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AT HUMAN RIGHTS EVENT — Peabody Mayor Peter Torigian tells the story of his mother's ordeal to survive the Armenian Holocaust at Human Rights Awareness Day. At table are, left to right: Harriet Wacks, Savuth Soth and Sonia Weitz. (See story on page 4.)

Hub Mission Gets Assurances By Israeli Leaders on 'Who Is Jew'

Advocate Staff

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has promised an American Jewish delegaan American Jewish delega-tion that the Labor party will not support any change in the Law of Return, while Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he would do nothing to shatter Jewish unity, but made no clear declaration on the Law of Return itself.

"Israeli leaders had no idea of the depth of feeling of American Jews on this issue," said CJP Executive Vice-President Barry Shrage in a phone call from Israel Tuesday afternoon. "They did not know the number of converts there are in the Reform and Conservative movements in America, and are not tremendously in touch with the structure of the

American Jewish community. "They regret how far it's cone," Shrage said about the Who is a Jew" legislation. "Jewish unity is very impor-tant to Israeli politicians, and they didn't realize it was

threatened."
Forty people from 11 cities are participating in this mis-

sion to Israel, which is the third federation delegation and which includes leaders of the Reform and Conservative movements as well as feder-

movements as well as feder-ation representatives. Peres "hadn't understood the seriousness of the issue, but he does now" Shrage maintained. Shamir "looked very emotional, and was visibly moved by people's stories. A Conservative convert told of her commitment to Jews and to the federation, and her feelings that her Jewishness was being de-nied," Shrage gave as an ex-

med, ample.

He quoted Shamir as saying, "We never thought this and shock the would disturb and shock the feelings of identity of the Jewish people. Many people say Israel is the soul of the Jewish people. But to me, the heart of Jewish life is the unity of the Jewish people.
Tell your people that the unity of the Jewish people is at the top of my list."
Shrage said he had "a sense

of real optimism" and that "our unity as a group was strengthened by seeing the emotional impact we were

Rabbi Samuel Chiel of Rabbi Samuel Onel of Temple Emanuel in Newton, who is also vice-president of CJP, stated, "We have found this to be a very encouraging and exciting mission. The leaders seemed to be moved by the things we were telling them. There was a real communication of unhappiness and anguish. We have the feeling that their understanding has increased and that we are bringing home a reality to them.

Irving Belansky, president of the Northeast Councillation the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), agreed. "I am much more optimistic

than when I arrived," he said. "Our group was able to communicate the strong sense of unity we felt with each other, and our irrevocable love for Israel and each

other.
"Each person had the opportunity to speak publicly about their personal lives or the lives of those close to them," Belansky continued, "and to demonstrate the

Gorbachev Plays Down Refuseniks

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told the United Nations General Assembly Wednesday that a restructuring of the Soviet Union's "state secrecy" laws "removes from the agenda the problem of the so-called refuseniks."

In a speech largely devoted to his policy of "perestroika" or restructuring the Soviet system, Gorbachev said that the Supreme Soviet intends to draft new laws that rule out any form of state perse-cution on political or religious grounds.

The problem of exit from and entry to our country, including the question of leaving for family reunification, is being dealt with in a humane spirit," he said

He stated that no persons remain imprisoned for politi-

cal or religious beliefs.

Gorbachev did not propose
any new ideas for the Middle East peace process, and re-served his references to the regret over the U.S. decision to bar Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat from entering the country for a speech before the General Assembly.

Gorbachev's motorcade arrived at the United Nations shortly before 10 a.m., skirting clumps of flag-waving protesters spread out along one side of Manhattan's First

Avenue. They included some 2,000 demonstrators from the Coalition to Free Soviet Jews whose appeals acknowledged the fruits of "perestroika" but demanded even more on behalf of free emigration. Another group of Jewish protesters had themselves arrested.

Gorbachev's remarks on emigration and state secrets came during a section of his hour-long speech dedicated to U.N. Human Rights Day, to be marked Dec. 10.

