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## Israel's 28th Anniversary

Israel will celebrate the 28th anniversary of its independence (Yom Haatzmaut) on May 5 with pride in the accomplishments of the Jewish State and apprehension over its future. Both the joys and fears are shared by Jewish communities throughout the world.

While thankfully there has been no war, this last year has shown that the chances for a permanent Middle East peace are still a long way off. Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people came under an unprecedented attack in the United Nations and other international forums. Israel's relations with the United States, the only country it can rely on, has come under some severe strain. At home, Israel has still not solved the problems of its sagging economy, the socio-economic gap and the question of the Palestinians, as well as Israeli Arabs.

Israelis endure a crushing tax burden coupled with ever-rising prices. And all Israelis mourn those who have died defending the country. In Israel, Yom Haatzmaut comes the day after the Memorial Day for those who fell in battle.

Despite this, Israel has survived four wars against overwhelming odds. The country may differ over how to solve its problems but it is united on essentials. Despite its economic problems Israel continues to hold the door open for Jews from everywhere and aliya is still one of the major priorities of the Jewish State.

Perhaps most important of all, Jews throughout the world are not only willing to help Israel but feel they share a common destiny with the Israelis.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin may have best explained it in his Independence Day message when he said Israel's independence "draws a line between past survival by chance and future existence by self-will; of being helplessly controlled by events and of controlling events by our own choice, means and purpose."

While we celebrate Israel's independence we should not forget those Jews in the Arab countries and the Soviet Union who are not free. It is fitting that "Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry" comes three days before Yom Haatzmaut. Jews across the country will be showing their support for Soviet Jewry. The biggest event is the annual massive march down New York's Fifth Avenue.

"Solidarity Sunday" shows the Jews in the USSR that they are not forgotten and our efforts will continue until those who wish to emigrate to Israel can enjoy Israel's Independence Day in freedom.

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## Behind The Scenes At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ  
A World-Union Press Feature

### Noted Son's Tribute to Distinguished Father

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Dr. Isaac Lewin, a well-known figure here at the UN as an accredited representative of the Agudath Israel World Organization to the Economic and Social Council and a scholar - author of note specializing in human rights, has paid high tribute to his late father, the renowned rabbi Aaron Lewin, who as a champion of Israel's rebirth and Torah-truths became one of the victims of the six million.

In his latest book, entitled "Unto the Mountains," recently released by the Hebrew Publishing Company, Dr. Lewin resurrects three of the founders of Agudath Israel, his father being one of them.

In his Preface, Dr. Lewin, keenly attuned to the multiple troubles facing mankind today, notes that "we live in times probably unprecedented and unparalleled in their impact on history. Worlds have perished before our eyes; worlds have been born. Sometimes we today witness more in one day than did entire epochs in the past. In such times, we seek guidance from the spiritual leaders of the generation, the 'Cedars of Lebanon' amidst the forest of confusion."

He then reminds us that "our generation was blessed with such guidance. Three leaders of the Agudath Israel World Organization, Jacob Rosenheim, Rabbi Itzhak Meir Levin of Warsaw (later in Jerusalem) and Rabbi Aaron Lewin of Rzeszow, stood at the helm of World Orthodoxy during the first half of the present century and served the Jewish people admirably."

Devoting a special essay to each of the three, Dr. Lewin paints a vivid and detailed picture of the valiant role each of the three Agudath Israel leaders played prior to the birth of Israel in keeping the flame of Judaism and the hope of a resurrected Israel alive among the Jewish communities before - and during the two world wars.

The Agudath Israel was founded in Kattowitz, Poland, in the year 1912, and its first 'Knessiah Gedolah' or World Congress was held in Vienna in 1923, the second in 1929, and the third in 1937. In all of these conventions, Dr. Lewin discloses, his father took an active if not the dominant part in stressing the needs of the times in counteracting the incessant attacks on world Jewry.

### Guide

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

Israel is the answer to a tourist's dream. There is so much sightseeing in Israel that

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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will be of special benefit to the Arab population with new employment opportunities and services. This had added importance because of the overall trend towards mechanization and modernization.

Finally, not one acre of Arab-owned land has been appropriated since 1965, and much of the land appropriated more than 15 years ago has been returned to former Arab owners.

So what happened?

The Rakah Communist Party in Israel, with four seats in the Knesset provoked a strike by Israeli Arabs to oppose the proposed expropriation of Arab lands. The Commys charged it was a plot to rob the Arabs. There were clashes and for the first time since 1948 Arab citizens attacked security forces. Shots were exchanged and some Arabs were killed, when Israeli soldiers' lives were endangered.

This means a whole new ball game between Israeli Jew and Israeli Arab. On the surface, since the establishment of the country 28 years ago, there has been quiet understanding. Many firm friendships had developed.

The action of the Israeli Arabs, howsoever provoked, came as a deep shock to the majority of Jews in Israel. The relative economic standards of Israeli Arabs had created an illusion of togetherness which has gone up in smoke. Israel's Arab citizens are no longer to be considered immune to Israel's relations with the Arab states.

Where does Israel go from here?

Some want a tough policy against Arab nationalist pressures. Some want the Communists banned. Most favor encouraging the loyal Arab majority and throw the full weight of the law against a hostile minority.

And the Israeli Arabs, especially the young intellectuals, who are graduating in increasing numbers from Israeli universities, should have more government posts open for them in every area except defense. The Arabs have to be integrated more at every level.

If the Arabs choose to cooperate, the problem will be solved. If not, according to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, it is "a black day for Jewish-Arab relations."

most travelers come back ecstatic.

Interestingly enough, many a visitor to Israel, asked what impressed him most, will respond: "Our guide."

The Israeli guide, moreh derech in Hebrew, is one of humanity's most fascinating specimens.

Unlike guides in other countries, your Israeli moreh derech is witty and knowledgeable. He or she is an expert in theology, geology, agriculture, science, commerce, history, etc. Indeed, an ordained rabbi, Walter Zanger, has become a guide because he feels that as such he can impart more knowledge than in a pulpit.

In Minneapolis a "love affair" between a guide and a church group, which began in 1974, resulted in an event which has thrilled hundreds of people.

As reported by Crystal Loudonback in the American Jewish World, a group from a church known as Soul's Harbor became intrigued by their guide and also by their bus driver.

Many American tourists say to their guides, "You must come to the U.S." But nothing happens.

But in Minneapolis something big happened. After several tours of the Holy Land, members of the church, led by Rev. Gordon Peterson, chipped in and brought to Minneapolis their guide, Uzi Vered, and his wife, and the bus driver, Sam Gross, and his wife, for a gala reunion.

In the paper you have photos of the smiling Vereds and the Grosses and beaming church members.

The lovefest will continue in Israel where the Jewish National Fund will plant trees in the American Bicentennial Park in honor of the church.

And Rev. Ralph Brostrom, the church's other pastor, is whipping up another tour of Israel. No wonder an American tourist once exclaimed in Israel, "In guide we trust!"