided they were giant steps and not tortoise steps. Recovery of the Golan Heights was of paramount importance as otherwise Assad would lose face with not only his countrymen, but his prestige in the Arab world would be reduced.

Even worse than the loss of prestige was the danger threatening his position. The Cairo newspaper, *Al Gomhouriya*, reported on April 28, 1976, that 62 Syrian Army officers and 4,000 of the ruling Ba'ath Party had been arrested after an aborted attempt to depose him.

As a result of this precarious situation, Assad defied the Soviets who had been urging diplomatic rather than military action to suppress the fighting in Lebanon. He also overruled close advisors who were concerned lest the Arab world be stirred up against him; that should he fail, Syria could also become involved in civil war.

When Israel yielded the east bank of the Suez, including the important Abu Rudeis oil fields which supplied much of her oil, he still retained enough of the Sinai to permit some degree of maneuverability. Such was not the case on the Golan.

Until the War of 1967 the settlements of the Jordan and the Golan valley lay exposed to Syrian guns. For nineteen years the settlers were subjected to an almost constant barrage that killed farmers working their fields, destroyed homes, communal buildings, barns and livestock. A generation reached adult life without knowing the meaning of safety or peace. Children slept in underground bunkers and scurried for shelter at the sound of the first shell.

During the Yom Kippur War only the expanse of the Golan stood between Israel and disaster. Thousands of Syrian tanks swept across the Golan Heights and overran the undermanned Israeli positions. Although these outnumbered forces were pushed back, they still managed to hold on long enough for reinforcements to arrive. Slowly the tide turned and not only was lost ground recovered, but the Syrians were forced back to within 25 miles of Damascus.

To better understand Assad's need to reestablish his prestige, it must be remembered that before

Assad came to power, Syria had been one of the most unstable countries in the world. From the day Syria won its independence in 1946, coups d'etat or attempted coups were practically an annual occurrence.

In 1963 Syria came under the rule of the Ba'ath Party and shut itself off from the West. The Soviets promptly took advantage of this opportunity, gladly supplying Syria with sophisticated weapons and military experts.

Each successive Ba'athist leader called for a holy war for the extermination of Israel, in a bid for recognition by the Arabs and to mollify the Palestinians. About 250,000 of them had settled in Syria following the establishment of the State of Israel, and were a pressing problem. Since Assad began his drive against the Palestinians in Lebanon, riots have broken out in the refugee camps outside Damascus.

President Hafez Assad who managed to impose a semblance of order and stability in Syria after so many years of turbulence is of a different breed from his predecessors. He is 45 years old, a former jet pilot, and the first Syrian leader with sufficient self assurance, which enabled him to abandon threats of destroying Israel.

However, his demands follow the pattern of other Arab leaders, in that Israel yield the land taken in 1967 and either permit the return of the Palestinian refugees or the establishment of a Palestinian State in the occupied territories. Assad never joined the "rejection front" of Libya, Iraq and the PLO, who were adamant in their refusal to recognize Israel.

President Assad was born of peasant stock and is a member of the Alawites, a Muslim religious minority, who are mostly poor farmers. This sect has long suffered discrimination at the hands of the orthodox Sunni Muslims, who constitute the majority of the population, as well as the Maronite Christians.

Like the minor religious sects of other Arab lands, the only opportunity for ambitious youths of peasant parentage was in the army. As a result, the Alawites dominate the armed forces. Assad graduated from the military academy at Homs as an air-force lieutenant in 1955. Due to his personality and ability he rose rapidly, and in a decade achieved the office of defense minister. A few years later he seized full power and elected himself president and assumed the offices of commander-in-chief of the armed forces and secretary-general of the Ba'ath Party.

Profiting by the mistakes of his predecessors, Assad surrounded himself with loyal followers, whom he elevated to important government offices. A younger brother

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FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Our Duties to Soviet Jews

By BERYL SEGAL

Hardly a day passes by without reading an opinion on the very sensitive problem of the Russian Jews, the American Jewish community and Israel.

The problem came to light when many Jews of Russia who applied for a visa to Israel and were granted their application by the Soviet government, suddenly decided that they would rather go to America. And since they were refugees, and were stranded in Vienna or Rome, they were entitled to aid from the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS (Hebrew Immigration Aid Society).

Now let us first examine who these immigrants from Russia are and why the problem?

We all hear of the Soviet government refusing to let Jews and other nationals leave Russia. The procedure is quite familiar. The would-be immigrant applies for a visa. He immediately loses his job. He is investigated, he and his family and relatives. Why does he want to leave? Isn't he satisfied in the land of the Soviets? What did you do here? How long? And so on. You are on the suspected list. You are watched day and night. If you are an important person you may end up in jail. You may be declared insane. If you are less important, the inconveniences are enormous.

But for some reason, known only to the Soviets, visas are granted to Israel. The official reason given is that the immigrants to Israel are uniting with their families, and the Soviets in their "humaneness" are allowing them to leave with all possible speed, on a system of quotas, of course.

Be that as it may, the facts are that Israel absorbed 120,000 Soviet Jews on that quota system. Now that many Jews with Israeli visas are changing their minds, as soon as they are out of Soviet Russia, the danger is that the visas to Israel will be stopped altogether. The Soviets know what is going on in Rome.

There is also the unfairness of it. People who have relatives in Israel, and who intend to remain in Israel, will not be reunited because of the ruse used by Soviet Jews to leave the country.

And there is another side to the problem. The contributions you and I make to the United Jewish Appeal, through the Federations of America are intended as aid to Israel and local Jewish needs. By helping Jews to avoid Israel and to come to other lands it is a disservice to Israel. With one hand we aid Israel and with the other hand we allocate monies to HIAS so they can divert Jews from reaching Israel. ISRAEL IS STILL OUR PRIORITY.

Recently the Institute for Jewish Planning and Research of the Synagogue Council of America distributed a special issue of "Analysis" dealing with the "Re-

alities of American Absorption of Soviet Jews." These realities can be summarized in the following manner: When the American Jewish community is confronted with immigration from the Soviet Union it thinks immediately of the Holocaust, of Saving the Remnants of the Jewish People. The immigrant, however, does not share these romantic feelings. To the average Jew from Soviet Russia emigration is simply a means of bettering themselves economically. The average Jew in Soviet Russia was not the target of persecution. They were not driven from their homes. They chose to leave the Soviet Union in search of better jobs. They are not refugees in the same sense of the word as the Jews from the Russian ghettos or the survivors of the concentration camps. Most immigrants of the Soviets left the country voluntarily in search of economic security. They are, in the main, not Activists or Dissidents. They are neither heroes nor martyrs suffering for their beliefs and ideas.

But no one holds against them their desire for economic security. Who does not want that? But neither are we, the American Jews, under any obligation to help them to the detriment of Israel. The study estimates that it will cost the Jewish community between 4 and 5 million dollars per year to bring Russian Jews to

America. This money will by necessity come from the monies that should go to Israel. The question is: Is it fair to Israel? Can the American Jewish community afford it?

The conclusion to this painful problem seems to be that:

1. No one can say to the Russian immigrant where to go and what to do. He can go where he wants and do what is best for him and his family.

2. But we can expect of him to be honest and not to use Israel as an excuse to leave the Soviet Union. He is depriving others of obtaining visas to Israel.

3. HIAS and other agencies should not encourage this deception by showering upon the refugees all kinds of assistance and subsidies.

4. The funds collected for Israel ought not to be diminished by one single cent because of "drop-outs."

5. The Soviet Jews are certainly to be assisted when they come to this country in finding shelter, jobs, education, etc. But not a single penny should be spent on bringing them out of Israel whether they are already there or are sitting in Rome or Vienna waiting for new visas to other destinations.

Out first priority is to Israel!

(Mr. Segal's opinions are his own and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Editorial

Vietnam: Still 'Winding Down'

The arrival of sons, or brothers, "home from the war," should soon be a time of rejoicing in at least 10,000 US households. Once the families are gathered together in a familiar, warm setting, the long-held feelings of bitterness and recrimination against "the system" for perpetrating the Vietnam war will surely dissipate.

Yet, for those 100,000 men whose fate is still undecided, those deserters from the US military who did not benefit by President Jimmie Carter's full and unconditional pardon, and who are still untried and undefended, the war still goes on. These persons are primarily from the low-income groups, minorities, and may never even summon up the courage to come forth. Even with the speediest of trials for those who submit to the legal process, we will be deep into the 1980's before the majority of these cases can be heard. Until then, there will be no end to hiding out; no end to hurt; and no end to bitter controversy.

This country needs a commitment that goes beyond the curbing of nuclear armaments. We need to stop thinking "war" altogether. It is a malignancy which tears through flesh and bone, through mind and soul, and fosters animality at its worst. The horrors of Auschwitz, Nagasaki and Hiroshima will cause men to wince and be ashamed as long as there are men alive to remember or read about these heinous crimes against humanity.

We need a commitment to wipe out nuclear weapons and all other weapons off the face of the earth entirely.

Even righteous wars lead to homelessness, economic disaster, mutilation and disease — conditions that can continue for generations.

For a people who have been the victims of war for so long, it seems right that we, Jews across the face of the earth, be the initiators of a "Warless Century." If we proposed the idea, would anyone go along with us?

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10:00 a.m.
Providence Section, National Council of Jew-
ish Women, Study Group

12:30 p.m.
Ladies' Association, Jewish Home for the
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6:00 p.m.

Providence Hebrew Day School, Executive
Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Hope Chapter #735, B'nai B'rith Women,
Board Meeting
8:00 p.m.
Congregation Mishkan Tfilah Sisterhood,
Regular Meeting

8:15 p.m.
Bureau of Jewish Education, Board Meeting
Temple Beth Tarah Sisterhood, Regular Meet-
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1977

8:00 p.m.
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Continued Cooperation Despite Abu Daoud Case

PARIS: The French government has been advised by American officials that the United States will continue to seek close cooperation with France, despite Washington's expression of dismay over how the Abu Daoud case was handled by Paris.

