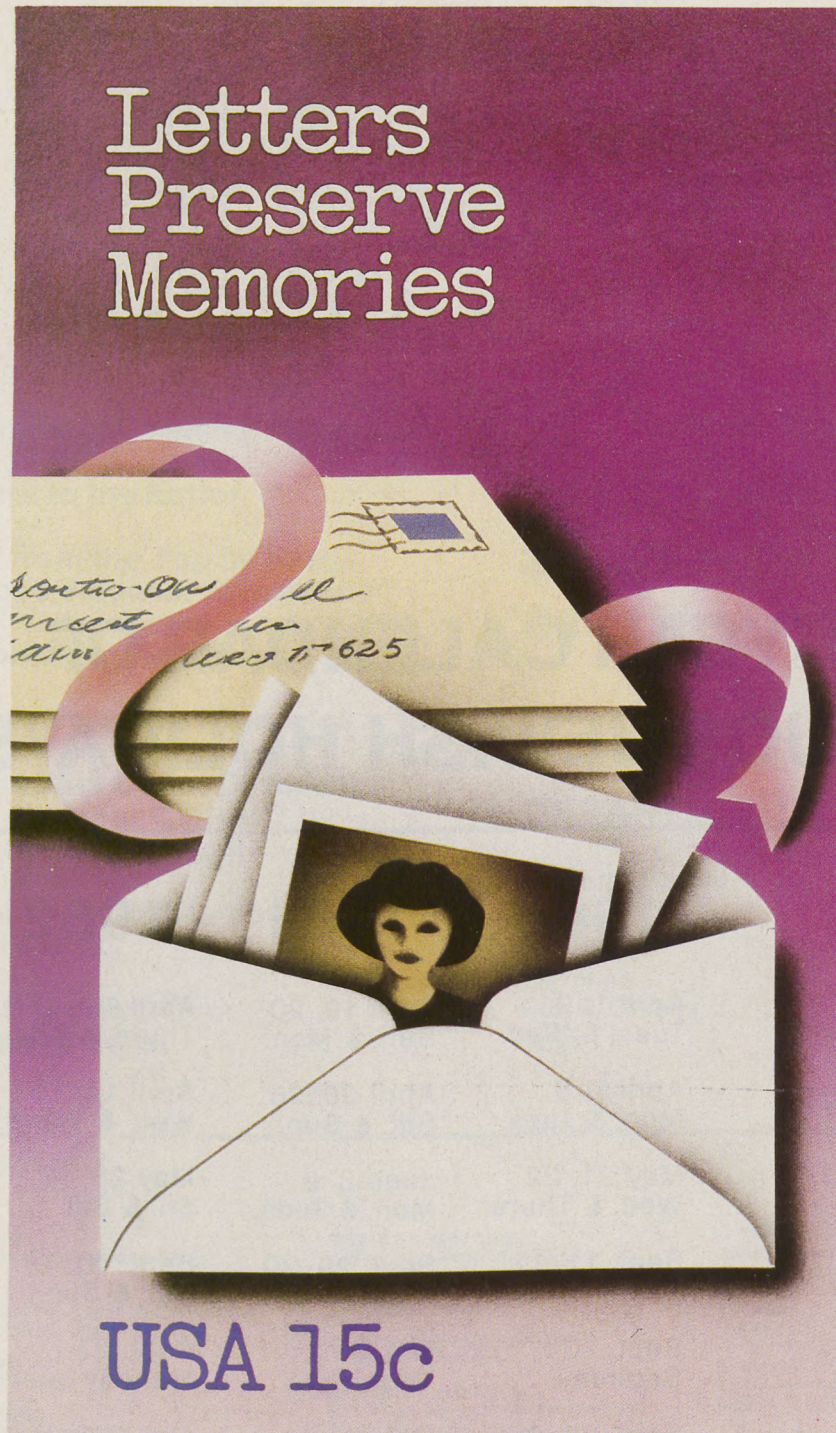


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## 4-YEAR CALENDAR OF MAJOR JEWISH HOLIDAYS

