# Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations
By David Horowitz

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port which held the assembled guests spellbound. Among other things, he stated:

"My involvement in Jewish communal life, in ORT, all revolves around a very basic appreciation of how vital fredom is. Historically, the times when Jews have had a full measure of freedom have been rare. There has been a golden age of Spain, when Jews made up one tenth of the Spanish population and were vital to the life of the nation. When Americans think of Spain, we think of 1492, which children in America learn was the year Columbus set sail to discover the new world. But Jewish youngsters also learn that 1492 was the year the Jews were expelled from Spain which had been their homeland for centuries...

"One thinks of the assimilated Jews of Europe in the 20th century, and then, of course, one thinks of the Holocaust. And the end of another brief time of Jewish freedom...But freedom is too precious to ever be taken for granted," Gray had noted earlier in his address where he had referred to his own boyhood ordeals behind the Iron Curtain and his emergence to freedom in contrast to the dire fate of three others his age. "The founders of ORT knew that 107 years ago when they signed that first charter. They established ORT with the goal of providing vocational training to their Jewish brethren of eastern Europe. By providing simple skills training, they were giving their fellow Jews the freedom to live ... "

"And when one thinks of America in this century and the last, we are occasionally forced to ask ourselves: Is this yet another Golden Age that is doomed to end? Is our freedom here to be only another passing phase? History will provide

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## Las Vegas Israelite Vegetarian Conference

#### Jewish Vegetarian Conference To Be Held In New York City

A Jewish vegetarian conference will be held on Sunday, May 24, 1987, at Ansche Chesed Synagogue in New York City (Manhattan), New York. Featured will be cooking demonstrations, speakers, discussions, "vegetarian bingo," time for meeting other vegetarians and food sampling. All are welcome. Babysitting will be available.

A few of the many topics and speakers are: Richard Schwartz - author of Judaism and Vegetarianism and Judaism and Global Survival.

Jerome Marcus, M.C. - preventive medicine. Rabbi Valley - Judaism and vegetarianism.

Sandra Weinstein - discussion on being a single Jewish vegetarian.

Roberta Kalechofsky - founder of Jews for Animal Rights.

# Great American Poetry Contest

The World of Poetry is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in its Great American Poetry Contest. Some 200 prizes are being offered, totaling over \$10.000.

Poets may enter one poem only, 25 lines or less, on any subject, using any style. There is no entry fee. Deadline for entering is February 28, 1987. Winners will be announced on or before April 30. A complete winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Says Poetry Editor Mrs. Eddie-Lou Cole, "We hope to encourage beginning poets and trust our contest will produce exciting discoveries."

Poems should be sent to: World of Poetry, Dept. Great American, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California 95817.

the answer. Personally," Gray assured his audience, "I believe that this Golden Age will last and that the freedom we have in America will continue to be the precious jewel that it is. But we must never take it for granted." AMEN!



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Nina Natelson - founder of Concern for Helping Animals in Israel.

Rabbi Goldstein - Feminism, Judaism and Vegetarianism: the Connections.

Sandra Weinstein will demonstrate vegetarian brunch ideas, such as eggless French toast and no-cholesterol carrot cake. Debra Wasserman, author of No-Cholesterol Passover Recipes and Vegetarianism for the Working Person will show how to prepare quick and easy vegetarian dishes.

For more information, write to Jewish Vegetarians of North America, P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, MD. 21203 or call (301) 752-VEGV.

The Jewish Vegetarians of North America is a non-profit group that promotes the practice of vegetarianism within the Judaic tradition and explores the relationship between vegetarianism, Judaism and dietary laws. Vegetarianism is the abstinence of meat, fish and fowl. For a free sample newsletter, send a 39 cents self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

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