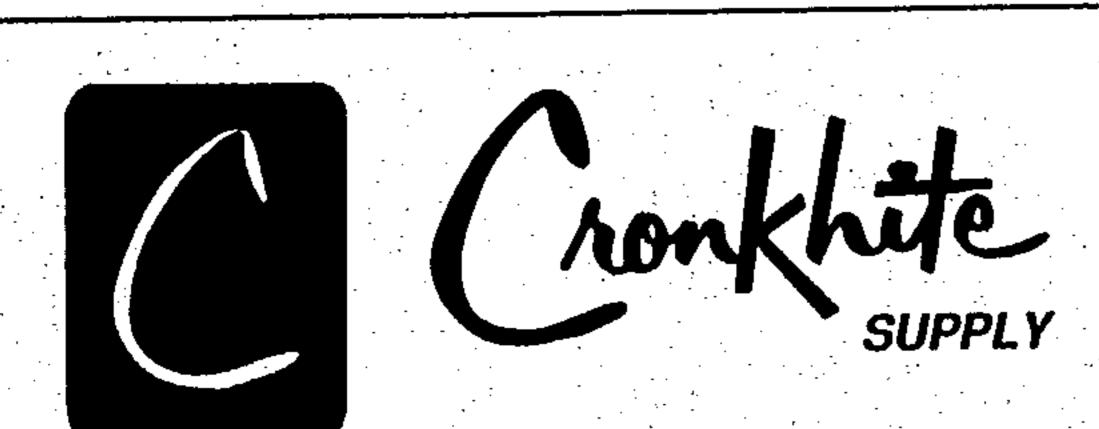
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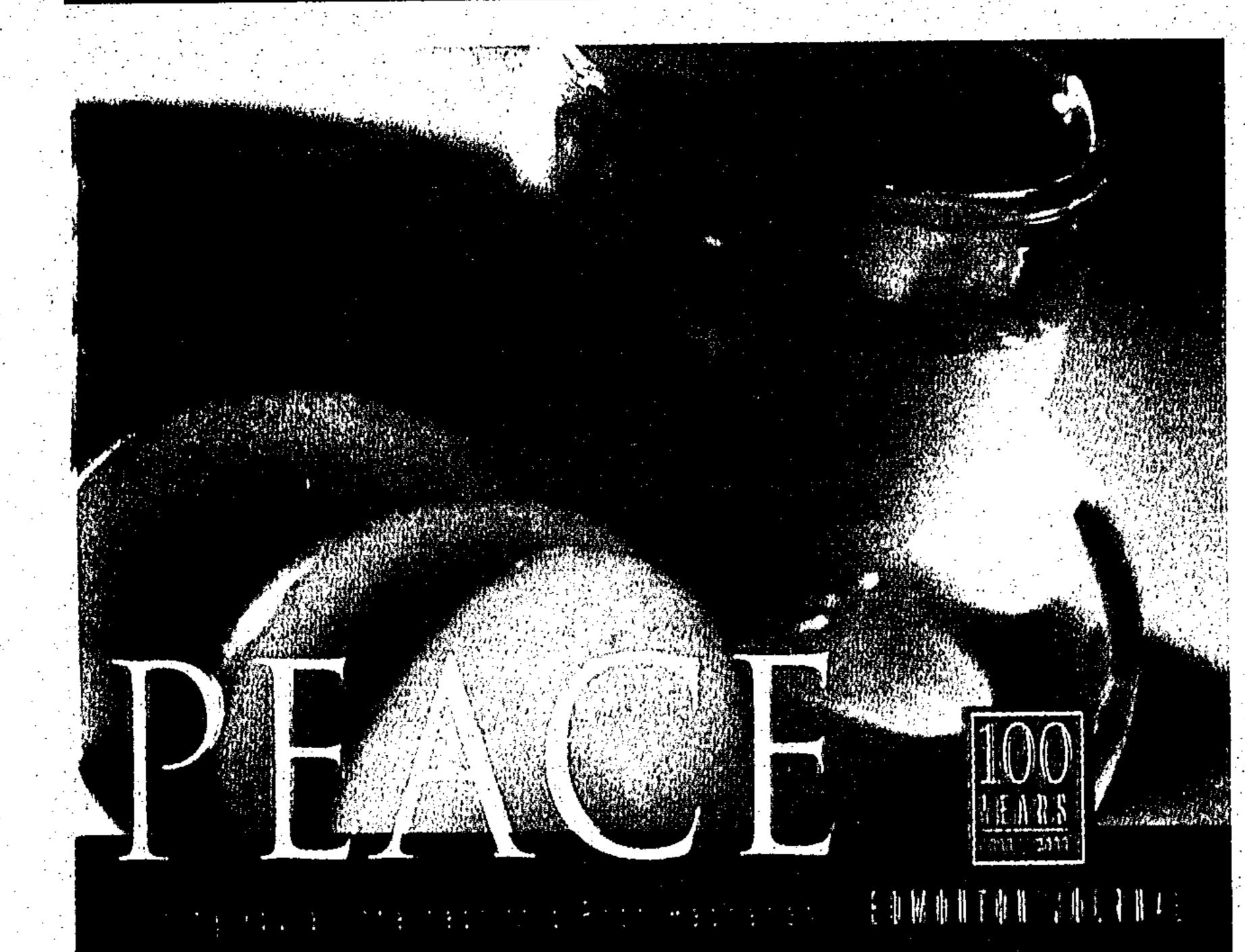


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Gaza terrorists target Americans

By Dan Baron

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Any Gaza highway.

ate claim of responsibility for Wednesday's roadfrom the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. But it had all precedent for Palestinian

blamed the Palestinian Authority for not crackous pledges to do so.

ties should have acted and armored vehicles, geted U.S. diplomats, a U.S. confidence in P.A. Israeli officials made peace," he said. "These long ago to fight terror in under cover of a helicop-first for this round of Wednesday. Their failure to do so, he said, "continues to cost lives."

An unwillingness to reform P.A. security forces and dismantle terrorist groups "constitutes the greatest obstacle to achieving the Palestinian dream of statehood. Bush said, blaming P.A.

President Yasser Arafat had barely managed to for hindering reforms.

Department Spokesman way to meet with Richard Boucher said. U.S. officials expressed for Fulbright scholar-

In a phone call with P.A. ties. Prime Minister Ahmed Karia, U.S. Secretary of seen" if the program will State Colin Powell said be suspended in the Palestinians could Palestinian

ter gunship, to help the Israeli-Palestinian con-Americans evacuate the flict. wounded man and the bodies of the victims.

arrived on the scene to culprits. So did Karia. document the wreckage

pull out their cameras

company attache was in the con-

State voy, which was on its Palestinian candidates outrage at the bombing. ships to U.S. universi-"It remains to be

areas, not move toward state- Kurtzer said. According hood "without eliminat- to Palestinian sources, ing violence and terror- Fulbright alumni in

bombing an ``ugly crime"

Talmud Torah Celebrates Yom Tovim



The students at Talmud Torah School have been busy studying about the High Holidays. Pictured above are three grade five students with a class model of a sukkab.

reporters in Tel Aviv. The ing all angles of an the culprits, it could "Palestinian authori- Israeli army sent tanks ambush that clearly tar- erode any remaining weighed its options, here, for pursuing anti-terror efforts.

and pledged to find the as inappropriate to tar-

Analysts did not expect Americans or any nation- United

FBI investigators are ed not to talk to the press—commitment to the "road—pation forces" of Israel,—Sharon adviser Ra'anan being dispatched to the as a probe began. That map" peace plan. But, an Islamic Jihad leader, Gissin region, U.S. Ambassador was an indication that they said, if the Nafez Azzam, told Daniel Kurtzer told authorities were cover- Palestinians fail to find Reuters. While

the attack. "We view it U.S. support for Israel as Bush has been carrying

"It's not just because of

Gaza had been instruct- the attack to affect U.S. ality other than the occu-together stand for," motives for the attack. "They stand for life, for

> Washington liberty, for democracy clear that they do not victims are victims policies that President such, but it is because of to try and promote peace and the and hope to the people of

Deadline extended for Holocaust claims

By Matthew E. Berger

JTA -- A deadline for making Holocaust-era insurance claims is being extended until the end of the year because additional policyholder names recently were made public. Lawrence Eagleburger, the chairman of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, said 120,000 names have questions no one has had to deal with before." That includes been added in the past two months to a Web site (www.icheic.org) that now has 450,000 names on a list of unpaid insurance policies from Nazi-era Germany. Almost all of the more than 500,000 unpaid insurance policies belonged to Jews in Nazi Germany. The new names come from portfolios in Eastern Europe, Italy and Switzerland.

