

**DR. ELLIOT DORFF TO LECTURE
SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH**



Dr. Elliot Dorff is the third speaker in the First Annual Las Vegas Jewish Community Lecture Series being held Sunday, April 17th, at 7:30 P.M. at Temple Beth Shalom. His topic will be "How Does Judaism Affect Moral Thought and Behavior?"

Dr. Dorff is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. After completing his A.B. summa cum laude at Columbia College in 1965, he was ordained as rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1970. In 1971 he completed his Ph.D. in Philosophy at Columbia University. He team-teaches a course in Jewish law at U.C.L.A. School of Law and participates in a special forum of priests and rabbis sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Los Angeles and the Board of Rabbis of Southern California.

Dr. Dorff is a brilliant lecturer, professor and writer, and is considered one of the Jewish community's rising young scholars on Jewish law and Jewish philosophy. He has written extensively on these subjects and Jewish ethics in leading periodicals. His lecture topics include "Issues in Contemporary Faith", "How Can a Modern Pray" and "Directions in Jewish Medical Ethics."

The last speaker of the four - speaker Lecture Series will be Michael Medved on May 22nd. The lecture series is in association with the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. Forty five local sponsors have made the series available to the general public at no charge.

**CHAIM HERZOG ELECTED
ISRAEL'S SIXTH PRESIDENT**

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and encouragement in dark hours. His personal popularity, like that of retiring President Navon, transcends party and political lines. Herzog told reporters in pre-election interviews that if elected, he would model his presidency on Navon's.

Although political pundits had predicted a close vote and even the possibility of an upset, it was generally believed that Elon would emerge as the victor to become Israel's first President since Chaim Weizmann not affiliated with the Labor Party. That belief was based on the conviction that Likud MKs felt it was time Israel had a President who was the choice of the governing party and not the opposition.

Herzog's victory was clearly the result of defections by seven coalition MKs who cannot be identified because the vote was by secret ballot. Begin urged his Likud supporters to forget the indignity of defeat as quickly as possible and exhorted them not to even consider the idea of resigning or forcing early elections as some Likud members are reportedly urging. But Begin is resisting the idea of early elections.

The blow to the coalition and to Begin personally was compounded by the fact that this was the second time during the Likud administration that the ruling party failed to elect its own presidential candidate. Retiring President Navon was a Labor MK before his election five years ago. He had served in the Knesset from 1974-77 when Premier Yitzhak Rabin's Labor led coalition governed the country.

Begin and his coalition floor managers held a dour post mortem after the voting. "What happened is very saddening but that is our democracy and now we must congratulate the elected President," Begin said. Most coalition members conceded that it was virtually impossible to find out which of their colleagues defected because of the secret ballot.

But at least one Herut MK, David Magen, infuriated by the "betrayal" warned in a radio interview that it would not take long for the truth to be known. There are members of the coalition, he said, who will "now walk with an unclear conscience." Magen added that he thought highly of Herzog personally but the issue was the "trampling" of coalition discipline.

**NEW SIGNS OF
ANTI-SEMITISM IN USSR**

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A first hand report of alarming new manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, including Jew baiting games played by high school students, was presented here during the third World Conference on Soviet Jewry by 14 members of the American Jewish Committee, who flew here directly from a visit to the USSR. It was attended by 3,000 Jewish and non-Jewish delegates from 31 countries.

The AJ Committee group, headed by Maynard Wishner, made its presentation. According to Wishner, "In several cities, Jews who never even sought to emigrate from the USSR have been set upon and beaten up. This is a new development which in the past has been reserved for Jews who had filed to emigrate." He described a new "game" called "concentration camp" played by high school students in Leningrad. "Jewish students are given identification numbers and are addressed by number

rather than by name for days and sometimes weeks on end," he said. He noted that, along the same lines, publications claiming that the Holocaust never occurred and that Jews had cooperated with the Nazis are appearing in increasing numbers.

Wishner said the worsening conditions for Soviet Jews are "collected impressions which we can relay after speaking directly to 25 - 30 refuseniks in the course of our visit" to Russia. By contrast, he said, Soviet officials whomet with AJ Committee delegations sought to assure them of the fact that "any Jews may leave Russia with the exception of a few thousand people who are being kept for specific reasons." Wishner urged increased attention to the Soviet Union's "fundamental denial of human decency. We had hoped that the change of leadership might lead to a modification of policy but there is no sign of this."

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