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A happy holiday to one and all!

— Rita Mond

Israel's Elections: A Challenge to World Jewry

By Marc H. Tanenbaum
 (JTA)

Israel's elections in early November burst with paradoxes and challenges.

The week before the election, pollsters and pundits portrayed the race between Labor and Likud as "a dead heat."

Then radical Palestinian and Arab terrorist groups carried out a series of violent attacks, brutally killing Israeli civilians as well as Israeli soldiers.

The psychological effect of that calculated violence was to turn marginal Israeli voters who supported Labor's peace and security policies into supporters of Likud and other nationalist parties, whose priorities are security first, then peace.

Clearly, these radical Arabs sought to derail any prospects for peace negotiations by undermining Shimon Peres' peace initiatives, thereby expecting a collision course with Likud.

Now, thanks in part to these Arab interventions, Israel may end up forming a hard-line, right-wing, religious-nationalist government.

It may well be that a strong, stable government under Yitzhak Shamir could well have the power to negotiate some form of peace with Palestinians, much as anti-Communist President Richard Nixon opened negotiations with Red China.

But the over-arching parallel challenge for Israel and world Jewry will be the predominance of ultra-Orthodox parties in the new government.

If wisdom does not prevail, theocratic policies could seriously alienate American and world Jewry, and that, too, could weaken Israel's capacity to make peace with the Arabs.

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Remarks on the 50th Anniversary Celebration Of the Charlotte Jewish Federation

By Marvin Bienstock
 Past Exec. Drtr. CJF

Several years ago, following a mission to Israel, I was privileged to accompany Herman, Anita and Phillip Blumenthal on a trip to Egypt. When we flew north from Abu Simbel to Cairo, I was struck by the view of the Nile River. And, when I was thinking about what to say tonight, that image came back to me.

Judaism is like an endless river. Our communities are established along its banks and nurtured by its waters. As individuals, we ride its current and disembark at a community to plant seeds and, hopefully, to leave behind a legacy

when the time comes for us to move on.

The Charlotte Jewish community has been truly enriched by the river of Judaism. Those who first landed here and in neighboring communities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries brought with them their proud Jewish heritage, traditions and values. The roots they planted grew deep and strong and, by the time they were called to move on, their wonderful legacy was their children. Those of you who are their sons and daughters absorbed your parents' values and commitments. You continued their task of establishing a standard of quality for Jewish life. Your names,

names we honor and pay tribute to this evening, became synonymous with leadership and acceptance of communal responsibility. Fifty years ago, some of you came as new arrivals like the Blumenthals from Savannah and the Speizmans from Pennsylvania and you learned that you were welcome and that you were expected to participate in a temple, to become involved in the organizations, and to help those of our people around the world who needed and deserved your help. You accepted these responsibilities and these standards. In the decades which followed, you joined in passing them along to the balance of you here tonight who arrived from other communities along the endless river — communities in New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Cuba, Europe and so many more.

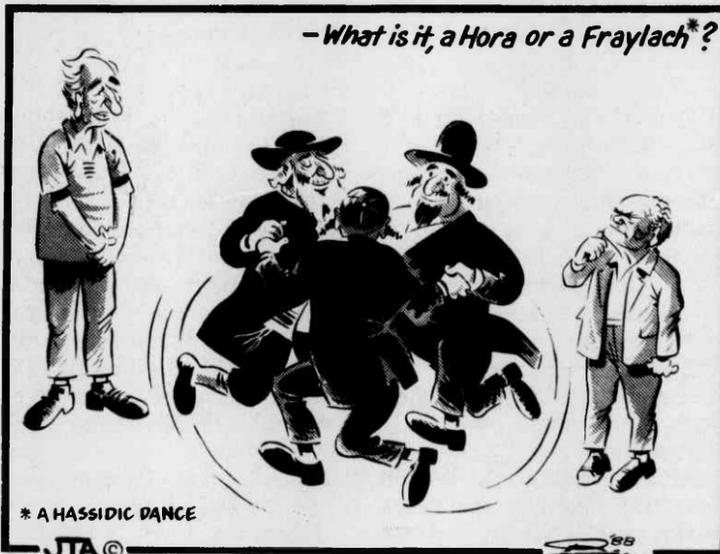
By the time the flowing tide carried me here in 1975, your combination of natives and newcomers had accomplished countless miracles not the least of which was having the 400 members of the Amity Club donate their private swim and tennis facilities to create a Jewish Community Center open to the entire Charlotte community.

Long before the term "long range planning" became the rage in business, as leaders of this Jewish community you were actively anticipating and planning for its future. No sooner was the JCC open and participants filling its classes and programs than you set the dream of Shalom Park in motion and you pursued it until it became a reality.

On the day Shalom Park opened, the next generation, your children, marched from Temple Israel to Temple Beth El V'Shalom to the Park. There they came pouring down the entrance road, a living river of Judaism, bearing with them a lighted torch. And, I saw some of you lift your children so they could light a menorah and symbolically pass that flame on to generations yet to come.

And, come they will — from your children's children and from new sojourners to this community along the river of Judaism's watery way.

A year and a half ago those same waters carried me a short way downstream. I, in turn, carried away with me the lessons and the learning from 12 years of association with you. I left with the sure knowledge that the quality of Jewish life you and I worked so hard to preserve and enhance will flourish. Its roots are firmly embedded and its caretakers, each of you, are dedicated to the task.



Letters to the Editor

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— Hyla S. Lipsky
 President B'nai B'rith Women

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— Rabbi Yoseph Y. Groner
 Director, Lubavitch of N.C.

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