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The report, the full text of which has still not been released, was prepared with the active participation and assistance of Nahum Golan, for almost three years director of the Agency's aliya activities in the United States, and he is now working with Uzi Narkiss, director of the aliya department in Israel, in developing techniques to implement the Dichter suggestions.

Pincus explained that the "basic technique of the Dichter report was to analyze the psychology

of American Jewry, particularly as it was addressed to the subject of immigration to Israel. In the process, he studied the aliya department's policies and procedures in the United States, and the reactions of newcomers from America to Israel. He sought to outline techniques for dealing with adverse reactions on the part of American olim and to suggest the best ways of preventing such unfavorable reactions as exist, as well as develop the programs that would prevent these problems from arising in the future."

Pincus pointed out that the transplanting of a family from the United States, or any country, to Israel involves emotional adjustments. "Therefore," he said, "some criticism of the aliya process is inevitable. Mr. Dichter's suggestions were that a training program for the Agency's emissaries in the United States, which while not qualifying them as psychologists, would at least make them aware of the problems in dealing with prospective immigrants. In installing social workers in immigrant absorption centers, we have done so not because the newcomers are social cases, but because a social worker is qualified to deal with various emotional and domestic problems, as well as those of transplantation and others as they arise."

#### HISTADRUT LAUNCHES \$25 M PROGRAM FOR HOUSING FOR YOUNG ISRAELI FAMILIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA)--A \$25 million mortgage fund for the financing of 5000 housing units for young Israeli couples will be established by Histadrut, Yehoshua Levy, Histadrut treasurer, reported at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Israel Histadrut Foundation. Histadrut's housing authority, Shikun Ovdim, will build the 5000 low-cost apartments.

Levy stated that the acute housing shortage in Israel hits the young married folk especially hard, as it is difficult for them to obtain mortgage money at reasonable rates. Most of the young families consist of army veterans and come from the Oriental, low-income communities.

Dr. Sol Stein, president of the American-based Foundation, proposed participation in this venture by American donors, who would be asked to raise \$5 million in 1000 units of \$5000 each through Histadrut Charitable Annuity Trusts. In return, the donors would receive 8.5 percent annually on the contribution for life. Upon demise of the donor, the capital gift would revert to the Israel Histadrut Foundation for its health, educational and social welfare programs in Israel.

In his report to the board, Dr. Stein revealed that during the past fiscal year, the Foundation had received new commitments of \$4.2 million in the form of wills, bequests and annuity agreements. This is an increase of \$1.4 million over the previous year. The cumulative total of long-term commitments to the Foundation since its inception 12 years ago is now \$25.7 million, made possible by 1511 individuals. A goal of new commitments of \$6 million for the fiscal year 1972-73 was set.

#### TERRORIST INCIDENTS MARK WEEK-END

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Scattered incidents of terrorism erupted over the week-end. The most serious, a bomb explosion Friday morning in the crowded Supersol supermarket in downtown Jerusalem, slightly injured three women shoppers. Police detained 130 Arabs for questioning.

No casualties were reported in three other incidents that occurred in outlying areas. A hand grenade was thrown at an Army vehicle about 100

yards from Military Government headquarters in Gaza Friday evening. A booby-trapped wrist-watch containing 200 grams of explosives and a timing device was found Friday and dismantled in the cotton fields of Kibbutz Yad Hanna near Tulkarem. Soldiers in an Army vehicle exchanged fire with terrorists on the Tulkarem-Jenin road in the northern Samaria district.

A terrorist spokesman in Beirut told a cheering crowd Friday that terrorist warfare against Israel was "going to continue all over the world." Shafik Al-Hout, head of the local office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, promised to "continue what we began in Munich." The occasion for his remarks was a gathering to mark the second anniversary of the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt.

#### Arabs Divided On Government-In-Exile

Nasser's successor, President Anwar Sadat, drew a mixed reaction in terrorist circles on Friday for his proposal that the Palestinians establish a government-in-exile, which he promised Egypt would promptly recognize. A member of the executive of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in Beirut, "We reject the Sadat proposal flatly." A spokesman for the PLO said the Sadat proposal came as a "complete surprise" and "will take a lot of study."