According to informed American sources, the United States under the Carter administration would continue to seek to improve the generally good state of relations between the two countries, despite American criticism of France's release of the Palestinian leader. The sources said the stand would neither be softened nor withdrawn.

An American official here made it clear that the attitude of the United States did not amount to forgiving the French for releasing Abu Daoud after both West Germany and Israel asked his detention pending extradition on suspicion of having planned the killing of Israelis at the 1972 Olympics in Munich. But the official said that the French action was not likely to produce a serious strain in relations with the United States.

The Daoud affair, which caused an outburst of criticism from many

French allies and praise from some Arab nations and the Soviet Union, was not discussed by President-elect Carter and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during their 45-minute telephone conversation last night, according to French and American officials. Mr. Carter had said that the French release of the Palestinian had disturbed him, but the French have not reacted publicly on his remarks.

The official French reaction was relatively mild after the State Department expressed dismay at what it said appeared to be the release of the Palestinian on the basis of a technical formality. The American charge d'affaires in Paris, Samuel Gammon, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry yesterday and informed that the French Government was surprised at what it considered an "unacceptable judgment" by the United States on the decision of a French court.

A statement issued by the presidential palace here said that the Carter-Giscard conversation, held in English, had "a particularly cordial tone, that indicated a very open wish to cooperate." The subject discussed, according to

American and French officials here, included the probability of holding an economic summit conference of industrial nations this year.

Mr. Carter, who had previously agreed in principle to the summit meeting proposal advanced by the French President, was said to have repeated his approval to Mr. Giscard d'Estaing and to have told him that Vice-President-elect Walter F. Mondale would speak directly as the American President's representative when Mr. Mondale visited Europe later this month.

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Against Daoud
MEXICO CITY (JTA)—A delegation of the Central Jewish Committee delivered a memorandum to the French Embassy here saying that the Jewish community

in Mexico is "disappointed and dismayed by the incredible attitude of the French government" in releasing Abu Daoud. Teachers and students in Jewish day schools held meetings to protest the action.

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A NHI program must become law in stages, perhaps over as long as 12 years, and "be fully funded at every stage," declares the new Speaker of the House, Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill. The Speaker openly links the staged health program to Carter's announced intention to balance the budget by 1980.

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(5) Make available physicians' services (non-psychiatric) including physical checkups, immunizations, well-child care, family planning services; physicians' psychiatric services, limited to 20 visits during a benefit period, except when benefits are provided through hospital outpatient departments, group practice or comprehensive mental health care organizations (no limitations on these).

(6) Provide for dental care services (but not orthodontia) at the start only to children under age 15, but every two years adding to the age groups until all under 25 are covered. Within seven years, the Health Security Board would be required to set a timetable for phasing in dental benefits to the entire population.

(7) And home health agency services, diagnostic services of independent pathology labs, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology ... Psychiatric patients in mental health care services to be carried up to 60 days ... Provision for free-standing ambulatory drug abuse and alcoholic centers, family planning centers, rehabilitation centers ... And much, much more to achieve and to finance better health care for all of us.

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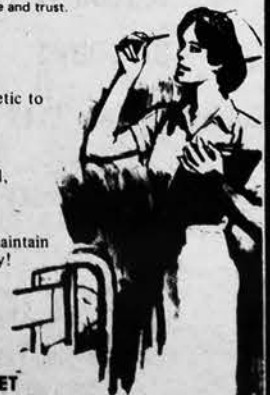
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On Sunday, January 9, Tiferet Israel Congregation was the setting for the marriage of Miss Caren Sue Kirshenbaum and Mr. Eric Stuart Schwartz, during a candlelight ceremony, with Rabbi Max Zucker officiating. A reception immediately followed. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan B. Kirshenbaum of Dallas, Texas, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sobel of Cranston and the great-granddaughter of Rebecca Baker of Worcester, Massachusetts. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Schwartz of Dallas.

Miss Ellen Hope Kirshenbaum of Dallas was her sister's maid of honor. The bridesmaids included Miss Elyse Marsha Kirshenbaum of Dallas, sister of the bride; Miss Eleanor Halperin of Cranston; Miss Gail Elish of Dallas; and the bride's cousin, Miss Jennifer Robbins of Worcester, Massachusetts. Miss Melissa Robbins of Worcester, also the bride's cousin, served as flower girl.

The best man was Ben Kenter of Dallas, Texas. Groomsmen were Stanley Rothschild of Dallas and Michael Rothschild of Dallas, both cousins of the bridegroom; Michael Kirshenbaum of Dallas, brother of the bride; and Kenny Olschwanger of Dallas. Ushers included Arnold Nitishin, Glen Bruck and Joel Rothstein, all of Dallas.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a gown designed by George Maurer of New York in white satin with a Victorian neckline and long fitted sleeves. The bodice and sleeves were appliqued with reem-broidered Alencon lace, with a double border of lace at the hemline, ending in a chapel train. She wore her mother's orange blossom headpiece, attached to a cathedral veil of lace matching her gown. She carried a flowing cascade of white lilacs, phaelienopsis orchids and white stephanodus.

The bridesmaids wore coral gowns and matching headpieces designed by Pricilla of Boston.

The bride attended Sophie Newcomb College and the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority. She will graduate with a degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas in December of this year. The bridegroom attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii and San Francisco, the couple will reside in Dallas.

Aliyah Center Offering Job Digest

NEW YORK: Investors and potential emigrants seeking information about business opportunities in Israel will find a publication issued by the Israel Aliyah Center of considerable interest.

The publication, "Israel Business Opportunities Digest," was compiled by the Tour Ve'Alah Office of the Israel Aliyah Center and features current data on everything from beauty parlors for sale in Ramat Gan to investment possibilities in a luxury hotel in Netanya.

"The individual items listed in the Digest," explained Jacob Polak, Tour Ve'Alah Director, "are synopses of offerings and are meant to give a broad general picture of the business opportunities available in Israel. Regional offices of the Israel Aliyah Center will obtain detailed information by request on any specific offerings if it is still available.

Polak said that the Digest will be published semi-annually and the availability of specific listings at any point in time may be questionable. "However," he said, "we hope the 'Digest' will present an accurate overview of business and investment opportunities in Israel. In Israel, as in any other dynamic country, investment opportunities

change daily."

The 32-page Digest includes opportunities in particularly all areas of endeavor and are cataloged by type of business. Individual listings include such information as location, annual sales, required investment, potential earnings and assets.

Other features of the booklet include a glossary of Israeli business terms, a geographical index and information on loan opportunities and new immigrant subsidies.

Copies of the Digest may be obtained by contacting your Regional Israel Aliyah Center, in Boston.

Election Day Set May 17

JERUSALEM (JTA): Elections in Israel will be held May 17. This was approved January 5 in a 30-minute meeting of the Knesset. The Knesset session heard the second and third readings of the bill to disperse the Knesset and hold elections in May.

Since this is now a law, approved by the Knesset, all other procedures regarding the formation of a government are cancelled. Thus, Premier Yitzhak Rabin's present

Med Schools Are Crowded

JERUSALEM: On the average, one out of three applicants for Israeli Universities is accepted. When it concerns the Medical Schools however, the situation is far more serious. Here 12 students fight for every available place.

2500 candidates applied last year and only 200 were accepted. What did the remaining 2280 do? Like their colleagues of previous years, they began to look for a place in Italy, which accepts students without any difficulties. A strange situation has developed as a result. There are at least 1500 Israeli citizens in Italy with the title of doctor, who want to come home, but have no chance to settle in their profession. First of all, Israel has too many doctors anyway, and secondly, there isn't too much confidence in the diplomas of the Italian universities. Since there are many thousands of Israelis with diplomas in other countries in similar circumstances also, that becomes a difficult problem.

As of today there are four medical schools in Israel, with a population of 3,000,000. This absolutely suffices for the needs of Israel. The per capita distribution of doctors per patients is one of the highest in the world.

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FIRST DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chodosh of 116 Aspen Court, Marlton, New Jersey, announce the birth of their second child and first daughter, Temra Beth Chodosh on December 31. Mrs. Chodosh is the former Arden Lyons. Their first child, Brandon Lee Chodosh, is three-years-old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lyons of Four Seasons Apartments, East Providence. Great-grandmother is Mary Lyons of the Rhode Island Home for the Aged.

MASTERS DEGREE

Gary Jay Ferdman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ferdman of Pawtucket, received his masters degree from the Graduate School of Social Work at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on January 9. He graduated with all "A's" and also received two awards: one for community organization and one from a social action center. He is a former social worker in the Pawtucket Welfare System.

MISS MANN ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Leon S. Mann of Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Basch Mann of Boston, to R. David Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Clark of Holden, Massachusetts. Miss Mann is also the daughter of the late John W. Basch of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A May wedding is planned.

Miss Mann is a graduate of the Lincoln School in Providence. She attended Hood College and was graduated from the University of Denver. She also attended Suffolk University School of Law. Her father is president of Hasbro Industries, Canada, toy manufacturers.

Mr. Clark, an engineer with the Construction Division of Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. He is attending Suffolk University Graduate School of Business. His father is an industrial engineer with the Norton Company in Worcester, Massachusetts.

all-Labor government is to act as caretaker government until the elections are held.

President Ephraim Katzir's moves, including his meeting with Rabin, have no relevance presently and Rabin, as was actually expected, will not have to form a new government.

HIAS Official Denies Agency Hires Dropouts For Vienna Office Tasks

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK (JTA): Gaynor Jacobson, executive vice-president of HIAS, responding to a complaint by Uzi Narkiss, director general of the Jewish Agency's aliya department, said that HIAS has never employed Soviet Jewish dropouts for operational work in its Vienna office.

Narkiss told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Jerusalem that he had demanded, in an exchange of letters with Jacobson, that HIAS discharge "a number" of Soviet Jewish dropouts working in the HIAS office in Vienna and that he had been informed that there had been several cases in which the fact that dropouts were employed by HIAS in the "processing" of other dropouts from Vienna to Rome had had a "negative" effect.

