

BLACK ANTI-SEMITISM EXAGGERATED

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Israelis were urged not to exaggerate the problem of black anti-Semitism by an American Jewish leader who is also the national president of the NAACP.

Kivie Kaplan of Boston, a vice-chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said that "at meetings with Israeli leaders last week they made inflated statements regarding black anti-Semitism, the role blacks play in New York and other metropolitan school controversies and in inner city crime." He just returned from Israel where he represented the UAHC as part of the delegation of the President's Conference of American Jewish organizations.

Kaplan, who has been the lay president of the NAACP since 1966, reported to the UAHC Board of Trustees: "The time has come to place this in the proper context. Only a tiny minority of blacks are bearers of the cancer of anti-Semitism. The major reservoirs of anti-Semitism in this country are still white Christians."

He cited a recent study by the ADL which showed that blacks are less anti-Semitic than American white Christians and Jews are less anti-black than Americans generally. The Jewish leader further asserted that "the racial dimensions of both crime and the school problems in the U. S. were being misrepresented and inflated." He believed Israelis were "making a grave error in generalizations regarding blacks, since most blacks are favorable to Jews and Israel, and blacks represent a major public opinion resource for Israel."

Kaplan said that while black anti-Semitism may be growing, so is anti-black prejudice among Jews, and "both of these problems must be addressed and attacked." He felt that most blacks admire "Israel's tremendous record of achievement and help to African nations, but all blacks should not be blamed for the negative action of a small group. Every religious and ethnic grouping has its cancerous cells but that doesn't make the entire body sick."

Kaplan stated that he was proud of Israel's achievement in becoming the "18th country in the international listing of gross national products," observing "that's quite a record for a twenty-five year old country."

The Jewish lay activist has been a frequent visitor to Israel and works on behalf of numerous philanthropic causes. Thirty years ago he assisted in the formation of the American Christian Palestine Committee, headed by his late friend, Dr. Ralph Harlow.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregation represents the congregational body of Reform Judaism consisting of 710 synagogues in the United States and Canada with more than one million members.

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Jordanian leaders and newspapers, meanwhile, accused Arab traders from the West Bank of being "Israeli Agents," following West Bankers' objections to a new Jordanian tax on goods crossing the Jordan from the West Bank. Jordan's Foreign Minister reportedly told a delegation from Nablus they were serving Israeli interests by depositing their earnings in sterling and dinars in West Bank banks where they are converted into Israeli pounds.

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