"I'm confident that we have as close to a complete list as you are likely to get," said Eagleburger, a former U.S. secretary of state. Eagleburger said extending the deadline would "allow ample time for as many eligible claimants as we can alert to file

More than 2,600 offers have been made so far to benefactors and their families, amounting to \$35 million. In addition, more than \$7.5 million has been distributed directly from insurance companies, based on contacts descendants have made through ICHEIC contacts. The complete list includes anyone who may have had a life-insurance policy of any kind between 1920 and 1945 and who is thought to have suffered any form of racial,

religious or political persecution during the Holocaust.

The deadline for applications has already been extended several times. Eagleburger said he hoped that the commission's work would be finished within a year. "Please understand that this has never been done before," he said. "We have had to create, from nothing, this system and deal with a whole list of people inquiring about claims that lacked documentation. "We were inventing the wheel as we went along," he said.

Eagleburger stressed that many of the policies already have been claimed, but he said the commission chose to include all possible names and investigate any inquiries. Names may also be duplicates with minor differences in spelling, he noted. The announcement about the deadline extension, published on the Internet last month, elicited questions from around the world. Preparation and publication of the list was made possible by an October 2002 agreement with German insurance companies, negotiated in part by the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The first list of policyholders was published in April 2000.

ICHEIC, founded in 1998 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, has had some problems in the past two years. Eagleburger threatened to resign last year after difficulty securing cooperation from German insurance companies.

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Arafat and new PM Karia struggle for power

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. rivals evaporate into figurehead prime min-that he needs to satisfy

Until a few weeks Mohammad Dahlan schemes to deny the enced politician, unlike were being touted -- by prime minster real his predecessor the Americans and power.



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Israelis, at least -- as Lebanese daily the Palestinian leaders Nahar in a recent of the future.

This week, Abbas' Mahmoud Karia, threatened that Internal he, too, might resign his arm, but Karia -- a

> will have to decide on a chairman. policy toward Hamas, Abbas, he did not say Islamic Jihad and the "definitely not" to Al-Aksa Brigade, ter- Arafat's demands. rorist groups that the Palestinian Authority announced that the pledged to eliminate emergency Cabinet under the "toad map" that Arafat appointed peace plan. Israel and last week, when he the United States are feared harsh Israeli waiting to see how retaliation for a suicide Karia acts against the bombing in Haifa, terror groups before would remain in office deciding whether to for the next 25 days.

his government. expected to conclude prime minister too, that internal peace Karia told reporters. among various seg-

interview, "but it is a against Palestinians

achieve it." But Karia found out more than just internal politics: Arafat also is Ahmad standing in his way.

Arafat tried to twist of Arafat's shrewd and experifound a roundabout If he stays on, Karia way to deal with the Unlike

Instead. renew peace talks with Afterward, when a new government is formed, Like Abbas, Karia is it will have "a new

This week, Arafat ments of Palestinian appointed a new intersociety is more impor- im security chief, tant than peace with Hakam Balawi, a senior official from the "We may differ in Fatah Party. Karia had views," Karia told the favored Nasser Yousef.

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services from Arafat.

Party's central comrenomination when a three weeks.

od is over.

Palestinian Legislative crucial lever of control.

government, following ing to buy time. Palestinian territories.

As the ruling Fatah biding their time.

"We would like to see

Cabinet is formed in crisis: Karia's desig- ernment has left. nated interior minis-The message to ter, Nasser Yousef, is a good possibility Arafat was clear: Karia refused to attend, that nothing will Karia's security services, power in his hands. Arafat has refused to If Karia indeed does

Karia's statement that Arafat proved once are even some saying "chaos must be put in again that he will not that Abbas could yet the tolerate a serious chal-return. lenge to his authority. Both Israel and the He wants to be sure tainty in Palestinian that the new Cabinet politics is that Arafat will be totally obedient, will continue to do all and if it takes more he can to stay front time, then so be it -- and center. after all, as recent polls have shown, he

United States consider remains by far the sincontrol of the security Karia an extension of gle most popular politi-Arafat, and they are cal figure among the Palestinian public.

Karia wants to buy mittee met this week- what it will do against time as well. He realin Ramallah, terrorism," a White izes that Arafat's phys-Karia announced that House spokesman said ical condition is declinhe would not seek of Karia's government, ing and that a lot can Even at its swearing- change in the 25 days permanent in, the Cabinet faced a that his interim gov-

However, there also will not confront him demanding a vote of change. One possible head-on, but if Arafat confidence from the scenario is that Arafat insists on playing his Palestinian Legislative could keep renewing own cards, then let him Council and written the emergency degree, look for other players assurance from Arafat cutting the Parliament when the interim peri-that Yousef would out of the process, postreceive full responsibil- poning real change and Despite its limited ity for all Palestinian keeping the reins of

opposition loosen his grip on the step down, several inside and outside the security services, a names have been mentioned as replace-The crisis in the ments. Among them Both secular and Palestinian leadership are Saeb Erekat, a forfundamentalist fac- has not been resolved; mer P.A. interior mintions published state- it was only postponed, ister, and Nabil ments attacking the and both sides are try- Sha'ath, a former foreign minister. There

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by Bill Gladstone

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gave away more than built in a prime section of Inc. \$100 million in the past Winnipeg's historic river- Shortly afterward, the four years alone -- and for front. his outspoken and

Asper's passing trig-Asper last Friday.

said. "He will be very dif- is ensure his dream of the intifada, he led a delficult to replace."

An officer of the prestigious Order of Canada. Hall of Fame in 1996.

awards and many hon- involved with the founda- only democracy in the orary degrees, including tion. an honorary doctorate "Other than my family, human rights." had served on Hebrew based magazine, earlier ported." U.'s international board this year. "When you of governors for more than two decades.

Manitoba's Parliamer ' a leader of the provincial Liberal Party in the early 1970s, Asper remained attached to his nativ province and its capital, Winnipeg.

His charitable gifts to the city include an arts multimedia classroom, a business school at the University of Manitoba and a research institute at St. Boniface Hospital. Asper also was a bene-

factor of the Yad Vashem

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lenges, you see what's

International Holocaust really important." The son of Ukrainian in the early part of the century, Asper was born in Minnedosa, Manitoba, in 1932, the youngest of three siblings. His parents ran a local movie

"He went far beyond theater. wrote two books for company in 1977 by pur-CanWest Global in recent chasing a North Dakota television station and moving it to Winnipeg. "He was a generous

supporter of Jewish caus-Today the company es, but his philanthropic operates networks and stations in Australia. network Keith Landy,

> also has various Britain and the United

In 2000, the company made a foray into print 11 major daily newspa- Earlier this year he with the \$3.2 billion purpers across Canada, is announced plans for a chase of the Southam being remembered for his \$270-million facility, the newspaper group and extraordinary philan- Canadian Museum for other properties from thropy -- he reportedly Human Rights, to be Conrad Black's Hollinger

The proposed museum engaged in a controver-' is expected to be complet- sial public tug of war ed by about 2007, with with several member The company did not additional funding com- papers over control of announce the cause of ing from three levels of their editorial pages and Asper's death Tuesday, government. It will focus policies. The contest but unconfirmed media on the themes of racial eventually resulted in reports mention a heart and religious intolerance the firing of the Ottawa and will include Holocaust gallery.

