

Begin's Private Secretary Is His Greatest Admirer

By GISELA WEISZ

Most secretaries have some reservations about their boss, but Prime Minister Menachem Begin's private secretary has nothing but praise for her.

The first question was whether it was hard working for Mr. Begin.

"No," said Yona Klimovitsky, who was in Indianapolis as the guest of the Hasten family and delivered a talk on Rosh Hashonah at B'nai Torah services. "I find it very easy because I am lucky to work with a man whom it is easy to work together. I'm lucky," she added, "because he has absolute confidence in people who work with him. He says what he wants once, we do it and he doesn't bother us afterwards. He has a lot of consideration."

This wasn't all. Ms. Klimovitsky noted that some bosses call their employees in the middle of the night. She said "he never does that. He is so considerate, always has a nice word for the people who work for him."

The 31 year-old private secretary was born in Roumania, was brought to Israel by her parents at the age of three, was educated in England and served in the Israeli army. Six years ago, when her boss was the leader of the opposition, the Likud Party, Yona was employed as his secretary.

Asked her opinion about peace possibilities Yona responded:

"Well, it opens the way to a lot of hopes, but we can not decide whether to believe it. In December we'll be happy deciding, till then the negotiations are ups and downs. By then, both sides are determined to finish."

On the question of the independence of Jewish women as compared to their counterparts she had this to say:

"Well, it is difficult to judge, because I was not really living with a family to see, but I can speak for the women in Israel. They I think, have complete equality in every field. It, of course, comes from the army,

because we are treated equally there by the men. That's why there are complaints about the manners. We could have more gentleness by them, but this is not a valid complaint."

The question of exemption of Orthodox women from military service, a home of contention in Israel today found Yona disagreeing. "You see, Israel is a free country, everyone has her own right to her own beliefs in religion. Israel is concerned not to act against their belief. So a lot of them don't go to the army. But they work in hospitals, as teachers, etc. So you see they are giving a service."

When it came to the effect of the "Peace Now" movement on Begin's agreement at the Camp David sessions, Yona said there was none whatsoever. "You see," she said, "we are a free country, so there are always opinions against the leaders. This is democracy. So in a democracy, you are entitled to have your own opinion. But in a democracy, you also elect a government and the government has to make decisions Mr. Begin is a man of great moral, great conscience, great belief and of principles. A man, who had his great principles all his life, cannot change this. He listens, but he can not change."

J.P.O.: "I assume you are not married."

Yona: "No it is difficult. I would take more of one's time. You can't do such a job and be home too."

J.P.O.: "Who takes care of your household?"

Yona: "My mother. She takes care of all my needs. I am rather spoiled."

J.P.O.: "You have vacations, like anyone else?"

Yona: "I try to combine work with vacations. Right now I'm touring the United States; am working for Israel

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Bonds, but also am travelling like any other tourist. No, I do not have regular vacations."

J.P.O.: "Thank you very much. One more thing, please: Would you spell your name for us?"

Yona: "Sure. Yona Klimovitzky."

Death Takes L. LeKashman

SOUTH BEND — Lawrence LeKashman, a top authority in the field of electronics, died here at the age of 57. He was vice-president of Electro-Voice, Buchanan, Mich. He was the author of more than 100 published technical articles and edited two handbooks in the electronics field.

Surviving are his wife, Priscilla; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Hersch, Reston, Va. and Mrs. Jacqueline Anderson, Columbus, Ind., a sister Mrs. Jacques Simon, Solana Beach, Ca.; a brother, Raymond, West Point, Conn., and two grandchildren.

City Of Hope Sets Sukkah Meeting

Rabbi Ronald Gray will be guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Indianapolis Chapter of the City of Hope scheduled in the sukkah at B'nai Torah at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

A short business meeting chaired by Mrs. Sam Neubauer, president, will precede the program.

Traditional holiday refreshments — wine, fruit, cake and coffee — will be served. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held indoors.

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I. U. Scholarship For Israelis Given By Bloomington Jews

Editor, POST and OPINION:

It may interest your readers that the small Jewish community of Bloomington has for the past several years awarded an annual \$500 fellowship to an Israeli student who wishes to study at Indiana University. The student is selected for both outstanding gift and financial need by the liaison person of the Indiana University at the Hebrew University, who also handles the official student exchange program of the two universities, and receives a full year's tuition scholarship from Indiana University worth about \$2,000.

In this way the community has brought several students of excellence to Indiana University, who then benefit Israel upon their return there and benefit the University Israeli student organization and the local Jewish community while on campus. The schools attracting most Israeli students are Business and Music, and this year another talented musician, who has won national prizes in Israel and has appeared in concert and on TV, will make use of this joint fellowship-scholarship.

We hope and wish that other communities in the state will join our effort to benefit Israel and help balance the enormous number of Arab students on our campus by establishing additional fellowships of this kind. Anyone desiring to do so may write to Dr. Hans Tischler, 711 E. First Street, Bloomington, IN 47401, or call him at 812-336-8517, best at 8-9 or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

HANS TISCHLER

Hodes Interview Sunday On TV 8

Dr. Marion E. Hodes, who recently completed a sabbatical year in Israel, will be interviewed by Dr. Michael Cohen on the Jewish Perspective at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 on Channel 8.

Joining Dr. Hodes, who did research at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, will be his wife, Halina, and daughter, Abi. In addition, Amit Cohen, a Yemenite girl from Rhovot who is spending a year as the guest of the Hodes family, will also participate in the interview.



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