

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- In a complete turnabout of policy, Nigeria has declared that it will seek to erase references to "Zionism as a form of racism" from all international resolutions in which it takes part.

NEW YORK -- An official task force of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues has proposed a glossary substituting non-sexist language for masculine terms presently used in the prayerbooks and liturgy of Reform Jewish congregations.

NEW YORK -- "The Lifetime of a Jew" by Hayyim Schauss, the entire gamut of Jewish history, has just been published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in paperback, and retails at \$4.95.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee has responded to the plight of its long-time civil rights ally, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, by supplying more than \$20,000 in gifts and loans toward the bond the NAACP must post in Mississippi to contest a court decision there.

WANAMASSA, NEW JERSEY -- The Three H Corporation announced that production and export shipment from Israel of industrial gases have begun in a newly built factory in Carmiel, a development area near Haifa.

HAIFA, ISRAEL -- Professor Neal Rothman, a mathematician from the University of Illinois, is the first occupant of the Sidney Wolberg Chair at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel has disclosed that Israeli and Syrian officers have met at the demarcation line on the Golan Heights to discuss procedures for allowing Druze families on both sides of the line to meet. The reunions, the first since the Six Day War, took place under United Nations supervision.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Likud leader Gen. Ariel Sharon said he was "very much impressed" with Jimmy Carter after he and Israeli author - journalist Uri Dan met with the Democratic Presidential candidate.

WAYNE, N. J. (WNS) -- It is the responsibility of the whole world, not just Jews, to support Israel's freedom, Rev. Malcolm Boyd, an Episcopal clergyman, told more than 2000 persons attending a solidarity with Israel rally.

NEW YORK -- Different approaches to serving the needs of the aged will be discussed at a Consultation on Jewish Older adults to be held at the Sheraton La Guardia Hotel, Queens, New York, on October 19, 20 and 21 sponsored by JWB.

RAMAT-GAN, ISRAEL -- After a one-year trial period, registration has already tripled for a unique program in Israel, initiated by Bar - Ilan University, to enable overseas mid-term high school graduates to start their studies in Israel immediately without losing a half year or more of university studies.

WASHINGTON -- Declaring that Jewish life must "cope with the reality" that political freedoms are becoming "a shrinking minority" throughout the world, David M. Blumberg, re-elected president of B'nai B'rith called for "stubborn Jewish resistance" to safeguard Jewish communal rights.

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith gave practical evidence of the expansions in its programs and activities with the dedication of a \$2.5 - million wing that doubled the size of its eight-story headquarters here.

NEW YORK -- September 15 - On the eve of the Jewish New Year, the American Sephardi Federation is calling upon Americans of Sephardi origin who live in areas with no Sephardi communal structure to identify themselves by calling or writing the A.S.F., so that they may receive news and information of Sephardi interest. The American Sephardi Federation is located at 515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Tel: (212) 752-7328.

CARTER EXCLUSIVE

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big states into the Republican column.

Four years ago Richard Nixon cut into the huge majority that Jews have given the Democratic presidential nominee for more than a generation. One out of three Jewish voters cast ballots for Nixon, twice as many as had voted for him in 1968.

(President Ford -- in a recent interview-- told me that he can do at least as well as Nixon. But Jimmy Carter doesn't agree.)

Wearing blue jeans and a sport shirt, his feet slung over the arm of his living room chair, Carter explained why he thought the great majority of American Jews would be in his corner on Election Day.

"Jews traditionally have been concerned with the issues around which my campaign is built -- the concept of social justice, a concern for human needs, a recognition of the proper role of government in helping meet social problems and a deep sense of respect for the dignity of the human being, made as he is in the image of God."

Carter's reference to the Almighty led to my next question: Isn't there a certain uneasiness on the part of some American Jews about your frequent references to the fact that you regard yourself as a "Born-again" Christian?

