

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

BY HERB BROWN

The Men's Club of Temple Beth Sholom would like to pay tribute to one of its hard working officers, for a job well done, our treasurer, Dr. HARRY GOLDBERG.

Several months ago Harry embarked on a cultural project which was the first of its kind in the Las Vegas area - his idea was to bring a series of qualified interesting lecturers to our Temple, and let them expound on modern Hebrew culture. He wanted the entire community to take advantage of this, so he admitted the public free. Slowly but surely, quietly and with plenty of grit and hard work, he obtained the financial backing for this worthy project; put the entire package together and Jew and Gentile alike listened to lectures which will long be remembered. Each speaker was a delight and spoke to standing room only.

Harry we want you to know that your bretheren of The Men's Club are very proud of you, and want you to accept our contribution of \$100 towards your next series, and again many thanks for your contribution.

The new officers for the Men's Club for 1983 - 1984 are: President: Vern Miller, Vice-President: Art Brand, Secretary: Alex Schlesinger, Treasury: Harry Goldberg, Assistant Secretary: Norman Ebenholtz, 4 Board Members: Mel Lane, Irving Rolle, Jack Rosen, and Saul Braun. Board member to the Board: Sid Lewis.

We wish them the best of luck. Some words of advice from a wise old sage "LET REASON BE THE BEGINNING OF EVERY WORK, AND LET COUNSEL GO BEFORE EVERY ACTION."

Have a pleasant healthy summer --- see you in the Fall.

## SOVIETS PROMISE VISA FOR ANDREI SAKHAROV

Howard M. Squadron, president of the American Jewish Congress, has issued the following statement concerning an interview with the Soviet Minister of Justice, Vladimir Terebilov, broadcast on Swedish television, in which the official indicated the long-time Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov would encounter no obstacle in obtaining an emigration visa:

We are gratified by the Soviet Minister of Justice's statement on Swedish television that Andrei Sakharov could apply for a visa now and there would be no obstacle. We call on the Soviet government to grant a visa to Mr. Sakharov as soon as possible.

Such an act would be greeted by the American people and by men and women everywhere as a gesture of compassion and good will. It would be seen as dramatic evidence that the Soviet Union's oft-stated commitment to human rights is designed not merely for rhetorical and political effect but represents a genuine desire to open up new avenues of understanding between peoples and nations everywhere.

## ARENS POPULARITY RISING

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The latest public opinion poll published in Haaretz showed Defense Minister Moshe Arens to be the Cabinet's new rising star, while the popularity of Premier Menachem Begin slipped, but only slightly. The poll also showed that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's standing with Israelis reached a new low.

Aridor, who is apparently held responsible for the soaring inflation rate and reduced cost-of-living allowances, won approval from only 25.8 percent of the 1,200 persons polled compared to 42.2 percent in April, 1982 and 33.4 percent when he took office in April, 1981. In the latest poll, 44.7 percent of the respondents expressed dissatisfaction with his performance.

Arens, Israel's for-

mer Ambassador to Washington, was the subject of a national poll for the first time since he became Defense Minister last January, replacing Ariel Sharon. The results showed that he has the support of 48.5 percent of the public. Only 5.7 percent expressed dissatisfaction and 37.1 percent was undecided.

Begin's popularity dropped from 55.3 percent two months ago to 54.5 percent. The most popular Likud minister is Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy who enjoys the support of 60.9 percent of those polled. But the most popular Cabinet member of all is Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party who is approved by 71.5 percent of the public.

BONN (WNS) -- Karl Tolkuehn, a Latvian-born former petty officer in the Nazi controlled Latvian security police, was sentenced to 3-1/2 years imprisonment by a Hamburg district court for complicity in the mass murder of Jews during World War II. Tolkuehn, 70, admitted his guilt but insisted that although a Nazi by conviction he was not anti-Semitic. According to the charges, he aided and abetted the shooting of 700 Jewish women and children deported from Germany to Latvia in 1942 and was similarly involved in the shooting of another 30 Jews near Riga the same year.

