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'Jews question pope's Israel policy' — rabbi

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A U.S. RABBI said here last week that U.S. Jews fear the Vatican under Pope John Paul II is developing an increasingly pro-Palestinian foreign policy.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, interreligious affairs director of the American Jew-

ish Committee, said U.S. Jews are "appalled" that a Palestinian representative has been received at the Vatican with dignity and honor. Whatever its intent, such a reception appears to condone violence and terror, he said.

Tanenbaum said that in the past, Catholics have been strongly pro-Israel, adding, however, that John Paul appears to be making subtle but important shifts in his dealings with the Jewish nation.

The pope appears to be "waffling" on the issue of Jerusalem, Tanenbaum said. The pope is emphasizing the city's spiritual element as a haven where all can live and worship.

One would expect the pope, being Polish and having lived under the Nazis and the Soviet influence, to be "more sympathetic" to the Jewish situation, Tanenbaum said, referring to the Jewish need for a homeland.

The rabbi also said U.S. Jews must seek alliances within the conservative fundamentalist movement despite fears such

It is a mistake to ignore the fundamentalists' political, social and economic power, Tanenbaum said, but added the coalition of conservative political organizers with the electronic evangelist groups was a marriage of convenience.

Southern Baptists and other fundamentalist groups suffered when the United States was young and sometimes died for religious liberty and a pluralistic society, said Tanenbaum. It was ironic, he said, that conservative religious people were now insisting the United States was in a moral decline and must return to earlier times.

Last year former Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Allen held a press conference criticizing the political/religious actions of fundamentalists during the election. Tanenbaum, Monsignor George Higgins and a Lutheran leader stood with him at the press meeting.

The next day the Rev. Jerry Falwell, Moral Majority founder and Baptist minister, called Tanenbaum and arranged to come and see him, Tanenbaum said. Falwell spent an hour and a half with Tanenbaum, during which Falwell denied he wanted a Christian republic, but supported religious pluralism and insisted his followers must sign a pledge to support a strong defense for Israel. Tanenbaum said he persuaded Falwell to write down these views, telling Falwell he had never made them public before.

"Both Carter's and Reagan's offices warned me not to meet with him. I was told he was shifty. Was I had?" asked Tanenbaum. "I believe it was the longest time he had ever spent with a Jew. I think he learned something," Tanenbaum said.



— NCR/Pam Bauer

TANENBAUM
fundamentalists want the United States to become a "Christian" republic.

The Consanguineous Union of
Fanatical Fundamentalism and Political Extremism
American Jewish Committee

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The so-called Religious Right and the hard-line political extremists are too closely related to marry. Yet, wed they did last year.

They are kinfolks, closer than cousins. We can expect no good from their offspring. Only tragic progeny.

A friend of mine has said the heroes of the new religious right are God, Adam Smith, and General George Patton, not necessarily in that order. That may provide a clue to their ancestry.

It seems to me that both are relatives of an ancient heresy: gnostic dualism. In another speech I tediously belabor the parallels between gnosticism and the enthusiasts that have brought us the Human Life Amendment, store front chastity centers, a new wave of book burning, and holy-Crusade blessings for militarism. I'll not go over all that tonight but if you want it I'll send you a copy. For now, let's ask simply 1) what has produced this militant, religiously fueled reactionary thrust, 2) what can we expect to come from it and 3) what should we do about it.

Anti-intellectualism in American life is certainly partly responsible for the monster we face. I'm not talking about theory. I speak of massive, unmitigated ignorance. Not simply their ignorance. Our ignorance as well. As Will Rogers said, "We're all ignorant just about different things." There's plenty of ignorance to go around.

The average American watches television 35 hours a week (there's prima-facie evidence of ignorance a plenty) and reads one book a year. Americans are suckers for bumper stickers. We want short, simple answers to every question. That sets us up for religious hucksters, political manipulators and commercial exploiters.

Remember poor ole Bill Clark? He was up for confirmation before the U.S. Senate a few months ago. He's now the number-two man at the State Department. They asked him if he would name the Prime Minister of South Africa; he couldn't. Zimbabwe? He didn't know. They asked him to describe the struggle going on in the British Labour Party. He didn't know what they were talking about. The Dutch papers labeled him with a banner headline: Nitwit. A little harsh, but there's no excuse for any of us not doing our homework. We need to know about the world in which we live.

Beyond our not knowing, even more dangerous, is our not knowing and acting as if we do know. It was Alfred North Whitehead: "Not ignorance but the ignorance of ignorance is the greatest danger."

We have a climate in which we vote and make other important decisions more on feelings than facts. A lot of us get most of our exercise from jumping to conclusions.

The Presidential Commission on World Hunger chaired by Sol Linowitz did an important survey. They discovered that an overwhelming majority of Americans were opposed to whatever is called "foreign aid." But in other questions on the same survey, 98% admitted that they could not describe one foreign aid project, and an almost equally high percentage strongly favored "helping hungry people." A good many of our problems stem from doggedly-held wrong ideas. I contend that the Religious Right is not just wrongly fundamental. They are fundamentally wrong.

In Texas Baptist life we have been running a citizenship survey for eight years. In the average church gatherings we have checked less than 20% of the active Baptists ████ can name their 5 principal elected lawmakers: 2 U.S. Senators, their Congressman, their State Senator and State Representative. I challenge you to see if Jews can do any better.

It's not only ignorance of politics and world events that plague us, many of the most zealous religious types don't know what they believe or where it came from. For the Falwellians to claim to articulate the Christian position on such a range of subjects political, social, and economic is presumptuous. To make such claims while clinging to an ancient heresy is amazing. To have snowed, intimidated so many people for so long is incredible.

There is ^a civil religion of easy certainty, a packaged faith, an instant spiritual maturity custom made for television and marketed across and beyond all religious affiliations. There is an obvious and logical connection between a lowest-common-denominator religion, carefully crafted for television and the polarized political polemics of the fear mongers.

Alas, the ingenuity of Americans has by mass production and modern technology come up with a substitute for real religion, and you can get it cheap, real cheap, in very small quantities by simply turning on the television set.

One of the great religious movements in history, the Protestant Reformation was a reaction to faith being peddled like a patent medicine. The T.V. gospel sellers look like a modern Tetzal.

He was the monk selling indulgences who set off Martin Luther. He preached:

"Consider the salvation of your souls. . . complete remission of all sins." One instant, cash transaction.

His famous jingle:

"Soon as the coin in the coffer rings
The soul from purgatory springs."

So much money went into the coffer of the vendor that new coins had to be minted on the spot.

Cheap Grace has always had a market,

Easy answers will always sell.

Who doesn't want an easy answer?

In our free market economy, why shouldn't someone sell salvation?

But all of this is sadly a religion of the misused mind.

The absence of clear-headed understanding of apocalyptic fundamentalism has allowed some Jews to be manipulated by and ~~mutually~~^{to} manipulate the pre-millenarian prophesy people. Depsite all disclaimers to the contrary there is a cynical anti-Jewish spirit among the practitioners of much of American fundamentalism. An Orwellian double-speak clouds their claim to love ~~Jews~~. Jews are to ~~them~~^{them} either prospects for proselytization or pawns of prophecy. Listen carefully to the messages about the end times and you'll find your place in a pre-millennial, holy-land-centered eschatology; hardly persons to be loved! Actor-victims in a cosmic struggle pre-destined to take place and being predicted right now by those who have found that it brings in bucks.

This glorification of ignorance, institutionalized anti-intellectualism has spawned an inevitable corollary: enthusiasm. We are dealing with a movement that doesn't pretend logic.

Here's a pre-millennial prophecy nut who knows the end of the world is at hand and is busy raising money with that insight for his massive new buildings (all of which are well-insured.)

Here's a defender of the inerrancy of the Bible, every word in his eyes is literally true, and yet he's defending every tax loophole and greedily getting all he can despite the teachings of Jesus regarding the use of money (Jesus said more about money and how to use it than He did about heaven or hell or sex or violence.)

Here's a zealous fundamentalist fighting Darwinism in the biology class as if the future of the faith depends upon it and yet, at Rotary Club applauding social Darwinism that sees "the survival of the fittest" as the basic law of economic life.

But Jews have their own illogical enthusiasts.

See the thoroughly secular, agnostic champion of Israel who clings to a biblical geography as Divine revelation for the Knesset's West Bank policies.

I'm an enthusiastic, emotional person. I'm not debunking passionately held religion. I'm simply not happy with the preacher who writes in his sermon notes, by point number two. "Point number two: weak. Yell like hell."

Even with all the emotional excesses, the danger lies not so much in strong feelings as in zeal without knowledge. Another dimension of the present unthinking enthusiasm is an erosion of commitment to freedom of conscience.

We are plagued with rampant apathy on one hand and ignorant enthusiasm on the other. The inevitable erosion of respect for freedom of conscience is being felt.

What should we expect?

Politically we must anticipate a tide of anti-clericalism. One television station in El Paso recently banned all religious broadcasting. There was no hint that either of the two religious programs on the air had been involved in political religion. It was simply a precautionary device. With so many religionists, claiming to know so much on so many different subjects and with such certainty, the reaction was sure to come. In this nation's history we've been through it before. I fear that the backlash this time may leave scars that will never disappear. Divisiveness, holy wars, distrust, hate, fear and anxiety are the weapons of many political religionists who claim to follow the Prince of Peace in the spirit of I Corinthians 13.

Then, we may well see a chain of religion stores across the land. Jeffrey Hadden, who wrote Prime Time Preachers, now predicts a new brand of denominations springing up, a sort of spiritual fast-food franchise in the name of each of the big brand televangelists. Hadden points out that they have no place else to go. Their shrinking audience is going to force them to move out into Branch outlets for their religio-political message.

Next, we are already seeing cruel stereotyping of evangelicals, brutal exaggeration of eschatological foibles, venomous labeling of all evangelistic outreach as mere proselytizing and unworthy lumping all conservative Christianity into the 6-24 hour day - theory of creation.

Look at the history of the last few years as a crude culture, not informed or sophisticated about religion, heard about born-again blue jeans and careers and cars. The terrible abuse and trivialization that the precious New Testament doctrine of the New Birth has suffered at the hands of ad men and headline writers, wounds ~~me~~ me deeply. I resent it.

It seems clear to me that we've just seen the beginning, as Christians not only face the mockery of the cultured despisers of religion, the understandable confusion and perplexity of those who do not share their faith, but now, also, a division within the ranks of people called Christians between those for whom the Faith is profoundly their way of life and those who have found a popular product to market.

In other words, I'm sad about the serious setback that we are experiencing in inter-religious dialogue, mutual respect and ⁱⁿ a culture able to draw sustenance from the tap root of reality in religion.

Finally, I think all of us in this room must view with alarm the speed-up that is certain in the secularization of society. I'm not talking about the boogey man of secular humanism conjured up by right-wing religionists. Ironically, the false alarms, the crying "wolf," the unfounded hysteria that they are trying to work up will only hasten the day of a genuine disrespect for religion, an authentic contempt for theology, a societal distrust for the churches and the synagogues.

Sociologist of religion, D.A. Martin, of the London School of Economics, has written A General Theory of Secularization that may predict the course of religion in America for the next few decades as it has reported ^{it} in England. It may do that unless persons of faith, men and women of good will, respond and reject the downward drift toward a trivialized religion that can be pitched in a T.V. commercial or married to a political candidate.

On a slightly different, but related subject, Bill Moyers, interviewing Rene Dubos, quoted the "Global 2000" report and asked what hope there is if present trends continue." Dubos responded, "present trends never continue." I hope he's right.

Enough of the narrow agenda.

Enough of the limited understanding of morality.

Enough of the misuse of the Bible.

Let's assume our responsibility for affirming an authentic biblical ethic, a morality that majors on major themes, not side-tracks.

Together Jews and Christians must lift up justice, compassion, freedom, peace-making.

"Let justice roll down as the waters and righteousness as a mighty stream;" the Hebrew prophet said it.

But before that Genesis 1 reminds us that God made us all in His image. Somehow every human being on the face of the earth reflects, replicates, encapsulates the image of God. We've never understood all that it means but it is the firm foundation of all that is different in the Judaeo-Christian West ~~is~~ ^{from} most of the rest of the world.

A Roman Catholic theologian, F.J. Sheed put it well:

"The very idea that persons are made in the image of God is a concept of such transcendent importance that any difference between this person and that fades into nothingness by comparison."

Brunner criticized communism because of its treatment of the individual "making up society as if it were briquets of pulverized individuals."

Neibuhr understood "man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, his inclination toward injustice makes it necessary." We have paid lip service to our belief that every human being is the tangible replica of the Divine, all persons stamped in the shape of God. But we have failed to be passionately dedicated to seeing that everyone gets a fair shake. That's the least we can do if we really believe that the Heavenly Father Himself has something at stake in each person made like Him.

Dickens pled for social justice in his day. He said that with the rich and ruling, "It's everyone for himself and God for us all as the elephant said when she danced among the chickens." Sounds strangely contemporary doesn't it?

We need the sharp eye and strong voice of that sort of prophetic word today. A dedication to justice includes racial justice, sexual justice, justice for the elderly and economic justice for every person made in God's image.

These basic values are all kin to each other and the next one cannot be separated entirely from the first, its compassion.

Do you see that if we are all made in His image then nothing human is alien to me, or to you. "For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." "He hath made of one blood all nations." We're in it together. Chesterton said it well: "We're all in a small boat on a stormy sea and we owe each other a terrible loyalty." We do.

Compassion roots itself in this solidarity. Solidarity is the full consciousness of our being a part of the human family, the deeply felt awareness of the oneness of the human race and the knowledge that all people however separated are bound together by the same fragmented human condition.

Norman Cousins made an eloquent appeal for compassion in Saturday Review back in 1975. "Desensitization not hunger is the greatest danger we face. We were appalled at the moral callousness of Lt. William Calley as he sprayed death on innocent women and children. Yet, a policy of indifference toward starvation on our part is a difference of degree and not values."

The values of justice and compassion are biblical, basic, historically part of our national character and, it seems to me, missing in much of the talk about moral values that we hear on television and in politics today.

Liberty has roots in both justice and compassion. It is not mere dedication to fair play that makes you champions of freedom, but feeling with and caring for other persons just because they are persons. Jews have a history worth talking about when it comes to religious liberty. You have been champions of soul freedom, not dispensers of toleration. ~~You~~ have understood that freedom of religion implies freedom from religion and you have been willing to run the risk. (The same ~~choice~~ God takes with you.)

Freedom of conscience is a basic value in American life and it runs counter to the removal of books from the libraries, the denial of decision making by the individual in vast areas of moral and ethical issues that are not neatly right or wrong.

A fourth value in American life in need of attention is peacemaking. Jesus was not called the Price of a Strong Defense but the Prince of Peace. The Sermon on the Mount does not say "blessed are the believers in deterrent force" but "blessed are the peacemakers." The Old Testament pictures bleakly those that "trust in chariot." It sees the Day of the Lord as a time when swords will become plowshares and spears pruning hooks.

Yet, our nation is today the world's leading armsmonger, selling 36% of all the death tools sold in the world. Overall, we seem to be on a slippery slide to destruction. The majority of Americans are now thinking the unthinkable. Most of our people believe we will have a nuclear war in the 1980's.

The nations of the earth are today spending more than \$1 ~~million~~ million a ~~minute~~ ^{minute} on arms, \$500 billion a year. That's particularly damning when we realize that about two week's funding of our military madness would literally turn around the world hunger crisis.

Fear, hate, encouragement of distrust and tension perpetuate the push toward the brink. MAD, the acronym for our policy, and that of the Russians in the arms buildup means Mutually Assured Destruction. While once it had some tentativity and meant "they can't destroy us without our wiping them out too." It now has taken on a much more ultimate and certain meaning. The exchange of nuclear weapons seems to some of our top brass inevitable and they are grimly preparing for it.

Being made equally in the image of God and offered life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are values in American life worth working for. None of them have meaning if we allow a policy of fear, a narrow nationalism, a materialistic militarism that we were warned against by President Eisenhower. In his last major speech as President of the United States, Dwight Eisenhower, General above all the generals of the Army, friend and political ally of the corporate giants turned prophet and warned us that we have more to fear from the military-industrial complex within than from outside forces. We didn't pay attention. It seems that he was right.

Together perhaps a minority passionately committed to authentic morality, understanding the facts, can make the difference in this land we love.

Perhaps we can, after all, deal with the ill begotten offspring of an unfortunate religious and political marriage. *Perhaps present trends will not continue.*

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Dear Friend of Israel:

When we first began it was realized the Embassy must have tremendous world-wide impact if it was to be effective at all. And, this thrust must be carried out by Christians at a grass roots level with the Bible as our guide.

The gap created by Christian attitude and the anti-Semitism which has existed for centuries among believers and non-believers alike is once again rampant. It is inconceivable there could be another holocaust in our age, but the rising tide more than suggest it could happen again.

Here in the United States with our growing number of consulates and support groups, and in Jerusalem, our staffs have worked long and hard toward developing the programs which would begin to move the hearts of Christians. Praise the Lord, we have seen positive results! What a privilege we share together to be a blessing and to honor Israel and the Jewish people!

Mordecai Outcry

This is the first world-wide effort by the Embassy. It has only begun. From the initial march in Jerusalem during 1981, branches in many countries are this year holding Mordecai Outcry rallies and marches on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union who are refused the right to emigrate to Israel.



A peaceful demonstration in Washington, D.C. was typical of the many rallies held by ICEJ for Soviet Jewry.

Beginning with a march in Holland early this year, and then in Jerusalem, London, Paris, Stockholm, Washington and many other capitols the voices of Christians are being heard. This should be a shock for the Kremlin, because in past years the Jews have stood alone in their efforts to secure release of Soviet Jews. Now, more and more they are seeing the Christian community join hand in hand with them in their efforts.

Our commitment to Soviet Jews will continue until they are released!

Anti-Semitism

Our Scriptural responsibility as Christians is to stand against anti-Semitism wherever we see it cropping up. A good friend once wrote that God has taken special responsibility for His firstborn. "If you have children you can correct and punish them, take away privileges and even shut them out of the house, but don't let nobody else touch them."

"Isn't it true," my friend wrote, "as soon as someone else touches them, or says something derogatory, that's the same as the Lord God of Israel is with His ancient people...his hidden ones, his afflicted ones, the house of Jacob, the Jewish people. 'He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye' (Zechariah 2:8)."

We feel that Christians should be aware of what God's Word says concerning His covenant people. We also feel we should monitor the news media for indications of anti-Semitism. This is something you can do in your own community. When editorials, letters to the editor or television programs have items that are anti-Semitic you can respond with a Christian voice.

From Special People

We get some very unique mail from some very special people and it's always an encouragement to our staff. Some time ago we received a letter from Cherrie Johns and Ashley Flood of Camp Springs, Maryland. These two friends, seven and nine years old wrote, "Today we sold lemonade, chocolate milk, and marshmallows in our neighborhood. We made everything ourselves and collected \$2.80. Please use the money to help in any way and to spread the 'Good News' about Jesus."



Cherrie



Ashley

I wish it were possible to share the many letters like this where people of all ages have made a commitment and are demonstrating their commitment through gifts, prayers and actions.

ICEJ Relief Fund

When we were in Bethlehem a few months ago we had an opportunity to hear about the House of Hope for the Blind at Beit Jallah. Since that time Alison Marchant, ICEJ Relief Director, visited the home and gave a gift of \$500.

"It was wonderful the way the Lord organized the timing of our gift," Alison reported, "as the home had a bill for that exact amount which they needed to pay by the weekend and had been praying for the money that morning. So I really felt that we were being used by the Lord and praise Him for His faithfulness," she said.



Comforting through "Lifeline for the Old" is a part of our Social Assistance Program

Alison also shared about the commitment the Embassy has made to support a volunteer worker at the Jerusalem Centre for Child and Family Developmental Habilitation. One baby in ten if not handicapped at birth, is threatened with latent disabilities. The immediate help the Centre offers can often prevent or alleviate a trail of misery for these children and their families, and enable the children to realize their full potential in life.

This care is available free to every child born in Jerusalem regardless of the child's race or creed.

The Embassy has also been asked by Shaare Zedek Hospital if there is any way to obtain night wear for their old people's ward: pajamas, night dresses, slippers, dressing gowns, etc. would all be useful as many of the old people do not have sufficient clothing for the numerous changes their conditions require. We now have authority to receive packages at the Embassy headquarters in Jerusalem. If you are going on tour you may hand carry your gifts, or mail them direct to International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, 10 Brenner Street, Jerusalem, Israel.

Good used clothing (not worn out) are best, because we are charged such high customs duties for new items.

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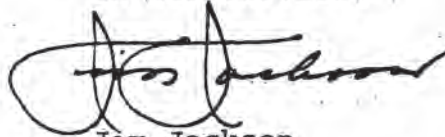
We wish it were possible to convey all that your gifts of \$5.00 and \$10.00, large and small are doing to help lay the ground work for the ministry of the Embassy. During the past year your gifts have helped in

- putting together materials for the various programs
- to provide funds for relief
- to further establish the work in Jerusalem
- to open the way in establishing ICEJ's work here in the United States
- to hold hundreds of seminars and Bless Israel Rallies
- to hold rallies on behalf of Soviet Jewry
- to go into Lebanon during the war and report back to our nations the truth of what was actually taking place
- plus many other events too numerous to report

We don't wish to sensationalize, but we see the miracle hand of the Lord bringing together a work for His purposes. We feel too that you have helped from a heart of commitment, and those dollars go much farther in the Kingdom of God.

Also, those of you who have supported the ministry on a regular basis have been a special blessing, not only in seeing the work accomplished, but in encouraging those of us on the staff and letting us know that we are not alone.

In His Service,



Jim Jackson

Please Pray For Us

MORDECAI While our first efforts were gratifying we realize we have only touched
OUTCRY the surface. Pray that in the coming months we will get this message
across to our own government and to Russia.

ANTI- That we will be alert and prepared to stand against the rising tide of
SEMITISM anti-semitism in the United States. That we will be able to touch the
hearts of Christians in this matter.

ICEJ That we may see this ministry expand to touch and bless the lives of
RELIEF Jews, Christians and Arabs in the many areas of need.