Canadian history has Asper penned articles Minister Jean Chretien, any city had a champion and gave speeches supwho spent an hour with like Winnipeg had in Izzy portive of Israel and crit-Asper," Winnipeg Mayor ical of Arab intolerance "He was a great Gary Murray said. "One toward the Jewish state. Chretien of the things we must do Last year, at the height of this museum becomes a

Though he turned over much of his business should show solidarity involvement to his chil- with a very beleaguered dren in recent years, people," he said before He held dozens of other Asper remained closely the trip. "Israel is the

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Citizen's publisher. An articulate and ener-"I don't think in getic defender of Israel, independent mind, both egation of Winnipeggers

> to Israel. "I think Canadians entire region. It supports

Hebrew the Asper Foundation "The people there are University of Jerusalem, gives me the greatest feeling very isolated," he where he built an entre-pleasure in life," he told added. "Their morale is commitment to Canada, preneurial center. He Lifestyles, a Toronto- low. They must be sup-

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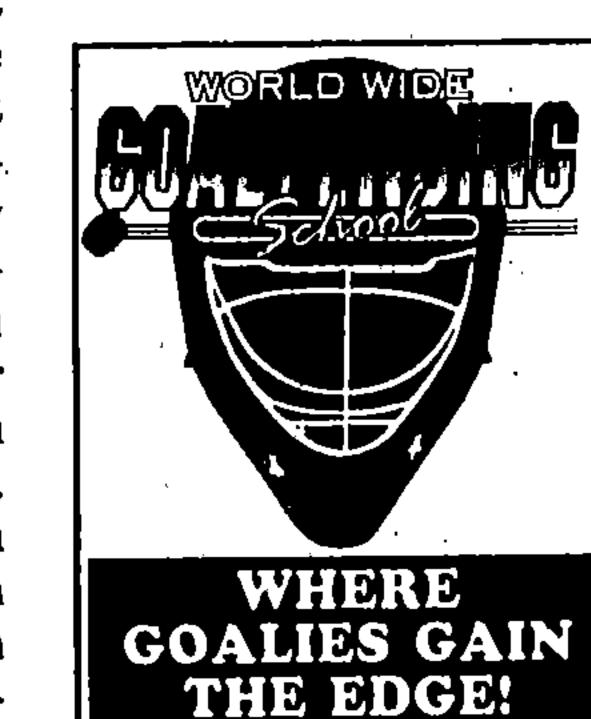
"In his battle against the many falsifications and slanders hurled at the Jewish state and the Jewish people, Izzy put forward the facts, bravely challenging hypocrisy said earlier this year. "This is the mark of a strong character and an

sesses in abundance. Jewish officials joined many other Canadians in paying tribute to Asper and offering condolences

to his family. "Mr. Asper's death leaves an enormous void in the Canadian Jewish Canada-Israel Committee. "We know that Izzy's incredible

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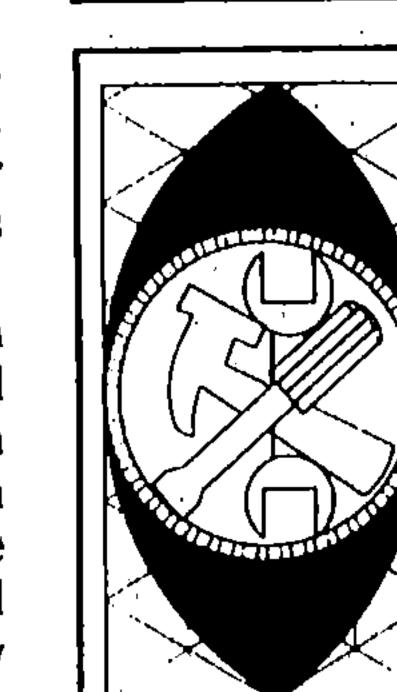
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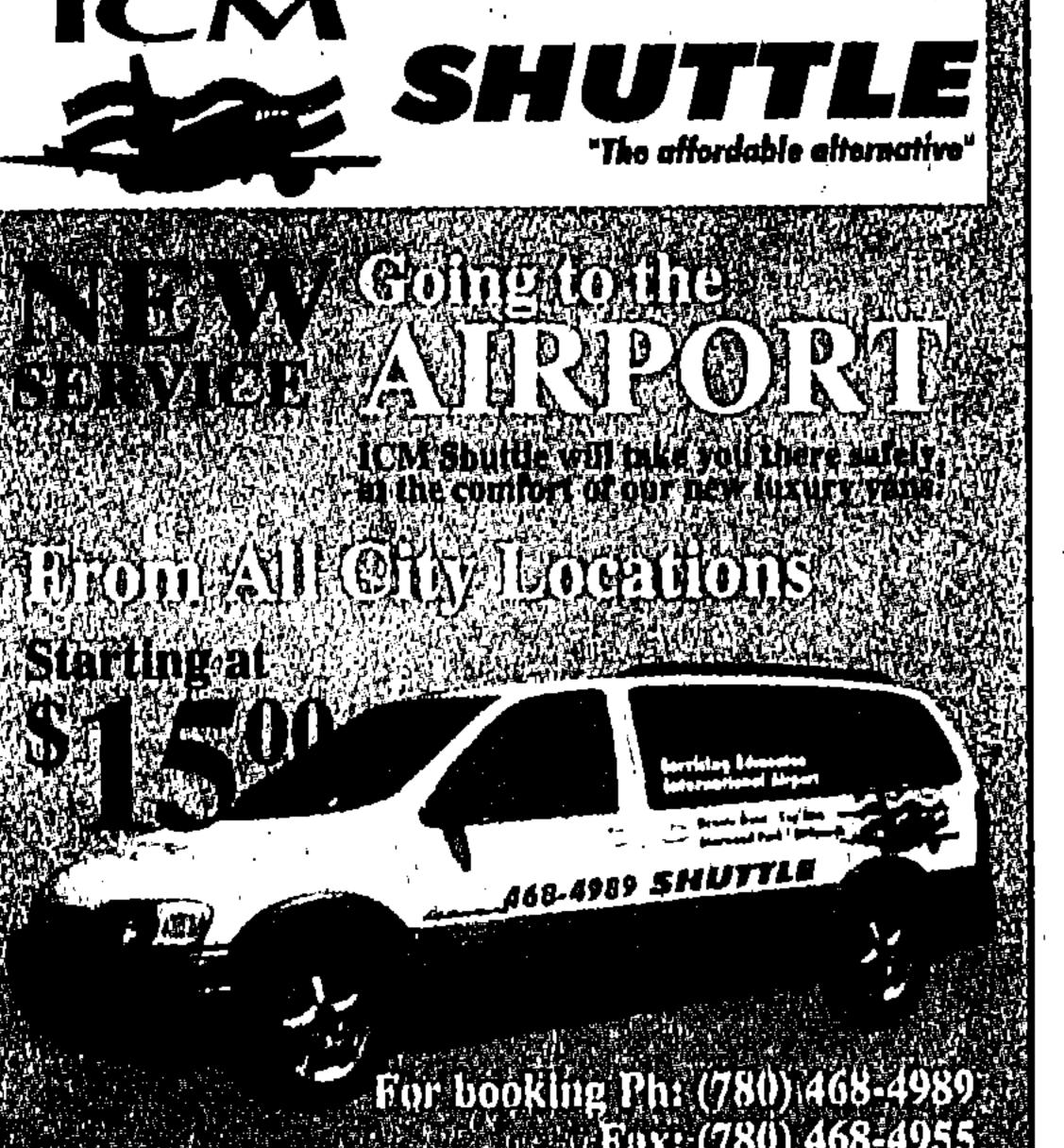
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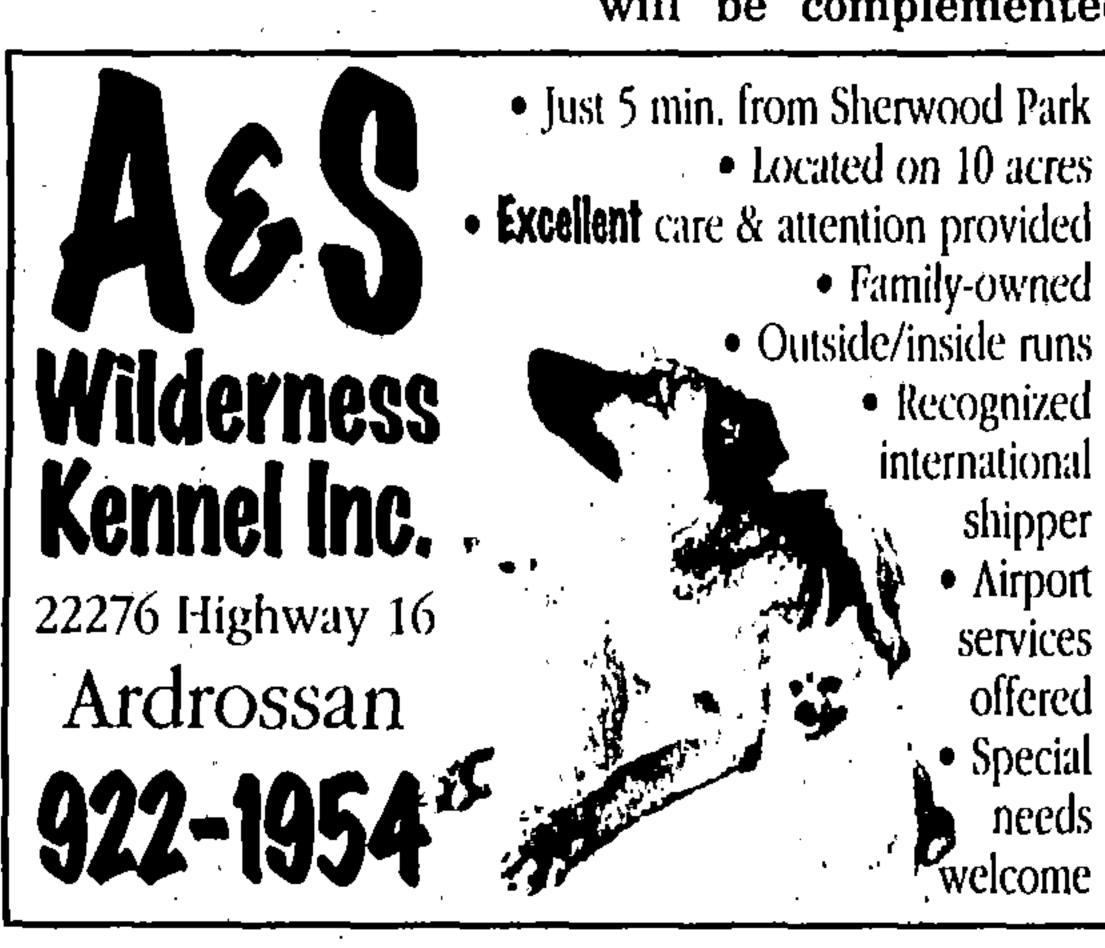
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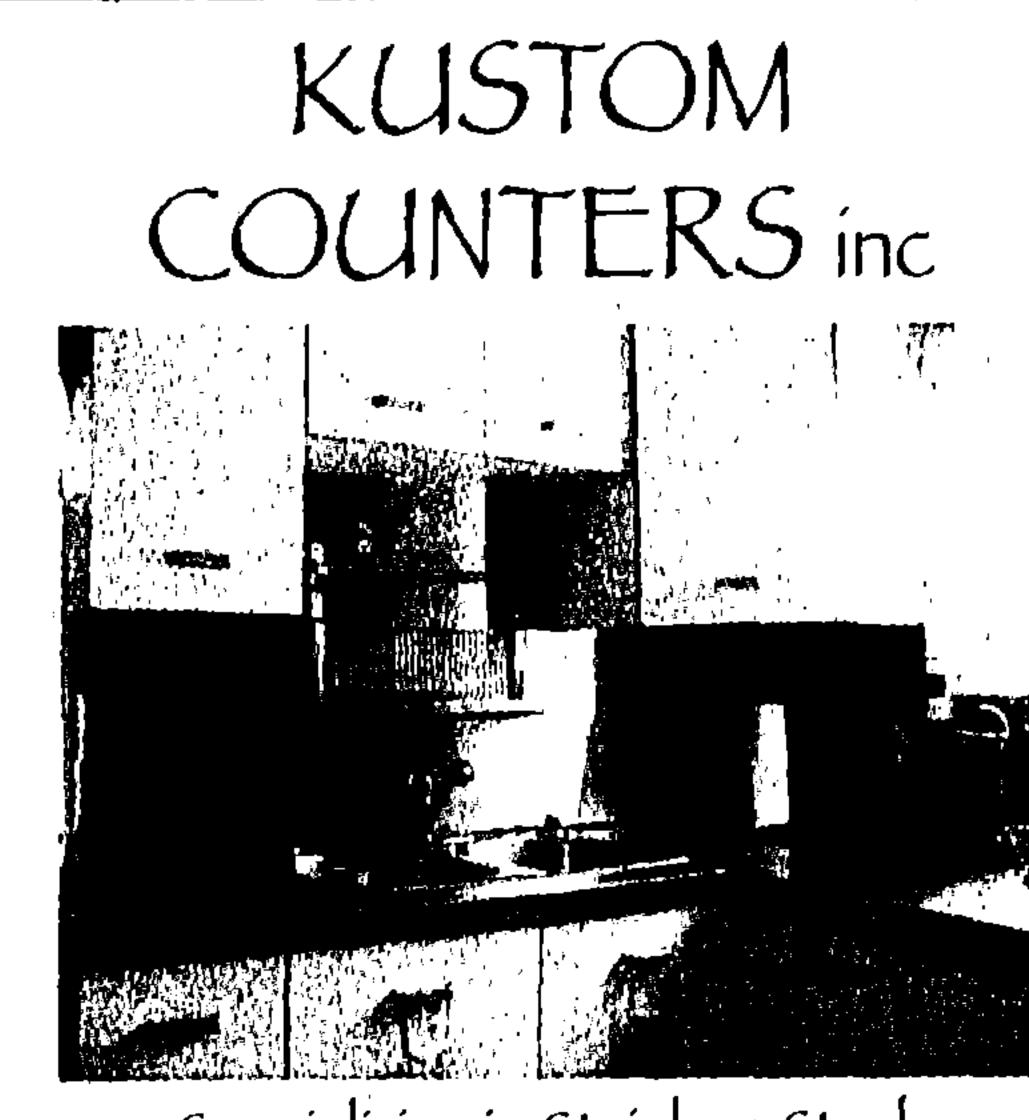
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Rabbi ing a cautious first step kasher every piece of said Steven Bayme, kashrut certification a Menachem Genack, rab- into the kashrut field, equipment used on the national director of con-mark of purity. binic administrator of the offering only the one production line by cleantemporary Jewish life at While some consumers OU's kashrut division, product. The Vegetarian ling and purging; inspec-"We're really looking to the American Jewish may try Campbell's "out Culturally it represents Vegetable soup, alphabet tion trips by other Committee. "The kosher—of curiosity," and its label—American eating habits,—letters included, is the kashrut authorities to food industry has found a carries a certain "as Coke does," he said. firm's seventh-leading Campbell's facilities niche within mainstream—panache, it won't neces-—Coca-Cola, incidentally, "cating" soup, according—around the country to American culture." sarily harm the sales of has long been under OU to Sloves.

