

Haddad's Successor Named

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Gen. Antoine Lahad, a Maronite Christian, took command of the South Lebanon Army (SLA), succeeding the late Maj. Saad Haddad who was Israel's closest ally in Lebanon until his death last January 14.

Haddad, who was posthumously promoted to the rank of colonel, commanded what was then known as the Christian militia in south Lebanon although many of its soldiers were Shiite Moslems. He was consulted on the appointment of Lahad to succeed him as commander of the newly formed SLA, to which he agreed shortly before his death.

The succession was not immediately announced in order to allow Lahad time to move his parents, wife and son safely from northern Lebanon to their new home at Marjayoun in the south.

Lahad is believed to be a follower of former President Camille Chamoun who backs the government of President Amin Gemayel. He is said to consider Lebanon a multi-ethnic society, an outlook which satisfied the Israelis who are the SLA's main supporters. Israel would like to see a Lebanese army composed of Shiites, Sunni Moslems and Druze as well as Christians.

Mens Club News

By Herb Brown

The Mens Club of Temple Beth Sholom were on an entertainment roll with 2 big payoff passes, one on March 30, Friday eve, when they had their first Oneg Shabbat and the other was on Wednesday April 4 at their social.

The Oneg Shabbat was planned with professional taste and dignity by Cantor Simon Bergman. The services were made meaningful as Saul Braun, Mel Lane, Joe Robins, Herb Brown, Art Brand, Ron Berner, and Morry King, read each a portion of the service as their contribution in celebration with the Mens Club Oneg Shabbat. Len Levien acted as greeter and usher. President Vern Miller making his first appearance in the Temple since his recent heart surgery, explained the function of the Mens Club and also dramatically and with heartfelt sincerity thanked everyone who sent him a card or visited or called him while he was in the hospital. He singled out especially his wife Gail and sister Anita, also last but not least he paid a special tribute to the Minyonaires. In Vern's words "They are a great group of men who prayed for my recuperation for a steady 2 months; you don't know how great they are, until you need them, and if you do, they are there to help you. It is a comfortable feeling to know you have the Minyonaires

when you are lying in the hospital."

The Mens Club really outdid themselves in social and community service Wednesday eve April 4 — after election of officers for the coming year who are: President - Art Brand, First V.P. - Manny Gorman, Second V.P. - Sid Lewis, Secretary - Herb Brown, Treasurer - Ron Berner, Executive Bd. - George Zack, Norm Ebenholtz and Mel Lane.

The speaker was thanks to Mel Lane, entertainment director was none other than Governor Richard Bryan. The Governor was exceptionally interesting in as much as he started out with a brief statement and then conducted a question and answer program which covered all the interesting grass roots questions that many of us are concerned with. His skillful knowledgeable answering of these questions, gave all of us another vote of confidence in the man and the States future. Questions covered areas of high medical costs, P.S.C. request for an increase in rates, Citicorp, and other timely topics of interest. And the beautiful part of it was the Governor stayed and answered all questions no matter how difficult or personal, until all were satisfied. He did not avoid any problem no matter how sensitive it was and cop out with the typical political "Sorry I have to leave for another appointment."

Of course a delicious colation followed under the supervision of Sol Goldin, who always does a fine job.

IDF Issues Grim List of PLO Casualties

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The Israel Defense Force published a grim list of civilian and military casualties suffered by Israelis at home and abroad and by visitors to Israel over the last 19 years, primarily due to acts of terrorism. In addition, 585 soldiers were killed and about 3,400 were wounded during the war in Lebanon.

According to the IDF list, made public April 5, 730 Israelis and visitors have been killed and 3,905 wounded by terrorists since the Palestine Liberation Organization began its operations against Israel in 1965.

Of that number, 719 Israelis — soldiers and civilians — were killed along the border and in terrorists assaults abroad. An additional 2,753 were wounded between 1965 and the start of the war in Lebanon on June 5, 1982.

Since the war began in Lebanon, up to and including the April 2 terrorist attack in downtown Jerusalem, 11 Israelis were killed and 152 wounded as a

result of terrorist attacks in Israel and on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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