We need your prayers as we carry out the ministry of International
Christian Embassy, Jerusalem here in the United States, and help
support the work in Israel. We are channels through which you too
may serve. Pray that we may have the wisdom to move strictly under
God's leadership day by day.

Pray that we may be able to see as clearly as possible with the eyes
of the Lord as we work through the masses of information which come
to us from all factions in the Middle East.

We want to see clearly what God is saying, and do what He wants us
to do in our relationship with Israel and the Jewish people there
in the Land and worldwide.

Evangelicals Seek Closer Ties To Jews

By Fahizah Alim
Bee Staff Writer

Proclaiming it a coalition 200 years in the making, about 200 people from evangelical Christian and Jewish religions joined for a prayer breakfast Friday at the El Rancho Racquet Club in West Sacramento.

After the breakfast a press conference was held during which organizers of the breakfast released an "Evangelical Christian Declaration of Support for Israel and the American Jewish Community."

The declaration calls for a commitment to the security of Israel, based on Scripture citing Jews as the "chosen people of God."

It reads in part: "We believe that Jerusalem is the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish state and should not be internationalized or made the subject of any negotiation or compromise." It is in the form of a petition and according to its authors it will be circulated throughout the country.

Among religious leaders at the news conference were the Rev. Glen Cole of Capital Christian Center, the Rev. Paul Trulin of Trinity Christian Center, Rabbi Lester Frazin of Temple B'Nai Israel, Freda Keet of the radio program, "Voice of Israel," and Rabbi David Ben-Ami, director of the American Forum of Jewish-Christian Cooperation.

The gathering was arranged partially in re-

sponse to allegations that the Palestine Liberation Organization had funded trips to Lebanon for some liberal U.S. clergymen.

The Rev. Cole, one of the primary organizers, called the coalition "not political but spiritual." However he said he was disturbed by a pro-PLO rally being staged at the Capitol at the same time as the conference. He termed the rally an "act of ignorance."

Doug Krieger, West Coast representative of TAV Evangelical Ministries, the organization coordinating the "Declaration-Day" activities, explained the current thrust to bring fundamentalist Christians together with Jewish leaders despite their theological differences.

"Most of the reformed church and the Catholic Church believed that God had disinherited the Jew and it became a fertile ground for anti-Semitism," Krieger said. "But with the recovery of biblical literalism we have rediscovered the 'chosenness' of the Jew."

Krieger said 4,000 evangelical Christians marched with 20,000 Israelis last October during the Feast of Sukkot, as a "foretaste of prophetic fulfillment." He said the Christians were welcomed to Israel by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"The evangelical is a prisoner to his own ideology," Krieger explained. "We realize a major difference over the identity of the messiah, but we — constrained by the love of Jesus — abhor anti-

Semitism, mourn the Holocaust and repent for the church's silence, and say never again.

"The fundamentalist looks at the Jew as a substantiation of his own faith. Their survival is vital to our own faith."

TAV, headquartered in Sacramento, is attempting to provide the catalyst for closer Jewish-fundamentalist Christian relations throughout the nation. Dialogue has been arranged between evangelicals and representatives from the Anti-Defamation League in Seattle, Boston, Denver and San Francisco.

In a prepared paper on the necessity of united action between the Jewish community and funda-

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Religious Coalition Backs Israel

Palestinian Human Rights Committee Counter Demonstrates

By Fahizah Alim
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Bee Staff Writers

The sight and song of 600 Christians marching through the streets to join a worship service of 800 Jews, brought to Sacramento Friday night some of the emotions sparked by the Israeli incursion into Lebanon.

The parade was the last of four demonstrations held around the Capitol city during the day by pro- and anti-Israel organizations reacting to the continuing foreign conflict between the Israelis and their Palestinian foes.

The day started with several hundred pro-Israel evangelical Christians and Jewish religious leaders holding a prayer breakfast, followed by a press conference in West Sacramento.

The two morning Christian activities in support of Israel were followed by a demonstration and march by nearly 100 Palestinians and PLO supporters who met at the state Capitol to call for Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon.

"God's empire is striking back," Rabbi Lester Frazin told an interfaith gathering of Christians and Jews present at an open air concert and worship service held in front of the Capital Christian Center on Howe Avenue during the evening demonstration. "We have needed you for so long and you're finally here."

At the service the evangelical Christians presented a declaration to the Consul General of Israel, Mordekhai Artziel, affirming their commitment to the security of Israel and calling the Jews "God's chosen people."

Then the group paraded to the Mosaic Law Congregation to worship together with nearly 800 Jews.

"We have completed our declared aim to remove the PLO from within the striking range of . . . the Northern part of Israel," Artziel told reporters during the interfaith gathering. "We have destroyed the military infrastructure of the PLO in South Lebanon, and for the first time tonight our women and children in Galilee are not sleeping in shelters."

But the Palestinian sentiment at the

Capitol was different. "I think the message is that the Arab-American community — a growing and politically active community of 2.5 million — is literally up in arms about what's happening in Lebanon," said Chris Maupin, coordinator of the Sacramento chapter of the Palestinian Human Rights Committee.

Maupin, one of three speakers at the rally, urged the United States to take a middle course between Israel and Palestinians, noting that the "most important thing the U.S. can do is to grant the Palestinian people legitimate human and civil rights."

He said the U.S. should work to establish an independent Palestinian state. And he said the American government should impose an immediate embargo on arms to Israel, especially F-15 and F-16 fighter planes.

Four separate pro-Palestinian groups joined to sponsor the rally and march, which sported such slogans as "Israel out of Palestine" and "Zionism is racism."

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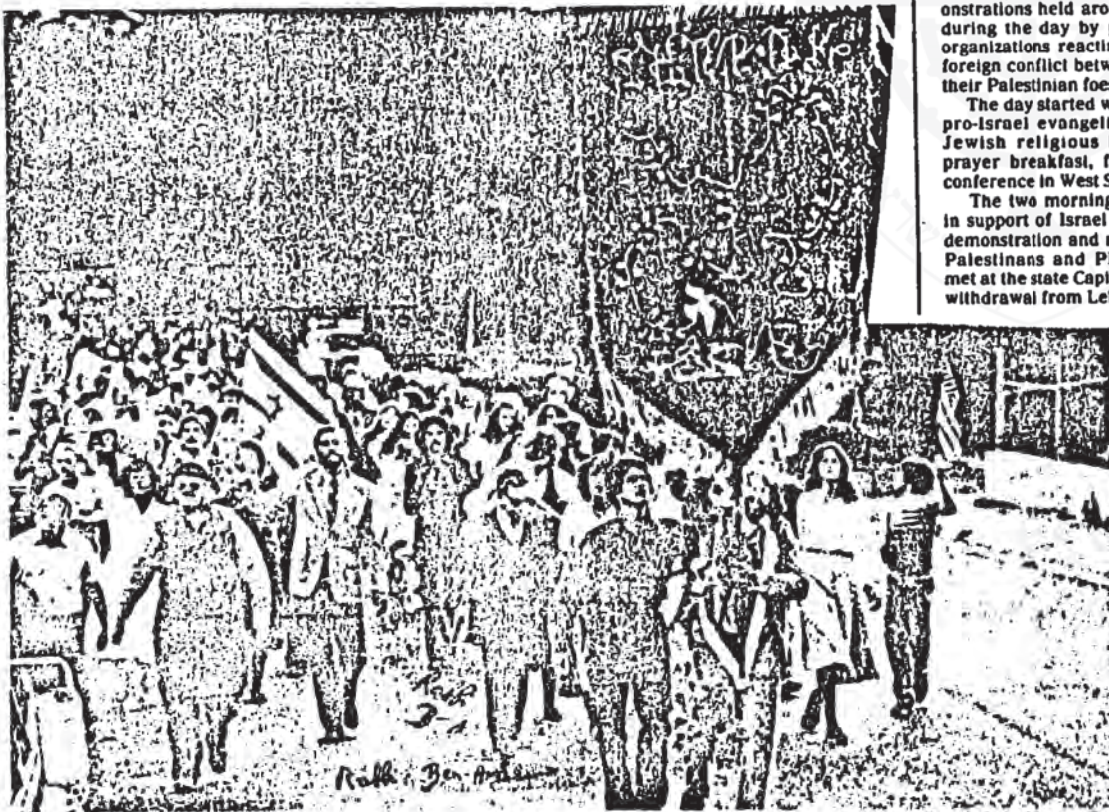
At the morning press conference, several influential and evangelical Sacramento pastors forged a link with Jewish leaders to show support for Israel. Among those present were Rabbi Lester Frazin of Sacramento's Congregation B'Nai Israel, David Ben-Ami of the American Jewish Forum and the Rev. Glen Cole of Capitol Christian Center.

"Nations will rise and fall by what they do to Israel," warned the Rev. Paul Trulin, pastor of Trinity Church in North Sacramento. "America is at the testing point," he said. "What is happening in Lebanon is something of a necessity."

The Rev. Cole said the Christian-Jewish coalition should have been constructed long ago. He called the pro-PLO march at the State Capitol "an act of ignorance" that disturbed him to the core.

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Bee photo by Morgan Ong

r carries banner proclaiming "Shalom Israel" as Christians and Jews join in a march down Sierra Blvd.

Feb. 18/82

300 evangelicals applaud Israel at prayer breakfast

By Joseph Polakoff
Special to The Jewish Week

Some 300 Christian ministers and lay persons gave a standing ovation to an Israeli official who delivered scathing attacks on the United Nations General Assembly's majority that approved a move to isolate Israel and on ABC-TV's presentation of Arab comments on life on the West Bank.

The address by Harry Hurwitz, minister of information at the Israeli embassy, which was punctuated by applause, climaxed the "National Prayer Breakfast in Honor of Israel" at the Shoreham Hotel, Feb. 10. Other speakers included the Rev. Bailey Smith, head of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Bobbie James, wife of Alabama Governor Bob James, a White House assistant to President Reagan, Martin Blockwell, brought greetings from the President to the affair.

The program was arranged by The Roundtable, which was founded in 1979 by E.E. McAteer, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., who is its president and chaired the program. The organization, based in Arlington, is non-political, McAteer said. All of America's major religious denominations are represented on its board. Its major thrust, he said, is in the religious community although its members include leaders in political, business and religious affairs.

A score of Jews attended the breakfast which provided separate tables with kosher food. Among those attending were Ivan Novick and Bernard White, president and board chairman, respectively, of the Zionist Organization of America; Irwin Stein, the ZOA's Washington chapter head Rabbi David Ben Ami, Harrisburg, Pa., president of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation; Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, national co-director of inter-religious affairs of

the Anti-Defamation League; Rabbi Joshua Haberman of the Washington Hebrew Congregation; Rabbi Herzel Kranz, of the Silver Spring Jewish Center; Peter Goldman, executive director of Americans for a Safe Israel, and Michael Gale, of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee. Israeli officials included embassy minister Gideon Shamron, Arik Arazi, counselor for information at the Israeli consulate-general in New York, and Myra Cohen, an information specialist at the consulate.

American and Israeli flags stood in garlands of red, white and blue flowers on every table, on the dais, and in the design of the program. Enamelled lapel pins of the two flags were given to guests. A five-piece orchestra played mainly Jewish and Israeli melodies. Dottie James, a distant relative of the Alabama governor, sang Hatikvah in flawless Hebrew that drew a standing ovation. Bagels and cream cheese were part of all breakfasts. A young woman from Waco, Texas, put a bagel in her purse for her Jewish grandmother. Upon leaving the hall, it was noted that while some American flags remained in the center pieces all the Israeli flags were missing.

In his invocation, evangelist James Robinson, Roundtable vice-president, expressed thanks for Israel and said "bless those who bless Israel." In a benediction, Dr. Derek Prince of Fort Lauderdale said "pray this nation will never be aligned with enemies of Israel...in the name of our Saviour, amen."

The Rev. Baily Smith was introduced as head of an organization of 13 to 14 million members and who had "fired a shot that went from Dallas to Jerusalem." This was in reference to his statement in Dallas in mid-1980 that "God does not hear the prayers of Jews." He later went to

Jerusalem to express his regrets. At the breakfast, he drew applause when he said, "I found in the heart of Israel a genuine desire for peace" and "the first consideration of Israel" in its military actions "is not to harm those not involved" in attacks on Israelis. Smith said he told CBS about Arabs warning Americans they would use the oil weapon if the U.S. does not join them. "What is America going to do without our oil," he quoted an Arab. His response, Smith said, was "If Americans have to turn down their thermostats and wear sweaters we will support Israel."

Dr. Ben Armstrong, director of the National Religious Broadcasters with 950 members, told of the joyous call he received in Scranton, Pa., in 1948, from his wife Ruth who was in Jerusalem when Israel became a state. Her father was a minister in Jerusalem for 14 years.

The Rev. Mike Evans, head of "Lovers of Israel" and the breakfast's national chairman, said "when the United Nations is screaming about the Golan Heights" and saying "Israel is the bad guy...we who believe in the Bible know that the Bible says King David said all Syria is ours" but Israelis say "we don't want Syria; the only thing we want is to live in peace." Evans said "we are not preaching. There has been too much of that. We've been preaching 2,000 years." He stressed Israelis are receiving "unconditional love—no strings attached."

Speaking of the "good fence" between Israel and Lebanon, Evans spoke of seeing a Lebanese Arab child, her face burned, being brought across the border. "Israeli doctors took that child lovingly in their arms," he said. She received the best care Israel has, he added. "That has happened not once but over 200,000 times—over 200,000 times. We can't forget that."

Saying "petro-dollars and Soviet arms" are causing Israelis to "suffer slow suffocation," Evans said "the Soviets are working hard in the United Nations and elsewhere to pervert" the Camp David agreements. "They want Soviet satellites in the Middle East." He added "it broke my heart" three days ago when he heard "a very important (Arab) moderate in the Middle East say the only good thing that came out of Camp David was Sadat's assassination." Evans urged prayer for peace for the Arab states "because they put more emphasis on the bullet than the ballot. We don't believe they need more land. That's not the reason. They have four and a half-million square miles" while Israel is "a tiny land."

Sen. Bill Armstrong (R-Colo) who voted for U.S. sale of AWACS and other military

equipment to Saudi Arabia in October, said that diplomacy causes many instances of disagreement between the U.S. and Israel "but we never forget that the fundamental level of our interests are the same. We are one people."

Thanking the group for "your expression of good will, support and wonderful prayers," Hurwitz said that despite differences U.S.-Israeli relations are "permanent—a solid association of hearts and minds." He added "the time has come to hear love and support more, and more and more because of conditions in the world."

Speaking of ABC-TV's "20/20" show Feb. 5 about the West Bank, Hurwitz said it "besmirched the Jewish state with 'pre-mediation and deliberation.'" Describing the show as a "totally one-sided picture of our so-called occupation," he asserted it was "a fabrication, a distortion, a misrepresentation, half-truths."

"We deplore any innuendo we have denied the Palestinians Arabs freedom of expression," Hurwitz said. "They never had greater freedom than in the last 19 years." Their population has increased by 19 per cent and their school enrollment is up 87 per cent. Before 1967, the West Bank did not have one institution of higher learning. "We helped bring five universities in the area," he said. Noting the show said Israelis are depriving the Arabs of water, Hurwitz said "on the contrary, we brought water—pipes, wells." He said "most of all we object" to the mortality statistics the show gave. Referring to that element as "malicious slander," Hurwitz said the Hadassah Hospital "receives every patient whether from Israel or its neighbors." He pointed out that the mortality rate for infants in Egypt is 116 in 1,000 but only 22 in Israel and 27 in Judea and Samaria— "the best record in the Arab world."

Quoting "my teacher" the late Zionist militant Zev Jabotinsky, Hurwitz said "the Jew is the barometer of the health of mankind. Today the health of the world is not so good. We turn to our old tradition when the storm clouds gather. We shall never lose sight of the words of Isaiah—'not a weapon forged against you will prosper.'"

On leaving the hall, guest signed a "Proclamation of Blessing" that said "as Bible-believing Americans, we believe there exists an iron-clad bond between the State of Israel and the U.S. We believe that bond to be a moral imperative." It said "we agree with the sentiments of President Reagan that 'a secure, strong Israel is in America's self-interest. Israel is a major strategic asset to America. Israel is not a client, but a very reliable friend.'"

June 28, 1982



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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th. St.
New York, NY 10022

Dear Marc:

You are one of about twenty people to whom I am writing this note, all persons in the Christian and Jewish communities with whom I have worked over the years in interfaith and Israel-related concerns. Circumstances are forcing me to consider a major change in my professional life and there might just be a chance that one of you could provide me with a lead on the basis of the information I am sharing with you in confidence.

I actively sought the position with NCLCI even though I was fully aware of the serious problems I would be inheriting with the job. Several considerations motivated me. First, I saw it as a way of responding to those in the Christian bureaucracy who had tried so hard to silence me on the question of Israel. Second, I was (and still am) deeply convinced that Christian-Jewish dialogue and the interests of Israel are best served through a broadly ecumenical organization rather than a very narrowly based approach. Finally, I felt (and still feel) that the effective mobilization of whatever Christian goodwill toward Israel exists in the country will become increasingly important in the months and years ahead.

I shall not try in this letter to give you my analysis of why things haven't worked out the way we had hoped. For months I have taken considerable personal risks in the hope that we would be able to develop a support base for this organization. I can no longer do so. If at all possible I would like to keep our network intact from my office at home. Right now I am exploring possibilities with several Reformed churches in New Jersey. However, I am open to opportunities outside the church as well if some company (either in N.Y.C. or N.J.) can use my skills, which are mostly in the area of communication.

So, if through your contacts you are in a position to provide me with a lead, I shall very much appreciate this.

With greetings and best wishes,

Isaac
Isaac C. Rottenberg

*My belated congratulations with
your marriage. Much happiness to you
both!* *Isaac*

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August 9, 1982

Eugene DuBow
Director
Community Services -
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th St.
N.Y., NY 10022

Dear Gene:

Thank you for the information requested earlier.

Enclosed for your information and use is ~~some~~ material concerning "A Night to Honor Israel".

It is a fabulous non-conversionary program designed solely to help Israel and the Jewish people.

We have presented the programs, most successfully in San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, Tulsa and on August 28, in Dallas at the Great Hall of the Apparel Mart. We have attracted thousands in attendance and the reactions are always the same...outstanding!! We expect to visit every major U.S. city and go to Israel in 1983 to Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

I had written to Milton Tobian in Dallas in April, shortly after the S.W. Conference here in San Antonio which you know I attended, in part. You will recall I was at the same table with Milton for the Saturday night banquet honoring Oscar Eisenberg. We chatted about the concept with those seated at our dinner table.

Printed information was provided to him as well as the enthusiasm I tried to exhibit to him at that time. I heard nothing...not even a reply. This surprised me greatly, as it is a program I am confident AJC can relate to, work with and develop for the greater good of all. It would serve everyones interest professionally to examine the material and for us to have conversation on it. To be sure, it is going national.

On August 28, in Dallas at the Great Hall of the Apparel Mart, the Dallas "Night to Honor Israel" will take place honoring Dr. Jimmy Draper who will stand up for Israel and say the right words. We expect national coverage by the media. We expect a SRO crowd there and ADL is a co-sponsor along with Hadassah etc. In Tulsa, the Israel Emergency Fund was the beneficiary. This is the most fantastic CRC program I've seen. They are truly historic evenings everywhere we present the program.

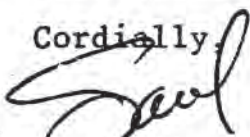
By the way, we just sent a super representative from this Church to Israel/Lebanon yesterday, sponsored by NCLC. He will return on Friday August 13, 1982 with a powerful story to tell. Let me remind you as I did tell Milton Tobian that this Church owns and operates T.V. Channel 35-GETV here - the potential is tremendous to get news out.

We are doing a fantastic job and it would be even greater when some of the other agencies realize what they have here in terms of support, cooperation and dedication and love for Israel without motives. AJC is missing a good cooperative interfaith partner. I hope not for long.

The Israel government understands our concept and role fully and has been beautifully related to us. I hope you can join the crowd. This relationship here has been with the highest persons and offices of Israel...both here and in Israel.

Warmest personal regards and hope to hear from you soon. It was good talking to you Gene. Be well!

Cordially,



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Saul Silverman
National Director

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P.S.

Please put us on your mailing list.

4/S. SILVERMAN

By the way, Oscar Ehrenberg & Richard Goldsmith
both are on our Advisory Board. See (1st) page listing.
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- From the desk of....

BARBARA HURST

August 13, 1982

To: Gene DuBow

As I promised I met with Sol Silverman in San Antonio yesterday and was my most charming self. His enthusiasm for Rev. Hagee and the cause, Christian support for Israel, is commendable, but I remain slightly uneasy. Hagee is getting a lot of mileage out of this effort on his road to national prominence. If we can benefit -all to the good- with reservations. I assured Sol that we would co-operate in any appropriate way.

Regards


Barbara

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Fundamentalist Christians, Jews Plan 'Solidarity Sabbath'

By Marjorie Hyer
Washington Post Staff Writer

The new alliance developing in this country between Jews and fundamentalist evangelicals, two groups that have traditionally regarded each other with suspicion or worse, will take a tentative step forward next month in events scheduled for two Washington synagogues.

The common ground for the new linkage is Israel.

On Nov. 12, several hundred conservative evangelicals will join members of Washington Hebrew Congregation in a Solidarity for Israel Sabbath. Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman, who called the event an attempt to "build bridges," will share the pulpit of the city's largest Reform synagogue with the Rev. Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas. Patterson is a leader of the fundamentalist faction that has been seeking to wrest control of the Southern Baptist Convention from moderates.

The night before, supporters of the California-based evangelical group called TAV, augmented by what a TAV leader described as a "40-piece band, with dancing," will gath-

er at Beth Shalom, together with, they hope, members of that Orthodox synagogue. Dr. John Walvoord, president of the Dallas Theological Seminary, and a representative of the government of Israel are slated to address the gathering.

Moshe Teichman, Beth Shalom's executive director, emphasized that the event was under the sponsorship of the Zionist Organization of America, not the synagogue. "They are just using our facilities," he said.

Also scheduled is a dialogue between Jewish and evangelical leaders in a panel that is expected to include Ed McAteer, head of the politically right-wing Religious Roundtable; Ben Armstrong, executive of the National Religious Broadcasters, and "Pat Robertson or Jerry Falwell or both or neither," according to TAV leader Doug Krieger.