The Soviet leader con-

firmed last week's announcement that the state secrecy rule, which denied emigra tion to Soviet citize deemed privy to supposedly classified information, would henceforth be applied with "strictly warranted time limi-

"Every person seeking employment at certain agencies or enterprises will be informed of this rule," he said. "In case of disputes, there is right of appeal under the This removes from the

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Chanukah Means Accepting All That is Offered

By Nehemia Polen

"I dwell in possibility," Emily Dickinson once wrote. On Chanukah, the festival of dedication, we take the possibilities of life and invest ourselves within

them, making them our own.

On Rosh Hashana, we are told, our decree for the year is signed. On Yom Kippur it is sealed. On Hoshanah Rabbah, it is handed over for delivery. But only on Chanukah is the crucial last step taken: on Chanukah we receive and accept the new year, taking possession of it, absorbing it and assimilating it as a new part of

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ly as one does television channels.

Life itself becomes a never-ending sequence of switches and transitions. We change jobs, locations, spouses, loyalties, political parties, religions, self-images,

By JTA Staff Report

NEW YORK (JTA) - Re-

action to a statement issued

in Stockholm Wednesday by

Yasir Arafat and a group of

American Jews ranged from

scathing criticism to qualified encouragement, with many

It said among other things that the PNC had "estab-lished the independent state

of Palestine and accepted the existence of Israel as a state

in the region."
The PNC also "declared its

The PNC also "declared its rejection and condemnation of terrorism in all its forms, including state terrorism," according to the statement.

The statement said that

"the American personalities" who met with Arafat "felt

there was no further impediment to a direct dialogue be-

tween the United States gov-ernment and the PLO."

The document was re-leased at a news conference

in Stockholm during which

Arafat was asked if the PLO had explicitly recognized Is-

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rael's right to exist.

even identities. The undying love of yesterday becomes today's hatred; the passionate interest becomes the passing fad. The script of our lives is written on a word processor so that it is always possible to insert, move, return, delete, and even go-to-end.

At some point, however, we realize that this infinite plasticity leaves us without a core, a center, a past or a future. That is the moment of Chanukah, of dedi-

The story is told that Rabbi Simcha Bunam of Pshyzha was playing chess with a sinner. Rabbi Bunam made a wrong move and asked to be allowed to take it back; the other player consented. Again the rabbi made a clear error and asked to take it back. This time his part-

Rabbi Bunim looked at him, eyes filled with intensity and compassion, and said, "There comes a time in life when we make a move that cannot be taken back. The man felt a burning in his soul, and vowed to begin the process of return.

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cally," Reagan told reporters as he boarded a helicopter on his way to greet Soviet lead-er Mikhail Gorbachev in New

In Kuwait, a U.S. State

Department official was quoted Wednesday as saying that the United States hopes Arafat will state clearly that he recognizes Israel when he

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An excerpt from the resolution approved Nov, 22 by the traditionally apolitical AJF board of trustees states, "no portion of (Federation) funds will be allocated overseas until the issue of the Law of Return is satisfactorily resolved to the consensus of our community." Pushed by politically nowerful Ortho.

by politically powerful Ortho-dox parties in Israel, the amendment to the Law of

Return would exclude non-halachically converted Jews

from becoming automatic citizens of Israel.

"It's probably a pretty strong one," Carmi Schwartz, Council of Jewish

Federations (CJF) spokes-man, said of the AJF's state-ment. "The strongest to date

An excerpt from the reso-

Return.

Record Super Sunday Tops \$2 Million Mark

The first CJP Super Sunday to break the \$2,000,000 mark was recorded on Dec. 4 as 1.500 enthusiastic volum teers made some 20,000 phone calls to caring Jews in the Greater Roston area

The phone room in the gymnasium at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center crackled with excitement as early figures indicated a breakthrough event. By 2 p.m. the total had passed the \$1.4 million total raised at last year's Super Sunday. And it kept rolling from And it kept rolling from there, capped by hundreds of members of CJP's Young Professional Team, who filled the phone room from 6 p.m. to the 9:30 p.m. close, when the total of \$2,062,385 was an

