

REAGAN LETTER TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT CAUSES STIR

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ing of Resolution 242 and its application to all aspects of the Middle East conflict. The State Department refused to make public an actual text of the Reagan letter but said it did not object to the Syrian news agency's printing of it.

Israeli officials let it be known that they were seeking "clari-

fication" of Reagan's letter to President Assad. Israeli policy-makers were not only disturbed at the contents of the letter but its timing. The Israelis apparently fear that the U.S., having failed to draw King Hussein of Jordan into negotiations over the West Bank, may now be considering broadened negotiations

which would embrace the Golan Heights to try to induce Syria into the peace process, and possibly the Soviet Union, now Syria's main arms supplier. Such a strategy would inevitably increase tensions between Israel and Washington, the sources here pointed out. When Israel applied its laws to the Golan Heights, in Dec. 1981, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir insisted that negotiations still could be held with Syria without

preconditions. But Israel has made it clear that it has no intention ever to relinquish the Golan Heights. Foreign Minister Shamir said the Reagan letter was apparently intended to improve the climate of U.S.-Syrian relations in order to advance the prospects for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee "of worrying military preparations" by Syria. But he conceded that Israel is not certain whether those measures were being taken in preparation for aggression against Israel or for defense against a feared attack on Syria by Israel. Arens said earlier that the Israeli army must be alert and vigilant on the eastern front of Lebanon because of military moves on the Syrian side of the line.

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BY MARIE DAVID

Two years ago a former Hebrew school teacher started a Yiddish Club. For months after its beginnings the club would average an attendance of two to five people, but we persisted in our endeavors to keep it alive. Our efforts were not in vain for the club now averages an attendance of thirty to thirty-five people.

The club has no officers and no dues are required. Though, some of us speak fractured Yiddish, we are learning from one another and keeping Yiddish alive.

For the Passover Holiday, Morry and Estelle King were gracious enough to open their hearts and their home to host a Seder for the Yiddish Club. Morry and Estelle made us all feel welcome and the unity of a family. There was twenty-seven in attendance.

At the completion of the Sedar Morry played the violin for us and Sara Bessel played the piano. There was singing and dancing and 'Zayre Fraylich' for all.

Pictured are Jack and Sara Bressel, Max Milgrom at the Sedar.

The club meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 at Temple Beth Sholom. Everyone is welcome. Please join us and enjoy speaking Yiddish, share in Yiddish Humor, and in the Yiddish Philosophy. It is an experience you won't want to miss. For more information call Temple Beth Sholom at 384-5070.



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