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The joint communique stressed the cordial atmosphere of the talks between the two heads of government and said views were exchanged "on the present state of bilateral relations and on the possibilities of their further development as well as on international issues of mutual interest." In the latter area, the statement "reaffirmed that the relations among states should be based on the observance of the principles of national independence and sovereignty, non-interference in domestic affairs and equal rights and mutual advantage on the observance of the right of each people to decide freely its own fate without any outside interference."

The communique also stated: "The two sides agreed that the existence of hotbeds of tension and war in different areas of the world constituted a serious danger for the world peace and they pointed out the need to make efforts for the settlement of litigious questions in peaceful ways for the elimination of force from international life." Regarding the Middle East conflict, the statement said "The two heads of government stood for the continuation of the efforts toward the peaceful settlement of the conflict."

Mrs. Meir spoke warmly at the airport of her meetings with Rumanian Jews and especially her visit Friday night to the synagogue in Bucharest where Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen interrupted normal proceedings to greet her at the door. He carried a Torah scroll to her and allowed her to sit near the altar where, according to Orthodox Jewish practice, only men are permitted. Mrs. Meir said "It was most impressive to listen to the wonderful choir of boys and girls who sang 'Jerusalem the Golden.'"

AUSCHWITZ TRIAL PROSECUTOR CHARGES MAJOR WAR CRIMINALS PROTECTED

BONN, May 7 (JTA)--The former Auschwitz trial prosecutor accused today the Bundestag and the German high courts of protecting major Nazi war criminals by preventing their trials while prosecuting the "little" murderers. Joachim Kuegler made his charge in Frankfurt during the trial of Juozas Stasaitis, 50, who is charged with the murder of more than 1000 Jewish women, children and old people in Lithuania during the summer of 1941. Kuegler is the defendant's attorney.

He said the "big" war criminals protected include Dr. Hans Globke, former Secretary of State and chief advisor to the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. According to Kuegler, Globke gave the Nazis juridical justification for the mass liquidation of Jews. Kuegler said he knew of no former prominent Nazi intellectual who has been brought to trial in West Germany.

A commemorative plaque with bas relief was erected in the Bulgarian city of Haskovo in the memory of three Bulgarian Jewish partisans killed 28 years ago. The three partisans were Moise Benbassat, Efraim Bentzion and Hal Bally.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council, in a statement on the forthcoming US-USSR summit conference, said that President Nixon would "render a great humanitarian service and enhance the prestige" of the United Nations by vigorously urging the Soviet government to assure everyone the right to leave and to go to Israel or any other country of their choice.

**CONGRESSMAN WARNS LIBERAL LEFT MAY
ABANDON ISRAEL, CONSERVATIVES'
SUPPORT COULD BE DANGEROUS**

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Israel's "unique" position of American support from both the liberal left and the conservative right is a "fragile arrangement" built on conflicting motives, a coalition that could quickly erode, a congressman warned today. Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D,N.Y.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that "the very liberal left," attracted by Israel's social dimensions, might "easily abandon" its support as a way of expressing a post-Vietnam isolationism. An overbalance of conservative support, predicated on the image of Israel as an anti-Soviet force, "could be dangerous," Rosenthal said.

The congressman addressed 200 leaders of B'nai B'rith groups in metropolitan New York at a weekend regional conference sponsored by the B'nai B'rith International Council. He and another conference speaker, Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of the Council, assessed Israel's present position, supported by American military sales and other assistance, as formidable and secure.

Power-Play Reversals Possible

But, Rosenthal stressed, "no major power will ever endanger its vested interests for a minor power," and the Jewish community must "accept the mission of never relaxing" against the possibility of power-play reversals such as the French "treachery," British "indifference" and American "vacillation" just before the Six-Day War. Rosenthal noted that the \$600 million in American military sales to Israel by the Nixon administration were almost eight times greater than arms sales authorized by President Johnson. He said that Nixon had overruled an "apathetic" Secretary of State William P. Rogers to authorize the most recent sale of Phantom jets.

Dr. Wexler, in his address, said that the Egyptian-Soviet strategy of seeking to pressure the United States into pressuring Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories "has failed dismally. Instead of pressuring Israel, President Nixon is calling on the Soviet Union to demonstrate its interest in settling the Middle East conflict by using its influence to persuade Egypt to undertake serious negotiations."

