

# News Watch

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**LIVERPOOL PAYING 200,000 LB FOR TA FOOTBALL STAR: TEL AVIV.** — Avi Cohen, the Tel Aviv Maccabi footballer left for Liverpool on May 20 to undergo medical examinations prior to signing with European champions Liverpool, who are almost certain to win the English championship this year.

Liverpool chairman John Smith and club secretary Peter Robinson held talks with Tel Aviv Maccabi last week to finalize the details of Cohen's transfer to Liverpool.

The reported fee for the transfer is 200,000 lb. Cohen, 22, will join Liverpool next July for training before the English League season's start at the end of August.

Before leaving for Liverpool, Cohen is expected to marry 18 year old Dorti Rosenbloom.

**RUSSIA INVITES ISRAEL AGAIN: TEL AVIV.** — Israel has accepted the invitation from Russia to participate in the Moscow Book Fair in September and is planning to triple the space reserved in the first book fair two years ago.

**RAMAT GAN DIAMOND CENTRE WILL BE WORLD'S LARGEST: Jerusalem Post - TEL AVIV.** — Intensive effort is being expanded to complete work on the new Diamond Exchange Building in Ramat Gan. With the opening of the new building, slated for June 12, it will make the local exchange the undisputed largest diamond centre in the world.

Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange, has just returned from a European trip during which he invited the heads of the various diamond houses to attend the festive opening. He also related that major diamond buyers, from various parts of the world, have already accepted invitations to be present at the opening.

The new building is 28 stories high and has been built by a group of foreign investors. It is reported to have the most up-to-date surveillance equipment in the world. Overseas diamond-taires have bought space in the building.

Schnitzer conceded that the diamond industry worldwide is currently suffering from a major recession. He conceded that five bankruptcies had taken place in a single week this month. "Four thousand employees have lost their jobs, in the recent past," Schnitzer told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He expressed confidence that the local industry will overcome the present difficulties.

**KOLLEK PERSONIFIES ISRAEL'S SPIRIT - San Francisco - Teddy Kollek personifies Israel's indomitable spirit. Finding himself in San Francisco at midnight because his plane was unable to land in fogbound Los Angeles, Jerusalem's major rented a car and, rounding up three travelling companions to "keep him awake," drove 400 miles through the night to arrive in time for an 8:00 a.m. campaign breakfast meeting.**

**PROF. LEVICH LEAVES ISRAEL: Jewish Post and Opinion - Tel Aviv University** which had already announced that Veniamin G. Levich would join its faculty will be disappointed in the announcement that the foremost Jewish scientist to receive a Russian visa will join the City College of City University of New York. Just what

if any relationship Levich will have with Tel Aviv University, which as far back as 1973 named him to its faculty in absentia, is unknown. Levich will be named an Einstein Professor.

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUSEUM: Two Jewish men** are responsible for a \$4.5 million collection of painting by Andrew Wyeth coming to a little-known museum in Greenville, S.C. **Arthur Magill** paid that amount to **Joseph E. Levine**, the motion picture executive, and then donated the collection to the Greenville County Art Museum. Mr. Magill, a retired manufacturer, lives in Greenville. Besides the business he built, **Her Majesty**, the largest manufacturer of children's sleepwear in the world, he is an art collector of note. Mr. Levine announced that he would be donating the proceeds from the sale to a hospital to be named soon.

**GENIUSES BY THE MILLION? Jerusalem Post Reporter - TEL AVIV.** Luis Alberto Machado, Venezuelan minister of state for the development of intelligence, has come to Israel for help in an international project which, he believes, may eventually turn ordinary citizens into supergeniuses. He is here as a guest of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

He chose Israel as the first country to visit because of studies and educational experiments done here which, he said, prove his thesis. He also believes that Jews have developed a cultural superiority based on systematic thought and that the techniques behind this system can and should be shared with the rest of the world.

"If Jewish achievements - such as the fact that one-third of Nobel Prize winners are Jews - were genetically determined, the rest of us would have no choice but to accept our inferiority. However, we are against racism, as you are, and we know no race is superior to others. Therefore, your advantage has to be cultural, and it is the most beautiful gift you could give to the world if you could share the techniques which have made your achievements possible."