With assistance from parent volunteer Marilyn Sheckter, Talmud Torah stu-

dents have the opportunity to hone their musical skills and perform at

Parents Key at Talmud Torah

field serves as another acceptability to religious "The effect won't be felt where such Jewish name tainly hope we'll be able kosher soup is being proimmediately. Buying brand products as to work with the OU to duced.

> kosher consumer, soup," the rabbi said. chicken noodle, the firm's dollar amount on how Campbell's offering a "Based on years of two most popular soups, much Campbell's spent supervised product is experience in which we be kosher one day? on the kosher conversion especially significant, have seen that receiving "Everything is under process."

> culinary staple of increased the sale of a Campbell's decision to OU scheduled a tasting American life, went product, we anticipate experiment with a kosher party this week at its that the same will hold—soup follows a decade of—headquarters in Lower negotiations with the Manhattan. OU staffers apparently uncomplicated as a vegetable soup, ingredients -- involved a weeklong visit by a threerabbi OU team to the

If sales of the pareve, ents; and the presence of

process," Sloves said, but For the American-born—able, "you can get kosher—Might—tomato—and—declining to provide a

> for the kosher soup, the local Jewish organizations were invited.

> "It's a chance," said Rabbi Genack, "to give the entire OU a taste of Americana.'

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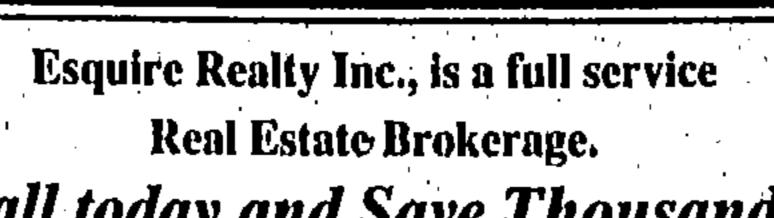
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Tourism pushed during High Holidays

By Ron Kampeas

October 2003

Hashanah represents thanks mostly to the "This is not the clasbest hope for one of United States, Weill lies in Jewish solidari- Before the intifada, said.

Conservative, Orthodox percentages and Reconstructionist reversed, according to Israel in 5764; turns ports.

back from the severe Conference September 2000.

lion tourists who once—nine or 12 months.——lence and instability.——years."

to design the campaign. www.ibelieveinisrael.co This year, the num- m.

