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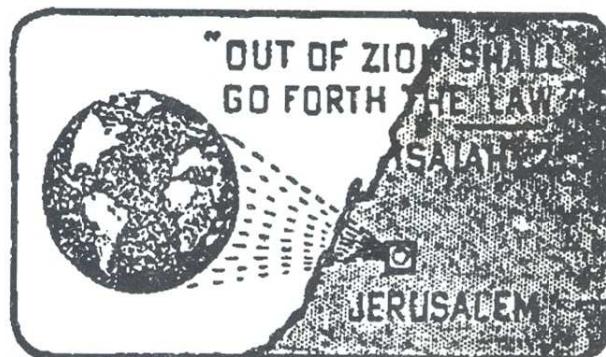
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"For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation" (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:17). "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might be there" (2Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem" (Joel 3:16).

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Operation Solomon

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Genesis 31:3, "And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee."



(Jeremiah 30:3)
"For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."

(Photo: Nathan Alpert)

Record-breaking number of passengers flown to Israel in a dramatic 33-hour airlift.

Operation Solomon

Beginning on May 24, 1991 the Israeli Army and Air force miraculously air lifted 14,000 exhausted Ethiopian Jews to Israel. "Are we really in Israel," asked one man as he stepped off the plane in Ben Gurion airport, "I feel like a happy lamb, because now all my wishes have been fulfilled."

Operation Solomon began its first stages more than one year ago with the renewal of diplomatic relations between Israel and Ethiopia. Talks proceeding the renewal of relations between the two countries produced intermittent waves of immigration to Israel. But with Israel's refusal to provide President Mengistu with military assistance to fight the rebels, Jewish

immigration was periodically halted.

Following the halt of immigration the Jewish Agency began to set up temporary housing and health care facilities at the embassy in Addis Ababa. The facilities were needed to care for the increasing numbers of Ethiopian Jews who began flocking to the embassy. "Our first concern," said Arnon Mentwer, director-general of the immigration department, "was simply one of survival—How to care for so many people."

Working closely with the United States to untangle the bureaucratic knots which may have eventually blocked the immigration. The Jewish Agency began processing all the necessary documents certifi-

cates and identifications.

The process to gain approval to leave Ethiopia was complicated and time-consuming. Each of the 14,000 would-be-immigrants had to file a separate request asking to be allowed to go to Israel. The requests were then submitted to the government. Passports had to be obtained and a Family Reunification Application had to be submitted. The application then had to be sent to Israel for completion and returned to Addis Ababa. Following a social worker's evaluation the application was then submitted for final approval by the Ethiopian government.

Throughout the year all the necessary paper work was completed. Everything was now in order, but



From left to right: Azano Zaro, Avraham Zaro, with son Israel and wife Bertzako, smile with relief and happiness that they are finally reunited. (Photo by Debbi Cooper)

still the Ethiopian government would not give a definite go ahead. As the political situation deteriorated, Israel feared that the Jews in Ethiopia would be used as scapegoats. Officials called a rehearsal for a massive air lift, revealing for the first time that such a plan might be used.

The actual call-up began at dawn, May 24, 1991 and by 9.00 a.m. all of the 14,000 Ethiopian Jews had been assembled at the embassy. They would now begin their epic journey home—destination, "The Promise Land."

(Jeremiah 33:14)
"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah."

The Zaro Reunion • by Carol Ungar •

Many thousands of families were reunited in Israel through Operation Solomon. Many of these stories have captured the imagination of the world.

The moving tale of the Zaro family

was captured on film by Israeli filmmaker Micha Shagrir and screened recently in Israel as part of a wider documentary of the Operation as a whole. It is to be broadcast in the U.S. this summer.

Avraham Zaro, like thousands of other Ethiopian Jews living in Israel, had his prayers answered: "*I received a message informing me that my brother Azano had left his home in Addis Ababa and was en route to Israel.*" Then, later he received a phone call from a nephew in Petach Tikva: "Turn on the television" he was ordered. On screen he saw an astonishing sight—plane loads of Ethiopian Jews landing on the tarmac at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport.

Among the 14,000 new arrivals was Avraham's beloved elder brother Azano. The last time the two brothers had embraced was five and a half years ago in Gondar. Through the years of separation, the two had kept in touch via letters and telephone calls. Their communication escalated last year when Avraham learned that Azano had been shot and wounded by robbers. "*For the past year I have had difficulty sleeping. I have been worrying about my brother,*" says

Avraham.

On May 26, 1991 members of Shagrir's video crew informed Avraham that his brother was in Jerusalem. Avraham left his job several hours early. He changed from his blue jeans and T-shirt, into fresh pants and a dress shirt. His wife, Bertzako, exchanged her western style skirt and blouse, for the more traditional ankle length embroidery-trimmed gown and shawl—which she normally saves for sabbath. "*It is like a dream*" she says with joy and expectation.

Accompanied by members of Shagrir's crew, Mr. and Mrs. Zaro and three of their six children journeyed from Ashdod to Jerusalem. Their destination was the President Hotel, which like a number of the city's hotels, has been converted into a dormitory for new immigrants. After scanning through the guest list it was apparent that Azano was not there.

The Zaros then moved on to a larger hotel on the opposite side of Jerusalem. While wading through a crowd of exhausted immigrants who were busy receiving packets of clothing and toys from well wishers, Avraham at last saw his brother. Fighting back tears, the brothers greeted each other in the traditional embrace. Azano was then introduced to his two year old nephew. "*This is your nephew, Israel,*" he was told.

Breaking All Records

Operation Solomon, which brought 14,500 Ethiopian Jews to Israel in a dramatic, massive 33-hour airlift, will certainly go down in history. El Al, Israel Airlines, mobilized planes and personnel for Operation Solomon. The Israeli national carrier flew 6,500 of the new immigrants—two-thirds of them children—out of Ethiopia in ten flights. The flights occurred only hours before the



Operation Solomon: Ethiopian Jews arrive in Israel. (Photo: Zvika Israeli)

rebels surrounded the city.

While a 747 jumbo normally carries 454 passengers, El Al broke all world records with 1,087 passengers in one aircraft—not counting two babies born in mid-flight between Addis Ababa and Tel Aviv. Another nine of El Al's aircraft, regular passenger planes, also broke all existing records, by squeezing more people into each existing seat: Two 747s transported 900 passengers in 454 seats. Four of the company's 7675s, which normally seat 224, flew 430 per

flight, and three 757s squeezed in 360 immigrants in place of the usual 195 tourists.

Eyewitness Report

Babbling, milling crowds of journalists and ground crews, photographers and public figures, film crews and translators are gathered at the Israeli airport. Here and there, small clusters of jostling cameramen and tense soundmen cling to public figures and politicians, recording their words for posterity. Scanning the horizon,

glancing at their watches, everyone waits in tense expectation.

Above the hum of quiet conversations, a barely audible voice breaks the air: "*There it is!*" As if drawn by an invisible magnet, heads, eyes, and cameras swing to the left, drawn by the sight of the landing airplane. A hush falls over the crowd.

A young boy in a T-shirt and faded slacks slips quickly down the steps. A thin, elderly gentleman with gray hair and a frayed forest-green suit descends slowly, staring straight ahead. A father grasps a toddler's tiny fist, another small child, wide-eyed, clinging to his back. Behind him stands a woman, a flowing cotton robe wrapped about her, her head covered by a long flowing kerchief—the strange hump on her back revealing the head of a baby strapped to her in a brown leather pouch.

Some of the new immigrants are dressed in Western fashion and others are wearing their traditional garb. Most arrive empty-handed with only the clothes on their backs. Others carry small satchels of every shape and description.

And then, as at the parting of the Red Sea, the children of Beita Yisrael (another name for Ethiopian Jewry) hesitantly step forward into the waiting crowd, and a narrow path emerges between a wall of bodies and a sea of faces. In slow procession, they pass through to board waiting buses which will finally take them home.

