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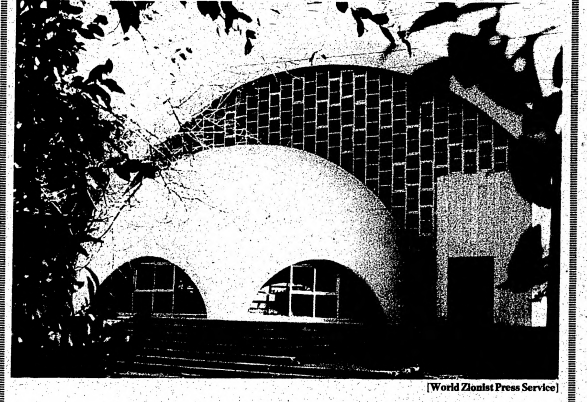
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JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE

New Orthodox synagogue in Jerusalem is planned as a complete community centre as well as a house of prayer. Designed by architect Mendel Beil-Horin, the structure has facilities for two kindergartens and playgrounds, as well as for youth and the elderly. The synagogue seats 275 men, and has a ladies' gallery. There is extra seating downstairs.

Rabin said to be detrimental to success of the Labor Party

By GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA — If Yitzhak Rabin insists on remaining on the Labor Party's electoral list, "it will be a prescription for political suicide," according to Ari Rath, editor and managing director of The Jerusalem Post.

The personal animosity and the mudslinging of the past three months that characterized the party's leadership campaign and the bad feelings that obviously exist between Rabin and Shimon Peres, who was re-elected as leader of the party, "have gone beyond anything tolerable... even in the Middle East," Rath declared.

With a Peres-led Labor Alignment government seeming more probable, it will be important to mend the deep rift in the party, Rath said. Peres, if he becomes Israel's eighth prime minister, will form a cabinet that includes Rabin supporters but it is unlikely that Rabin, himself, will be asked to serve in that cabinet.

Rath, on a brief stopover in Ottawa during a hectic North American promotion of Jerusalem Post's International Edition, believes that the poll predictions of an absolute

majority for the Labor Party, if the elections were held now, are "an exaggeration." Even those disillusioned with the Likud performance would hesitate to give Labor such powerful control of the 120-seat Knesset.

"It certainly appears that Labor will capture more seats than it held prior to 1977, especially if it regains votes lost to various splinter groups, like Adin's now defunct Democratic Movement for Change, but it is improbable that even a strong reunited party could wrest more than 48 to 50 votes from so divided an electorate," Rath said.

Rabin's continued presence "will aggravate the party factions and fragment the electoral vote. It is no secret that the Jerusalem Post, along with various Israeli newspapers, are pressuring him to step down."

"It is simply a pragmatic move," Rath explained. "While we are not openly enthusiastic about Peres, Rabin has shown himself not to be the best of team leaders. A man who can be so driven by pure personal hatred cannot be trusted. He will probably be the recipient of Egyptian funds with a reactivated Labor Alignment?"

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In announcing the fellowship, McGill principal and vice-chancellor David L. Johnston said that "during his entire career, Saul Hayes was deeply involved in the advocacy of civil rights and the protection of the person from political, racial and military aggression."

"As a consequence, I will take a particular interest in the fellowship, and will watch with pride the young men and women who hold it and advance the cause of civil liberties and human rights throughout his life in Canada and on behalf of all minorities. In the late-1930's, Hayes was associated with Bronfman's late father, Samuel, in the organization of the United Jewish Refugee Committee and in the fields of civil liberties and human rights.

Even now there is considerable cooperation between Sadat's government and the Labor leadership, he said. A recent 3-man Labor Party delegation to Egypt, led by Peres, met with President Sadat and then attended a day's symposium, held under auspices of October Magazine.

"The discussions were seen, by the Egyptian press, to be one of the more encouraging, more open-minded developments to come out of the past year-and-a-half's stalemate," said Rath. "A Labor Alignment, supported by, for example, Ezer-Weizman and the break-away group he is organizing, could reopen a dialogue and get the talks back on the real progress route."

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However, there's a "Catch-22" proviso — as their netting with them seven newly completed pledge cards with an average 25% increase per card.

The UJA chairman of all the agencies affiliated with Toronto Jewish Congress will hold their initial co-ordinating meeting on Jan. 20. In recognition of the importance of the appeal to the total scheme, the agencies have each been asked to elect a UJA chairman. Their job will include assuring that every member of the agency Board is a contributor in good standing to the campaign. The chairmen will also

With a small staff core and more than 1,200 volunteers involved, the task required extensive co-ordination and strong leadership. "Many of the volunteers in upper level positions have been devoting almost all their time to the campaign," he added.

Meanwhile, an extensive program of campaign activities has been lined up for the coming months. One of the first events planned for 1981 is a Chairmen's Appreciation Night, Wednesday, Jan. 14, to which all group and division chairmen have been invited.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

An important insight into President-elect Ronald Reagan's Middle East policy will be provided within the coming weeks or months when he is forced to decide whether the U.S. should test Saudi Arabia sophisticated equipment for the F-15 jets it is due to receive late in 1981.

Reagan's decision, which Israel will monitor with the utmost concern, will be construed by observers as a test of the new President's policies toward the Middle East.

