

## B'nai B'rith Ad Urges Israel's Friends To Provide Support In Face Of Turmoil

Characterizing Israel as "a nation under siege -- by Palestinian Arabs, a hostile press and hypocrite governments," the 500,000-member B'nai B'rith has called on American friends of the Jewish state "to stand up and be counted" in support of her government and her cause.

In a full-page advertisement in The New York Times recently, the organization cautioned those who are troubled by West Bank and Gaza violence on TV that there is more to the Middle East turmoil than is shown on the networks or in newspaper cartoons.

The ad charges the Arab states -- with the exception of Egypt -- with refusing to recognize Israel's legitimacy and negotiate peace. It also accuses the PLO of "terrorist obscenities" and using "the barrel of a gun" to stake its claim as the group speaking for the Palestinians.

B'nai B'rith says the Palestinians have been betrayed and exploited not by Israel but by their "Arab brothers who refused to integrate them into their societies and refused to invest one dollar of their oil billions to help the Palestinians become useful, productive citizens."

While acknowledging that occupations are never benign, the ad says that Israel's rule over

the territories, nonetheless, "has been the closest thing to it -- and nothing to be ashamed of."

In the 20 years since Israel gained control of Judea, Samaria and Gaza in repelling Arab aggression during the Six Day War, it has improved Arab living conditions in virtually every respect, according to the ad, which adds, "By any measure, the Palestinians living under Israeli rule are far better off than when they lived under the Arabs -- and far freer than any Arabs anywhere."

Addressing the American media, the B'nai B'rith advertisement charges that Palestinian rage depicted on the networks "is misdirected" inasmuch as the press has failed to ask "the young toughs who throw gasoline bombs and dare Israeli soldiers to fire at them" whether they are prepared to negotiate with Israel and live in peace once agreement is reached or whether their real purpose, as some of the young Palestinians themselves have declared is "to take over all of Israel."

### UNIFIL Soldiers Injured In Mine Field

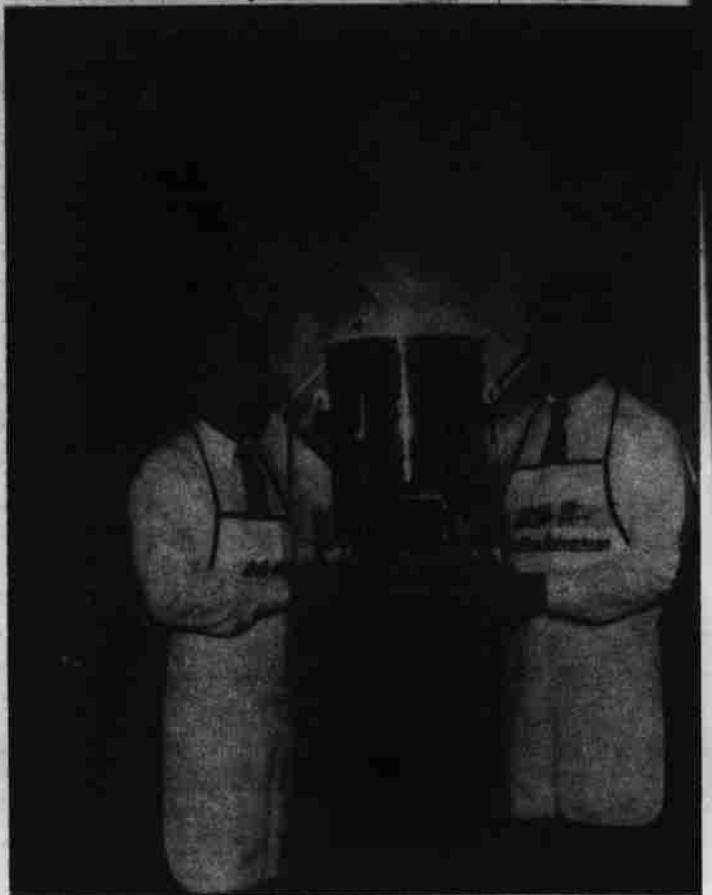
TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Norwegian soldiers serving with the United Nations In-

terim Force in Lebanon were injured when they wandered into a mine field in the southern Lebanon security zone, north of Marjayoun. One soldier lost a leg.

Rescue efforts were hampered by shots fired from unknown sources. According to UNIFIL, that was "standard practice" on the part of the rival guerrilla and militia groups in southern Lebanon.

The rescue was hazardous in any event. It took more than six hours for medical teams to extricate the more seriously injured of the two soldiers, who was lying well within the mine field.

## Gentlemen, Start Your Peppers



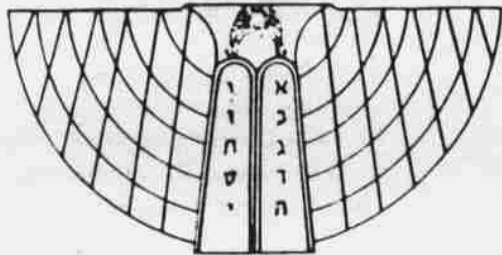
Vince Triggs, executive director of the Nevada Association for the Handicapped (left), and Kenny Guinn, chairman of the board for Southwest Gas, show off the trophy that will go to this year's corporate winner of the 4th Annual Hot Pot Chili Cook-off and Corporate Chili Challenge. The event will be held on Sunday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mike O'Callaghan Regional Handicapped Center, 6200 West Oakey. Non-corporate entrants will be vying for prize money of \$250, \$150 and \$100. Admission to the Chili Cook-off is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and the handicapped and children are free. Besides plenty of chili, there will be beverages and special activities for the whole family. Deadline for entries is April 11, and all proceeds go to the Nevada Association for the Handicapped. For more information call the association at 870-7050.

### Mine Kills Two IDF Soldiers Patrolling In Southern Lebanon

TEL AVIV (JTA) — crippled tank and Two Israeli soldiers reached an IDF infantry squad on routine patrol. and two others were The incident occurred less than 300 yards from a position mind near Barashit manned by the Irish contingent of the Lebanon security zone United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, on a dirt road frequently used by U.N. troops. A UNIFIL source explained that bad weather and high winds made it difficult to hear or see whoever planted the mine.

The dead soldiers were identified as Sgt. Gavriel Permutti of Herzliya and Cpl. Amir Zibner of Motza. Israel Defense Force sources said the mine appears to have contained 100 pounds of explosives, but could have been planted by one person.

The tank commander and the gunner, though wounded, extricated themselves from the groups. The Barashit region has been a hotbed of terrorist activity for some time. The village is known to be a haven for various Shiite Moslem extremist groups.



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