West Bank and East Jerusalem Arab leaders were divided over the proposal. Sheikh Mohammed Ali el Jaabari, the influential Mayor of Hebron, said it would "split the Palestinians," adding, "We do not want to be compelled to accept leadership or systems we do not believe in."

El Kuds, an East Jerusalem Arabic daily, expressed doubts that the suggestion was constructive and proposed instead the establishment of a Palestinian "entity" in the administered territories. But several other Arab personalities, including Mohammed Abu Shilbaya, a journalist, and Aziz Shekhade, a prominent lawyer, supported the idea. Circles in Jordan denounced Sadat's proposal as an attempt by Egypt to shirk its responsibility to the Palestinian cause.

There has been no official Israeli comment so far. Terrorist leaders appeared to be confused and miffed that Sadat offered the suggestion without prior consultation with them. Observers here believe one reason the plan received a cool reception is that it would require the various terrorist groups to settle their differences and join in a formal structure, something they have been unable or unwilling to do so far. The Sadat proposal also raised major problems for the Arab governments, particularly Jordan, which has battled the terrorists in the past and would probably oppose a government-in-exile that laid claim to the West Bank.

Such a government would in fact have to agree on its territorial claims. El Fatah, the largest of the terrorist groups, insists that a Palestinian state should occupy the area of the British mandate prior to 1948, which in effect means the elimination of Israel. Jordan seeks the return of the West Bank and East Jerusalem which it occupied until 1967. Sadat did not indicate what territory he thought a Palestinian exile government should claim.

#### Beigin Hits Laxity Against Terrorists

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Gahal opposition faction criticized the government for alleged inaction against terrorism. Beigin, who is leaving on a speaking tour of the US and Canada on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization and the United Jewish Appeal, accused the government of failure

to carry out the Knesset's decision to constantly hit terrorist bases and those who support the terrorists.

Beigin told a group of Americans on Friday that the war against terrorism would take time but "we shall eliminate them." Addressing a group representing the Brith Shalom Foundation of Philadelphia, he accused West German authorities of laxity in the deaths of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes. "Not one serious calculated step was made by the Germans to free the Israelis," he said.

Israelis were relieved, meanwhile, that the supermarket bombing did not have more serious consequences. The device exploded in the wine and liquor section sending shards of glass flying through the store crowded with pre-Sabbath shoppers. A bomb explosion in the same supermarket in 1970 killed two students and injured 10 other shoppers. The terrorists responsible were subsequently caught and sentenced to life terms in prison.

#### CHURCH RAPS ROGERS PLAN FOR MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho) announced a "major break" with the Nixon administration foreign policy with a report contending that Secretary of State William P. Rogers' formula for a Middle East settlement only encourages the Arab world "to refuse to face up to the realities of the situation." Church, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also accused the United Nations of applying a "double standard" to the Middle East and other parts of the world.

His 24-page report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released Friday, dealt with his fact-finding mission to Israel last month. The Rogers plan, set forth on Dec. 9, 1969, called for Israel to withdraw from territories occupied in the Six-Day War except for "insubstantial changes." "The Rogers plan keeps alive the hopes of the Arab world that the results of the war can somehow be set aside," Church asserted.

"It cannot be done and the United States policy should not continue to foster such illusions," he added. "As long as United States policy holds out the hope that the United Nations or outside powers can induce Israel to sacrifice what it considers to be its vital interests, namely secure borders, the Arab nations will refuse to face up to the realities of the situation."

Church's criticism of the Rogers plan was seen by observers here as an anti-climax to President Nixon's statement to prominent Jewish leaders in New York last week that the US would "under no circumstances impose a settlement in the Middle East," and that the administration was committed to the survival and strength of Israel. According to syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, the Jewish leaders were ecstatic by the President's pledge.

Church also assailed the Soviet Union for its policy on emigration of Russian Jews to Israel. He declared that "The Soviet policy, like the Berlin wall, acts as a barrier to the migration of people and deserves condemnation by the international community."