A Healthier Homecoming

•Daniella Ashkenazy•

By the time the 33-hour Operation Solomon was over, only 81 of 14,500 Ethiopian immigrants were in need of hospitalization, including nine pregnant women who managed to reach Israeli maternity wards in the nick of time.

Earlier waves of Ethiopian



A volunteer teaches Ethiopian immigrants Israeli songs at a Jerusalem hotel, which has been turned into an absorption center. (Photo: Joel Fishman)

immigration to Israel had fared far worse. Those who arrived in the years prior to the opening of the Israeli embassy in Addis Ababa in 1990, coming from villages in the provinces, suffered from a high rate of disease.

"When open immigration was cut off in 1985," said Dr. Vera Adler, head of the Health Ministry's Public Health Services, "Ethiopian Jews who had spent months walking to refugee camps in the Sudan, often arrived in Israel in a state of malnutrition. According to medical studies, up to 20% suffered from malaria; 15% were carriers of HBV (hepatitis B virus). 90% suffered from intestinal parasites. A thousand children were treated for malnutrition with a vitamin-rich food supplement. Two thousand of the 4,500 children attending school in the Israeli Embassy compound also received a solid meal once a day and took weekly showers utilizing embassy facilities. Two school nurses recorded weight, height, and general health. Each family received living stipends as well as food supplements of wheat flour, lentils, and oil," he added.

Small Acts of Kindness

A recent poll taken in Israel shows that 76% of the population is prepared to personally help ab-

sorb newcomers. On the day after the arrival of the Ethiopian Jews, staff at Jerusalem's Diplomat Hotel said it seemed as though 76% of all Jerusalemites had come to visit the hotel.

"The sight was unbelievable," recalled Dubi Shiff, owner and general manager of the hotel. The hotel was flooded with thousands of visitors, not

just hundreds of Ethiopian Israelis looking for relatives, but thousands of veteran Jerusalemites as well.

"There is no doubt residents of the capital viewed the new occu-



Newly-arrived Ethiopian immigrants at an absorption center in Israel enjoy a meal together. (Photo: Joel Fishman)

pants of the hotel-absorption center as the responsibility of each and every Jerusalemite," said Levi. Yet, the hotel, which could not handle such an avalanche of good will, was forced to close the premises to visitors.

Jerusalem merchants and manufacturers have also opened their hearts and warehouses to help the Ethiopian immigrants. "Within hours after the immigrants arrived, I had 4,000 towels from a local manufacturer. Another fac-



Ethiopian immigrants arriving in Israel are reunited with loved ones. (Photo: Ya'acov Sa'ar)

tory owner called to offer 5,000 bars of soap, and we have a sizable stock of disposable diapers, contributed by nearly every pharmacy in the capital," he said. "Many of the immigrants arrived poorly shod; others arrived barefoot. A Jerusalem shoe manufacturer has offered to deliver 1,000 pairs of shoes in sizes I request."

Air-Born Babies

Two-thirds of the 14,500 Ethiopian Jews whisked to safety by Israel's Operation Solomon airlift were children, and an extraordinary number of women, packed into the bellies of Israeli aircraft, were pregnant. Eleven babies were born in the midst of the 33-hour operation, and all arrived safely in the Asaf Harofeh Hospital south of Tel Aviv.

One young woman gave birth in the Addis Ababa airport, prior to boarding her plane, assisted by Israeli military doctors. An airborne physician with the Israel Air force said he and his colleagues had been briefed that there were an unusually high number of pregnant women. The doctors had brought the necessary medical equipment with them.

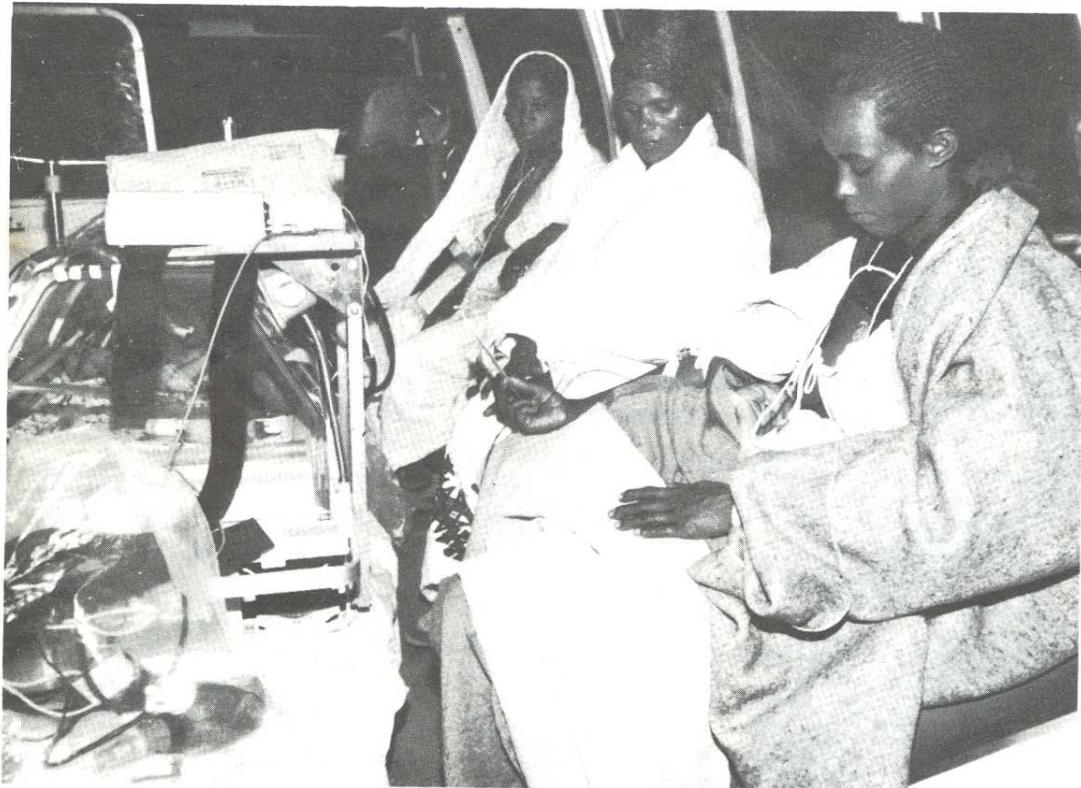
Twenty minutes after giving birth, the mother and baby were on an El Al plane headed for Israel. A young woman which had given birth

earlier was also on board, her infant twins transported in an incubator.

When the second wave of aircraft arrived in Ben-Gurion Airport at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24, a fleet of 29 buses, and an ambulance with a mobile incuba-

Ethiopia, many families were split apart. Others were separated by the civil war. Many tearful reunions have taken place since the Ethiopians came to Israel.

Eliyahu Gundur, who came from Ethiopia six years ago, was sent as a Jewish Agency liaison to



Israel's newest immigrants were born in the air while on route from Ethiopia, during Operation Solomon.
(Photo: Zvika Israeli)

tor waited for the newcomers and one newborn infant, who came into the world at 30,000 feet, half an hour before landing. The jumbo 747, which had taken off from Addis Ababa with a record-breaking 1,084 passengers, arrived with one more passenger—a 2.78 kg. baby girl. Another woman gave birth to a baby boy, in the plane, minutes after landing.

According to Ethiopian tradition, children are named in relation to significant events that happen in the family before the birth. One of the two babies born in the government hospital in Safed was named, by a thankful mother, Israel Motek—Hebrew for “Sweet Israel”.

Reunion At Last

In the decade-long exodus from

help with the airlift. On the way back to Israel, he discovered his uncle aboard one of the planes.

At the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem, 20-year-old Avi Rada, Israel’s champion 800-meter sprinter, and Yossi Wyaso, a 25-year-old Israeli soldier, both recognized their parents among the bus passengers. Both had come to Israel, unescorted, as children; neither had seen his family in seven years.

Two small children, left for safekeeping with their grandmother in Addis Ababa while their mother was hospitalized with their infant brother, were reunited when one of the toddlers recognized their worried parents in a photo published by an afternoon Hebrew newspaper.

