# CONGRESSIONAL WINNERS AND LOSERS

Political analysts have spent considerable time and effort in this post - election period debating in opinion articles and on television news programs who won and who lost the midterm congressional elections, as if winners and losers in this particular political battle could be easily and clearly defined. Were the Republicans, holding onto control of the Senare the clear victors, thus providing the Reagan

with an endorsement of its Administration economic and social policies? Or were the Democrats the victors, with their significant inroads in the House although limited dent in the Senate? These questions, and the future domestic agenda -- whether it will "stay the course" -- will be answered when the new Congress takes office in January.

But for the Jewish community, some interesting perspectives emerged in the wake of this congressional campaign. While the election primarily consisted of a domestic agenda, the incoming Congress will, if it chooses, have a significant role in appropriations and aid pro-grams to Israel. With the economy in dire straits, there may be pressures from the local constituency to lower foreign subsidies. A total of 10 appointments to the House Foreign Affairs Committee and one to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the new Congress, two important committees, should thus be closely monitored by the American Jewish community.

Furthermore, the election was equally significant in that the large number of Jewish candidates, whether they were victorious or defeated, were able to run for Congress without their Jewishness being a factor. According to political observers in Washington, anti - Semitism was muted during the campaign. Overall, while the newly elected and re - elected Jewish congressmen will not mark a major bloc in either the House or the Senate, the American Jewish community can expect the new Congress to be at least as supportive of basic Israeli issues and Jewish concerns as the present Congress has demonstrated.

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

TEL AVIV (WNS) --A national day of remembrance was declared for the victims of the blast in Tyre that destroyed Israeli military headquarters there No-vember 11. Casualty figures were officially 89 dead and put at 56 injured. The dead included 76 Israeli military and civilian personnel and 14 latter Arabs, the Palestinians and Leunder debanese tention. Twenty-eight Israelis and 28 were injured Arabs while 21 others in the building escaped or were extricated from the rubble unhurt.

The Israeli dead included soldiers, border policemen, security officials and members of the miligovernment's tarv civilian aid unit. Funeral services were held for 51 of the Israelis. The Cabinet decreed that flags will not be flown at half mast in order to differentiate the day of remembrance from a day of national mourning. The disaster was the worst to befall Israeli forces in Lebanon since the war ended in that country.

Meanwhile, uncertainty surrounded the cause of the blast which was initially attributed to a powerful car bomb and later to explosives concealed inside the seven story building. Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai told reporters. that "The experts have esbeyond any tablished

doubt that it was not a sabotage action." According to Modai, it seems to have been a tragic accident. But a senior army officer criticized the Minister for making such statements while the committee appointed by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to investigate the disaster is still at work. He said Modai apparently misunderstood Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan, who, according to the officer, told the Ca-binet that the cause of the explosion was unclear and sabotage was not completely ruled out. Similarly,

> clined to offer an assessment of the cause. He told rethat Gen. porters (res.) Meir Zorea, who heads the investigating committee. had firmly refused to give the Cabinet a definitive statement as to what touched off the blast.

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## IRA ZELL HAS BAR MITZVAH

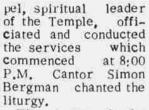
Mr. & Mrs. Egon Ney's son, Ira Craig called to Zell, was the Torah and became a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on morning, Saturday November 20, 1982.

Rabbi Kalman Appel, spiritual leader of the Temple, officiated and

#### DANA CRAMER HAS BAT MITZVAH

Dana Tracy Cramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cramer, recited a portion of the Haftorah to become a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Friday evening, November 19, 1982.

Rabbi Kalman Ap-



FRIDAY, NOV. 26, 1982

conducted the services

which commenced at

9:00 A.M. Cantor Si-

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Bar Mitzvah hosted

the congregation to a

Kiddush in the Tem-

ple's Entratter Social

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The parents of the Bat Mitzvah hosted the congregation to Oneg Shabbat refreshments.



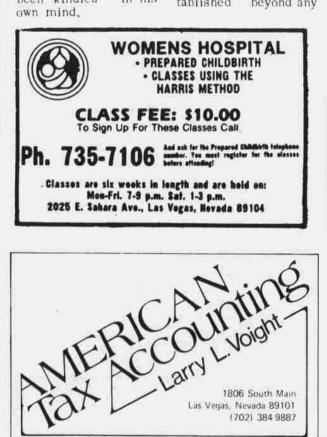
### **BEGIN TESTIFIES BEFORE** COMMISSION

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Menachem Begin, testifying before the commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacre, said he did not know in advance the Christian that Phalangist forces were to be admitted to the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps as part of the Israel Defense Force's operation to seize West Beirut following the assassination of President - elect Bashir Gemayel on September 14.

Begin told the three member panel that he only learned of this, along with the rest of the Cabinet, at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday evening, September 16, several hours after the Phalangists entered the camps. He con-ceded that there had been fears of revenge - killings by Christians of Moslems in the wake of Gemayel's assassination. But he insisted repeatedly that "none of us ever imagined" that the

Phalangists would perpetrate a massacre. It never crossed minds, our the Premier said.

He said no "red warning lights" had been kindled in his



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