

Four New Questions For Passover

NEW YORK -- On March 31, six million American Jews will sit down at the traditional seder and as they crunch on the king of the unleavens and sip of the grape; the four famous questions will be asked. JEWISH LIVING MAGAZINE has compiled compelling answers to these not - so traditional questions:

Q. How much matzah will be consumed by American Jews this holiday?

A. A grand 85 million matzahs, that most lauded of the unleavens, will be consumed this Passover.

Q. If this matzah were laid end to end, just where would we be?

A. It's staggering to consider, but if all the Passover matzah were laid end to end, we could (albeit, very gently) walk from New York to Tel Aviv and back again.

Q. And just how many gallons of wine will Americans Jews quaff in order to quench the thirst created by this kosher cracker consumption?

A. A cure for this dry condition: 2 million gallons of wine will be toasted to quench a thirst as large as the Sinai -- let's drink to that!

Q. And how big would this veritable "Red Sea" of wine be if one desired to swim to oblivion?

A. One could swim the Olympic size pools at Grossinger's, the Concord and Israel's dozen largest hotels combined and still not have "lapped" through the 2 million gallons.

MORE MONEY GOES FROM ISRAEL TO U.S.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- An Israeli source here disclosed this week that "more money is going from Israel to the United States than from the U.S. to Israel."

The source noted that total U.S. assistance for 1979 was \$1.785 billion, of which \$1.0 billion was military and \$785 million economic. Of the military assistance, \$500 million represents a loan and an equal amount as a grant. Of the economic assistance, \$260 million is in the form of a loan and \$525 million as a grant.

Israel thus receives grants totalling \$1.02

billion.

But the sources emphasized that during the same year, 1979, Israel imported \$1.5 billion in civilian goods from the U.S. while exporting \$700 million to the U.S. Thus there is a balance of payments, for civilian goods, in favor of the U.S. of approximately \$800 million.

The \$1 billion in military assistance, loans and grants, returns to the U.S. through a purchase of weapons. Israel spends an additional \$800 million a year, from its own resources, for arms from the United States.

Whole lines in the U.S. military production are open only because of Israel, hence the Jewish State aids both employment in the U.S. and weapons production. The M-60 tank line at Chrysler is open because of Israel, and the F-16s which were ordered by Iran and cancelled are being sold to Israel.

In addition to the above, Israel has paid back \$550 million in debt service to the U.S. during the fiscal year 1979 and plans to pay back \$650 million in 1980, \$750 million in 1982 and \$850 million in 1983.

That Israel, during this inflation period, is able to accomplish such a feat, is tantamount to a miracle.

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