

Political Activity Crucial To Jewish Survival, Israel Lobby Director Says In Women's League Outlook

NEW YORK — "Political activity is a matter of survival -- it is not only a right, but an obligation," Thomas A. Dine, Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), says in the newly published Fall 1984 issue of Women's League OUTLOOK.

During this season of approaching Presidential and other elections, Dine's timely article admonishes American Jews to be politically aware and involved. Referring to AIPAC, he says, "If political activity means survival, then the pro-Israel lobby in Washington is the key to that survival."

In an article entitled "The AIPAC Link," Dine describes the history and accomplishments of the pro-Israel lobby that he heads. He considers AIPAC's two "core" issues to be funding of U.S. military and economic assistance for Israel and opposing arms sales to Arab countries that are hostile to Israel.

In addition to these major issues, Dine discusses AIPAC's involvement in other legislative items that affect Israel. "On a daily basis, AIPAC's primary function is to provide Members of Congress and the Executive Branch with accurate and timely information on current issues affecting Israel and the Middle East," he says. He also describes AIPAC's efforts to build a grassroots support system, to sensitize



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college students, and to play an educational role in helping candidates to formulate positions on U.S. - Israel relations.

Other articles in the newest issue of OUTLOOK deal with Jewish communities in other times and places. "Illuminating Medieval Jewry" by Janice Levit illustrates how daily Jewish life in the Middle Ages can be traced through manuscripts of the time. Iraqi Jew Dr. Maurice M. Sawdayee describes his virtually vanished community in "Sunshine and Shadow: The Jews of Iraq." In an article entitled "Tunisian Wedding: Old Traditions, New Insights," Sophie

C. Aksel recounts her attendance at a Jewish wedding on the island of Jerba.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) — Archaeological finds dating back to the earliest period of Canaanite Jerusalem were discovered in this season's excavations in Jerusalem's City of David, Prof. Yigal Shiloh, head of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Institute of Archaeology and director of the excavations, told journalists at a press tour. These finds date back to the earliest settlement of Jerusalem in the third millennium BCE.

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