The government denied today newspaper reports that President Nixon sent a special message to Premier Golda Meir urging Israeli restraint toward Lebanon. A government spokesman said, "I can say no such message was received." The report, attributed to American newspapers, appeared today in Maariv. The spokesman said the US had not urged restraint either through a Presidential message or any other channels.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****"SUKKAH IN THE SKY"**

By MURRAY ZUCKOFF, JTA News Editor

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA)--The Feast of the Tabernacles, Succoth, which was celebrated last week by Jews all over the world, had a unique addition to the thousands of sukkot in private homes, in synagogues and on terraces of apartment houses in this city. The hundreds of representatives of major Jewish organizations, lay and religious leaders, city and state officials and Israeli dignitaries who visited one of these tabernacles referred to it as the "sukkah in the sky." Jack D. Weller, the distinguished philanthropist and realtor, and his son and son-in-law, Alan G. Weller, and Robert H. Arnow, built a traditional sukkah on the roof of the 50-story Monsanto Building at 43 West 42nd Street in the Times Square area of Manhattan, one of the newest and most elegant office buildings in the city.

According to many who participated in the week-long festivities in the sukkah, it was the only tabernacle on the roof of any commercial building in this city and possibly the entire country. It took eight construction workers one week to build the handsome, sturdy tabernacle which was profusely decorated with grapes, lulavs, esrogs and other fruits of the field, vineyard and orchards in a manner traditional since Biblical days.

Weller, who together with Arnow and Benjamin Swig own the Monsanto Building, explained why he decided to have a sukkah on top of the wind-swept roof. "During non-Jewish holidays like Christmas, one finds offices and office buildings bedecked with the earmarks of those holidays," he said. "Why shouldn't Jews also have the opportunity to celebrate their holidays where they work?"

His eyes sparkling as he watched guests arrive, Weller swung his arm in a wide arc to take in the entire sukkah and said: "Many of those who came here during the week hadn't been in a sukkah for maybe thirty, forty years. Some hadn't been in a sukkah at all. For many, it was a reaffirmation of their Jewish faith, a re-dedication of the spirit of Jewishness. For some, it was the first time that they felt like Jews."

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, who together with Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, executive vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis, and Judge Harold S. Silver, comprised the committee supervising the sukkah, put it this way: "This magnificent idea of building a sukkah in the sky was Mr. Weller's way of saying to New Yorkers, 'Come and enjoy a breath of tradition in the very heart of New York's commercial and industrial enterprise.'" Furthermore, Rabbi Rackman observed, "It is also a way of saying that the Jewish traditions we cherish don't have to be kept in the gutter. How much higher can we go to pay our devotion to God and to reaffirm our faith and our eternity as a people?"

To get to the sukkah from the main lobby of the building required taking an elevator in the rear of the building up to the 49th floor and then walking up two flights to the roof. The men who constructed the sukkah, large enough to hold up to 100 persons, had to lug the beams and posts on their shoulders up the two flights. In the vestibule, between the landing of the roof and the entrance to the sukkah, there was a large banner reading, "Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary With Israel Bonds."

In the sukkah itself, one wall was bedecked with various posters dealing with Soviet Jewry, the United Jewish Appeal campaign and the Israel Bond Organization drive. The sukkah, approximately 32 feet by 50 feet, was protected from rain and wind by a heavy piece of tarpaulin hoisted onto the roof of the sukkah

and removed when the weather was clement by six burly construction workers.

During the week that the sukkah was in use, several Jewish organizations held their meetings there. One day there was a meeting of about 75 leading New York rabbis and public figures. On another day there was a meeting of the UJA board of directors. Last Wednesday, Israel Bond Organization leaders met there to pay tribute to Israel's Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir and sold \$1 million in Israel Bonds. A Jewish leader who participated in one of those meetings, said laughingly, "We've never had a full house like this before at any of our meetings. Everyone felt good."

On Friday, the last day the sukkah was used, some 75 people gathered to honor Weller and to share the joys of the Feast of the Tabernacles with Mayor John V. Lindsay as the special guest of honor. The Mayor, arriving with an entourage of City Hall officials, was immediately introduced to the spirit of Succoth. Weller handed him a goblet of wine and had Lindsay repeat in Hebrew the blessing for wine. The Mayor, without any hesitation, repeated the blessing in almost flawless Hebrew. At one point, as Weller stopped briefly to make sure that Lindsay wasn't being left too far behind in repeating the Hebrew words, the Mayor looked at Weller, smiled, and said, "Go right ahead, Jack. I'm with you."

