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Jewish War Veterans National Commander and Executive Director
Congressional Medal of Honor Winner

The World of Eastern Europe

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On the Cover

JWV honors the memory of Benjamin Kaufman, JWV PNC, Executive Director, and Congressional Medal of Honor winner, whose death this past February was a tragic loss. He leaves a heritage of courage, benevolence, and wisdom which should serve as an inspiration to all Americans. See story on page 6.

In this Issue

This issue not only features the heroism of Benjamin Kaufman, but also that of Raoul Wallenberg, whose tragic fate as a Russian hostage is still in doubt (see page 8). Then "A Terrifying World" (page 20) examines just what happens to human beings who become hostages or POWs.

This issue also introduces our new managing editor Joan Alpert and a new department, "The Washington Report," page 24, which offers up-to-date information on veterans' affairs and other news of interest to our readers.

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Commander's Mission

by Irvin Steinberg,

In the short time that I have been serving as your National Commander, I have represented you and members of the JWV in meetings with public officials in the United States, from the President on down. It is with a great deal of pride and honor that I represent you on these various occasions.

This past February another such honor and privilege was bestowed upon me when I was fortunate to lead a delegation of more than 80 JWV'ers on a Mission to Israel. As part of that trip I, together with our National Executive Director and some representatives of our National Executive Committee, was privileged to meet personally with leaders of the Israeli government. I was proud to learn that they knew of the JWV and held it in high esteem.

We met, among others, Israeli Prime Minister Menachim Begin; Mordechai Zupori, Deputy Minister of Defense; Prof. Moshe Arens, Chairman of the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee; General Elad Peled, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; Col. Shlomo Harari, Deputy Advisor for Arab Affairs to the Military Commander of the Administered Territories. We also spent an entire morning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where we met with Dr. David Kimche, the Director General of the Ministry; Mr. Sini Rom, Director of Information and Public Relations of the Foreign Ministry; and Mr. Elron who is Economic Advisor to the Foreign Ministry. We also met with Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor Party.



National Commander Irvin Steinberg presents a memento of the JWV's Mission's visit to Shimon Peres at Labor Party Headquarters in Tel Aviv.



Above, Commander Steinberg takes notes at briefing given by David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry. Below, General Peled chats with Commander Steinberg at a reception for Mission members, hosted by the City of Jerusalem.



At Yad Vashem, the memorial flame is lit by the Jewish War Veterans. Left to right: Commander Irvin Steinberg, Sam Greenberg, National Editor; Jack Litz, Chairman National Action Committee; Ainslee Ferdie, PNC, Frederick R. Tourkow, NEC.