

Protest, Police, Paddy Wagon



Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry coordinator Glenn Richter, wearing a tallit, is searched by police before he and eight others arrested for protesting at the USSR Embassy in Washington are put in a paddy wagon. The 80 persons so far detained in five actions at the Embassy, including 40 rabbis, all face trial, as contrasted to over 2000 anti-apartheid demonstrators released immediately after similar arrests at the South African Embassy. The Soviet protests have been coordinated by the Washington Board of Rabbis. Photo credit -- UCSJ. Student Struggle For Soviet Jewry, 210 West 91st Street, New York, N.Y. 10024, (212) 799-8900.

LETTERS

Mr. Michael Tell
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Dear Mr. Tell:

I am writing to thank you for the service you and your staff provide for not just the Jewish community of Las Vegas, but for all of us. Since being transferred here a year ago, I have been reading a complimentary copy of the ISRAELITE provided at the Boulevard Mall.

Having grown up in Canton, Ohio, I am well acquainted with the positive effect such a paper as yours has on a community. My parents lived - and continue to live - in the center of a very strong Jewish community in Canton. If I wanted to play some after-school baseball with my buddies I had two options: wait until they returned home from Hebrew school or walk along with them to school, then tag along home to play some ball. I chose the latter and have been greatly benefitted for making that choice.

I am a fulltime educator with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) and must confess to using articles and stories from your bi-weekly paper frequently in my daily classes. (I work with 245 Latter-day Saints who come to me for daily religious instruction either before or after school. These students are from Rancho High in North Las Vegas.) For instance, in the last issue you carried a story ("An Unusual Bar Mitzvah Request") about a young man whose actions resulted in the planting of nearly 1,000 trees in Israel. What an example to my students as we talked about sacrifice and about extending one's influence beyond himself. Needless to say, with nearly every issue there is a story that just seems to fulfill a discussion mode I prescribe for a particular lesson.

Mr. Tell, thank you for this wonderful newspaper. I sincerely hope that its influence is as profound throughout the Las Vegas community as it is within the walls of my classroom and home.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Hildebrandt

Mervyn's Employee Honored For Community Service

HAYWARD, California — Harriet Kushner of Las Vegas, Nevada, has earned a \$500 award for her favorite charity, the B'nai B'rith Women Las Vegas/Silver Meadows.

Kushner is one of 50 Mervyn's employees to be recognized for outstanding volunteer community service. Mervyn's supports the volunteer hours its employees donate through an annual contribution to the non-profit organization they represent.

Kushner, who is a sales clerk at Mervyn's East Las Vegas store, served as 1984/1985 President for the international service organization which sponsored the Dolls for Democracy program in local schools.

Mervyn's Volunteer of the Year Award was won by Judy Matthews, Berna Worley and Dale Wright of Mervyn's Lancaster store in Lancaster, California. Their organization, the Antelope Valley Jr. Women's Club, will receive a \$3,000 donation in recognition of their volunteer service. Each recipient has been active in both leadership and program activities, providing over 3,000 collective hours of service in support of educational and philanthropic needs.

30,000 Mervyn's employees in ten states are eligible to apply for the annual award.

WASHINGTON (WNS) — Fifty-one Democratic and Republican members of the House have written British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher asking her not to sell Tornado fighters and Hawk trainers to Saudi Arabia. The letter initiated by Reps. Tom Lantos (D. Cal.) and John Porter (R. Ill.) pointed out that the Saudis plan to base the planes only 100 miles from Israel and 800 miles from the oil fields the weapons are supposed to protect.

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