Co-chairmen of the event, Susan Rothman and Jonathan Samen, expressed de-light with the results and offered "deep gratitude to all the volunteers who made this extraordinary day possible." They added: "The results show that this community is united and is ready to do whatever it takes to support the needs of Jews in Boston, in Israel and throughout the

The diverse group of vol-unteers of all ages, back-grounds and denominations - Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated, watched and heard a phone call from Governor Michael Dukakis to Soviet refusenik Yuri Cherniak, honorary member of the CJP executive board, in Moscow, Cherniak told the Governor that had he been in Massachusetts in November, he would have voted for him. Benjamin Charny, a former refusenik and honorformer refusenik and honor-ary member of CJP's execu-tive board, was also on hand to inspire callers and placed a call to refusenik Vladimir Koslik in Moscow.

At a special press confer-ence held during Super Sun-day, a CJP delegation to Is-rael on the "Who is a Jew" issue, which left for Israel

issue, which left for Israel that evening to meet with Prime Minister Shamir and Knesset leaders, issued the following statement "We undertake this trip in

the spirit of our deep and abiding support for the land and the people of Israel.
"Our goal is to enhance and

preserve the safety and security of the State of Israel and

U.S. Jewish groups taking a position of wary skepticism. The statement, drafted jointly by Arafat and five American Jews who met with Jewish Groups Will Help U.S. **Atlanta Federation Withholds** him Tuesday, was an explana-Speaking on Israel Televi-sion, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said it was possible tion of the positions adopted last month in Algiers by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's quasi-legislative Resolve Soviet Refugee Snag **Funds on Law of Return Issue** the PLO was hoping to rec-

WASHINGTON (JTA) . The American Jewish com-munity will work with the State Department to ensure that all Soviet Jewish emigrants who want to enter the United States can do so, a Jewish leader said Tuesday.

"It is a problem with which

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Shoshana Cardin, chairwo-man of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said after she led an NCSJ delegation in a 30-minute meet-ing with Secretary of State George Shultz.

The leaders also met with Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian af-

Cardin said the Jewish leaders expressed concern that some of the Soviet Jews arriving in Rome are being denied visas to the United States because of the "stricter application of the term 'ro hv tice Department's Immigra-tion and Naturalization Service (INS).

The 1980 Refugee Act defines a refugee as someone with "a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opin-

Until last September, all Until last September, all Soviet Jews who requested permission to come to the United States were admitted as refugees. They receive U.S. financial support for traveling to the United States and for resettlement. But since Santember

But since September, about 179 Jews have been denied refugee status by the INS, and another 300 are still sion by the INS.

Cardin said the problem (Continued on Page 12)

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Arafat reportedly responded: "The PNC accepted two states, a Palestinian state and a Jewish state, Israel. Is that clear anough?" that clear enough?

Mixed Reaction to Arafat

Statement in Stockholm

Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson praised Arafat's statement as "a break-through in the peace pro-

But in Jerusalem, Israeli leaders took a much more skeptical view of the Arafat

ognize Israel "temporarily, in limited borders.

But he said he doubted the terrorist organization would ever depart from its aim of liquidating Israel. Otherwise the PLO "would cease to ex-

His press spokesman, Avi Pazner, called the Stockholm meeting a publicity stunt and said the five American Jews fell into a trap.

Shamir's political rival, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said that Arafat's "ter-rorist" actions speak louder than his words than his words. "This does nothing to up-

grade the ambiguity and dou-ble-talk the PLO has used in sued by Israel's Foreign Min-istry. "We see it as a PLO-Swedish attempt to grant more credibility to the Algiers decision."