Narkiss said that he had been informed that in some cases when a Soviet Jewish family was debating on whether to continue on to Israel or to remain in Vienna, the family decided to remain in Vienna and then go to Rome, with the "help" of the dropouts employed in the HIAS Vienna office. Narkiss said there were three such dropouts working in the HIAS Vienna office. Jacobson told the JTA in New York that he had cabled Narkiss on January 4 that there were two female dropouts presently working in the HIAS Vienna office, both of them assigned solely to typing out forms required by Austrian and Italian officials for movement of the Soviet Jews from Vienna to Rome.

Knew English

Jacobson added that, in his cable to Narkiss, he had said that the women had been hired because of their knowledge of English and Russian to fill out the required forms based on "our desire to cooperate with the Jewish Agency so that the dropouts do not remain indefinitely in Vienna." Jacobson said this was done in accordance

USSR Latest Blow To Jewish Culture

NEW YORK (JTA): The trial of Vladimir Sverdlin, a Leningrad Jewish activist charged with possession of ammunition in his home, is scheduled to open the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry reported.

They said Sverdlin, a construction engineer who has been out of work since applying for an exit visa, may also be charged with "parasitism."

The organizations said that two appeals to "world public opinion" have been signed by Leningrad Jews who characterized the trial as the "latest in a chain of persecutions" aimed at stifling Jewish culture in the USSR.

Sverdlin is the founder of the Shalom Club, an informal group which meets each Saturday to discuss Jewish culture.

The SSSJ and the UCSJ also reported that another Leningrad activist, Michael Kazanevich, received a "last warning" that he could face a two-year prison sentence for "parasitism" or be confined to a mental institution.

Against Daoud

NEW YORK (JTA)—The executive committee of Breira sent French Ambassador Jacques Kosciuszko-Morizet in Washington a telegram which said: "We who seek the security and safety of the State of Israel and who are committed to the principle of self-determination of both the Israelis and the Palestinians must—with vigor—deplore the release of Abu Daoud by the government of France. This unprincipled act by your government cannot but aid those who practice international terror and thereby prolong the current stalemate in the Middle East."

with a request from the Jewish Agency, which he said was made in 1968, that HIAS act to move the dropouts from Vienna to Rome within 72 hours.

To do that, Jacobson said, there is an "indispensable minimum of paper work" on forms for Austrian and Italian officials and the two girls were hired to fill out those forms. He said that the two girl typists lived apart from the compound where Soviet Jews live during their stay in Vienna and have no contact with the other dropouts.

Jacobson said he explained this in his January 4 cable. Declaring that HIAS does not process Jews in Vienna for emigration, Jacobson quoted from his January 4 cable to

Narkiss: "Please be assured of our continued desire to cooperate" and that the employment of the two dropouts was done "only to carry out our responsibility to move them out of Vienna quickly."

Jacobson told the JTA that one of the typists was to emigrate on January 10 to the United States to rejoin her family here and that the second typist, who was hired last December 27, will leave on February 4 to join a brother in Sweden.

Narkiss said, in his comment to the JTA in Jerusalem, that he had no authority to "order" HIAS to fire the dropouts but that he expressed that demand in his letters to Jacobson.

BRIDGE



By Robert E. Starr

The American Contract Bridge League has just held another National Charity Tournament where the same prearranged hands are played in Bridge Clubs all over the country. The hands come in sealed envelopes opened at game time when each table makes up two or three hands depending on the number of tables in play. Then the first move is called as obviously one could not play the hands he had already seen. At the end of the game another sealed envelope is opened with analysis sheets given to the players showing each hand with an expert panel's comments as to what should have happened. I greatly enjoy going over that analysis sheet and then comparing it with what actually happened at my game. Today's hand was the one brought to my attention more than any other at the end of the evening so I decided to use it for my article after looking over the rest and seeing none better.

North
 ♦ K 10 7 5
 ♥ 7 6 4 2
 ♦ Q J 9 8 4
 ♣ Void

West
 ♦ 8 3
 ♥ A K Q 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ J 9 7 6 3 2

East
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♥ 9 5
 ♦ 10 6 5 3
 ♣ A K 10 8

South
 ♦ A J 9 4
 ♥ J 10 8
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ Q 5 4

East and West were vulnerable, South Dealer with this bidding:

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| S | W | N | E |
| INT P | P | 2♣ | P |
| 2♣ | P | 4♣ | End |

I am sure the bidding did not go as shown often. Very few pairs reached the Spade game yet it is not so improbable to bid. Especially if a venturesome West decided to put in a Two Club overcall. Some did which should make North's void in that suit much better. He should feel that his high cards are now what we call "Working Cards" and his void not be duplication. If West does overcall North cannot use that bid for Stayman so his only recourse is a Cue bid, three Clubs. South will proceed to game as he has no chance now to find how good his partner's No Trump was. That is if South did open that way. He has but 15 points but good cards in the Majors so this is probably his best action. If West stays quiet North should still use Stayman and again might just as well go to game after hearing the same

Spade bid. Unless one can see through the backs of the cards no one can tell just how good that North hand might become in a Spade contract. It could be good enough for game or not even make two.

Some of the field held themselves to three when they mis-guessed the location of the Spade Queen. That is the only possible loser after West cashes his three high Hearts. I have no compassion for any Declarer who did lose to that Queen, especially if West overcalled in Clubs. Their attitude was that the only clue they had was that West had done the bidding. True he had but that should have steered them the other way.

Here is why: East will show out on the third Heart showing West to have four and East two. To overcall. West must have a long Club suit but that doesn't prove too much as East can have Clubs too. But it doesn't hurt any. With that knowledge Declarer should think that East must have more Spades than West and the one with the most cards is more likely to have a certain card than the other. One can also do this point-wise. Whether West bid or not the first three tricks showed nine points. So East should be played for most of the others.

Moral: When one has a terrifically distributional hand such as North's here and has a fit with partner, one might just as well go all the way. The odds are with you. A misfit is quite the opposite.

Nazi Victims Demand Delay In Signing Indemnification

TEL AVIV (JTA): The Association of Nazi Victims in Israel has registered opposition to a plan to sign the final indemnification agreement with West Germany and has called for replacing Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban as the chief negotiator for the funds.

At a press conference here, Tuvia Friedman, chairman of the Association, said that the victims fear that the money will not go to those entitled to it but to Israeli institutions and political parties.

He said Goldmann told him that all the political parties have agreed to a final indemnification settlement of 600 million Marks on condition that the parties receive some of the funds.

Friedman, noting that the parties needed the funds for the upcoming Knesset elections, demanded that a final figure be 1 billion Marks and that no agreement be signed prior to the May 17 elections.

Against Daoud
 NEW YORK (JTA) — The Religious Zionists of America sent a protest to the French Ambassador in Washington in which the RZA said it was "deeply dismayed at this travesty of justice."

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Camp Mar-Lin is situated on a 100-acre site and has a 100' x 41' filtered pool, lighted and color coated tennis and basketball courts, graded athletic fields, riding stables, an arts & crafts shop, a theater production stage and spacious general program buildings for rainy day activities amongst its primary facilities. The program includes water skiing, scuba, archery, riflery, gymnastics, pioneering and ecology.

Mar-Lin's program structure and philosophy reflect the professional expertise and commitment of its directors. Highest standards are observed. Activity skills are taught by full-time certified instructors. Social skills of learning to live with others in group situations are carefully supervised by an all-college and graduate staff of counselors. The staff structure and its ratio to campers enables a high degree of individualization and contributes to camp Mar-Lin's established reputation as a "child-centered" camp. Camp Mar-Lin is accredited by the American Camping Association and is licensed and approved by the State of Connecticut.

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To Initiate Busing For Oriental Assimilation

JERUSALEM (JTA): The Education Ministry will use busing to effect better integration between school children of Western background and those of Oriental background, Education Minister Aharon Yadin has informed the Knesset. "Our policy is one of promoting integration but executing that policy is a very delicate matter," he said. He warned that if such measures as busing fail, he would introduce legislation to improve the situation.

Yadin said that wider regional registration may be introduced next year.

Irish Shul Honors A New President

DUBLIN: A special service was held at the Adelaide Road Synagogue here, to mark the inauguration of Dr. Patrick J. Hillery as president of Eire. Dr. Hillery, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter, was the guest of honor.

The service was conducted by the Chief Rabbi of Ireland, Dr. Isaac Cohen, Dayan Z.J. Alony and the Rev. I. Halpert.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr., left, appointed Cantor Karl S. Kritz to the position of deputy director of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency. From 1966 to 1975, Cantor Kritz served as the training and public information officer for the then department of Civil Defense. In 1975, he assumed the position of administrative officer of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency. In conjunction with his official duties, Cantor Kritz is an associate member of the United States Civil Defense Council.

'Silent Vigil' Enters Its 7th Year Of Protest

The silent vigil of stare and prayer opposite the Soviet Embassy in downtown Washington has entered its seventh year of daily solemn reminder to Americans and Russians that in the Soviet Union individuals are harassed and their families made to suffer for wishing to live as Jews or go to Israel.

This unique protest, sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, is believed to be the longest, continuous expression of organized public sentiment for people abroad in this capital's history.

Regardless of weather or holiday, the vigil begins promptly at 12:30 daily and for 15 minutes a little knot of men and women pray or just look across the street at the Embassy where Soviet diplomats and their aides come and go at lunch-time through high iron gates guarded by special U. S. police.

Minutes To Hours
Occasionally, the 15-minute protest is extended into several hours or even around-the-clock to mark special antipathy to especially harsh Soviet treatment of Jews no longer able to cope with Soviet restrictions.

Sometimes, too, the number at the vigil is swelled by scores of others, non-Jews as well as Jews, such as on Dec. 9, the day before the vigil's seventh anniversary, when more than a hundred women representing almost as many organizations in this area joined in the protest.

The vigil was begun in 1970 to mark the day of the sentencing of prisoners of conscience in the first Leningrad trial, that, like in a drama, coincided with the anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights which had been approved and signed by the Soviet government.