	1980	1981	1982	1983
<b>PESACH</b> (Passover)	April 1, 2 Tues. & Wed.	April 19, 20 Sun. & Mon.	April 8,9 Thurs. & Fri.	March 29, 30 Tues. & Wed.
<b>Concluding Days of PESACH</b>	April 7, 8 Mon. & Tues.	April 25, 26 Sat. & Sun.	April 14, 15 Wed. & Thurs.	April 4, 5 Mon. & Tues.
<b>SHAVUOTH</b> (Feast of Weeks)	May 21, 22 Wed. & Thurs.	June 8, 9 Mon. & Tues.	May 28, 29 Fri. & Sat.	May 18, 19 Wed. & Thurs.
<b>ROSH HASHANA</b> (New Year)	Sept. 11, 12 Thurs. & Fri.	Sept. 29, 30 Tues. & Wed.	Sept. 18, 19 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 8, 9 Thurs. & Fri.
<b>YOM KIPPUR</b> (Day of Atonement)	Sept. 20 Saturday	Oct. 8 Thursday	Sept. 27 Monday	Sept. 17 Saturday
<b>SUKKOTH</b> (Feast of Tabernacles)	Sept. 25, 26 Thurs. & Fri.	Oct. 13, 14 Tues. & Wed.	Oct. 2, 3 Sat. & Sun.	Sept. 22, 23 Thurs. & Fri.
<b>SHEMINI ATZERET</b> (Eighth Day of Sukkoth)	Oct. 2 Thursday	Oct. 20 Tuesday	Oct. 9 Saturday	Sept. 29 Thursday
<b>SIMCAT TORAH</b> (Rejoicing of the Law)	Oct. 3 Friday	Oct. 21 Wednesday	Oct. 10 Sunday	Sept. 30 Friday

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## LETTERS

To the Editor:

The drama goes on. The world is vibrating to the tirades of the Ayatollah Khomeini as he extolls all Moslems in every country to rub the nose of Uncle Sam in the dirt. With the American embassy occupied by his militants and the diplomatic corps and staff as his hostages, Khomeini flaunts his power and breaks international convention a second time. Even the ineffectual U.N. mildly rebukes Iran to return the hostages and the American embassy (but doesn't condemn the action). Yes, international convention when violated this time caused a world reaction. How strange it appears now that when the Ayatollah Khomeini took over the Israeli embassy (and gave it to the P.L.O.) setting a precedent, not a ripple of concern was voiced anywhere. This time there were no requests, suggestions, demands nor any peace committees for Israel to give up its land and recognize the P.L.O. to resolve the problems of the Mid-East. This is the same P.L.O. that said it would intercede on behalf of the hostages for us, but sadly, ended up agreeing with the fanatic Khomeini. This is the same P.L.O. that Rev. Jesse Jackson danced with on his last peace mission (and came home with \$10,000). Remember the other half of this famous peace mission? Rev. Lowry, going to Libya and identifying with the dictator Khadafy? The same Khadafy that recently told the U.S. to "drop dead" and close the U.S. embassy. And the drama goes on.

It was just a rock throw back when this scenario started by Andrew Young began. Remember, he wanted Israel to recognize and talk to the P.L.O.? The same P.L.O. whose covenant states Israel is to be destroyed! The same Andrew Young that said, "the Ayatollah Khomeini is a 'saint.'" And the drama went on.

We should become aware of the music in the background of this drama. A presidential candidate, John Connally, appealing to every bigot in America repeats for the benefit of his oil company friends, the scapegoat lie. If Israel disappears so do the problems of the Mid-East. Stating that Israel refuses to talk to the P.L.O. (not a word that peaceful negotiations gave the whole Sinai back to Egypt. Not a word that Israel would negotiate with Palestinians; not the P.L.O.). Listen closer—Hear the K.K.K. and American Nazi Party coming out of the closet—and remember as the price of OPEC oil fuels inflation the music will become louder. And the drama goes on.

We hope it's just a matter of more precious time until the anarchy and unrest that now exists in Iran causes its own downfall. But what a price our fellow Americans held in



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hostage are paying. All this because of our dependence on OPEC oil. In this terrible period of waiting, what can we do? Perhaps if the cooler heads continue to exhaust all legal and diplomatic vehicles one will be found to free the hostages. And only when we come up with the answer to the oil problem will we all pass through this time of crisis. We must all conserve fuel and oil. We must continue to back Israel. We must continue to back our president!