In Washington, reaction was muted. President Reagan said the United States wanted to study the PLO leader's remarks before drawing any conclusions from

"We haven't had time to review what it is he said specifi-

By Ellen Bernstein I would say." Schwartz, CJF The Atlanta Jewish Times executive vice president, said the umbrella federation orga-ATLANTA — The Atlanta Jewish Federation's decision nization would not comment to temporarily withhold 1989-1990 funds from Israel may further on the statement issued by Atlanta's 108-membe the strongest official posi-tion taken by any North American federation against the proposed "Who is a Jew" ber board of trustees. He said member federations free to issue their own public statements. amendment to Israel's Law of "Our concept of a Jewish

state and our support for Is-

AJF executive director. "It's how do we deal with a political system in Israel over an issue, so divisive to world Jewry, that we feel tran-scends their political bor-While no other federation

has taken such a strong stand officially, a somewhat similar resolution drafted at the annual November meeting of CIF in New Orleans was pro (Continued on Page 28)

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Counterterrorism

agreement as discussed in

that Post story exists."
He said the United States shares information on terrorism with Israel and other countries. "Mr. Nir in his capacity in the Israeli govern-ment did propose a more foragreement memorandum of agreement in the time period of September and October 1985," Redman said

"But that proposal was immediately rejected by the United States government," Redman said. "So that may explain where some of this story came from."

The Post said that Nir described the secret agreement during 13 hours of interviews in London on June 25 and 26. Nir said that he and Lt. Col. Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide, supervised the operation.

The Post agreed at the time not to reveal Nir's remarks until he decided to go public with the information.



But the paper decided to pub lish the report after it learned of Nir's death.

North actually told the congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra affair in 1987 of the agreement, although he said none ations that he and Nir proposed had been carried out

But Nir told the Post that the joint operations were aped by President Reagan and Peres, who was Israel's prime minister at the time.

The Israeli government barred Nir and other Israelis from testifying before the congressional investigating committee, but supplied it with written answers to

Nir. a former military reporter for Israel Television, was appointed a counterterrorism adviser by Peres. He worked with North on the sale of arms to Iran as the principle middleman between the United States and Iran.

Nir was kept on by Yitzhak Shamir when he became prime minister, but after his role in the Iran arms sale was revealed, he was largely ig-nored by the government and eventually left for private

Record Super Sunday

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MAKING MAGIC — Members of the ninth annual CJP Super Sunday steering committee and staff await final tally late Sunday evening (Dec. 4) at the Gosman Jewish Community Campus in Newton. The phone-a-thon was the most successful yet, with 1,500 volunteers securing telephone pledges of \$2,062,385 for the Vision '89 Campaign during the day-long

its special relationship with Jews around the world. In that context, we take the position that any legislation which seeks to amend the 'Law of Return' which defines 'Who is a Jew,' has no place on the political agenda of the State of Israel. We are gratified that this position is held by the overwhelming majority of Israelis as well as American Jews — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform.

"We go in the name of Jew-ish unity, needed today more than ever, to meet the challenges to the security of Is-rael, the massive job of resettling some 2,000 Soviet emigres coming to Boston next year and the other critical human services supported by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston, Israel

lanthropies in Boston, Israel and throughout the world."
The delegation was led by Joel B. Sherman, CJP president and included: Barry Shrage, CJP executive vice president; Rabbi Alan Turetz, Temple Emeth of Brookline, president New England Rabbinical Assembly: Rabbi Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Samuel Chiel of Temple Emanuel in Newton, CJP vice president: Irving Be-

lansky, president of the Northeast Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Michael J. Bohnen, chairman of CJP's Social Planning and Allocations Committee.

At Super Sunday, the CJP Agency Fair enabled volun-teers to learn more about the ways CJP agencies help the community. Of special inter-est this year were the agen-cies which collaborate to help the 2 000 Souist Leur expect. the 2,000 Soviet Jews expected to emigrate to Boston in 1989 by providing English language classes, counseling, and financial aid.

A Jewish Book Fair pro-vided an interesting and edu-cational break from calling.

Super Sunday, the theme of which was "We can do Magic," was a day of fun for children who enjoyed clowns and magic show as their parents made phone calls. Older children aided fundraising efforts by acting as runners, collecting and distributing

collecting and distributing pledge cards.