TAV, a name taken from the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, has also initiated at least one private conference with Conservative and Orthodox Jewish leaders in New York. Next month, First Baptist Church in Dallas has scheduled a pro-Israel rally at which Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is slated to receive an award.

For nearly half a century in this country, the Jewish-Christian dialogue has been almost entirely with Catholics and liberal Protestants. Jews were repelled by the zeal

of evangelicals to convert them to Christianity; some of the more fundamentalist evangelical groups were the focus of more overt forms of anti-Semitism.

Only a little more than two years ago, the then president of the Southern Baptist Convention outraged Jews as well as many of his coreligionists with the statement that "God doesn't hear the prayer of a Jew."

Eighteen months ago, at the 75th anniversary meeting of the American Jewish Committee here, seminars and workshops on the threat to Jews from such right-wing evangelical movements as the Moral Majority drew standing-room-only crowds.

What has brought about the new rapprochement is Israel. Fundamentalist Christians view Israel not in political but in biblical terms, as the fulfillment of divine prophecy. The support of fundamentalist evangelicals "is rooted in an uncompromising adherence to scriptural passages which promise that land to the Jews," said Douglas R. Shearer of TAV.

Liberal Protestants and Catholics, on the other hand, view Israel more in the political context, and while defending it as a homeland for the Jews, they do not hesitate to question political and military actions.

Traditional Jewish-Christian good relations took a hard pounding from the events

in the Middle East in recent months, as mainline Protestant leaders issued statements increasingly critical of Israel's actions in Lebanon. Even more damaging was Pope John Paul's decision to meet with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

The growing pressure on Israel, explained Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum of the American Jewish Committee, "has led to extraordinary anxiety and a sense of desperation among Jews"

"Under these circumstances, when you have evangelical Christians, who may number 40 or 50 million Americans, reaching out in love and support, Jews tend to be quite pragmatic; they look at the bottom line of reality." As for the traditional fears about conversion pressures from fundamentalists, he said, "It's like if you are drowning and someone throws you a life preserver. You grab it and worry later about who manufactured the life preserver. The first worry is survival."

Tanenbaum's interreligious affairs committee has conducted two Jewish-Baptist theological dialogues, in which the Southern Baptist participants tended to come from the more progressive wing of evangelicalism. The issue of efforts to convert Jews remained unresolved in those discussions.

Krieger, whose TAV group has conducted five West Coast interfaith services like the one projected at Washington Hebrew, agreed that "most evangelicals are going to be very anxious to see Jews brought to the Messiah, because they have the obligation in scripture to do this."

At the same time, he said, "we feel Christians must be active and see their responsibility for the Jewish community. The support that the evangelical Christian has for the Jew throughout the world does not cease to be vibrant if the Jew does not embrace Christianity."

Haberman, recently elected president of the Washington Board of Rabbis, has a record of crashing religious barriers. In early 1978, he invited Wallace D. Muhammad, head of the American Muslim Mission, formerly the Black Muslims, to participate in what turned out to be a highly amicable pulpit exchange. He has also been active in less controversial interfaith activities.

"I have always believed that the attitude of a religious community to another is the acid test of its own credentials," Haberman said in discussing the upcoming solidarity Sabbath. "If a hand is stretched out in my direction, I am going to grasp that hand."

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF EVANGELICAL PARTICIPANTS AT THE "EVANGELICAL-CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH LEADERSHIP ENCOUNTER" ON NOV. 11, 1982 AT THE WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION (NOON - THURSDAY) AT MASS. AVE. N.W. AND MACOMB STREETS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

As of Oct 27, 1982

1. Dr. Willard Aldrich, President-Emeritus, Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Oregon
2. Pastor Daniel M. Allen, Sr. Pastor, Seabrook Baptist Church (Southern Baptist), Seabrook, MD
3. Dr. Ben Armstrong, President, The National Religious Broadcasters, Morristown, New Jersey
4. Dr. W. Sherrill Babb, President, Philadelphia College of Bible, Langhorne, PA
5. Evangelist Dan Betzer, The Voice of "Revivaltime", Assemblies of God, Springfield, MO
6. Chaplain Ron Colby, The Round Table of Pennsylvania, Mechanicsburg, PA
7. Pastor Keith Copeland, Sr. Pastor, The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Mechanicsburg, PA
8. Mr. Lambert Dolphin, Sr. Research Physicist, The Center for Biblical and Archaeological Studies/SRI International, Menlo Park, California
9. Mr. Robert Duggin, The Director of the Office of Public Affairs, The National Association of Evangelicals, Washington, D.C.
10. Mr. Carl Gallivan, Discovery Israel/Penninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto, California
11. Mr. John Golden, Physicist, The Center for Biblical and Archaeological Studies, Washington, D.C.
12. Mr. Brent Harris, Director, The Sacramento Evangelistic Association, Sacramento, California
13. Dr. Robert Hoolay, Sr. Pastor, Faith Bible Chapel, Arvada, CO
14. Mr. Douglas Krieger, Vice-President, TAV Evangelical Ministries, Portland, Oregon
15. Dr. Frank Mays, Sr. Pastor, Christ Church, Assembly of God, Washington, D.C.
16. Mr. E. E. McAteer, President, The Round Table, Washington, D.C. and Memphis, TN
17. Dr. Eugene Quinn McGee, Sr. Pastor, First Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, New York City, New York
18. Pastor Michael Mosteller, Sr. Pastor, Church of the Redeemer, Richmond, VA
19. Pastor Russ Ogden, Sr. Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Lanham, MD
20. Pastor Richard Paradise, Gospel Outreach International/TAV, Santa Rosa, California
21. Pastor Jim Parker, Sr. Pastor, Williamsburg New Testament Church, Williamsburg, VA
22. Mr. Terry Risenhoover, National Chairman, The American Forum for Jewish and Christian Cooperation, Malibu, California
23. Mr. Chuck Rose, The Round Table of Pennsylvania, Mechanicsburg, PA
24. Pastor Randy Sager, Sr. Pastor, Fellowship of the Living God/TAV, Castro Valley, California
25. Mr. Douglas Shearer, President, TAV Evangelical Ministries, Sacramento, California
26. Mr. Stevan Shearer, TAV Evangelical Ministries, Sacramento, CA
27. Dr. Hilton Sutton, National Chairman, The National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel, New York City, New York

Page 2 - EVANGELICAL PARTICIPANTS AT NOV. 11 LUNCHEON:

28. Mr. Norris Sydnor, Director, The Booker T. Washington Foundation, Washington, D.C.
29. Pastor Walter Tommie, Sr. Pastor, Capitol Hill Metro Baptist Church (Southern Baptist), Washington, D.C.
30. Dr. John Walvoord, President, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX
31. Pastor Ray Watkins, Sr. Pastor, Grace Fellowship Church, Baltimore, MD
32. Dr. Marvin Wilson, Ockenga Professor of Biblical Studies, Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.

The following guests may attend if rescheduling is possible:

1. Dr. Bob Billings, Director, US Office of Education (Regional Liaison Division), Washington, D.C.
2. Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr. Pastor, Thomas Roads Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA
3. Dr. Ron Godwin, Executive Administrator, The Moral Majority, Lynchburg, VA
4. Dr. Pat Robertson, Director, The Christian Broadcasting Network, Virginia Beach, VA
5. Mr. Jim Jackson, Executive Director, United States Christian Embassy, Israel, Montreat, NC

Luncheon arranged by the
AMERICAN FORUM FOR JEWISH-CHRISTIAN
COOPERATION
TAV EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES
and the WASHINGTON HEBREW CONGREGATION

David J. Ben-Ami; Chairman, AFGCC
Douglas Krieger; TAV EJM
Terry Risenhoover; National Chairman, AFGCC
Joshua O. Haberman; Senior Rabbi, WHC
Florence Sibett; Chairperson
Community Relations, WHC

3. PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

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2) *Dr. Albert Hamken* (2) Rabbi/Professor Seymour Siegle
President, N.Y.C.
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- Board of UJA/Fed.
Professor of Theology and Ethics
Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative)
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N.Y., N.Y. 10027
In Washington, D.C.: (202) 724-0779

3) *Prof Richard Stone* (3) Dr. Harold Jacobs *(Call)*
9 C.R.A.C. of N.Y.
- Columbia University
School of Law
President
National Council of Young Israel (Orthodox)
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4) *Rabbi David J. Ben-Ami* (4) Rabbi Jacob Bronner *(arrived later for luncheon)*
Chairman,
- American Forum For Jewish-Christian Cooperation
Executive Director/Belz Hasidic Community
1369 45th Street
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5) *Rabbi Herzl Kranz* Dean, *Montgomery County Day School*
4. MODERATOR: Mr. Douglas R. Shearer
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5. FORMAT

- (a) Opening Remarks by Douglas Shearer - Introduction of Panel
- (b) Opening Statements from Panel Members - 2 min. each
- (c) Questions from The Press - 1/2 hr.
- (d) Closing Remarks by Panel Members and Douglas Shearer
- (e) Total Time of Conference: 45 min. maximum

6. JOINT RESOLUTION: A Joint Press Release Will be Considered.

NOVEMBER 11, 1982 (Thursday) EVANGELICAL-CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH PRESS CONFERENCE:

1. TIME: Nov. 11, 1982 - 10:30 AM (Thursday) - set up at 10:00 AM

2. PLACE: Capitol Hilton
1001 16th Street N.W. at K Street
Washington, D.C.
(202) 393-1000
The New York Room (2d Floor of Hilton)

3. PARTICIPANTS ON PANEL:

(a) Evangelicals -

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(2) Evangelist Dan Betzer
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(3) Mr. E. E. McAteer
President
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*(6) Dr. Jerry Falwell
Sr. Pastor
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(4) Mr. Ben Armstrong
President
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5. *Dr. Hilton Sifton* *(5) Pat Robertson
NHL Chairman
National Christian
Leadership Conference for Israel
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*Final Confirmation is Needed - If Dr. Falwell and Pat Robertson are unable to attend the Press Conference the evangelical participants will be four in number.

NOTE: "The Evangelical Declaration of Support for Israel and the American Jewish Community" can be used by evangelical participants as a "starting point" for addressing the press.



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SOLIDARITY-WITH-ISRAEL THIS FRIDAY

A milestone in interfaith relations previously inconceivable, will be reached this Friday, November 12 at 8:30 p.m. as hundreds of Evangelical Christians from all over the nation will enter our Temple in procession to express their solidarity with the State of Israel. They will join our Sabbath service not merely as guests but as worshippers, contributing sacred Hebrew music and modern Israeli songs to a group of their own musicians and singers. The pulpit guests are Dr. Paige Patterson, President, Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Texas, and The Honorable Zvi Hurwitz, Minister of Information, Embassy of Israel.

A singing procession of guests will originate from Christ Church on Massachusetts and Idaho Avenues at 8:00 p.m. and provide preliminary music and songs.

The coordinating body, which is mobilizing this pilgrimage to our Congregation, is TAV, a coalition of Evangelicals committed to support for Israel and aiming to establish closer relations with the American Jewish Community. On the preceding day, Rabbi Haberman will host a Conference of National Jewish and Evangelical Leaders who will be meeting in Washington to explore the common ground we share in religious faith and morals and consider an agenda for future cooperation.

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HOME HOSPITALITY NEEDED

Many of our Evangelical guests, especially from the West Coast, have expressed a wish to come to know Jewish lay people on a person-to-person basis. They would be grateful for home hospitality from Thursday Noon to Saturday morning, November 11-13. Hosts will call for their guests at the Temple on Thursday, Noon, November 11, and be responsible for transporting them to Friday evening services on November 12 and their overnight stay until Saturday, November 13. Visitors will be on their own during the day.

If you are willing to open your home to Christians looking for closer interreligious relations, please leave a message for Rabbi Haberman at 362-7100, giving your name, address and telephone number and indicating the number of persons you are willing to accommodate. Most of our guests will come as couples.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

The announcement of our Evangelical Christian-Jewish Sabbath of Solidarity-With-Israel has raised some eyebrows. Why are we doing this? What have we in common with Evangelicals? Are they not further apart from us than most other religious denominations? What about the right-wing extremists among them? As for the politics of Evangelicals, it



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is as erroneous to lump them all together under one political column as it is to charge Jews with voting as a block. For every one Evangelical follower of the Reverend Jerry Fallwell's politics, there are at least ten who march to the sound of a different drummer.

It is true that Evangelicals have become more visible and vocal on political and social issues largely through their skillful use of the media. We may strongly disagree with this or that position taken by some of their spokesmen but, in the interest of a more vital democracy, we should welcome rather than deplore the involvement of many more citizens in the democratic process of decision making. Besides, we are likely to find far more agreement than disagreement with citizens who derive their deepest motivation for social and political action from the Bible, our common moral and spiritual foundation.

When civilization is crumbling; when the pillars of our society are shaken; when family life is disintegrating; when moral standards generally are in an alarming crisis; when violence and terror are spreading worldwide and nuclear destruction threatens the annihilation of all human life, — it is time for Jews and Christians of every kind to bury petty contention and think "big".

The world desperately needs stronger moral leadership. More than ever we need to hear of God's will that man should live and not die. Evangelicals believe that we, as Jews, and they, as Christians, are God's people chosen to save the world. Instead of arguing with one another about who is more deserving of this privilege, let us put our shoulders together to the common task and prove our qualifications.

If we have been at opposite ends of the religious spectrum, it is so much the more urgent to build bridges between us. I have been greatly encouraged by the following statement which was distributed nationwide last June by Evangelical Christians in "Support for Israel and the American Jewish Community":

1. *We are committed to the security of Israel. We believe that the Holy Land is the inalienable possession of the Jewish People; that the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have never*

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been abrogated; and that the establishment of modern Israel is an undeniable fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, the herald of the Coming Messiah. The rebirth of Israel points to God's faithfulness and to the sustaining might which undergirds all of His promises.

2. *We believe that Jerusalem is the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish State and should not be internationalized or made the subject of any negotiation or compromise.*
3. *We — constrained by the love of Jesus — abhor anti-Semitism; mourn The Holocaust; and repent of the Church's silence.*
4. *We are vehemently opposed to anti-Zionism. We do not discourage a reasoned and morally sound criticism of the policies of an Israeli government. But we are opposed to a blind, irrational hatred of Zion — a hatred which demands that Israel be judged by an impossible standard of righteousness; a hatred which hails her before the Court of World Opinion for conduct which cannot be condemned by any measure of fairness and equity.*
5. *We acknowledge and sincerely affirm God's love for the Arab People. However, we cannot ascribe even a modicum of virtue to organizations advocating the use of terror against Jews in or out of Israel. We urge Arab leaders to unequivocally renounce the use of terror and embrace the legitimacy of the Israeli State.*
6. *We support the efforts of the American Jewish Community in behalf of Israel. Those efforts reflect a natural affinity and must never be made the basis for accusing our Jewish friends of dual loyalty.*
7. *We believe that Jews everywhere remain the "Chosen People of God" and that God blesses those who bless them.*

The above statement on behalf of many of our nearly fifty million Evangelical

The Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce the opening of an outstanding exhibition of glass sculptures by the prominent Washington artist, Herman Perlman, on Friday evening, November 19, following services. Mr. Perlman will be present at the opening and will answer questions concerning the genesis of his work.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Herman Perlman studied at the Maryland Institute and the Corcoran School of Art. As a caricaturist at the *Washington Post* during the 1930's, he received nationwide exposure when he was commissioned by MGM and RKO to illustrate publicity materials for the movie industry. Associated with Walt Disney studios, Mr. Perlman learned the techniques of animated cartooning and taught animation in New York and Washington.

In the 1950's, Mr. Perlman began his work in glass and during the next thirty years, his projects included work on the White House, the Renwick Gallery and the Abraham Lincoln Historical Park.

His most significant artistic accomplishments have been related to his Jewish heritage. The Biblical and Chasidic characters featured in his sculptures have been exhibited at synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, been represented as gifts to public figures, including Hubert Humphrey and Golda Meir. In 1979, a permanent collection of Perlman's work was installed in the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum.

The exhibition consists of fifty-nine beautifully etched pieces that will be placed on pedestals in the Kreeger Lobby. Do not miss this exciting exhibit which will be on view through Monday, November 29, only.

Christian fellow citizens represents an outreach in friendship to us which we must not reject. I see other signs that Evangelicals are positively reappraising their relationship with Jews. We can do no less. Therefore I bid them a hearty welcome and greet them with *Shalom!*

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Fundamentalists Join Jews in Strong Support for Israel

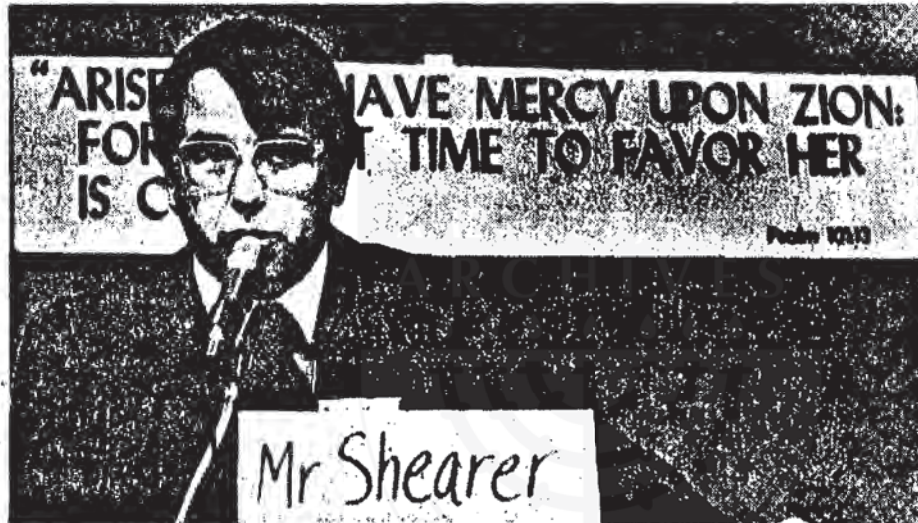
By Marjorie Hyer
Washington Post Staff Writer

A new religious-political alliance took a tentative step forward here today as Jews and Fundamentalist Christians—two groups that have viewed each other with fear and suspicion for decades—met in a series of private and public sessions.

Fundamentalists traditionally have mistrusted Jews and have approached them only to convert them to Christianity. Jews feared the Fundamentalists' evangelistic fervor, often directed at young Jews on college campuses by such groups as Jews for Jesus. The emergence of Fundamentalist Christianity into the political arena two years ago further heightened Jewish fears of a resurgence in anti-Semitism.

Recent developments, however, have been in sharpest contrast to the old mutual dread. Jewish and Fundamentalist leaders sat down together here this week to talk; charismatic Christian fundamentalists joined members of the city's largest Reform synagogue last night for Sabbath services and next week Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is scheduled to appear on the Christian Broadcasting Network's 700 Club. In addition, he will keynote a rally in support of Israel on Tuesday in the very heart of Fundamentalist Christendom: the First Baptist Church in Dallas.

What has brought these two previously hostile groups together,



Douglas Shearer, president of TAV, a California-based evangelical group, at a conference of Evangelical Christians and Jews.

they say, is their mutual concern for Israel.

Fundamentalist evangelicals view creation of modern-day Israel as "an undeniable fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, the herald of the coming Messiah," according to an eight-point statement of support that is being circulated by the California-based evangelical group known as TAV, which takes its name from the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. TAV initiated the Jewish-Christian encounters in Washington this week.

Increasingly, these Fundamentalist Christians who take the Bible

literally translate prophecies about Biblical Israel into political support for the state of Israel.

At a news conference at the outset of the Jewish-Fundamentalist Christian dialogue on Thursday, Ed McAteer, president of the politically conservative Round Table, linked American well-being to the nation's faithfulness in heeding what he interpreted as Biblical commands to aid and support Israel.

"Our land continues to be first" because of three things, McAteer told the press: "because of the prayers of God's people;" because Amer-

ican Christians "supply 65 percent" of the missionaries working to convert the rest of the world to Christ, and "because we have obeyed God's word" in supporting Israel.

Rabbi Joshua Haberman, head of the Washington Hebrew Congregation where the Jews and Christians joined in a "Sabbath of Solidarity With Israel" last night, spoke on Thursday of the encounter as "opening our doors," but he warned against expecting too much of the dialogue. The two groups, he said, would "not agree on every point," but, "there is no need to disagree on every point."

Spokesmen for both sides were unanimous in their claims on Thursday that Israel has been unfairly judged in the media and elsewhere for its conduct in this summer's fighting in Lebanon. "We should not ask Israel to conduct its foreign policy on the level of the angels while still dealing with human beings," Haberman said to the group's enthusiastic applause.

Haberman, in a communication to members of his congregation, responded more to reservations that many Jews have about cooperation with evangelical Christians. Writing in the congregational news bulletin, the rabbi said "... it is as erroneous to lump them all together under one political column as it is to charge Jews with voting as a block. For every one Evangelical follower of the Rev. Jerry Falwell's politics, there are at least 10 who march to the sound of a different drummer."

Dr. Albert Hornblass, an ophthalmologist who is president of the Jewish Board of Education in New York City, said he participated in the dialogue "because I feel the state of Israel needs friends... We have had a sense of isolation, a sense of 'where are our friends?'"

"If we'd had this dialogue in Germany, Nazism would never have arisen," said Rabbi David Z. Ben-Ami, president of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation.

Douglas Shearer, president of TAV, underlined the political de-

termination of his group. "We are going to undertake a campaign" aimed at stopping "the shift in American policy away from support of Israel," he said.

TAV's eight-point declaration begins with a commitment "to the security of Israel. We believe that ALL of the Holy Land is the inalienable possession of the Jewish People: that the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have never been abrogated...." This view—that present-day Israel should extend to the boundaries of the Biblical state—is shared by Begin but not by many Jews, here or in Israel.

The statement declares Jerusalem "the eternal and indivisible capital of the Jewish State and should not be internationalized or made the subject of any negotiation or compromise."

It also declares that Israel "should not be required to cede disputed land in return for 'peace.'" It denounces anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism and affirms "that Jews everywhere remain the 'Chosen People of God' and that God blesses those who bless them."