Sitting at one table were the eight construction workers who had been invited to partake in the festive occasion, wearing their hard hats, enjoying the light banter and Weller's exposition explaining the meaning of Succoth and the sukkah and his translation of the prayer for wine. As Lindsay finished drinking the wine, he raised the goblet and said, "L'chaim." The hard hats joined in the toast.

**SHOCHET IN LITHUANIA DIES; NOBODY AVAILABLE TO REPLACE HIM**

ELIZABETH, N.J., Oct. 1 (JTA)--The only shochet (kosher slaughterer) in Soviet Lithuania died a few days before Rosh Hashana at the age of around 60 and "there is nobody to replace him," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by Rabbi Pinchas Teitz, former member of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the US and Canada. The shochet, identified by Lithuanian sources as "Reb Yaacov," was based in Vilna.

Rabbi Teitz also reported that the cantor from Memel, Lithuania, who had served Vilna for several years on the High Holidays, sang at Rosh Hashana services this year and died before Yom Kippur. He said there was no indication of foul play in either death.

Rabbi Teitz added that a monument in memory of the late Rabbi Yitzhak Rabinowitz, the Lithuanian "Ray of Ponievez," who died in 1918, was recently unveiled there. The monument was paid for by Rabbi Teitz after the authorities decided three years ago to liquidate the Jewish cemetery and allowed bodies to be exhumed and reburied.

**NO ACADEMICIANS AMONG NEW ARRIVALS**

TEL AVIV, Oct. 1 (JTA)--There were no academicians in the large group of Soviet immigrants who arrived here Friday morning by way of Vienna. This rare situation was attributed by aliyah officials to the recently imposed heavy exit fees for educated Jews seeking to leave the USSR. The officials expressed anxiety at the development. The immigrants--from Georgia, Odessa, Riga and Moscow--were given housing in Upper Nazareth, Ofakim, Shderoth and other places.





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Pincus, who originally authorized the report by the American deep motivation expert, said that "its cost, \$24,000, was money well spent. There never was any truth in the rumors that the report was being shelved because of its criticism of some aspects of the Agency's work. I personally found it both interesting and valuable; so much so that I suggested that Dr. Dichter supplement it with concrete suggestions as to how the Agency's work could be improved, and this he has already done."

The report, the full text of which has still not been released, was prepared with the active participation and assistance of Nahum Golan, for almost three years director of the Agency's aliya activities in the United States, and he is now working with Uzi Narkiss, director of the aliya department in Israel, in developing techniques to implement the Dichter suggestions.

Pincus explained that the "basic technique of the Dichter report was to analyze the psychology

of American Jewry, particularly as it was addressed to the subject of immigration to Israel. In the process, he studied the aliya department's policies and procedures in the United States, and the reactions of newcomers from America to Israel. He sought to outline techniques for dealing with adverse reactions on the part of American olim and to suggest the best ways of preventing such unfavorable reactions as exist, as well as develop the programs that would prevent these problems from arising in the future."

Pincus pointed out that the transplanting of a family from the United States, or any country, to Israel involves emotional adjustments. "Therefore," he said, "some criticism of the aliya process is inevitable. Mr. Dichter's suggestions were that a training program for the Agency's emissaries in the United States, which while not qualifying them as psychologists, would at least make them aware of the problems in dealing with prospective immigrants. In installing social workers in immigrant absorption centers, we have done so not because the newcomers are social cases, but because a social worker is qualified to deal with various emotional and domestic problems, as well as those of transplantation and others as they arise."

#### HISTADRUT LAUNCHES \$25 M PROGRAM FOR HOUSING FOR YOUNG ISRAELI FAMILIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA)--A \$25 million mortgage fund for the financing of 5000 housing units for young Israeli couples will be established by Histadrut, Yehoshua Levy, Histadrut treasurer, reported at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Israel Histadrut Foundation. Histadrut's housing authority, Shikun Ovdim, will build the 5000 low-cost apartments.

Levy stated that the acute housing shortage in Israel hits the young married folk especially hard, as it is difficult for them to obtain mortgage money at reasonable rates. Most of the young families consist of army veterans and come from the Oriental, low-income communities.