A variety of celebrities, TV, and political personalities came to Super Sunday to show their support for CJP's fundraising efforts. In addi-

tion to Governor Dukakis, Newton Mayor Theodore Mann and Congressman Baraney Frank visited callers.
Also on hand were author and psychologist Tom Cottle; Harry Ellis Dickson, associate conductor laureate of the Boston Pops; former world heavyweight wrestling cham-pion "Killer" Kowalski; and arry Glick of WHDH Radio. Harvey Leonard, WNEV-TV meteorologist presented prizes to the winners of the Super Sunday Poster Contest, whose posters decorated the Center.

Paula Sidman, chairman of the Vision '89 Campaign, expressed, on behalf of the entire CJP family, "deep grati-tude to Susan Rothman and Jonathan Samen for their leadership of a landmark event, and for their ability to inspire so many others to join in the effort."

Barry Shrage, CJP executive vice president, paid tribute to the CJP staff, who, he said "made a complicated operation run very smoothly while infusing the event with great enthusiasm and dedication."

Gorbachev Plays Down Refuseniks

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agenda the problem of the so-called refuseniks."

Gorbachev also said he intended to expand the Soviet Union's participation in the United Nations and the human rights monitoring arrangements made by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Com-

placed on a solid normative base," said Gorbachev. "I am base," said Gorbachev. "I am referring, in particular, to laws on the freedom of con-science, 'glasnost' (open-ness), public associations and organizations, and many oth-

ers."
The Soviet leader voiced "deep regret" over the U.S. State Department's refusal to

grant Arafat permission to enter the United States. He said the decision came at a time when the PLO "has made a constructive step which facilitates the search for a solution to the Middle t problem."

Speaking generally, Gorba-chev said: "I am convinced that our time and the realities of today's world call for

internationalizing dialogue and the negotiating process." In New York, Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said she welcomed Gorbachev's words on emigration and state secrets, adding, "We look to the Sovi-et Union to make good on the general secretary's words."

The National Conference called for immediate granting of exit visas to all Soviet Jews who wish to leave, an unequivocal lifting of the state secrets law and free acto Jewish culture

The rally sponsored by the

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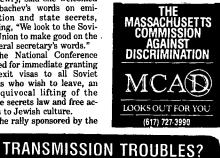
Coalition to Free Soviet Jews coatton to the Solite Sews took place opposite the United Nations at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, in an area also referred to on street signs as Anatoly Shcharansky Plaza and Raoul Wal-lenberg Walk.

The demonstrators shared the plaza, and the spotlight, with those protesting on be-half of independence for the Soviet republics of the Ukraine, Estonia and Latvia.

The Soviet Jewry demon-strators were drawn mainly from Jewish day schools in the New York area. As expected, speakers expressed satisfaction with gains made in recent months in emigration and Soviet Jewish life, but demanded more progress

from the Soviets.
"We applaud the initial steps of the Soviet Union to steps of the Soviet Union to ease the plight of Soviet Jews, but they are very ini-tial steps," said Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, vice chairman of the coalition and religious leader of Congregation Kehi-lath Jeshurun in Manhattan. Before the coalition rally,

58 members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry were arrested for disorderly conduct when they sat down on First Avenue. The students were taken to New York's 17th Police Precinct



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appearance.
The sit-in was one of a number of events planned by the Student Struggle. The

and released several hours

later, pending a Feb. 3 court

group is staging nightly vigils at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations on East 67th Street, where Gorbachev is staying. Glenn Richter, national

coordinator of the Student Struggle, said the group is praying the Soviets will fulfill their promises to ease emi-gration, "but we'll keep up the pressure every day until

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What Chanukah Means

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Perhaps the greatest of all mysteries is that of personal identity. Why was I born at this time, in this place, to these par-ents, within this body, bearing these native traits and characteristics, displaying this personality? There is no answer to these questions; they are part of what has been called "the scandal of particular-

There are two responses to this mystery. One may attempt to escape it by imagining (as did some existentialists) that one can make one's own life from the beginning, that one can, as it were, give birth to one's self, fashioning an identity in whatever image one chooses. Or one can accept the particularity of one's life as a gift, not as irrevocable fate, but as the structural core, the generative ma-trix, the ground of one's being, from which all else emerges and flowers. One simply accepts life as it is, in sincere appreciation.

preciation.