The vigil is held on the premises of the Philip Murray Building, named in honor of the late AFL-CIO leader, and with the heart-felt approval of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO.

While no placards or other manifestations of the usual protest demonstration are hoisted, the participants sometimes do pass out leaflets such as those on the vigil's anniversary Dec. 10 when they reminded passersby of the UN Declaration and the Helsinki ac-

cords of 1975 to which Soviet government also is a party and whose provisions on human rights bear on the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Uphold Right
District of Columbia ordinances prohibit demonstrations within 500 feet of an embassy but two legal decisions have upheld the right of the participants to conduct the vigil and pass out leaflets.

The first decision came shortly after the vigil began when both Washington metropolitan police and the U.S. Executive Protective Service, which guards diplomatic installations and personnel, made arrests and photographed participants to break up the vigil.

To test the law, David J. Fitzmaurice, the union's secretary-treasurer and now its president, raised the Israeli flag at the building's front entrance. The police charged this was in violation of the ordinance and arrested Fitzmaurice but the court did not see his action as a demonstration prohibited by law.

In June 1973, police sought to prevent distribution of leaflets by the participants. The court held that the ordinance does not bar such distribution. In appreciation of Fitzmaurice's action and the union's support, the vigil participants planted two trees on the building grounds as permanent living tributes to them.

Beginnings
A staff member of the Washington Jewish Community Council, David Amdur, is credited with having initiated the vigil. He asked a few friends to join him in the pledge of solidarity to Soviet Jewry and it has grown into a fixture of the Washington scene. How long it will continue is uncertain. If and when the Soviets allow free movement of its citizens, including Jews, it will be brought to a glorious end.

Another fact is whether the Soviet government builds a new embassy on a plot of 12 and one-half acres just outside the fashionable Georgetown area in what is known as Mount Alto, once the site of a U.S. Veterans' Hospital. The U.S. government has agreed to lease the grounds for 85 years.

In turn, the Soviets are to lease slightly less acreage in two plots in Moscow for the American Embassy

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ANTIQUe MAPS OPENING
JERUSALEM: An exhibition of rare antique maps relating to the Holy Land which last year were donated to the Jewish National and University Library (JNUL) by Eran Laor, of Jerusalem, opened in the Berman Hall of the Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University.

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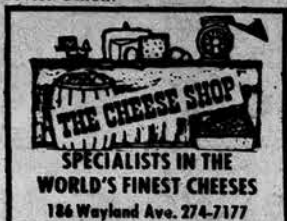
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Segal Is Named Head Of Almacs

Philip A. Segal Jr. of Cranston has been named president of Almacs, a 38-store supermarket chain with 26 Rhode Island stores and 12 in southeastern Massachusetts. Segal, who joined the East Providence based company in 1956, had been vice president.

The company employs 3,000 persons and had sales of \$220 million in 1976. Almacs opened its 38th store in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, on January 25.

Segal, a 1947 graduate of Dartmouth College, started in the food business as a youth. He held several positions in a family-owned wholesale and supermarket operation in Boston. His father is presently associated with a supermarket chain in Massachusetts and his two older children also are in the food business in that state.

He came to Rhode Island in 1953 and was named manager of Wilson's Chief supermarket in Providence which later was absorbed by Almacs. Segal joined Almacs as a store manager in 1956



PHILIP A. SEGAL JR.

and subsequently became a buyer and produce merchandiser.

Mr. Segal was named vice president in 1963, with responsibilities for operations and merchandising, and became a director in 1970.

A Top Court Rules Two Cannot Resign

TEL AVIV: It was recently ruled by a high court in Jerusalem that two ministers who sought to resign from the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin must stay at their posts until after the parliamentary elections in May.

Both of the ministers are members of the Independent Liberal Party. They submitted their resignations on December 20, shortly after Mr. Rabin dismissed three ministers who belong to the National Religious Party. Later in the day, the Prime Minister himself resigned, automatically bringing down the government and making it a caretaker administration.

The court upheld an argument, put forward by Mr. Rabin on the advice of Attorney General Aharon Barak, that resignation was impossible for the two officials, Minister of Tourism Moshe Kil and Minister Without Portfolio Gideon Hausner.

There is no resigning from a caretaker government, this argument held, and since it takes 48 hours for a resign to take effect, the Government was already in caretaker status when the two made their moves.

With the high court agreeing, Mr. Kil and Mr. Hausner are due to resume participation in Government meetings on Sunday. However, the Rabin Cabinet, which is based on the Labor alignment, remains a minority government as it would lack a majority in Parliament even if the Independent Liberal members supported it.

Daoud Career Has Trailed Bloodshed

TEL AVIV (JTA): Mohammed Daoud Auda, alias Abu Daoud, the Palestinian terrorist arrested in Paris, confessed on a Jordanian radio broadcast from Amman in 1973 that he was one of the masterminds of the assault on the 1972 Olympic Games at Munich in which 11 Israelis athletes were massacred. At the time of his confession, Daoud was serving a life sentence in Jordan which he had entered in February, 1973 on a terrorist mission.

These and other facts about Daoud's bloody career were recalled as extradition requests were expected to be submitted by the governments of Israel and West Germany, each of which wants the terrorist to stand trial for the mass murders at Munich.

Black September

Daoud worked as a teacher in Jordan between 1956-60 and taught in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait from 1960-65. He returned to Jordan in 1968 where he finished his law studies. Subsequently he became connected with the "Black September," an offshoot of El Fatah formed after King Hussein's successful campaign against terrorist gangs in 1970.

When he returned to Jordan secretly in 1973 he headed a terrorist group that was planning to kidnap Jordanian government officials as hostages for the release of terrorists jailed in that country.

Captured

He was captured and sentenced to death. But while in the gaol, Arab terrorists perpetrated new outrages intended to force his release. They occupied the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, killing three Western diplomats, including an American, who were attending a reception at the time. Later, terrorists occupied the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Paris.

King Hussein yielded to pressure

1st Evening Swearing-In

LAKEWOOD, N.J. (JTA): For the first time, the Township Committee will hold its annual January 1 swearing-in ceremony at night. Traditionally, the ceremony is held New Year's morning but because it falls on a Saturday this year the committee agreed to hold the ceremony after the conclusion of the Shabat in deference to the Jewish residents here. About 10-15 percent of Lakewood's 40,000 residents are Jewish. George Buckwald, the only Jew on the Township Committee, is designated to be elected as mayor the third time in 10 years.

and commuted Daoud's sentence to life imprisonment. But in September, 1973, Daoud was one of 750 terrorists freed by Jordan as a good will gesture. He immediately resumed his activities with the "Black September."

Soviets Revoke His Passport; Arrest Him For Not Having It

MOSCOW: It was like "Catch 22" in Uzbekistan recently when a young Jew was sentenced to three years in prison for not having an internal passport — which the authorities themselves had taken away. He was also charged with failure to have a job — which he could not get without the passport — and for hooliganism, which is the Soviet judicial system's term for disorderly conduct. Prior to all this recent conflict with the law, the youth was on the verge of emigrating to Israel.

Members of his family relayed word of Amner B. Zavurov's sentencing to Jewish activists in Moscow, who passed the information on to Western correspondents. They further elaborated that the trial, held in the town of Shakhriyabz, proceeded without a defense attorney, so Mr. Taturov refused to attend.

The first substantial prison sentence of a dissident in several months, it seemed at least partly the result of an odd series of bureaucratic foul-ups and parochialisms. The defendant's father, Boris M. Zavurov, who was in Moscow this week to arrange for counsel said the problems began after Amner and his brother, Amnon, were given permission in August 1975 to emigrate to Israel with their families. They had to relinquish their internal passports in receiving their exit visas, which serve as identity papers.

Delay on Clearing

The visas were valid until October 2; Mr. Zavurov said, but customs officials were unable to finish clearing their goods because a group of foreigners — given priority here — came in just before the last two boxes were inspected. The officials told the brothers to come back October 3; when they explained that their visas expired the day before, they were told that the visa office would give them extensions.

The visa office, which apparently never got the word, refused to grant the extensions, so the two men and their families were without internal passports. In a country addicted to reams of documentation, Amner, who is married and has a small child, had nothing but his driver's license. When Amnon and his wife had a daughter, they could not even

get a birth certificate, and the baby is still without documents.

Officials told both brothers that they could have their papers back, their father related, if they withdrew their applications to emigrate and returned to a "normal life" as Soviet citizens. When they insisted on pursuing their visa applications, the officials said they had received an anonymous letter accusing Amner and Amnon of never working but of mysteriously amassing boxes full of silver.

Mr. Zavurov said he later learned that the letter had been written by a cousin who is a Communist Party member and who explained, "As a Communist I do not want my relatives to leave."

More Daring

The Zavurovs, more daring than most would-be emigrants among the Jews of Central Asia, entertained two American diplomats in their home. They also spoke out, argued, protested and made contact with prominent Jewish activists in Moscow. Many of their relatives went to Israel, and now the entire extended Zavurov family has applied to go. The local authorities were apparently unaccustomed to such brazen behavior.

The Zavurovs finally won a meeting with a Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs in the senior Zavurov's home republic, Tadzhikistan. He promised to look into the case, Mr. Zavurov said, but before he could do so an arrest order was sent from Shakhriyabz, the hometown of Amner and Amnon, and they were taken into custody. Mr. Zavurov said when the deputy minister was told of the arrests, he cursed the Uzbek authorities.

When the father appealed to the prosecutor for Amner, the reply, he said, was "He has no passport, no documents. We are going to try him." And so they did.

His wife was reported to have attempted suicide by throwing herself in front of a car. She was stopped.

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Canadians Are Cited For Complying With Arab Ban

OTTAWA: A lengthy report was issued by a committee of prominent Canadians recently which detailed what it said was widespread compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel by Canadian government agencies, banks and other business organizations.

The group was composed of nine lawyers, professors and politicians. The 91-page report declared that the government's recent condemnation of the Arab boycott was being flouted by its own officials, among others. It also called for legislation making cooperation with the Arab trade ban illegal.

