

# Birthday

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Up in Syracuse, N. Y., where the snow falls in November and lies there until April, the city is currently observing a significant birthday of a significant citizen.

He is Rabbi Benjamin Friedman, born just eighty years ago.

Dr. Friedman is a Reform rabbi whose Hebrew is as fluent as that of any Israeli scholar.

Dr. Friedman was a member of the Herzl Zion Club, an East Side New York group of young people assembled by the father of the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

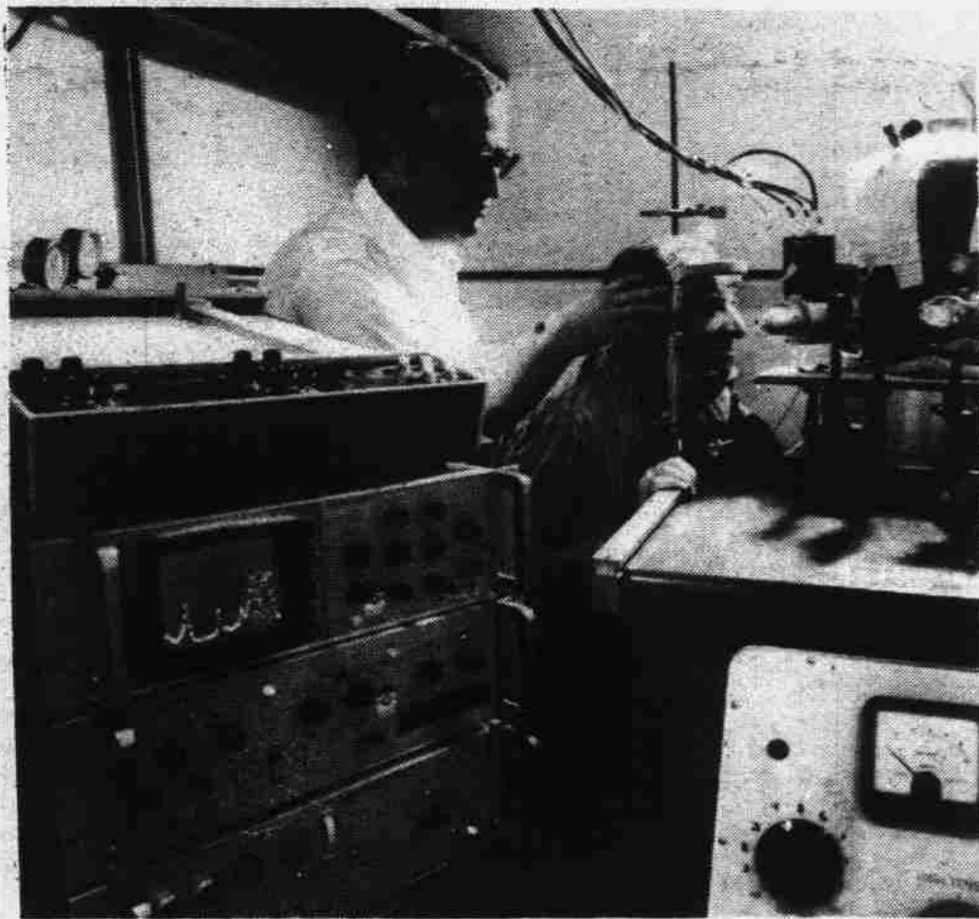
The Herzl Club engendered more culture and more Zionism in American Jewry than any other nucleus.

Some of your foremost educators and Zionists sprang from this remarkable cabal.

Rabbi Friedman has brought inspiration and information and joy to two generations of Syracusans as spiritual guide of Temple Society of Concord, where he is now emeritus rabbi but still sharing many services with his successor, Rabbi Theodore Levy.

A Jewish ecumaniac, Rabbi Friedman stepped into the pulpit of a Conservative synagogue in Syracuse when the congregation was temporarily rabbi-less.

Energetic and creative, full of good cheer and bubbling with wit, Rabbi Friedman represents Jewish learning and devotion to humanity at their noblest. Happy birthday, Dr. Friedman!



IN THE RACAH INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, PROF. ARYEH WEINREB (RIGHT), HEAD OF THE MEDICAL PHYSICS TEAM, AND DR. MICHAEL BELKIN, OF HADASSAH'S OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPARTMENT ARE SEEN WORKING ON THE NEW X-RAY TEST WHICH CAN IDENTIFY COPPER IN THE EYE. THE COPPER BODY IN THE EYE EMITS A CHARACTERISTIC X-RAY FLUORESCENCE WHICH IS PLOTTED ON THE GRAPH SEEN IN THE INSTRUMENT IN THE FOREGROUND OF THE PICTURE.

## UNESCO WITHHOLDS AID TO ISRAEL

PARIS (WNS) -- The UNESCO Commission for Social Sciences, Humanities and Culture voted 54-21 with 25 absentions to "withhold assistance from Israel in the fields of education, science and culture."

The vote is a recommendation to the UNESCO general conference which is expected to approve it.

Israeli sources said the vote was "very serious" but Israel will not withdraw from other UNESCO activities. Israel contributes \$220,000 to UNESCO and receives about \$20,000.

The United States delegation said that adoption of the resolution is a "tragic step" which will not serve to protect the holy places in Jerusalem but would strike at UNESCO.

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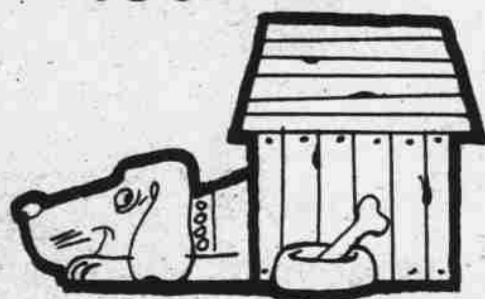
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The J/M-V provision is identical with the measure approved 11 months ago by the House of Representatives which adopted it 319-80, a 4-1 margin. The Senate is not expected to vote on the Trade Bill until after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger appears before it December 3 to respond to questions on his letter to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) in which he gave Soviet assurances that it would no longer prevent Soviet Jews from emigrating.

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