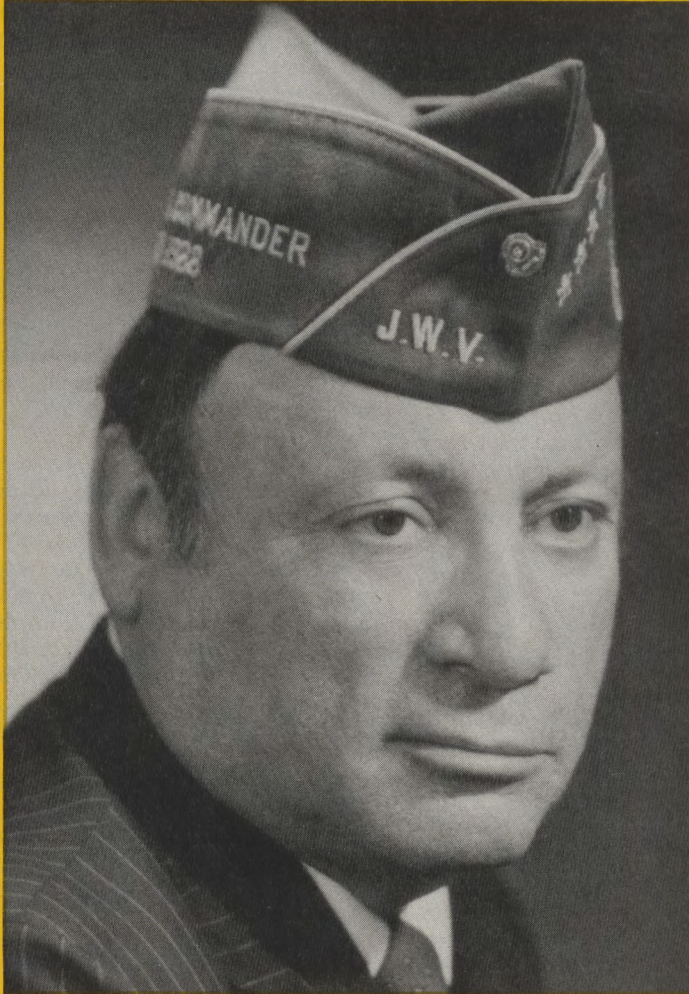
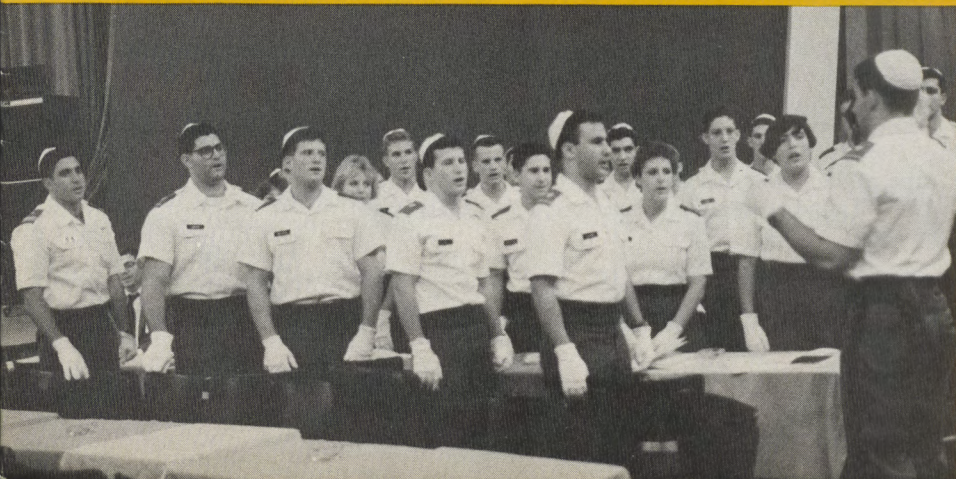
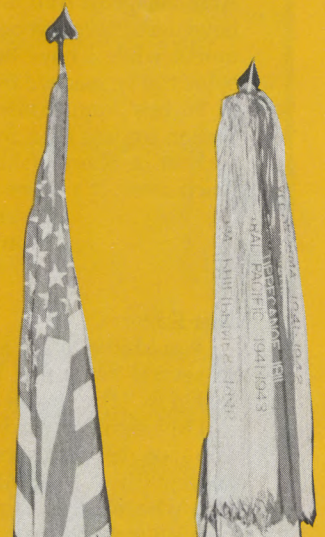


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Post Convention Issue



Letters to the Editor

The following letter will be of special interest to all who are traveling to Israel:

Dear Editor:

In the June 1987 issue, an article was published about the military career of Colonel Mickey Marcus.

He was killed near the Arab village of Abu Ghosh, which is the next village to Kiryat Telshestone. Telshestone is an American style apartment town of Americans, and a mixture of many other backgrounds and languages.

At the entrance to Telshestone is a sign pointing to a memorial to Aluf (Colonel) Mickey Marcus. The memorial is to the left up a short paved road. For those in good shape, the walk is about 7 minutes. For those not in good shape, it is one minute by car up a steep, paved road.