**JDL WARNS U.S. JEWS FACE PENDING
HOLOCAUST, URGES MASS ALIYA**

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--"Aliya is no longer a luxury for the American Jew - it is a necessity," Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at today's JDL Emergency Conference on Aliya. The purpose of the conference, which was attended by some 200 representatives, was to establish an "American Jewish National Organization, with branches in every local community, to begin the job of immediate mass return." The organization, to be called "Return (Habayta)," will open its offices tomorrow at 350 Fifth Avenue.

Citing "the series of crises in America and the climate of bitterness and frustration leading to a readiness to explode against the favorite scapegoat - the Jew," Rabbi Kahane told the JTA that only mass aliya to Israel can save America's Jews from a "violent holocaust." Speakers at the conference warned of the growth of the radical right in this country, and said that both the radical right and the radical left embodied anti-Semitic principles.

Rabbi Kahane said he hopes that Return will

register hundreds of thousands of potential olim and will establish contact with private investors willing to provide jobs and inexpensive housing for the olim in Israel. His plan, he said, is to present the Jewish Agency and the Israel government with the names of the olim. "If there's a need for these Jews to go to Israel, we'll dump them there," he told the JTA. "We're not going to stand for any red tape." The JDL hopes to establish settlements in what Kahane calls the "liberated" areas--especially the West Bank - in order to make sure that these areas remain Jewish. "The Jews have problems in both America and Israel," Rabbi Kahane said, "and a'liya is the answer to all of them."

Speakers at the conference cited similarities between Germany under the Weimar Republic in the late 1920's and America in 1972, and warned Jews of the dangers facing them if they adopt a complacent view of their future security. They added that Jewish participation in the peace movement here may lead them to be blamed for a US defeat in Vietnam, as was the case after Germany's defeat in World War I.

**...WZO LEADER SCORES VIEW AS
WILD TALK, DEFEATIST, ESCAPIST**

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization, today blasted the thesis behind the Jewish Defense League's emergency aliya conference--"that America is on the verge of a new holocaust."

In a statement issued here, Mrs. Jacobson said: "We believe that Americans go on aliya because of a true love of Zion and of a desire to live a fuller life as Jews in Israel....Wild talk such as that uttered by the Jewish Defense League, both at its emergency conference, and in 'ads' promoting it, cannot be other than harmful, a view, we believe is held by the overwhelming majority of American Jewry."

Noting that aliya from America has grown to about 10,000 annually in recent years, Mrs. Jacobson said that to state, as the JDL does "that you must run away from the United States because of the fear of anti-Semitism" is "defeatism that is harmful, in the long run, to Israel as well as to American Jewry."

She said American Jewry is playing an important role in the development of the Jewish state. "We do not need, nor desire, the scare tactics and sensationalism of the aliya propaganda of the JDL," Mrs. Jacobson said that through its affiliated Aliya Center, the American section of the WZO "is fully committed to aiding all Americans who wish to settle in Israel."

YIVO DISCUSSES FUTURE OF JEWISH STUDIES

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Several hundred scholars, students and supporters of the work of YIVO gathered here today to launch the Institute's 46th annual conference. The opening session of the conference, whose theme is "A Century of Higher Jewish Learning," featured a presentation on this subject by Dr. Zvi Ankori, of the Hebrew University and director of the Center for Jewish and Israeli studies at Columbia University. He predicted that future Jewish historiography will stress topography (Jewish quarters and cities), population and economic studies, as well as the holocaust, Israel and Zionism and the American Jewish community. Chaim Grade, the poet and critic, discussed "Young Vilna," a group of writers and artists between the two world wars, who though deeply affected by the Soviet experiment were disillusioned by the Moscow trials.

\$3M PROGRAM TO SERVE RELIGIOUS NEEDS OF SOVIET JEWS ARRIVING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--A major program to serve the special religious needs of Russian Jews now arriving in increased numbers in Israel has been readied for launching in early summer under the joint sponsorship of the leading American Orthodox Jewish organizations, it was announced tonight by Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, at the annual National Dinner of the Union.

Rabbi Karasick stated that funding for the program, with a provisional budget exceeding \$3 million, will be obtained either through existing communal fund channels or through other means. The project is to include "schools, synagogues, group and individual instruction in Bible and the fundamentals of the Jewish faith, personalized guidance activities, and other facilities" tailored to the distinctive needs of immigrants coming from a land in which all Jewish religious life and instruction have been suppressed for over fifty years.

