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## Women's Role

The changing lifestyles in the United States have caused increasing concern about the future of the Jewish family, the key to Jewish survival. The new role of women is especially important because the Jewish woman and mother has always been the central figure for ensuring Jewish education, values and communal identity.

The important strides achieved by women since the advent of the women's liberation movement have been all to the good. There are very few who do not welcome the fact that new careers are open to women, that pay scales are being equalized and that the barriers against job advancement are coming down.

But some elements of the liberation movement have sought to create an atmosphere where the women's role as a housewife and mother has been denigrated. Hadassah, the world's largest women's organization addressed itself to this at its recent convention in New York.

The convention adopted a resolution affirming Hadassah's "deep conviction that the Jewish family is the keystone of Jewish survival and of community viability" and a "living experience in which the Jewish woman and mother serves as a central model for and conduit of religious values, education, identity and community." Hadassah stressed that while "no doors should be closed to qualified individuals of either sex" it must be made clear that "this new fact need not and must not in any way denigrate the traditional role of the Jewish woman as wife, mother, volunteer and educator."

Margaret Costanza, President Carter's Assistant for Public Liason, put it even more clearly when she told the delegates to the Hadassah convention to apply women's rights to themselves as individuals. "Don't ever be ashamed of ever having made the choice of being married and raising a family," she said. "It's not what you choose to do, but the fact that you have a right to make that choice."

At the same time, the Jewish community must be more open to the talents of Jewish women in its communal activities. Hadassah has long demonstrated that Jewish women can operate a major organization. But Jewish women must no longer be confined to the women's groups. They are demanding a greater role in the synagogue and in communal organizations and they must be given it.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

## Hadassah's 63rd Convention

NEW YORK (WUP) -- "Lift Thy Face Toward Jerusalem" was the theme of the closing gala banquet of Hadassah's 4-day 63rd annual national convention held at the New York Hilton here last week and two "sweet singers of Israel" made the event most memorable in the hearts and minds of the almost 4,000 ladies who filled the grand ballroom to overflowing.

This writer, one of a small minority of males present, felt equally touched and uplifted by one of the most inspirational convention



JANE SHERMAN OF DETROIT, A MEMBER OF THE UJA'S NATIONAL WOMEN'S DIVISION BOARD, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF A YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CABINET, DESIGNED TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AMONG YOUNGER AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN.

evenings he had ever experienced in the past.

"The sweet singers" were Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the main speaker, and the Metropolitan Opera tenor, Misha Raitzen, who treated the spellbound audience with Hebrew and Yiddish songs, so inspiringly sung as to evoke long standing ovations. The former Russian-Jewish singer can well be equalled to the great Enrico Caruso.

And Alexander Schindler -- what a 'song' he sang! It was all about Jerusalem, and he sang it in poetic beauty, masterfully rendered. The audience was awestruck as he envisioned the holy City in these words:

"Is there anyone here, indeed, anywhere throughout the world, who has stood upon the hills of Judea, and looked down on our holy city and not felt moved and profoundly stirred to the innermost parts of his being? It is good to stand in Jerusalem, to feel the strength which emanates from there, to breathe that air which is the very life of our soul, Jerusalem whose space is filled with the voices of the past, whose stones are the frozen echoes of eternity, Jerusalem of hope where waiting for God was born, where the expectation for everlasting peace came into being."

Utter silence pervaded the ballroom as Schindler continued to bare his innermost feelings. "What has Jerusalem meant to the Jewish people?" he asked. It was our sustaining memory and hope. It became the over-arching symbol and embodiment of our ideals and it was and remains the source of our faith...Jerusalem was never abandoned in our national consciousness. Throughout our wanderings, thrice daily, did we pray: 'Return us in mercy to the City of Jerusalem, rebuilt it soon in our days, establish speedily the throne of David.'

