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## Will Israel Lose Peace?

Israel won the shooting war in the Middle East but will it now lose the peace in the diplomatic battles ahead? Never has Israel been so isolated in the world community. Western European countries have maintained a neutral stand on the Mideast crisis which works to the detriment of Israel. Even such a staunch friend as Holland has declared it is not pro-Israel in the wake of an Arab oil boycott against the Netherlands. African countries, some of whom have had close relationships with Israel since gaining their independence, have been breaking diplomatic relations.

Only the United States has maintained an open pro-Israel stand. But the U.S., despite Premier Golda Meir's denials in Washington, is apparently putting strong pressure on Israel as President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger seek to improve American relations with the Arab countries and neutralize Soviet influence in the region.

The American Jewish community supports Israel in the current crisis. Israel wants secure and borders agreed upon through direct negotiations with its Arab neighbors. It wants a settlement but not one imposed on it by the major powers. It wants its prisoners of war returned. For this Israel might be ready to give up much. But it should not be expected to accept less.

The battle cry in the war for peace could be what Sen. Walter F. Mondale told a meeting of the Synagogue Council of America. "If Israel's war is over, then the battles which Israel's friends must now fight are only beginning."

## Hughes-ful

by Rabbi Samuel Silver

What a contrast between Howard Hughes and Harold Hughes!

Howard's the billionaire who can't stand people.

They say when he cashes a check, the bank bounces.

With all the money in the world he's unhappy, he's wretched. He's miserable. He has lots of wealth but can't enjoy it. He's afraid.

Harold Hughes is that Senator from Iowa who was once an alcoholic.

He proved that man can overcome difficulties. He overcame brilliantly. He became the governor of his state. He became a U. S. Senator.

He was a serious candidate for the presidency.

Now he's announced he's leaving politics. He will devote himself entirely to religion.

Now there are some people who believe that

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religion should have nothing to do with politics. Stay out of politics, many a preacher is cautioned.

Senator Hughes is leaving politics, but he is now with-drawing (Howard-Hughes-like).

He told reporters that he will continue to be involved in political life, but will emphasize how government should be adjudged morally.

Compared to Harold, Howard's a spiritual pauper.

Oddly enough, inside of each of us there's a bit of the spirit of the two Hugheses.

You and I also have an internal yen for lucre and a phobia for people.

It is good to acquire material things like Howard has.

But it is even better to transcend the materialistic and to respond to the Harold within us.

Let no one say that the study of current events is not helpful. I think it's very Hughes-ful.

## Haym Salomon

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Haym Salomon ought to be better remembered.

The Jewish patriot, who not only fought for American Independence but also helped to underwrite it, is too much neglected.

Every city of any size ought to have a Haym Salomon statue or project dedicated to his memory.

Plans for the American bicentennial are apparently floundering.

But whatever others do Jewish organizations ought to start now to agitate for the erection of suitable memorials to this man who was so devoted to the principles of Judaism that he made sacrifices to put this nation, founded on Hebraic principles, on its feet.

And non-Jews should know that Salomon and other Jews contributed much to the establishment of our democracy.

So Bnai Brith chapters and Jewish War Veterans groups and Jewish community councils and synagogal groups, get busy.

Let us honor the memory of a great patriot, and let us make our fellow-Americans aware of the role which Jews played in the fashioning of our republic.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- After some 400 leaders of organizations affiliated with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations met with Israeli Premier Golda Meir here, Presidents Conference chairman Jacob Stein announced that the 31 organizations will immediately undertake a nationwide three-point program to support policies regarding the Middle East as set forth by the United States and the Israeli governments.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Former Chief of Staff Haim Barlev said that an investigation must be conducted, "as painful as it may be," into why Israel was caught by surprise when Egypt and Syria attacked on Yom Kippur.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel is urgently appealing to synagogues in the U. S. and Canada for 1000 Torah scrolls and 5000 sets of tefilin, mainly for Army use for front line synagogues and to replace damaged or captured scrolls.

LONDON (WNS) -- Ethiopia, which broke diplomatic relations with Israel after severe pressure from Arab states, is expected to suffer from the loss of Israeli technical and military advisors.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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was his television speech, after a plea and being found guilty of a crime. Had Agnew admitted even partial blame and thrown himself on the mercy of the people of America, he would have emerged with some honor and dignity left.

Mr. President, we are all human and we are all susceptible of making mistakes. Anyone, like yourself, who becomes enmeshed in unfortunate circumstances, who sincerely and honestly desires to clear his name, must be candid and outspoken in his explanation. If you pursue this course, not like Agnew, you may very well re-capture confidence in enough persons to insure your continuance in office.

After all, the people of America have a tremendous investment in the man we elected in 1970. We need a man of experience, which Nixon is. We need a man who is a determined fighter, and no one will deny Nixon this attribute. We need a man who will create an entente with foreign nations, which Nixon has accomplished as never before in history. And finally, we need a man with the courage of his convictions, and Nixon is all of that.

There is something about America that is unique in the annals of countries. We have an imaginary pendulum that swings back and forth. It is a leveler that corrects any and all misgivings, foreign or domestic. We manage to come out of any crisis that hits us.

This too shall pass.

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