The chairman of the committee, Professor Irwin Cotler of the McGill University law faculty, said at a news conference that commercial agreements with Arab buyers have extended the bars against trade with Israel to "a Canadian boycott of other Canadians."

The committee calls itself the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination. It includes several former federal and provincial cabinet ministers and a former justice of the Canada Supreme Court, Emmett Hall.

Four Banks Named

Financial institutions named as collaborators with the boycott were the Royal Bank of Canada, the country's largest, the Bank of Montreal, the Toronto Dominion Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

"The major chartered banks in this country regularly processed letters of credit containing a boycott clause," the report stated, adding that bank officials describe the procedure as "ordinary commercial practice."

In handling the transactions, the banks "require proof of compliance by Canadian exporters with the boycott clauses contained in the letter of credit," the report declared. Banking officials held that their institutions played an intermediary role unconnected with the enforcement of boycotts.

"The bank is really a third party to these kinds of transactions, and the arrangements are made between the buyer and the seller," said a spokesman for the Royal Bank of Canada.

Export Board Cited

Despite statements by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Foreign Minister Donald C. Jamieson condemning the boycott, the Government-owned Export Development Corporation has continued to extend its facilities for promoting trade to companies complying with the Arab demands, the report said.

"An official publication of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce has contained references to procedures for compliance with the Arab boycott, while Canadian trade commissions abroad and officials at home have offered instructions to Canadian exporters as to the nature and need of compliance," the report added.

The report says that the Board of Trade in Vancouver had certified a document in which a Canadian company shipping to the United Arab Emirates had given assurances that none of the goods in the shipment were of Israeli origin.

Running through the report was an implication that Canadian Government and private interests had been willing to sacrifice principles for a cut of the huge Arab earnings from petroleum, known as petrodollars.

"No one disputes the desirability of petrodollar trade," the report said, adding: "But if the price of

Egypt Dismantles Last Missile Site

TEL AVIV (JTA): Egypt has dismantled the third and last of the missile sites it erected on the east bank of the Suez Canal, apparently satisfying Israel's demand for their removal on grounds that the sites were a violation of the 1975 Sinai interim agreement.

that trade is violation of principle and policy, that price is one that this country should not pay."

Professor Cotler, the chairman, said that some company executives were in favor of a legal ban on compliance with the boycott, as such a law would remove the incentive to accept the boycott for competitive reasons.

Legislation proposed by the committee would prohibit compliance by a Canadian company with "a foreign imposed boycott" against any country with which Canada has friendly relations, among other restrictions.

Israel's Patterns In State Of Flux

by Eric Silver

JERUSALEM: If it had ended with the fiscal year in April, 1977 would have been the year of the West Bank. If it had expired with the lunar calendar in September, it would have been the year of Entebbe. But by December both the Arab riots and the Israeli rescue have sunk into history, and the year ends for Israel under the shadow of the unpredictable.

The preliminary rounds of the general election have already begun. Two national heroes of contrasting style and appeal — Yigael Yadin, the archaeologist of Masada, and Ariel Sharon, the retired general who led the strike across the Suez Canal that turned the course of the Yom Kippur war — are challenging the established political parties.

No one can predict at this stage how well either will fare, though Yadin's supporters suggest that he may win as many as 15 of the 120 Knesset seats. The professor is expected to attract votes from the dominant Labour Party and others to the left of centre. Sharon's campaign will probably hurt the right-wing Likud opposition, which he himself moulded out of four parties in 1973.

Break Pattern

The 1977 election is more likely than any of its predecessors to break the remarkably consistent voting pattern of Israel's 28 years of statehood. The philosophical 1973 slogan: "for all that, it has to be Labour," has not been replaced by anything more dynamic. Yitzhak Rabin has still to establish his authority as prime minister and as party leader, while Menachem Begin's command of the Likud seems the same anachronism that prevented him unseating Golda Meir's discredited administration after the October war.

The prospect of an early appeal to the country is expected to strengthen Mr. Rabin's hold on the Labour Party, which will close ranks around him and eclipse the threatened challenge of the Defence Minister, Shimon Peres, and the former Foreign Minister, Abba Eban.

It may also make it harder for Professor Yadin and General Sharon to mobilise their forces. Both of the new revivalist movements have still to build electoral machinery and to consolidate their programmes. On the other hand, Mr. Rabin can by no means be sure of winning a more stable base for a new coalition.

The uncertainty is mirrored abroad. If 1976 turned out to be the year in which the heat was off Israel, with elections in the United States and the Lebanese civil war at last receiving the attention Israelis thought it deserved, 1977 promises to be a year of diplomatic activism.

Eager For Movement

The new American administration is eager for movement, and the Arabs — united and refreshed by the restoration of an uneasy balance in Lebanon — are already pitching for peace.

Both sides were shadow boxing, playing above all to the Washington

WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island will hold an informational meeting on the United Nations, Wednesday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Chan, 61 Humbolt Avenue, Providence.

Whitney Perkins, professor of political science at Brown University, and Abraham Ashkenazi, a former professor of economics at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will lead the discussion on the economic and political climate in the UN. Delegates to the National Convention of the League of Women Voters overwhelmingly voted, last spring, to restudy the position of the LWV on the UN. Since that time, local League members throughout Rhode Island have been discussing the constantly

changing political and economic alignments in the UN and the ramifications of these changes for the United States.

The Barker Players will present a benefit performance for the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island on Sunday, February 6, at 8 p.m. The play is "Veronica's Room" by Ira Levin, author of "Rosemary's Baby." Tickets may be obtained by calling the LWV office at 274-5822.

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and the Ambassador's residence there. The smaller of these plots, about two acres in size, is the site of Spasso House, where American envoys have lived for years. However, the leases have not yet been exchanged. It is understood that the new Soviet Embassy will be distant from the public walkways and streets and therefore not as vulnerable to expressions of protest such as the vigil.

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Life Sentence

DUESSELDORF: Herbert Drabent, 61, a former Nazi SS troop leader, has been jailed for life by an East Berlin court for his part in the murder of thousands of people in the Soviet Union, including many Jews, between 1941 and 1943. The court dismissed Drabent's plea

that he had to carry out his orders.

The judge said that Drabent was a member of the infamous No. 12 SS Special Patrol ordered to find and kill anti-Nazi elements and he shot and killed two five-year-old twin brothers. Drabent, the judge said, took part in many actions of torture and transportation of victims to execution areas and he was legally responsible for their murder.



ENGAGED: Mr. and Mrs. David Hodosh of 326 Taber Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Ronny Hodosh, to Mark Andrew Robbin of 306 E. 96th Street, New York City. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Robbin of Long Beach, New York.

Miss Hodosh will graduate from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on May 27. Mr. Robbin graduated from Brandeis University and is attending Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. An August 7, 1977, wedding is planned.

Herzog Is Mum On Entering Politics

JERUSALEM (JTA): Israel's UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog, here for consultations following the recess of the General Assembly, is stolidly refusing to answer questions on his own future. At a press conference he invited pundits to keep guessing as to whether he planned to enter politics — and if so in which party.

Herzog acknowledged that he had met recently with Yigal Yadin, one of "a great number of friends" whom he had seen during his home visit. He was not in the habit of disclosing details of his conversations with his friends, he said tartly. Yadin heads the new Democratic Movement for Change which will seek Knesset seats in the next elections.

Privately Admits

Privately Herzog admits that he has not as yet made up his mind as to his future. When he was appointed to the UN in the summer of 1975 by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, he made it clear that he saw the job as a two-year stint after which he would have the option of entering politics. His law partners in his Tel Aviv practice are prepared for such an eventuality.

The advent of early elections has caught him in mid-hop and he must now decide within the coming weeks as to what he will do. The law requires public servants to resign 100 days before an election if they wish to stand for office. In this connection, Herzog's plans may be complicated by UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's planned visit to the Mideast possibly next month. Herzog would be expected to escort the Secretary General during his stay. If he resigned beforehand, a replacement would have to be hastily appointed.

TO VISIT SOON

UNITED NATIONS (JTA): Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is scheduled to begin his visit to the Mideast on February 1, it was learned here. He will go to Cairo, Jerusalem, Amman and Damascus. Waldheim's Mideast tour is part of his efforts to prepare the ground for the resumption of the Geneva Mideast peace conference. Until he takes off to the Mideast, Waldheim will continue consultations here with the parties concerned.

Against Daoud

NEW YORK (JTA)—New York City Council President Paul O'Dwyer has introduced a resolution condemning the French government for its release of the accused terrorist Abu Daoud. "The action of the French government is releasing a man accused of leading the terrorist raid which resulted in the murder of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich is nothing short of dangerous," O'Dwyer said.

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commands a force of about 18,000 troops in Damascus, which effectively controls the city. The president himself is protected by heavily armed bodyguards, carefully selected and well paid, to ensure loyalty.

Assad is a hard worker, abhorring the wild demagoguery so common to the Arab. In keeping with Arab custom, his wife and five children are rarely seen in public. He emerged into prominence chiefly as a result of the Yom Kippur War. The Syrian army which had been held in contempt even by other Arabs, fought bravely and acquitted themselves well, earning a new respect. For a time it seemed that the Syrians would overrun the entire Golan, annihilating the small Israeli force, and again be in a position to threaten the settlements in the valleys below.

With Damascus endangered, Assad ordered the troops to stand fast at all costs. The cease fire that soon followed, fortunately halted the conflict. Assad emerged a hero not only to his own people, but to the Arab world. He became the most popular president Syria ever had.

As a result of the 1967 War, diplomatic relations with the United States had been severed, but were resumed following President Nixon's visit to Damascus in 1974. Since then American and other Western visitors began to pour into the country and the economy began to boom.

As with Israel, the military consumes more than half the national budget. However, OPEC, particularly Saudi Arabia, contribute about a billion annually, with the result the economy has been growing at the rate of about ten percent a year.

The Palestinians, despite their large numbers were never allowed the freedom they enjoyed in Jordan and Lebanon. They were strictly under military control, and not permitted independent status. Assad was becoming increasingly annoyed by their terrorist activities which he considered counterproductive. They not only provoked retaliatory attacks, but interfered with his attempts to come to satisfactory terms with Israel.

The disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel left him isolated in the Arab world with his prestige diminished. In addition to his annoyance with President Sadat for ignoring him during negotiations, Iraq's hatred of Syria intensified. The Arab alliance crumpled, with old rivalries reemerging. Assad became painfully aware that if he was to have any success in negotiating the return of the Golan, he would need the good will of the U.S. and began making overtures by improving conditions for Syrian Jewry.

About 125,000 Syrians evacuated the Golan Heights during the Six-Day War of 1967 and remain constant reminders of his impotence. Most settled in Damascus, adding to an already intolerable congestion. A number were settled in the Jewish quarter where they took out their frustrations on the hapless Jews.

There are about 4,500 Jews living in Syria today, with the majority in Damascus. The next largest community is in Aleppo, and the remainder is scattered in a few villages near the Turkish border. Conditions here have deteriorated with the inhabitants living in dire poverty. Now that the government policy has eased, many are leaving for Damascus.

Aware of his diminished popularity in the Arab world, and eager to recoup his prestige, Assad began wooing the West as the only country able to pressure Israel

into making acceptable concessions. The U.S. also represents the largest single source of arms and vital industrial technology.

Despite the relaxation of discriminatory laws against the Jews, permission to emigrate is still denied. Among the more than 200 Syrians that emigrated to the U.S. last year there was not a single Jew, regardless of appeals from relatives in this country to Assad and Washington.

The reasons stated are that Jews would head for Israel instead, and they have no intention of adding to their military manpower. The fact that women and the aged were also denied exit visas, makes this statement implausible.

During the past year only about a dozen Syrian Jews received permission to travel abroad for business or medical reasons. In addition to depositing about \$7,000 as security, their families remained behind as hostages.

Jewish families are large by our standards and women outnumber men. It is estimated that over 200 Jewish women above the age of 26 are without suitable Jewish marriage partners. The reason is that in previous years many young men managed to leave the country. During the past year not a single Jew is known to have escaped, partly because of the Lebanese civil war, and the fact that the authorities meted out stiff sentences to Syrian smugglers who aided Jews to escape.

The memory of the brutal tragedy of previous escape attempts is still fresh in their minds. Two young Jewish men were murdered and four young women were raped and killed in the spring of 1974, supposedly by Syrians who had been hired to smuggle them out of the country.

The fear today is that the Syrian secret police may extend the ban on emigration, not only for Syrian Jews but also those of the formerly free Lebanese community.

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May Be Target

WASHINGTON: An extreme right-wing anti-Jewish, anti-Black and anti-Mexican organization is believed to have buried in the desert north of Los Angeles, tons of arms, including machine guns, landmines, poison gas, smoke grenades, cyanide powder, mortar shells and rockets.

Most of the weapons were found in the desert, but four rockets, ammunition and chemicals were also discovered at a foundry at Pomona where the owner was arrested and charged with possessing them.

He is said to be linked to the Christian Defense League which owns the desert property where the first cache of weapons was discovered.

United States Air Force planes are now taking infra-red photographs of the desert area to see if there are any more arms hidden there.

The Los Angeles county sheriff stated that this was the largest cache of this type ever found in California and probably in the United States, and that the authorities are satisfied that the arms were hidden by a paramilitary organization.

With the arms were found extreme right-wing publications attacking Jews, Communism, Mexicans and Blacks.

The sheriff added that there was enough equipment and weapons to supply a company of 200 soldiers.



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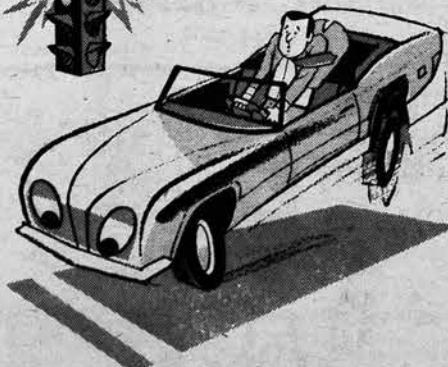
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Parents Are Threatened

WASHINGTON: Dina Kaminskaya and Konstantyn Simis, parents of Dr. Dmitri Simes, Soviet specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies of Georgetown University here, have been told they are suspects in a criminal case under Article 190, anti-Soviet activities and slandering the Soviet state.

Both were ordered to appear at the Moscow prosecutor's office for questioning after a search of their apartment in which books, pictures of their son and a manuscript which Dr. Simes acknowledged was his were taken.

Kaminskaya and Simis are both prominent Moscow lawyers who have been active in defense of dissidents. Recently Kaminskaya was the lawyer for one of two Soviet Jews arrested during the sit-ins at the Supreme Soviet in October. Boris Chernobilsky and Iosif Ahs were charged with malicious hooliganism but unexpectedly released by the authorities.

Dr. Simes, who came to the United States in 1973, told the Washington Committee for Soviet Jewry. "One of the reasons my parents may be being harassed is because of my professional activities here and further action against them could be taken in an attempt to intimidate me."

Aliyah Center Listing Of Job Opportunities

NEW YORK: Investors and potential emigrants seeking information about business opportunities in Israel will find a publication issued by the Israel Aliyah Center of considerable interest.

The publication, "Israel Business Opportunities Digest," was compiled by the Tour Ve'Alah Office of the Israel Aliyah Center and features current data on everything from beauty parlors for sale in Ramat Gan to investment possibilities in a luxury hotel in Netanya.

"The individual items listed in the Digest," explained Jacob Polak, Tour Ve'Alah director, "are synopses of offerings and are meant to give a broad general picture of the business opportunities available in Israel."

Regional offices of the Israel Aliyah Center will obtain detailed information by request on any specific offering if it is still available. Write to Israel Aliyah Center, 220 S. State, Chicago, Ill., 60604, for information.

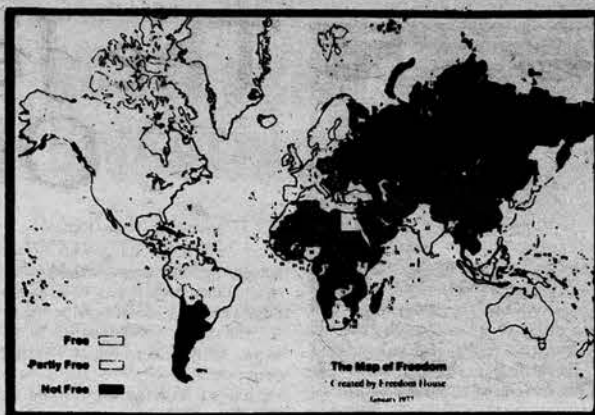
Hadassah Pen Pals

NEW YORK: Hadassah chapters in the New York metropolitan area will adopt Soviet "pen pals," Jews in the USSR who have expressed a strong desire to correspond with their coreligionists in the United States. The women will write in English, Russian, Yiddish, or Hebrew to the Soviet Jews whose names will be supplied by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Bernice S. Tannenbaum, president of Hadassah, said that if "Project Yachad" (Together) proves successful Hadassah women all over the United States will participate. "If the project is stymied" by the hindrance of the Soviet government, she said, "we shall call on the Carter Administration to take another look at the Helsinki accords, so the issue can be dealt with at the follow-up meeting in Belgrade this summer."

Against Daoud

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—A delegation of the DAIA called on French Ambassador Francois de la Gorce to express "the deep consternation" of the Argentine Jewish community over the release of Abu Daoud. In a statement presented to the Ambassador, the DAIA said that the French action was not understandable in view of the fact that "France has been and continues to be a victim of international terrorism."



Freedom In Short Supply

NEW YORK: Map of freedom or a chart describing worldwide repression? This is a reproduction of the 20-foot-wide "Map of Freedom" which hangs in the lobby of Freedom House in New York, an independent organization devoted to the strengthening of free societies.

The colors tell the story: free nations are shown in white, "partly free" in grey, and "not free" in black.

Freedom House's latest survey reveals that in 1976 the proportion of people living in a free society dropped to a record low of 19.6 percent, or 789.9 million. There are 43.9 percent, or 1.76 billion, people from 68 nations and three territories who live in "not free" countries. Living in "partly free" countries are 1.46 billion people, residing in 49 nations and 31 territories.

Religious News Service

Says Attacks On Israel Aimed At All Democracy

WASHINGTON (JTA): Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D.N.Y.), in his first address at a Jewish meeting since assuming office, condemned the Soviet Union and the Third World for their assault on Israel as part of a concerted campaign against world democracy.

He spoke at the National Inaugural Conference for the 1977 Israel Bond campaign which met here to adopt a program for the sale of Israel Bonds to speed Israel's economic recovery and restore the momentum of its economic development. The conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel was attended by more than 150 top leaders from the United States and Canada.

Describing Israel as a "surrogate of democracy," Moynihan warned that if something were to happen to Israel, Europe and then the United States would suffer the same fate. "We must come to the aid of Israel if the democratic tradition is not to die," he said. He called for the support of Israel Bonds, asserting that there could be no more "pressing issue" or "more important enter-

prise" for those concerned with the preservation of the State of Israel.

Sees '77 Decisive

Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. Simcha Dinitz observed at the meeting that 1977 could be "the year of our greatest opportunity or the year of the greatest danger for Israel — a year when we may move to peace or to confrontation."

Israel is ready to negotiate and will never avoid any arena which may lead to peace, Dinitz declared. But he noted that Geneva would be either "the stage for the premiere or the grand finale of the peace process; it could not be the theater where a peace settlement would materialize. He sharply criticized the democracies for their "reluctance to stick their necks out for democracy in the Middle East."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the worldwide Israel Bond campaign, who presided, emphasized that "the economy may be the weak link in Israel's chain of defense in 1977 when crucial decisions may be made affecting the future of Israel and its hopes for security and peace."

Soviet Dissidents Seen As Increasing Activity

MOSCOW: A series of government countermeasures have come as a result of increased Soviet dissident activity in recent months.