"Jerusalem," the noted rabbi went on, "was our faithful memory, and the hope for its restoration and our return sustained us always. Jerusalem became, also, the over-arching symbol of our ideals. This city, 'it must become a great light to the nations' we are taught. It must be the world's teacher, its moral guide."

He then hailed the great organization he was addressing. "Hadassah," he stated, "has added new dimensions to Jerusalem as the embodiment of Judaism's ideals. Jerusalem is your institutional capital, the citadel of your movement. It is the place where your finest service is rendered. Where you bring healing to our people, but not just to our people but to individuals of all races and creeds. It is this ideal which justifies your existence as a movement. It is the ideal, and the ideal only, which gives meaning to life: You add love to a house and you have a home; you add righteousness to a city and you have a community; you add truth to a pile of red brick and you have a school; you add art and imagination to a series of arches and spirals and you have a cathedral; you add religion to the humblest edifice, and you have a sanctuary; you add justice and mercy to the far-flung rounds of human endeavor and you have a civilization.

"You take all these together, exalt them above their present imperfections, add them to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and you have Jerusalem...The Temple of the

## TELL TALBS

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Shapiro Foundation for good causes. Nonchalant and easy going, she did nothing but make people happy. But being in big business caused complications.

Sadie gets involved in a million dollar scandal on a project for Senior Citizens. It was a sensational dream, sponsored by a crook, much like the Get Rick Quick Wallingford of O'Henry's short stories. Before you know it, except for Sadie's "mishpocha" of personal associates, who know her down deep, the whole world, it seemed turns against her. This is the second act curtain of the drama that unfolds in the fiction.

But as the third act unravels, truth overcomes deception and deep rooted honesty and sterling intentions triumph. The reader "qvells" as Sadie overcomes each obstacle to set the record straight. In order she puts away the cops, the DA, bankruptcy, a fire and ruinous publicity. The tide of fickle public reaction returns from public enemy back to public idol.

As you read you know it was going to happen but the suspense of how the author extricates his heroine is intriguing and gratifying.

The only regret we had as we closed the cover of the book was why the fate of no-gooder Lawrence L. Lawrence was not revealed. We would have liked to have seen him hauled over the coals, the bum.

But it is Sadie who will linger with you long after you have read the book. You'll see her in your mother, your Aunt Bessie and perhaps your mother - in - law.

She's a character you will never forget, although you knew all about her the moment she was introduced in the opening paragraphs.

Like the flap on the covers says, "Read, read, enjoy!"

future...the ultimate pattern of man's ideal vision.

"Jerusalem, as Heschel taught us, is not divine: 'Her life depends on our presence.' Alone she is silent. When we are there, she is a proclamation. Alone she is a widow. When we are there she is a bride."

Introduced by Hadassah's dynamic and eloquent national president, Bernice S. Tannenbaum, Rabbi Schindler noted "that our claim to a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is just. It is justified by our history. It is justified by our faith...No, Jerusalem will not be divided again. Not so long as breath heaves in our lungs and blood pulses through our veins."

"Jerusalem," he declared "has never been without its Jewish community -- not for a year, not for a month, not for a single day, in our long and tortuous history...It has always been the capital of the Jewish people...Never the capital of any independent state other than under Jewish rule."

This writer salutes Hadassah for having chosen Rabbi Alexander Schindler and Misha Raitzen as its star guests at this 63rd annual convention closing gala banquet.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Another 10 settlements should be established on the Golan Heights in the next decade, Meir Shamir, head of the Jewish National Fund's land development program, told newsmen.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WNS) -- A substantial allocation of the resources of the American Jewish community must be redirected to Jewish education, Rabbi Irving Rosenbaum, president of the Hebrew Theological College in Stokie, Ill., told 700 teachers at the second conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Klaus Schuetz, the former mayor of West Berlin, arrived in Israel to take up his duties as the new West German Ambassador.

BUDAPEST (WNS) -- An American Congressional delegation headed by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D. Pa.) visited Budapest's main synagogue and conferred at length with leaders and members of the local Jewish community.