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opportunity to discuss with the President and his advisors "international problems, bilateral issues, the danger to freedom resulting from Soviet expansionist policy in our region and its periphery and elsewhere, and the defense of human liberty, which is the essence of our lives, the motive of our efforts, the reason of our labors."

During the exchange of toasts at the state dinner in his honor, Prime Minister Begin referred to the "miracle" that happened to two and a half million Jews who "crossed the ocean and came to

the hospitable shores of this country. If they hadn't done that, they would have been lost-- their children and their grandchildren." Without that miracle, the Prime Minister indicated, perhaps two thirds of the Jewish people would have been wiped out. "Who knows," he said, "whether we would have been able to re-create our statehood."

As he departed the White House, Prime Minister Begin cited "a clear community of interests vis-a-vis a clear and present danger to every free nation by a totalitarian and expansionist regime." The Prime Minister said: "On this issue, we

work together, we will plan together, we will execute those plans together in agreement for the benefit both of the United States and Israel, and the free world at large."

Both President Reagan and Prime Minister Begin expressed the hope that their meetings would be just the first of many such fruitful exchanges."

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Age of Pleasure

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

As summer comes to an end, recent studies tell us that fun - seeking Americans will spend more on vacations and leisure time activities than the nation does on defense. Thus, in 1981, an estimated 244 billion dollars will be spent on vacation trips, golf outings, movies, and ocean cruises -- which is about 77 billion dollars more than will be spent on national defense.

That is a powerful statement of how pre-occupied, even obsessed, Americans have become with personal pleasure and the pursuit of self - fulfilment. As Daniel Yankelovich has written in his stimulating book *New Rules in American Life*, since the 1960s America has been going through a cultural revolution that is transforming the traditional moral and spiritual value system in America.

In the place of work - centered, self-denying, social responsibility attitudes of earlier decades, millions of Americans are searching for the full, rich life, ripe with leisure, new enjoyments, with special preoccupation for the body and physical fitness. In its extreme forms, that self - fulfilment search has led to the hedonistic condition where many people obsessively refuse to deny themselves anything and who view endless pleasure as a narcissistic necessity that spells out as selfish self - indulgence.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, the Bible is not Puritanical about pleasure. Ecclesiastes views reasonable pleasure as a gift of God. But when pleasure - seekers multiplied and became indifferent to social duty the Talmud observes, justice became perverted and morals deteriorated.

How to achieve a balanced perspective about the moderate uses of pleasure as well as social commitment will be a worthy post - summer reflection for all Americans.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- An alert bus driver, checking his vehicle at its terminal station in Bat Yam near Tel Aviv, discovered a suspicious parcel and summoned security guards. When the parcel was opened by a police sapper it was found to contain a watch linked to explosives, forming a time - bomb due to go off shortly afterwards.

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"DANCIN" OPENS AT ALADDIN SEPT. 29

Tony Award-winning Bob Fosse's "Dancin," the hit Broadway musical that celebrates the dance, opens at the Aladdin Theatre on September 29, for 16 performances. The musical, which is on a 5 - month, 55 - city national tour, has dances ranging from classical ballet to modern dance to every form of show business and disco dancing.

Conceived, choreographed and directed by that master showman, Bob Fosse, "Dancin," has music and lyrics by a variety of artists ranging from Neil Diamond and Cat Stevens to George M. Cohan and John Phillip Sousa and features such songs as "Mr. Bojangles," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Here You Come Again" and "Stout Hearted Men." The musical, which is currently in its third year on Broadway, was hailed by the critics who called it "Dazzlin'" (A.P.), "Electrifying" (Rex Reed), "Extraordinary" (Cue), "Joyful" (New York Times), "Tremendous" (New York Post) and "Exciting" (U.P.I.).

Bob Fosse, one of a handful of brilliant choreographers who is also a skilled director, is the first director in history to win an Oscar ("Cabaret"), a Tony Award ("Pippin") and an Emmy Award (for the TV Special, "Liza With A Z") in one year. For "Dancin," he received his eighth Tony Award (for Best Choreography), and his latest film, "All That Jazz" received four Academy Awards.

"Dancin" features a company of 18 brilliant dancers and singers. The musical has sets by Peter Larkin, costumes by Wolla Kim, lighting by Jules Fisher and orchestrations by Ralph Burns and Michael Gibson. The choreography was recreated by Gail Benedict. Tom Mallow, in association with James Janek, is the producer.

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