

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

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Mitzvah. Cantor Bergman arranged this special ceremony to be included and acknowledged at the time of the presentation of a gift, usually a tallis, from the parents to the celebrant and prior to the removal of the Torah from the Holy Ark; thus being an integral theme of the service.

The proxy Bar-Bat Mitzvah is directed toward the children of Soviet Refusniks - families who have been refused permission to emigrate. These children are most often unable to study Hebrew or to observe their own Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The families are not allowed to live as Jews.

The Temple Beth Sholom young people who have "chosen" to share their special Bar-Bat Mitzvah day with a Soviet youth will be receiving two special twinning certificates; one, will be sent to the youth in Russia they stood in for, or adopted, for this special time and occasion. Hopefully, a pen-pal relationship might ensue.

Cantor Bergman remarked, "The children are very excited and responded in a very positive manner to this new program initiated by ORT throughout our Country."

Stacy Fisher, daughter of Irene and Dr. Barry Fisher was the "first" to participate in the proxy Bat-Mitzvah on May 21, 1983, with Irina Matveev, daughter of Divora and YaKov Matveev of Russia.

The proxy certificate was presented by Mrs. Faye Steinberg of Women's American ORT to Stacy after she completed her chanting of her Haftorah and appropriate blessings.

On June 11, 1983, Barry Shafer, son of Claire and Jared Shafer, shared his proxy Bar - Mitzvah with Aleksandr Kuperman, son of Refusnik Edward and Eleonora Kuperman. Mrs. Fisher of Women's American ORT made the special presentation to Barry at the conclusion of the chanting by Barry.

Robert Wilner, son of Linda and Dr. Martin Wilner had "double pleasure" by adopting for his proxy Bar-Mitzvah twin sons, Valerie and Grisha Mendeleyev during services June 18. The parents are Shelly and Oscar Semyonovich Mendeleyev of Moscow, U.S.S.R. Mrs. Irene Kaufman, of Women's American ORT, presented Robert with the "twinning" certificates and commented how very concerned

ISRAEL URGED BY U.S. TO STAY IN LEBANON

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dark picture of future developments if the Israeli army pulls back now to shorter lines in Lebanon. Such a move, they contend, would shatter the delicate structure of President Amin Gemayel's government in Beirut and would lead to the occupation of areas evacuated by Israel by Syrian and PLO forces.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens, who recently returned from Paris, told the

Cabinet that the French officials with whom he met conveyed the view that the Syrians will leave Lebanon in the long run. This was presented as an argument in favor of the view that Israel should be patient and give diplomacy another chance to achieve the desired pull-out of all foreign forces from Lebanon. The British government has also relayed to Israel the view that

Israel should show restraint and leave Lebanon only after a full settlement is reached.

The problem of the present deployment, making the Israeli army vulnerable to hit and run terrorist attacks causing mounting casualties, has given impetus to the political opposition. A Labor Party resolution demanding that Israel pull out of the Shouf mountains immediately and out of all of Lebanon within the next few months was rejected out of hand by Premier Menachem Begin. Begin reportedly believes that withdrawal of the Israeli forces at this stage would harm Israel's security and political position and would lead inevitably to a new war in Lebanon.

and positive were Robert's feelings towards his fellow Jews in Russia.

Heidi Reisman, daughter of Bernetta and Larry Nelson shared her proxy Bat-Mitzvah with Dalia Glinkene, daughter of Ella and Stanislavas Glinkene. Heidi's Bat-Mitzvah was June 25 and at the conclusion of the services that Heidi chanted, she received her Bat-Mitzvah certificate and various gifts from the Temple. Afterwards, there was a presentation by Faye Steinberg of proxy "twinning" Bat-Mitzvah certificates.

The young people who participated were clearly in agreement that they felt religious intolerance was very sad and felt they would like to help their Jewish brethren in Russia. Heidi Reisman commented, "I pray that some day the people of Russia can practice their religion openly." Robert Wilner remarked, "The Soviet children are not as fortunate as we to be able to study the Torah." All agreed they want the world to know they care for the Soviet Jews and want them to know they are not forgotten.



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