

# WORLD BEAT

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## Anti-Semitism in Latin America

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A "wave of violent anti-Semitism" has been sweeping across a number of countries in Latin America.

The Mexican Jewish community number some 50,000. Against the backdrop of the war in Lebanon and the difficult economic situation in Mexico, anti-Semitic incitement has arisen, fanned in part by the media.

Anti-Semitic slogans have been plastered on synagogues and cemeteries, and appear at some key crossroads. Threats have been made against the lives of individual Jews and bomb-threats have been received by Jewish institutions.

A cartoon in Montevideo's leading daily, El Nacional, showed Hitler saluting and shouting, "Viva Israel." Many of the Jews "are sitting on suitcases in case the situation worsens; they would move out to the U.S."

In Columbia there is "a small but very rich Jewish community" of some 7,000 persons, in Bogota, the capital, the authorities have kept any latent anti-Semitism under control. But a pro-PLO demonstration in the oil town of Barranquilla turned ugly, with cries of "death to the Jews."

## Odd Couple

(Jewish Post and Opinion) — The horrors of Nazism are being presented to West Coast audiences by an unlikely pair: Alfons Heck, once a Hitler youth; and Mrs. Helen Waterford, once in Auschwitz. Each had been called on from time to time to relate their experiences. Later they decided to team up. Heck's encounters with Hitler, Speer et al. and his subsequent revulsion over Nazism stirs their audience.

## Magen David Adom

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Senate unanimously adopted a Sense of the Senate Resolution urging the International League of Red Cross Societies to formally recognize the Magen David Adom. The Senate resolution was introduced by Senators Paula Hawkins (R.FI.) and Christopher Dodd (D. Conn.) who are cochairmen of the U.S. Committee to Secure Recognition of the Magen David Adom by the League of Red Cross Societies. Speaking in favor of the resolution on the Senate floor, in addition to the two sponsors, were Senators Charles Percy ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which had first approved the resolution.

## Victorian Age Returnee

(The Jewish Post and Opinion) — When he lost both his arms at the age of 13 in a bombing raid by the PLO in northern Israel, Aron Had had never thought he would be able to use them again, much less become an artist. Not only that, but he is a qualified pilot, and even had competed in auto races. Living now in Hollywood, his works were exhibited recently in a Wilshire Boulevard gallery, and he is currently negotiating for a showing in a Santa Ana gallery.

## The Senator's Wife

(The Jewish Post and Opinion) — If Arlen Specter were to lose out the next time he's up for re-election as U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, he could retire on the earnings of his wife, Joan, whose pies are sold in a 14-state area surrounding Philadelphia. But that is not her only activity, she was elected in 1979 to Philadelphia's 17-member City Council. A former food writer for the Philadelphia Bulletin, she operated cook-

ing schools for 13 years, and began baking pies commercially in 1975. In the City Council she also has successes to her credit. She put through a bill requiring that the city's retirement system divest itself of \$85 million in investments in companies operating in South Africa, and a bill she introduced is now law forbidding the city to do contractual business with companies that pay expenses for memberships or meals in private clubs that discriminate.

## Funds Contributed For Civilian Relief in Lebanon

NEW YORK (JTA) — A group of American corporations has formed an organization to collect funds from U.S. firms for the relief of the civilian population of Lebanon. American Corporate Aid for Lebanon Inc. (ACAL) already has commitments for nearly \$1.5 million from 21 American corporations.

## Condos To Be Built

SAN FRANCISCO (Jewish Post and Opinion) — A non-profit condominium complex surrounding a garden and a swimming pool is planned for Jerusalem by Alan Carnoy, local builder. The 800-square foot condos will sell from \$7-9,000 for an annual one-month stay.

## Many Yordim In South Africa

JERUSALEM (Jewish Post and Opinion) — Of the 120,000 Jews of South Africa, a total of 20,000 are former Israelis, it was reported here by Arye Dulzin on his return from that country.

## USSR Emigration

(JTA) — Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union from January through August totalled 1,961 as compared to the 35,553 Jews who were permitted to leave during the same period in 1979, a peak year for Jewish emigration.

## First Hasidic Jew Elected To Public Office in N. Y.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The first Hasidic Jew to be elected to a public office in New York City is Rabbi Yisrael Rosenfeld, a member of the Lubavitch movement, who has been for many years executive director of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council in Brooklyn.

# Israel Bonds Honor Morris Speizman



Approximately 250 people attended the gala dinner under the auspices of the Charlotte State of Israel Bond Committee at the Radisson Plaza Hotel to honor Morris Speizman. Mr. Speizman (left) is shown receiving the Israel Humanitarian Award from Yitzhak Rage (President of State of Israel Bonds) and Henry Senden (President of National Building Corp. of Nashville). More pictures on 14.

Photo/Alan Goldberg

# Local Photo Exhibit Sparks Celebration

More than 450 adults and children celebrated Jewish Life in The South during Dr. Louis Schmier's scholar-in-residence weekend, October 15-17. His exhibit of photographs dating back to 1851 will remain on display at Temple Beth El and then at Temple Israel.

In an extremely crowded three days, Dr. Schmier delivered three major lectures, a workshop on collecting personal history and two guided tours of his exhibit for the 180 students, teachers and parents of the Beth El Sunday School.

Emphasizing his own history as a 20 year transplant from Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Schmier used his lectures as powerful sermons. On Friday evening he traced the history of Jewry in small town Georgia and asked the congregation to look for parallels. They were easily found between the role of minority in 1890 and today. But he did not focus on the negatives, instead he focused on how the early Jews paved the way for later waves by maintaining their Jewishness and earned respect for their piety in a society which valued and still values religion and its observance.

Saturday morning he used anecdotes to trace the course of the Jewish peddler as that unique individual blazed a personal path of success and failure and success again and again.

His talk Sunday morning was an admonishment to his audience not to accept the false myths about Jewish life in the South. Citing numerous examples of Jewish personalities who were "not famous, but important" he wove a tapestry of Southern history filled with the rich and multicolored threads of Jews and their experiences. He charged the audience to fully establish the Henrietta Wallace Collection of Southern Jewish Memorabilia and complimentary chairs of Jewish history. His implication was clear - the Jews of Charlotte today are a part of Southern Jewish history and we must move to preserve our records and our footprints for those yet to come.

Dr. Schmier's residency was made possible by the Henrietta Wallace Collection of Temple Beth El and by Herman Blumenthal, Morris Speizman and Harry Lerner. The exhibit was mounted by Stuart Schwartz, Curator of the Mint Museum of History.

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