Continuing, the UOJC president declared that the "government of Israel and the Jewish Agency are doing a herculean job. They need, deserve, and must receive all our support, through United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds, for the absorption and housing of the Russian immigration which, we hope and pray, will continue to increase." However, he added, absorption and settlement is more than a roof over the head and a job; it extends to the even more vital area of spiritual homecoming.

We are calling upon the fund-raising agencies to recognize that a settlement without a synagogue or a religious school is not "K'litah," absorption, as we understand it, Rabbi Karasick declared. "These our brethren have come to Israel with messianic yearnings. Their disappointment would be shattering, it would be a bitter mockery of all the values which they have upheld under tyranny, with a heroism of which we can hardly conceive, if the conditions under which they are settled lack necessary provisions for their spiritual life. We simply cannot let this happen."

ASSEMBLY BILL PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SABBATH OBSERVING STUDENTS

ALBANY, N.Y., May 7 (JTA)--The New York State Assembly has passed a bill prohibiting discrimination against students attending private schools and colleges who absent themselves in observance of Sabbath and other religious holidays. The measure was introduced in the form of an amendment to the 1966 Education Act which extends such protection to students in public institutions.

It requires private schools and colleges to make "reasonable accommodations" to the needs of religiously observant students and allows the colleges to pass on to such students all reasonable costs incurred by such accommodations. Under the new measure, an aggrieved student may seek remedy from the State Division for Human Rights and not, as under the present law, by initiating action in a court of law. The amendment was co-sponsored by Assemblymen Stanley Steingut, the Minority Leader; Anthony G. DiFalco; Albert H. Blumenthal; Alexander Chananau; and Leonard Silverman, all Democrats of New York City.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION NEEDED TO BALANCE MALE-DOMINATED RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--The Jewish religion and social structure, which has been male-dominated for more than five thousand years, needs a measure of Women's Liberation philosophy, according to a young woman who expects to

be ordained as a rabbi. Mrs. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, a third-year student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Temple University, Philadelphia, made her remarks yesterday in the course of conducting a study session on "Women and The Bible: Lessons for Today," at the 66th Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee. "There is an urgent need to balance the predominantly masculine perspective in Judaism with a feminine counterpart, especially in regard to religious ceremonies, liturgy, and the creative arts," Mrs. Sasso declared.

Among her suggestions for liturgical modifications, she urged changes in the marriage ceremony that would "create a mutuality of obligation, rather than the one-sided sense of man's 'ownership' of woman, and the double standard it implies." She also recommended the development of "a ceremony that would welcome the birth of a girl, in some way a counterpart of all the ceremonies that now surround the birth of a Jewish boy." And she deplored the fact that most Jewish art "depicts men in all sorts of attitudes--performing the Hasidic dances, poring over Talmudic texts, teaching young boys--while the only act in which women are depicted is the lighting of Sabbath candles."

Equality Means Participation

"Although women have enjoyed a significant position in Judaism, to state that their status is merely different but equal to men is to ignore the facts," Mrs. Sasso declared. Stressing the fact that she was not recommending a total renunciation of women's traditional role, Mrs. Sasso stated: "If a woman chooses, after surveying all the other possibilities, to remain in the home and be a wife, mother, housekeeper, she should be able to make that choice, but she should not be limited to it. The Jewish woman should have an equal opportunity with the men in all fields and should be made to feel that she can participate in them."

Mrs. Sasso, whose husband is also a rabbinical student, declared that throughout Jewish history "there have been rampant apologetics and rationalizations that have kept women from full participation in Jewish life by, if not consciously recognizing, at least inertly maintaining their inferiority." Continuing, she said that "women's position throughout Jewish history was reflective of the outside society in which Judaism grew. Women had an inferior role in all early communities, and to judge history by our cultural views would be erroneous."

However, she added, "to recognize change in the social situation and to refuse parallel development with regard to women's role would be indefensible." Mrs. Sasso, born in Philadelphia, attended Temple University, where she received a B.A. degree, magna cum laude with honors in Religion, in 1969, and an M.A. degree in Religion in 1972. She is currently a candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is a teaching assistant at Temple University's Department of Religion.

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It was learned that the joint communique issued tonight was drafted by Rumania and that Israel at first was reluctant to approve of a joint statement because it might stress the differences between the two countries. But the Rumanians reportedly insisted on grounds that no joint statement might imply that Mrs. Meir's visit was a

failure. The statement was carefully gone over by Mrs. Meir's political secretary, Simcha Dinitz and Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister Gheorghiu Macovescu before the final draft was submitted to Mrs. Meir and Ceausescu for approval.

