

**Dr. Israel Goldstein,
Major Figure in World Jewry,
Dead At 89**

JERUSALEM (WNS) author, one of the major — Dr. Israel Gold- figures in American stein, a rabbi, scholar, Zionism and world

Peres In New York



Prime Minister Shimon Peres (left) chats with Kenneth J. Blalkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Yehuda Hellman, executive vice chairman (right) after addressing some 200 heads of national Jewish groups immediately before flying home to Israel. Peres called for a three-point program against terrorism emphasizing prevention of terrorist acts (by sharing information among Western nations), precautionary measures at airports (following El Al's successful procedures) and punishment of terrorists (to deter future terrorist outrages).

Jewish affairs and one of the relatively few diaspora leaders to settle in Israel after retirement, died at Shaare Zedek Hospital here after a long illness.

Dr. Goldstein was rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun on New York's Upper West Side from 1918 to 1960. It was and is one of the largest Conservative congregations in the U.S., the oldest Askenazic congregation in New York and the second oldest synagogue in the city. From its pulpit, Goldstein launched a career of service to Judaism

and Zionism which spanned the most tumultuous years of this century and continued long after he and his wife moved permanently to Jerusalem in 1960.

During his 42 years as rabbi of a prestigious synagogue, Goldstein was deeply involved in the Zionist movement and the struggle leading up to the founding of the State of Israel. In 1946, he founded the Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., the first university in the U.S. under secular Jewish sponsorship. He was also consultant to the U.S. delegation at the Founding Conference of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945. He was treasurer of the Jewish Agency in 1949 and vice chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany from 1953-1970.

Goldstein was born in Philadelphia on June 18, 1896 and received a BA degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1914. He was ordained a rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1918 and received a Doctorate of Hebrew Literature from the Seminary in 1927. He subsequently received honorary doctorates from six other colleges and universities.

He held the presidency of many organizations over the years, including Young Judaea, Jewish National Fund, Zionist Organization of America, American Jewish Congress, and New York Board of Rabbis. He was a founder of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1928 and co-chairman of its Commission on Religious Organizations in 1930-32.

**U.S. Starts Proceedings Against
Alleged Nazi War Criminals**

WASHINGTON (WNS) — The Justice Department initiated denaturalization proceedings against three men it charges with concealing their war crimes -- serving as guards at Mauthausen concentration camp and voluntarily joining the SS -- when applying for United States citizenship.

The three men are all alleged to have served as guards in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria and with having voluntarily joined the death head battalion of the Nazi SS. All three have refused comment on the charges. They are: Martin Bartsch of Chicago, 59, whose origin nationality was variously given by the Justice Department as

Rumanian and Hungarian: Stefan Leill of Clifton, N.J., 76, a Rumanian by birth; and Josef Wieland of Burlingame, Calif., 77, a native of Yugoslavia.

The Justice Department said prosecutors had not decided which countries the men would go to if deported. The deportation hearings follow the denaturalization proceedings, a process which, officials said, could take several years.

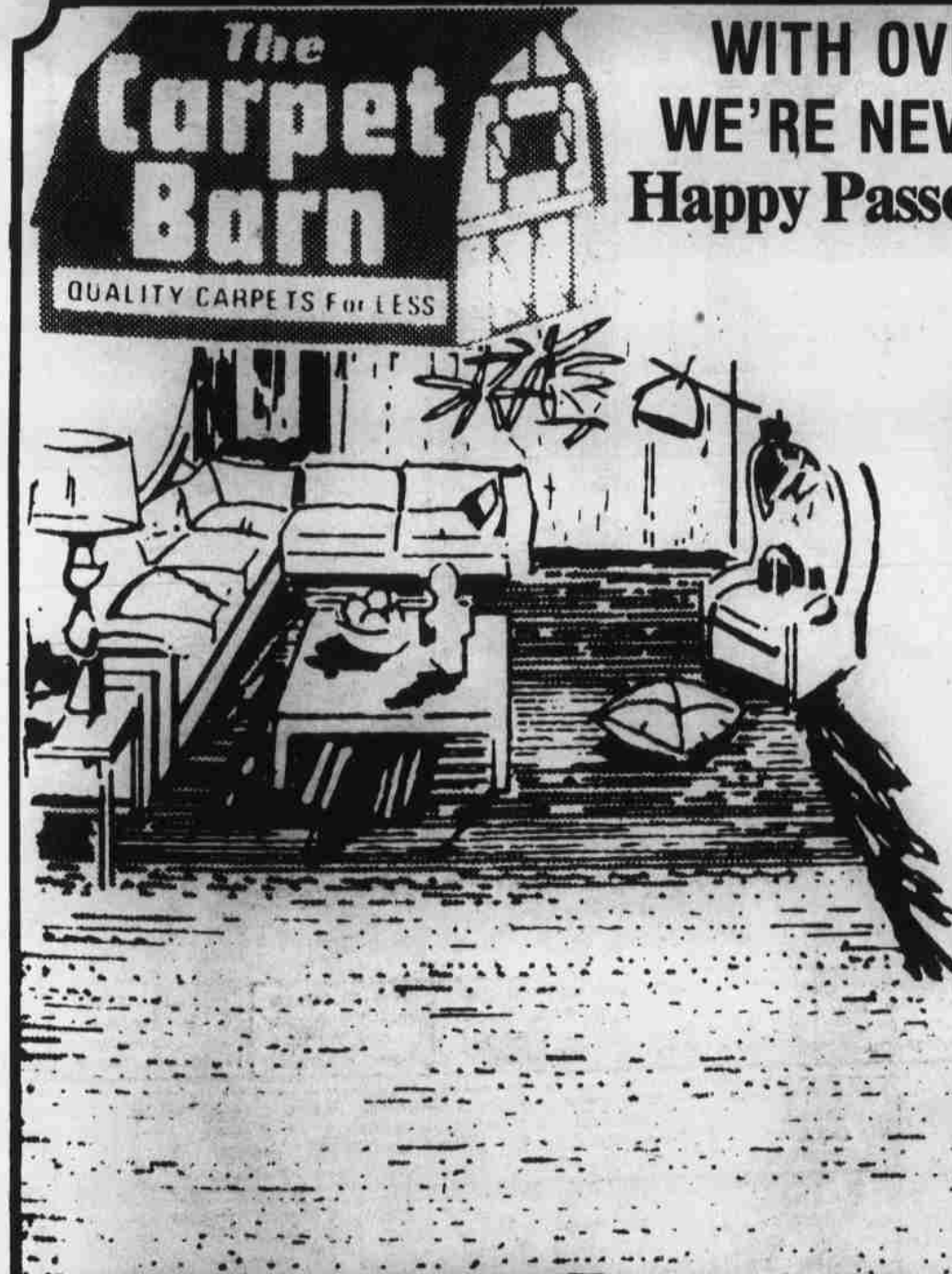
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