

# Todd Hartley Bar Mitzvah At Temple Beth Am



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Todd Hartley, grandson of Dr. Bernie and Fritzie Welan, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, recently. Rabbi Mel Hecht officiated.

## Young Israel Refutes N. Y. Times Endorsement Of Saudi Arms Sale

The president of the National Council of Young Israel, Harold N. Jacobs, has blasted the editorial endorsement by the New York Times May 7th of the sale of thousands of American weapons to Saudi Arabia as "based on a grossly distorted picture of both their intended use and the long track record of the Saudis."

"The 1700 Sidewinder missiles we are now asked to supply, carried by the F-15 aircraft and directed by the AWACS that we have previously sold the Saudis, are the ideal weapons with which to destroy the Israeli air force, its first line of defense. They would increase the Saudi stockpile to 37 missiles for every plane, far more than they could ever hope to use themselves. By whom and against whom are these weapons for use? The Iranians have virtually no modern air force left.

"Over the past 20 years, the Saudis have willingly paid many millions of dollars to buy arms for the PLO, as well as for other vehemently anti-Israel Arab states. The Saudis have repeatedly refused to guarantee that American-supplied arms would not be used against Israel in the event of another Middle East war. The hand-held Stinger missiles are the ideal terrorist weapon, perfect for shooting down civilian airliners. These weapons are amongst the most advanced in the American arsenal, and the Saudis are the only ones among the Arab nations dedicated to Israel's destruction who have access to them.

"All of the presidential assurances of Saudi co-operation accompanying previous arms sales requests have been belied by the Saudi's steadfast refusal to recognize the State of Israel, to join or endorse direct peace negotiations with it, or to support anything but an all out war bent on the destruction of Israel. The sale of the AWACS put Israel at more than "a regional disadvantage." It was and is a direct threat to its security, and the currently proposed sale would only heighten that threat.

"The Saudis are not our friends. They have urged neighboring Arab states to deny access requested by American military forces in the area. For a decade, they bled our economy white, by single-handedly propping up oil prices. Now that we have managed to break their energy stranglehold on us, they are trying to destroy the non-OPEC competition through an all-out price war, and re-establish our dependency on them. Is that the way friends act?

"It is high time for the Saudis to demonstrate in concrete terms their willingness to redeem the promises made on their behalf to work towards peace with Israel and the stability and independence of the American economy, before we sell them one more bullet, let alone our most sophisticated weapons."

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