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## CJ7 Meets Jewish Needs

The 42nd annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which met in New Orleans last week-end once again demonstrated the ability of the Jewish communities of the United States and Canada to meet the needs of the Jewish people at home and abroad,

The nearly 3000 North American Jewish communal leaders who attended the four-day conference concentrated of course on the most urgent need of the moment -- ensuring that the human needs of Israel are provided for as the Jewish State attempts to recover from the heavy economic burden of the Yom Kippur War. The Assembly was not the beginning of this effort, Since the Egyptian and Syrian attack on Israel on Oct. 6, CJF leaders have been working night and day to alert their communities to the problems and to raising as quickly as possible the goal of \$900 million for 1974, \$750 million for Israel and \$150 million for local and domestic

"The challenge and trials of recent days are imprinted on each of us," CJF president Raymond Epstein said, "We are responding to it with the utmost commitment and generosity.

The CIF is not neglecting Jewish communal life in North America. It made plans for major national and local services on health, welfare, culture, education and community relations, It discussed ways of providing Jewish education for the young, of bringing young Jews into Jewish communal life, of helping the aged, and of making Jewish communal life more attractive and vigorous.

Federations, Welfare Funds and Community Councils in some 800 North American communities are represented in the CJF. The delegates to the assembly returned home dedicated to carrying out the responsibilities outlined in New Orleans. It is now up to each of us not only to contribute money but to also play an active part in our own Jewish community.

# The Day War Began

by JOSEPH HARMATZ (DIRECTOR, ORT-Israel)

Like everyone else, I was in my synagogue at Kfar Shmariahu, "For Kol Nidre," discoursed "they all come, all who have a the Rabbi, Jewish heart. It is a prayer which unites all the Jews, wherever they are, be it in the States, Russia, France, Morocco, Persia or Latin Jews come because on this day, every Jew identifies himself with his Jewishness -- with no religious or atheistic calcula-

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### PHOENIX HEBREW DIRECTOR IN VEGAS FOR TALKS ON ALBERT EINSTEIN DAY SCHOOL

director of the Phoenix of Nevada. Hebrew Academy, will Las visit conduct Sabbath services at 11:30 A.M. at Albert Einstein Hebrew Day School on 4201 West Washington A venue.

Rabbi Rebibo, who is the Hebrew Day School the Hebrew Studies consultant for the Einstein School, will hold staff and teacher meetings his three-day stay in Las Vegas, and Plotkin, the director of stein School interested 8:00 P.M.

On Friday, November in the future of Hebrew 16, Rabbi David Rebibo, Day Schools in the State

> The Albert Einstein Vegas to Hebrew Day School is the first school of its kind in the history of Nevada. It offers quality secular and religious education, and is fully licensed by the State Department of Educa-

cocktail party A honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Rebebo will be held at the home of Mrs. Diana will meet with parents the School, on Saturday and friends of the Ein- night, November 17, at

tions, without calculations as to whether it is necessary, good or worthwhile to come; he just comes, and as long as there beats in him a Jewish heart, there is still hope, and the prayer which comes from the heart--will be

"A festive atmosphere prevails, everyone is dressed up, the synagogue is over-crowded. We have a new Hazan, young, surrounded by a choir of old and young -- my younger son among them. All with their prayer shawls and white kipa. Something is in the air on this Kol Nidre evening. Something fresh and clear, pure and transparent, as though man had attained spheres he never reaches on any other day of the year.

"It was decreed," continued the Rabbi, "that every year we express our sorrow for the sacrifices we had to make, and the disasters we had to face. Two years ago it was the War of Attrition, a year ago, the victims at the Olympic Games in Munich. This year we have Krieski and restriction on Russian Immigration.

The Rabbi did not know yet what was in store for us the next day. The congregation came early in the morning, the synagogue was full during Yiskor -- of our generation, each has someone to remember. By noon, synagogue began to empty. Every now and then, someone looked in, went up to one or the other and invited him out. Suddenly the Hazan too was no longer there.

