

Reassuring State Department Message

By Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

At the height of the turmoil over the Palestinian riots in Israel's administered territories, a group of 25 Jewish leaders, assembled by the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, met last month in the State Department with four key U.S. government representatives.

Led ably by Morris Abram, our group gathered literally on 24 hours' notice. Already disturbed by the violence that erupted in Gaza, the West Bank and in Israel, we were particularly bothered by recent statements issued by the State Department that suggested a "moral equivalency" between the guerrilla warfare of the young Palestinians and the response of the Israeli soldiers, a number of whom used live ammunition to defend themselves from firebombs and Molotov cocktails.

"These Arabs were not college campus rioters," Abram told the government representatives. "These people were engaged in guerrilla warfare, seeking to overthrow lawful authority." Under Article 43 of the Geneva Convention, Israel is duty-bound to insure law and order.

All the Jewish spokesmen were united in affirming that order is an absolute condition to making possible peaceful negotiations. Blurring distinctions between the rioters and the keepers of order only sends a message to the PLO and Muslim fundamentalists that violence pays off. They could now believe that they know how to drive a wedge between Israel and the United States.

It was reassuring to all of us to hear the State

Congregation Ner Tamid News

By Art Gellin

If you were in the Temple on Friday night Jan. 8—you would have been one of over 200 congregants who were present to welcome Rabbi Aksehrad to Las Vegas. He and his lovely wife Joni are in town for a short time in order to arrange living quarters for their family, when they make the final move. You could not help but feel the electricity as he mounted the Bima for the first time. His ministry officially begins on Feb. 1, 1988. We hope for a long and happy association. Once again we heard the fruits of the labors of Eileen Kollins—as we listened to Jennifer Mendelson daughter of David and Rona Mendelson become a Bat Mitvah. Even though Eileen, was beset by a bad cold which seemed to get progressively worse as the evening wore on she proved what a star she is and how fortunate we are to have her. She left her distinctive mark on Jennifer's excellent performance. This is always evident when we hear one of the students who benefit from her tutelage. We wish a hearty Mazel-Tov to the Mendelson Family.

Once again the Oneg was delightfully served, under the capable supervision of Sophie Pisetsky.

BONN, (JTA) — Police used tear gas to break up an illegal demonstration by about 300 neo-Nazi youths in Fladungen-Leubac. The town is on the border between Bavaria and Hesse, and police from both states participated.

Department officials reaffirm the strong alliance between our country and Israel, and their commitment to "fast-forward" the peace process.

Nevada Heritage Program Receives "Largest Corporate Gift Ever" By Arco Foundation



Governor Richard Bryan is presented a check for \$20,000 from Ed Reilly (second from left), senior vice president for marketing with the Atlantic Richfield Corporation, on behalf of the ARCO Foundation for the Nevada Heritage Program. The grant — the largest corporate gift the two-year-old program has received to date — will go toward obtaining information on Nevada's most unique plants, animals and wildlife habitats. Looking on are Jack Harvey (far left), representing the Nevada Heritage Program, and Dave Livermore, Great Basin Field Office director for the Nature Conservancy, which oversees the program.

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