

### CARTER, REAGAN PUSH FOR JEWISH SUPPORT

WASH. (WNS) -- President Carter and his Republican opponent Ronald Reagan have begun pressing their drive among Jewish voters. Carter hosted groups of Jews at the White House. Leading Jews in the Reagan - Bush campaign answered questions on the GOP candidate's position from a group of 100 persons, most of them rabbis, at the Manhattan apartment of Mr. and Mrs. William Diamond, Diamond and Rabbi Seymour Siegel, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a member of the advisory committee of the Reagan - Bush campaign, hosted the gathering.

After the White House meeting Stanley Lowell, former head of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said those present would return to New York to organize "a strong campaign" for the Carter - Mondale ticket. Another group was from the New York area, while others were from Detroit, Cleve-

land, Philadelphia and Connecticut. William Batoff, of Philadelphia, said that he was "absolutely totally satisfied" with the President's position on Israel. Lowell said that Carter "has not received credit" for his efforts for "Israel and America in particular."

He said he was "not free to explain" the President's reasons for the U. S. abstention on the United Nations Security Council resolution calling for the removal of all embassies from Jerusalem but indicated it was related to the positions of "various Arab countries and Egypt." Lowell said "over the long range, what is best for Israel and the United States was abstention." Howard Samuels, former New York off-track betting commissioner, said Israel should apologize to Carter for criticizing him because Israel has been "insensitive to the role of the President in the long-term interest of Israel."

### Rosh Hashana Message

BY MORTON L. MANDEL

As we approach the High Holy Days, we pause to reflect on past achievements and chart our course for the future. As the Jewish people have done for centuries, we strive to apply the terms of our ancient covenant to the needs of a complex modern world.

For our local communities and for their Council of Jewish Federations, the quality of Jewish life in North America has become a foremost concern. Our inner strength as a Jewish community determines how well we meet challenges around the world. We see the Jewish family as the basic building block of this strength. In creative new programs in communities across the continent, we are supporting, invigorating and enriching Jewish family life.

Jewish education -- for children and for adults -- is a high priority. We are also planning new ways to meet the Jewish needs of our college aged youth, to build a strong foundation for the future. And we see the growing number of services for the elderly as the fulfillment of our most precious Jewish values.

This strengthening from within has given us even greater vitality with which to meet our global tasks. Our support for Israel has never been stronger, expressed in all its rich diversity of voices. Advocacy efforts are intensifying on behalf of Soviet Jews as emigration seems endangered once again.

In the year to come we will put all our spiritual resources to work in fulfilling the pledge of our Jewish heritage.



### SHOFAR TO BE HEARD AT HOSPITAL

NEW YORK -- Every New Year, the sounds of the Shofar have been heard in Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem since the 1850's, but come this Rosh Hashanah, it will be the first time heard in the recently built Florence Miller Pediatric Neurology Diagnostic Unit as well as in the new Emergency Room Pavilion. "The Shofar must certainly sound for the children as well as the adults," said Rabbi Chaskel Besser, president of the American Association for Bikur Cholim Hospital.

The new Florence Miller unit is one of the outstanding clinics and treatment centers for brain damaged children in Israel and the Middle East and was built as an infection free wing. It is separated from the general pediatric ward by a sun - filled bridge.

There are about 400 beds in Bikur Cholim Hospital, which is the only hospital within the confines of the City of Jerusalem proper, and which serves people from the communities of Beulah, Mea Shearim, the Bukharian Quarter, Sanhedria, Machaneh Yehudah, in crowded downtown Jerusalem and beyond.

Also, for the first time on the terraces of the Florence Miller Pediatric Neurology Diagnostic Unit, the flowers which will be blooming in honor of the season of the New Year are pomegranates.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Uzi Michaeli, director for the Western United States for the Israel Government Tourist Office in Los Angeles since 1978, has been appointed Israel's Commissioner for Tourism to North America.



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