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Editorial Keep in Mind By Dr. Samuel Silver

The truths we must keep in mind during these days of the travail of the State of Israel is that this issue is an American one, as well as a Jewish one.

Barbara Tuchman, the noted writer, put it well when she wrote to the New York Times and said at the big rally in New York City that our nation can neither buy time nor buy honor by surrendering Israel.

As we listen to the talks of the Arabs and their Communist cohorts, we get the impression that they believe they have right on their side.

They don't,

It is wrong to poress people. They do that. It is wrong to strangle a free nation. That's what they are trying to do. America's antipathy to brutalitarianism must prompt her to be as decisive in opposing the Arab leaders as she was in World War II, as she was in Korea, as she was in Vietnam.

Another truth has to do with the Arab refugees. The Arab leaders are lying when they say they are concerned about the refugees. They are not, else they would have done something for them all these years, It was not the Israelis but the Arab leaders who urged the Palestine Arabs to leave in 1948. Those who stayed are the happiest of Arabs, for in Arablands the people are held in degradation, in misery, in ignorance and often in salvery. In Israel they live in prosperity and dignity.

There is much American citizens can do apart from urging Washington to uphold the cause of decency. We must also help Israel financially and morally. Bravo to the Americans who are going over there to do the civilian work that Israeli GIs cannot do now.

And we must write to our President, to our representatives, to our local officials. We must write until the conscience of our nation quickens us into action.

Magen David Adom

By Congressman Emanuel Celler

It is times of crisis such as that in the Middle East which often catapult into the limelight some of the quiet, dedicated services of Israel which have become so much a part of that country's scene that they are taken for granted. One such service is Magen David Adom, the Israel equivalent of our Red Cross, for which America Red Mogen David for Israel acts as supply and support wing.

Most people visiting Israel never see Magen David Adom or, if they spot a gleaming white ambulance disappearing in a cloud of desert dust they may not envisage it as part of great nation-wide service whose history and growth 2 parallel that of modern Israel,

While I refer to Magen David Adom as being akin to our Red Cross, it is in many ways different and more expansive in action. For example, Magen David Adom operates under Knesset authorization as the sole nationwide ambulance and first-aid service for the entire country.

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History Making Shavouth

Life and history are stranger than fiction,

Shavuoth -- which we are to observe coming midweek -- recalls revelation, the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai to a people who had been battling the Egyptians seeking to enslave them further. These past days of crisis we have been reading of Egyptian troops poised at Sinai for an attack on Israel. (They have since attacked.)

Poets and painters and sculptors have vied with each in depicting Moses on Sinai. The whole earth trembled, says the Midrash, Heine visualized Moses as towering over the mountain, huge as it was, And the Sinai epic inspired Michelangelo to carve his masterful Moses, a figure for all time,

The Torah says the Ten Commandments were given the rabbis wondered why it was not written that the Ten Commandments had been received. They answer that people receive the same truth at different times. It takes some a thousand years to grasp a truth which another may comprehend immediately.

Nasser apparently has not yet received the commandment Thou Sahlt Not Steal. Certainly it is stealing to take away from another people the legal right to passage through waterways that connect one part of the world with another. Moreover, it is a violation of the commandment-not to kill, for Nasser's declared purpose is to choke off and kill Israel,

The admiration of the entire world mjst go to Israel as she faces Nasser and his whole coterie of demagogues who are associated with the Arab powers. But American Jews owe Israel much more than admiration, and they will not fail Israel in crisis,

Recently, the Israel Bond Organization announced launching of a special campaign in the month of June aimed at selling \$25,000,000 worth of bonds in aid of Israel's economic development. On announcing the special campaign, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz disclosed that the Government of Israel had "addressed an urgent appeal to us to hold the economic front, to increase the flow of cash, so that the economy will not suffer in this period of crisis."

This is little enought to ask of American Jewry in this year of a history-making Shavuoth.

Shavuoth is the holiday of the giving of the law. The world currently is witnessing a brutal challenge to law in Egypt, where Nasser daily pours venom and threats against the people of Israel. If the truth of Sinai is to be ignored by nations of the world, the mountain may threaten to rise in engulfment of all who would not accept the word,

someone is hurt or ill in Tel Avis or Tel Hai, in Jaffa or Jerusalem, they summon Magen David Adom. And if some organization is going to stage a parade down Allenby Road in TEL Aviv and they want to anticipate any emergency there will be a Magen David Adom ambulance on hand, The same thing at a big soccer game of sports meeting. And at all the bathing beaches in Israel in summer there are bronzed Magen David Adom lifeguards backed up by teams of nurses and specially located ambulances,

Those beaches are well known to Magen David Adom, for trained men and women first-aiders were among the daring Palestinians who welcomed the shipborne 'illegal' immigrants reaching Palestine despite the British naval blockade,

With a network of stations and first-aid posts throughout Israel, Magen David Adom does its utmost to cope with emergency calls, civil defense activities and at the same time meet the needs of expanding cities, rural development and the calls from border settlements in zones where hostile attack takes its toll of Israel life. Playing a major role in this task is the Marcus Memorial Blood Fractionation Plant in Jaffa -- named after Israel War of Independence hero Mickey Marcus.