Rabbi Herzl Kranz, of the Orthodox Silver Spring Jewish Center, where the Fundamentalist Christians and Orthodox Jews gathered for a rally Thursday night, translated the campaign into contemporary political idiom. "We're looking for signatures," he said, "in order to send a message to the president.... We're here to make sure he stays the course."

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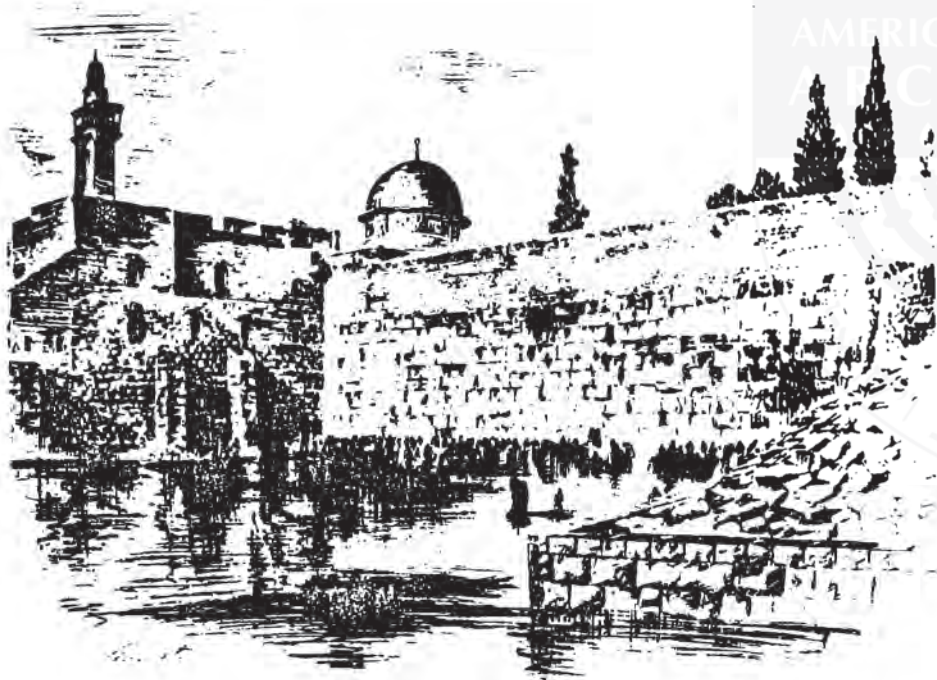
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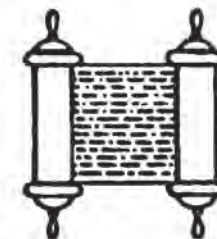
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We share an appreciation of the deep and sacred roots that have bound the Jewish people to its historic land. We rejoice that Zion has been reborn in our day and that the indissoluble bond between the land and its people has been so effectively renewed. We pray that the people of Israel may be strengthened in their efforts to create a free and just society. May healing and comfort soon come to all the troubled peoples of the Middle East. May the sounds of violence no more be heard. May Israel be a beacon of light and inspiration, helping to hasten the time when all shall know the blessings of peace. May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob hear our prayers and praises this night and bring peace to His covenant nation, Israel, and her troubled capital, Jerusalem.

**"If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cleave to the
roof of my mouth, if I do not
remember you, if I do not set
Jerusalem above my highest joy."**

Psalm 137: 5, 6



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EVANGELICALS MEET TO SUPPORT ISRAEL

Conference in Washington last week demonstrates support for Jewish state.

BY MERRIE EISENSTADT
Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — At a time when Israel and the world Jewish community find themselves increasingly isolated, when even traditional friends of Israel have been silent, leaders of the Evangelical Christian movement in the United States — 30 to 40 million people strong — met for two days last week in Washington, D.C. with members of the American Jewish community to demonstrate Evangelical Christian support for Israel.

The conference was co-sponsored by the California-based TAV ministries — a nationwide coalition of Evangelicals committed to support for Israel — Reform temple Washington Hebrew Congregation and the American Forum for Jewish and Christian Cooperation.

Although this was not the first gathering of fundamentalist Christians and Jews to discuss mutual interests and goals, last week's conference involved an unusually broad spectrum of Christian and Jewish leaders. Typically, members of the liberal Jewish establishment have been somewhat reluctant to welcome evangelical overtures, in part, because of differences over domestic social policy issues, while more traditional Jews have found more in common with the evangelicals.

But participating in the joint conference were Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews, a leader of the Washington Jewish Community Council, a representative from the Belz Hasidic Community and the Washington representative of the American Jewish Community, among others. The Evangelical Christian and Jewish Leadership Encounter also garnered more publicity than some previous encounters, with major news organizations, such as the Associated Press, Christian Broadcasters Network and the Washington Post, covering a

press conference on the event held at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, November 11.

At that press conference, Evangelical support for Israel and the American Jewish community couldn't have been voiced more clearly. In an eight-point statement read aloud and distributed at the press conference, the Evangelical Christians declared:

"We are committed to the security of Israel. We believe that ALL of the Holy Land is the inalienable possession of the Jewish People; that the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have never been abrogated; and that the establishment of modern Israel is an undeniable fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, the herald of the Coming Messiah. The rebirth of Israel points to God's faithfulness and to the sustaining might which undergirds all of HIS promises.

"We believe that Jerusalem is the eternal and indivisible Capital of the Jewish State and should not be internationalized or made the subject of any negotiation or compromise.

"We believe that Israel should not be required to cede disputed land in return for 'peace' — a peace which is her legitimate birthright; that much of that disputed land falls within her Biblically mandated borders; and that a fair and unbiased application of accepted international justice may well permit Israel the option of retaining the disputed territories.

"We are vehemently opposed to anti-Zionism. We do not discourage a reasoned and morally sound criticism of the policies of an Israeli government. But we are opposed to a blind, irrational hatred of Zion — a hatred which demands that Israel be judged by an impossible standard of righteousness; a hatred which hails her before the Court for World Opinion for conduct which cannot

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gy all over the country and through rallies, demonstrations and religious media programming. Rabbi Joshua Haberman, the senior Reform rabbi at Washington Hebrew Congregation and one of the principal organizers of the event, noted that the meetings "mark an opening of doors, not a settlement of all differences, all problems." He added, "I am also conscious of a wide gap that has grown needlessly between Evangelical Christians and Jews... most of all due to our own fixation in past habits of thought and a lack of courage and daring to come out and put things on the table and face each other." Rabbi Haberman continued.

He added, referring to Psalm 121 ("I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: From whence shall my help come?"), "Mountains are barriers as long as everybody remains down in the valley; you can't see beyond the mountains. But if you really make the effort and climb up on top, all of a sudden you have a much larger [view]; the horizon expands and you discover that your little valley is really part of a much larger area of common field. We Jews and Christians have to rise above our own narrow, little valleys, reach up to the top and there, look around and see that this part and that part are part of the common land of God."

In discussing Israel's importance to both Jews and Christians, Rabbi Haberman said, "Israel is crucial to us not only as a political entity — as a place of refuge for homeless Jews — [but] it is essential to us as a concrete test — the real test — of the credibility of the Biblical faith. If the Biblical faith cannot in some way or another be put into practice in Israel, it cannot be put into practice anywhere," the rabbi said.

Other Jewish speakers at the press conference talked about Israel's current isolation from the rest of the world and the need for Evangelicals to increase activity on Israel's behalf. Explaining his participation with the Evangelicals, Dr. Albert Hornblasse, President of the New York Jewish Board of Education, said, "I feel the state of Israel needs friends. We in the Jewish community have had a terrible feeling of isolation, a terrible feeling, if you will, of paranoia when you read the press."

Like some of the other Jew-

ish speakers, Dr. Hornblasse alluded to Jewish skepticism of Evangelical support for Israel. Referring to the Holocaust, Dr. Hornblasse said, "Where was the Christian community at that time when your neighbor was being carted away simply because he was a Jew? There is a great deal of skepticism: 'Can we trust them? Are they sincere? I believe... we have to take the chance.'"

Dr. Hornblasse added that "it is nice that we meet together" but he would like to see an "active program" throughout the country.

Other speakers at the press conference included E.E. (Ed) McAteer, president of The Round Table; John Walyonard, president of the Dallas Theological Seminary; Rabbi David L. Ben-Ami, president of the American Forum for Jewish and Christian Cooperation; Professor Richard Stone, an observant New York City resident and Rabbi Kranitz of the Silver Spring Jewish Center.

At the luncheon/discussion meeting held afterward, Evangelicals and Jews considered issues both groups would want to pursue together and adopted their joint statement, which primarily enunciates support for Israel. "There's no stronger bond between us than the Bible," commented Rabbi Haberman. "We accept the text together — maybe not the commentary," he quipped as the audience chuckled.

Bernard White, Chairman of the Board of the Zionist Organization of America; Rabbi Andrew Baker, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee; and Nathan Lewin, president of the Washington Jewish Community Council, also addressed the conference participants.

While the conference saw a variety of Christian and Jewish leaders gather to express an outpouring of support for the State of Israel, some of the Jewish participants voiced concern as to how far the effort could go. Many of the distinguished Jewish leaders present attended the sessions as individuals, not purporting to represent their organizations.

"Candidly, I think it may be a one-time thing," said one of the rabbis who participated. "It's really an ad hoc grouping of people" that "have a community consensus, an

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organization or the structure to perpetuate the effort, he added.

The president of Washington's Jewish Community Council, Nathan Lewin, said he welcomes Evangelical support for Israel, but he cited some Jews' fears of working with Evangelical Christians. Some of the same groups participating in the conference financially support missionary efforts on college campuses that seek to convert Jews, he said. "There is a lot of concern over proselytizing," Lewin said. "The feeling is no matter what they say, one of their tenants is to convert the Jewish people."

Rabbi Andrew Baker of the American Jewish Committee also acknowledged the awkward alliance between Jews and Evangelicals. Baker said he was pleasantly surprised by the way some of the Evangelicals had anticipated and addressed Jewish concerns. Dan Beltzer of "Revivalizer," for example, had characterized the Jews for Jesus movement's terminology of the 'completed Jew' as "repugnant." Added Beltzer, "I don't feel that God ever called me to 'complete' anyone. I feel he called me to love the Lord with all my heart, all my soul — my neighbor as myself."

Rabbi Baker said that whether such encounters between Jews and Christians leads to a more permanent alliance depends on the evangelicals. He feels that Jews are waiting to see what comes of the Evangelical's flood of praise for Israel, waiting to see some more action.

During the AWACS debate last year, "the feeling among Jews was that the Evangelicals are not helpful then," Rabbi Baker said. "Unless these people are prepared to lobby in the Congress — it's one thing to preach a sermon in a church — we're going to feel there is not the full concern behind what is spoken," the rabbi continued. "These people know the difference between giving lip service and twisting elbows" on Capitol Hill.

TOMLINSON

Tomlinson Craft Collection, 519 N. Charles St., is featuring the jewelry of David Yurman from Sat. Nov. 13 through Sat. Nov. 20. Yurman, originally a sculptor who studied under Jacques Lipchitz, designs pieces of jewelry using semi-precious and precious stones.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

memorandum

date January 11, 1983
to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
from Art Abramson
subject

Terry Patton of the local office of the International Christian Embassy for Israel passed this article along. It is from "Today's Mission", which identifies itself as "The World Christian Magazine". It is an Evangelical sponsored publication, published in Pasadena, California.

Best regards,



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This summer's war in Lebanon, with the almost total devastation of the Palestinian refugee camps and the recent massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in camps in West Beirut, points the world's attention once again to the plight of the 4 million Palestinians, approximately 650,000 of whom have been living in refugee camps in Arab countries since 1948.

The history of the Palestinian people is muddy in most of our minds and the media accounts do not begin to give an understanding of the feelings and aspirations of this people, of how their uprootings and persecutions have scarred them and have changed them from a despairing group of destitute refugees into a relatively unified people motivated by a burning cause—return to their homeland. In fact, numerous Christians are fooled into believing, and are guilty of perpetuating, a Western view of Arabs as sub-human, illiterate peasants or nomads. May God challenge us to receive the Palestinians as people loved no less by Jesus Christ than we are and deserving full dignity as human beings. We should search out all possible means of caring for

them with Christ's compassion. For those struggling to reach out to them because of cultural prejudices, the biblical command, "Love your enemies as yourself," ought to suffice.

In 1948, when the state of Israel was reformed, some 780,000 Palestinians were dispossessed and displaced (170,000 stayed on in Israel). From that year on it was very evident that the Israelis responsible for the reestablishment of their state saw no room for Arabs or Palestinians. Joseph Weitz, an Israeli administrator in charge of colonialization wrote:

"Between ourselves it must be clear that there is no room for both people together in this country . . . We shall not achieve our goal of being an independent people with the Arabs in this small country."

From this assessment Weitz drew the inevitable conclusion that the Jewish national homeland would have to be wrestled from the Arabs who, unfortunately, inhabited it at that time.

"And there is no other way than to transfer the Arabs from here to the neighboring countries, to transfer them all; not

one village, not one tribe should be left."

Fear and terror were the typical means used by the Israelis to expel the unwanted. Events such as the April 1948 massacre at Deir Yassin of 254 men, women and children by Begin's Irgun and a night raid on Bald-a Sheich are examples.

In 1972 Arie Yit Zhagi, an Israeli historian, recorded the methods:

"If we assemble the facts, we realize that to a great extent the battle followed the familiar pattern of the occupation of an Arab village in 1948. In the first months of the war of independence Haganah and Palmach troops carried out dozens of operations of this kind, the method adopted being to raid an enemy village and blow up as many houses as possible. In the course of these operations many old people, women and children, were killed wherever there was resistance."

Perhaps Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews caused the world to overlook these atrocities. International agencies and the UN poured in help for what was hoped to be temporary need. United Nations Relief and Works Agency was



UNRWA Photo by G. Naderian

A lonely Palestinian matron, a refugee most of her life, picks her way through the wreckage of Beirut, dishomed yet once more.

Written by Muriel Logan. Muriel works with *Issachar*, an organization that researches unreached people groups.

created in 1950 to continue the long-range aid. In 1951, 876,000 refugees were formally registered with UNRWA as still unable to provide their own livelihood.

The 1967 Arab-Israeli war in which Israel took the West Bank and Gaza displaced another half million Arabs including 220,000 refugees uprooted for a second time.

The civil war in Lebanon in 1975-76 left thousands of victims, both Lebanese and Palestinian, and the Israeli military thrusts in the south of Lebanon during 1978-79 again displaced thousands of Palestinian refugees, many of whom then resettled for the third time in camps in the Beirut area. In 1981, with natural increase and even with severe limits on registration, there were 1,884,896 registered refugees, nearly half still living in refugee camps.

This summer's war in Lebanon has caused refugees to flow in all directions and the results are not yet clear. The eyes of the world have seen the horrendous

fate that hundreds of them (including some Lebanese who had sought refuge in the camps) met in their chosen refuge.

The terrorist methods by which the Palestinian's most radical element, the Palestinian Liberation Organization, gained the world's attention for their cause still linger, indelible, in the mind of the world and are reminiscent of earlier, and some recent, Israeli terrorist activities. The negative impression of Palestinians as terrorists prevents a more favorable disposal of much of the world toward the just and humane elements of their cause. Yassar Arafat's more recent diplomatic efforts have been winning support in many of the world's governments. Even many Christian groups have seen the Palestinian cause from a human rights standpoint and have been saturated with PLO information on its programs of education, employment, medical attention and other positive accomplishments. The breaking of the PLO hold on Lebanon this summer, however, also brought to light its ruthless methods for controlling much of Lebanon, for expropriating Lebanese homes and businesses and holding the owners literally hostage. Many Lebanese and Palestinians died this summer as PLO fighters in Lebanon used civilians as a buffer or barricade by deliberately drawing Israeli fire. The arms caches and signs of participation of every known Communist terrorist organization with the PLO were disturbing. The great protector of the Palestinian people certainly had other, more pressing, motivations. Nevertheless, left without the PLO fighters, the Palestinians in the camps in Beirut and to some extent even in the south, became the target of the kind of savage group retaliation that has always characterized the factions of the Middle East and has been so much a part of the violence in Lebanon in the last eight years.

The Palestinian civilians left in Lebanon—for all the talk of a PLO political victory—are now not only destitute and homeless, but terrified of future blood-letting. (Some were even afraid to eat the food provided by the Red Cross after the recent massacre for fear it might be poisoned.) They have no secure future, and are at the mercy of whatever powers emerge in Lebanon. It appears that the Lebanese are not likely to welcome their staying and have already decreed that the Palestinian camps must not be rebuilt (though Israeli troops are bringing in prefabricated houses). Even those Lebanese who did not suffer personally any PLO savagery or humiliation, see their country as having paid too long, too high

a price for the presence of the Palestinians and want them out. Even true Christian believers interviewed in Lebanon admit the great needs of the Palestinians for aid and care right now, but hope to see them go elsewhere.

Whether successful in a new land, or still suffering the overt humiliation of camp living, Palestinians speak of the dishonor of exile, feelings of inferiority because of being dispossessed of their rightful property, and of shame at being perceived as squatters or trespassers. One elderly woman in Lebanon explained, "A man without a country is a man without dignity. And our dignity is more important to us even than our life."

No one knows what will happen to these Palestinians—whether the Lebanese government will force them out, whether other Arab countries will accept them, how Lebanese, Syrian and Israeli forces will identify their own interests in rela-



tionship to the Palestinians, and whether these will clash. Meanwhile, the winter rains in Lebanon are imminent, and thousands of people have no adequate shelter. Will there be tents or prefabs in time? Who is going to care enough about the Palestinians' ultimate cause or about their immediate needs to have an effect? Is there a hope for them which doesn't center in terrorism or in the annihilation or displacement of yet another people? Can political negotiation create a homeland for them? Is reconciliation possible in the Middle East? Is it possible apart from the message of Jesus Christ?

Let us respond with the compassion of our Lord and reach out to these people with our prayers, finances and lives. We have both the privilege and responsibility of demonstrating to the Palestinians and the world that the power of love of Christ can heal the emotional, physical and ultimately spiritual needs of a people persecuted now for more than a generation.

If you're interested in helping the Palestinians, contact Christian and Missionary Alliance or World Relief. (Addresses appear in directory on page 17).

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- 8:15.....Biblical Basis, Part I

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- 9:00am...Biblical Basis, Part II
- 9:50...Coffee Break
- 10:00.....Islam--Its Faith & Forms
- 11:00.....Things You Need to Know
- 12:00pm.Lunch
- 1:00.....Case Studies, Group I
- 2:00.....Group II
- 2:50...Coffee Break
- 3:00.....Questions & Answers
- 3:30.....On From Here...
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PROGRAM

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST IN HONOR OF ISRAEL

***Shoreham Hotel
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7:30 A.M.
February 2, 1983***

REGISTRATION

Invocation - Mr. Doug Krieger

Breakfast

Music

Pledge of Allegiance

Arlene Adler - Concert Soloist

Introductions

"Special Guest"

Greeting From National Religious Broadcaster Executive Director, Dr. Ben Armstrong

Greeting From the White House - Mr. Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to President Reagan

Expression of Appreciation - Congressman Mark Siljander

Greeting From The American Christian Community - Dr. Jerry Falwell, Old Time Gospel Hour

Dottie James Parker - Singing "Hatikvah"

Mr. Harry Hurwitz - Director of Information for Israeli Embassy

Expression of Appreciation - Mr. Mike Gale, Deputy Special Assistant to President Reagan

American Forum - Rabbi David Ben Ami

Reading of Proclamation

Merv & Merla Watson - "Feast of Tabernacles"

Benediction - Dr. Richard Hogue

Proclamation of Blessing

As Bible-believing Americans, we believe there exists an iron-clad bond between the State of Israel and the United States. We believe that bond to be a moral imperative.

Representing the vast majority of evangelicals in the United States, we have gathered together at this National Prayer Breakfast to reaffirm our support and prayers, that this bond not be weakened or diminished.

We agree with the sentiments of our President,

that a secure, strong Israel is in America's self-interest. Israel is a major strategic asset to America. Israel is not a client, but a very reliable friend."

"To weaken Israel is to destabilize the Middle East and risk the peace of the world, for the road to world peace runs through the Middle East."

We support Israel's right to their land spiritually and legally. History records that God deals with nations in accord with how these nations deal with Israel's. We rejoice that here in America, for 206 years, we have been committed to the Jewish people. The Jewish people have found refuge here; they have found a people who love them; and we can take pride in saying that Israel is not an exclusively Jewish issue.

Bible-believing evangelicals consider the support of Israel a biblical mandate. Regardless of contrary opinion, we do not believe Israel has to offer an excuse for its existence. Israel lives today as a right! A right that has been hallowed by the Bible, by history, by sacrifice, by prayer, and by the yearning for peace.

"I will restore the captivity of my people, Israel... I will plant them in their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land, which I have given them, says the Lord your God (Amos 9:14,15)"

We believe one of the reasons America has been blessed over the years is because we have stood with Israel. This promise is taken from Genesis 12:3, "I will bless them that bless thee." And so, for biblical reasons first and foremost, we support the State of Israel. For humanitarian reasons we support the Jewish people. For historical reasons, believing that Palestine belongs to the Jewish people, we support the State of Israel. For legal reasons, dating back to 1948, and even further to the establishment of the British Mandate, we believe the land of Palestine belongs to the Jewish people.

Israel and the United States are not separate and distinct - we are one. We share common ideals and common democracy. What unites us across the ocean, and brings Jew and Christian together, is the recognition that Israel is a nation that is a manifestation of what America was and is.

America has a strong interest in the Middle East. We affirm our belief that the nation of Israel is the key to that interest because of our common bonds, our common values, our common belief in social justice, and the godly principles on which our two countries were founded.

I affirmation of these beliefs, we hereby set our hands this 2nd day of February, 1983.

file

Tanenbaum

Evangelicals forging an alliance with Jews

The New York Times

NEW YORK — After years of mutual alienation and distrust, evangelical Christians have been meeting with Jewish leaders to offer support for Israel and to forge a new relationship with Jewish groups.

Jewish leaders are talking of a surge of support from a wide range of conservative Christians, including fundamentalists from the South and Southwest. Last month, for example, the New York-based Jewish American Political Action Committee invited Cal Thomas, a vice president for communications of Moral Majority, to speak at a meeting in the Sutton Place Synagogue.

