

### Demjanjuk Trial Opens And Adjourns Til January 19

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juk's complaint in his private chambers but would not admit it to the trial proceedings.

Another complaint, voiced by O'Connor, was that he has been forced to appear in court without the assistance of an Israeli lawyer. He underscored this by apologizing repeatedly for his "imperfect knowledge of Israeli law."

O'Connor was given special dispensation by the Justice Ministry several months ago to plead in Israeli courts. An Israeli lawyer was to be appointed to assist him on points of law. O'Connor told reporters after the hearing that he had spoken to six attorneys referred to him by the Israel Bar Association but none was prepared to give him time, "a year or year-and-a-half" according to O'Connor, to serve at the trial.

"Certainly, I cannot pay the fees of Israeli lawyers who have asked for \$400,000 or \$800,000 fees," O'Connor said.

Demjanjuk, 66, was

stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1981 for lying about his alleged Nazi past. He is the first Nazi war crimes suspect extradited to Israel and will be the first to stand trial here since Adolf Eichmann who was executed in 1962.

Demjanjuk was brought to Israel last February and has been confined since then to a maximum security cell at Ramle prison. It was announced on November 23 that his trial would open on January 19. But the official opening was advanced by more than a month because of a legal technicality that might have forced his release.

When the proceedings get underway next January, they will be held in the Binyanei Haooma concert hall to accommodate the large number of spectators expected. The prosecution wants a speedy trial. The court will convene in morning and afternoon sessions, four days a week.

### 71-Year-Old "Oleh" Awakes From 51 Day Coma At Laniado Hospital



NETANYA, ISRAEL — Harry Stein, originally of London, celebrated a "re-birthday" party at Israel's Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital recently after being given a second chance at life.

Mr. Stein had suffered a serious heart attack several months ago while in his home in Netanya and was brought to Laniado Hospital by a mobile intensive care ambulance in a comatose state. Despite comprehensive treatment he failed to respond. His wife, Mary, hoping only for a miracle, came to his bedside daily carrying on one-sided conversations, which usually began with, "How are you feeling, Harry?"

On the 51st day Harry responded by saying simply, "Excellent," happily unaware that anything at all was amiss.

During the next few days Harry regained all of his communication skills and was able to begin physical therapy treatments, which his doctors' say, will help him to walk again soon.

Doctors around Israel marveled at what they termed the "medical miracle" at Laniado

Hospital. Articles appeared in the Israeli press suggesting that because Laniado is a religious hospital, "heroic measures" were continued in this case, well past the point where other hospitals would have considered Mr. Stein's condition as hopeless.

Chaim Fachler, the hospital's official spokesman said, "Mr. Stein was fortunate that he was brought to Laniado, not because of our religious commitment to the sanctity of human life but also because we were the only hospital whose nurses had not been out on strike, several times, during his long hospitalization."

Kiryat Sanz Laniado Hospital is the only hospital serving the 200,000 residents of the greater Netanya area.

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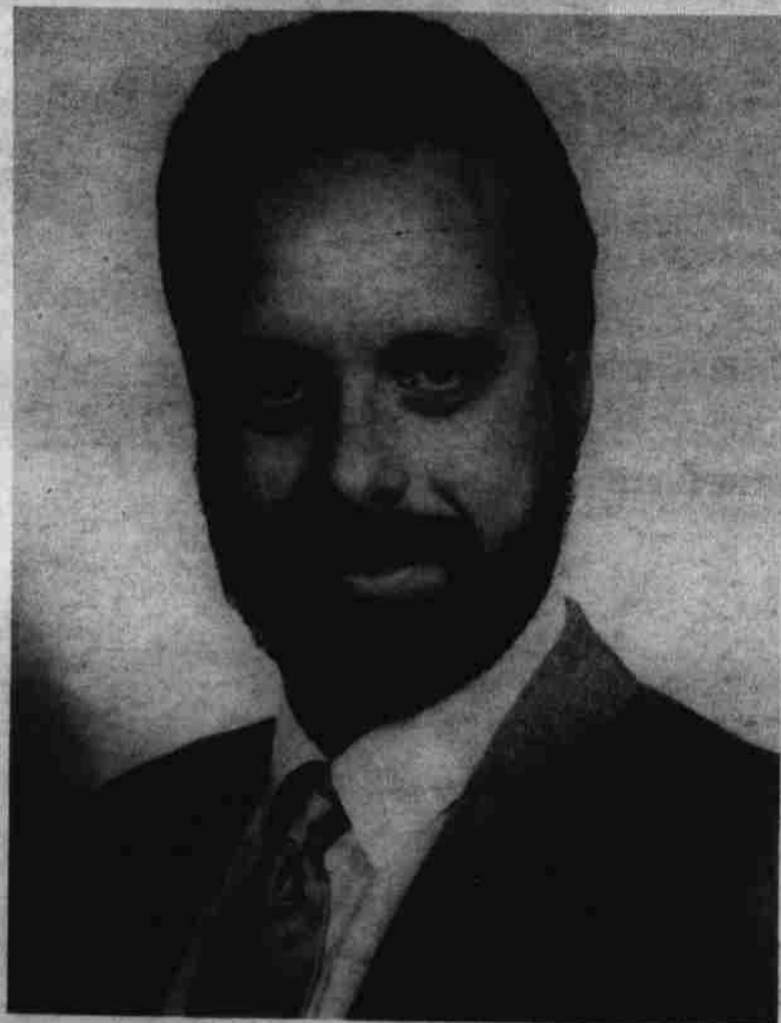
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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Retired Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen suffered a massive heart attack recently and was reported to be in a coma in the intensive care unit at Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba. The 75-year-old jurist was stricken while attending a B'nai B'rith meeting in Herzliya. A mobile emergency unit of the Magen David Adom was at the scene in minutes. Attending doctors revived him after he was pronounced clinically dead.

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