Many others waited impatiently for comprehensive lists to be compiled. Some traveled from hotel to hotel, from hostel to hostel, scanning lists in the lobby and searching seas of faces, hoping to stumble upon a missing parent, absent brothers or sisters, a lost uncle, or an ex-neighbor.

Child Finds His Mother

On Saturday morning, 100 of the 340 Ethiopian children living in a children’s village north of Haifa waited impatiently for news of their families. The children had been sent by their parents to a safe haven in Israel years earlier.

“It was very difficult for the children to wait. We had neither a fleet of cars nor the manpower to take each child to search for his parents,” said Kav. “But we did what we could.”

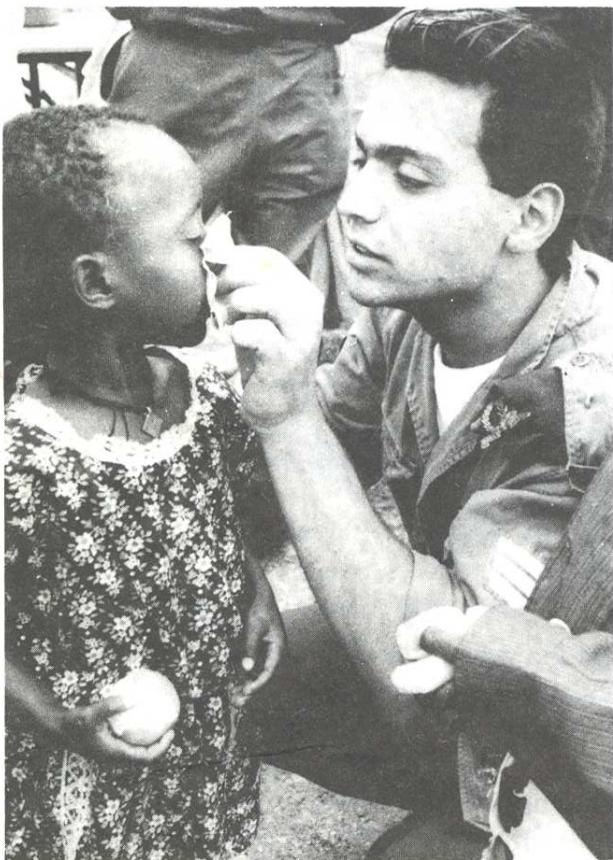
Each of the eight counselors took a child and set out to try and locate his parents. Some went by bus, others by car or lorry driven by friends or volunteers. One such volunteer was Shraga Eshel, a journalist who writes for the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot*.

Together with Uri Aragi, an Ethiopian counselor, Eshel set out with seven-year-old Sokol Sado to find his mother—Malasa. Sokol had arrived at the village four years ago, a mere tot. Almost overnight, the sweet little three-year-old became the “darling of the absorption Center near Nahariya. Malasa Sado, age 37, had arrived with her three other children.”

While Uri went to gently break the news to Malasa, Eshel took the

boy to Nahariya where he bought him presents to bring her.

"Silently, Malasa closely examined little Sokol, the creases in her forehead revealing her hesitation. Trying to remember identifying details, comparing the seven-year-old child facing her, with the three-year old tot who left her four years earlier. After she was certain, she began to cry. 'It's him,' she said with affection, and one did not have to speak her language to understand her words." □



An Israeli soldier tenderly wipes the nose of an Ethiopian child, newly arrived in Israel.
(WZPS photo by Varda)

Editor's Note: An estimated 2,000 - 3,000 Jews still remain in Ethiopia. It is expected that they will be allowed to leave as soon as the new government is securely established.

The future of 3,000 - 4,000 Jews in Syria, however, does not look so encouraging. There are currently 13 Jews in Syrian jails for attempting to flee the country. Others have been beaten and in one case a Jew was permanently disabled. The Syrians also have recently destroyed one of the main synagogues in the Jewish quarter.

Since the middle of May, five Jewish families have made their way to Israel from Iraq. It is believed that there may be some Jews still living on the Iran-Iraq border. If so, they are probably on the Iranian side of the frontier.

In Romania, a mass Jewish immigration to Israel, may be triggered by renewed antisemitism. Romanian newspapers' have reportedly been printing allegations that the Jews are taking over

the country. They are also suggesting that the Holocaust never took place. The Nazi regime was responsible for slaying half of Romania's 800,000 Jewish population. Of the 400,000 left alive after world-war-two, only 18,000 still remain in Romania.

Thousands of Jews are still pouring into Israel from the Soviet Union. The 100,000th Immigrant of the year arrived in Israel on June 26, 1991. Let us continue to remember these immigrants in our prayers, and let us not forget that this is the work of God. This is the time to stand beside the children of Israel and to uphold their right to return to the land God gave them.

"But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers."

Jeremiah 16:15

SEED TIME

Israel as scattered seeds

Scattered amongst the Nations weeds
Have at last regathered been
To their mountains growing green.

Sown in sorrow and in tears

Oe'r a thousand mournful years
Sown in bitter winter's breath
Sown in painfulness and death.

Then the Southern streamlets sprang
And Throughout the world there rang
"Back to Israel we must go"
Now the Spring's sweet streamlets flow.

As of yore and yet again
That fair land is strewn with men
Men once fettered, but now free
Home from their captivity.

Joy from tears and sheaves from seed
Fulfil every heartfelt need
Bring in soon O Lord we pray
Israel's complete harvest day.

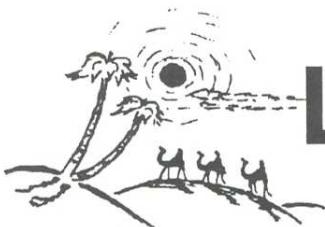
—by Norman P. Holt

Many of the Ethiopians who were flown to Israel through "Operation Solomon" came with little, or no, personal belongings.

We are trying to assist these new immigrants and make them feel at home. We would also like to urge you to get involved in this worthy cause by sending your donation to:

**Ethiopian Aid Committee AACI
P.O. Box 30018
Jerusalem, Israel**

Make check payable to: Immediate Ethiopian Aid. If you wish to receive a U.S. tax deduction on your donation, please make your check payable to: American Friends of AACI.



Life in Israel

Shalom

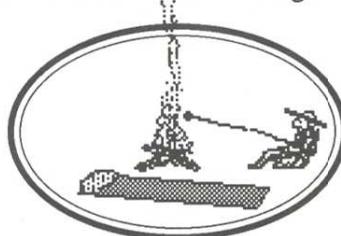
Greetings of love, joy, and peace in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He is the Prince of Peace and the long awaited Messiah.

We are all well here in Jerusalem and keep busy with good things to do. We have much to be thankful for.

A few months ago our children partook in the holiday of Lag ba'Omer. On this holiday you build a camp fire in your yard or in the empty lot next door and you sleep and eat around it. Children begin gathering wood usually days and sometimes weeks in advance. When nightfall comes bonfires are lit all over the city in vacant lots and fields. Sometimes the sky over the city becomes very smoky. Family and friends joined in with the young people and children in a quiet evening. We all gathered in the Baka place under the tall trees by the open fire. The entrance to the Baka place, (my mother's and father's old home), is a heavy gate in a stone wall. The house and small yard are completely encircled by a high wall. At night, while sitting by the campfire under the big trees, there was a feeling of being hid away from the world. Baked potatoes, hotdogs and marshmallows are always part of the campfire gathering, as well as other pot-luck foods and good things to drink.

Not all the young people in the land partake in Israel's happy days. Most of the Arab young people and children are cultured to be separate and to hate. They are pressed in by their own people, dictated to and in recent years are instilled

with fear. They feel continually burdened with Israel—their *enemy* that from the beginning they would have destroyed. They live in much confusion; are very patriotic and are becoming more



and more political and involved. It isn't only a few that have become dangerous to let roam Israel's streets and it isn't just those among the young that impose a danger. It is older ones and women as well. Many are becoming like walking time bombs.