Jewish leaders who want to build ties with evangelicals also point to pro-Israel editorials in evangelical magazines and to theological pronouncements by Christian preachers eschewing proselytizing among Jews. There have been rallies and newspaper advertisements supporting Israel, participation of evangelicals in synagogue services and the creation of pro-Israeli organizations among Christians.

But while many Jewish leaders have openly welcomed the evangelicals' eagerness to build ties, others say they are uneasy. They say they harbor deep doubts about the wisdom of alliances with conservative Christian groups that, they feel, want ultimately to convert the Jews and, on many political issues, often hold profoundly different, more conservative, points of view.

"The evangelical community," said Rabbi **Marc H. Tanenbaum**, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee in New York, "is the largest and fastest-growing block of pro-Israeli, pro-Jewish sentiment in this country."

"Since the 1967," he said, "the Jewish

Falwell: Begin predicts expanded Israel

United Press International

TYLER, Texas — The Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, said he has been assured by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin that the Jewish state eventually will stretch from Egypt to Turkey.

"Israel's Begin shares the Biblical view of the Promised Land," Falwell said in a copyright story in Sunday's editions of the Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph.

He said Begin, whom he termed a personal friend, told him the Bible predicts the nation eventually will have boundaries on the Euphrates and Nile rivers and will include portions of Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the Sudan, Lebanon, Jordan

and Kuwait.

"Begin is the first prime minister to believe in the inerrancy (literal truthfulness) of the Old Testament," Falwell said in taped comments. "Begin will quickly tell you 'We don't have all the land yet we're going to have.'"

Falwell said Begin told him Israel is not aggressively trying to take the land.

"All he is doing is preserving that which has been delivered to them."

He said Begin felt the United States "blackmailed" his nation into turning over the Sinai to Egypt at Camp David.

"I don't think the West Bank will be given back," Falwell said.

community has felt abandoned by Protestants, by the groups clustered around the National Council of Churches, which, because of sympathy with Third World causes, gave an impression of support for the PLO. There was a vacuum in public support for Israel that began to be filled by the fundamentalist and evangelical Christians.

"For myself, as a result now of knowing thousands of evangelicals, I came to the conviction that Jews had to change the basic image of them as Bible thumpers, as illiterate and bigoted people. We had stereotypes about evangelicals in the way that we felt Christians had stereotypes about Jews."

J. Richard Butler, director for the Middle East of the National Council of Churches, that his organization had abandoned

Jewish groups.

"The position of the National Council of Churches since 1980 unequivocally supports Israel and its right to exist as a Jewish state," said. "We have been critical of Israeli policies and practices, as we have been critical of some of the policies and practices of other states."

The most prominent spokesman among Jewish leaders for the more hesitant point of view toward the evangelicals is Rabbi **A. Anderson Schindler**, head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a Reform organization.

"Why does organized American Jewry continue its flirtation with the Christian right?" he said. "We know the reasons, of course. Jewish leaders are willing to forgive anyone anything so long as they say a good word about it."

International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists/July 12-21

Henry Holley
Development Director



March, 1983

Dear Friends:

Greetings, blessings and love in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As you probably know, Bettie and I did not send out Christmas greetings this past year. However, we greatly appreciate and acknowledge the many we received from our friends. To know of the support, love and prayers from so many of you was truly a blessing.

This year, I have been working in preparation for a most interesting and significant Conference which is going to be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July 12-21, 1983. It is the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists and is being sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. I am enclosing a brochure for your information, and trust that as you read it you will undergird our efforts with your prayers.

My responsibility is to raise scholarship assistance for many of the Third World evangelists, who without such financial help could not attend this Conference.

Of course, some of you have already heard from me -- and I deeply appreciate the financial commitments that have been made to Amsterdam 83. May God bless you all for this.

Please join in praying and giving to this unique opportunity. We hope that by the time of the Conference we will be able to raise sufficient scholarship funds for the many deserving Third World itinerant evangelists, who are looking to us for help.

Our family is well, and rejoicing in the Lord. I trust that you, likewise, are experiencing the blessings of God. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf, as we pray for you upon every remembrance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Henry Holley'.

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Evangelicals have clout — and Reagan knows it

By John Gholdston

BENTINEL RELIGION WRITER

When President Ronald Reagan speaks to the National Association of Evangelicals at their meeting in Orlando this week, his primary audience will not be a group of Bible-thumping, scripture screaming, big-top revivalists with sawdust on their shoes. It will be a potent group of polished influencers who have strings into the hearts and pocket-books of much of middle America.

When the group formed 41 years ago, evangelicals were generally considered to be traveling preachers somewhat on the fringe of organized religion. They served mostly as an occasional infusion of excitement into local congregations meeting in revivals and tent meetings.

A few nationally known figures, like Billy Sunday, D.L. Moody, Al-mee Semple McPherson and "Father" M.J. Divine, have become legends. Some particularly flamboyant characters, like Charles "Sweet Daddy" Grace, who was said to bottle and sell the water he bathed in and held mass baptisms with fire hoses, left a bad taste in the mouths of more conventional religionists.

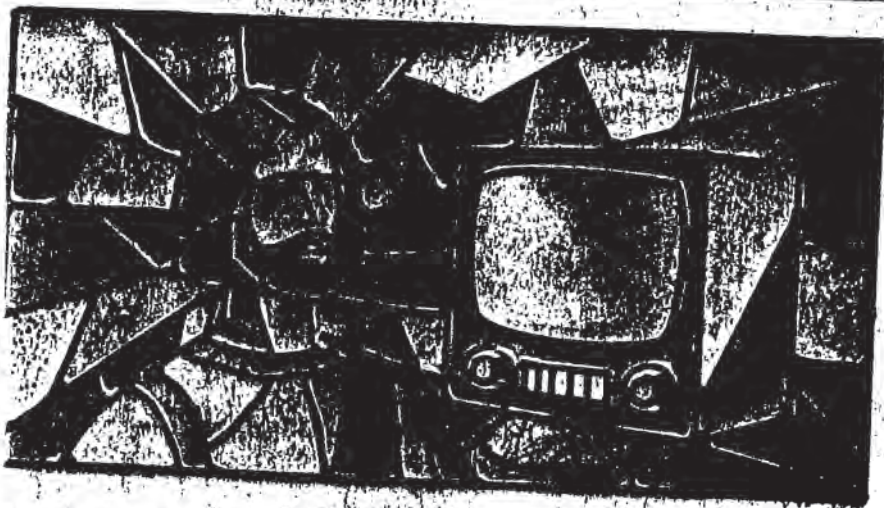
John Gholdston is the religion writer for The Orlando Sentinel.

But evangelicalism has recently turned a respectable corner and left the crowds of hand-held fan wavers in favor of the mighty television camera, reaching millions weekly instead of hundreds.

The Rev. Rex Humbard, with a direct broadcast satellite network that allows him to conduct personal seminars around the country; the Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder and head of the Moral Majority, a political action group; Oral Roberts, head of a large Christian university and medical center; and the Rev. Pat Robertson and the Rev. Jim Bakker, both heads of international religious television networks, are examples of evangelicals in today's society. Their budgets run into the millions of dollars. Their followers are willing to mortgage houses and sell wedding rings to help finance the mammoth ministries where the main concern is preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In addition to the high-profile media-ministers of this dispensation, many American laymen consider themselves evangelicals with a "burden" to spread the gospel — a rarity in earlier years. Some, like the 4 million of the nation's 31 million Catholics, are still members of major mainline churches but others are members of less prominent charismatic or Pentecostal churches. An

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Who are the evangelicals?

62 percent are female.
25 percent have completed college.
1 percent have only a grade school education.

43 percent live in the South, 25 percent in the Midwest, 15 percent in the West and 17 percent in the East. Nearly 40 percent live in towns with less than 2,500 residents.

Roughly 1 in 10 is a professional or business person; about 25 percent do manual labor.

They are evenly divided among low, middle, and upper income brackets, though 16 percent earn less than \$10,000 a year.

Nearly 75 percent are married; only 10 percent are divorced or separated. Nearly half have children in their

Source: Christianity Today - Gallup Poll

households.

■ Slightly less than half read the Bible every day; about 85 percent at least weekly.

■ They believe, by almost 8-to-1, that God created Adam and Eve to start human life.

■ 92 percent are church members and nearly 50 percent give beyond the 10 percent tithe of their income to churches and religious organizations.

■ 20 percent talk to others about their faith daily; nearly half do so at least weekly.

■ Nearly 4 million of the total 31 million are Roman Catholics

■ Only 6 in 10 can correctly identify "Ye must be born again" as the words of Jesus to Nicodemus

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estimated one in every five American adults claims to be an evangelical.

The term itself, however, can be misleading. Broadly speaking, an evangelical is anyone who accepts the "good news" of Christian theology. (The root of the word is Greek and means "good news.")

In the religious jargon of today, though, the word has taken on a narrower definition and refers mostly to a theology that stresses personal conversion (being "born again"), salvation by faith alone and a commitment to share the conversion experience with non-believers.

Within the term today there are several sub-groups, including the fundamentalists and the charismatics.

Staunchly conservative, many fundamentalists look to Falwell and his *Old Time Gospel Hour* television program as the frontlines in the war against liberals. Charismatics are less well-defined Christians who feel motivated to demonstrate their conversions to Christianity by speaking in tongues or any of a number of other "manifestations of the spirit" mentioned by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians.

The Assemblies of God, one of the fastest growing denominations in the country, is Pentecostal — ultra-fundamentalist with strong charismatic leanings. The 6,000-member Calvary Assembly in Winter Park is part of the movement.

The common thread to bind all evangelicals together, however, remains the need to be "born again" in the spirit of Christianity. Popularized in the 1960s and '70s with the "Jesus movement," the term denotes a major life-changing experience that turns people from the "ways of the world" to a Christ-like, spirit-led life.

The association itself is a group of clergy and laymen from 75 denominations with an aggregate membership of 3.5 million. Not included in that figure are the devotees — estimated to be as many as 10 million — of the National Religious Broadcasters, a daughter group of the Evangelicals.

It was to the National Religious Broadcasters that Reagan spoke earlier this year in Washington when he urged Americans to study the Bible and said the nation is "hungry for a spiritual revival."

It was not by mistake that Reagan's planners scheduled him to speak to many of the same people a second time in as many months, nor was it without precedent. Jimmy Carter, Reagan's predecessor and an evangelical himself, spoke to the same group during his 1980 re-election campaign after many evangelicals accused him of having abandoned their cause when he became president.

Nearly half of the country's evangelicals live in the South, where Reagan met Carter head-on in 1980 and exceeded expectations. The president will continue to need strong support from the South, so his scheduled appearance at the Evangelicals' national conference in Orlando this week appears to have political overtones: He needs the group's continued support if he is to be re-elected.

Evangelicals, by and large, represent the very type of people Reagan says are the backbone of America. According to a 1979 Gallup poll, they are a remarkably homogeneous group:

- Almost by virtue of their religion, they are politically conservative.

- Only 5 percent are divorced and nearly half have children at home.

- Almost half of them read the Bible daily.

But perhaps of even greater interest to Reagan is that there are twice as many Democrats represented in the group as there are Republicans.

The evangelical movement is not without its critics, even within its own ranks.

Many local church pastors are critical of the influence wielded by the national broadcast evangelists, saying they dilute the support of the members, spending millions of dollars on slick television productions that could be better put to use on the local front.

Carl F.H. Henry, first editor of one of the foremost evangelical publications, *Christianity Today*, has written frequently that the evangelicals have become visible in the past decade but are not yet effective in bringing about changes to society because of disagreement within the ranks on doctrinal matters.

"Evangelicals seem to be in a holding pattern," he wrote in 1980, "sometimes approaching a long-awaited landing . . . at times circling or moving exasperatingly away from it."

But regardless of the movement's future, politicians are recognizing that the evangelicals of today are a potent force, willing to support causes more than political parties and willing to take action to try to bring their beliefs into the mainstream.

Disenchanted With Reagan, Activists Focus on Blue-Collar, Ethnic Groups

'Populists' of New Right Turning to Grass Roots

By JOHN H. AVERILL, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Increasingly disenchanted with their longtime hero, Ronald Reagan, some New Right activists are turning to the grass roots and trying to increase their political strength under an unusual new banner—conservative "populism."

Conservative populism? The New Right bears little resemblance to the turn-of-the-century agrarian Populists who advocated, among other things, government control of monopolies and the free coinage of silver to create easier money for farmers and small businessmen.

Nor should the conservatives' new thrust be confused with another populist movement, the effort of political progressive groups in the Citizen Action Federation to promote "economic democracy" and reduce the power of wealthy corporations through tax reform and other measures.

By definition, however, populism is a movement that purports to speak for the common man and thus is a term that can be applied to many different causes.

Those calling themselves New Right populists are focusing on blue-collar workers and ethnic groups that abandoned the Democratic Party to vote for Reagan in 1980, only to return to the Demo-

cratic fold in 1982 because of the recession.

Such New Right figures as Richard A. Viguerie, Paul M. Weyrich and Howard Phillips argue that these groups can be permanently converted to the conservative cause with a proper appeal.

"If you are concerned about abortion, pornography, school prayer, busing, taxes and a balanced budget, there is no one out there representing you," said Viguerie, publisher of Conservative Digest magazine and owner of a flourishing direct-mail firm that concentrates on conservative issues, candidates and organizations.

"We are going out and try to organize people along the lines of those issues," Viguerie said in an interview.

"There is a strong populist strain among conservatives today," Rep. Mickey Edwards (R-Okla.), chairman of the American Conservative Union, told a conservative conference here recently.

"What that strain is," he said, "is one that says conservatism is a philosophy which relates to the aspirations, the hopes, the dreams of the average working man and woman in the country. It is not a philosophy of preserving the status quo for those who inherited money



Associated Press

Richard A. Viguerie

from their fathers, their grandfathers or their great-grandfathers."

Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation, talks in terms of organizing what he calls "cultural conservatives."

"This is someone," he said, "whose main concern is family, neighborhood, community and church. These are people very

much wrapped up in their children and the family network.

"They are mainly ethnic blue-collar people who have worked in the same factory or the same job for a long period of time."

Phillips, national chairman of the Conservative Caucus, said: "Most of the people who were responsible for electing Ronald Reagan in 1980 and defeating liberal Democrats in Congress are not partisan Republicans, and those are the people who will constitute the conservative victory coalition of the future."

The attraction of these voters is not confined to the New Right. Even the more pragmatic conservatives, such as Richard Wirthlin, the chief pollster for Reagan's 1980 campaign, talk of the importance of the "BCEC vote." The initials stand for blue-collar ethnic Catholic.

Viguerie, Weyrich and Phillips echo one another in explaining why they are turning their attention away from Washington in favor of grass-roots organizing. They say it springs from failure to get what they consider sufficient action from the Reagan Administration on behalf of such issues as banning abortion and busing and restoring school prayer.

"I can't tell you the number of meetings we have had with

organizers from all over the country." He added: "We hope to have grass-roots workers in all 50 states between now and the 1984 elections with the view of putting our issues back at the top of the agenda and trying to create a reality the White House and Congress will have to address."

high-level Administration officials, and we don't have anything to show for it," Weyrich said. "It was all for naught."

While insisting that they are not splitting with the Administration, the three New Right leaders said they intend to concentrate their time, money and energy on their own goals.

"We're going to pursue our own agenda," Weyrich said. "We have launched a new operation called the Committee for Effective State Government. Our purpose is to do at the state level, in state legislative races, what we have done at the federal level in terms of assisting candidates with precinct organizations and coalition-building.

"We are going to be active in all states where we think we can have an effect on the outcome of legislative races."

The lopsided defeat of the gun control initiative on the California ballot last November has given Weyrich an idea that, he hopes, could generate large turnouts of conservative-minded voters.

Weyrich said his analysis of the California election convinced him that the gun-control issue produced an unexpectedly large vote and thus was a "significant factor" in helping Republican George Deukmejian defeat Democrat Tom Bradley in the governor's race.

Weyrich now wants to find issues that are similarly compelling for the voters he hopes to attract and then stimulate ballot issues in the 23 states that permit citizens to initiate legislative proposals.

"What I'm looking at right now is the recall of judges, because there is tremendous sentiment against the soft-headed judges in this country who allow criminals to run the streets," Weyrich said.

Phillips is planning a somewhat different approach. He said his Conservative Caucus will sponsor a four-day training conference in April at its Vienna, Va., headquarters for "our key grass-roots organizers from all over the country." He added:

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The PTL Club, a Christian evangelical organization headed by the Rev. Jim Bakker, plans to donate \$2.5 million to the city of Jerusalem to purchase an Arab-owned bus station located at the spot where some believe Christ was crucified.

PTL Club spokesman Brad Lacey

said negotiations to purchase the Arab-owned land have been under way for two years.

Other religious groups are expected to contribute to the project, which will cost approximately \$10 million. The area would be converted into a park and shrine, which could take up to four years to complete. Details of the sale are still being negotiated.

Bakker said his ministry, which is based in Fort Mill, S.C., will not own the park. It will belong to the people of Jerusalem, he said.



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June 26, 1984

Mr. Henry Morrison
58 West 10th Street
New York, N.Y. 10011

Dear Mr. Morrison:

I spent some time with Oscar Dystel last week and he has again suggested that I contact you to determine your possible interest in a book I am completing in collaboration with Kenneth Libo.

Its working title is Letter to a Christian Friend and its subject is antisemitism. Volumes have been written about religious bigotry by Christian and Jewish scholars, but the message has not filtered down to the grass roots level.

My interest, originally, in helping to combat age-old prejudice was stimulated by Dr. Marc Tanenbaum, considered to be the foremost Jewish ecumenist in the nation. It was he, in fact, who recommended an article I wrote, The 2,000th Year, to a United Methodist publication, Together. I was their first Jewish author. More than 500,000 reprints of that article were requested by Together readers. Nothing like this had ever happened before.

Since receiving that overwhelming response, I have felt that an expansion of The 2,000th Year in the form of a book would be desirable. It has taken considerable research to find a formula that would sustain the interest of Christian readers.

Our purpose is to present irrefutable evidence of the irrationality of antisemitism. Letter to a Christian Friend achieves that goal by attracting and maintaining attention in a strikingly new way.

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We begin by highlighting in words and pictures the extraordinary achievements of a select number of Jews in science, medicine, public service, and the arts with whom the reader can establish immediate identification. These "profiles" also open the way for an important message: that it is absurd to accuse Cary Grant, Jonas Salk, Art Buchwald, et al of being Christ killers.

From there we go on to reveal that:

- . Jews in the time of Christ, far from calling for his death, revered him as their messiah.
- . As long as he lived, he symbolized their only hope of throwing off the oppressive weight of Roman tyranny.
- . It was his wide appeal as a messiah to his fellow Jews that led to his trial and conviction under Roman law.
- . Because his charismatic hold on Jews posed a threat to Rome, he was crucified by Caesar's representatives.
- . He died not as a Christian but the way he lived, as a Jew.
- . Moreover, early Christianity was a Jewish sect--it remained so for decades until writers of the Gospels created a new religion which, in its attitudes toward Jews, espoused a philosophy unknown to Jesus.

We believe our approach reflects a deep appreciation for the religious sensibilities of both Christians and Jews.

Dr. Tanenbaum has read and endorsed the present manuscript. He is awaiting our approval to forward copies for further endorsement by Billy Graham, Father Hesburgh, Cardinal Bernadin, Bishop Paul Moore, and Vatican officials, all of whom he has known for many years. He believes the book offers

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wide appeal to an ever-expanding audience, to peoples of all faiths, and that it could be utilized for seminars, sermons, and for television discussion panels.

I am enclosing a copy of the United Methodist article. If you are interested in discussing this further, please call me at 914-834-0040 at your convenience.

Cordially,

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Leonard C. Yaseen



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"A great day for Jerusalem," says Mayor Teddy Kollek after unveiling the Embassy plaque.

BEGINNINGS

"... Jeremiah, what seest thou?... I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord, thou hast well seen: for I will hasten My word to perform it."

Jeremiah 1: 11-12

In 1979, a small group of Christians in Jerusalem responded to God's call to render practical service to Israel by forming the Almond Branch Association. The organization has been officially recognized by the Government of Israel as having a very positive influence in its supportive role at home and abroad.

The ancient promise given to Jeremiah that his vision would become reality was the source of inspiration for this group. A blossoming almond tree is a thing of rare beauty and its fruit is valuable: So it is with this Almond Branch.

In October 1980, the Association brought together in Jerusalem one thousand Christians from 23 countries to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in fellowship with

the Jewish people. They worshipped throughout the week in the "beauty of holiness" through prayer, song and sacred dance. And then, the fruit came forth.
People – Not Politics

During the week of celebration, the International Christian Embassy was opened in Jerusalem. Unveiling a plaque outside the Embassy, Mayor Teddy Kollek commented on its significance as, "A great day for Jerusalem." The Mayor was quoted in *The Jerusalem Post* when he weighed the importance of this Embassy against the closure of thirteen political ones: "They, after all, represent only governments. You represent the people."

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I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Isaiah 62: 6,7.

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Cover: The Embassy logo symbolizes the call to all people throughout the world to gather into the Feast of Tabernacles when Messiah reigns. It depicts the world in a "succa" – a booth that reminds Jews of their temporary wilderness dwellings before entering the Promised Land. Traditionally, the roof is made of branches and the walls of bundled sticks which suggest ingathering and unity.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The International Christian Embassy (ICEJ) was opened in Jerusalem on Tuesday, September 30, 1980 to give Christians, worldwide, a focal point in the State of Israel and to represent Christian concern for the Jewish people.

The inspiration for establishing the Christian Embassy grew out of an international gathering of Christians from 23 countries to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. They desired some avenue of representation and expression since their concerns about Israel often were not communicated by their own governments.

The Embassy does not represent any government, denomination, church organization, Christian businessmen, group or political party. It does represent the concern of millions of Bible-believing Christians who love and honour the Jewish people and who wish to obey the will of God concerning them.

