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A:M.W. Howers Greas Chaim Gross -- the renowned Jewish sculptor who arrived in the U.S. a penniless refugee and rose to international acclaim and recognition as a leading artist -- was guest of honor at the American Mizrachi Women Scholarship Dinner. At the affair, held at the New York Hilton Hotel. Gross was presented with the newly designated American Mizrachi Women



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Humanities Award by AMW President Sarah Shane. Mrs. Shane noted Gross's achievements in the name of Jewish art and the love and concern he has shown for children in Israel.

Gross has, for many years, been closely connected with the efforts of American Mizrachi Women, particularly those relating to AMW's educational activities and projects for Israel's underpriviledged youth.

underpriviledged youth. And in order to aid the scholarship efforts, Gross presented an original signed and numbered lithograph in a limited edition of 100, proceeds from the sale of lithographs will aid the AMW Scholarship Fund.

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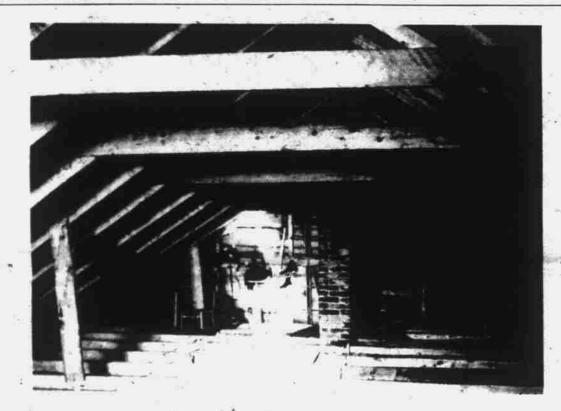
"The present Government of Israel is perhaps the strongest to date," he said, "and it will never be a participant to Israel's destruction or weakening: Jews have always combined an uncanny ability to adjust to new circumstances with proverbial stiff-neckedness.

"This combination of flexibility and intransigence will help Israel withstand any efforts to undermine her rights, while at the same time FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 1977 " remaining amenable to compromise if and when it is fully justified."

In personal greetings to Mizrachi Women brought by M. K. Yehuda Ben-Meir, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin cabled: "Your valiant efforts on behalf of Israel, and in the furtherance of religious education for thousands of Jewish boys and girls in Israel, are well known and genuinely admired by all.

furtherance of religious education for thousands of Jewish boys and girls in Israel, are well known and genuinely admired by all. "Israel is today in the midst of a great struggle to achieve a true and lasting peace which will guarantee our security and the realization of the ancient Jewish and modern Zionist dream and vision of the rebuilding of our homeland in the land of Israel.

"However, even though our attention is focused on the-political, security and economic aspects, we must never forget our youth, for with them lies our future. There is no greater guarantee and no better an investment in Israel's future than the granting of a good and solid education, grounded in the ancient and eternal heritage of our people, to the youth of Israel. It is in this area where we need the aid of American Jewry, and the wonderful work that Mizrachi Women of America is doing, work whose blessed results can be seen in all corners of our land, is a vital contribution to the future of Israel."



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