Dr. Sol Stein, president of the American-based Foundation, proposed participation in this venture by American donors, who would be asked to raise \$5 million in 1000 units of \$5000 each through Histadrut Charitable Annuity Trusts. In return, the donors would receive 8.5 percent annually on the contribution for life. Upon demise of the donor, the capital gift would revert to the Israel Histadrut Foundation for its health, educational and social welfare programs in Israel.

In his report to the board, Dr. Stein revealed that during the past fiscal year, the Foundation had received new commitments of \$4.2 million in the form of wills, bequests and annuity agreements. This is an increase of \$1.4 million over the previous year. The cumulative total of long-term commitments to the Foundation since its inception 12 years ago is now \$25.7 million, made possible by 1511 individuals. A goal of new commitments of \$6 million for the fiscal year 1972-73 was set.

#### TERRORIST INCIDENTS MARK WEEK-END

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Scattered incidents of terrorism erupted over the week-end. The most serious, a bomb explosion Friday morning in the crowded Supersol supermarket in downtown Jerusalem, slightly injured three women shoppers. Police detained 130 Arabs for questioning.

No casualties were reported in three other incidents that occurred in outlying areas. A hand grenade was thrown at an Army vehicle about 100

yards from Military Government headquarters in Gaza Friday evening. A booby-trapped wrist-watch containing 200 grams of explosives and a timing device was found Friday and dismantled in the cotton fields of Kibbutz Yad Hanna near Tulkarem. Soldiers in an Army vehicle exchanged fire with terrorists on the Tulkarem-Jenin road in the northern Samaria district.

A terrorist spokesman in Beirut told a cheering crowd Friday that terrorist warfare against Israel was "going to continue all over the world." Shafik Al-Hout, head of the local office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, promised to "continue what we began in Munich." The occasion for his remarks was a gathering to mark the second anniversary of the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt.

#### Arabs Divided On Government-In-Exile

Nasser's successor, President Anwar Sadat, drew a mixed reaction in terrorist circles on Friday for his proposal that the Palestinians establish a government-in-exile, which he promised Egypt would promptly recognize. A member of the executive of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in Beirut, "We reject the Sadat proposal flatly." A spokesman for the PLO said the Sadat proposal came as a "complete surprise" and "will take a lot of study."

West Bank and East Jerusalem Arab leaders were divided over the proposal. Sheikh Mohammed Ali el Jaabari, the influential Mayor of Hebron, said it would "split the Palestinians," adding, "We do not want to be compelled to accept leadership or systems we do not believe in."

El Kuds, an East Jerusalem Arabic daily, expressed doubts that the suggestion was constructive and proposed instead the establishment of a Palestinian "entity" in the administered territories. But several other Arab personalities, including Mohammed Abu Shilbaya, a journalist, and Aziz Shekhade, a prominent lawyer, supported the idea. Circles in Jordan denounced Sadat's proposal as an attempt by Egypt to shirk its responsibility to the Palestinian cause.

There has been no official Israeli comment so far. Terrorist leaders appeared to be confused and miffed that Sadat offered the suggestion without prior consultation with them. Observers here believe one reason the plan received a cool reception is that it would require the various terrorist groups to settle their differences and join in a formal structure, something they have been unable or unwilling to do so far. The Sadat proposal also raised major problems for the Arab governments, particularly Jordan, which has battled the terrorists in the past and would probably oppose a government-in-exile that laid claim to the West Bank.

Such a government would in fact have to agree on its territorial claims. El Fatah, the largest of the terrorist groups, insists that a Palestinian state should occupy the area of the British mandate prior to 1948, which in effect means the elimination of Israel. Jordan seeks the return of the West Bank and East Jerusalem which it occupied until 1967. Sadat did not indicate what territory he thought a Palestinian exile government should claim.

#### Beigin Hits Laxity Against Terrorists

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Gahal opposition faction criticized the government for alleged inaction against terrorism. Beigin, who is leaving on a speaking tour of the US and Canada on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization and the United Jewish Appeal, accused the government of failure

to carry out the Knesset's decision to constantly hit terrorist bases and those who support the terrorists.

