

LABINGER IS FIRST RABBI AT NELLIS



Chaplain Marvin L. Labinger was recently assigned as the First Rabbi at our Nellis Air Force Base. His official title is Installation Chaplain. He asks the 40 - 50 Jewish personnel at Nellis to call him at 643 - 2950 or 643-4920 anytime.

The personable chaplain hopes to be at Nellis for at least three years.

Here is his background:

Chaplain Labinger was born in New York City on 1 August 1935. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Brooklyn College and his Bachelor of Hebrew Literature from the Seminary College of Jewish Studies in 1956. In 1955 he won a Jewish Agency scholarship at the Hebrew University in Israel. He received his Masters of Hebrew Literature degree and his Rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York in June 1960.

In August 1960 Chaplain Labinger was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force Chaplaincy. His first assignment was Keesler AFB, Mississippi. He was chosen in 1961 to be the first Jewish Chaplain of any military academy and served three years at the Air Force Academy, Colorado. In 1964, he was transferred to Sheppard AFB, Texas and in May 1966 he served at Lakenheath AFB, England with additional duty for all American bases in the United Kingdom. From July 1969 he served at Travis AFB, California and after three

years was transferred to Yokota AFB, Japan covering US Forces in that country. In July 1974 he went to Keesler AFB, Mississippi for one year and was reassigned to Torrejon AFB, Spain covering installations in Spain, Greece, and Turkey. In August 1978 he was transferred to Eglin AFB, Florida, where, as Installation Chaplain, he headed the religious program and clothing distribution at the Cuban Refugee Center

from May thru September 1980. In March 1969 he was awarded the B'nai B'rith Four Chaplains Award. He is the recipient of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

During his years of service he completed courses in Marriage and Family Counseling, "Prepare II" Couples Evaluation Techniques, Lay Leadership Training, Squadron Officers School, Advanced and Senior Chaplain Schools. Chaplain Labinger has taught Adult Education Courses for the Jewish Community of Sacramento and in the Religious Studies Department of the University of California in Davis. He attended Gestalt Therapy workshops, Encounter and Sensitivity Groups at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California, and elsewhere.

17-YEAR OLD TERRORIST JAILED

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A 17-year-old terrorist who tried to infiltrate Israel last March on a motorized hang glider with the specific mission to blow up the Haifa oil refineries, was sentenced to seven

years in prison. The terrorist, whose identity was not released because he is a minor, was found to be guilty of membership in the Palestine Liberation Front.

The terrorist said nothing in court but

told the ITIM Israel New Agency later that he expected a stiffer sentence and was sorry that television cameras were not allowed in the courtroom because he wanted his friends to see him as a "hero."

The youth, who

attempted to infiltrate Israel, was forced down while still in south Lebanon. He was captured by Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian militia who turned him over to Israeli authorities.

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TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan had an hour-long talk with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the President's Nile Delta residence north of Cairo. No communique was issued after the meeting and reporters were not allowed in the vicinity. Dayan said later that "I'm here on a private visit as a private individual."