This condition, it seems can't go on much longer. Everyone feels it. We talk about our experiences and feelings. Sometimes when you hear someone walking fast behind you or running and getting closer, it is hard to keep a little composure. You may see an Arab approaching ahead of you or waiting off to the side, as you walk. You instantly wonder if it is safe to continue or if you should quickly turn another way. It isn't that we live in fear. We feel good about going and coming and are not ruled by fear. Still there are moments.

Last night, when driving home, we passed a Jewish neighbor lady running down the sidewalk. She is not young and I thought it strange that she should be jogging. We drove about half a block farther and we were home. I waited by the car before going in. She came on around the corner jogging. I asked

her if something is wrong or if she is just in a hurry for some reason. She said, "I am afraid." I said that I know; that it is getting worse and everyone feels it. She answered, "*It is not paranoia; it is real.*" Even before the Intifada some Jews were afraid to go on our street. We live on the boarder line where the Jewish and the Arab dwellings meet.

A French woman lost her life not so long ago in a Bethlehem restaurant. A young Arab man came in with a knife, with the intention to kill. He was looking for American would-be victims and he said that he thought she was American. She was with a French tour group. He escaped, but someone there knew his brothers and he was later picked up at his home. Many Jewish people used to go into Bethlehem to shop for food items and other things. Now they are afraid to go into that area. Many of the Bethlehem shops have closed their doors completely for lack of business.

One young Jewish girl, a soldier, had never been to Jerusalem and was anxious to visit. It was her first time in Jerusalem and she was stabbed again and again, but like a miracle she lived. Among the recent women that have lost their lives, was a New Russian immigrant—a mother with her children here. She had waited for many years to come to Israel. It was her life's dream to come. Her attacker chose a bus stop near the Monster Slide. Four women, that day lost their lives there. My nephew Eli goes once a week by this bus stop for a music class (stories like these can go on and on).

• • • By Naomi Fauth

I didn't intend to write troubled things. It seems along with the many blessings bestowed upon us and Israel, there is so closely interwoven through it all, many thorns and always a dark side.

We have many friends among the Arab people. We have good and even unexpected experiences of special prayer, requests for prayer and of needs met, etc..

Every year there is a music contest live on T.V. shown by Israel and Jordan. Jordan has never

shown Israel winning. They will crowd in something else when they see Israel might win. The programme is called 'Eurovision' and many countries take part.

Israel has won several times. One first place song was about little children as play mates and growing up. The song, "Halleluyah" won first place one year. Most of the songs in the programme, however, are worldly. Israel rated high during the first part of the judging in the

last Eurovision. Their song was in Hebrew and was about 'my God and land'. It looked like Israel might win. Towards the last of the contest there were three countries that failed to give Israel votes. They were Germany, Austria, and Italy. It was quite interesting that Turkey chose Israel for their highest rating. □

Your sister in Christ:

—Naomi Dauth

Entering Into That Glorious New Life

By the late Pastor Frank Smart

Too many people cheat themselves, or allow others to cheat them, out of the greatest happiness on earth: A really close walk with the Lord, in which they can live above sin, walk before God without condemnation, and look forward to eternal life in his kingdom. Many believe that man can never obtain such a close walk with God in this age, but is doomed to walk a miserable path of sin and confession sin and confession, over and over, again and again. May God open their eyes.

The Bible teaches victory over sin by which you are to serve the sinless Christ and are to follow in his footsteps, after his example. God has promised to gird you about with his strength, fill you with spiritual wisdom, and enable you to walk in the light of life. Behold, Christ is the light of life. By walking in this light you shall experience the fullness of peace,

joy, love, and trust; and know within yourself that you are one of God's children and that your steps lead home to the eternal kingdom.

It matters not what men say, it is only what God says that is important, and He has proclaimed over and over that salvation is offered to all who will come to him. God has promised to save all who are honestly repentant of their sins, the greatest of which is unbelief.

God, knowing that you cannot live above sin by your own strength, offers to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, that by this power you will be enabled to walk in victory over sin. Accept Christ into your life and trust Him to do all He has promised. You will be amazed at the results in your life.

Why not enter into this glorious new life right now? Now is the accepted time. Today is the day of salvation.

You have nothing to lose but your burden of sin. For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new creature altogether, the past is finished and gone, everything has become new.

Christ is now waiting to make this experience yours. □

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."
Galatians 5:25

"[This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."
Galatians 5:16

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
Galatians 3:27

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 5:21

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."
Romans 8:2

Reports from the field

Dear Brothers,

Christian greetings to you.

The recent cyclone which came from the Bay of Bengal through Bangladesh, destroyed private properties and our church buildings in different places. The church at Sangau was totally destroyed, at Lunglei the church was partly destroyed as was the church at Darzo. The church roof at Lunglong was blown off.

Private Homes, orange and banana trees, etc. were destroyed and some of our friends and neighbours lost their lives.

This was the most dangerous and destructive one which came during my life time here. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

8 persons were baptized at Darlung, 1 was baptized at Lunglei, 2 were baptized at Khanpui and 4 were baptized into the faith at Diltlang village. Two families, one with 7 members and another with 4 members, were converted from the tribes of Riang and Bawn, in Gmar Chaltlang.

Shalom aleikhem, G.L. Gnamte

Dear Elder Gordon Fauth,

May our Heavenly Father shower all His blessings unto us from His Holy City Jerusalem, and peace, joy and unity be with us through the power of our daily undertakings both material and spiritual.

It's my delight to give you the information about the activities we did during our yearly celebration, here in our Philippine Mission Central Church, Pagadian City. Here is the list of the newly converted:

Nerchora Orcullo

Norma Aranuez

Jimmy Gomonit

Enrique Lazaga Sr

Benjan A. Agang

Cresencio Yagong

Mercideta L. Calinawan

Elvira Alarde

Jovy Aranuez

Julios Mar

Marivic Delarmente

Nenita R. del Rosario

Marcelo Alemania

Joel C. Talip

I do hope that you may include us in your prayers. Pray that more precious souls will be reached.

Elder Darlito T. Cabardo

Dear Elder Fauth,

According to experts in Nigeria and world mission leaders, there are an estimated 12 million refugees in the world uprooted from homes, torn from family, friends and familiar surroundings. Most of these people are lost



Six precious souls baptized by: Pastor Emmanuel Aranuez, in Dadiangas City

and looking for answers.

Three million Afghans who exist in make shift shelters along the Afghanistan Pakistan border. Another million live in Iran. Several million have fled into Pakistan from Nigeria and Cameroun. Also in Africa, there are an estimated 2 million Ethiopians who have fled their Country because of war and famine. In Mozambique, another 1.5 Million people have fled to neighbouring Countries to escape a brutal regime. And about 250,000 Angolans have fled their Communist Controlled homeland to Nigeria and South Africa. Their living conditions are terrible. They are hungry and poorly clothed. The sight is so incredible.

Many of them have malaria, some of them suffer from malnutrition and need medical help. But their greatest need and desire is for the Bible. They are hungry for God's word.

Please brethren, let us pray earnestly and do all that we can. Let us pray that people throughout the globe will respond to the prayers of these suffering refugees.

A brother in Christ, Nigeria, W.A.

Editor's Note: A dear brother in Christ, here in Jerusalem—who is originally from Iraq—was recently able to contact one of his nieces who is in a Kurdish refugee camp.

She told him, in tears, of the horrors they have been through. She said they did not have enough to eat, and she begged him to try to get something through to them. She told him that there are more than 10,000 Christians in the Kurdish camps.

Let us not forget those who are suffering in this world. We should remember them in our prayers. But not only in our prayers. May we remember them by sharing the spiritual and material blessings the Lord has given us.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth [it] not, to him it is sin."

James 4:17

The Tomato Parable

by Jonathan Fauth

When I was six years old, I learned some very important things about growing organic tomatoes; so if you are interested in growing organic tomatoes my experience may be of interest to you. However, as I learned much more than just the *do's* and *don't's* of growing organic tomatoes, you may still find some of the lessons I learned very informative.

