

Senator Edward M. Kennedy Speaks On Arms Sales, Soviet Jews And Terror At JNF Dinner In Philadelphia

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Saudi Arabia and other nations that are the sworn enemies of Israel," said Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts at a recent testimonial dinner in Philadelphia sponsored by the Jewish National Fund.

"I oppose these arms sales," Senator Kennedy continued. "We do not seek a confrontation with the Administration, but neither will we remain silent while they pursue arms deals that could endanger Israel."

On the issue of Soviet Jewry and emigration, Mr. Kennedy said, "We plead for the freedom of our brothers and sisters condemned in the Soviet Union to prison cells or exile for their heritage." He added, "Jewish emigration is still at unacceptably low levels. Only 1,100 were permitted to depart in 1985, compared to a high of 51,000 in 1979. The red flag of the Soviet Union may symbolize the forces that oppress Jews, but no hammer can ever blunt their spirit, and no sickle can ever destroy their faith."

"We must fight oppression and terror wherever they occur," the Senator said, turning his attention to world terrorism. "The events of the last year once again proved to all the world that the PLO terrorists are not freedom-fighters. They are cold-blooded pirates who slaughtered Leon Klinghoffer, an elderly man in wheelchair. They are cowards who murdered Jews worshipping at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and in the Neve Shalom Synagogue in Istanbul."

"We cannot remain silent while nations such as Syria, Libya and Iran provide safe haven and support for these fanatics," he added. "The thugs who prey on innocent civilians deserve no hiding place, anyplace on earth." Mr. Kennedy asserted, "Justice shall prevail - not through the bomb or the bullet, but through the path of peace."

Senator Kennedy's relationship with JNF dates back over 20 years to 1966, when he planted a tree in memory of his late brother, Presi-

'Three-Way Summit' Between Israel, Egypt And Jordan Seen As A Possibility

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A "three-way summit" between Israel, Egypt and Jordan was described as "possible" by a top aide to Premier Yitzhak Shamir following Shamir's meeting with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy who arrived from Jordan, Israel Radio reported.

The radio report quoted a remark by Yosef Ben-Aharon, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, in a television interview taped for an evening broadcast.

According to the report, Ben-Aharon said "It is possible to expect a three-way summit between Premier Shamir, the President of Egypt (Hosni Mubarak) and King Hussein" (of Jordan). He said the meeting would be held "in Aqaba (Jordan) or El Arish" in Egypt.

Ben-Aharon was also quoted as saying that Shamir would meet shortly with Palestinian leaders in the West Bank to urge them to form a delegation for peace talks with Israel and Jordan.

dent John F. Kennedy, in the Kennedy Peace Forest which surrounds JNF's Kennedy Memorial, near Jerusalem. During a recent trip to Israel, Senator Kennedy returned to the Memorial and planted another tree in a private ceremony. At the Philadelphia dinner, he said, "I know my brother Jack would be proud of the John F. Kennedy Memorial and Peace Forest in Israel, which JNF has created. The eternal light from that monument is a shining beacon of our determination to complete the unfinished agenda of progress and justice to which President Kennedy dedicated his life. And the green forest surrounding the memorial is an eternal reminder of our dedication to the cause of Israel."

Referring to the work of JNF, he said, "JNF's success over the last eight decades is a tribute to all who have worked so hard on behalf of Israel. JNF is a shining light that can never be extinguished, one which only grows brighter over the years."

JNF is the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.

Las Vegas Jewish Genealogical Society Being Formed

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Las Vegas is now being formed. Anyone who is interested in finding his or her Jewish roots -- in doing historical research on a personal level -- is invited to join.

Why Jewish genealogy? There are many reasons: among them:

- *Learn about your family's heritage.
- *Know who your ancestors were, where they came from, when they arrived in the United States (or perhaps Canada).
- *Discover who you were named after, and perhaps who earlier "Rachels or Raizels," "Joshuas or Juliuses" were.
- *Rebuild the past: learn the names of past generations murdered in pogroms or in the Holocaust. Trace your mishpoche's travels from Brisk to Boston.
- *Build for the future: leave, to your children, grandchildren and the world, a record that says "the Levines of Volkovysk did this..." or "The Blums of Breisach did that..."