The bomb racks, extra fuel tanks and refueling planes that the Saudis have requested would enhance the effectiveness of the 60 high-powered fighters ordered from the outgoing Carter administration in 1978.

Bomb racks would enable the Saudis to use the versatile F-15s, much against jet missions, while larger fuel tanks and refueling planes would extend the range of the F-15 from 450 miles to more than 1,000.

Israeli spokesmen claim that under such circumstances the F-15s — which Israel also possesses — could be used against their country in times of war.

When President Jimmy Carter announced that he intended to supply Saudi Arabia with F-15s, much against Israel's wishes, he assured the Israelis he would not send the equipment that could turn the F-15 into a military threat against Israel.

Until last autumn, there was no reason to believe that Saudi arms would be used against Israel. With the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran war, which has shifted the balance of power in the region, would be upset, Carter began to reconsider.

Harold Brown, the secretary of defense and Zbigniew Brzezinski, the national security advisor, reportedly favored the sale of F-15s. (CJ helped plan the conference with Network.)

A resolution from an Ethiopian Jewish task force expressed a "desperate need for funds" and committed

Mrs. Navon visits here

Offen Navon, wife of Israel's president, will be in Canada this weekend to launch Project Enrichment for Hadasah-WIZO. She will be guest of honor at Hadasah events in Toronto and Montreal.

Herzli Shafir, Israel's chief of police, has been fired over an investigation into corruption charges against the minister of religion.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg removed Shafir from his post after learning that police officials had leaked false information to the press in a bid to advance the prosecution against Aharon Abuhazaria.

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According to Burg, Shafir, a former general, leaked information to the effect that six new synagogues had been found to testify against the beleaguered minister. Purpose of the investigation was to testify against Abuhazaria, it is alleged.

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ANALYSIS Bomb racks for jets? a problem for Reagan

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Haig not Middle East expert but views on Israel "positive"

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — Gen. Alexander Haig, named by President-elect Ronald Reagan as his secretary of state, is no real authority on all of the nuances of the Middle East. His real areas of expertise involve U.S. military affairs and the North Atlantic Alliance.

But make no mistake about it: the former supreme Allied commander in Europe is no slouch when it comes to the Arab-Israeli conflict either. He did his training under Henry Kissinger during the first term of the Nixon administration.

Haig has deeply-held, personal views on the issues separating Israel from its Arab neighbors. He has studied the conflict and the region, focusing naturally, on overall U.S. interests.

The former general, however, has been extremely sparing in venturing his opinions with the public. A review of his on-the-record comments in recent years makes that very apparent.

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Galil Canada to increase settlements commitment

MONTREAL —

The Jewish National Fund's Galil Canada project has been so successful, its board of directors has approved a plan to increase the present commitment to build eight Jewish settlements in Israel's Galilee region to 14.

Although planned by JNF as a 5-year project, JNF has, in less than two years, already surpassed its objective for laying the infrastructure for eight kibbutzim, moshavim and townships — a multimillion-dollar undertaking in itself, said executive director Michael Yarosky.

Phase II of the project, to raise funds for an additional six settlements, goes into effect this month for an indefinite period. Canada's commitment is the largest of any single country in the world.

A grand total of 33 new settlements is being built in the Galilee, in co-operation with United Israel Appeal and the Israel Agency. The Israel government is now considering increasing that figure to at least 45 settlements, and possibly 50.

Plans are also well under way for Super Sunday, April 12, which will involve hundreds of people in a massive effort to assure that every Jew in Toronto has participated tangibly in the UJA campaign.

The annual Walkathon, scheduled for Sunday, May 3, is destined to have a new look, with numerous innovations now in the planning stage.

Already set as prime the fourth annual Prime Minister's Mission to Israel, Sept. 13-20.

When completed, Galil Canada will stretch over 10,000 acres just west of the Sea of Galilee. The kibbutzim and moshavim will house 100 to 150 families each and the townships 200 to 300 families.

The goal of the project is to offset the two-thirds Arab population in the region. The area also touches on two strategic borders — the Lebanese and Syrian.

"Demand for homes in these settlements is such that there are eight applicants for every vacancy," said Yarosky.

Alexander "Bobby" Moxey is national chairman of Galil Canada and General David Ofer, who came to Montreal in August, 1979, after a 36-year career in the military, is the emissary in charge of fund-raising.

Said Ofer: "This is the kind of project that reaches the hearts of people. These settlements are vital because they provide young people with housing and jobs. It's a wonderful opportunity for them and their children to build a new life. Those who

could not afford the high cost of apartments in the big cities have traditionally been the people who emigrate."

Donations to the Galil Canada project have come from communities from Halifax to Vancouver, including a \$1 million gift from the Christiana Glad Tidings Temple in that British Columbia city. Subscriptions are available from \$5,000 to \$1 million.

The beauty of this project is that it is not something in the drawing board; construction has been going on during the past year and people have already started to move into the settlements," said Yarosky.

Galil Canada will have a distinctly Canadian flavor — an observation point overlooking the mountains of the Galilee will contain permanent markers of the names of all Canadian donors and will be dedicated this summer. There have been frequent visits by Canadians to the area to acquaint the residents with our country's contribution," Yarosky said.



Sam Levine is seen with Salome Dey in his final role, as Sam Levine with Toronto's Leah Parzen Theatre late last year. Levine died at the end of December. See story on page 8.