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## MONDALE VOWS U.S. WILL ALWAYS STAND BESIDE ISRAEL



LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS ALL OVER THE WORLD LIGHT THE EIGHT CANDLES OF CHANUKAH. FIRST LIGHTING IS SET FOR TONIGHT AT SUNDOWN. LAST CANDLE SHOULD BE AGLOW ON DEC. 22.

### SEN. BAKER WANTS U.S. TO LEASE ISRAELI AIR BASE

WASH. (WNS) -- Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee, the Republican Senate Minority leader and a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, said in a Senate speech

that the Iranian situation required that the U.S. "re-assess" its Mideast policy and that the U.S. should seek to lease the two bases Israel is yielding in the Sinai to help protect U.S. friends and allies in the area.

He said that whatever the outcome of the "tragic imprisonment" of the hostages in Teheran, the U.S. must take another look at its prospects and those of its allies and friends in the region.

Baker said the economic benefits of such a lease to the Egyptian economy will be "substantial" and the oil-producing countries in the area "would be well served" by such a demonstration of the U.S. will "to do what is necessary to sustain both its alliance and its lifeline."

### ISRAEL'S WELL-BEING IS IN U.S. INTEREST

Vice President Walter F. Mondale says the United States is "against the creation of a separate Palestinian state" and will not negotiate with or recognize the PLO "until it first recognizes the right of Israel to exist and accepts UN resolutions 242 and 308."

In an address to the American Jewish Congress after receiving the organization's Stephen S. Wise Award, the Vice President declared: "Israel is our friend, our partner and our conscience. Its well-being is in our strategic interest. We will never, never shrink from that commitment."

Mr. Mondale was honored for "distinguished service to the nation and compassionate response to the social concerns of minority groups and all Americans." Howard M. Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress, presented the award.

A Stephen S. Wise Award was also presented to Lewis Rudin, chairman of the Association for a Better New York, for "extraordinary commitment to the vitality of New York City and for signal contributions to intergroup harmony." Jack Bigel made the presentation at the dinner, which was chaired by Howard J. Samuels. Reaffirming the American commitment to the

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JACOBO TIMERMAN, JEWISH EDITOR RECENTLY RELEASED FROM HOUSE ARREST IN ARGENTINA, IS GREETED BY IRVING BERNSTEIN, UNITED JEWISH APPEAL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AT UJA HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY. TIMERMAN AND BERNSTEIN MET TO DISCUSS UJA PRESENTATION OF DAVID BEN-GURION AWARD TO TIMERMAN AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE SOLIDARITY ASSEMBLY.

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

### Risk and Reason

(ED. NOTE: This week's Tell Tales is written by guest columnist Alon Ben-Meir of St. Louis, Mo.)

The unfolding drama in Iran and the pre-occupation of government officials and the mass media with the day-to-day demonstrations and manifestations of anti-American sentiment have left many Americans not only perplexed but also very angry and concerned. Clearly, the current situation in Iran has dramatically exposed some of America's weaknesses.

Both large and small countries recognize that the U.S. is vincible, after all. The U.S. lacks the military capability to deal effectively with developments such as the Iranian crisis. Furthermore, the U.S. is acutely vulnerable to economic blackmail, and finally and most notably, the U.S. is dangerously dependent on numerous unstable nations for its energy supplies.

Yet, ironically, the Iranian crisis, and especially the Ayatollah Khomeini, have offered the American people what five presidents failed to provide -- a renewed sense of unity, a national purpose, and patriotism. Although anxieties run high and the lives of the American hostages are in danger, President Carter is being offered an historic opportunity to capitalize on the prevailing American mood and to act defensively and resolutely.

For the first time since the 1961 Cuban missile crisis, most Americans are united and ready to rally behind their leader. The American people seem to be willing to mobilize their human, organizational, and fiscal resources for the sake of the nation. Moreover, for the first time since the late President Kennedy uttered the words, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country," Americans are asking President Carter for a new direction and purpose in which they can participate.

President Carter, who has hitherto failed to demonstrate much ability to lead the country, has now an unprecedented opportunity, not merely to lead, but also to present the nation with a new agenda, a new challenge that the American people are eager to accept. Such agenda must encompass a comprehensive energy plan based on mandatory conservation (gas rationing) for the sole purpose of immediately reducing American dependence on foreign oil. This agenda must also include American resolve to stand behind its true allies and to honor its commitments. The ambivalence and equivocating positions that

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### YAHREZIT'S TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

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