

Shira Lewis Bat Mitzvah At Temple Beth Sholom



(Photograph by Marvin)

Shira Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal E. Lewis, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday morning, October 12. Dr. Louis M. Lederman, Rabbi, will officiate and Hazzan Simon Bergman, Cantor, will chant the liturgy.

A Call For Mexican Relief

Once again Israel and American Jewish organizations are in the forefront of international relief efforts to aid victims of a natural disaster. Now, it is Mexico City, still reeling from the huge earthquake which rocked parts of the capital. Thousands were killed, others buried under the rubble of collapsed buildings. Shortages of critical supplies such as medicines, food, water and other items were reported.

Israel, just a couple of days after the earthquake, dispatched civil defense, specialists and military engineers to Mexico City to assist the rescue operations. These experts went in response to a general appeal for help from the Mexican government. IDF personnel have expertise in rescuing people from the rubble of building, having developed this technique, unfortunately, during the Lebanon War where buildings were blasted by terrorist bombs.

Israel also sent equipment that included sensory devices which pinpoint the faintest sounds coming from beneath rubble, and especially designed inflatable airbags to be used as jacks to carefully lift fallen masonry or steel girders weighing as much as 54 tons. This equipment enables rescuers to crawl beneath rubble to extricate survivors or the bodies of victims. The Israelis also brought with them hydraulic cutting equipment to slice through steel and concrete.

While Israeli teams worked to clear the rubble, The American Jewish Joint Distribution immediately opened its mail box to donations for emergency relief and implemented an assistance program in behalf of the American Jewish Community. They had taken similar action for Cam-

bodia in 1980, Italy in 1981, and Lebanon and Ethiopia in recent years. JDC actions parallel those of Catholic, Protestant and non-sectarian agencies providing humanitarian assistance to disaster victims. Those wishing to contribute to the JDC efforts can contribute to Mexico Relief, JDC, Rm. 1914, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10165.

Also providing relief aid is B'nai B'rith International, which has allocated an initial \$1,000 for disaster relief for Mexico, and called on its lodges, units and individual members to make similar contributions. Checks should be made out to B'nai B'rith International, earmarked "Mexican Earthquake Relief," and mailed to B'nai B'rith Community Services, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

BUENOS AIRES (WNS) — A bomb went off in one of the buildings of the Sholom Aleichem Jewish school complex, the World Jewish Congress reported here. Extensive property damage resulted but no one was injured. A preliminary evaluation by authorities indicates that the explosive device used was a powerful one. No persons or organizations have yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

BONN (WNS) — The town of Bergen-Belsen in Lower Saxony renamed a school as a memorial to Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who was taken by the Nazis during World War II from Amsterdam to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp where she eventually perished.

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