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### Return To Rationality

The double announcement by the Jewish Defense League of an "indefinite moratorium" of harassment of Soviet officials and their families, and the adoption of non-violent methods to protest the plight of Soviet Jewry, is to be welcomed by the American and world Jewish communities.

It removes from the scene those irrational acts which not only harmed the cause of Soviet Jewry, but also strained the relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, to the detriment of world peace.

Whether JDL's return to rationality was caused by mass membership defections and the crackdown of law enforcement agencies or, as JDL claims, the assurance by government and Jewish organization "contacts" that it had made its point, is not too important. What is important is that all Jewish groups are again agreed that non-violent protest is the best means of achieving the desired end.

The desired end being the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to emigrate if they wish to do so or, if they choose to remain, guarantees of the same religious and cultural rights granted to other national groups in the USSR.

Which means that protests must continue. For as Rabbi Meir Kahane, JDL's national chairman, has said, "The issue is still the same. The plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union has not changed."

### Needs of Children

By Robert E. Segal

Ever since May 15, 1967, when the Supreme Court ruled that juvenile court proceedings are criminal trials to be conducted under procedures that meet constitutional standards of due process of law, the older heads among us had a hunch that the rights of American children were going to secure constant vigilance and attention.

The truncated White House Conference On Children, recently concluded, lends testimony to the strength of that truth. From now on, the people who believe in kids and are appalled by financial starvation of our child-serving agencies are going to lobby, lobby, lobby to improve the lot of neglected children. Senator Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Equal Educational Opportunities, sounded the call for Children Power on the eve of the White House conference: "Let this be the first White House Conference ever to focus on creating a legislative strategy for implementing its findings."

Senator Mondale is primarily concerned with

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the 10,000,000 American children in migrant families, the kids of Appalachia, Indian youngsters, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Blacks. These are ground down by poverty in a sea of national affluence. They have language handicaps, suffer from the uprooting characteristic of migrant life, want for medical care, face bleak futures.

They count. So do all the other children of our country.

But it's hard to know whether President Nixon and his strategists who broke with tradition in the way they handled the current White House Conference really grasp how much those young people count.

The Administration's decision to split the Conference into two sections (one for children from infancy to 13 and one for youths from 14 to 25) alarmed many judges, probation officers, social workers, educators, and clergymen who work closely with children. The 1960 Conference was rather open with 7750 participants; the Nixon Conference was limited to 4000 participants, and pre-selection of delegates seemed aimed at warding off a huge rumble in Washington.

The rumble erupted despite all caution along Foggy Bottoms. And out of the rumble came the kind of abrasive result which may make Washington sweat even while it draws needed attention to the welfare of the oncoming generation.

Some 1600 recommendations came out of the White House Conference on Children and Youth held ten years ago. Those recommendations were generated at a time when the black revolution was aborning, when sit-ins shocked the squares, when bias in our immigration policy was shameful. In the decade that followed, the drug problem shook the nation, the demand for hundreds of new day care centers intensified, the structure of family life was severely threatened, child abuse case histories piled ever higher, and the drain of our adventure in Vietnam upon our domestic treasury infuriated a huge sector of our populace.

A few of the 1960 recommendations have been realized. But the persistent demand for the establishment of a top level Office For Child Advocacy --- emanating from the December, 1970, White House Conference---dramatizes unmet needs. People who really care about the young will study all of the 1970 recommendations with dedication. More than that, they will pick up Senator Mondale's challenge to lobby perennially for progressive legislation so that the scandal of hunger and neglect affecting children so frightfully will be ended.

NEW YORK (WNS)--Two Jewish Defense League leaders, Sandor Sternberg, 20, a Brooklyn College student, and a member of JDL's national board and editor of its paper, "Never Again", and David Sommer, 32, a Queens high school teacher and JDL's "director of defense" have been indicted for violations of the Federal Firearms Control Law, U.S. Attorney Whitney North Seymour Jr. announced. Also indicted was a third man, Aaron Blumenthal, 22, of Philadelphia, believed to be in Israel.

Quoth the Maven  
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helpful in provoking my appetite for creativity and self-expression. Just the other day my son gave me a real challenge. He quoth, "Whyn't you express yourself by creating something really different? Like a home-made cake!"

Whenever I tried to discuss my ringing aspirations with my mother, she was singularly sympathetic. "But Bev Dear, let's not talk about it now. Today I'm paying for the phone call."

Even my neighbor was kind. "Of course you should write!" she said. "Anything to keep your hands out of the refrigerator."

But my husband has been the most understanding of all. He truly encouraged me. "Your writing will become immortal," he said. "Like that stuff you wrote for the PTA bulletin."

With such an electrifying show of confidence from the people who mean the most to me, I have overcome previous self-doubts. I have entered the filigreed field of female feature writers.

Sheila Graham and Helen Gurley Brown and Betty Friedan need not worry. Because I promise not to infringe on their territories (gossip, fashion, violence). Maybe.

Instead I vow to write in a new untapped vein. One most editors have overlooked in their journals and esposes -- the story of the lives, the loves, the passions, the frustrations, yes -- the all consuming mishugais of the American Jewish housewife, mother and sex symbol (of which I am a living example).

Somerset Maugham said that people become writers because they always think of the right thing to say -- afterwards.

As "Somerset Mom" I shall strive to be a spokesman for the Smart Supermarket Set, that broad breed which is forced to think and act in terms of trivia, yet expected to influence the destiny of the world.

Who knows? Maybe someday the Jewish housewife-maven will be "in".

### Tiny Titans

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

On either coast America recently lost a tiny titan.

Joseph Horace Cohen, of Boston and Dr. George Piness, of Los Angeles were men small in stature but gigantic in achievements.

I don't know whether they knew one another, but they had much in common. Both were born in Russia about the same time. Both came to these shores and became internationally renowned in their fields; Cohen in the manufacture of foods, primarily gelatin; Dr. Piness in allergy.

Both were not content to rise to the zenith in their respective fields. Both of them became involved in community and cultural matters and reached international conspicuity in their service to humanity.

Both men found that their Jewish heritage spurred them to support the State of Israel. Cohen was active both aiding Technion and Hebrew U. One of the top men in General Foods, Cohen gave Israelis much know how in his domain. Dr. Piness was one of the foremost allergists in this nation and also transmitted some of his knowledge to his opposite numbers in Israel.

And both Cohen and Piness were longtime shul presidents lending their executive know-how to the countless matters involved in congregational leadership.

Cohen was associated with the late, great Joshua Liebman. He brought to Temple Israel of Boston Rabbi Abraham Klausner (now of Yonkers), one of the authentic heroes of the deliverance of the remnants of our people from post-war traumas. Cohen then became an intimate of Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, the great rabbi who is with Temple Israel and who is now president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

In addition to his uncountable involvements in medical and philanthropic endeavors, Dr. Piness was an intimate of the amazing Rabbi Edgar Magnin, of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Only Dr. Magnin could do justice to the achievements of Dr. Piness.

These men represent a type of American Jew, brilliant, noble in service, and consecrated to the advancement of our faith and our nation. Blessed be their memories.