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# Israel Satisfied With Reagan-Fahd Talks

## Dole: U. S. Aid To Israel A Good Investment

PALM BEACH (WNS) — Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R. Kan.) declared that American assistance to Israelis is one of the "best investments we can make in fostering the stability of the Middle East and furthering our own interests in that important region."

The Senator told a dinner meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith here

that aiding Israel is the "right thing to do for one of our staunchest friends."

Underscoring the American commitment to advancing a Middle East peace settlement, Dole said that President Reagan's 1982 peace proposal which he described as a "major and innovative step" is the most attractive vehicle for

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WASHINGTON (WNS) — Israel appeared satisfied with President Reagan's two day talks with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia because Reagan repeatedly stressed the need for the Arabs to engage in direct negotiations with the Jewish State. But it is concerned about the next step in U.S. Middle East diplomacy, the meeting in Vienna next week between The American and Soviet officials dealing with the region.

Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne, during a 75-minute meeting with Richard Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs expressed satisfaction with the President's reaffirmation of the need for direct negotiations, according to Victor Harel, the Israel Embassy spokesman. But Harel said that Rosenne also voiced Israel's concern about the talks Murphy will conduct in Vienna with Vladimir Polykov, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Near East Division.

Rosenne outlined the negative role the Soviet Union has played in the Middle East, including its opposition to the Camp David accords and

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## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
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## Purim -- A Time For Masquerading - March 7th

By Diane Greenberg

(WZPS) — Purim is a day for feasting, merrymaking and masquerading. It commemorates the triumph of Esther and Mordecai over Haman, the wicked chief minister of King Ahasuerus, who sought to destroy all the Jews of the Persian Empire. These events are related in the Book of Megillah of Esther which is read every year on the eve and morning of the festival.

The story of Esther was only reluctantly included in the Biblical canon and from medieval times has emerged as a day when anything and everything goes...In fact the excesses of eating, drinking and frivolity are sanctioned by Halachah and centuries of Jewish tradition.

### Masks and Costumes

Purim is a time when both children and adults masquerade in a variety of masks and costumes - sometimes in imitation of the characters of the Megillah. An old print from Holland shows us that three hundred years ago people would masquerade as kitchen utensils.

From the Middle Ages people in some communities would disguise themselves in various costumes and masks and wander through the streets visiting homes singing and playing and making people laugh. A Moritz Oppenheim oil painting, 'Purim at Home', shows strolling masked Purim-shpilars entertaining a family. Even in Orthodox communities the taboo on acting and the use of masks was lifted on Purim.

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## ORT Prepares Ethiopian Jews For Their Futures In Israel



As thousands of Ethiopian Jews begin their new lives as free Jews in Israel, ORT Israel has initiated special programs in Kiryat Gat and Natanya to train them in accounting, biology, drawing, metalwork, and dressmaking, and to provide orientation in Israeli industrial practices, according to Alvin L. Gray, American ORT Federation President. Further programs are planned to begin operation shortly. The students pictured above are among those benefiting from the new training program.