It all started one late spring when I went to live with my grandparents for the summer. My Grandfather reckoned that I was old enough to be introduced to the joys of growing tomatoes the organic way. So he gave me a small tomato plant and then proceeded to show me the planting technique. Before we transplanted my tiny tomato plant, he showed me how to prepare the ground by burying a bushel of dried weeds and leaves in the tomato bed. He said this procedure would make my tomato plant strong and healthy. And it did. After a few weeks of faithful watering, I was astonished by the size of my tomato plant, and it was not long before I had my first orange-red beauty.

Things went fine for the next few weeks, and I was proudly presenting my fine produce to my grandmother's kitchen. Then, all of a sudden, I began to notice funny spots on my tomatoes. I found out that the spots were caused by bugs—my tomato plant was teeming with horrible bugs! I felt sick. At first I tried to pick the 'yucky' bugs out of my tomato plant by hand; but this did not work because new bugs just kept slithering, crawling, and flying strait to my 'pride and joy.'

Drastic measures were called for, and it was not too long before I was struck by—what seemed at the time—a brilliant brain storm.



My cousin, who was a year older than me, had a six inch pet lizard which he kept tied to a button of his shirt. This cousin was also staying with my grandparents, so all I had to do was convince him to let me tie his lizard to my tomato plant. I reasoned that this would get rid of my bug problem, and at the same time keep his lizard fed. He agreed, and we soon had his lizard tied to my tomato plant. After we had watched it devour a few bugs, we decided to go play.

After some serious romping around, we went back to see how the job was progressing. To our surprise, we found my grandmother's pet rooster on the end of the string, and no lizard in sight. The rooster had got out of its pen and had eaten the lizard. It now had the string coming out of its throat with the other end tied to my tomato plant.

Well, of course, I was thankful that the rooster had not eaten any of my tomatoes, but you can imagine my cousins reaction: He went crazy. He screamed, "Oh no!" and then tried to pull the lizard out of the rooster's craw by yanking on the string. When he realized that his efforts were useless, he angrily resorted to the only weapon he had on his person—a box of matches. He set the poor rooster's feathers ablaze!

My grandparents were soon aroused by the screeching squawks of the *burning rooster* and came running to see what the commotion was all about. Well, I am sure you will be glad to hear that they promptly

put out the fire, and then cut the string with a pair of scissors. However, it was quite some time before that *naked* old rooster was crowing again.

Now I realize that you may find this incident somewhat grim; but, it taught me some very important things: First of all, I learned that using lizards for organic pest control is not a good idea if there are any chickens in the vicinity. But more important, I learned that burying a bushel of dried vegetation under your tomato plant really does produce a *big and strong plant*. For you see, my tomato plant withstood even the most violent yanks that a tethered burning rooster could inflict on it—without losing even one tomato.

We all go through trying times which can shake our faith and uproot us; Therefore we, as Christians, must also plant ourselves on top of a *strong foundation of proper nourishment*. This will allow us to sink firm and deep roots of faith. These deep and hearty roots will allow us to grow spiritually into a strong and vibrant entity—an entity that can withstand even—the most vigorous shake-up life can inflict on us. And we too must not let the glorious fruit that grows only from maturity fall—for this fruit is God's Love and we must share it with those who do not yet have it. If those who do not have the love of God get properly nourished, they also will someday be strong enough to bear this *precious gift of life*—and they in turn will share it with others. □



Good Health Department

The Laws for Radiant Health

What, are the physical laws which affect our bodies and our lives so much?

Mental Health

Even the Christian has to work at building positive mental habits. As Jesus said, we are to think no anxious thought for the morrow. We should have faith in God and the power of his kingdom. Do your part in overcoming thoughts of hate, strife and worry. Then keep close to God in prayer and obedience. Ask Him to give you love, joy, and peace through the Holy Spirit.

Cultivate thoughts of love, faith and joy, for Solomon wrote, "*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine but a broken spirit drieth the bones,*" (*Proverbs 17:22*).

Physical Health

Food and Fasting: We are what we eat. The body is formed entirely from the foods we eat. Yet the average person has very little knowledge of what he really ought to eat to build a strong, vigorous body.

Many of the products we call food are of little or no value in sustaining, nourishing or building the body. In fact, it has been proven by tests that most of these so called foods do actual harm to the body. They clog the digestive system, aggravate it, and become a real burden for the body to eliminate. In many cases, they act as poisons, not foods!

The basic thing to remember in selecting foods is to be sure you eat natural. Foods which have not been corrupted or perverted with colorings, salt, and other preservatives and additives, are usually considered natural. Although, you must be warned that not all natural things are good to eat—some meats, some types of mushrooms etc. are not very good for you. Therefore, the second most important thing in building a healthy body and mind is to learn what natural (and even some unnatural) products are good for you. After deciding what to eat, it is said that you should establish a balanced schedule. Do not overeat or undereat. You should eat at set times and keep the schedule up.

Take care that your food is properly prepared so as not to destroy the body-building elements. Baking, boiling, or steaming your food is usually healthier

than frying it. This is largely because you do not use oil when you bake, boil or steam food. Oil is not necessarily bad for you, but it does become bad if it is cooked. Consider buying cold pressed oil and pouring it on your salad or baked potato (or any other food it might go nice with). Our body does need oil but not cholesterol. If oil is cooked, it turns into cholesterol. Avoid the starchy, greasy, sugary and spicy concoctions which may taste good at the moment, but which contain little of nutritional value and will in time wreck your body.

It is beyond the scope of this article to give you specific dietetic instruction, but remember the principle that you should know what you are eating. It is also the opinion of this writer that natural foods are the best: as God caused them to grow or to be formed in nature. These will include genuine whole grain breads (without poisonous preservatives added) and cereals, fresh fruits and fresh vegetables (cooked at low temperatures so as to preserve their nutritional value), lean meats cooked without grease or fat, and some dairy products (yogurts for example).

Few people, fully realize the great harm caused by such *refined* or *improved* products as white bread, white sugar, processed cooking oil, and pastries. You will feel and be better when these are substituted for natural products that God intended as food.

Man's effort to improve upon God has failed. The more the food question is studied, the more people see that going back to nature is the best way. So eat a balanced diet of natural foods that have not been perverted by the hand of man. And learn to prepare all foods so as not to destroy their nutritional value.

Water

Under the heading of diet, we should also consider the health value of water. Pure drinking water and plenty of it is one of the greatest aids to eliminating body poisons and living a long and healthy life. However, all water is not healthy. Many supplies have been polluted by chemicals, industrial waste, sewage and many other pollutants. So drink six or more glasses of PURE water every day preferably between meals. You can drown on water but if it is not polluted or poisoned you can not drink yourself to death. You should try to drink as much water as is

comfortable even if it is more than six glasses a day. Water is a main part of our diet and should never be forgotten.

Fasting and Its Consequences

Greatly restricting one's diet is known as fasting. The practice of fasting as a health measure is practiced by some. The practice of fasting as a religious conviction will not be discussed, because that is between our selves and God. However, fasting can cause harm to our body. When you fast the body starts consuming itself. You may even experience a high feeling if you fast over any amount of time. If you feel the burden to fast for a long period of time, you should drink plenty of liquid.

A large number of sicknesses are caused by the presence of a poison in the bloodstream. Fasting enables the body to cleanse itself of the accumulation of the products of an imperfect diet, but is not

recommended as something to practice every day. As food intake is retarded, elimination proceeds rapidly and the body is truly house-cleaning itself. Another, and perhaps less drastic measure to get poisons out of the body, is to drink plenty of liquids and take Garlic, Zinc and what ever you know might help your particular ailment. The latter method is safer and better than fasting would be.

Overeating

Doctors and dieticians agree that we humans are in the habit of eating far more food than our bodies require. If food is used in excess of bodily needs, it is bound to produce a clogging up of the vital processes, or if it is not needed it is invariably harmful and becomes productive of causes which lead to sickness and death. □

••The Kingdom Digest••

New Immigrant Discovers Husband's Fate After 46 Years of Uncertainty

After 46 years of searching, 82-year-old Olga Zucker, a new immigrant from the Soviet Union, finally found out what happened to her husband, Moshe. Yesterday she wept over his grave at the Rosh Pina military cemetery.