At 2:15 we heard that the fighting had started. At 2:30 I called my associate, Mr. Nick, and inquired if he already knew. Yes, he did, but he had not called so as not to disturb. At 3:30 I had a call from Col. Zvi Oren, ORT Deputy Director and my colleague in the emergency manpower operation. He had been called Ten minutes later, so was 1.

Before changing clothes and parting from my wife and younger son (the older was in the army anyway), I phoned Michael Avitzour, ORT Associate Director, to inform him of my recruitment, and asked him to contact that evening as many school principals as he could reach and inform them that when schools opened the next morning they were to institute emergency regulations and the students of the higher grades were to be ready to assist in the defense network, vital industries and any other services they would be called to, to replace those who left for the front.

Each one of us is assigned to one job or another in time of war. In my assignment I am responsible for the allocation and direction of skilled manpower in military industries and vital civil industries serving the war effort.

At my new headquarters, requests for manpower for vital enterprises are received. We drafted hundreds of electricity students from our ORT schools in Ashkelon, Natanya, Rehovot, Herzliah and the religious school in Perah Tiqva for the Israel Electrical Corporation. Hundreds more were mobilized for the aircraft industries from the Syngalowski and Givatayim ORT Technical Schools and many more for the defense industries. Girls from our schools in Ramat Gan and Bnei Brac went to help in hospitals where wounded started to arrive, or foodstuff factories to replace mobilized workers or Arab manpower which did not turn up because of the war.

It seemed strange; as though you cut your-

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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energy crisis, with talk of gas rationing and 40 cents a gallon tax, others are intent on using more meaningful measures to keep the oil flowing.

Legislation has been introduced in the Senate which would require the President to prohibit the export of agricultural grain "to any nation reducing, for political purposes, the quantity of oil normally exported to the U.S. or nationalizing any U.S. properties.'

A resolution in the House of Representatives asks that the President "should curtail exports of goods, material and technology to any nation that restricts the flow of oil to the U.S. proportionate to the restriction of oil."

So, while it is hardly likely the U.S. will retaliate as long as Americans can sustain the energy crisis, matters could change if the Arabs press us too far.

It's a cinch that Americans will not tolerate too long a state of freezing, darkening or curtailment of necessities. We just hope the Arabs do not mistake kindness, toleration and understanding for weakness or stupidity.

Nuff said.

self off from ORT, you are called up, seemingly to another world. But no, you feel ORT at every step. When you direct assistance to factories, or send a skilled worker to one of the various enterprises, and even when you listen to the news from the Syrian Front, when you hear about the army defending itself and advancing, the signalman whose voice comes clearly through from the bunker on the Suez Canal, surrounded as he is by Egyptian tanks, on all sides. You go into the street and there above you our air force flies past and you think of its pilots and the ground crews who maintain the air supremacy which ensures civilian lives in towns and settlements -- in all this, there is ORT, part of the nation and the nation is part

God only knows how, but that night, after it all began, or was it in the early hours of the next morning, Max Braude, ORT Director General, reached me over the phone from Geneva. This was the first link which symbolized ORT's identification and that of the Jewish world with us.

May Almighty God help them overcome the enemy and win this difficult struggle,

This is our prayer -- the prayer that was interrupted on Yom Kippur.

## Ben Swig at 80

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER You wouldn't believe Ben Swig is 80.

He's a vibrant person who belies that age, He has a number of decades in his biography, but he's not decadent.

Benjamin Swig is an ornament of American philanthropy.

The owner of the famed Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco, Mr. Swig has given of his resources and resourcefulness to more good causes than most Americans.

It would require this entire newspaper to list the recipients of his largesse. Some are the Salvation Army, the battles against cancer and asthma, the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, Brandeis University, Technion, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, United World Federalists, Synagogue Council, Dropsie College, Hebrew day schools, Synagogue Council America, Catholic Youth Organization, Hebrew Free Loan Association, Etc.

A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Swig now resides on the West Coast, where a camp is named after him thanks to a gift he made to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He has been kind to the Conservative movement too, and he belongs to a cluster of synagogues, of all religious stripes.

As a guess the name Swig derives from the word, zweig, which means a branch. Mr. Swig is indeed a branch of that Jewish tradition that a man must be a blessing to society. Happy birthday, Mr. Swig.