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 "One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"  
 BY JACK TELL

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 be fed proper features and trained to obey the printed rules of society. It must be reared with editorial direction to gain respect from readers. If, at maturity, it is considered a member of every family and an integral part of the local scene, to be praised or scolded as the occasion deems fit, then, and only then do you have a newspaper.  
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**Who's a Jew**

The recent Israeli Supreme Court decision that a person can be a Jew by nationality has created a huge furmoll, not only among the Jewish people, but even in other parts of the world where there is intnese interest both in the decisin nd the reaction.

Wherever one looks today, among nations and people, there is an identity crisis. There are ethnic variations. Even within countries which have a common histor, a common land and a common language, people are afflicted with doubt as to their own reality. It was never so with Jews as Jews. They were the one people who had maintained an identity over thousands of years of persecution and dispersion. They now share this problem so indigenous to the time. Apart from the theological concerns, there are practical and political considerations.

In the United States there is an old saying that Supreme Court decisions follow the election results. It would be odd if this political maxim were operative in Israel. And if so, what would it mean? Perhaps that Israel, with its back to the wall, needs friends and needs them wherever they are and whoever they might be. It might be a reflection of the determined stand they are taking in face of Arab Threats. Israel has been the only country in modern times where the Jewish religion and nationhood were synonomous. Now, one can be a Jew without being one.

**Israel in the 70's**

By Jack Siegel

The mood is sombre in Israel as the new decade begins, although you couldn't tell by the throngs on Dizengoff and the movement in the streets of Jerusalem. The Old City is still visited by Israelis and tourists although some other areas once visitable are now tender, if not inflamed. The traffic on the streets and highways are ablaze with Israeli drivers who equal the same reckless abandon and tailgating practiced by those who mis-handle cars in Italy and France. The number of killed from automobile accidents exceeds the number of deaths from military action.

And in this there is a sense of both recognition and resignation. People you talk to about the war, call it either attrition or retaliation, and say it is a continuation of the Jewish tradition. We have been, the say, struggling for two thousand years and we will continue to struggle. The new government has been defined as more hawkish, but examination of its structure shows a reflection of the desire of the people to fight it out. They are proud of the Cherbourg caper but they are prepared to make sacrifices, including their young people. This hardening, or hawkish, attitude (matched by Arab intransigence) is a result of no way out. They do not believe the Arabs will sit down to a negotiating table and they agree with their government that this would be the only way to settle the problem between them and the Arabs. There is a feeling of aloneness among the people (which may have been "eroded" somewhat by the

recent decision of the U.S. government to release some military haedware) - that they will have to stuggler alone and this too makes for an additional defensive-ness. You don't see it on the beaches of Tel Aviv; all you see are people, some jogging, some swimming and some who drive foreigners crazy batting a ball back and forth beginning at seven in the morning. This is all casual evidence of a confidence in their destiny and a desire to live as fully as they can. The movies, although the entrance is surveyed by an old soldier, are well attended. So are the theatres. Police blocks exist on the roads and quick looks are made at pass-engers in cars and busses. Sometimes, vehicles are held up and people stand outside, mostly Arabs. Girl soldiers patrolling the streets of Jerusalem, "in the service of the police," are very pretty buty they take their job seriously. They will stop people and ask for identification cards.

As Israel moves into the seventies, a reading of its attitudes confirms its hop-scoching in political arenas. It is forgoing new relationships both in its own area and father away from the Middle East. These "alliances" have mutual motivations and it is conceivable that in more relaxed times, they might not exist. Some even thrust Israel closer into the spotlight of cirticism. But there is a kind of pragmatism which supercedes ideological or even moral considerations and the current theme of Survival is the key to understanding waht Israel means today.

Yet, the Maan Auditorium was SRO for an Isaac Stern concert and at the end of his performance, even though it was not the finish of the program, people thronged to the footlights to applaud him. Another concert for a musical scholarship fund, advertised for the following week and under the sponsorship of the Prime Minister, had Mr. Stern saying this kind of education was essential because young people should not be brutalized by the war.