(JTA) -- A pledge card ber of tourists to Israel Organizers are hopethat landed on hun- likely will reach 1.3 ful but admit the prodreds of thousands of million -- 50 percent of gram is untried and Rosh the old number -- unconventional.

an epiphany for Israel's rise in Jewish tourism, sical marketing system tourism ministry: The particularly from the where you create a sys-

60 percent of tourists to The grassroots cam- Israel were non-Jewish experts predict success, just 40 percent saying that self-selectpledges from Reform, were Jews; today the ed direct marketing is a are proven strategy. congregants to visit market research at air- Ministry is "getting a

became clear was going—weight in gold," said to keep going and could Betty Parker, a profesbe persuaded to send sor of marketing at even more was Jewish Western seekers and Christian tourism," Weill said. "It University. "They know while used to be, 10 years the people are alive, Jewish tourism was ago, Jews would cancel they know they have first when things were

The pledge card camthis paign, run in coordinadrop after the Presidents of Major der if it will work. Palestinian intifada American Jewish Leo Kramer, a was launched in Organizations and all Washington business- for solidarity -- is now the ministry's \$1 mil- make the program a the major denomina- man who has cultivated the best strategy. Iion U.S. budget, success, predicted "Those Jews saved tional streams, aims to tourism markets for

dropped by 80 percent will receive material be gained in spending and escapism largely ence," Weill said. "If immediately after the promoting various time and money on have failed, and the intifada began, accord- tours and assuaging reassurance cam- surge in Jewish ing to Geoffrey Weill, a fears about travel to paigns, which only tourism in recent years New York travel indus- Israel. Pledge forms are draw attention to the shows that the pledge try marketer whom the also available at the problems keeping peo- appeal is the right Tourism Ministry hired campaign's Web site, ple away," Kramer said, path, said Rami Levi,

tem through ads and the hard sell," Elon

beautiful list. This kind of a list is worth its Michigan the correct address -- I would give the Tourism Ministry an A-plus."

But others who have the marketed tourism for of Israel in the past won-

visited Israel annually Respondents then "There is very little to Appeals to hedonism "It's not an exact sci-

that the administration

"You can't misguide according to Levi. Malcolm Hoenlein, the the tourism industry of consolidate the trend Israel as well as major anyone, they open the Unusually, the organ-Conference Israel, its hotels, from through direct market- European, Asian and TV, they see the prob- izers have no concrete. President's executive bankruptcy," Israeli ing. African destinations, lems," Élon said. "Once plans to track whether vice chairman. Tourism Minister Congregants were said the campaign upon a time, you could those who make the "Everybody finds Benny Elon told JTA in asked to fold down one emphasizes just what ignore the reality, if it pledge actually follow excuses not to travel, to a telephone interview. of four flaps, pledging a makes Israel a trou- happened now and up, a traditional ele- put it off," he said. "We The figure of 2.6 mil-visit within three, six, bling destination: vio-then, but not for three ment of any marketing hope this will have campaign.

Elon counters that the top Israeli tourism tourism rises 25 perthere is no longer any official in North cent, it's clear the point ignoring the vio- America. Another fac- pledge has something addressing it -- through pledge campaign Getting American reassurances about appealing is its low Jews to think a little security and appeals cost: \$120,000 out of harder about Israel will

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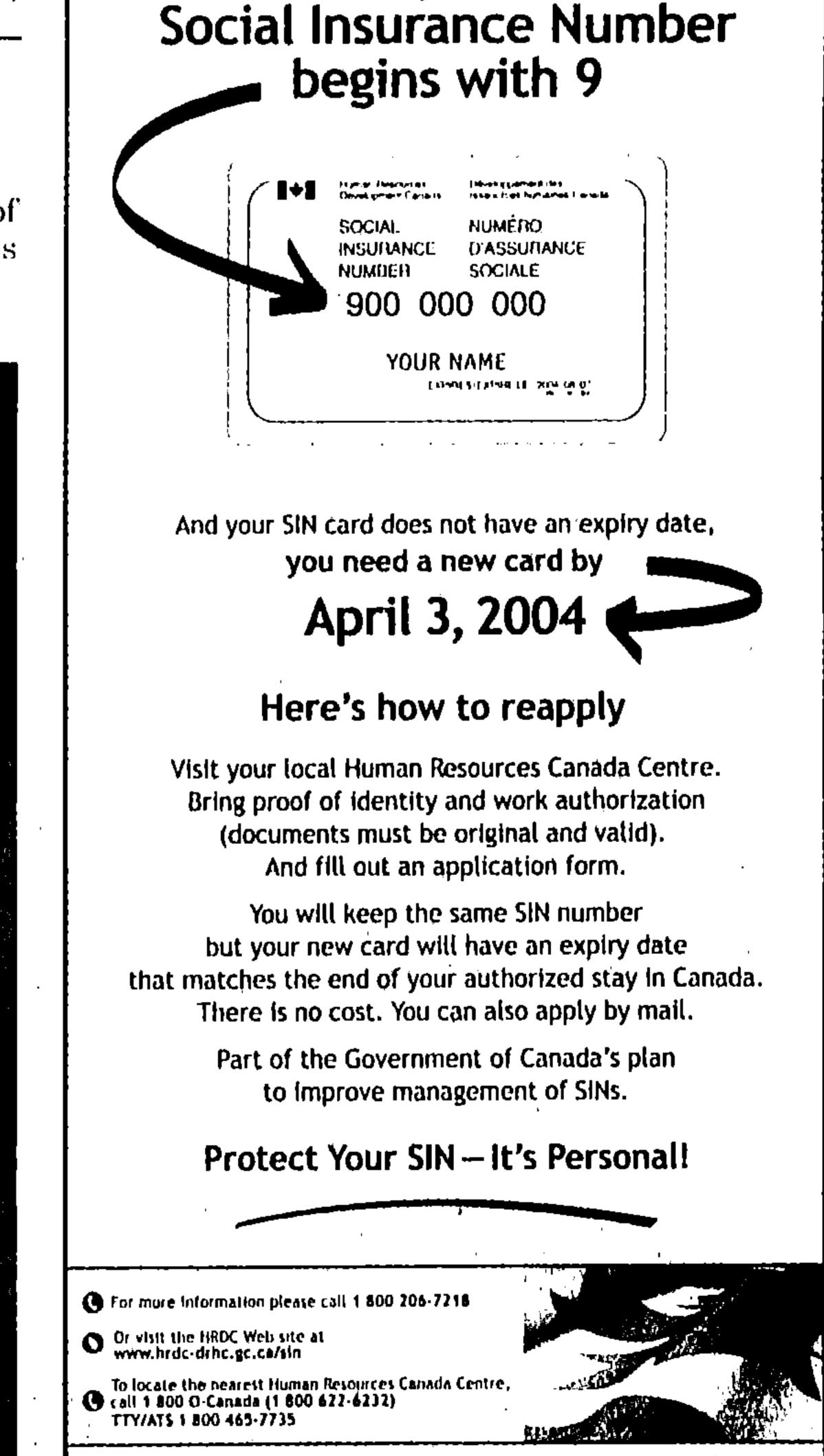
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Yiddish classes with Paul Kagan are now available in the daytime - Mondays or Thursdays (depending on availability). The classes will be held 10 -11:30 am starting the first week in November. Cost: \$20. Please call the office at 488-4241 to register.

Tai Chi classes with Anita Sky commence Tuesday November 18 at 10:30 am. Classes will be held at the Drop In Centre on Tuesdays from 10:30 -11:30 am and Thursdays 9:15 - 10:15 am. Cost: \$25 for 10 classes. The last class will be held on Thursday December 18th. The registration deadline for this class is Tuesday November 11.

Come join our art classes with Alexis Reiter on Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:30. The class will be held from November 6 to December 4 and all levels are welcome. Please note that the Drop-In Centre requires a minimum num-

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ber of 5 people for the class to take place.

the "Creperie" Restaurant on Wednesday Refreshments will be served. No Charge. **November 19 at 11:30 am**. The cost is \$13.50 and includes a 3 course lunch: salad, entrée, call the centre at 488-4241 by November 13 to reserve your table.

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> Come and enjoy a "Happy Hour" with Queena Klein on Thursday December 4 at 11 am. Bring along your favourite jokes or stories, or just come out and listen. Refreshments will be served. No Charge.