Moshe was killed by a mine during the War of Independence. "In your letter, you told me to look after our daughter," Olga cried over the grave. "Look, I have brought her to you."

The tearful reunion ended the decades-long search that intensified after Olga, her daughter Rita, 45, and her grandson, Anatole, now an IDF soldier, arrived in Israel in December 1989. Rita told the Jerusalem Post a few hours after the family returned from the cemetery.

Olga and Moshe met in Uzbekistan in 1943. Olga had found Moshe, then a soldier in the Polish army, lying on the floor of a stable, seriously ill with malaria. She took him home and cared for him until he recovered.

Then she herself fell ill with malaria and Moshe took care of her. They married, and Rita was born in 1945.

At the end of the war the family returned to Kharkov, where Olga's family lived. Moshe applied for repatriation to Poland and in 1946 he went home, leaving his wife and Rita behind, because the girl was too ill to travel.

Not long after he left Kharkov, Olga received the one letter from her husband, in which he urged her to look after their daughter. They never heard from him again.

Only in the past month have Olga and Rita been able to stitch together Moshe's story from friends, relatives, and acquaintances who crossed his path. Moshe was caught in the notorious pogrom in Kielce in 1946, in which more than 40 Jews were murdered. He was struck on the head and seriously injured. When he recovered he went to

Germany to look for his brother and sister, and made his way to Berlin. There he joined a group in the Templehof Camp smuggling Jews into Palestine.

He joined IZL, the Revisionist Movement's underground army, and became an instructor at an IZL training camp in Bavaria.

In June, 1948, Moshe arrived in the newly created state with his commander, Dov Shilansky - now Speaker of the Knesset - aboard the ill-fated Altalena, which was sunk off Tel Aviv by the IDF on June 21, 1948.

He immediately joined the Carmeli Brigade, but was killed by a mine near Metulla, in Upper Galilee, on July 24, 1948.

During the single month he lived in Israel, Moshe managed to find a few relatives, including his cousin, Batya Peletz. "One day, he appeared out of nowhere in his army uniform," said Peletz. "After he died, the army sent me his clothes."

Batya wrote an article on Moshe which was published in a book about IZL fighters and later reprinted in a memorial book about Moshe's home town. The picture included Moshe from his early years, wearing an Uzbeki-stani kippa, with a friend. It was from the article and the picture that Olga finally found her husband.

"It was a miracle," a family friend told the Post. "Moshe and his friend took two pictures. Olga kept one and Moshe's friend kept the other."

The friend died and the picture traveled from Poland to New York to Israel before being reprinted in the book.

"That's him!" Cried Rita when she saw the picture, which was almost identical to the one her mother had kept carefully all those years. — "The Jerusalem Post"

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

Year's 100,000th Immigrant Arrives

The 100,000th immigrant of the year has arrived in Israel, amid growing concern that Soviet aliyah will drastically decline when a new Soviet immigration law goes into effect.

There is concern that Jews who now have all the papers needed to emigrate, will have to wait weeks or even months before being issued passports.

Despite assurances by Soviet officials that passports for immigrating Jews would be issued within days. Gregori Krovnikov, an activist on the Va'ad in the Soviet Union, told the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, "This would be possible for a few dozen immigrants, but not for tens of thousands."

The Va'ad is the umbrella for Soviet-Jewish organizations.

Water Crisis to Drain the National Carrier

The National Water Carrier is to virtually shut down this year under proposals being drawn up by the Agriculture Ministry and the water commissioner, The Jerusalem Post has learned.

The plans have been drawn up because of the pitifully depleted state of Lake Kinneret. The level of the lake rose only about 70 cm. during last winter's rainfall.

Summer evaporation usually causes the lake's level to drop by a meter, which would bring it below the "red line" of 213 meters below sea level, the statutory minimum, without any pumping into the carrier.

Farmers reacted to the possible closure of the carrier with consternation.

"It will turn the country into a wasteland," said Shlomo Reisman, director of the Farmers Federation.

Nevertheless, sources in the Agriculture Ministry and the water commission stressed that the intention was to severely limit pumping operations from the Kinneret into the water carrier.

According to the sources, the quantity would be reduced to 60-70 million cubic meters this year—sufficient to meet the requirements of the Haifa area.

In a normal year, around 500 million cubic metres would pour into the carrier from the lake and flow south towards the Negev.

The National Water Carrier was considered one of the nation's most prestigious achievements when it was opened in 1964. The aim of the project, which cost over \$100m., was to bring the life-giving liquid to arid areas in the center and south of the country under the slogan of *"making the desert bloom."*

The 85 km. long canal runs from the Kinneret to Rosh Ha'ayin where it joins the Yarkon-Negev pipeline.

The proposals would reduce the flow in the carrier to

a veritable trickle, with the attendant drastic effects on availability of water for farmers and some domestic users along its entire length.

Scientific Gap With Arabs is Closing

Israel's qualitative lead over Arab countries in science and technology is gradually being eroded, constituting a serious future threat, according to initial findings of an in-depth study being conducted by staff of the Technicon's Samuel Neaman Institute.

The gap, especially in the fields of science-based education, computer technology and high-tech application, is no longer as wide as it was several years ago.

Prof. Daniel Weihs, head of Samuel Neaman Institute for Advanced Study in Science and Technology, noted that the advancements in science-based education and computer technology in Arab countries would eventually enhance capabilities to manufacture weapons of mass destruction.

Bush Administration Planning to Sell Saudi Arabia \$14b. in Advanced Arms

The Bush administration has formally notified a congressional committee that it plans to sell \$14 billion in advanced weapons to Saudi Arabia next year.

Jerusalem Area to Have a Million Jews

The government plans to settle more than one million Jews in the greater Jerusalem area, according to Israel's Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

"Within a number of years you will see on all the nearby mountains and hills homes and lights, and children playing. Then we will be able to arrive at peace," Sharon said.

"Israel has no plans to leave Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, nor will it ever have such plans," Sharon recently told a crowd gathered to celebrate the 15th anniversary of one of Jerusalem's outer suburb settlements.

Population Reaches 4.9m.

Israel's population on the eve of its 43rd Independence Day totals 4.9 million, including some 220,000 immigrants who arrived since last Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Eighty-six percent of the population—some 4 million residents—are Jews, a spokesman for the Central Bureau of Statistics disclosed.

During the country's 43rd year, the total population grew by 5.9 percent, while the Jewish population increased by 6.4 percent.

School Head Shot to Death for Informing

A 40-year-old school administrator from Arraba, near Jenin, Mohammed Kamal, was found shot to death in the 10th killing of an alleged informer in as many days.

His bullet-riddled body was found in the village of Zababda, about 10 km. from Arraba, where he disappeared.

Kamal was the administrator at a boys school in Jalamah, north of Jenin.

Palestinian sources said he was kidnapped by masked men apparently connected with the Fatah-allied "Black Panther" gang.

Three days before, Daoud Lubbah, 50, another school principal from Arraba accused of being an informer, was found dead.

Baker Says Palestinian State Not in Cards

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker told Palestinians at a meeting with them, that the U.S. envisaged a final settlement of the Palestinian problem that would provide them with less than a state.

He also said that in the final settlement talks, to be held after a three-year period of self-government negotiated by Palestinians from "*the occupied territories*," the U.S. would support the presence of any Palestinians in the negotiating team except PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

When asked what self-government short of a state meant, Baker said he would draw up a document detailing what he had in mind.

These details from the meeting have caused dismay among large segments of the Palestinian population, especially in the Gaza Strip.

If a Palestinian state is ruled out, they asked, what is the purpose of discussing an interim settlement?

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij told The Jerusalem Post that he considered the talks productive, because once the three-year interim period of self-rule takes effect it would change the political climate. "*I think in time when you have progress things might change,*" he said.

