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"Who's threatening who?" is the question posed by a powerfully dramatic new greeting card produced by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and designed for mass distribution throughout the United States.

"The card shows the massive land area of the Arab League which surrounds tiny Israel and clearly demonstrates the absurdity of the charge that Israel threatens the Arab world," said Harvey B. Schechter, ADL's Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest.

Designed for mailing to the Christian Community, public officials, members of

the clergy, etc., these cards can also be used as a simple note card for short messages and as a stuffer with letters sent by individuals, corporations, etc.

They are available at the nominal cost of five cents (5¢) per card or \$3.00 per 100, plus postage, at the ADL office, 590 No. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, 90004. (Tel. 662-8151)

"ADL is planning a nationwide distribution of millions of these cards, and we in Southern California want to do our fair share of this important work," concluded Mr. Schechter.

Middle East Memo

(From Pres. of Amer. Jewish Org.)

The announcement that President Ford will meet the leaders of Egypt and Israel next month is further indication that reports of the death of America's peace initiative in the Middle East are highly exaggerated. Moreover, the suspension of Secretary Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy has apparently not driven Egypt into the hands of the "radicals" of the Arab world, as the Secretary had feared. Instead of moving closer to the hard-line Arab "confrontation" states (which rule out all talks with Israel), President Sadat announced he will open the Suez Canal to international traffic and even left open the question of Israeli cargoes moving through the Canal.

True, President Sadat had promised to permit passage of Israeli cargoes as part of the private assurances he gave Dr. Kissinger at the time of the first disengagement agreement last year. Unfortunately, however, we seem to be entering an age in which private assurances are not worth the paper they are not printed on.

There are lessons here in terms of the "reassessment" of American Middle East policy now taking place in Washington. First, President Sadat does not appear ready to embrace either the Arab radicals or the Soviets whom he has just criticized for their insistence on being paid for the arms they sold to Egypt. Next, American government aid, American investment and American technology remain essential for Egypt, thus, American diplomacy continues to play the leading role in the Middle East.

And, finally, large-scale U.S. aid to Israel will not alienate the Arab world from the U.S. This lesson was amply demonstrated in 1973, when the U.S. provided Israel with huge amounts of war material to fight the Yom Kippur War -- a fact that did not prevent the Arab states from resuming diplomatic relations with the U.S. shortly thereafter. Indeed, the more the U.S. helps Israel, the greater our country's leverage on the Arabs. It is only when the U.S. announces a reassessment of its Middle East policy that the Arab states are encouraged in their intransigence and refusal to move toward peace.

Mel Exber, President of Temple Beth Sholom, announced that Mr. Jacques Torczyner, former President of the Zionist Organization of America and currently Chairman of its Administrative Board, will be guest speaker during Services this Friday evening, May 16, 1975. Services are held in the main Sanctuary and begin promptly at 8:30 P.M.



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Rabbi Philip Shnairson will conduct and officiate at the Services and Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the Liturgy, accompanied by the Temple Adult Choir with Anthony Thomas conducting. Martha Olson will be at the organ.

Torczyner has been a leader in the Zionist movement for over thirty years. He is a founder and organizer of the American - Israel Chamber of Commerce of which he is now a Vice President. He is also a founding member of the Board of Governors of the State of Israel Bonds, a member of

of the World Jewish Congress, and is a member of the National Advisory Board of the American Jewish Historical Society. Torczyner is recognized as a leading lecturer on problems connected with Zionist ideology as well as problems of the American Jewish Committee.

Exber stated that interested persons in the community are cordially invited to attend. Sisterhood will host the congregation to Oneg Shabbat refreshments in the Entratter Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of Services.

Neither logic nor geopolitics justifies any connection between the level of aid our country furnishes Israel and the posture Israel adopts in its negotiations with the nations that have made war on her four times in 25 years. Jerusalem merits largescale U.S. support not only because the only democracy in the Middle East needs it but because American interests require it. Can anyone imagine what the American position in the Middle East would be today if the Arab states had succeeded in over-running Israel during the Yom Kippur War? It was the courage and sacrifice of Israel's soldiers, using American arms bravely and brilliantly, that saved Israel from annihilation -- and preserved America's position in the Middle East. That is why Israel needs massive U.S. aid: to deter Arab attack, or, if it comes, to repel it -- and, in defending its independence, to protect as well the vital interests of the United States.

NEW YORK -- The 89th academic year of The Jewish Tehological Seminary of America closed on May 11, with the conferring of 124 degrees in course.

LONDON (WNS) -- Should a new war break out in the Middle East, new, highly sophisticated weapons developed in the United States and the Soviet Union would be used by both sides, according to a study by the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

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By Rabbi Samuel Silver

As we head toward the Bicentennial, we will become more conscious than ever of a cluster of historians who will bring us more and more data about the important roles of Jews and Judaism in the growth of our nation.

Most of the experts in American Jewish history are rabbis. Dr. Jacob Marcus is one of the deans of this group; he and Rabbi Stanley Chyet are in charge of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati. Up at Brandeis U. we have the American Jewish Historical Society, long headed by Rabbi Isidore Meyer and graced by the leadership of Rabbis Abraham Karp, Rabbi Abram Vossen Goodman, and Rabbi Bertram Korn, and others.

In this stanza I'd like to focus on Rabbi Malcolm Stern, a native of Philadelphia, a chaplain in World War II and once congregational rabbi in Norfolk, Va.

Rabbi Stern is amazing. His 9 to 5 job is to place reform rabbis in pulpits. He does this for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and does it exceedingly well. Interestingly, many Conservative synagogues are asking for Reform rabbis.

But Dr. Stern finds time for other labors. An able liturgist, he did much of the creative work in the production of a prayerbook-songster for young people.

The most astounding opus by Rabbi Stern is a fat book which actually contains the family trees of every single Jewish family in this land before 1840. This gigantic work, "Americans of Jewish Descent: A Compendium of Genealogy" is now appearing in a revised, enlarged version. It is such a remarkable accomplishment that the entire Reform rabbinate is to offer a salute to Rabbi Stern at the annual convention of the Central Conference in June.

Dr. Stern says he could never have completed the gargantuan task without the aid of his wife, Louise. They are not only chronicling history; they are making it. We are all their debtors.

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