Most recently, three religious dissidents announced the formation of a committee to defend the rights of churchgoers who, they claim, are being persecuted by the state. Jews trying to emigrate have also staged demonstrations and attempted to hold a symposium on Jewish culture. Activists fighting for human rights have formed committees to collect information and disseminate regular statements on oppression.

In response, Soviet authorities are conducting searches, interrogations, arrests and threats of physical punishment. So far, they have stopped short of handing down prison sentences, but they are striving to create the impression that certain cases are being prepared that may result in long-term imprisonment or exile to Siberia.

The increased maneuvering on both sides does not seem to be due to any shift in government policy or any new discontent among the population, and appears merely episodic. The recent activity seems to reflect improved communications among the various factions of dissent, which find com-

mon ground in the human rights provisions of the European declaration signed in 1975 at Helsinki, Finland.

Last May, nine dissidents formed a group to monitor Soviet compliance with the Helsinki document. The committee, including Yelena Bonner Sakharov, the wife of Andrei D. Sakharov, the physicist, recently spawned two other committees with the same purpose, one in Kiev and the other in Vilna.

Several members of the Kiev committee have come under harassment, according to Yuri Orlov, a physicist who heads the Moscow group. Last Saturday the K.G.B., the secret police, searched their homes and came up with evidence that the dissidents said have been planted: pornographic cards, a rifle and \$36 in cash, possession of which is illegal for Soviet citizens. The chairman of the Kiev group, Mikola Rudenko, who is a poet, found a death threat in his mailbox.

In October, a dozen Jewish dissidents said they had been taken by plainclothesmen to some woods outside Moscow and beaten after they staged a sit-in at a government building. The beatings widened the protest, in which some 30 demonstrators were detained for up to 15 days.

Helsinki Accord's Limited Effects

LONDON: Members of a congressional watchdog committee that recently visited Yugoslavia and 17 non-Communist European countries, said in a press conference here that the Helsinki accord was beginning to have a productive, though still limited effect on the improvement of East-West relations.

However, the congressmen who were refused permission to visit the Soviet Union and its satellites, said that while practices in some countries have become more lenient, procedures for emigration to reunite divided families have not markedly changed.

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Absorbing USSR Jews Who Are University-Educated

By Gil Sedaa
JERUSALEM (JTA): Jews comprise one percent of the total population of the Soviet Union and five percent of the university-trained population. They hold ten percent of the Ph.Ds and 30 percent of the doctorates in the hard sciences. These statistics are of vital importance to the absorption of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union, according to Yehuda Dominitz, deputy director general of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department.

"With some 500,000 university-trained Jews in the USSR, it is obvious that one should plan the absorption of Soviet immigrants with special attention to the university graduates because it is the university-trained Jews who have the strongest motivation for emigration," Dominitz told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview. He said that when these immigrants of high academic background arrive in Israel, the question of providing them with appropriate jobs arises not only because it is essential to absorbing them but because the inability to

find employment in their fields was one of the chief reasons they left Russia.

"There is reason to believe that one of the primary motivations of Jews leaving the USSR is because the authorities there no longer let them concentrate on education as much as they used to," Dominitz said. But conditions in Israel are difficult for these people simply because their training is in fields in which Israel's economy presently does not have many openings. "Of course, you can re-train them," Dominitz said, "but how many will agree to re-training? The higher their skills, the less motivation immigrants have for re-training," he noted. And there are other factors that make the absorption of university-trained Soviet immigrants more difficult than other immigrants, Dominitz said.

Over-Specialized

He pointed out that university training in the USSR is much more specialized than in the West and therefore it is almost impossible to find a newcomer exactly the same job he had in the Soviet Union. As a result, many immigrants are simply

not trained broadly enough to cope with the demands of Israel's employment market which expects a professional to have diversified skills within his field. For example, dental technicians from the USSR must take extensive courses here to qualify to practice dentistry in Israel.

Another problem is that the general academic standards of university-trained Russian immigrants is higher than that of the Israeli society as a whole and it is unavoidable that some newcomers would feel that they have come from a center of culture and science to a rather provincial environment, Dominitz said.

Between 1971-1975, about 110,000 Russian Jews immigrated to Israel of whom 43.3 percent were university-trained professionals or had other occupations that required very high skills, "If the State is not prepared to absorb university-trained people at all levels there will be no immigration. Doctors will not become farmers," Dominitz said. But generally he is satisfied with the standard of absorption here. Israel,

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 by a Committee on Jewish Affairs under the ministry of the Interior. A close surveillance is kept by the Muhabarati, a secret service. In order to travel from one city to another written permission was formerly necessary. With the general easing of restrictions during the past year, permission has been granted more readily. Now it is necessary merely to inform the police of the intentions and then report to the police when they arrive at their destination. However, the secret police still retain the power to arrest, interrogate and detain indefinitely. Jews live in constant fear as conditions could change overnight.

Jewish identity cards were marked with the word "Musawi" (follower of Moses) in large red letters on both sides. Bank accounts, drivers' licenses, business and professional cards were similarly marked. Mails and international calls are still subject to censorship.

The identity card of Muslim

and Christian are left blank on the line indicating religion, as President Assad who is a member of the Alawi minority sect desires to minimize Arab religious distinctions.

Despite the fact that Jews have also benefited from the economic recovery and the recent liberalization, about a third of Jewish families still earn less than \$100 per month. A few Jewish merchants have recently been granted import/export licenses.

Since Jews are not accepted in the military, they cannot hold government positions, except in rare cases where their exceptional skills are in demand. In those professional areas where their high competence is recognized, they are permitted to function outside their Jewish clientele. At present there are 14 Jewish doctors, 11 pharmacists, 6 dentists and 3 lawyers practicing in Damascus.

Before a Jew may sell his home, car or any possession, he must satisfy the authorities that the proceeds are to be used to buy a replacement, for fear he may plan an escape. An Jew who manages to get out of the country not only forfeits his estate, but his family and relatives are subject to arrest and imprisonment.

Synagogues are open in Jewish communities, with a rabbi present in Damascus and Aleppo. Jewish primary schools function under the supervision of a Muslim director. As an additional precaution, about 100 Muslim and Christian Arab students also attend. Because of inflation the small stipends received from the Alliance in France and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee are now inadequate. Consequently the Jewish High School has been abandoned and the students attend the state high school. Jews require special permission from the Ministry of the Interior to attend the universities and only about 35 students are currently enrolled.

The brutal excesses of the secret police, with their night arrest which were a source of terror, have been curbed, with an easing of some of the more stringent restrictions in their daily lives by President Assads recent policy, but the community remains hostage to any political change should relations with Israel deteriorate.

This uncertain situation stresses the need for greater international efforts to gain full restoration of human rights for Syrian Jews, including the right of emigration.

Papers Denying Responsibility

TEL AVIV: Israeli newspapers feel that they are becoming the scapegoat in the suicide death of Housing Minister Abraham Ofer, who shot himself in a parked car because of pressures he was facing under police investigation.

Editorialists and commentators have warned the government that the full truth must be exposed and that they should not use Mr. Ofer's death as an excuse for ending the investigation.

Normal procedure is to drop a case when a subject dies, but a Jerusalem police source said a decision on this particular issue would be forthcoming.

One reason for continuing the case is that other persons are suspected to have been involved in the case which concerns real estate transactions by a building company owned by the trade unions and managed by Mr. Ofer before he became a minister.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in the funeral eulogy, expressed the belief that Mr. Ofer was innocent of the embezzlement charges brought against him.

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Less Affected By US Unemployment

NEW YORK: American Jews are affected by the rising unemployment in the United States but at a lower rate than the general population, according to a survey taken this fall by the National Association of Jewish Vocational Services. However, the study found that Jewish college graduates, particularly in the liberal arts, continue to face bleak prospects.

The survey by the organization which was formerly called the Jewish Occupational Council covered 14 American cities and Toronto. The highest rate of Jewish joblessness in the 15 cities was in San Francisco where it totaled 9.3 percent compared to 11.3 percent in the general population. The lowest rate was three percent in Bullalo where the overall rate is eight percent.

Austria Planning Scientific Probe

VIENNA: A group of prominent Austrians urged all political parties represented in Parliament to join in a project to investigate the historical background and the present situation of anti-Semitism in Austria.

The investigation which is supported by Austria's Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, will be directed by scientists. The investigation intends to clarify the situation of anti-Semitism in Austria and to make it more difficult in the future to disseminate anti-Semitic views. Moreover, Kreisky also ordered that a detailed questionnaire be developed for an investigation poll to determine the size and influence of anti-Semitism in Austria.

Second Thoughts

TEL AVIV: Israel which says it has an agreement in principle with the United States for the purchase of 250 F-16 jets, is having second thoughts about buying the planes.

The reason is that the planes which originally were to cost \$7 million each now cost \$11.5 million and the price could go higher by the time they are ready for delivery in the 1980s. The price is without necessary equipment and accessories which could bring the price of each plane up to \$20 million.

Another sticking point is that the U. S. has not agreed to Israel's request to allow it to manufacture parts for the plane. This has now become a major obstacle to the deal.

A Subterranean Water Reserve

TEL AVIV: Large natural subterranean water reserves have been discovered in central Negev. Experts of Mekorot, the national water prospecting company, have expressed the hope that thousands of gallons of water would become available from what may be a vast underground reservoir stretching all the way across Israel's southern arid desert zone.

The first major spring now tapped is in the Nahal Zin district. Although of high saline content, the water is satisfactory for farming purposes. This means that more widespread settlement of the area than originally envisaged may now be feasible.

Almogi Is Invited To Visit Rumania

RUMANIA: Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, has been invited to visit Rumania.

The invitation, extended by Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen on behalf of that country's organized Jewish community, almost certainly had the prior approval of the Rumanian authorities and is therefore regarded here as of great importance and significance.

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The underlying implication of short selling is a bear market. Although individual stocks often move counter to market averages, chances of success are reduced by a strong market rally. And signs point to a rising market in 1977.