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By John Copley

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impact on how each between, applicants will police officer approaches be required to write a

service to the public." "A career in policing," he explained, "is primariand fibre analysis, fin- ly about one thing - work- complete psychological gerprints: if these words ing with people to ensure testing and assessment, public safety through chances are you've been crime prevention and law investigation and thinking about a career enforcement. Police work presented to the selecin police work. And that requires that a constable tion committee. ships in the community, then participate in a 35-Edmonton Police Service showing sensitivity to week training program and concern for the needs designed to give them

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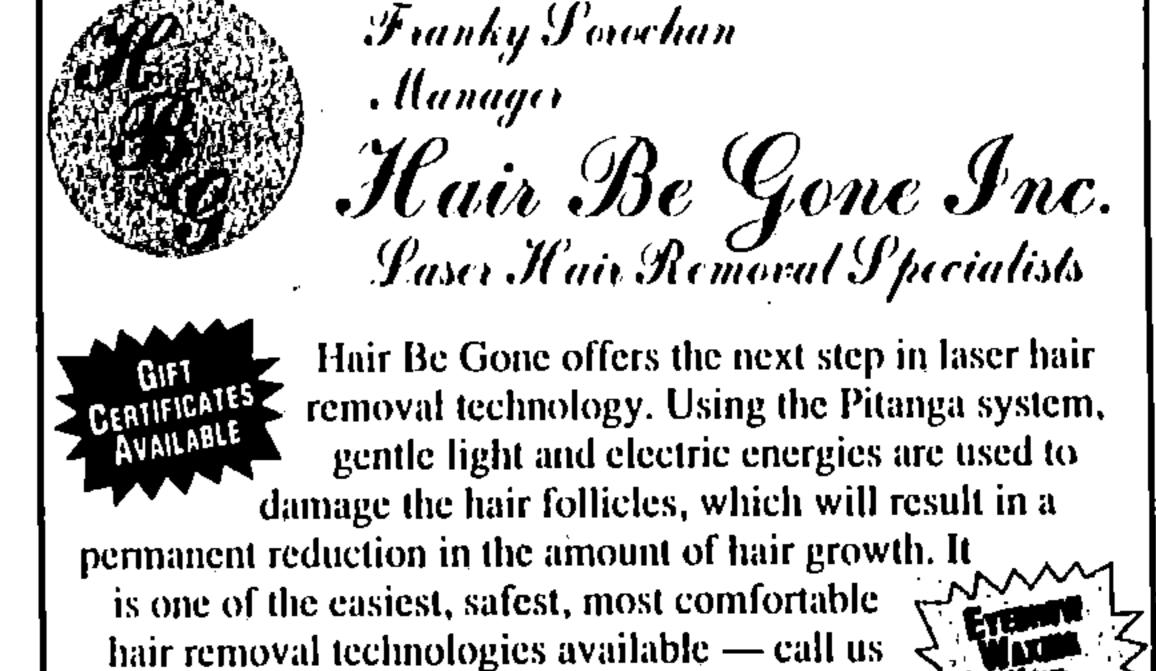
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Edmonton Jewish News

By Edwin Black

WASHINGTON, Oct. parent attempt to de- Jewish 2001, thousands of argument for Israel's and gathered in Durban, anti-Zionist propaganda Arabia. United Nations confer- Semitism permeated The Ford Foundation, fighting terrorism are ence that participants the eight-day Durban one of America's largest asking: When money hoped would address affair. Posters display- philanthropic institu- goes in one NGO's pockracial injustice plaguing ing Nazi icons and tions -- and arguably et, where does it go and humanity, from Rwanda Jewish caricatures, the most prestigious -- whom does it benefit? to Sri Lanka to the anti-Israel protest was a multimillion-dol- The Jewish represen-United States. marches, organized jeer- lar funder of many tatives at Durban "did-But after more than a ing, inciting leaflets and human rights NGOs n't understand the

ferences held in Iran, were everywhere, as That is the conclusion and the organization Switzerland, Chile, was orchestrated anti- of a two-month JTA that went into hijacking France and Senegal, it American agitation. investigation, involving the conference," recalls became clear to Israeli A virulent resolution interviews with dozens Reva Price, Washington officials and organiza- drafted by non-govern- of individuals in seven representative of the tional leaders that mental organizations at countries, as well as a Jewish Council for Palestinian non-govern- the Durban conference review of more than Public Affairs and a mental organizations, or declared Israel a "racist 9,000 pages of govern- Durban delegate. NGOs, and their allies, apartheid state" guilty ment and organization- "We knew we were had manipulated the of "genocide and ethnic al documents. agenda of the U.N. cleansing." The specta- Ford -- which was because of what hap-World Conference cle was so noxious that endowed with funds pened in the early meet-Against Racism into a Powell withdrew the donated by Henry and ing in Teheran," Price

genocidal regime. posed language of con-materials, purchased of Palestinian causes. would deny or dilute the ducted workshops? Holocaust and espouse "No one knew where extent of the founda- process complained that an openly anti-Semitic the money was coming tion's involvement the a key organization

ers, including U.S. Judith Palkovitz of anti-Semitic and pro- the conference was the Secretary of State Colin Pittsburgh, Hadassah Palestinian activities Palestinian Committee Powell, declined to general secretary and a both inside and outside for the Protection of attend what U.S. Rep. delegate to Durban. "I the Middle East. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), a assumed it was a for- With hundreds of mil- Environment, which member of the American eign group -- say Saudi

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delegation to the confer- Arabia." ence, termed "a trans- When 16 (JTA) -- In August legitimize the moral leader after another, whether funders such human rights activists existence." As expected, Department officials, are exercising proper from around the globe anti-Israel agitation, also guessed: Saudi South Africa, for a and blatant anti- They were wrong.

year of preparatory con-anti-Jewish cartoons attending Durban. efforts, the financing

Who financed a num- longer maintains any understand how organapartheid, colonial and ber of the groups at ties to the Ford Motor ized the opposition and Durban that printed Company -- has long what a well-financed Moreover, the pro- and distributed these been known as a funder campaign it was."

lions of dollars being operates under the pumped into Mideast acronym LAW.

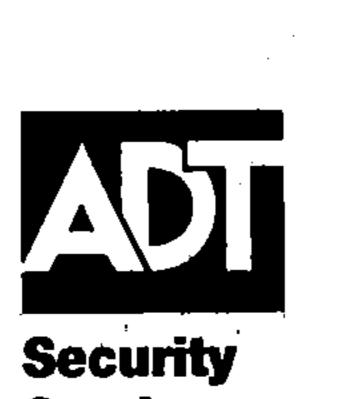
transparency, how the asked, one money in Palestinian communal areas is being used and State as the Ford Foundation

Increasingly, federal agencies concerned with

walking into problems

Many Jewish organiresolutions advertising and con- But most observers zational officials who did not suspect the participated in the long from to fund all these funding of groups that responsible for the remembers engage in anti-Zionist, methodical hijacking of Human Rights and the

> NGOs by numerous pri- LAW officials took vate foundations here leadership positions on and in Europe, govern- the Durban conference ment and communal steering committees, officials are raising sig- conducted workshops nificant questions about and even sponsored &



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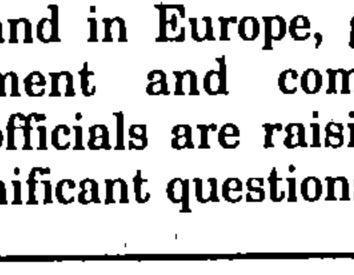


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Ford joins Jewish social justice group

By Joe Berkofsky



NIF Board Chairman, Peter Edelman

(JTA) — The Ford Foundation is steering its drive for progressive Israeli causes into a new philanthropic vehicle that partners with a Jewish focused indictment of American delegation. Edsel Ford but no said. "But we didn't group. Ford is rolling out a \$20 million peace and social-justice fund in partnership with the Wasbington-based New Israel Fund, the groups bave announced.

Ford's idea is a major boon to the New Israel Fund, which supports Israeli groups devoted to buman and civil rights, economic and social justice, and religious pluralism.

Since its 1979 founding, NIF has given more than \$120 million to 700 Israeli Jewish and Arab groups. The NIF currently supports about 130 organizations.

Among other efforts, it aids a Bedouin group, a sbelter for battered Israeli Arab women and a lawyer's group that advocates for civil rights. Ford's move also represents an upgrade of Ford's activities in Israel. In recent years, Ford bas granted between \$2 million and \$2.5 million annually to Israeli-based peace and social-justice groups, Since 1948, Ford bas granted \$50 million to Israeli causes, Ford officials said.

Among its recipients was the NIF, which has received \$5 million since 1988.