U.S. State Department Reports on Human Rights

Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the territories showed overall improvement last year, according to the State Department's annual report to Congress on worldwide human rights practices.

"A significant decline" in violence resulting in deaths and injuries took place during the year, Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, said at a news conference held to announce the release of the report. The decline, he said, was largely due to policy changes which were implemented by Defense Minister Moshe Arens, shortly after he took over the post.

Israeli Aid for Kurds Arrives in Turkey

Ten tons of emergency relief supplies for Kurdish refugees were flown to Turkey in a heavily-packed IAF Hercules transport.

The supplies included tents, blankets, warm clothing, food, childrens' shoes, antibiotics, and drugs for treatment of diarrhea and burns.

After the nearly three-hour flight, the plane landed in southeastern Turkey, some 500 km. from the main body of Kurdish refugees.

The plane was unloaded by a crew of Americans—to the surprise of the arriving Israelis, who reported that the scores of crates were packed onto three trucks within 20 minutes.

Turkish Red Crescent Society Agrees to Distribute Supplies to Kurd

The Turkish Red Crescent Society has agreed to distribute the supplies to the Kurds.

"We, the Jewish people, cannot forget how we were abandoned during World War II," Arens said yesterday, noting that the Allies did nothing to end the extermination process. *"We can certainly feel the suffering and oppression felt by the Kurds, as difficult days befall them."*

"Despite aid efforts here and there," he said, *"in practical terms, the world has not come forward to save them."*

Goods for the relief flight were collected in an intensive, week-long volunteer effort.

Desperate Syrian Jews fear for their lives"

Syrian Jews are living in "fear for their lives," and are desperate to leave the country, according to reliable reports by Syrian immigrant leaders.

The reports were released after immigration leaders met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and received approval for going public with the story they said they have been forced to keep under wraps for years.

"We have decided to be silent no longer and make our voice heard so the entire world will know the shocking story of what is happening to the Jews of Syria," said Yosef Kalash, chairman of the Organization of Syrian Immigrants.

Some 3,000 of the 4,000 Syrian Jews live in a small Damascus "ghetto," where the Syrian authorities maintain a rule of terror, Kalash said.

Their situation, while never good, has deteriorated recently, with reports of kidnappings, torture, and destruction of property, Kalash told reporters in the office of Jewish Agency Absorption Department head Uri Gordon.

In order to ensure the Jews do not try to escape, the authorities have taken over apartments in the quarter and given them to non-Jews, in particular Palestinians, who

keep a close watch on the Jews.

"We must not keep quiet anymore about what is going on, because when we are quiet it only makes the Syrians think they can do what they want," Kalash said.

He maintained that the recent video footage from Damascus shown on Israel Television was staged, and hid the truth about how the Jews of Syria live. "The time has come to begin the public struggle for the release of the 4,000 Jews remaining in Syria," Gordon said. He called on the U.S. to use its influence on Syria to secure the Jews release, and added that a UN delegation should be sent to investigate the situation.

The authorities have also built a headquarters in the Jewish quarter to keep a close watch on the Jews living there, and in other parts of the country. Jews who have been brought into the headquarters for questioning have been beaten and tortured, according to Kalash. He accused the recently appointed official, who is in charge of the Jews, of being more brutal than any of his predecessors. The official, Amid Isa el-Asad, is a reported general in the Syrian army.

With the prime minister's approval, the Organization of Syrian Immigrants plan to send a delegation to the U.S. to raise interest there in the fate of the Jews remaining in Syria.

Herzog Thanks the Bulgarians for Ignoring Nazi Orders

President Chaim Herzog thanked Bulgaria for not handing over its Jewish population to perish in Nazi death camps during World War II.

Addressing the Bulgarian Parliament, the first foreign head of state to do so, Herzog said: "I want to express to you, on behalf of the people of Israel and of the Jewish people, our sincere appreciation of the fact that important elements in the church: parliament, public service and intellectuals, resisted the German order to expel Jews to Nazi death camps".

The Israeli leader recalled that about 90 percent of Bulgaria's pre-war Jewish community of 50,000 were allowed to emigrate legally to Israel after the war. "We are very proud of them, and their contribution to Israel is outstanding," he said.

EL AL Opens Its First Route to Czechoslovakia

El Al is to inaugurate its new route between Tel Aviv and Prague. Flight #521 is to take off from Ben Gurion Airport and arrive in the Czechoslovak capital after three hours.

The flight marks the first time El Al will be flying to Czechoslovakia. Though the company flew to other Eastern European destinations before 1967, there has never been an air link with Prague.

Preparations for the new flight were made during

Czech President Vaclav Havel's visit here last year.

El AL officials said they expect Prague to soon become an important holiday destination for Israelis, especially considering its rich Jewish history. Airline representatives said they anticipate that many of the approximately 30,000 Czech-born Israelis will visit their native country. The inaugural flight is to be half full, with 80 passengers on board. El Al also expects devout Czech Christians to visit Israel and tour Christian holy sites.

Soviet Jews making their way to Israel are not expected to fly through Prague in the near future he said. "They will continue to fly via Bucharest and Warsaw."

Israeli, Chinese Ink Science Pact

A scientific cooperation agreement between the Israeli and Chinese academies of science was signed in Jerusalem.

Until now, the two academies have cooperated under a memorandum of understanding. The new agreement is the first formal and binding one.

Israel academy president Prof. Joshua Jortner—who signed the agreement with Chinese academy deputy president Prof. Sun Honglie—said the two would work jointly in medicine: life sciences, desert research and water conservation. Sun is the most senior Chinese scientist to visit Israel so far.

Scientists in each country will make exchange visits and hold joint scientific conferences, as well as trade information and professional journals.

Jortner said the accord continues and expands scientific cooperation with China that began a year ago, when a delegation of Israeli scientists set up an office in Beijing.

Likud and Right Riding Crest of Strong Support, Poll Finds

Support for the Likud and the other right-wing parties has increased at the expense of the left since the 1988 Knesset elections, according to a recent public opinion poll.

In addition, a majority of the respondents, representing a cross-section of the adult Jewish population, voiced support for changing the electoral system.

In the nationwide poll taken between June 23 and June 30, 45.5 percent of the 1,100 respondents say they would vote for the Likud and its satellites if new elections were held now, with 37.5 percent favoring Labor and the left. In 1988, the Likud and the right pulled in 41.5 percent of the vote, and the left-wing parties drew 40 percent of the vote. A poll in November showed the right enjoying 44.3 percent support, against 33.5 percent for the left.

Intifada Said to be Waning in Jerusalem

The Intifada is on the wane in Jerusalem, according to district police chief Commander Haim Albaldes.

Briefing the Knesset interior committee, Albaldes said

that, although there had been a slight rise lately in firebomb attacks, and that stabbings had not decreased in number, unlawful assembly, and roadblocks had virtually disappeared recently.

Stone-throwing incidents had gone down by 55 percent, vehicle arson by 20 percent, and bombings by 75 percent, he said.

Albania's Jews Arrive After Secret Escape

A secret operation to bring Albania's small Jewish community to Israel is being completed today, with the arrival here of 11 Jews thought to be the last living in that Balkan country, the Jewish Agency announced.

The operation began in December, when the first group of Albania's approximately 300 Jews were brought here.

The last members of Albania's Jewish community landed at Ben Gurion airport, after a two-day journey that marked their return to the Jewish world from which they had been separated culturally for 40 years.

The 13 arrivals joined some 300 others who were brought here in a secret operation. Another 30 Jews who left the Balkan state are in Rome attempting to emigrate to the U.S.

Those who decided to come to Israel believed that this was their rightful home, said David Kantozi, who arrived with an earlier group of Albanian immigrants and, along with his father, awaited the landing of the El Al flight from Rome carrying the last group.

Norwegians Contribute \$1m. To Help Israel Absorb Immigrants

Twenty thousand Norwegians have contributed more than \$1 million to help Israel absorb immigrants from the Soviet Union.

The funds were raised through an organization called "Hjelpe Jodene Hejm", which incorporates four Christian and two Jewish organizations.