The joint communique stressed the cordial atmosphere of the talks between the two heads of government and said views were exchanged "on the present state of bilateral relations and on the possibilities of their further development as well as on international issues of mutual interest." In the latter area, the statement "reaffirmed that the relations among states should be based on the observance of the principles of national independence and sovereignty, non-interference in domestic affairs and equal rights and mutual advantage on the observance of the right of each people to decide freely its own fate without any outside interference."

The communique also stated: "The two sides agreed that the existence of hotbeds of tension and war in different areas of the world constituted a serious danger for the world peace and they pointed out the need to make efforts for the settlement of litigious questions in peaceful ways for the elimination of force from international life." Regarding the Middle East conflict, the statement said "The two heads of government stood for the continuation of the efforts toward the peaceful settlement of the conflict."

Mrs. Meir spoke warmly at the airport of her meetings with Rumanian Jews and especially her visit Friday night to the synagogue in Bucharest where Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen interrupted normal proceedings to greet her at the door. He carried a Torah scroll to her and allowed her to sit near the altar where, according to Orthodox Jewish practice, only men are permitted. Mrs. Meir said "It was most impressive to listen to the wonderful choir of boys and girls who sang 'Jerusalem the Golden.'"

AUSCHWITZ TRIAL PROSECUTOR CHARGES MAJOR WAR CRIMINALS PROTECTED

BONN, May 7 (JTA)--The former Auschwitz trial prosecutor accused today the Bundestag and the German high courts of protecting major Nazi war criminals by preventing their trials while prosecuting the "little" murderers. Joachim Kuegler made his charge in Frankfurt during the trial of Juozas Stasaitis, 50, who is charged with the murder of more than 1000 Jewish women, children and old people in Lithuania during the summer of 1941. Kuegler is the defendant's attorney.

He said the "big" war criminals protected include Dr. Hans Globke, former Secretary of State and chief advisor to the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. According to Kuegler, Globke gave the Nazis juridical justification for the mass liquidation of Jews. Kuegler said he knew of no former prominent Nazi intellectual who has been brought to trial in West Germany.

A commemorative plaque with bas relief was erected in the Bulgarian city of Haskovo in the memory of three Bulgarian Jewish partisans killed 28 years ago. The three partisans were Moise Benbassat, Efraim Bentzion and Hal Bally.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council, in a statement on the forthcoming US-USSR summit conference, said that President Nixon would "render a great humanitarian service and enhance the prestige" of the United Nations by vigorously urging the Soviet government to assure everyone the right to leave and to go to Israel or any other country of their choice.

**CONGRESSMAN WARNS LIBERAL LEFT MAY
ABANDON ISRAEL, CONSERVATIVES'
SUPPORT COULD BE DANGEROUS**

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Israel's "unique" position of American support from both the liberal left and the conservative right is a "fragile arrangement" built on conflicting motives, a coalition that could quickly erode, a congressman warned today. Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D,N.Y.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that "the very liberal left," attracted by Israel's social dimensions, might "easily abandon" its support as a way of expressing a post-Vietnam isolationism. An overbalance of conservative support, predicated on the image of Israel as an anti-Soviet force, "could be dangerous," Rosenthal said.

The congressman addressed 200 leaders of B'nai B'rith groups in metropolitan New York at a weekend regional conference sponsored by the B'nai B'rith International Council. He and another conference speaker, Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of the Council, assessed Israel's present position, supported by American military sales and other assistance, as formidable and secure.

Power-Play Reversals Possible

But, Rosenthal stressed, "no major power will ever endanger its vested interests for a minor power," and the Jewish community must "accept the mission of never relaxing" against the possibility of power-play reversals such as the French "treachery," British "indifference" and American "vacillation" just before the Six-Day War. Rosenthal noted that the \$600 million in American military sales to Israel by the Nixon administration were almost eight times greater than arms sales authorized by President Johnson. He said that Nixon had overruled an "apathetic" Secretary of State William P. Rogers to authorize the most recent sale of Phantom jets.

Dr. Wexler, in his address, said that the Egyptian-Soviet strategy of seeking to pressure the United States into pressuring Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories "has failed dismally. Instead of pressuring Israel, President Nixon is calling on the Soviet Union to demonstrate its interest in settling the Middle East conflict by using its influence to persuade Egypt to undertake serious negotiations."

