

REAGAN HONORS ARMDI VOLUNTEER CLEARING MUDDLED WATERS "HELLO WORLD - I'M JACKIE TELL"



Mrs. Matilda Berger Catenaccio was honored with the "Distinguished Volunteer Award" signed by President Ronald Reagan, "In acknowledgment of outstanding examples of private Voluntary action and Community efforts." Dr. Bernard M. Kilbourn, Regional Director of the Department of Health and Human Services made the presentation at the recent ARMDI - American Red

Magen David Adom Luncheon held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel before nine hundred guests.

Pictured left to right are: National ARMDI President Mr. Louis Rosenberg, Mrs. Catenaccio, and Dr. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Catenaccio who has demonstrated a commitment to her Community, has unselfishly devoted many hours involved in Volunteer activities.

The announcement by the American Jewish Committee that it will begin a project designed to study the relationship between the American Jewish community and the State of Israel is both timely and warmly welcomed. While the war in Lebanon unravels, the importance of the role of American Jewry in Israel has become increasingly clear. The support for Israel remains unswerving but complicated. Thus the project can help relieve any ambiguity and bring into focus a discussion of critical issues facing both communities.

The project, to be known as the Institute on American Jewish - Israeli Relations, is described by Bertram Gold, executive vice-president of the AJCommittee as "an American - based centered enterprise that will seek to understand the relationship between American Jews and Israel. It will identify areas of tension and delineate opportunities to achieve a more effective interaction between them. It will also undertake specific programs both in the United States and in Israel aimed at improving understanding between the two communities." Gold will take over the role of the director of the Institute following his retirement August 1 from the AJCommittee after 15 years of service as an executive.

Some areas under consideration for study is the question of religious pluralism and its significance for Israel and American Jewry; common elements of identity between American Jews and Israel; the American Jewish community's relationship to Israelis living in the U.S. and the question of dissent within Israel and within American Jewry. Nonetheless, a comprehensive look at many issues affecting the two communities, both of which realistically depend on one another, would help clear the sometimes muddled waters. The AJCommittee's Institute is a noteworthy endeavor and the American Jewish community should anxiously await its studies.



NOTICE THE RESEMBLANCE OF JACKIE TELL, BORN JULY 15, TO ISRAELITE FOUNDER, JACK TELL. PROUD PARENTS JAY AND ALICE TELL REPORT JACQUELINE SARAH IS TOPPING THE SCALES AT OVER 8 LBS NOW. GOD BLESS.

SOVIET PRISONER CAN'T EMIGRATE

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Aleksandr Paritsky has been informed that his application to emigrate to Israel will be refused until 1990, according to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The Conference also reported that pressure is being brought on Paritsky to appear on Soviet radio and television to recant his "crimes." Returning to her home in Kharkov following a visit with Alexandr,

Polina Paritsky reported that her husband is in extremely poor physical condition. Soviet labor camp authorities refused to allow her to give him clothing or food to supplement his meager diet.

Polina was reluctant to leave him in his weakened condition, but indicated that Aleksandr urged her to return to Kharkov so that her residency permit for that city would not be revoked, the Conference reported.

ISRAELI ARMY COLONEL DISMISSED

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A young Israeli army colonel, described as one of Israel's most brilliant young commanders, was relieved of his command in Lebanon at his own request because he said his conscience and world opinion did not permit him to continue to participate in the fighting, a military spokesman disclosed. Col. Eli Geva, 32, was dismissed from the army late last month.

Geva, who led the brigade that captured the Palestine Liberation Organization stronghold of Tyre and fought its way to the outskirts of Beirut, said he opposed plans for an assault on the PLO remnant in West Beirut. He said such an operation would probably result in heavy losses to his own men and severe civilian casualties. Col. Geva said he fully supported Israel's original military aims in Lebanon to clear the southern region of that country of PLO terrorists. He said his change of heart was brought about by the prolonged siege of West Beirut.

Military historians could recall only one

similar case when during Israel's War for Independence in 1948, a young general resigned his command because of disagreement with battle plans ordered by then

Premier David Ben Gurion. That officer remained in the army, however, as a volunteer driver of an armoured car. An army spokesman said Geva's action has created "severe misgivings among soldiers under his com-

mand and his fellow officers."

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