## BAT MITZVAH AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

Jill Gordon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gordon, will recite a portion of the Haftarah and become a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Friday evening, May 20, 1983.

Rabbi Kalman Appel will officiate and conduct the services which commence at 8:00 P.M. Cantor Simon Bergman will chant the liturgy. The parents of the Bar Mitzvah will host the congregation to Oneg Shabbat refreshments immediately after the conclusion of services.

## AUSCHWITZ SURVIVORS MEET THANKS TO ISRAEL BONDS BOOTH

The Israel Bonds booth at the recent American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors held in Washington, D.C. helped bring together four survivors who had last seen each other in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Two of them, each one of twins, had been subjected to the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele's barbaric genetic experiments and lived to tell about it.

The booth was established by the Bond Organization as part of its New Life Dinners program which honors survivors who have achieved distinction in the new life they have carved out for themselves and who participate in the upbuilding of Israel through the Bond campaign.

A poster-size photograph hanging from the booth, depicting 12 children in concentration camp garb standing behind barbed wire at Auschwitz, served as the magnet that drew the four together from the 12,000 to 15,000 survivors who gathered at the convention searching for family members or long-lost friends.

Mrs. Ruth Webber of Detroit, one of those pictured, met Mrs. Miriam Ziegler of Toronto who carried around a framed, smaller version of the photograph which she had obtained from Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Museum in Israel) in Jerusalem in 1981 at the first World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors. Mrs. Ziegler and Mrs. Webber had remained in contact, having gone to the same orphanage after their liberation from Auschwitz, and from there to Toronto.

Marc Berkowitz of New York, a speaker at many of the Israel Bond New Life Dinners, who manned the booth, is also in the photograph. As one of twins, he had been experimented on by Dr. Mengele. He had not seen any of the other children in 38 years.

On the third morning of the convention, amidst the confusion of the thousands walking around the convention floor searching, the two women and Mr. Berkowitz were brought together at the Bond booth. They hugged, kissed and cried together.

"I'll never leave you again," Berkowitz told the woman, referring to 38 years ago. Mrs. Webber began talking about what had happened to them in Auschwitz. Her husband said it was the first time she had been able to relate the story.

Newsweek Magazine, hearing of the reunion, interviewed and photographed them. The picture and story appeared in the April 25 issue.

Eva Kor of Terra Haute, Ind., a twin and also a victim of Dr. Mengele, and one of the 12 children, searched the convention for three days, carrying around a sign which read: "Looking for Birkenau twins experimented on by Dr. Mengele."

Just prior to the closing evening's events, when she had already despaired of finding anyone, she was directed to the Israel Bonds booth where she heard she could find Marc Berkowitz.

"This is the little boy in the picture," she was told as she was introduced to Marc. They threw their arms around each other.

"Remember, we're Dr. Mengele's children," he said.

"Putyu," she softly answered him. "Putyu" was his childhood nickname.

"Remember the showers?" she asked him.

"Yes. And I got the toilet paper," he said. She and Mr. Berkowitz talked, mimicked how they had walked in Auschwitz, and then sat together at the closing ceremony.

After 38 years of searching, Mrs. Kor had found someone who "was there," someone else who knew the truth. At the end of the evening, she took out a pen and wrote across the face of her sign: "FOUND."

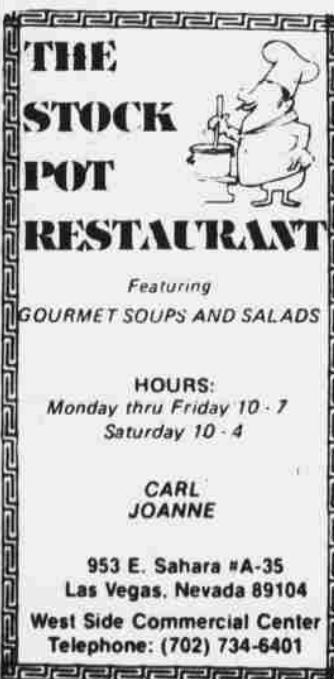


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