

Soviet Youths Have Bar / Bat Mitzvahs by Proxy

Temple Beth Shalom will initiate the proxy Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies in conjunction with Women's American O.R.T.

Cantor Simon Bergman of Temple Beth Shalom and Faye Steinberg of Women's American O.R.T. are co-ordinating this special program that will be held during services on various Saturday mornings throughout the year.

The Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebrant who has chosen to share his or her "special milestone" in this religious observance will be doing so in the name of a Soviet Jewish youth who cannot observe this religious ceremony in the Soviet Union.

In addition to the public recognition, communication will take place between the American and Soviet families informing them of the twin Bar or Bat Mitzvah that will be celebrated in their name. A special twin Bar or Bat Mitzvah certificate will be given the American youth and sent to the "twin" in the Soviet Union.

Women's American O.R.T. co-ordinates these proxy B'nai Mitzvah for several related purposes: to let the Russian families know they are not forgotten; to deepen our personal bond to people forcibly detained in the Soviet Union and kept from making a new life in a land of their choice; and to reach out as Americans to all men and women who are deprived of their human rights.

SHULTZ SHUTTLES FOR PEACE

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Shamir and a meeting with Begin, their first since he became Secretary of State. He also met with Defense Minister Moshe Arens, formerly Israel's Ambassador to Washington, with whom he is well acquainted, as he is with Shamir. He reportedly spent most of the time listening to Israel's leaders appraise the situation with respect to the negotiations with Lebanon and their explanation of Israel's positions.

The tripartite negotiations between Lebanon, Israel and the U.S. have stalled over Israel's continued demand that its ally, Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of some 2,000 members of a Christian militia in control of south Lebanon be retained in some capacity in the area. Beirut has balked at this demand and President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon has declared that there would be no Israeli dictation regarding the future status of Haddad. He said also that there would be no normalization of relations between Israel and Lebanon -- merely an end of belligerency agreement.

Nevertheless, Shultz has remained optimistic in his public statements that an agreement can be reached. But he also said pointedly that the time for talks has ended and "the time to decide" is now at hand. "The negotiations have gone on for four months," he said at a dinner given in his honor. "If the remaining issues had been easy, they would already have been settled. They have been debated, analyzed, poured over, agonized over. Now is the time to resolve them... Now is the time to decide. As in every negotiation, there must be compromise. For every risk that is taken, there is gain. And the risks of agreement as it is now envisaged."

At the dinner, Shultz also indicated that once agreement on Lebanon can be reached, then he would move on to broader peace efforts in the context of President Reagan's September 1 Middle East peace initiative. But it was noted that neither the Reagan plan nor the Palestinian issue was raised during the Secretary of State's meetings with Israeli leaders. Shultz appeared to be concentrating on one issue at a time and an agreement between Israel and Lebanon is clearly top priority on his agenda.

The Israelis, for their part, sought to focus American attention on what they regard as the growing menace of the Soviet presence in Syria. Begin pressed that point at his meeting with Shultz the night of April 27, attended by Israel's ranking civilian and military policymakers. Begin insisted that Israel and the U.S. had an urgent mutual interest in standing up to this "threat." Shultz also expressed concern about the Soviet build up in Syria. But members of his entourage expressed the view that security in the north involved not only local problems along the Lebanese border but the strategic military challenge posed by Soviet backed forces in eastern Lebanon.

ISRAELITE COLUMNIST HONORED

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations honored DAVID HOROWITZ, prominent United Nations correspondent and LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE columnist at its 87th Annual Convention at the Minskoff Cultural Center on Wednesday, May 4, 1983.

David Horowitz, recent Past President of the UN Correspondents Association (an honor indicative of the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues) has covered the world organization since 1947.

He has also served as President of the Foreign Press Association. Mr. Horowitz has been repeatedly honored for his journalistic excellence of interpretation of world events. These honors include the Sigma Delta Chi Citation of the Deadline Club (1963), and the 1982 Mordecai Ben David Award by Yeshiva University, and election as Fellow of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences. During a visit to Sweden, the land of his birth, as the guest of that Government,

he was saluted as "World Citizen." He has also been made an honorary member of the Turkish Correspondents Association.