Beigin told a group of Americans on Friday that the war against terrorism would take time but "we shall eliminate them." Addressing a group representing the Brith Shalom Foundation of Philadelphia, he accused West German authorities of laxity in the deaths of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes. "Not one serious calculated step was made by the Germans to free the Israelis," he said.

Israelis were relieved, meanwhile, that the supermarket bombing did not have more serious consequences. The device exploded in the wine and liquor section sending shards of glass flying through the store crowded with pre-Sabbath shoppers. A bomb explosion in the same supermarket in 1970 killed two students and injured 10 other shoppers. The terrorists responsible were subsequently caught and sentenced to life terms in prison.

#### CHURCH RAPS ROGERS PLAN FOR MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (JTA)--Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho) announced a "major break" with the Nixon administration foreign policy with a report contending that Secretary of State William P. Rogers' formula for a Middle East settlement only encourages the Arab world "to refuse to face up to the realities of the situation." Church, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also accused the United Nations of applying a "double standard" to the Middle East and other parts of the world.

His 24-page report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released Friday, dealt with his fact-finding mission to Israel last month. The Rogers plan, set forth on Dec. 9, 1969, called for Israel to withdraw from territories occupied in the Six-Day War except for "insubstantial changes." "The Rogers plan keeps alive the hopes of the Arab world that the results of the war can somehow be set aside," Church asserted.

"It cannot be done and the United States policy should not continue to foster such illusions," he added. "As long as United States policy holds out the hope that the United Nations or outside powers can induce Israel to sacrifice what it considers to be its vital interests, namely secure borders, the Arab nations will refuse to face up to the realities of the situation."

Church's criticism of the Rogers plan was seen by observers here as an anti-climax to President Nixon's statement to prominent Jewish leaders in New York last week that the US would "under no circumstances impose a settlement in the Middle East," and that the administration was committed to the survival and strength of Israel. According to syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, the Jewish leaders were ecstatic by the President's pledge.

Church also assailed the Soviet Union for its policy on emigration of Russian Jews to Israel. He declared that "The Soviet policy, like the Berlin wall, acts as a barrier to the migration of people and deserves condemnation by the international community."

The government denied today newspaper reports that President Nixon sent a special message to Premier Golda Meir urging Israeli restraint toward Lebanon. A government spokesman said, "I can say no such message was received." The report, attributed to American newspapers, appeared today in Maariv. The spokesman said the US had not urged restraint either through a Presidential message or any other channels.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****"SUKKAH IN THE SKY"**

By MURRAY ZUCKOFF, JTA News Editor

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (JTA)--The Feast of the Tabernacles, Succoth, which was celebrated last week by Jews all over the world, had a unique addition to the thousands of sukkot in private homes, in synagogues and on terraces of apartment houses in this city. The hundreds of representatives of major Jewish organizations, lay and religious leaders, city and state officials and Israeli dignitaries who visited one of these tabernacles referred to it as the "sukkah in the sky." Jack D. Weller, the distinguished philanthropist and realtor, and his son and son-in-law, Alan G. Weller, and Robert H. Arnow, built a traditional sukkah on the roof of the 50-story Monsanto Building at 43 West 42nd Street in the Times Square area of Manhattan, one of the newest and most elegant office buildings in the city.

According to many who participated in the week-long festivities in the sukkah, it was the only tabernacle on the roof of any commercial building in this city and possibly the entire country. It took eight construction workers one week to build the handsome, sturdy tabernacle which was profusely decorated with grapes, lulavs, esrogs and other fruits of the field, vineyard and orchards in a manner traditional since Biblical days.

Weller, who together with Arnow and Benjamin Swig own the Monsanto Building, explained why he decided to have a sukkah on top of the wind-swept roof. "During non-Jewish holidays like Christmas, one finds offices and office buildings bedecked with the earmarks of those holidays," he said. "Why shouldn't Jews also have the opportunity to celebrate their holidays where they work?"

His eyes sparkling as he watched guests arrive, Weller swung his arm in a wide arc to take in the entire sukkah and said: "Many of those who came here during the week hadn't been in a sukkah for maybe thirty, forty years. Some hadn't been in a sukkah at all. For many, it was a reaffirmation of their Jewish faith, a re-dedication of the spirit of Jewishness. For some, it was the first time that they felt like Jews."