**EBAN TO WRITE COLUMN FOR CAIRO NEWSPAPER: Abba Eban,** Israel's former Foreign Minister, has agreed to write a column for the Cairo newspaper, *Al-Ahram*, and in making the announcement discounted rumors that he might become Israel's first ambassador to Egypt.

**ISRAEL LEADS IN SOLAR ENERGY: Well over 30% of all domestic hot water heating in Israel is generated by the sun. It is a growing business in Israel, with four manufacturers producing the rooftop panels. One of them - Miromit - has entered into an arrangement with a firm in Denver, Colorado to produce the panels for sale in the United States.**

Turning to a wider application of solar energy, Israel's huge Tadiran Electronics has developed a solar-powered absorption chiller which can provide air conditioning as well as space heating and hot water.

Israel's leadership in solar energy research is all the more startling when one considers its budgetary restrictions - the current solar energy research and development budget in Israel is some \$2 million.



## Jerusalem

How many of you reading this article can say, "I've been there" and "I know what it means to us Jews."

I can say that I feel that I am as much a Jerusalemite as I am a Bostonian. It was my good fortune to have lived a year in the city of David and to revisit it again.

Since the reunification of Jerusalem June 7, 1967, Jews have settled in the heart of Zion and have swelled her population. Rachel may dry some of her tears as the streets become full of streaming crowds of Jewish people.

Its origins have been dated by archaeologists backwards at least to 2375 B.C.E. A focal point of struggle for dominance over the centuries, it is a symbol of peace.

While other peoples relegated her to be peripheral and provincial, for the Jewish people Jerusalem was, is, and will be all important and unique. Religion, culture, nationality weave a beautiful matrix and capture our Jewish soul never to let go.

Although ancient in Origin (587 B.C.E.) these same words ring true in the Zionist heart of today:

"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?  
If I forget thee o Jerusalem  
Let my right hand forget her cunning,  
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you.  
If I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy."

While Jerusalem Day is relatively new, try to remember it some way. Be creative. Recite verses about it or sing any song mentioning the city. Recite a blessing over wine *Boreh Pri Hagafen*. Say also *Shehecheyanu*.

This year Jerusalem Day Sivan Second Day fell on May 28, 1979. Many people have displayed pictures of the sights.

Here are only a few that were gazed at:

The Western Wall and Temple Mount,

The Jewish Quarter, the Gates of Jerusalem (Zion, Jaffa, Damascus, Flower, Mercy, Lion, Dung, and New Gate);

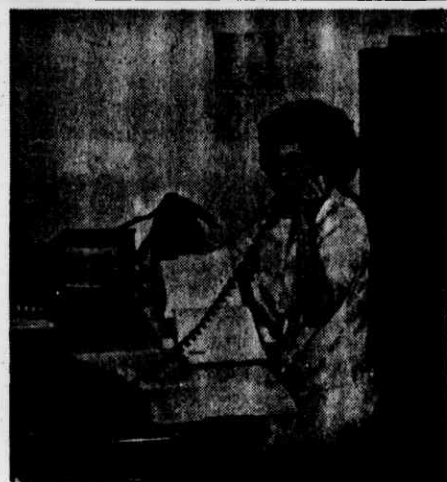
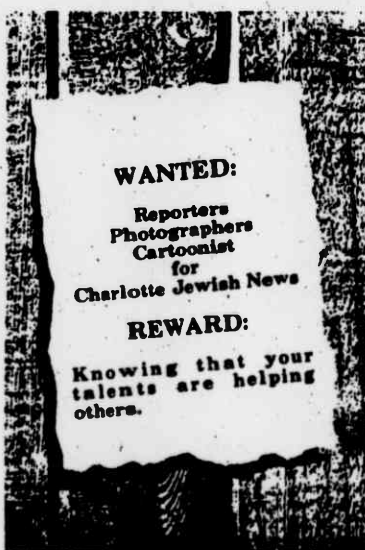
The New City, Knesset, Heichal Shlomo,

Hebrew University, Israel Museum,

Yad Vashem, Mount Zion, and Herzl's Tomb.

