JEWS MOVE TO THE SUN BELT

NEW YORK -- Continuing a pattern of recent years, the Jewish population of the United States is moving in increasing numbers from the Northeast of the United States to the Sun Belt -- the Southern and Western part of the country with many Southwestern cities reporting gains of more than 2,000 Jews over last year's figures.

The largest increase was reported by Los Angeles, with a gain of 48,000 Jews over the 1979 figure for a total of 503,000. Other substantial gains were reported in Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas, San Diego, and Tucson. This trend is demonstrated in demographic

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LANDMARK ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF SILVER



ZULA L. WOLFRAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRINCIPAL OWNER OF THE LANDMARK ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY A. SILVER AS SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE CORPORATION, SILVER WILL ALSO BECOME A SHAREHOLDER AND SERVE ON THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SILVER, AN ATTORNEY-CPA, BRINGS A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERIENCE TO THE LANDMARK ORGANIZATION HAVING SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS AS A PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM OF LIONEL SAWYER COLLINS AND PREVIOUSLY AS THE LAS VEGAS MEMBER OF THE STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD, WHILE SILVER WILL RETAIN AN "OF COUNSEL" RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAW FIRM HE WILL HANDLE ALL LEGAL AND CORPORATE MATTERS FOR THE COMPANY. HE AND HIS WIFE, DRU, HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, DAWNELL, AGE 14. SILVER HAS BEEN A LAS VEGAS RESIDENT FOR 25 YEARS.

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Figures on world Jewish population in the Year Book show an increase of 131,150 over the previous year or a total current world Jewish population of 14,527,150. However, Prof. Leon Shapiro, who compiled the world statistics, cautions that "there are no precise data on Jewish population in the various countries. The figures represent the best possible estimates... The figures are of varying degrees of accuracy and are subject to substantial margins of error."

They estimate that the current U.S. Jewish population is 5,920,900, a modest increase over the previous year's figure of 5,860,900. The South and West comprise 31 per cent of the total, as compared to 30.2 in 1979 and 29.1 in 1978. The Northeast and Northcentral states represent 69.0 per cent of the total Jewish population as compared to 69.8 and 70.9 in 1979 and 1978 respectively.

Estimating the Greater New York City Metropolitan Jewish population at 1,998,000, a figure that includes the city and three suburban counties, the authors pointed out that "the city proper has probably experienced significant Jewish population loss." The magnitude of the population shift to New York City suburbs and to areas

outside Greater New York is unknown.

After the United States, countries with significantly large numbers of Jews are: Israel, 3,254,000: Soviet Union. 2,630,000: France, 650,000: Great Britain, 410,000: Canada, 305,000: Argentina, 300,000: Brazil, 150,000, and South Africa 118,000.

In the United States, Jews comprise 2.7

percent of the total population.

Among the Jewish population figures for U.S. cities listed in the Year Book tables are; Greater New York, 1 998,000; Los Angeles Metropolitan Area 503,000; Philadelphia Metropolitan Area 295,000; Chicago Metropolitan Area, 253 000; Miami, 225 000; Boston 170 000; Greater Washington 160,000; Bergen County (N.J.) 100,000; Essex County (N.J.), 95,000; Baltimore, 92,000; Cleveland 75,000, Detroit 75,000; San Francisco 75 000; Montgomery County (Md.), 70,000; St. Louis 60,000; Fort Lauderdale, 75,000; Hollywood (Fla.), 55,000; Pittsburgh, 50,000.

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