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## MOSHE ARENS AGREES TO SERVE AS ISRAEL'S DEFENSE MINISTER

### SOVIET MISSILES IN SYRIA

According to American and Israeli reports, the Soviet Union is now constructing two SA-5, surface-to-air missile complexes in Syria. The SA-5 is a long-range strategic air defense weapon never before deployed outside the Soviet Union.

According to press reports, the SA-5 complexes are located at Dumayr, an air base about 40 kilometers (25 miles) northeast of Damascus, and at Homs, a city near Lebanon's northern border with Syria. SA-5 missiles fired from these com-

plexes can reach all of Lebanon, northern and central Israel, and parts of Cyprus and Turkey.

The transfer of SA-5 anti-aircraft missiles to Syria has important diplomatic and strategic implications. It indicates a renewed and strengthened Soviet commitment to Syria. The willingness of the Soviets to transfer a weapon previously used only for air defense of their homeland against American strategic air attacks, and their evident decision to man the weapons using

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### SHARON RETAINED AS MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Knesset approved by a vote of 61 - 56 the Cabinet decision to retain Ariel Sharon as a Minister-Without-Portfolio after he was forced to resign as Defense Minister because of the findings and recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into the massacre of Palestinians by Christian Phalangist forces in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut last September. Sharon's resignation took effect on February 14. Begin will assume the responsibilities of Defense Minister temporarily until his choice to replace Sharon, Moshe Arens, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, returns from Washington and is formally installed.

Begin's personal aide, Yehiel Kadishai, announced that Arens had agreed to serve. Approval of his nomination by the Knesset is virtually certain. Leaders of Likud's Liberal Party wing reportedly told Begin they would back Arens' appointment without reservation. The opposition

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### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

### Letter to the Editor & Retraction

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The cartoon that recently appeared in the Review-Journal aroused the ire of the Jewish community. Here at the ISRAELITE we were overwhelmed with outcry and we feel that this letter written by Rabbi Mel Hecht of Congregation Ner Tamid reflects the sentiment of the Jewish community expressed to us.

Also, we reprinted the R-J's retraction which appeared in their publication, Sun., Feb. 20th.)

Dear Michael:

As a Rabbi, I am grateful for your paper reprinting my response. However, this kind of problem will not be solved by allowing any member of the Jewish community or any other minority group to respond after the damage has been done.

Responsible institutions serving the public have standard operating procedures reflecting a philosophy that preclude any representative of that institution overstepping their bounds.

I'm disappointed and angered over the inclusion of a cartoon in the Review-Journal on Sunday, February 13th. It equated former Israeli Defense Minister, Ariel Sharon, with Klaus Barbie, the nazi who was returned to France for prosecution of crimes against humanity. The cartoon depicted two butcher shops, one titled "Butcher of Lyon, Klaus Barbie, manager;" the other, "Butcher of Beirut, Ariel Sharon, manager."

How dare they allow the comparison of a nazi who deliberately and premeditatedly killed, maimed and tortured his fellowman to a man who at the most exercised poor judgement in allowing Lebanese Christians to enter Palestinian camps to dislodge PLO terrorists. How easy it became to use Sharon as the scapegoat for the acts of others. How easy it is to divert attention away from the real perpetrators of that horrendous act. What Arab country has ever sought - as Israel has - to publicly examine its own motives and actions

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MORTUARIES AND  
MEMORIAL PARKS

### Yahrzeits Tonight At Beth Sholom

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Nathan Seideman  
Molly Resnick  
Rachel Kardonik  
Samuel Hager  
Joseph Goldstein  
Jenna Lyn Borken  
Cela Seif  
Rose Hyzen  
Samuel Feinstein  
Jack Entratter  
Samuel Bliss  
Benjamin Weiss  
Bessie Wollman  
Sam Moskowitz  
Herbert H. Tabak  
Sidney Kravitz  
Shaye Rosenblum  
William R. Piker  
Herb Foosaner

Harry Herst  
Samuel Best  
Rose Clara Taksel  
Rebecca Antonos  
Morris Resnick  
Minnie Goldberg  
Bella Toushin  
Louis E. Shifman  
Abraham Feinstein  
Jacob Bliss  
Joseph Aaron Wexler  
Lippe Tucker  
Samuel Grossman  
Carl Stein  
Louis H. Caine  
Louis Schnitzer  
Rose Kaufman  
Esther Haft  
Reuben Goldman  
Joseph Mayer Ritchie  
Eva Shlakman



TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADOLF HITLER'S RISE TO POWER, THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER'S ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY ON THE HOLOCAUST, "GENOCIDE" HAD ITS LOS ANGELES PREMIERE. THE EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER DISTINGUISHED COMMUNAL LEADERS AND CELEBRITIES AT THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING HANK AND BARBARA GREENSPUN OF LAS VEGAS. MR. GREENSPUN, A TRUSTEE OF THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER, IS PICTURED ABOVE WITH ACTOR GLENN FORD (LEFT). MR. FORD, DEEPLY MOVED BY THE UNIQUE, MULTI-IMAGE DOCUMENTARY NARRATED BY ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND ORSON WELLES, CALLED IT "POWERFUL" AND SAID, "IT'S A LESSON TO BE LEARNED THAT WE SHOULD NEVER LET THESE THINGS HAPPEN AGAIN." JOINING THE GREENSPUNS AND THE FORDS WERE RED BUTTONS, JANE AND SHIRLEE FONDA, TOM HAYDEN, MARYLYN HALL, NORMAN FELL AND HIS WIFE, KAREN, KARL AND MONA MALDEN.

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