This has an enormous effect, in that one of the world's great philanthropic organizations has the confidence to put their portfolio of giving in Israel with us," said Peter Edelman, the New York-based chairman of the NIF board.

pre-conference mission Palestinian NGOs, as Israel was an apartheid

"LAW was instrumental in creating the antidirector of U.N. Watch. Geneva-based group that monitors the world

organization. But it was not just LAW. The Palestinian hensive sanctions and organization of some 90

to the West Bank and well as many of its con-Gaza Strip for South stituent groups, dili-African delegates, to gently became embedded in the conference bureaucracy that created the hostile environment at Durban. PNGO led the move to

craft an NGO resolution that would "call upon the international comexecutive munity to impose a policy of complete and total isolation of Israel as an apartheid state," including "the imposition of mandatory and compreembargoes, [and] the Continued on page 11

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Anti Israel activists

(diplomatic, economic, engaged in anti-Israeli on her cell phone, conference, we try to get conference. social, aid, military agitation and anti- PNGO program coordi- extra funds from one of "Does all this mobiliz- issues. "There was no cooperation and train- Semitic or anti-Zionist nator Renad Qubaj their special budgets," ing, networking and way to miss the antiing) between all states activity.

time investment for the pleted, Wilde did send a "In Durban, for sure their own Ford in the statement. His Semitic and anti-Zionist Ford Foundation -- a six-page written state- we published posters Foundation funding, answer: Yes, "because stuff you ever saw. major funder of LAW ment, declaring, "We saying, 'End the occupa- they send us the for years to come they "I told the Ford repre-

awarded more than and international law." tee network, and one for the Ford Ford-financed organiza- released "War Against \$193 million to more "We do not believe who helped organize the Foundation. Palestinian.

tion about its Middle sible for us to do much of forums," Moreover, the Web site's ing \$1.1 million, to plus Durban." in Jerusalem.

Initially, despite more tion. than two dozen requests by phone and in writing over a period of several Foundation's communications vice president Alex Wilde, deputy director Thea Lurie and media associate Joe Voeller refused to answer any questions or clarify any issues regarding the foundation's funding of groups

Durban was not a one- investigation was com- Durban. have seen no indication—tion,' things like that,"—finances to attend."——[Ford grantees] and the—sentative—I thought—it Indeed, through its that our grantees in Qubaj said, "and we From 1999 to 2002, foundation will work was a mistake because Cairo office, Ford has Durban or elsewhere published a study, had a PNGO received a series together to implement the whole meeting was extended more than \$35 engaged in anti-Semitic press conference, organ- of Ford grants totaling the |Durban | Conference being hijacked," she million in grants to some speech or activities. The ized our partners and \$1.4 million, plus a Plan of Action." 272 Arab and Foundation does not protest marches." \$270,000 supplement, Since the Durban con- He said he believed Palestinian organiza- support hate speech of Asked about finances, according to an exami- ference, LAW has con- what the conference was

tions during the two- any kind," she added, nation of the Ford tinued its public crusade doing was correct." year 2000-2001 period Wilde added: "Some of "Unfortunately we are Foundation's IRS Form against Israel and "We are struck," said alone -- the most recent our human rights and very dependent on the 990 filings, Web site Zionism, and PNGO, as David Harris, executive years for which data is development grantees international funds. Not databases and annual well as many of its 90 director of the American available -- plus 62 have certainly been crit- just PNGO but all the reports. PNGO contin- members, continue Jewish Committee, "by grants to individuals ical of policies and prac- Palestinian NGOs -- 90 ues to receive at least organizing efforts to try the scores of Palestinian that total more than tices of the Israeli gov- of them in our group. We \$350,000 annually from Israeli officials as war NGOs funded by Ford, a \$1.4 million, according ernment insofar as get very little money Ford, according to the criminals, boycott the number of which have to Ford's Web site as these discriminate from the Arabs -- just data. Jewish state and label deeply disturbing and accessed in mid-October against Palestinians or needy family cases. Ford LAW and PNGO were Israel a racist, illegiti- troubling records on otherwise violate their is our biggest funder." hardly the only Ford- mate state that must be Israel and Jews." Since the 1950s, the rights, according to Allam Jarrar, a mem-backed groups at stripped of its Jewish • • • • • • • foundation's Beirut and internationally agreed ber of the 11-person Durban. The conference identity. Cairo offices have human rights standards PNGO steering commit- was a major enterprise. While a number of the author of the newly

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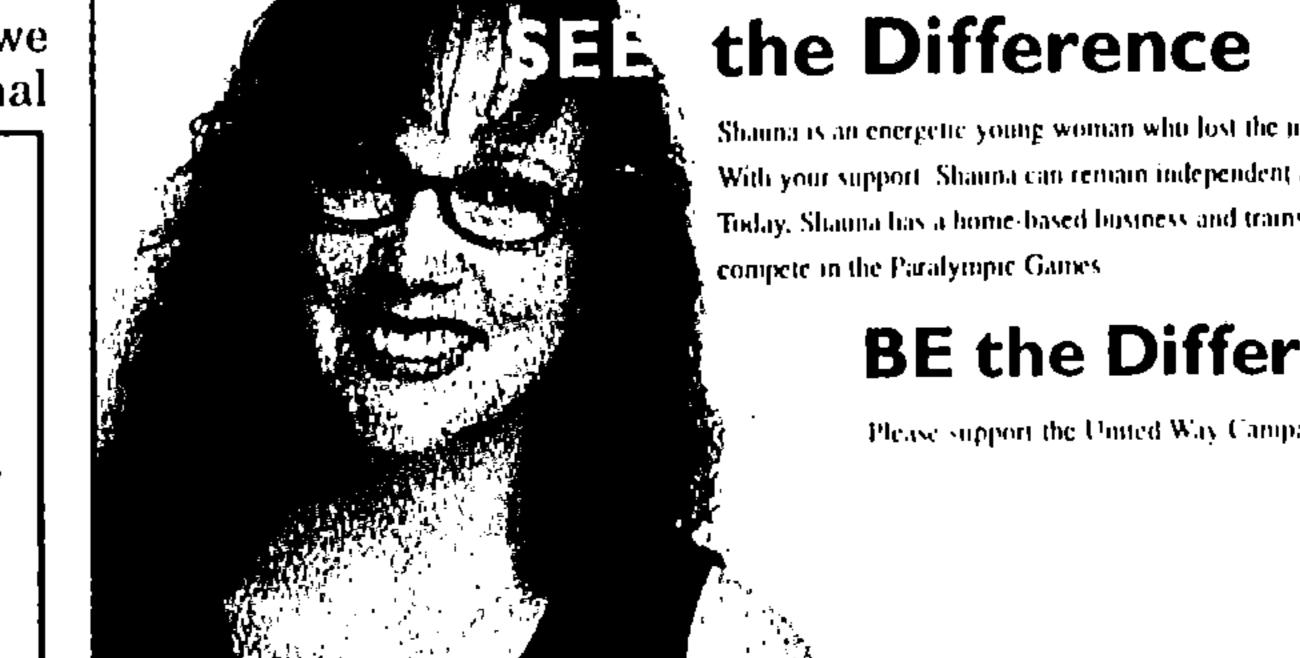
recalled her coordina- Jarrar said. "Or some- drafting of statements—Semitism. The Ford guy However, after this tion of activities in times the conferences' have real impact on peo- would have to be blind. organizers, if they have ple's lives?" Smith asked It was the most anti-

than 350 Middle East that this can be events at Durban, In a Ford Web site LAW and PNGO, America's Campaign to organizations, almost described as 'agitation," explained that Ford commentary written engaged in anti-Israel Create a Master Race" entirely Arab, Islamic or the statement asserted. money allows PNGO to prior to Durban, and anti-Zionist agita- (Four Walls Eight Bradford Smith, Ford's tion, certainly many did Windows), which inves-Both LAW and PNGO have a global scope.

confirmed that their "We do lots of interna-vice president for peace not. www.fordfound.org, Ford funds were pivotal. tional advocacy confer- and social justice, wrote Either way, Ford thropic involvement in "Ford has made it pos-ences and regional that the conference's Foundation money, as American and Nazi Jarrar issues were "at the core intended, was a prime eugenics. In May 2003, East grants. On the site our work," a senior LAW explained in an inter- of the Ford Foundation's mover in the production he won the American as of mid-October, official in Jerusalem view, "and we always try mission since its incep- of the advocacy pam- Society of Journalists "Palestine" is frequently said in an interview. to represent our politi- tion." mentioned on its Since 1997, LAW has cal view to Europe. We More than a dozen shops and other materi- best book of the year for Mideast pages, but been the recipient of attended some women's activist organizations -- als at the conference his previous book, "IBM Israel's name is absent... three Ford grants, total- conferences [in Europe], from Brazil to Sri Lanka that shaped the overall and the Holocaust"