The goals of the Embassy are:

- to show concern for the Jewish people, and especially for the reborn State of Israel, by being a focus of comfort according to Isaiah 40:1: "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God"
- to remind and encourage Christians to pray for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel
- to be a centre where Christians from all over the world can learn what is taking place in this Land and be rightly related to the nation
- to stimulate Christian leaders, churches and organizations to become an effective influence in their countries on behalf of the Jewish people
- to begin or assist projects in Israel, including economic ventures, for the well-being of all who live here irrespective of race, background or religion
- to be a reconciling influence between Arabs and Jews.

HOW CAN I HELP?

First and foremost, the Embassy needs prayer. Specifically, our voluntary Christian workers need prayers for protection and wisdom to deal with the complexities and dangers inherent in Middle East situations.

Is there a financial need?

Yes, an ongoing one. We suggest that you prayerfully consider donating a portion of your tithes to the overall work of the Embassy (administrative costs, supplies and equipment, the needs of our voluntary staff, etc.). There are also the needs of the ICEJ Relief Fund.

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES

It was during the Christian celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem that the International Christian Embassy was opened. One of the ongoing functions of the Embassy is to organize the annual Feast and maintain links of continuity each year.

The week-long festival is not designed to imitate the Jewish celebration or suggest what it would be like when the Messiah comes to rule in Jerusalem. Further, it in no way intends to "proselytize" the Jews. Its two-fold purpose is quite simple: to sing the high praises of the Lord (Psalm 150) and to comfort Zion (Isaiah 40).

The Feast of Tabernacles has a deep and, as yet, unfulfilled significance in Scripture. It was on the occasion of this Feast that King Solomon dedicated the first Temple, Zerubbabel led the Jews back from the Babylonian captivity and Ezra refreshed the peoples' memory of the Scriptures. Several Biblical scholars maintain that Jesus was born during the Feast of Tabernacles. Moreover, when the Pilgrim Fathers of America felt the urge to institute a day of thanksgiving for future generations, it was this particular celebration that inspired them.

Looking forward, some believe that the promised second coming of Jesus will take place during this great Feast. Zechariah tells us that when the Messiah reigns, all nations will come to Jerusalem to keep and rejoice in the Feast of Tabernacles.

More Than an Invitation

The Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated annually in Jerusalem for a full week and falls some time during the months of September and October. Rather than issue an invitation, we would like to "summon" you on behalf of the KING OF KINGS to "come up to Zion!" Worship the Lord by taking your stand with His beloved people. For further information, please contact your local Embassy representative or write: Feast of Tabernacles, P.O. Box 1192, Jerusalem, Israel.

JEWISH REACTIONS

"How long will this last?" The questioner stood among the crowd of onlookers attending the opening of the International Christian Embassy. It is a reasonable question. The answer, however, transcends the bounds of cold logic because those who obeyed the desire to bring the Embassy into being have the conviction that their inspiration stems from a higher than merely human source.

A measure of the Embassy's meaning and value can be gained from the reactions of Israelis themselves. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Haim Landau, Israel's Transportation Minister said:

We welcome you in the name of the Lord... the Prime Minister and the Government of Israel greet you. You have come to seek the good of Jerusalem and its people in your hearts and by your deeds. A number of governments whose embassies were in the Holy City decided under ... pressure to remove their diplomatic missions from Jerusalem... they chose the delusion of expedient self-interest over the eternal ethics of justice.

They Surrendered

The representatives of governments surrendered and left the City. But behold the finger of God. You have come with the resolve to establish here in Jerusalem an Embassy, not of politicians, but an Embassy of people inspired by truth and faith. People pure of heart, representing tens of millions of believers, bearing aloft the torch of justice and purity here in the eternal and indivisible Jerusalem, the capital of the people of Israel and the land of Israel, where justice and freedom shall forever reside, for all peoples, all

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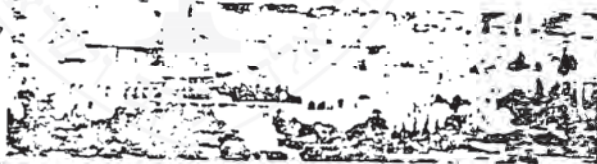
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"**Comfort Ye My People**" has been enthusiastically received at both its premier showing in Jerusalem to a distinguished audience of Jewish and Christian leaders and at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC.

"Bravo! Impressive! Very well done indeed! A film with an eternal message."

Harry Hurwitz, Minister of Information,
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS



Resolution No. 1 — On Appreciation

The Southern Baptist Convention in its 125th session meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana June 15-17, 1982, expresses heartfelt appreciation to the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans and the citizens of New Orleans for the hospitality extended to the messengers of the Convention.

We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the local committees for the many services, and arrangements that have made it possible for the Convention to conduct its affairs.

We express our thanks to the radio and television for their assistance in the sessions and other pertinent activities of the Convention.

We commend the President Bailey F. Harrison and Mrs. A. Harrison for their competent and efficient administration of the Convention.

We particularly commend the participation of the Southern Baptist Convention in the clarion call for evangelism everywhere.

We commend the Commission on the Christian Church for its participation in the Convention.

in the sources of the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and delivered, and

WHEREAS, These sources have distributed copies of the address widely resulting in the publication of portions of the president's address and accompanying critiques in several other papers before the message was given, and

WHEREAS, The message was initially released for the purpose of preparing it for publication and distribution immediately after its presentation to the Convention.

Therefore, we

That the messengers of the Convention, June 15-17, 1982, Southern Baptist Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 15-17, 1982, do hereby resolve for

WHEREAS, The church has been blessed by at least four important heritages from the Jews; namely, the Scriptures, our Savior, Salvation, Spiritual blessings, and

WHEREAS, God's prophetic program as presented in the Scriptures includes the present State of Israel as part of God's completion of all things, and

WHEREAS, No nation in ancient or modern times has suffered from man's inhumanity to man as has this nation, and

WHEREAS, There is a renewed and growing anti-Semitism within this nation as well as in Europe, and

WHEREAS, There are clear indications of a decline of support for Israel in our political, national and media institutions.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, That we Southern Baptists meeting in this Convention express our strong, prayerful support to the Nation Israel in this hour of their great need.

Be it further RESOLVED, That we communicate to the President and to the Congress of the United States this strong support and encourage these institutions of our Republic to publicly and privately assure both Israel and her enemies of our resolve as a nation that Israel will dwell in her own land secure.

Be it further RESOLVED, That we encourage the institutions of our convention to give this matter of Southern Baptist Convention support for Israel a high priority and strong supportive action.

Be it finally RESOLVED, That we, as a convention, and as individual messengers obey the scriptural injunction to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" often.

Resolution No. 5 — On Television Programming

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are concerned with the moral tone of much of television programming, and

WHEREAS, It is our belief that television, being a public medium, should be a corporately responsible citizen.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, That we call upon the television networks, local stations and sponsors to demonstrate their concern about the moral tone of their programming in a positive and visible way, and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptist churches and individuals to

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Resolution No. 4 — On Support of Israel

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach us that the Jews are the chosen people of God through whom He would initiate and culminate His redemptive program, and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach that God has given to the nation of Israel the land which is to be their eternal possession, and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach that according to the covenant God made with Abraham, God will treat us in the same manner we treat the Jewish people, and

people who are the site of the convention meeting, including Christ, and people and leaders of Greater New Orleans and hundreds of Southern messengers can participate in evangelism thrust.

RESOLVED, That the messengers of the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention pray, support, and encourage participation in another great evangelism thrust in June, in the city of Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania as planned by the Greater Pittsburgh Association, the Northwest Pennsylvania Baptist Association, the Conemaugh Baptist Association, the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, and the Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.



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anti-Israel bias shows!

My First Time & hopefully the LAST!

AS I WAS LEAVING the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles last Saturday night, a woman leaped out of a cab and collapsed in my arms, weeping bitterly because Menachem Begin was dead. She was not a Revisionist, she was a reporter; and she had rushed over to Mr. Begin's hotel when she sensed that something was wrong. "I can't take this job anymore," she sobbed. "It's too much." She had missed the official announcement to the press by twenty minutes, and was trembling because everybody else had already filed. And she was trembling, too, because this was not the first time that fate had caught up with somebody to whom she'd been assigned. She feared that she was jinxed, which is almost as deadly for a reporter as for a croupier. Her misgivings suddenly made me think that maybe she had the wrong story. "Lois," I asked, "who exactly do you think is dead?" "Begin, of course." "No, not Begin. Mrs. Begin." "Thank God!" A new dawn had risen. He was alive. It wasn't even her story. We rushed up to her telex machine to file the few facts for which she was mercifully responsible. "The death of any human being is terrible," she observed, slamming the keys, "but the most terrible is the death of a human being that I'm covering." I suggested to Lois, who works for a great metropolitan newspaper, that there was something unwholesome about her recent swings in mood, and she promised to consider this just as soon as the screen on her machine cleared. It did a few minutes later, but by then she was saying that she does her best work under pressure. The Prime Minister had already left Los Angeles, and we agreed to a drink.

WE HAD BOTH ARRIVED the day before on Mr. Begin's plane. He was to address the Jews in Los Angeles and the Southern Baptists in Dallas, and thirty reporters were with him. It was my first time, as Campari says, and maybe my last. I went half as a Zionist and half as an anthropologist. Menachem Begin has kept me away from my garden a lot since 1977; it was time to meet the man. In Dallas he was to receive an award from the Reverend Jerry Falwell and the Reverend Bailey Smith. The anthropologist in me rejoiced, but the Zionist did not. Dallas would be the latest in a long string of humiliations that Menachem Begin has

visited upon Israel. A senior Israeli official insisted that it is "the classical policy of the Israeli government to accede to invitations by people who describe themselves as friends of Israel," and he explained: "We should be supportive of any group that is supportive of Israel on the question of support for Israel." I wished he would explain his explanation. The official also seemed unaware that the new right's streak in American politics is coming to an end. But Dallas never happened, and even some of the loyalists at the annual convention of the Council of Jewish Federations seemed relieved.

WHEN THE PLANE landed in the bright Italianate light of Los Angeles, the Prime Minister was greeted by Jerry Brown and Tom Bradley, the two most lugubrious men in town. (The Prime Minister's staff appeared to have scheduled a lot of losers.) Jerry Brown greeted Mr. Begin by invoking "the very special relationship between California and Israel," which provoked some speculation in the crowd. And then Mr. Begin stepped up to the mike. It was the only time that the boys and girls on the bus would see him. It was also the first time I laid eyes on him, and the impression was one of unrelieved rigidity. I mean of physical rigidity; his recent injuries seemed to have stiffened his frame, and the dark wooden cane added to the image of utter uprightness. It confirmed what I had long felt about this man—that the most important part of his body was his spine. He showed no emotion, and stared stonily into space. He received the key to the city, offered his thanks, and said something nice about the "Christian friends" he would see in a few days. He was, in short, what I expected: an unlively man, ideologically estranged from spontaneity, experiencing always his own rectitude; and his physical condition was the perfect symbol of his spiritual condition.

THAT WAS ALL I saw of him. He went to his hotel for Shabbes, and immediately after sunset on Saturday night his press adviser summoned us to a corner of the lobby to say that Mrs. Begin was dead and everything was off. I did see a lot of reporters, though, and I can't say that I came away wanting to sign up. There were exceptions, to be sure. Gershon

Jacobson, the editor of the *Allgemeine Journal*, the only Yiddish weekly paper in America, won my admiration when he told me that in the 1960s he covered the Newark riots for TNR in a beard and a yarmulke; he was also full of news from the world of the rabbis, a world I have almost lost. He told me, for example, that a prominent rabbi in Boston (but not the most prominent rabbi in Boston) has ruled that the commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacre contradicts the Talmud. David Rubinger of *Time*, a gifted photographer and a wakeful man, offered some interesting observations on the uglier aspects of present Israeli politics. But there was not much else that these journalists gave me to think about, except that they gave me not much to think about. I engaged a TV correspondent in a conversation about the intellectual requirements of journalism, which I argued should be considerable. He nervously agreed, and adduced his own efforts to acquire a knowledge of history. Before he left for the hostage crisis in Tehran, he recalled, he read what he could find, and "by the time I got to the Iranian revolution I was really exhausted." I believed him.

I WAS IN L.A. with a little time on my hands, which was fine; I could have a short bout of glitz before catching the red-eye back to liberalism. And I could see Marie Syrkin, whose apartment near the sea is a sanctuary of seriousness in the People's Republic of Santa Monica. Still, I owed my editors a story, so I thought to mill around a bit at the gathering where Mr. Begin was to speak, and talk to the Jews there about the state of their union. Lois came along, and we arrived at the Bonaventure Hotel in time to see the anti-Begin demonstrations skulk away; the Palestinians outside seemed even more disappointed by Mr. Begin's absence than the Jews inside. We didn't get much from the Jews—they had been discussing themselves for a whole week and they were tired. We did run into Pete Wilson, California's Senator-elect. I can report that he is fit for the job. When we asked for his views on the recent events in the Middle East, he expressed his "enormous admiration for Aliza Begin." The poor woman. She never knew.

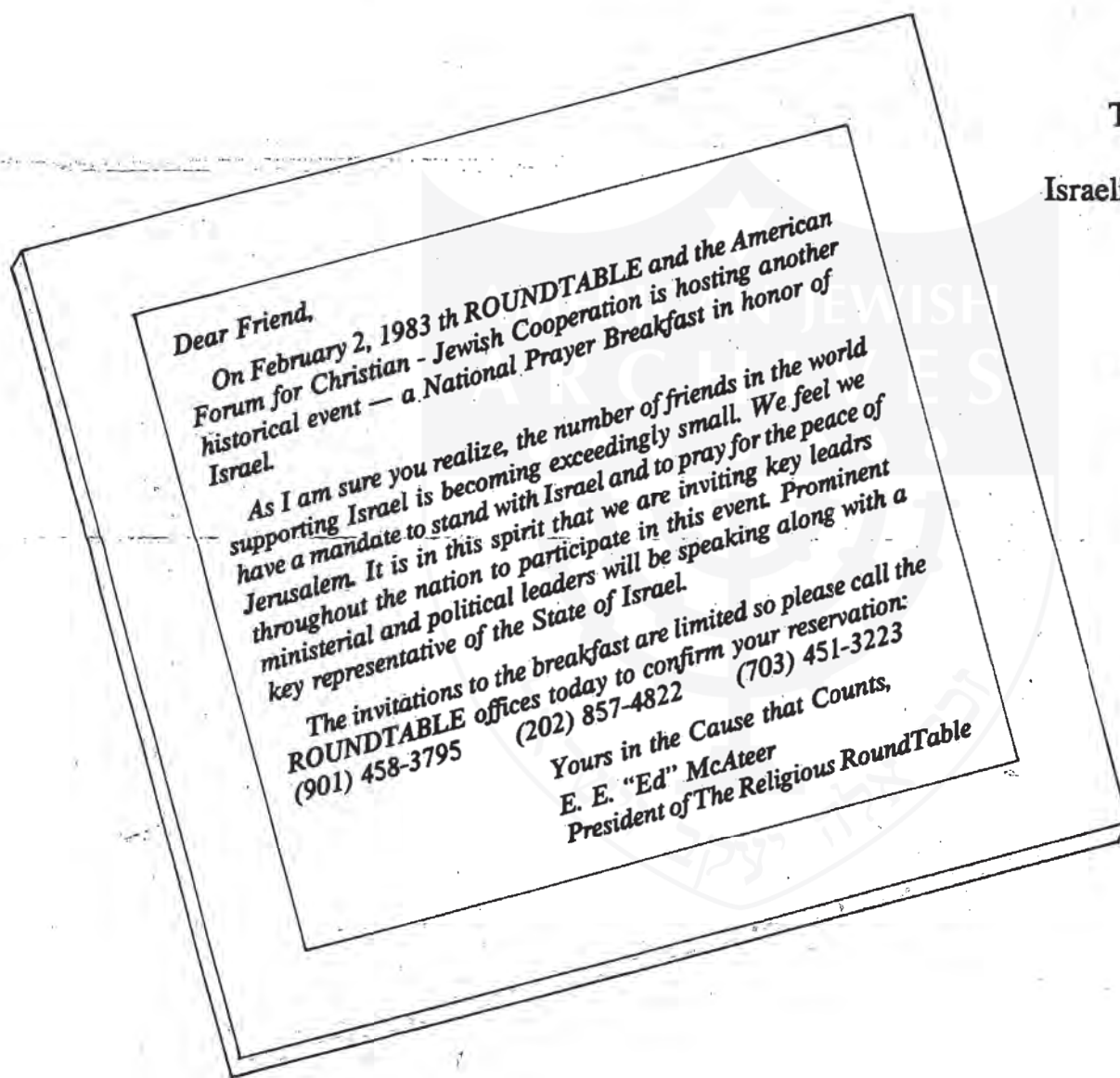
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*"If I am not for myself,
who will be?"*

*"If I am only for myself,
what am I?"*

"If not now, when?"
-- Hillel

These words of the great Jewish sage, Hillel, pose a piercing question to each Christian and Jew attending this "Night To Honor Israel"; but, more than a question, these words pose a challenge ...

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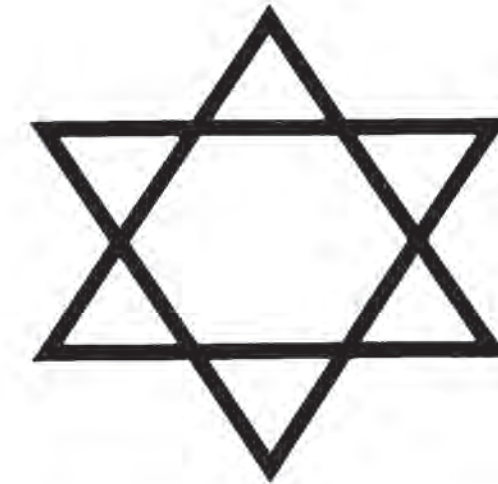
... a **challenge** to speak up and stand up for the nation of Israel and the people of God -- even when taking that stand sets us in defiance of the entire world system; and

... a **challenge** to begin cultivating that unity and strength today -- this very night.

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-- A SPECIAL GREETING --

I want to extend to you my heartfelt appreciation and warmest greetings as you attend "A Night To Honor Israel".

The purpose of this program is to give the Christian Community an opportunity to demonstrate their love and support for Israel and the Jewish people.

It is my conviction, and the conviction of the members of the Church of Castle Hills, that we have a responsibility to give an expression of our support, particularly in these days of uncertainty and unrest.

We invite everyone to join us in the practical demonstration of God's love on this historic night.

Thank-you for your participation and help.

JOHN C. HAGEE
Pastor
The Church of Castle Hills

Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Romans 15:27 "For if the gentiles have shared in their (the Jews) spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things."

The words of God to Abraham (Gen. 12:3) and the words in Paul's letter to the Romans (Rom. 15:27) form two strong pillars upon which the "Night To Honor Israel" is built. Based upon the Scriptures, John Hagee tells us why we have come together tonight ...

"We are here to introduce a new era in America -- an era of unity, mutual respect, and lasting peace -- an era when Christian and Jew stand together hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, and announce to a hostile world that we are united in brotherhood.

"And we are here to say that it's time for the Jewish people to hear the voices of their friends loud and clear! It is time for us to speak up for Israel, and it is time for us to stand up for Israel. Let our courage and conviction replace cowardice and complacency -- and let that transformation occur today!"

We hope YOU share these goals for this special evening.

"I WILL BLESS THEM THAT BLESS THEE ..." -- God's promise to Abraham, Genesis 12:3

What you should know about "A NIGHT TO HONOR ISRAEL"



"A Night To Honor Israel" is the most magnificent, meaningful event held in two thousand years on behalf of the Jewish people!"

-- The Jewish Herald-Voice, quoting Max Goldfield, a leader in Houston's Jewish community

Why should we support Israel and the Jewish people?

Many people have asked why Bible-believing Christians and patriotic Americans are joining together to honor Israel and to offer practical [financial] support for Jewish causes. Some comments made by Pastor Hagee at San Antonio's "Night To Honor Israel" may help explain:

- "We support Israel because, while all other nations were created by an act of men, Israel was created by an act of God!
"As long as the hearts of the Jewish people beat and their eyes turn toward the east, Israel will stand -- a free people in Zion. The United Nations cannot change that! The U.N. may be confused about the boundaries of Israel, but God is not!"
- "We support Israel because she is the only free and democratic society in the Middle East."
- "We support Israel because of the many contributions the Jewish people have made to America -- in the fields of law, finance, medicine, music, science, the military, entertainment, and much more."
- "We support Israel because if it were not for the Jewish people, we would not have the sacred Scripture, the Patriarchs, or the Prophets. It is not possible for a man to truthfully say, 'I am a Christian', and for that man not to love the Jewish people."
- "We have only this simple message: A new day is dawning in America! Israel -- we love you and support you, and we will stand with you through thick and thin. God bless you all!"

"Talk is cheap; but love costs something!" says Pastor Hagee. And it is this conviction that sees each "Night To Honor Israel" display a practical evidence of our love for the Jewish people. In this picture, the pastor displays a check for \$10,000 made payable to Hadassah Hospital. A similar offering is received at each of the "Night To Honor Israel" events to show this display of love and support is not just a lot of talk!



Below are some of the comments received by Pastor Hagee's office following the first presentation of "A Night To Honor Israel" on September 10, 1981 in San Antonio, Texas. This historic event is being repeated across our nation to show America's support of the Jewish people.

"I am especially grateful to you not only for your unwavering and passionate support of Israel, but also for your courageous forthrightness in proclaiming Israel's cause in the wider community."

Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl
 Temple Beth-El

"You are a modern-day Jethro. He was accorded an honor even Moses and Aaron were not shown -- a portion of the Torah was named after Jethro as a sign of recognition and gratitude for one of another faith who shared in Israel's joy and achievements."

"From the bottom of my heart, I wish to express gratitude and appreciation and recognition, not only for what you did in behalf of my faith, but in the manner in which you did it."

"The evening was overflowing with love because of the example which you set."

Rabbi Arnold Scheinburg
 Congregation Rodfei Shalom

"The Night To Honor Israel, in addition to being historic, was fantastic, meaningful and truly beautiful. Every comment I heard was a positive glowing one. My telephone has not stopped ringing."

"The love and respect that was displayed last night to the thousands who attended will be remembered for a long time ... and for this expression I can only say thank-you in a very humble way to you and the members of the Church of Castle Hills."