The plant has become something of a showpiece for foreign experts visiting Israel, as has the new station recently erected in Tel Avis's northern suburb, Ramat Ran. When many of the health and first-aid experts from abroad tour these centers they are most always meeting Magen David Adom for the first time. In a number of instances they have become acquainted with it through emergency shipments sent to their own countries in times of national emergency -- a flood in Holland, an earthquake in Algeria or Greece, an epidemic in Japan, Much of the equipment Magen David Adom uses had been supplied through the generosity of American Jewry -individuals who are members or friends of American Red Mogen David for Israel, chapters of our Women's Division, groups such as the Genies in Los Angeles, the chapters in Chicago and Hartford, and the New American Club in Kansas, The list is limitless but it proves that American Jewry is deeply dedicated to our cause. This is also proved in Israel by the names of American individuals, families, chapters, groups, whole communities on first-aid centers, on ambulances, on special equipment. When next you are in Israel take a closer look at a service that, no matter the outcome of the present crisis, will always be on the alert to cope with any emergency that may arise. Our task is to make sure that it has the tools to do the job.



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not eliminate you from participation.

We never have, and never will be magnanimous with other people's money. So this discourse is nothing more than an appeal to your reason, and like we hinted in last week's column, could be the biggest money-savings favor you could do yourself for the next ten years. We're talking about Israel Bonds,

But before we explain how those of us, most strapped for cash, can wind up with added security in our own futures, we feel it imperative to dwell on related topics which should be called to the attention of both Las Vegans and Jewish leaders all over the world who are readers of the Israelite,

Recently, the Board of Directors of Temple Beth Sholom in Las Vegas, adopted a "Membership Fair Share Dues Plan." It is a method whereby every member "shall assume the moral obligation to determine his annual membership dues by means of his self-evaluation of his ability to contribute."

We cannot cease marveling at the magnificence of this plan connoting the finest tradition of our Jewish heritage, From information we have received, the plan is a good one and has already proven its value to Temples throughout the U.S., according to surveys taken by the United Synagogue of America representing Conservative congregations,

It is fair to assume that on the Boards of Directors of most Temples that adopted the plan, are members of high personal financial status. However, we have no means of determining who, exactly in each particular circumstance promulgated the plan, and what opposition, if any was offered. But we do know of two members of the Las Vegas directorship, without whose support, and probably instigation, the plan would never have been proposed and adopted, Reference is being made to Jack Entratter, president of the Sands Hotel, and Jerry Mack, popularly known as Mr. Bank of Las Vegas,

We mince no words in being certain that every member of the Jewish community of Las Vegas be fully aware that the plan came from and is endorsed by men of means, What greater display of true Judaism could be asserted as an example and a procedure to be followed by all the rest of us at every level of the personal financial scale? If there are any other reasons, apart from financial, which have kept any individual local citizen of our Faith from affiliating with our Temple, events of the past few days in the Middle East should dispel all personal antagonisms

and bring us all together, united as never before. On another subject, related to purchase of Israel Bonds, we direct a suggestion to members of the Men's Club of Temple Beth Sholom,

Recently, this column received a lettr from a member of the Men's Club, asking we be present to vote for him as the club's representative to the Temple's Board of Directors. The letter, a copy and therefore of public information addressed to others as well, disclosed that more than \$50,000 in the Men's Club treasury, raised mainly by Max Goot's auction sale, was a subject of controversy, whether to be turned over to the Temple or be retained by the Men's Club for a specific purpose,

The column has not sufficient information to take a side in this controversy and is fully convinced that any method adopted will be in the best interests of all concerned.

But we do have a suggestion for the large sum of money lying dormant,

We propose that steps be taken immediately by those responsible to invest the large sum in Israel Bonds, Again, we are not being magnanimous with funds over which we have no control, but in view of all the circumstances, what better immediate usage could be put for the cash? We have been advised by the bonds representative in our area. Yale Stewart, there are short, term, special offerings, which may be redeemed after a short period and need not be held for the full ten years before maturity. Now for us little guys, who are so anxious to take a part in the history-making events of the past few weeks, we offer a simple, painless means, Whether you have credit rating at a bank, or not, or even if your assets are mortgaged to the limit, in all probability, you may borrow for the purpose of purchasing an Israel Bond. With a small down payment, depending on the amount of the bond, you may agree to pay it out over a period of time ranging from 12 months to three years. You leave the bond with the bank as security. There's no sweat for anyone concerned. In due course you will find yourself the full owner of the bond, which may be cashed in if necessary. If you require additional information on the purchase of Israel Bonds, the Las Vegas Israelite has forms and applications available, Contact us at 870-1255,

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