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations is an umbrella group of national organizations and representation from synagogues, temples, and service organizations. Speakers on aspects of the Convention's theme

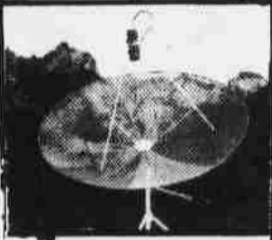
"Ethics Today" will include David Horowitz, the Honoree; the Honorable Carol Bellamy, President of the Council of the City of New York; the Hon-

orable Israel Pickol, Economics Minister of Israel to the United States; and Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, Director of the Department of Religious Affairs of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

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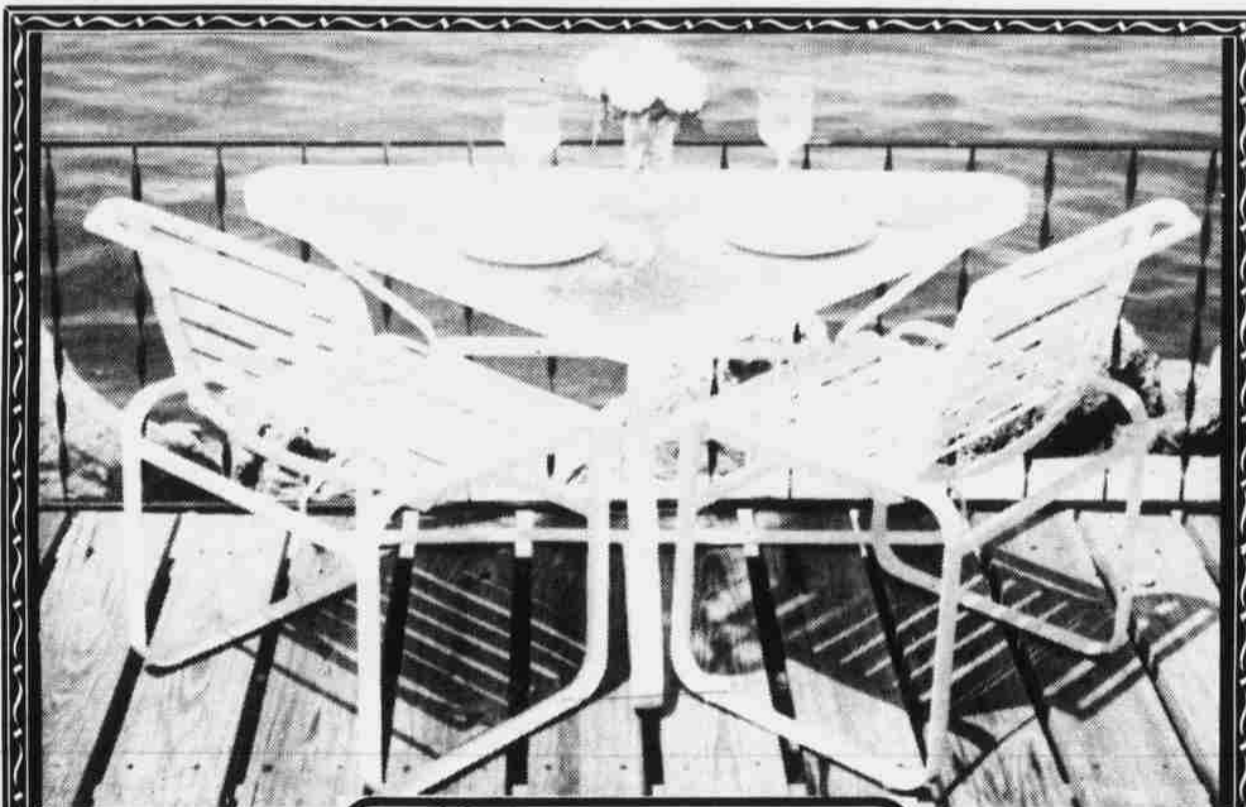
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