**JDL WARNS U.S. JEWS FACE PENDING
HOLOCAUST, URGES MASS ALIYA**

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--"Aliya is no longer a luxury for the American Jew - it is a necessity," Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at today's JDL Emergency Conference on Aliya. The purpose of the conference, which was attended by some 200 representatives, was to establish an "American Jewish National Organization, with branches in every local community, to begin the job of immediate mass return." The organization, to be called "Return (Habayta)," will open its offices tomorrow at 350 Fifth Avenue.

Citing "the series of crises in America and the climate of bitterness and frustration leading to a readiness to explode against the favorite scapegoat - the Jew," Rabbi Kahane told the JTA that only mass aliya to Israel can save America's Jews from a "violent holocaust." Speakers at the conference warned of the growth of the radical right in this country, and said that both the radical right and the radical left embodied anti-Semitic principles.

Rabbi Kahane said he hopes that Return will

register hundreds of thousands of potential olim and will establish contact with private investors willing to provide jobs and inexpensive housing for the olim in Israel. His plan, he said, is to present the Jewish Agency and the Israel government with the names of the olim. "If there's a need for these Jews to go to Israel, we'll dump them there," he told the JTA. "We're not going to stand for any red tape." The JDL hopes to establish settlements in what Kahane calls the "liberated" areas--especially the West Bank - in order to make sure that these areas remain Jewish. "The Jews have problems in both America and Israel," Rabbi Kahane said, "and a'liya is the answer to all of them."

Speakers at the conference cited similarities between Germany under the Weimar Republic in the late 1920's and America in 1972, and warned Jews of the dangers facing them if they adopt a complacent view of their future security. They added that Jewish participation in the peace movement here may lead them to be blamed for a US defeat in Vietnam, as was the case after Germany's defeat in World War I.

**...WZO LEADER SCORES VIEW AS
WILD TALK, DEFEATIST, ESCAPIST**

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization, today blasted the thesis behind the Jewish Defense League's emergency aliya conference--"that America is on the verge of a new holocaust."

In a statement issued here, Mrs. Jacobson said: "We believe that Americans go on aliya because of a true love of Zion and of a desire to live a fuller life as Jews in Israel....Wild talk such as that uttered by the Jewish Defense League, both at its emergency conference, and in 'ads' promoting it, cannot be other than harmful, a view, we believe is held by the overwhelming majority of American Jewry."

Noting that aliya from America has grown to about 10,000 annually in recent years, Mrs. Jacobson said that to state, as the JDL does "that you must run away from the United States because of the fear of anti-Semitism" is "defeatism that is harmful, in the long run, to Israel as well as to American Jewry."

She said American Jewry is playing an important role in the development of the Jewish state. "We do not need, nor desire, the scare tactics and sensationalism of the aliya propaganda of the JDL," Mrs. Jacobson said that through its affiliated Aliya Center, the American section of the WZO "is fully committed to aiding all Americans who wish to settle in Israel."

YIVO DISCUSSES FUTURE OF JEWISH STUDIES

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--Several hundred scholars, students and supporters of the work of YIVO gathered here today to launch the Institute's 46th annual conference. The opening session of the conference, whose theme is "A Century of Higher Jewish Learning," featured a presentation on this subject by Dr. Zvi Ankori, of the Hebrew University and director of the Center for Jewish and Israeli studies at Columbia University. He predicted that future Jewish historiography will stress topography (Jewish quarters and cities), population and economic studies, as well as the holocaust, Israel and Zionism and the American Jewish community. Chaim Grade, the poet and critic, discussed "Young Vilna," a group of writers and artists between the two world wars, who though deeply affected by the Soviet experiment were disillusioned by the Moscow trials.

\$3M PROGRAM TO SERVE RELIGIOUS NEEDS OF SOVIET JEWS ARRIVING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--A major program to serve the special religious needs of Russian Jews now arriving in increased numbers in Israel has been readied for launching in early summer under the joint sponsorship of the leading American Orthodox Jewish organizations, it was announced tonight by Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, at the annual National Dinner of the Union.

Rabbi Karasick stated that funding for the program, with a provisional budget exceeding \$3 million, will be obtained either through existing communal fund channels or through other means. The project is to include "schools, synagogues, group and individual instruction in Bible and the fundamentals of the Jewish faith, personalized guidance activities, and other facilities" tailored to the distinctive needs of immigrants coming from a land in which all Jewish religious life and instruction have been suppressed for over fifty years.

Continuing, the UOJC president declared that the "government of Israel and the Jewish Agency are doing a herculean job. They need, deserve, and must receive all our support, through United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds, for the absorption and housing of the Russian immigration which, we hope and pray, will continue to increase." However, he added, absorption and settlement is more than a roof over the head and a job; it extends to the even more vital area of spiritual homecoming.