Jewish Genealogical Societies facilitate the teaching of research techniques and acquaint members with sources of information, promote a forum for discussion of problems and solutions related to Jewish genealogy, and encourage the sharing of research successes, failures and frustrations. Important, too, is the sense of community which develops among people who are engaged in similar pursuits.

Everyone is welcome, beginners and those with experience.

Call Maida Dacher at 732-9379, or Carole Montello at 871-9773 for further information.

"Reaffirmation With Israel" Campaign To Secure Reinvestment Of Bonds Bought During Yom Kippur War Sunday, March 1 - Temple Beth Sholom

A major "Reaffirmation With Israel" campaign is being launched to secure reinvestment of Israel Bonds purchased in the Yom Kippur Year of 1973 when more than one million friends of Israel joined in purchasing a record \$515 million, it has been announced by Mark L. Fine, General Chairman of the Southern Nevada Bond Campaign.

Mr. Fine reported that holders of both 1973 and 1972 Bonds would receive the maturity value of their Bonds up to 21 months in advance by reinvesting these Israel Bonds now.

The Yom Kippur War saw unprecedented outpouring of Bond support for Israel by its friends throughout the United States and Canada that helped make possible Israel's reconstruction.

"More than \$400 million dollars are available for reinvestment. Israel is responding to that remarkable 1973 demonstration of support," he said, "by offering interest in advance of maturity provided the bondholder adds additional funds to reinvest in another Israel Bond of higher denomination." The offer is being extended to all holders of Bonds purchased in 1973 and 1972.

"Just as one million friends joined to help Israel in its hour of critical need," Mr. Fine said, "let us now reaffirm and renew that historic response by reinvesting our Bonds and helping Israel move forward to overcome its current economic challenges."

To assist holders of maturing Bonds, congregations in Las Vegas are planning a special "Reinvestment Sunday" at Temple Beth Sholom, March 1, 1987, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Jerard Seligson will be available to explain the simple reinvestment procedure.

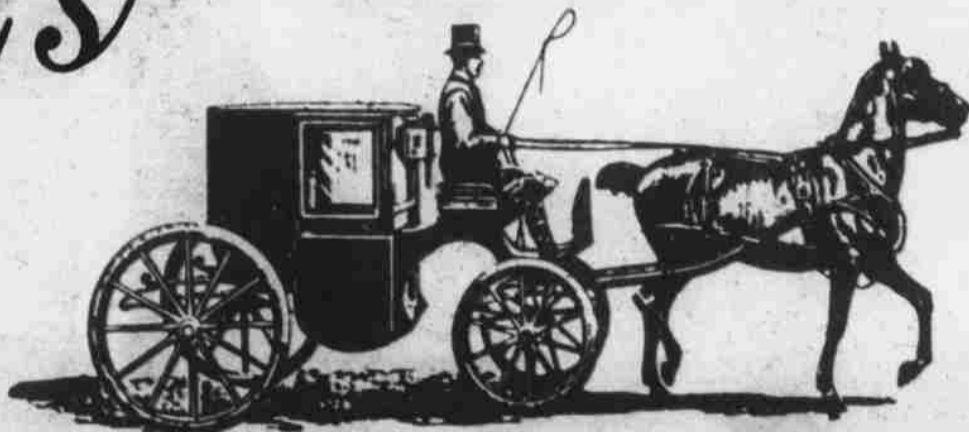
"Check your safe deposit box and your files," Mr. Fine said. "If you are holding Bonds purchased in 1973 or 1972, call the Israel Bond Office for information about reinvestment, (702) 451-4644."

The Israel Bond Organization is a major source of development capital for Israel, having provided over \$8 billion since its inception to help build every aspect of the nation's economy. Israel Bond proceeds, channeled through Israel's Development Budget, help to finance industrial and agricultural projects, the construction of highways and harbors, the expansion of communications and transport, the building of new towns and the development of new sources of energy.

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