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"Sunsation 83" also

-- Milton Firestone, president and editor Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, died March 6, of an apparent heart attack. He was 55 years old.

A native of Kansas City, Firestone attended the university of Kansas where he received a Bachelor of Science in economics. He was a Phi Beta Kappa and president of the Jewish Union at the University.

KANSAS CITY (WNS)

Firestone was a member of the American Jewish Press Association and had served as treasurer

and vice president of the AJPA. He had received numerous for 20 years of the awards from B'nai Byrith Lodges and Chapters. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Beth Shalom Congregation of Kansas City an associate and member of the Beth Israel Abraham and

Voliner Congregation. Firestone was a member of the Jewish Community Center here and member and founding parent of the Board of Directors of Kansas City's only Hebrew day school, the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy.

Jewish community and religious leaders expressed shock at the death of Firestone, a man who they said helped inform and strengthen the Kansas City Jewish community.

ARENS: ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION ATTACKING SYRIA

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Defense Minister Moshe Arens assured Knesset members that Israel has no intention to attack Syria, though he warned that if Syria escalated the situation in the north, for wharever reasons, "The scope of the Israeli reaction would be dictated by Israel."

spoke at a Arens closed session of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, a he had chaired before he was named Ambassador to the U.S. over a year ago. He was responding to Labor MK Mordechai Gur, a former Chief of Staff, who urged the government not to maintain an aggressive policy and refrain fram any military initiative against Syria.

Arens called m Syria's leaders to with Israeli confer leaders over peace talks between the two countries. Healso called on King Hussein of Jordan to foin the peace process Israel but rejected a freeze on Jewish settlement activity in the occupied territories as a condition for Jordan's participation.

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NEW ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF IN ISRAEL

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TEL AVIV (WNS) --The Cabinet, meeting in special session accepted the proposal of Defense Minister Moshe Arens to appoint the Deputy Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Moshe Levi, as Chief of Staff, He will take over his new post as 12th Chief Israel's of Staff from Gen.

Rafael Eitan when he retires on April 19.

Levi's appointment had been widely anticipated, as Arens had clearly preferred him over his rivals, Major Avigdor Generals and Dan Ben-Gal Shomron. Among Levi's first tasks will be to meet with Arens on a number of new appointments of senior officers to head area commands and functional corps such as the Intelligence Corps.

Levi, who was born in Iraq, was a former commander of the army's Central Com-

mand but has never headed a large formation in wartime. But as Commander of the Central Command he was for many years in charge of the army on the West Bank. He is regarded as a very thorough, quiet, but "extremely basic" commander, according to officers who have worked with him.











