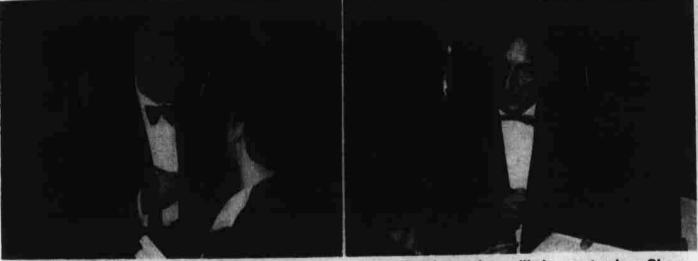
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Las Vegas Israelite Reagan, At Wiesenthal Dinner, **Proclaims Commitment With Israel**



Simon Wiesenthal celebrating his 80th birthday.

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and the United States over the last five year, pointing to successful negotiations of a strategic understanding and free-trade area.

Reagan spoke of "the promise that we would not permit Israel to lose its qualitative edge in the Middle East - and we delivered on that promise," he declared.

Wiesenthal, whose energetic delivery belied his 80 years, recalled his 40-year battle to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

The motive, he said, was not an unattainable revenge for the murder of 6 million Jews, but "as a

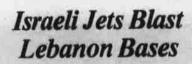
Ben Kingsley, who will be portraying Simon Wiesenthal in the forthcoming HBO film "Murderers Among Us."

ticipate in another genocide.

"We proved that there is no escape, not even 40 or 50 years later, and there is no place on the face of the Earth where they can ever feel safe and secure."

Sharing in the evening's honors was Nancy Reagan, who accepted the Wiesenthal Center's first Beit Hashorah-Museum of Tolerance Award for Public Service.

Ben Kingsley served as the master of ceremonies. The British actor portrays Wiesenthal in the forthcoming HBO film "Murderers Among



TEL AVIV (JTA) - Israeli air force jets blasted terrorist targets in southern Lebanon, while a Palestinian gang attempting to infiltrate Israel was captured on the ground.

The air attack was on terrorist installations in the vicinity of Beit Lahiya in the eastern Bekaa Valley. All aircraft returned safely to their bases.

A military spokesman described the targets as a staging area for terrorist incursions against Israel and said they were destroyed.

The Israel Defense Force and the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army seized six armed men and a woman in the southern Lebanon security zone.

According to reports from the area, the gang came from Sidon on the south Lebanon coast and reached the village of Kafr Kila, in the security zone not far from the Israel border.

They entered a house, demanding to be hidden until ready to embark on what was described as a "hostage-bargain" mission in Israel.

One of the people in the house managed to slip away and alert the SLA.

The Palestinians surrendered.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin reported to the Cabinet on the preliminary investigation of the suicide car-bomb attack that killed eight soldiers and wounded seven in a security-zone convoy.

He said the IDF convoy was observing standing orders on the space to be maintained between vehicles traveling in convoy.

Congregation