Saul Silverman, ACSW
 Executive Director
 Jewish Federation of San Antonio



One of the most enjoyable features of "A Night To Honor Israel" is the wonderful and exciting music provided by the Choir and Orchestra of the Church of Castle Hills, under the direction of John Gross. A favorite with one and all is their stirring rendition of Israeli and American patriotic music.

Religion

'A Night to Honor Israel' comes to Houston

Christian-Jew relations event's focus

By JIM ASKER
Post Reporter

"Christianity, for several centuries, has done nothing to Judaism but bring bigotry, old-fashioned red-neck prejudice and misinformation," the San Antonio fundamentalist preacher opined.

"Many people who consider themselves Christian have very negative feelings toward the Jewish people," said the Rev. John Hagee, pastor of the 2,000-plus-member, non-denominational Church of Castle Hills on the city's northwest side.

HAGEE, A "BIBLE-ORIENTED" preacher, is convinced, "It's just not possible for a man to read the scriptures carefully and call himself a Christian and have negative feelings about Jews."

So he has organized "A Night to Honor Israel" set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Houston's Music Hall as his way of demonstrating that many Christians do love Jews and support what he sees as their God-given, Middle East homeland.

It is, of course, an exaggeration to say Christians have given Jews *nothing* but bigotry. History may not exactly be overflowing with examples Christians' love of Jews, but there have been many

such instances, more than a few of which were heroic. On the institutional level, the National Conference of Christians and Jews has been promoting better relations between the two groups for 54 years.

Evangelicals and fundamentalists, though, have historically shied away from ecumenical activities, leaving them to the more theologically liberal, mainline churches.

FREQUENTLY, SOME conservative Protestants' insistence Jesus Christ is the only path to God has caused problems with Jews. A little more than a year ago, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention created a national uproar after he said, "God Almighty does not hear the prayers of a Jew."

Hagee, 41, a Baytown native, the son of an Assembly of God pastor and grandson of a Methodist preacher, says he was reared among "some of the fighting fundamentalists."

While they have taken literally the Old Testament's statements about the special place of Jews in God's eyes, evangelicals' zeal for the New Testament's commandment to bring Christ's message to the world has been the problem, Hagee said.

"The Jewish community in San Antonio and here has a bitter memory caused by evangelical abuse," Hagee said.

WHEN HE MET IN September with Jewish leaders in his hometown to plan the first of his events to honor Israel, he said, "They were quick to remind me first rattle out of the box dates and places where evangelicals had invited them and then locked the doors and brought out the Gospel guns."

Hagee won them over, though, with his insistence he would not allow "conversionary attempts," laying the groundwork for the second such evening here.

Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Brith Shalom said before he agreed to take part in next week's program, "I checked with colleagues in San Antonio to make sure there was no evangelizing either before or after."

Hagee said he decided to take up the cause of promoting Israel among evangelicals after last year's Israeli bombing of the nuclear reactor in Iraq. He said he was disturbed by news reports that suggested the United States might "abandon" Israel.

HE ALSO SAID some of his concern for Jews stems from friendships he has had over the years. His junior high school football coach, Herman Goldberg, is one of the speakers on the Houston program.

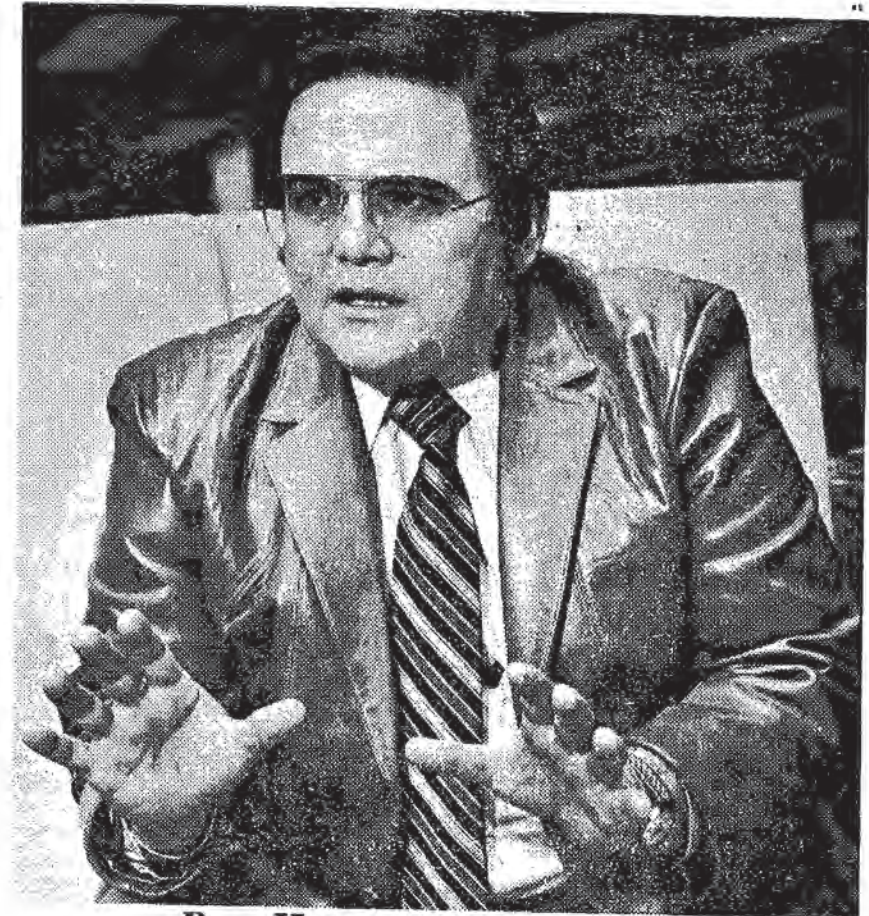
Other speakers include the Rev. Austin Wilkerson of Evangelistic Temple, the Rev. Earl Banning of Braeswood Assembly of God and Rabbis Yoskowitz, Jack Segal of Congregation Beth Yeshurun and Joseph Radinsky of United Orthodox Synagogues. There will also be musical performances.

The event is free, but a "free will offering" will be taken up for the two Hadassah hospitals in Israel, which, Hagee is quick to point out, treat "Jews Christians; Arabs, Moslems free of charge."

"It's a little shallow to say, 'We love you. We think you're great. Now, good-night,'" Hagee said explaining why the collection will be taken.

The San Antonio collection netted \$10,000 for the hospitals, he said.

Hagee said another "Night to Honor Israel" is scheduled for March 20 in Fort Worth and he hopes to take his program to major cities around the nation, because he is convinced, "As it goes with Israel, so it goes with the world."



Rev. Hagee makes a point

— Post photo by Joel Draut

Pastor organizes 'Night to Honor' Jews and Israel

BY LOUIS MOORE
Chronicle Religion Editor

THE PASTOR OF a non-denominational church in San Antonio is spearheading a special program entitled "A Night to Honor Israel" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Houston's Music Hall.

Two Houston pastors and three Houston rabbis will participate in the program, which is expected to draw some 3,000 participants from both the Christian and Jewish communities here.

The Rev. John Hagee, 42, pastor of the Church of Castle Hills in San Antonio, said the Houston meeting is an outgrowth of, and similar to, a meeting his church sponsored recently in San Antonio.

"The purpose of the meeting is to give the Christian community in Houston a chance to express its support for the nation of Israel as well as Jewish people in the city of Houston," said Hagee. "We want to accentuate the many positive contributions the Jewish people have made to America and our society."

Hagee said the meeting should not be misunderstood as a political rally supporting various politically controversial issues involving the Begin government in Israel. "This is not a political meeting," he said.

When Hagee talks of honoring Israel, he means all 12 million Jews in the world, not just the three million in the modern state of Israel.

"We feel like a great deal of misinformation, prejudice and bigotry has been perpetuated against Jewish people world-



The Rev. John Hagee spearheaded program called "Night to Honor Israel" here.

wide by people who call themselves Christians," he said. "Our objective is to bring to the attention that the term 'Judeo-Christian' is more than just a word. It means their (Jewish) roots and our (Christian) roots are the same. While we do have differences, there are a great many things on which we can agree."

Hagee said Jews themselves disagree on such political issues as whether Israel should have annexed the Golan Heights.

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San Antonio pastor sponsors 'Night to Honor Israel' here

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He said he doesn't intend to get into those issues at the meeting here.

"There is no way any person can give any government *carte blanche* authority," said Hagee. "Political leaders are subject to a vote and could be gone in two weeks."

But there are certain truths that transcend world politics, he said.

"It is not possible for a man to read the Word of God and say that he hates the Jews," said Hagee. All Christians should be concerned with anti-Semitism, he said.

Another unquestioned truth for Hagee is the right of the modern nation of Israel to exist. "The nation of Israel is struggling to survive. The spirit of Masada is in the street (in Israel today). There is that besieged feeling. It doesn't calm their nerves when 100 million of their neighbors call for their extinction."

Hagee said the meeting here next week should also not be misunderstood as some sort of thinly

veiled attempt to convert Jews to Christianity. "There is no way that this meeting is intended to be a conversionary event."

He said the meeting is purely a goodwill gesture to honor members of the Jewish faith in the world today.

"I have several reasons for creating this program," he said. "The Jewish people have made a major contribution to my life. Houston is my hometown. The first job I had here was given to me by the Weingarten family. Two, my first football coach was Hermann Goldberg at George Washington Junior High School. I participated in four sports under him. He instilled in every student athlete that moral character, honesty and integrity which were more important than winning the game. Three, my father, the Rev. B. Hagee, who pastored First Assembly of God in Houston and is now retired, taught his family and his congregation that the Jewish people were the apple of God's eye and that Christians could not have ill-feelings of any kind toward them and be scriptur-

al. And four, I feel that anti-Semitism has its roots in religion. If peace and mutual respect are to come to our nation and our world in our time it must start in the house of God."

Hagee said he is a premillennialist. That theological term describes a Christian who believes that the creation of the modern state of Israel is fulfillment of prophecy and indicates the Second Coming of Jesus is at hand.

"I have been taught from my earliest days as a child that the Jewish nation would be restored. In the mid-1940s when Hitler was destroying Europe and many evangelicals were saying he was the anti-Christ, my father said and wrote that Israel would become a nation and be the most important fulfillment of prophecy in the 20th century. I remember standing in our kitchen here in Houston on May 15, 1948, listening to the radio when the United Nations released the proclamation that they were recognizing the land of Palestine as the nation of Israel. At that time, my father said, 'This is the most important prophetic event of our

lives.' Then he said the next most important event would be when Jerusalem was placed totally under the control of the Jewish people. That, you know, was fulfilled during the Six Day War in 1967.

"I feel that very soon the messiah is coming and that Jews and Christians alike will dance in the streets of Jerusalem to welcome him."

The two ministers involved in Hagee's "Night to Honor Israel" are the Revs. W.A. Wilkerson of Evangelistic Temple and Earl Banning of Braeswood Assembly of God. The three rabbis involved in the meeting are Joe Radinski of United Orthodox Synagogues, Jack Segal of Congregation Beth Yeshurun and Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation BrithShalom.

Though the meeting is open and free to the public, an offering will be taken and given to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Hagee said Hadassah Hospital will be the recipient because "they treat free of charge Jews, Christians and Moslems even in time of war."

'A Night to Honor Israel' planned by Christian pastor

By GAYLON FINKLEA YOUNG
Express Staff Writer

John Hagee, pastor of The Church of Castle Hills, wants to demonstrate his deep-seated love for Israel and the Jewish people, a feeling he bases on personal experiences and the Scriptures.

Hagee and his non-denominational congregation of more than 2,000 members are sponsoring a first-of-its-kind program in San Antonio to salute the Jewish nation and local Jewish leaders. It is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Called "A Night to Honor Israel," the free program will include Old Testament readings by the Rev. Buckner Fanning of Trinity Baptist Church and an address by Hagee. San Antonio's rabbis will be special guests as will Consul Zion Evrony of Houston.

Hagee believes the 2,800-seat theater will be filled, and says, "There are a lot of people who are pro-Israel from a spiritual sense and a Democratic sense. They will never have a better opportunity than this one to show their support."

He continues, "If a person is a Christian, he has to have a love for the Jewish people. Basically, the Bible is a Jewish book, and without it we would have no patriarchs or Old and New Testaments. Our debt to them is enormous."

Hagee also urges the Jewish community to attend the program and stresses the event is "not a conversionary attempt by evangelicals."

Hagee is the son of a Methodist minister and prophetic Bible scholar, who taught him "Jews are God's chosen people." Two of his great-grandfathers were Methodist bishops.

He remembers a time during World War II when some were espousing Adolf Hitler as the anti-Christ and predicting the world was at its end.

"But Dad said they were wrong," Hagee relates. "He said that Israel was not yet a nation, that the Jews must return to the Holy Land and all the real estate God gave them as a covenant must be realized before the end of the world comes."

Prophetic

Hagee clearly recalls hearing the news flash on the radio the day in May 1948 that the United Nations voted to recognize Palestine as the nation of Israel. "My dad said that was the most prophetic event in the century."

A graduate of Trinity University with a bachelor's degree in history, Hagee attended college on a football scholarship. He has a master's degree in administration from North Texas State University, and is a graduate of the Southwestern Assemblies of God Seminary in Waxahachie.

"As a young man in my developing years, Jews were major contributors to my life," Hagee explains.

For instance, his first football coach in a Houston junior high school was Herman Goldberg, "a very moral man who literally embossed on every player a moral character. You couldn't be a sleazy person and play for him even if you had great athletic abilities," Hagee recalls.

Later, Hagee worked for Weingarten Food Co. in Houston and was the athletic director for the Delpelchin Faith Home, an orphanage in Houston directed by Jerome Meyers.

He moved to San Antonio in 1966. He has built three churches here, including Trinity Church in Windcrest and MacArthur Church of God. The Church of Castle Hills was begun in

1975 with 25 members and now has more than 2,000.

Hagee leads a denominationally non-aligned church.

"We take our preachments strictly from the Scriptures, and try to have their principles function in people's lives," he explains. "When the Bible speaks, we speak. When it is silent, we are silent."

But one topic Hagee is never silent about is Israel.

"When Israel bombed the nuclear reactor in Iraq I was amazed at the negative press," he says. "I saw one headline that sent chills through me. It read something like 'U.S. considers abandoning Israel.'"

At that point, he developed the idea for a special night to honor Israel. He approached his executive board and board of deacons with the plans, and they said, "Let's go with it."

The event will be filmed, and Hagee intends to send the tape to other media markets with the hope the idea will catch on nationally.

Congress

"We must get the pro-Israel population to stand up and speak up so the Congress will see there is an enormous ground swell of public support for Israel," he explains.

"If Gentiles support Israel, it will get the attention of the lawmakers. But if Jews are outspoken, they are called 'rabid radicals.'"

Hagee continues, "If we wait until OPEC has us hung, it will be too late to organize. If the Arabs ask us to crucify the Jewish people on a cross of oil, then we have to tell them to keep their oil and we'll ride bicycles."

Hagee is just as fervent about Jerusalem remaining the undivided capital of Israel. "In Genesis, God and Abraham entered into the world's most important real estate contract," he says. "God specified the land boundaries, including Jerusa-



JOHN HAGEE, pastor of The Church of Castle Hills, says his father taught him 'Jews are God's chosen people.'

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lem, for Abraham and his seed forever."

Hagee has been criticized by some who say he has no business being a pastor and involved in political affairs. "I don't even answer them," he says.

A man stopped him on the street and asked why he wanted to honor Israel and Jews. "I told him, 'Don't you think it's about time we start practicing God's love instead of preaching about it?' He had no comeback."

During the program Thursday night, an offering will be taken with

proceeds going to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. It will be presented to the Leah Goot Hadassah Chapter.

The idea behind the offering is that "talk is cheap," according to Hagee.

"It is my own conviction that love is not what you say, but what you do. The amount we raise is insignificant," he says. "It's the attempt that is the point."

"It sounds very hollow to say, 'We are with you and for you, now go take your lumps by yourself.'"

The service's "music package

promises to be dynamite," Hagee says, with 30 minutes of American and Jewish patriotic music planned before the program begins. "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah" will be played and the church's choir and orchestra will perform. Jewish music will be provided by Cantor Louis D. Goldhirsch of Agudas Achim Congregation.

Martha Fanning will sing "Jerusalem, The Golden," and the Jewish Community Center Israeli Folk Dancers will perform under the direction of Orah Abramoff.

'Honor Israel' plans finalized by Christian, Jewish leaders

Enthusiasm is growing among religious leaders for "A Night to Honor Israel" which is set for Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Theater for the Performing Arts.

Reported to be the very first such event of its kind, it is being sponsored by the Church of Castle Hills, a non-denominational Chris-

tian church. Its pastor, the Rev. John Hagee, will serve as master of ceremonies and deliver a message "Our Love for Israel."

Consul David Zohar of the Israel Consulate in Houston will be unable to attend. Instead, Consul Tzion Evrony will be among the honored guests as will

Rabbi William E. Kaufman and Cantor Louis Goldhirsch of Agudas Achim; Rabbi Samuel Stahl of Temple Beth-El; Rabbi Arnold Scheinberg of Rodfei Sholom; and the Israeli dancers to be directed by Orah Abramoff instead of Gloria Seitzman as originally planned.

A program of music and

songs will be presented by the Castle Hills Church choir and orchestra under the direction of John Gross. Jewish music will be conducted by Cantor Goldhirsch. The Rev. Buckner Fanning will deliver Biblical readings from the Old Testament.

Invocation will be by Rabbi Stahl, a priestly blessing will be pronounced by Rabbi Kaufman, and Rabbi Scheinberg will deliver the benediction.

There is no admission charge, but the audience will be given the opportunity to contribute to a special fund with all proceeds going to the United Jewish Appeal. A check for the entire amount of the offerings will be presented at the conclusion of the program to Saul Silverman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

"We believe this is the first time a gentile group in San Antonio has sponsored a citywide program to honor Israel and the local Jewish leaders," Hagee said. "We hope to fill the 2,800-seat theater to overflowing with people who wish to show their love and support for Israel."

Hagee also said that persons who may be unable to attend but would like to contribute may send their tax-deductible donations with a check made out to United Jewish Appeal to: "A Night to Honor Israel," Church of Castle Hills, 214 Roletto Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78213.



...the Rev. John Hagee (left), pastor of the Church of Castle Hills, goes over plans for "A Night To Honor Israel" with Cantor Louis Goldhirsch of Agudas Achim (center) and the Rev. Buckner Fanning of Trinity Baptist Church. Seated is John Gross, music director of the Church of Castle Hills.

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Christians preparing to honor Jewish people

by Anna Wheeler, editor

Thursday, Sept. 10, may very well be a night to go down in history, for that's when local Christian leaders will gather to honor Israel and local Jewish leaders.

The Rev. John Hagee, pastor of the Church of Castle Hills who is spearheading the first such effort, and whose church is footing the bill, invites the public to show their love and appreciation to the Jewish people at the Theater for the Performing Arts at the Convention Center at 7 p.m.

An offering will be collected and the entire amount presented at that time to Saul Silverman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio. Other dignitaries in attendance will be Consul David Zohar of the Israel Consulate in Houston, and area Jewish leader: Rabbi William E.

Kaufman and Cantor Louis Goldhirsch of Agudas Achim, Rabbi Arnold Schienberg of Rodfei Shalom, and Rabbi Samuel Stahl of Temple Beth El, the Israeli dancers under the direction of Gloria

Seitzman, the Rev. Buckner Fanning of Trinity Baptist Church and Martha Fanning, his wife, who will sing a solo.

The choir and orchestra of the Church of Castle Hills will perform and Hagee will speak on "Our Love for Israel."

The seating capacity of the theater is 2,800, and church leaders expect there to be standing room only.

This venture is a necessary one, Hagee said, in a recent interview with the Northside Recorder. "I am doing this because it is right," he

stated. He told that Israel was founded when God entered into a contract with Abraham as recorded in the book of Genesis and that Psalms 122, verse 6 warns to pray for the peace of the Jews.

Hagee tells that his father, Bythel Hagee, a retired Church of God minister who resides in Houston, instilled within him a great love for the Jewish people, and much of his youth was spent with Jews.

"The Jews are very special in God's eyes and without them we wouldn't have the patriarchs, the prophets," he said.

The Honor Israel Night will be a true demonstration "that there are Christians who dearly love the Jews," Hagee said, asserting, "Anyone who doesn't love the Jewish people is not a Christian."

In extending an invitation to the public to attend,

Hagee said, "You live your life by doing the right thing. Everything else takes care of itself. It's the right thing to do."

The program will consist of an audio-tape of Jewish and American patriotic music from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

followed by the presentation of the Colors by a military unit, the singing of the National Anthems--Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah--an invocation by Rabbi Stahl, welcoming by Consul Zohar, music under the direction of John Gross of the Church of Castle Hills, Jewish music by Cantor Goldhirsch, reading of prophetic scriptures by Rev. Fanning, a solo by Martha Fanning, Hagee's presentation, an offering for the Jewish Federation, performance by the Israeli dancers, presentation of a check to Silverman, a priestly blessing by Rabbi Kaufman and the benediction by Rabbi Schienberg.



...The Rev. John Hagee goes over notes with his secretary Wanda Webb in preparation for Night to Honor Israel. Photos by Larry Pearlstone, staff photographer

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Castle Hills church to honor Israel

Finals plans were announced this week for "A Night to Honor Israel" to be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Theater of the Performing Arts, sponsored by the Church of Castle Hills.

John Hagee, pastor of the non-denominational Christian church is coordinator of the program and will serve as master of ceremonies. The public is invited.

Special guests will include Consul Tzion Evrony of the Israeli consulate in Houston; Rabbi William E. Kaufman and Cantor Louis Goldhirsh of Agudas Achim; Rabbi Samuel Stahl of Temple Beth-El; Rabbi Arnold Scheinberg of Rodfei Sholom; the Rev. Buckner Fanning of Trinity Baptist Church and Martha Fanning, who will sing a solo; and the Israeli dancers directed by Orah Abramoff.

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Cantor Louis Goldhirsh and John Gross, front, discuss music program with the Rev. Buckner Fanning and Pastor John Hagee.

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Jewish leaders to be cited

A citywide program to honor Israel and local Jewish leaders will be held Sept. 10 in the Theater of the Performing Arts. A non-denominational Christian church is sponsoring the event.