Some of the money has been forwarded to Tel-Aviv university to retain immigrant physicists and prepare them to teach physics in high schools.

Beduin Inlistment Tripled Seen as Reaction to Intifada

In a phenomenon seen by some as a reaction against the intifada, the number of Beduin volunteers to enlist in the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) has tripled over the past year. Beduin and Palestinian Arabs have been in conflict over cultural, religious and territorial issues for centuries. The tension between the two groups reached a peak just before the Intifada broke out, when Beduin driving in the Gaza Strip were subject to repeated firebombings and other attacks.

Traditionally serving as expert trackers, Beduin soldiers have begun branching out into a number of other

military roles, many tied to patrolling boarders.

Through an interpreter, Sheikh Ouda Abu Muamar of the traditionalist El-Azazma tribe told reporters, "Every young man who is a Beduin should be a soldier in the IDF".

Toyota Lifts Ban on Car Sales to Israel

Toyota Motor Corp, Japan's largest automobile manufacturer, plans to cancel its embargo against Israel and start exporting cars this fall.

In the past the automaker refused to do business directly with Israel under apparent pressure from Arab countries. Toyota maintained its boycott of Israel even after four other Japanese auto manufacturers lifted the ban and started to market here.

Egyptian Taha Nagui to Conduct Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

An Egyptian is to conduct the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in Jerusalem.

The spokesman for the orchestra, Taha Nagui, conductor of the Cairo Symphony Orchestra, would be the first Egyptian musician ever to perform in Israel.

First Children's Hospital To be Ready in October of 1991

Kupat Holim Clalit's Children's Hospital—the first in Israel and in the entire Middle east—is due to open in October, after completing four years of construction. The \$60 million complex is located on the Beilinson Hospital grounds in Petah Tikva.

The hospital is becoming a reality thanks to New York businessman Irving Schneider, who donated part of the money and helped raise most of the rest.

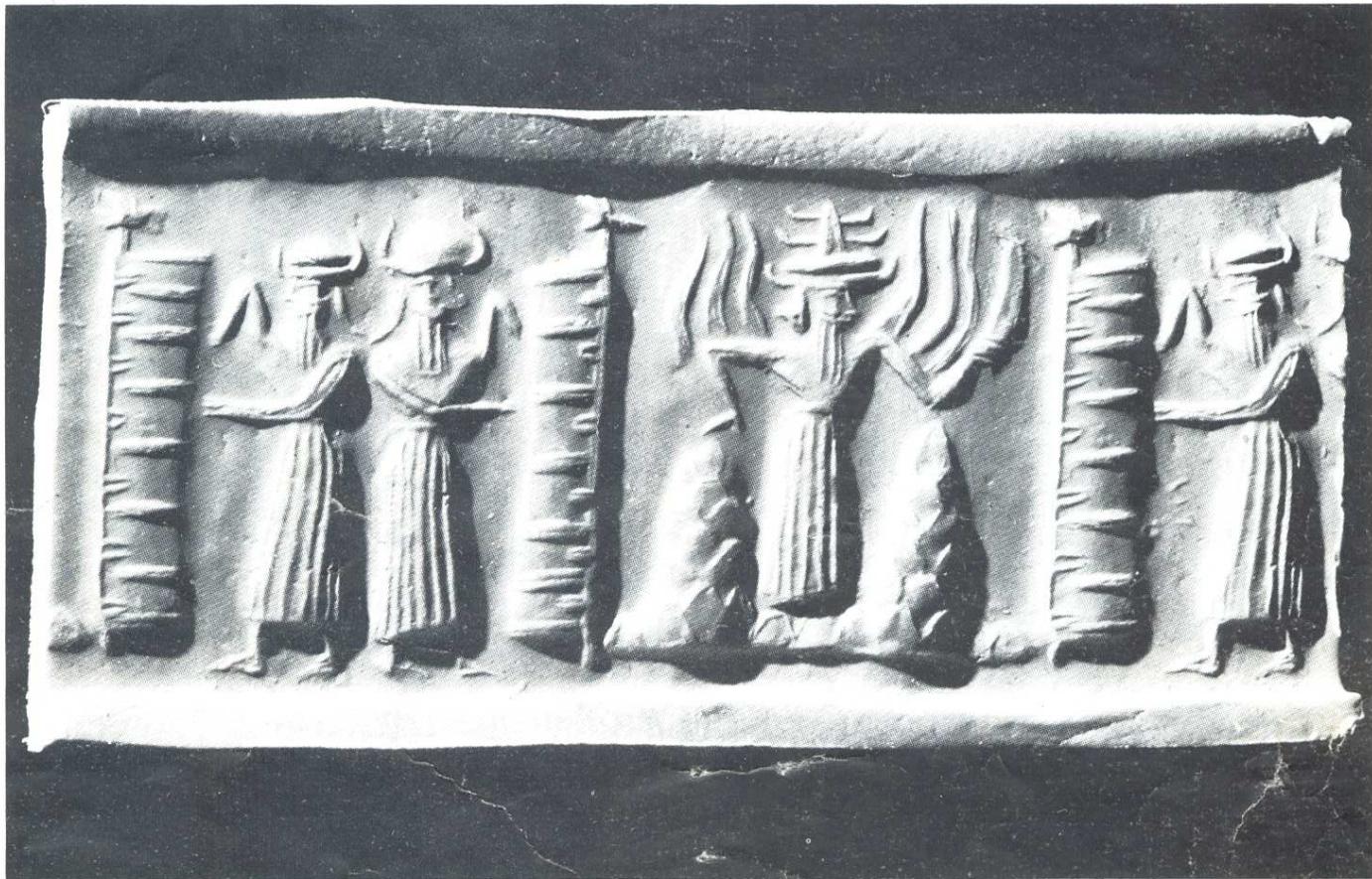
China 'Helping Algerian N-Program'

U.S. intelligence determined that China is helping Algeria construct a nuclear reactor that may eventually produce fuel for nuclear weapons, a move that may violate past Chinese pledges on nuclear transfers, according to knowledgeable government officials.

Israelis Spend More Abroad Then Tourists Here

For the first time in over a decade, Israelis last year spent more money abroad than the country earned from tourism, the tourism Ministry says.

Tourism brought in \$1,620 million—a drop of 9 percent in dollar terms compared with 1989. Israelis meanwhile spent \$1,628 million overseas according to the ministry's 1990 survey release.



Early Accadian sun god, arising between two mountains, from Israel's New Bible Lands Museum. (Photo: Hinz SWB)

Jerusalem's Archaeological Treasure House

by Lili Eylon

A unique Bible Lands Museum, housing the world's foremost collection of Bible-related artifacts, will open in Jerusalem next year.

The unparalleled collection, valued at more than \$80 million, represents the life work of Dr. Elie Borowski, who together with his wife Batya, has donated the more than 3,000 artifacts which provide a physical testimony of the nations and events mentioned in the Bible.

Says chief curator Dr. Joan Goodnick-Westenholz, "This will be more than just a museum. Not only will it contain artifacts from the entire Near East, but we intend to become a research and study institute for scholars and students here and abroad."

In addition to its exhibition halls, the Bible Lands Museum, which cost \$6.5 million to build and will have running costs of about \$1 million annually, will also contain a cafeteria, a library, and a garden with plants and flowers mentioned in the Bible.

One of the most interesting exhibits will focus on man's symbolic communication, such as uniform symbols from Mesopotamia, hieroglyphics from the Egyptian and Hittite empires, Phoenician script, and alphabetic writing systems including some from the Arabian kingdoms of the 1st millennium.

"Without knowledge of the encompassing cultures, the culture of the Bible cannot be fully understood,"

states the museum's chief curator. "The time period encompassed by the museum will conclude with the initial stages that led to the manifestation and development of the three great religions of today: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam." □

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*"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of
my mouth; if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."*

(Psalms 137:5,6)



"For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. — For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. — For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest."

(Deut. 11:31 — Deut. 12:9 — Heb. 4:10,11)

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