Let us all join and say: **LESHANAH HABA AH BEYERUSHALAYIM NEW YEAR IN JERUSALEM!**

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Always cheerful,  
always bright -  
That's Mary Horgan,  
JCC's delight!

## Feast of Weeks

After the fifty days, or seven weeks, of counting the Omer comes **Shavuoth**, the Feast of Weeks. It is chiefly a festival of the synagogue where special services are held for two days. In the home it is sometimes celebrated by serving dairy foods, as milk is especially plentiful in Israel at that season of the year. Honey is also eaten to remind us of the sweetness of the Torah given to Israel on that day. At one time a Sinai cake was served, made to represent a ladder with seven rungs for the seven spheres through which God passed when He descended to give the law to Moses.

This day was especially interesting to school children in the Middle Ages as many of them were taken to the Hebrew school for the first time on Shavuoth. It has been told that when God wanted a pledge that Israel would always keep His commandments, Moses promised that the little children would be true to the Law, and it was bestowed upon the people.

Shavuoth is one of the three great pilgrim feasts like Passover and Succoth. It is sometimes called the **Festival of the First Fruits**, because after the counting of the Omer an offering of first fruits was brought to the Temple of Jerusalem. This offering was arranged in a special way, with barley at the bottom of the basket and wheat above; over the wheat they placed olives, then dates and finally figs; this was beautifully decorated with leaves. Another offering was the twin loaves made out of the new grain.

Later when there was no Temple to which to bring offerings, the synagogues were decorated with flowers and fresh grass was spread upon the floor to celebrate the Giving of the Law.

Shavuoth is another farmer or nature holiday, but it is also considered by many as the greatest day in the national history of Israel. On Passover the people became a free nation, but on Shavuoth, they received the Ten Commandments.

We all know the story of Ruth, because Ruth was so loyal to the Law, her story in the Book of Ruth is read in the synagogue services at Shavuoth. There is also a legend that King David was born and also died on Shavuoth; so it is appropriate to read Ruth's story at this time as she was given the honor of becoming the ancestress of this most loved of Jewish kings.

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## Recommended Reading

Contemporary perceptions of anti-Semitism in America have been influenced as much by the fears as by the facts of history. In **A PROMISE TO KEEP**, a Narrative of the American Encounter with Anti-Semitism, Nathan C. Belth sharpens the focus of these perceptions through an eloquent and eminently readable account of anti-Semitism in America from its earliest days to the present.

Because it had few ideological roots, anti-Semitism in America rarely expressed itself in outbursts of physical violence. Religiously-based antipathy to Jews, cruelly expressed in all of European history, remained muted and was felt by Jews here primarily in their social and economic lives, sometimes in the curtailment of civil rights, but infrequently in violence.

The special circumstances of American Jewry dictated the unusual course of its struggle against anti-Semitism. Throughout the nineteenth century, American Jews, small in numbers and showing only modest growth, felt little need for organizing self-protective efforts. They were concerned about anti-Semitism as it threatened fellow Jews in Europe but felt secure among themselves in American commitment to freedom of conscience. Jewish communal organizations were principally involved with religion, charity, and internal social and cultural affairs. Not until well past the turn of the twentieth century did an organization appear specifically formed to counter the impact of anti-Semitism at home and to protect the civil rights of all citizens in the nation. That organization was the Anti-Defamation League formed by the leadership of B'nai B'rith in 1913.

Mr. Belth, for many years Public Relations Director of ADL, traces the parallel history of American anti-Semitism and ADL's efforts to combat it with compelling immediacy and breadth of perspective. He begins his narrative with the dawn of the Jewish odyssey in America in 1654 and recounts in vivid terms the high and the low moments in the history of anti-Semitism in this country since that time and of the first organization formed by American Jews specifically to deal with the problem.

The book may be ordered from ADL, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017 - Hardcover: \$7.50 (list price: \$11.95) - Softcover: \$3.50 (list price: \$4.95).

All orders must be prepaid and if under \$5.00 must include 50¢ for shipping and handling.