-- received well over \$1 atmosphere. shaded map of the geo- engage in "advocacy" "Our biggest dona- million in Ford grants "I saw the Ford repre- 2001). graphical region from and participate at inter-tions come, of course, specifically earmarked sentative at Durban," The entire JTA inves-Egypt to Lebanon and national conferences, from Ford," Jarrar for the production of remembers Palkovitz, tigative series on Ford Jordan blanks out over according to LAW offi- added. "We have been in advertising materials, the Hadassah delegate, Foundation funding can Israel's territory, even cials. A Ford Foundation partnership with Ford public meetings and who spotted him in conthough Ford does make official's check of the for a long time -- a real advocacy at the Durban nection with African www.jta.org/ford.asp. grants to both Jewish charity's confidential partnership, a real and Arab organizations computer databases understanding of our

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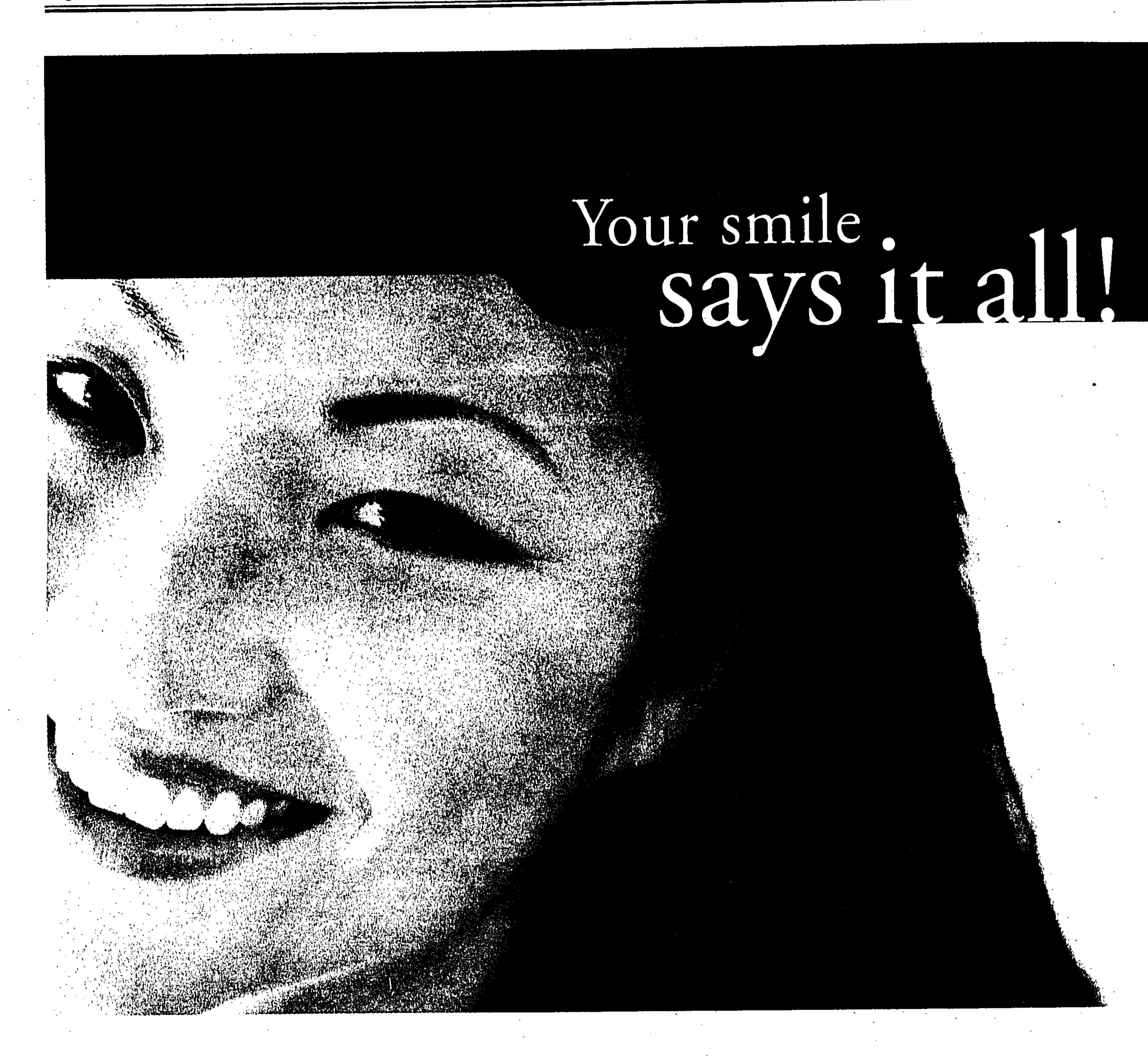
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Insiders put pressure on Sharon to change tracks

By Leslie Susser

givings about govern- Israel to move the meeting to discuss the Ya'alon warned of a eased.

Moshe Ya'alon initiated Arab anger at the a late October briefing American role in Iraq. to warn that the governcould provoke more rity dilemma and deep intense Palestinian vio-differences in the seculence, the country sat up - rity establishment over and took notice.

At bottom, Ya'alon's critique reflected a deep agree that tight clodivide between two sures, blockades and Defense Minister Shaul population Mofaz, who believe make it harder for suirelentless military pres-cide bombers and other sure can force the terrorists to Palestinians to abandon through. At the same terrorism for peace time though, Ya'alon negotiations; and rela- and others argue that tive moderates, like the longer Palestinians Ya'alon and many of the are cooped up without Israel Defense Force's minimal public servictop generals, who main- es, the easier it is for the table.

Ya'alon's dence in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's capacity to deliver the peace and security he promised when first elected nearly three years ago.

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The domestic criticism closures could produce imposed JERUSALEM (JTA) -- of Sharon has not gone dozens more terrorists. Palestinians in the explode and urged that sees his organization as in These differences wake of an Oct. 4 sui- restrictions on the primarily responsible an Israeli army chief of Washington, where came to a head in late cide bombing that killed movement of people and for stopping the bombstaff calls in top journal-some powerful voices October, when Sharon 21 people in a Haifa goods among West Bank ings -- objected. Any liftists to express deep mis- are urging pressure on convened a high-level restaurant. towns and villages be ing of closures or road

So when Lt. Gen. ward and help deflect noose Israel had Palestinian territories Shin Bet security serv- Continued on page 7

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Drop-In Registration Tea A Success



Dedicated volunteers were on band to belp serve refreshments to the Drop-In members at the Fall Registration Tea. The tasty treats were prepared by the Drop-In's long-time food coordinator Dasha Zottenberg.

Canada establishes National Holocaust Day

By Zev Kalin

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In other words, they

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All the top brass

OTTAWA, Canada, Oct. 26 (JTA) -- The recent anti-Semitic remarks of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad were on many people's minds as Canada's Parliament unanimously passed a motion last week establishing a national

Holocaust day. "The timing of this announcement could not be more appropriate," Frank Dimant, the executive vice president of B'nai Brith Canada, said on Oct. 21. "Once again, the Jews of the world find themselves at the epicenter of history, the targets of hate, vilification, and ultimately, violence. The words may be

different, as may be the tactics, but the goals are the same." Leo Adler, director of national affairs for the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, said, "The fact that all five parties unanimously supported this bill speaks volumes about Canada's response to racists like Mahathir Mohamad."

But Prime Minister Jean Chretien was criticized for his failure to condemn Mahathir, who told a meeting of Islamic leaders that "Jews rule this world by proxy." Mahathir later said world reaction to his comments proved his point.

Adler said of Chretien, "It would have been nice for our prime minister to have been with us as well. Perhaps it's symbolic in many ways that he's not here today. Instead he chose to shake

the hand of the Malaysian prime minister without condemning his inflammatory remarks."

Instead, Chretien's foreign affairs minister, Bill Graham, spoke out against Mahathir's remarks.

Criticism of Chretien was overshadowed by the unanimity of support for the Holocaust bill. Legislator Richard Marceau is credited by his cosponsors for being the initiative's champion.

"One of the most important things about this bill is that each and every parliamentarian, the elected officials of Canada, regardless of their party affiliation, passed this bill unanimously," Marceau said. "That is how strongly this country feels the Holocaust should be remembered."

The bill is the first piece of Canadian legislation not dealing with parliamentary business to pass by unanimous consent since at least 1990.

When asked about his reasons for proposing the bill, Marceau mentioned the father of a friend who survived Auschwitz and then raised a family in Canada, putting his five children through college.

"When he passed away a year and a half ago, I realized that while they're tough, Holocaust survivors aren't immortal." 1 Marceau said. "Many of them are passing away and it's up to us to pick up the torch and let people know what happened."