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, who together with Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, executive vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis, and Judge Harold S. Silver, comprised the committee supervising the sukkah, put it this way: "This magnificent idea of building a sukkah in the sky was Mr. Weller's way of saying to New Yorkers, 'Come and enjoy a breath of tradition in the very heart of New York's commercial and industrial enterprise.'" Furthermore, Rabbi Rackman observed, "It is also a way of saying that the Jewish traditions we cherish don't have to be kept in the gutter. How much higher can we go to pay our devotion to God and to reaffirm our faith and our eternity as a people?"

To get to the sukkah from the main lobby of the building required taking an elevator in the rear of the building up to the 49th floor and then walking up two flights to the roof. The men who constructed the sukkah, large enough to hold up to 100 persons, had to lug the beams and posts on their shoulders up the two flights. In the vestibule, between the landing of the roof and the entrance to the sukkah, there was a large banner reading, "Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary With Israel Bonds."

In the sukkah itself, one wall was bedecked with various posters dealing with Soviet Jewry, the United Jewish Appeal campaign and the Israel Bond Organization drive. The sukkah, approximately 32 feet by 50 feet, was protected from rain and wind by a heavy piece of tarpaulin hoisted onto the roof of the sukkah

and removed when the weather was clement by six burly construction workers.

During the week that the sukkah was in use, several Jewish organizations held their meetings there. One day there was a meeting of about 75 leading New York rabbis and public figures. On another day there was a meeting of the UJA board of directors. Last Wednesday, Israel Bond Organization leaders met there to pay tribute to Israel's Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir and sold \$1 million in Israel Bonds. A Jewish leader who participated in one of those meetings, said laughingly, "We've never had a full house like this before at any of our meetings. Everyone felt good."

On Friday, the last day the sukkah was used, some 75 people gathered to honor Weller and to share the joys of the Feast of the Tabernacles with Mayor John V. Lindsay as the special guest of honor. The Mayor, arriving with an entourage of City Hall officials, was immediately introduced to the spirit of Succoth. Weller handed him a goblet of wine and had Lindsay repeat in Hebrew the blessing for wine. The Mayor, without any hesitation, repeated the blessing in almost flawless Hebrew. At one point, as Weller stopped briefly to make sure that Lindsay wasn't being left too far behind in repeating the Hebrew words, the Mayor looked at Weller, smiled, and said, "Go right ahead, Jack. I'm with you."

Sitting at one table were the eight construction workers who had been invited to partake in the festive occasion, wearing their hard hats, enjoying the light banter and Weller's exposition explaining the meaning of Succoth and the sukkah and his translation of the prayer for wine. As Lindsay finished drinking the wine, he raised the goblet and said, "L'chaim." The hard hats joined in the toast.

**SHOCHET IN LITHUANIA DIES; NOBODY AVAILABLE TO REPLACE HIM**

ELIZABETH, N.J., Oct. 1 (JTA)--The only shochet (kosher slaughterer) in Soviet Lithuania died a few days before Rosh Hashana at the age of around 60 and "there is nobody to replace him," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by Rabbi Pinchas Teitz, former member of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the US and Canada. The shochet, identified by Lithuanian sources as "Reb Yaacov," was based in Vilna.

Rabbi Teitz also reported that the cantor from Memel, Lithuania, who had served Vilna for several years on the High Holidays, sang at Rosh Hashana services this year and died before Yom Kippur. He said there was no indication of foul play in either death.

Rabbi Teitz added that a monument in memory of the late Rabbi Yitzhak Rabinowitz, the Lithuanian "Ray of Ponievez," who died in 1918, was recently unveiled there. The monument was paid for by Rabbi Teitz after the authorities decided three years ago to liquidate the Jewish cemetery and allowed bodies to be exhumed and reburied.

**NO ACADEMICIANS AMONG NEW ARRIVALS**

TEL AVIV, Oct. 1 (JTA)--There were no academicians in the large group of Soviet immigrants who arrived here Friday morning by way of Vienna. This rare situation was attributed by aliyah officials to the recently imposed heavy exit fees for educated Jews seeking to leave the USSR. The officials expressed anxiety at the development. The immigrants--from Georgia, Odessa, Riga and Moscow--were given housing in Upper Nazareth, Ofakim, Shderoth and other places.