We are calling upon the fund-raising agencies to recognize that a settlement without a synagogue or a religious school is not "K'litah," absorption, as we understand it, Rabbi Karasick declared. "These our brethren have come to Israel with messianic yearnings. Their disappointment would be shattering, it would be a bitter mockery of all the values which they have upheld under tyranny, with a heroism of which we can hardly conceive, if the conditions under which they are settled lack necessary provisions for their spiritual life. We simply cannot let this happen."

ASSEMBLY BILL PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SABBATH OBSERVING STUDENTS

ALBANY, N.Y., May 7 (JTA)--The New York State Assembly has passed a bill prohibiting discrimination against students attending private schools and colleges who absent themselves in observance of Sabbath and other religious holidays. The measure was introduced in the form of an amendment to the 1966 Education Act which extends such protection to students in public institutions.

It requires private schools and colleges to make "reasonable accommodations" to the needs of religiously observant students and allows the colleges to pass on to such students all reasonable costs incurred by such accommodations. Under the new measure, an aggrieved student may seek remedy from the State Division for Human Rights and not, as under the present law, by initiating action in a court of law. The amendment was co-sponsored by Assemblymen Stanley Steingut, the Minority Leader; Anthony G. DiFalco; Albert H. Blumenthal; Alexander Chananau; and Leonard Silverman, all Democrats of New York City.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION NEEDED TO BALANCE MALE-DOMINATED RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE

NEW YORK, May 7 (JTA)--The Jewish religion and social structure, which has been male-dominated for more than five thousand years, needs a measure of Women's Liberation philosophy, according to a young woman who expects to

be ordained as a rabbi. Mrs. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, a third-year student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Temple University, Philadelphia, made her remarks yesterday in the course of conducting a study session on "Women and The Bible: Lessons for Today," at the 66th Annual Meeting of the American Jewish Committee. "There is an urgent need to balance the predominantly masculine perspective in Judaism with a feminine counterpart, especially in regard to religious ceremonies, liturgy, and the creative arts," Mrs. Sasso declared.

Among her suggestions for liturgical modifications, she urged changes in the marriage ceremony that would "create a mutuality of obligation, rather than the one-sided sense of man's 'ownership' of woman, and the double standard it implies." She also recommended the development of "a ceremony that would welcome the birth of a girl, in some way a counterpart of all the ceremonies that now surround the birth of a Jewish boy." And she deplored the fact that most Jewish art "depicts men in all sorts of attitudes--performing the Hasidic dances, poring over Talmudic texts, teaching young boys--while the only act in which women are depicted is the lighting of Sabbath candles."

Equality Means Participation

"Although women have enjoyed a significant position in Judaism, to state that their status is merely different but equal to men is to ignore the facts," Mrs. Sasso declared. Stressing the fact that she was not recommending a total renunciation of women's traditional role, Mrs. Sasso stated: "If a woman chooses, after surveying all the other possibilities, to remain in the home and be a wife, mother, housekeeper, she should be able to make that choice, but she should not be limited to it. The Jewish woman should have an equal opportunity with the men in all fields and should be made to feel that she can participate in them."

Mrs. Sasso, whose husband is also a rabbinical student, declared that throughout Jewish history "there have been rampant apologetics and rationalizations that have kept women from full participation in Jewish life by, if not consciously recognizing, at least inertly maintaining their inferiority." Continuing, she said that "women's position throughout Jewish history was reflective of the outside society in which Judaism grew. Women had an inferior role in all early communities, and to judge history by our cultural views would be erroneous."

However, she added, "to recognize change in the social situation and to refuse parallel development with regard to women's role would be indefensible." Mrs. Sasso, born in Philadelphia, attended Temple University, where she received a B.A. degree, magna cum laude with honors in Religion, in 1969, and an M.A. degree in Religion in 1972. She is currently a candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is a teaching assistant at Temple University's Department of Religion.

60,000 PETITIONS SENT TO NIXON

CHICAGO, May 7 (JTA)--Sixty thousand petitions were sent to President Nixon as part of a national one million petition campaign of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, urging him to exert his influence on behalf of Soviet Jews, it was announced by Walter Roth, president of the American Jewish Congress, Council of Greater Chicago. President Nixon is asked to take advantage of his Soviet visit to convey to Russian leaders American concern for Soviet Jews.