And the drama goes on.

Len Driesen

Fred Hecht Post 425  
Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977

Editor:

The enclosed letter from the Veterans Administration Center, Bay Pines, Florida is self explanatory, and we of the Paul Surenky Post 409 J.W.V. wanted to share it with our fellow J.W.V.ers.

Bernard Lyon  
Commander

Mr. Dave Ellman  
Clearwater, FL 33519

Dear Mr. Ellman:

It is my distinct pleasure to express our sincere appreciation, on behalf of the six patients and one staff in attendance, for a delightful evening of dining and fellowship presented by the Jewish War Veterans 409 of Clearwater on Saturday, November 3, 1979.

The exposure to the psychosocial aspect of medical treatment can be a key factor to a more rapid recovery from illness or open new realms of interest that may in turn be a positive factor toward eventual integration back into a community environment. Recreation programming of this caliber provides an excellent psychosocial exposure and the Recreation Service Staff feels quite fortunate in being able to provide this opportunity via the generosity of Jewish War Veterans 409.

Again, we extend our deepest appreciation for inviting us to your dinner and dance and wish you, your family and the entire Jewish War Veterans 409 membership a joyous holiday season in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,  
/ Leslie MacKenzie  
Recreation Therapist  
Veterans Administration Center  
Bay Pines, Florida 33504

Editor:

Enclosed is a thank you letter I received for my participation in the Mental and Health Voting issue.

For many years, Cuyahoga County JWV has been active in serving both the Veterans and Mental Hospitals of Cuyahoga County.

Sincerely,  
Morton E. Karp  
Cuyahoga County Commander  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Mr. Morton E. Karp, Commander  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Karp:

On behalf of the Committee to Pass Issue 2, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your help in winning the campaign.

It requires thousands of citizens working together to win a levy. However, you were an outstanding example of a man who stood out in the crowd! You unselfishly came forth as a concerned person to dedicate endless hours, persistently encouraging over 100 shopowners to show our posters in their windows. You distributed our brochures, talked about the levy at every opportunity, and then you risked your health to pass out tip cards on Election Day, all day.

We will never forget your good cheer and your support and valuable contribution of time and money.

Thank you for a job well done on behalf of "a useful place in life" for mentally retarded children and adults.  
Sincerely yours,

Joyce M. Wallace  
Campaign Director

The Jewish Veteran

## View from the Top



### by Harris B. Stone National Commander

For the first time in many years we are a nation at bay—the victim of blackmail, deceit, lies and frustration. Our rights as a sovereign country have been violated and fifty of our countrymen are hostage. These acts are the ultimate in terrorism where innocent lives are held forfeit for acts in which they had no part.

It would be very easy, and the temptation is great, to say what President Carter could have or should have done when the terrorists first took over our Embassy in Iran. Rather, I think that it is in the best interests of our country to note that the President has shown remarkable restraint in withholding any military action or excessive inflammatory rhetoric that would further exacerbate an already intolerable set of circumstances. Be assured, that it is

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NOT an “Entebbe” type situation or operation; a military rescue is untenable.

What exactly is the reality of the Iranian takeover of our Embassy?

The seizure of the Embassy and the subsequent takeover is nothing less than an act of war! It is a flagrant violation of international law and is unprecedented in international and diplomatic provocations. When law breaks down and is replaced by anarchy, it threatens not only the country or region of origin, but the entire world. As such, the situation must be dealt with as the serious and potentially disastrous dilemma it is.

There is one heartening aspect to the attack on our country—the rebirth of national pride and patriotism. Citizens of our country have risen to the occasion and pledged their support and ingenuity to display the unity of purpose toward obtaining the release of our entrapped countrymen. It is satisfying to see and hear students on campuses once again raising their voices in indignation over the berating of our nation and genuinely calling for action and commitment to free our people.

However this is resolved (as we go to press, the hostages are still captives in Teheran), the “next time” it is imperative that America take precise, swift, strong and uncompromising action to insure that this will be the last time we are subjected to any country’s “terrorists of the moment.”

Perhaps we would be wise to follow Lord Curzon’s rule; “know your own mind, and make sure the other fellow knows it, too.”