Prices have gone up in the past three months. On a walk down Dizengoff, crowds were noticed before a TV store window watching Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, explain the needs of the government. On the way back they were observed watching the Forsyte Saga, with Hebrew subtitles. One man, who brought a chair with him, would tap those who had the chutzpah to get in his way ask them to move. Allenby daytime is thronged with people. The stores flourish with goods and the coffee shops with Danish pastries. Life seems overtly to be relaxed. Yet in the morning papers, there is always a report of a military action. The military achievements are dramatic; The radar hoist, the quick occupation of the island of Schadwan. But in between there is a loss here or there. An announcement of a burial of a young soldier. And that is what stays with the reading tourist, who one was a soldier, that a kid has died in action.

But the people are motivated and there is no doubt about Israel's direction in the Seventies. With peace, it could flourish. And so could its Arab neighbors.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News, has donated another large selection of books from his personal library to the Hebrew University. The books, some in Yiddish and about 200 for children, deal with Jewish history, contemporary American-Jewish problems and ideologies, philosophy, culture, biographies and Bible studies.

**She Died 25 Years Ago**

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

She died 25 years ago. Henrietta Szold was one of the most remarkable woman who ever lived.

Daughter of a Baltimore rabbi, she was a splendid student who ended up being a scholar, versed in literature, history, and Hebrew.

She helped to launch the Jewish Publication Society, the first "book of the month club" in this nation, an organization which still flourished in Philadelphia, providing us with excellent volumes on Jewish life and lore.

Deeply moved by the plight of her people in Palestine, Miss Szold founded, during Purim of 1912, an organization which would devote itself to the health of the residents of the Holy Land.

That organization she called Hadassah, which was the Hebrew name of Purim's heroine, Esther. Just as the original Esther had risked her life for the wellbeing of her people, so the modern Esthers were to make sacrifices on behalf of the Jewish people.

Hadassah grew until it became the leading Jewish women's organization in the world, larger than any male Zionist organization.

Miss Szold never found time to marry. She hardly had time to herself. She became an angel of mercy, virtually commuting between the U.S. and Israel, helping to create the glistening Hadassah Hospital, countless clinics and medical and nursing establishments.

During the Hitler epoch, she persuaded the Hadassah-ites to find monies to bring young victims of Nazism to Israel. This was the famous Youth Aliyah project; aliya means, "goup," the phrase traditionally associated with moving to Eretz Israel.

Miss Szold loved her native United States. She also, of course, loved Israel, where she taught the doctrine of gentleness and considerateness. She yearned to come back more often to these shores, but her work kept her overseas, and she died, in her 80's, in February of 1945, in the Holy Land.

Henrietta Szold was the incarnation of Jewishness at its noblest. Let us honor her memory by honoring the ideals to which she consecrated her remarkable life.

**WHO IS JEW STILL MAJOR ISSUE**

JERUSALEM (WNS)--The controversy over who is a Jew continued to be the major issue in Israel despite a Cabinet attempt to cool off the debate by proposing legislation on the matter to the Knesset. The Government's action came while:

Halacha, Jewish religious law, states that a Jew is someone born of a Jewish mother or converted. Lt. Com. Shalit's wife is not Jewish. He sued to have the children registered as Jewish by nationality after the Government refused to do so.

The registration clerk in Haifa followed the order of the Supreme Court and registered the children of Lt. Commander Benjamin Shalit as Jewish on their indentification paper.

The legislation proposed by the cabinet, which is expected to win eventual approval in the Knesset, amends the Law of Return, governing the admission of immigrants of Israel, rather than the registration law.

The clerk did no despite religious ban issued by Israel's Chief Rabbinate which forbid anyone to sign documents certifying that someone is Jewish when he is not under Jewish religious law.

The proposed law would give the non-Jewish spouses and children of Jewish immigrants the same privileges as Jews but would not register them as Jews.

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