The memorial is a fitting memory to Mickey Marcus and I visit it each year when I visit my children, and four grandchildren, who live in Telshestone. The view from the top of the hill at this memorial is just beautiful and overlooks Jerusalem about 8 miles away and the Arab village of Abu Ghosh just below. I have never seen anyone visiting this memorial while I have been there. Telshestone can be reached by taking the no. 85 or 86 bus from inside the Central Bus Station for less than \$1.00. Take the bus back or a Sherut (shared taxi) for not much more. It's a nice side trip.

Morton Israel
Worcester, MA

Dear Editor:

I would like to set the record straight on several items that have recently appeared in "The Jewish Veteran."

1) Mention was made that a new book will soon be published relating to the story of the "MAHAL," those volunteers who went to Israel and fought in the 1948 war. The article states that this will be the first book published on the subject. A book entitled "The Secret Army" was written by David J. Bercuson who is a professor of history at the University of Calgary, Canada. It was published in the United States by Stein Day publishers of New York, in 1984.

2) In the July/August 1987 issue of the Jewish Veteran there appeared a letter from Mr. Edward H. Silk of Lakeshore, NJ.

I must take exception to a portion of his letter in which he states: "I don't think any emblem or religious design has the right in the United States to be shown above the flag of this nation."

Yes, there is a religious pendant which is allowed to be flown *above* the American Flag, when a Navy Chaplain is performing worship services aboard a U.S. navy ship. A similar flag is available to

army chaplains. But I am not certain if it is flown independently or in conjunction with the American flag.

As a serious collector and researcher of all Jewish and Israeli Military History, I find *The Jewish Veteran* a great source of information. I look forward to each issue.

Matter of fact, I am looking for back issues prior to 1977 to supplement my collection of this publication.

Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,
Jack H. Schwartz
Post 230, Detroit, MI

Dear Editor:

It was interesting reading the article by Michelle Spivak Kelley in your last issue on the youth programs of JWV, especially on the Scouting Program.

JWV has been active in the Scouting Program for about 50 years and, in that time, has had three National Boy Scout Chairmen: B.J. Levin of Pennsylvania; Harry Lasker of Albany, New York; and myself. JWV has always been the largest sponsor of Scouting among Jewish Organizations in the USA.

Among the Shofar Award Winners and Silver Beaver winners are a great many JWV members. Howard Lasker had done an excellent job and, if he can get the assistance of the National Organization and its various echelons, can do an even better job.

JWV can be proud of its record regarding the Boy Scouts of America.

Len Fuchs
Plainview, NY

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Jewish Chapel at the Naval Academy, I would like to thank you for carrying the photos of the presentation made by Commander Edwin Goldwasser to our graduating Midshipmen. It was a major event for us to have the active participation of JWV in the Baccalaureate Service which, as noted in the July/August edition of *The Veteran*, had as guest speaker Rear Admiral Aaron Landes.

Now that a Jewish Chaplain has been assigned to the Naval Academy, we are looking forward to expanding our religious and educational activities. We also look forward to establishing closer working relations with the many Posts in the immediate area, including my own.

Please let your readers know that they are always welcome at our Jewish Chapel at the Naval Academy.

With all good wishes for a *Shona tova*, I am.

Sincerely yours,
Chaplain Norman L. Auerback

Dr. Weisman's article generated many responses, some of which follow:

Dear Editor:

Regarding Dr. Seymour Weisman's article "Anti-Semitism: A Paradox in America Today" July/August 1987, *The Jewish Veteran*, hooray for University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Dartmouth, Columbia and Chicago but, a glaring omission was made.

Add Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey. Dr. Edward J. Bloustein, president, must be included for "achievements of Jews in academia." Dr. Bloustein has been president of Rutgers since 1972.

Sincerely,
Bernard Cohen, P.P.C.
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Editor,

I found Dr. Weisman's article on anti-Semitism very interesting but he somehow overlooked the real paradox in America to-day—the "not me" syndrome.

A recent survey conducted among a sampling of 1,000 Christians, to determine true feelings about Jews, uncovered some interesting results.

The pollsters noted that the respondents perceived more anti-Semitism among groups far removed from themselves. For example, 81 percent said there was "not very much" anti-Semitism among the people with whom they go to church, and 34 percent said "a great deal or some" when questioned about anti-Jewish attitudes among Christians across the country. However, 61 percent replied "a great deal or some" when asked how much anti-Semitism exists among "all Americans."

Sincerely yours,
Hy Rosenfeld
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Editor:

I read the article by Dr. Seymour Weisman in the July/August issue. I was not surprised to read that some Jewish cadets at West Point have been called "Hey Jewboy" in the barracks. I was exposed to anti-Semitism during WWII but was able to do something about it as an officer. I have written to the Commandant at West Point a letter of protest and asked that the Jewish Cadets be questioned to reveal who made the remarks and that disciplinary action be taken. May I suggest that others take the same action? Let us not forget that Col. Marcus is buried at West Point!

Lt. Col. Jacob Radom,
AUS-RET.
Passaic, NJ

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