Eastman Kodak was weak last year for several reasons — concern that its instant camera film was inferior to Polaroid's, lower-than-expected earnings, and legal problems (patent and antitrust). But earnings should increase sharply this year, and the stock is well worth buying for long-term growth.

Q: With building activity on the rise, especially in the Sunbelt, I would think that air conditioning sales would be strong. What do you think of Carrier? R.G., Arizona

A: The air conditioning industry began a cyclical pick-up in late 1975. Carrier's earnings for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1976 rose to \$1.41 (vs. 1975's \$0.53) on record sales of \$1.2 billion. Additional gains are likely this year in

both commercial and residential unitary air conditioning, although first quarter results will be held back somewhat by start-up costs, adverse currency adjustments, and seasonally slow demand. The Elliott Division (gas processing compressors) should also have a very good year. A speculative purchase could work out well.

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TAX EDGE DAMPENED IN SOME STATES

Q: As a single person without dependents I pay exorbitant taxes — in the 36% bracket. Putting money in high interest savings certificates as I have only compounds the problem. I have recently learned of the Dreyfus Tax Exempt Bond Fund. Would you consider this a reasonably safe investment, and one that would help my situation? M.M., California

A: Yes. A tax-exempt bond fund, such as the one sponsored by Dreyfus, is a reasonable investment for a person in your position. The current 5.6% yield on this fund is equivalent to an 8.75% taxable return in the 36% bracket. Unfortunately the latest indication is that California may follow the lead of Illinois and treat these new municipal bond funds like any other corporation. This would mean that dividends would be taxable in their entirety by the state even though derived partially from municipals issued within the state. While this ruling in no way changes the exemption for Federal Tax pur-

poses, it reduces the advantage of owning a fund as opposed to owning a municipal bond issued by your state.

Dreyfus Tax Exempt Bond Fund, at last report, had assets of about \$65 million, invested in high grade issues. A-rated and better bonds dominate the list, with a few issues of BBB quality or unrated. This fund has no load fee and management fees are 0.6%. The minimum investment allowed initially is \$2,500, with subsequent investments \$100 or more. This fund is located at 600 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Q: I have Oppenheimer Fund at a cost of over \$9 per share. At today's net asset value of \$6.50 a share should I continue to reinvest dividends or take them in cash? L.F., New York

A: Generally speaking, the investor who owns a growth mutual fund does better over the long term by reinvesting all distributions rather than taking them in cash. And, if distributions are to be reinvested the time to do it is when the net asset value is depressed and more shares, or fractions of shares, can be acquired. However, the Oppenheimer Fund has not had an impressive record. Net asset value rose 56% in the decade through December 31, 1976, versus plus 89% for the Standard & Poor's 500 Average. Among the no-load growth funds with better than average records are: Fidelity Equity-Income, Financial Industrial Income, Guardian Mutual, Penn Square Mutual and Pine Street Fund. A change to one of these seems to be in order.

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Absorbing USSR Jews Who Are University - Educated

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believe it or not, is competitive with the United States as far as its ability to absorb Russian Jews is concerned, he said. He observed that in the U.S. nobody helps a Russian physician establish a practice but in Israel every attempt is made to find work for doctors despite the difficulty of finding positions for 2000 physicians who arrived in less than five years.

State Subsidies

"We compromise between the needs and the possibilities," Dominitz said. The main problem with emigre physicians is to find a job that carries status. "A person who was considered a specialist in Moscow in a specific field is of little value here if he is not well trained in additional fields," he said. He noted, however, that there are several solutions to the problem or at least attempts to solve it, some of which are already in practice.

For example, the State subsidizes the first year and sometimes the second year of work in Israel in cases where the employer has a job to offer but cannot afford to pay a full time salary under existing conditions. The employer commits himself to employ the immigrant after a trial period provided that the employe meets professional standards. Until the trial period ends, the immigrant's salary is paid by the Absorption Ministry, Dominitz said. This practice has been relatively successful. Up to now, 85 percent of the immigrant workers receiving subsidies have been absorbed.

However, at the moment, many employers hesitate to commit

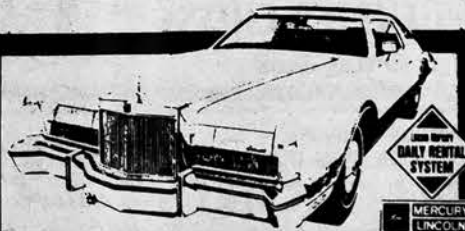
themselves to future jobs because of uncertain economic prospects, Dominitz said.

Another solution which has had considerable success has been the establishment of loan funds that enable an immigrant to establish his own private business, usually a science-based industry. In general, Dominitz said, the entire economy of the nation is becoming more science-oriented in order, among other things, to provide jobs for scientifically trained immigrants. He noted that Prof. Yirmiyahu Baranov of Beersheba University, an internationally prominent hydrodynamics expert, has received a research project contract from the U.S. Navy, which already provided jobs for Russian immigrants.

But at the top of the list of university-trained scientists from the USSR is a group of "elite" professionals for whom re-training is not possible and for whom it would be a waste of their skills. In the case of these people, the science absorption center of the Absorption Ministry provides funds and projects that enables this group to develop their skills to the maximum, Dominitz said.

Claims Israel Has Lost 'Virginity'

LONDON: Authoress Lynne Reid-Banks told a joint meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Israel Students Association here that Israel has lost its "virginity." By this she implied that there were now self-doubts among Israelis and that the period of innocence was over.



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SECOND SON

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Broomfield of 131 Lyndon Road, Cranston, announce the birth of their second child and second son, Jason Ryan, on January 20. Mrs. Broomfield is the former Lori Silverstein.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myron Silverstein of Providence. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Broomfield of Cumberland.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Silverman of Dudley, Massachusetts; Pearl Silverstein of Providence; and Rose Broomfield of Providence.

LOEBENBERG ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loebenberg of 50 Faunce Drive announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann Loebenberg of Brookline, Massachusetts, to Dr. Thomas Donald Davidow of New Bedford, Massachusetts. He is the son of Bertha Davidow and the late Isaac Davidow of New Bedford.

Miss Loebenberg received her BA degree from Curry College in 1969 and her MED in 1975 from Lesley College. Dr. Davidow received his BBA degree from the University of Massachusetts in

1965, his MED from the University of Pittsburgh in 1969 and his EdD from Boston University in 1976.

Dr. Davidow is a school psychologist in the Randolph, Massachusetts, public schools. Miss Loebenberg is a learning disabilities specialist in the Randolph public schools, where she conducts workshops on learning disabilities. A May, 1977, wedding is planned.

Singer Norman To Be In Philharmonic

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B. B. C. Symphony, the London Symphony and the Vienna Philharmonic.

This year's Jean Madeira Memorial Soloist, Miss Norman is one of the busiest performers on the international circuit. Her 1976-1977 season includes her first tour of Australia before returning to North America for a schedule which calls for 16 recitals (including her fourth appearance in the Great Performers Series at Lincoln Center, New York) and 37 orchestral concerts. In Europe, her tours will include Spain, England, Holland and orchestral concerts under the direction of Zubin Mehta in Paris.

In addition to performing the soprano solo in Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 4 in G Major, Miss Norman will sing "Ritorna Vincitor" from Verdi's "Aida" and "Dich Teure Halle" from Wagner's "Tannhaeuser." The Orchestra will open the program with the Overture to "Manfred" by Robert Schumann. This is the fourth program in the 32nd Season of the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

Tickets for the concert are available at the office of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, 334 Westminster Mall, Providence, and reservations may be obtained by calling 831-3123.

School Has Low Enrollment But Keeps Standards High

BUDAPEST (JTA): Budapest's only Jewish secondary school, the Anne Frank High School, began its academic year last week in the presence of a former student, Gyorgy Aczel, now a Deputy Minister of the Hungarian government. Aczel attended the school 40 years ago when it was known as the Budapest Jewish High School and had over 1000 pupils.

Presently the student body numbers only 32 but it maintains high standards and prepares its pupils for university entrance examinations in addition to providing them with a thorough religious education.

Farmers Will Form Vigilante Groups

JERUSALEM: Farmers have announced that they will form vigilante groups to protect the crops from thieves, because of inadequate police protection. Gangs of thieves have been stripping unguarded fields of expensive crops like avocado pears and their depredations now total IL120 million a year. A farmer who surprised a gang loading tons of his avocados onto a waiting lorry near Rehovot recently, was shot dead by one of the thieves when he challenged them.

First Jew In Cabinet

TORONTO: Norman Vickar of the prairie center of Melfort, Saskatchewan, has joined the provincial Cabinet as Minister of Trade and Commerce. Elected to the provincial legislature as a New Democrat in 1975, Vickar will be the first Jewish Cabinet minister in the province of Saskatchewan.

Vickar was born in the Jewish farm colony of Edenbridge — a name based on the half-Yiddish name "Yidden-Bridge" — founded at the turn of the century.



WITH HONORS: Donna R. Dressler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin R. Dressler of Norwich, Connecticut, was recently inducted into the Academy, the honor society of Simmons College, Boston.

Miss Dressler will receive a double degree in communications and history in May, 1977. While at Simmons, she has served as editor-in-chief of *Simmons Janus*, the colleges student newspaper, and as chairwoman of the History Department student liaison committee.

She has also served as an intern in the public relations department of Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston. This semester, she

will be the assistant at Vilma Barr Communications and Marketing, an industrial promotions firm in Boston.

Miss Dressler is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Guttin of 156 Ninth Street, Providence, and Mr. Sigmund Dressler of Norwich, Connecticut.

BULGARIA FILM

Sofia: The Bulgaria film industry has started shooting a film on the efforts of the partisans to save the country's Jews from deportation during World War II. The film, "The Death Transports Will Not Leave," is based on a book by Haim Oliver.

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CONTEST WINNER: Russell B. Hopfenberg, a senior at Classical High School, was the school's winner and the Providence District winner of the "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan B. Hopfenberg, were among those honored at a dinner sponsored by the VFW at the Kelly Gazzero VFW Post on January 22.

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