

Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon



(L-R) Anita Lederman & Bess Freeman

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(L-R) Sylvia Goldstein, Ruth S. Vinson, Blanka Kohn, Anita Lederman, Bess Freeman & Ruth Goldfarb.

West German President Reassures Jews On Prospect Of Reunification

BONN (JTA) — President Richard von Weizsacker of West Germany assured a visiting delegation of American Jews that he fully understands the concern of world Jewry over the prospect of a reunited Germany.

But the German people have learned the lessons

of history, and their objective is democratic rule and support of human rights, he said.

Weizsacker addressed 23 members of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who came to Bonn to present the German chief of state with ADL's Joseph Prize for human rights, the first time the award has gone to a German.

ADL National Chairman Burton Levinson, who made the presentation, praised Weizsacker for "encouraging his countrymen to examine their responsibility for the Nazi era and the horrors it spawned."

"What he has done is the best possible answer to that shameful movement, which strives to ef-

face the memory of genocide from the mind of mankind," Levinson declared.

Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, observed that "as a survivor of the Holocaust, I come to this ceremony with a great deal of emotional baggage."

"But your words, however, have touched the heart of every Jew. I thank you for forcing others to face the truth."

Weizsacker greeted the ADL delegation at the Villa Hammerschmidt, the president's official residence.

The German president told them, "You have come to Europe at a time when the basic ADL philosophy is coming to life," an apparent reference to the movement for democratic reforms sweeping Eastern European countries.

The reforms in East Germany, particularly the opening of the Berlin Wall, have focused world attention on the possibility that the two Germanys may be united in the near future.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has offered a 20-point proposal for reunification.

Weizsacker told his guests, "I know it is not easy to envisage the outcome of the unification of 75 million Germans. But on the other hand, those engaged in democratic reforms cannot but welcome these movements."

The ADL group has met here with the minister of justice and several senior officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Chancellor's Office.

They will visit East Berlin for a scheduled meeting with Hans Modrow, the newly elected prime minister of the German Democratic Republic.

After The Cold War — What?

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country. For Canada to win "national security" from acid rain, it has to work **with** the United States. For the United States to win "national security" from global warming that will sink New York City into the sea, it has to work **with** the Soviet Union. And Brazil. And Japan.

Do the Japanese scare us with their efficiency? Maybe we need to do a real "trade for life" with them — have them come help us improve our schools, in exchange for our helping them improve their environmental protection. Instead of pushing them to spend more for tanks and fighter planes, push them to spend more on pollution control.

How do we say all this in a Jewish way? By drawing on the wellsprings of Jewish thought and practice — like Hanukkah, Pesach, the times of **bar** and **bat mitzvah** — to learn the facts together, make real covenants with each other, and reach out with practical steps in the world of political change to protect our lives, the lives of our children, and our fragile, lovely earth.

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