Carter's eyes grew serious, and the laughter around his mouth disappeared, to be replaced by an earnestness of expression that struck me as both candid and thoughtful.

"I don't detect any such uneasiness," he replied. "I believe most Americans regard religion as an intensely personal matter -- as I do."

"A man's faith lies in his relationship with his Maker. And a believing man respects all religions. There is nothing political about it. I believe American Jews, being part of a religious community can understand and respect a political figure who is neither afraid nor embarrassed to say he believes in God."

Jimmy Carter's demeanor became even more serious. He sounded the way he had earlier that day in conducting his regular Sunday School class at Plains Baptist Church.

"If we are all God's creatures -- as I believe we are -- then we have responsibility to respect and love each other, even if we are of different races, ethnic origin, or religious identification."

"In my experience, Jews understand this better than anyone, because they have been persecuted over the centuries for being 'different' from the majority. So, I am optimistic that Jewish voters will identify with a candidate who is bound to a faith based on love of one's fellow man and respect for his personal beliefs."

What about Jimmy Carter's poor showing with Jewish voters in the primaries?

"My opponents were all men who had compiled outstanding records on issues of special concern to Jews or who came from states with large Jewish populations," Carter said.

He added: "Hubert Humphrey had long been regarded as a man of compassion for concerns and issues which Jews particularly care about. Henry Jackson had been in the forefront of the struggle against a reluctant Nixon-Ford Administration to strengthen the cause of Israel and Jews in the U.S.S.R. Jerry Brown had been elected the governor of a state with a very large Jewish population."

Carter also pointed out that these were men whom Jewish voters knew; whereas he was a relative newcomer, coming from a state with a

small Jewish population (although it is active for Jewish causes).

"I think it was only natural for Jewish voters to identify with candidates whom they had known and who had outstanding voting records on issues of concern to Jews," he said. "I am most gratified that my positions on both domestic and international issues have been so well received since my campaign began. And I believe this will be reflected in the balloting on Election Day."

That is not to say that Jimmy Carter believes there is such a thing as a Jewish 'bloc' vote.

"I don't think there is," he observed. "No-body can tell Jews whom to vote for, or how to vote. Each person makes up his own mind. But our party platform is one that Jewish voters can rally around. And my own stance on the important issues of our day has already evoked a most gratifying response."

The famous Carter smile returned as the candidate continued. "There is a deep belief among Jews in the importance of education, in the integrity of the family, the closeness of parents to children, the responsibility we owe one another in our own families and in the human family," he said.... "and there is Israel, the Jewish homeland, an object of prayer and yearning and hope and struggle among the Jewish people for nearly 2,000 years...."

Carter noted that these beliefs are shared by Democrats and that's why Jews have strongly identified with the Democratic party and have heavily voted for Democratic candidates.

"On a personal level," Carter continued, "these are concerns that have been part of my life. They are not issues that suddenly become important because I'm running for President."

Carter expressed a deep respect for the contributions of Jews to American cultural, professional and educational life.

"Whether it be for mental health, for voter registration, for any good or worthy cause," he said, "my experience has been that Jews respond generously with their time, their energy and their money."

He explains the phenomenon this way: "The blessings of liberty, to which our Founding Fathers referred, are very real to a people who have been persecuted for so much of their history, and that little more than 30 years ago suffered the terrible loss of six million of their brothers and sisters."

How Jews will respond to Jimmy Carter's campaigning will not be known until November 2nd. But as of today, he is confident that he will do well.

He indicated that most American Jews will come to the conclusion that a Southern Baptist named Carter can be as trustworthy in 1976 as a Roman Catholic named John Kennedy was in 1960.

NEW YORK -- In letters sent to President Ford and Jimmy Carter, Esther R. Landa, National President of the National Council of Jewish Women, urged support of the 1973 Supreme Court decision which held that state laws prohibiting abortion are unconstitutional invasions of a woman's right to privacy under the Fourteenth Amendment and the Ninth.

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