

Israel's Withdrawal To The Awali River

1. In the agreement with Lebanon signed on 17 May 1983, Israel agreed to withdraw its armed forces as part of a general withdrawal of all external forces from Lebanese soil, thus assuring the early resoration of the full authority of the central Lebanese government over a sovereign, independent Lebanon. The agreement, which is to usher in a new era in Israeli-Lebanese relations, has the full support of both Lebanon and the United States.

2. The existing international boundary between Lebanon and Israel has been explicitly recognized in the agreement as the border between the two countries. Israel is fully prepared to carry out its part of the agreement and to withdraw behind that border within the shortest possible time. The agreement mentions a period of 8 - 12 weeks during which this withdrawal would be carried out. In an exchange of letters made at the time of the signing of the agreement it was made clear that all external forces would be withdrawn from Lebanese soil.

3. The only obstacle, then, to the realization of this objective is the continuing refusal of Syria and the PLO to withdraw their forces from the areas they occupy in Lebanon. This refusal apparently stems from Syria's long-standing policy of regarding Lebanon as part of 'Greater Syria' and of seizing every opportunity to translate this ambition into a political reality. This policy has found expression in numerous ways.

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- Its intermittent aggravation of factional warfare among Lebanon's diverse communities: in thus 'keeping the Lebanese pot boiling,' Damascus is also serving Moscow's interests.

4. The current refusal of the Damascus regime to withdraw its forces from Lebanese soil is proof, if such were needed, that its original military intervention seven years ago had not been as it then claimed, 'to restore the peace,'

but rather to advance its own imperialist designs on Lebanon.

5. Israel has decided to begin its part of the general withdrawal by redeploying its own forces further south, along a line following the Awali River. This redeployment will be carried out in consultation with the governments of Lebanon and the United States, and with the understanding that the area being evacuated by the Israel Defense Forces will be taken over by an expanded and re-trained Lebanese army.

7. In carrying out this partial withdrawal to the Awali River Line, Israel seeks in the main to foster what has been its central goal ever since the launching of Operation Peace for Galilee last summer: to assure the safety and well-being

of Israel's citizens in the towns and villages of Galilee, and to make certain that southern Lebanon will not again be turned into a base of attack against Israel. It is Israel's fervent desire to complete the withdrawal to behind the international frontier as soon as the threat to its citizens from the continued presence of Syrian forces and PLO terrorists on Lebanese soil is removed.

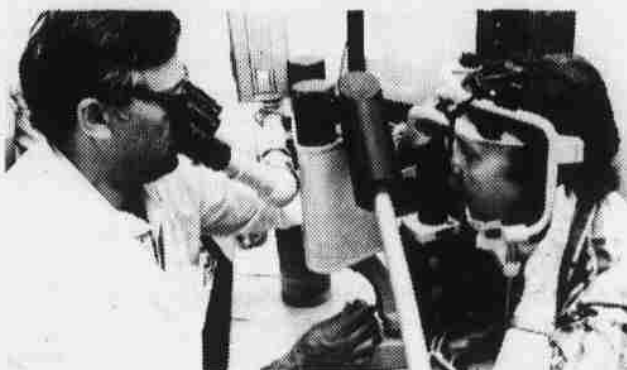
8. The Israeli redeployment, therefore, is by no means a step towards the partition of Lebanon between Israel and Syria but precisely the contrary: an attempt to move towards the termination of the present quasi-partition and to allow the Lebanese army gradually to expand the area under its control.

Double Bris At Temple Emanu-El



(L-R) Mohel-Rev. Shmuel Zadok, Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Pitterman & Baby Aaron Ezra, Cantor Yaacov Levy, Dr. & Mrs. Phillip Schwartz and Baby Joshua Aaron. Cantor Yaacov Levy officiated & the Mohel was Rev. Shmuel Zadok. The double bris took place at Temple Emanu-El. Mazel tov to all. (Photograph By Marvin.)

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Jason Bennett, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Bennett, was called to the Torah and became a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., on Saturday morning, August 6, 1983.

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