"We believe this is the first time a Gentile group in San Antonio has sponsored a citywide program to honor Israel and local Jewish leaders," said the Rev. John Hagee, pastor of Church of Castle Hills.

Conceived by Hagee, the program will feature music and songs performed by the Church of Castle Hills choir and orchestra under the direction of John Gross. Jewish music will be conducted by Cantor Louis Goldhirsh of Congregation Agudas Achim.

The Rev. Buckner Fanning of Trinity Baptist Church will deliver biblical readings from the Old Testament affirming Israel's right to self-determination. Hagee will speak on "Our Love for Is-

rael."

Guests will include Consul David Zohar of the Israeli Consulate in Houston; Rabbi William E. Kaufman of Agudas Achim, Rabbi Arnold Scheinberg of Rodfei Sholom, Rabbi Samuel Stahl of Temple Beth-El and the Israeli Dancers directed by Gloria Seitzman.

There is no admission charge. Contributions will be accepted to a fund benefiting the United Jewish Appeal.

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'A Night to Honor Israel' fine idea in the spirit of ecumenism

AN EXPERIMENT in the ecumenical spirit which should pay off in both good relations and funds will be held Thursday night in San Antonio.

The non-denominational Church of Castle Hills will sponsor "A Night to Honor Israel" at 7:30 p.m. that day in the Theater for the Performing Arts.

Voluntary contributions will be collected for the United Jewish Appeal and presented to the executive director of the Jewish

Federation of San Antonio.

Special guests will include rabbis and cantors of local synagogues and Israeli Consulate Tzion Evrony of Houston.

The Rev. Buckner Fanning of Trinity Baptist Church will present Old Testament affirmation of Israel's right to self-determination.

John Hagee, pastor of the Christian church, said it is be-

lieved the event will mark the first time a gentile group in San Antonio has sponsored a citywide program to honor the Jewish homeland and local Jewish leaders.

There is every expectation that this ecumenical experiment will be successful as the forerunner to other similar joint efforts in religious cooperation.

The experiment is worthy of our support and our participation.



MUSIC during "A Night to Honor Israel" inspires hand-clapping by Rabbi Arnold Schlenberg of Congregation Rodfei Shalom.

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Christians, Jews give \$10,000 to hospital

By CYNTHIA LADSON
Express Religion Writer

Hoping to give birth to an era of unity, the local Jewish and Christian communities dipped into their pockets Thursday to present a check of \$10,000 to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem during a meeting honoring Israel at the Theater for the Performing Arts.

The first-of-its-kind event attracted approximately 2,000 people in the salute to Israel and local Jewish leaders.

The event, appropriately titled "A Night to Honor Israel," was sponsored by the Church of Castle Hills. The church's pastor, the Rev. John Hagee, was master of ceremonies for the program.

"We are here tonight to pay tribute to Israel. We feel it is time for Israel to hear the voices of its friends. It's time for them to hear them loud and clear," Hagee said.

Israeli Consul Zion Evrony, stationed in Houston, thanked the group for its expressions of support, saying Israel is one of the few truly reliable allies the United States has.

"You are honoring a peace-loving nation that is still struggling to exist," Evrony said.

In speaking of Israel's struggle, Evrony mentioned the sale by the United States to Saudi Arabia of five highly sophisticated reconnaissance planes known as AWACS. Evrony said: "The sale of the AWACS will endanger Israel and is also bad for the United States."

Evrony was not the only one mentioning the AWACS. During his address, Hagee said he and his church has sent a letter to President Reagan on the subject.

"We have requested President Reagan not to send the AWACS to Saudi Arabia," Hagee said.



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Concerned Christians join with Jewish community during an extraordinary 'Night To Honor Israel'



On Music Hall stage (from left) during "A night to honor Israel" are Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz, Rabbi Joseph Radinsky, Cantor Irving Dean, Harriet Moser, Herman Goldberg, Mrs. John Hagee, Rev. Hagee, John Gross (back to camera), Rev. W. A. Wilkerson, Rev. Earl Banning, Moshe Gidron, and Hans Mayer.

By Arnold Rosenzweig
"We're here to introduce a new era in America - an era of unity, mutual respect, and lasting peace - an era when Jew and Christian stand hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, and announce to a hostile world that we are united in brotherhood."

That was the dramatic announcement made by the Rev. John C. Hagee of the Church of Castle Hills in San Antonio at "A night to honor Israel" on Thursday, Jan. 21, in Houston's Music Hall.

About 1,800 persons at the Music Hall could see the message - "Israel: You are not alone" - emblazoned on the Music Hall's stage. The frequent proclamations of brotherhood were repeatedly followed by shouts of "Amen!"

During the evening of interreligious good will and harmony, Barbara Shurberg, president of the Houston chapter of Hadassah, received an \$8,000 offering for the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Pastor Hagee, the dynamic

force behind "A night to honor Israel", spoke on "Our love for Israel". In his address, he declared:

"There are thousands of Chris-

tians in America who are prepared to actively support Israel and to show that Israel is not alone. If democracy does not work for all, it works for no one.

"We're here tonight to say it is time for the Jewish people to hear the voices of their friends loud and clear. It is time for us to speak up for Israel and to stand

up for Israel. Let our courage and conviction replace cowardice and complacency."

During his address, Pastor Hagee also paid tribute to his former athletic coach, Herman Goldberg, who was on the stage with other dignitaries there.

Expressing his "personal love and appreciation to the Jewish community for their contributions" to his life, Pastor Hagee asserted that Goldberg's "moral character, impeccable ethics, his competitive spirit, standard of excellence in athletics and academics molded the lives of everyone who played for him."

He's the only man on earth, Pastor Hagee said, "who took a paddle and gave me a swat for not wearing a hat on the basketball court in the winter."

Goldberg's objective, the minister said, was "You keep this end warm - or I'll warm the other end." This was coach Goldberg's version of "Heads you win, tails you lose," Pastor Hagee added,

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'Night to Honor Israel'

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amid laughter.

The thrill of his life came, he said, in the spring of 1979, when he was privileged to visit Israel with his wife, Diana, and members of his congregation.

Israel is a beautiful country, the pastor declared, adding: "If you haven't been to Israel, do yourself a favor and go. You will never know Israel until you go to Israel." Turning to current events, Pastor Hagee said the present oil glut will be used up sooner or later and foreign governments will demand that the United States make a choice - "Stop supporting Israel or no more oil."

The pastor continued: "I hope and pray that when that day comes, millions of Americans will do what we are doing here tonight. Stand up! Speak up! Tell the oil monarchs - 'We will not be manipulated. Keep your oil. We'll ride bicycles and support Israel!'"

Americans, the pastor said, are at times geopolitically naive. "We hear the word 'terrorist' and think, 'That's Israel problem!' But that's wrong!"

Noting that terrorists are

"trained, equipped, and financed by Soviet Russia", Pastor Hagee said their objective is to destroy the "stabilizing elements in the world, to crush freedom wherever it exists, and to make slaves of men and their dreams."

Terrorism is not Israel's problem; it is the problem "of every free man on the planet earth who wants to stay free," the pastor said, adding:

"I want to say very clearly tonight: I am not appalled by Israel's defending itself in a climate of war created by terrorists and international hoodlums. Rather, I applaud Israel for its courage and determination to give no quarter to Russia's proxy states in the Middle East."

"If you do not understand why Israel is so intent on controlling the Golan Heights, I invite you to go to Israel with me this summer (June 7-16) and see for yourself."

"It is a high, natural mountain platform from which terrorists used to shoot deadly Russian rockets into schools full of helpless children, retirement homes for the elderly, and synagogues full of worshippers. Militarily, it is the high ground. Israel must control it!"

Pastor Hagee continued:



Rev. John C. Hagee presents an \$8,000 check to Barbara Shurberg, president of Hadassah's Houston chapter, for Hadassah Hospital.

"While I was in Jerusalem, something very special happened to me. It was a happening of the heart. While I was in Jerusalem, there was a very special presence in that holy city, and I realize all my life that I was homesick for a place I had never been. And as I stood in the cobblestone streets of Jerusalem, I knew I had found my spiritual home. My roots were there..."

"It was then that I began to think how we could communicate to the Jewish people this special love after centuries of division have separated us. Misinformation, racism, bigotry, fear, and suspicion - how could we bridge that gap?"

"Then one morning in my office, while praying, the thought exploded within me: Have a night to honor Israel and the Jewish community. I approached the men of our church and they said: 'Let's do it. Let's make it a special night.' On Sept. 10, we had that night to honor Israel in San Antonio. We knew then that it was something very special. It could not stop in San Antonio."

told of his oil exploration in Israel and predicted that he would eventually strike oil there, thus bringing great economic benefit to the State of Israel.

The benediction was delivered by the Rev. Earl Banning of the Braeswood Assembly of God Church.

Also on the podium at "A night to honor Israel" were Hans Mayer, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and Harold Goldstein, chairman of the Federation's Community Relations Committee.

Max Goldfield, Jewish community leader, summed up enthusiastic reaction to Pastor John Hagee's "A night to honor Israel" by declaring it to be "the most magnificent, meaningful event held in two thousand years on behalf of the Jewish people."

'Night to Honor Israel'

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Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Brith Shalom gave the invocation. Consul General Moshe Gidron of the Israeli Consulate in Houston spoke. Then the choir and orchestra of the Church of Castle Hills - directed by John H. Gross - presented U.S. patriotic and Israeli music.

Cantor Irving Dean of United Orthodox Synagogues - accompanied by Harriet Moser at the piano - gave a performance of Jewish music.

The Rev. W. A. Wilkerson of the Evangelistic Temple cited prophetic Scripture on the theme: "Israel's right to self-determination."

After Rev. Hagee's address, the offering was taken for Hadassah Hospital. The Jewish Community Center Israel Folk Dancers of San Antonio - under the direction of Orah Abramoff - gave a dance program.

Rabbi Joseph Radinsky of United Orthodox Synagogues and Cantor Dean joined in a prayer for peace, based on the "Sim Shalom" blessing in the morning prayers. During the program, also, Houston oilman Andy Sorelle

"As long as the hearts of the Jewish people beat and their eyes turn toward the east, Israel will stand - a free people in Zion. The UN cannot change that. The UN may be confused about the boundaries of Israel, but God is not..."

"Next, we support Israel because she is the only free and democratic society in the Middle East. One-twenty-sixth the size of Texas, she is surrounded by nations of unlimited wealth who call almost weekly for a holy war for the extermination of Israel..."

"We want to express our appreciation to the Jewish people who have made enormous contributions to America - in the field of law, finance, medicine, music, science, and the military. They have made great contributions in entertainment and in the sports arena, and if you think the Beautiful America program began with Lyndon Johnson and the Great Society, you're wrong. It began with Max Factor, Helena Rubenstein, and Charles Revson..."

"But more important, if it was not for the Jewish people, we would not have the sacred Scripture, the Patriarchs, or the Prophets. It is not possible for a man to truthfully say: 'I am a Christian', and not love the Jewish people."

"If I were Jewish, sitting in this auditorium, knowing my history was full of heartaches, caused by so-called Christians, I would probably be asking: 'What is this Gentile up to?' I have come, and hundreds of Christians have come to tell you we have no motive."

"We have only this simple message: A new day is dawning in America. We love you, we support you, and we will stand with you through thick and thin. God bless you all."

The "night to honor Israel" program began with the presentation of the colors by the honorary color guard. "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah" were sung by the congregation.

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"A NIGHT TO HONOR ISRAEL"



John C. Hagee
Pastor

Dear Pastor,

Saul Silverman
National Director

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God's blessing is assured to those people who
bless Israel! The God of covenant entered into
an eternal agreement with Abraham when he said...

"AND I WILL BLESS THEM THAT BLESS THEE AND
CURSE THEM THAT CURSETH THEE!" Genesis 12:3

It is time for Bible-believing Christians to obey
God's Word by honoring Israel. This does not mean
the Government of Israel, its policies or person-
alities. It does mean the land of Israel and the
Jewish people scattered around the world.

In obedience to God's Word and the very forceful leading of the
Holy Spirit we have developed an exciting celebration called
"A NIGHT TO HONOR ISRAEL" that is a practical demonstration of
God's covenant love.

We have been invited by the Jewish leadership of Phoenix to
bring this celebration to Phoenix in the near future. We are
planning this great event now.

Pastor, will you help us make this a night to remember? We need
for you and your congregation to participate in this celebration
with us. Let us obey the Lord and bless the house of Israel.
Will you join with us to make this a night everyone will remember?

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

John C. Hagee
Pastor

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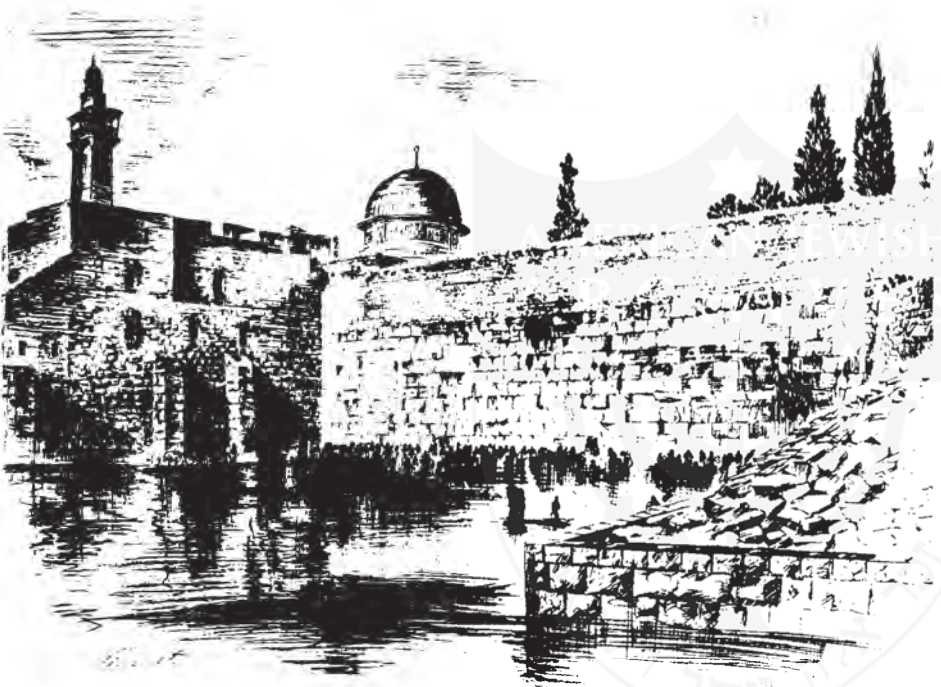
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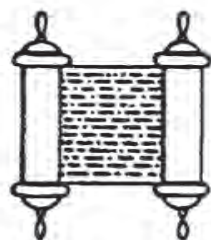
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Dr. Paige Patterson
Rabbi David Ben-Ami

Cantor Roy Garber
Fellowship of the Living God Musicians
Washington Hebrew Congregation Choir

We share an appreciation of the deep and sacred roots that have bound the Jewish people to its historic land. We rejoice that Zion has been reborn in our day and that the indissoluble bond between the land and its people has been so effectively renewed. We pray that the people of Israel may be strengthened in their efforts to create a free and just society. May healing and comfort soon come to all the troubled peoples of the Middle East. May the sounds of violence no more be heard. May Israel be a beacon of light and inspiration, helping to hasten the time when all shall know the blessings of peace. May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob hear our prayers and praises this night and bring peace to His covenant nation, Israel, and her troubled capital, Jerusalem.

**"If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cleave to the
roof of my mouth, if I do not
remember you, if I do not set
Jerusalem above my highest joy."**

Psalm 137: 5,6



ORDER OF CELEBRATION

PROCESSIONAL L'Cha Dodi
Fellowship of the Living God
Musicians and Dancers

WELCOME Rabbi Joshua Haberman

INTRODUCTION Pastor Randy Sager

Sing unto the Lord s new Song (Ps. 98)
There is none like Thee (Jer. 10:6-7)
Raise up Her ruins (Is. 44:26,24)
Come. let us return to the Lord (Hos. 6:1-3)
Holy, Holy, Holy (Is. 6:3)

SHABBAT SERVICE

SPEAKER Rabbi Joshua Haberman

Y'rushalayim Shel Zahov Cheryl Gujda

SPEAKER Dr. Paige Patterson
President, Criswell Institute
of Biblical Studies

Sing a Song of Joy
The Horse and the Rider (Ex. 15:1-2)
Hinei Ma Tov (Ps. 133:1)
The Trees of the Field (Is. 55:12)

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF ISRAEL The Honorable Gideon Shomron
Minister of Religious Affairs

BENEDICTION Rabbi Joshua Haberman
Pastor Randy Sager

Hatikva

RECESSIONAL Od Yishama
Ya a sey Shalom

LYRICS

L'CHA DODI

L'cha dodi likrat kala, likrat kala
P'nei Shabbat n'kabla n'kabla.
Shabbat shalom, Shabbat shalom
Shabbat shalom, umei vuach

Come, my friend, the bride to meet
The Holy Shabbat let us greet.

OH SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG

Oh sing unto the Lord a new song
For He has done marvelous things
His right hand and His holy arm
Have gotten Him the victory.

He has made known His salvation
And His righteousness has He openly shown
In the sight of the heathen
Oh sing unto the Lord a new song.

For He has remembered His mercy
And His truth towards the house of Israel
All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation of our God.

THERE IS NONE LIKE THEE

There is none like Thee, oh Lord
For Thou art great and great and is Thy name in might
Who shall not fear Thee, oh King of the Nations
Indeed it is Thy due
For among all the wise men of the nations
There is none like Thee.

I WILL RAISE UP HER RUINS

It is I who say of Jerusalem, she shall be inhabited
And of the cities of Judah they shall be built
And I will raise up her ruins again.

I will raise up her ruins again,
I will raise up her ruins again,
For I, the Lord, am maker of all things
Stretching out the heavens by Myself
And spreading out the earth all alone
And I will raise up her ruins again.

I will raise up her ruins again,
I will raise up her ruins again,
And she shall be inhabited
And I will raise up her ruins again.

COME, LET US RETURN TO THE LORD

Come, let us return to the Lord
For He has torn, but He will heal
For He has struck, but He will bandage us.

So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord
For His going forth is as certain as the dawn
And He will come to us like the rain
Like the spring rain watering the earth.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts
The earth is full of Your glory
The earth is full of Your glory
The earth is full of Your glory
Holy is the Lord.

SING A SONG OF JOY

We sing a song of joy this day
Sing praises to our God
The mighty warrior in our midst
Enthroned upon the praises of His people, Israel
We exalt Him for the victory is His.

We sing a song of joy this day
We lift our hands, we dance
For the Lord is unto us, our deliverance
We sing a song of joy this day
We lift our hands, we dance
For the Lord is unto us, our deliverance.

THE HORSE AND THE RIDER

I will sing unto the Lord a new song
For He has done wonderful things.
I will sing unto the Lord a new song
For He has done wonderful things.
The horse and the rider, the horse and the rider
The horse and the rider He has thrown in the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song
Salvation is of the Lord.
The Lord is my strength and my song
Salvation is of the Lord.
My Father is God and I will exalt Him
My Father is God, I will exalt Him.
My Father is God and I will exalt Him
My Father is God, I will exalt Him.

HINEI MA TOV

Hinei ma tov uma na'im
Shevet achim gam yachad

Behold how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity.

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth
before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the
field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands
The trees of the field shall clap their hands
The trees of the field shall clap their hands
As you go out with joy.

OD YISHAMA

Od yishama b'arei Yehuda
Uv-chutzot Yerushalayim,
Kol sason v'kol simcha
Kol chatan v'kol kala

Again may there be heard in the cities of Judah
And in the streets of Jerusalem
The voice of gladness
The voice of the bridegroom and the bride.

HATIKVA

Kol od baleyvav p'nimah	As long as a Jewish heart
Nefesh y'hudi homiah	beats
Ulfa-atei mizrach kadimah	And as long as Jewish eyes
Ayin l'tzion tzofiah	look eastwards
Od lo avda tikvateynu	Then our two thousand year
Hatikva sh'not alpayim	hope
Lih'yot am chofshi b'artzeynu	To be a free nation in Zion
Eretz tzion virushalayim.	Is not dead.

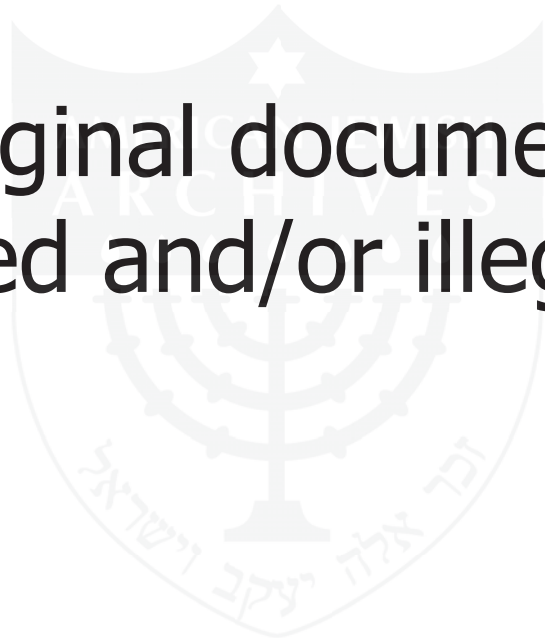
YA A SEY SHALOM

(He will bring peace to us and all Israel)

Ya a sey shalom, ya a sey shalom
Shalo, aley-nu vey al kol Yisrael (repeat 4X)

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Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel*

ERETZ ISRAEL¹ was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, *m'p'ilim*² and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community, controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodor Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people—the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe—was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle for freedom and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate. Like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE DECLARE that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate, being tonight, the eve of Sabbath, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), until the establishment of the elected, regular authorities of the State in accordance with the Constitution which shall be adopted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the 1st October, 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the People's Administration, shall be the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, to be called "Israel".

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL — in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months — to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighbourliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream — the redemption of Israel.

PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE ALMIGHTY, WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE CITY OF TEL-AVIV, ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5th DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14th MAY, 1948).

David Ben-Gurion

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¹ Eretz-Israel (Hebrew) — the Land of Israel, Palestine.

² M'p'ilim (Hebrew) — immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation.

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