That is surely what Rabbi Moshe of Kobrin meant when he said that in this day and age, the greatest devotion, greater than learning and praying, consists in accepting the world exactly as it happens to be. This is the same Rabbi Moshe of Kohrin of whom it was said that Moshe of Kobrin of whom it was said that the most important thing in his life was whatever he happened to be doing at the whatever he happened to be using at the moment. This quality of presence, of receptivity and acceptance, is expressed by certain religious thinkers as the "suchness" of life. For us it is the quality of Chambel.

This quality reaches its peak on the last day of the festival, known traditionally as Zot Chanukah: "This is Chanukah." The name derives from the scriptural reading for the day. Each day of Chanukah, we read a section of the Book of Numbers which tells of the offerings brought individually by the Princes of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, to dedicate the altar of the Tabernacle. On the eighth and last day, the Torah says, Zot Chanukat ha-mizbe'akh, "This is the dedication of the altar, on the day of its being annointed."

The quality known as Zot — "This" refers to the receiving and embracing, the accepting of all that has been offered, all that has been bestowed. The particularity of each individual's offering was now focused and absorbed, cherished as an aspect of a meaningful whole. The altar was now dedicated by use, and could serve as a vehicle of communication, a channel of grace between human beings and the divine.

and the divine.

That channel becomes most available to us on Chanukah, especially on the last day known as Zot Chanukah. The world stands revealed in its infinite particularly, in its "mystery of the possible" (to use an early kabbalistic phrase), and invites us to commit ourselves to it, to invest ourselves within it.

Only with that commitment only be

ourselves within it.

Only with that commitment, only be that investiture, can we hope to find our true selves. On that day we find new meaning in the words of the psalmist, recited during Hallel, "This is the Lord's doing; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the Lord's doing; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us take delight and rejoice in it."

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Hateful Graffiti Greets Jews Visiting Germany

Xanten and returned to We-

sel.
There, Mayor Volker Hau-

bitz offered an apology. He said the incident jeopardized what was meant to be a ges-

ture of understanding and

Elsewhere, the homecom-

ings have gone off without incident. About 570 Jewish

guests from as far away as Australia, Israel and Califor-

nia visited Karlsruhe last Oc-

came and were greeted by Mayor Gerhard Seiler. He said the idea was to re-estab-

lish contacts between people who may not have seen each

other since they fled Ger-

many.

The weeklong program in-

cludes sightseeing, cultural events and visits to Jewish

cemeteries.
About 200 Jewish visitors

attended the inauguration of

the new synagogue in Darm-

stadt. Another 17 Jews, for-

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In November, 300 more

By David Kantor

BONN (JTA) - Jews from all over the world who fled Nazi persecution in Germany a half century ago are return-ing for visits to their old home towns, often as guests of the local municipalities. They come in groups, whether out of nostalgia or

curiosity, and are warmly welcomed by the authorities who are ever conscious of

West Germany's image.
That image was recently overshadowed by an ugly manifestation of anti-Semitism that infuriated a group

of 16 Jewish guests.

The group was staying in Wesel in northern Germany, and went to visit the neighand went to visit the neigh-boring town of Xanten. There they found, on the walls of the regional museum and two schools, banners with the legends, "This way to the gas chambers" and "Auschwitz was too small." The visitors were prepared

The visitors were prepared to leave Germany immediately. Mayor Heinz Trauten of Xanten and another town official, Alfred Helters, begged



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Both urged their guests not to think the graffiti re-flected local feelings. But the Jews cancelled a reception in mer citizens of Muelheim-Ruhr, spent a week there.

The town of Hamm also in-

vited former Jewish residents after tracing them to Argentina, South Africa and other distant countries.

Presents for Battered Children

To share their celebration To share their celebration this holiday season, children of the joint religious school of Temples Ohabei Shalom and Sinai will bring in presents for children living at a local shelter for battered women and children. The Tikkun Olam class

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