

# CHAPLINES

## CHAPLAIN ARNOLD E. RESNICOFF, HIGHEST RANKING ACTIVE DUTY CHAPLAIN RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS OF NAVY SERVICE

Chaplain Arnold E. Resnicoff (Captain in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps) whose military career began as an enlisted Navy reservist in high school, and included three years as a line officer from 1969-1972, including duty in Vietnam, retired after 25 additional years of service as a Navy Chaplain on June 1, 2001. His final assignment was as Director, Education and Training in the Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains.

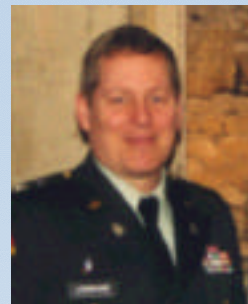
From 1997-2000, he was the Command Chaplain for the United States European Command, where he served as principal advisor to General Wesley K. Clark. In that assignment he was responsible for coordinating chaplain support for personnel of all faiths and all branches of the Armed Forces in an area that included 89 nations and more than 13 million square miles. He was also the military's primary liaison to civilian and military religious leaders in this area, including nations in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, co-ordinating three annual International Chiefs of Chaplains Conferences in Luxembourg, Vienna and Geneva.

Highlights of his distinguished career included: working to create the Vietnam Veterans memorial in Washington, DC, at the dedication of which he delivered the closing prayer in 1982; delivering a written report of his on-the scene-activities in the aftermath of the October, 1983 truck-bombing attack in Beirut, Lebanon to the White House, a report that was read in full by President Ronald Reagan as the keynote address to 20,000 attendees at the Rev. Jerry Falwell Baptist Fundamentalism Convention in 1984; his



## DEAR CHAVERIM:

I want to deal with a serious subject. CHAPLINES highlights the good things that we do as Rabbis and Lay Leaders. That is important. Rabbis and Lay Leaders should be recognized for their achievements. In this issue, however, I raise a subject we hesitate to talk about openly. I want to address the subject of rabbis who get into trouble.



Chaplain Kenneth J. Leinwand

There are always a small percentage of chaplains from all faith groups who cross a certain line and either are forced out, administratively, from military service or are forced out as a result of UCMJ action or Court Martial. As a Corps Chaplain, I supervise one hundred and two Ministry Teams. Last year the Army removed one Christian chaplain from the Corps, took him off a promotion list and sent him home with a General Officer Article-15. This year I have two chaplains who may not receive voluntary indefinite and who will probably be asked to leave military service as soon as their tour is completed.

Usually, three things get a chaplain into trouble. Sometimes it is referred to as "SAM" -- Sex, Alcohol, or Money. Inappropriate relationships, abuse of drugs or alcohol, and the misuse of Government property or funds will almost always result in a formal investigation, an Article -15, and possibly a Court Martial.

That is on the extreme side of the equation. On the opposite side, others fail to perform at a level expected of an officer and clergy and are passed over for promotion or are not allowed to remain on active duty after one or two tours of service.

Rabbis are not immune to falling into the "SAM" trap. I know of at least two cases in

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wearing of a camouflage *kippa* made from a priest's uniform in Beirut when his was lost wiping the blood off of the face of a wounded marine, noted in the Congressional Record, helped to influence Congress to pass a religious accommodations measure which allows the wearing of the *kippa* by military personnel. He served as the Navy representative to the DoD planning committee for the U.S. annual National Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust; led Yom Kippur services in Iceland during the US-USSR pre-summit talks, and while attached to Commander, Sixth Fleet, helped to establish the Haifa, Israel USO office and led the first interfaith service ever held at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. A member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, he has been a prime mover in developing programs on an international scale regarding the role of religion in conflict--and its potential role in conflict resolution and reconciliation. In 1998 he briefed the Joint Chiefs of Staff and worldwide joint Combatant Command Commanders on issues of core values and quality of life.

Among his military awards are the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and the Combat Action Ribbon. Noteworthy civilian honors include the 1991 Moment Magazine International Community Service Award, and the Chapel of Four Chaplains Hall of Heroes Gold Medallion. He is a member of the Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor's Rabbinic Cabinet. In 1994, the Chaplain Arnold E. Resnicoff Scholarship Fund was established in his honor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to help Rabbinical students planning to serve with the Chaplains Corps. Upon his retirement, he continues to reside in the Washington, DC area, making his services available as scholar-in-residence on a wide variety of subjects.

## CHAPLAIN HEETLAND, POST CHAPLAIN, FT. LEONARD WOOD PRESENTS JWB CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO LAY LEADER (CPT) MICHAEL WEINER



## Dear Chaverim (continued from page 1)

the last 10 years that resulted in UCMJ actions against rabbis. I know of two other cases where Rabbis exercised such poor judgment that they were given the choice to resign in lieu of UCMJ.

Rabbis are a very small part of the chaplaincy population. Everything we do - for better or worse - is magnified. We stand out in the crowd. We have tremendous opportunities to bring a *Kiddush HaShem* when we do the right thing and we cause a *Chilul HaShem* when we display poor judgment and act accordingly.

If you are one of those who fall into the "SAM" category, do yourself a favor and get professional help. Sooner or later you will get caught. If you do not want to get help, do us all a favor and resign. Spare us, the Jewish community, our endorsing agent, the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, yourself, and your family the indignity of a Court Martial.

If your performance level is less than optimal, consider the following. Do others not see you as being *mentschlich* in your dealings with your soldiers, your congregants, your fellow officers, and your supervisory chain of command? Do you have a reputation as being self-serving? Are you perceived as a "lone ranger" and not a team player? Do you always try to cut corners and work around the system instead of working with the system? Do you have difficulty in receiving guidance from those with more experience than you? Are you perceived as being a *Chutzpadik* person? If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, I would consider you at risk with a very good chance of getting into serious trouble and a candidate for pass-over for promotion.

The bottom line for all of us is to remember to pay attention to those things that matter. Our integrity is always on the line. We must always do what is right - even when no one is looking. We are expected to lead by example. I am glad to discuss with anyone my concerns and will offer what assistance I can for those who require it. Let all that we do truly be *L'Shem ShMayim*.

Chaplain (COL) Kenneth J. Leinwand  
Victory Corps Chaplain, Germany

Commenting, "We were blessed to have Captain Weiner in our midst, and rejoice that he can continue to work with the military community in Japan," Installation Chaplain (COL) Stephen J. Heetland, (r) Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, presented CPT Michael Weiner, departing Jewish lay leader with a JWB Certificate of Appreciation for his voluntary services from October, 1999 until April, 2001. At (CPT) Weiner's left is succeeding Jewish Lay Leader Mrs. Jan Becker.

# NATE'S NOTES

*Rabbi Nathan M. Landman*



The JWB Jewish Chaplains Council-sponsored Military Jewish Lay Leaders Training Workshop will be held Oct. 21-25 at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, IL. Host Chaplain will be Chaplain Robert Feinberg. Certified Lay Leaders should be sure to register with the JWB office by Sept. 1. Spouses are welcome at their own expense. Billeting and Kosher food will be provided if TDY funding beyond transportation from the home base is not available. Further inquiries should be addressed to :

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Here are the current age criteria for appointment as a military Chaplain:

ARMY: Active Duty: Prior to 40th birthday, (but waiver possible); Reserve/NG: Prior to 40th birthday, but waiver possible; Chaplain Candidates (ARNG, USAR) Prior to 34th birthday.

NAVY: Active Duty: 39 (commissioned before 40th birthday) Prior service may receive a waiver on a year-for-year basis up to age 47; Reserve: (Inactive Duty) 39. Prior service may request a waiver on a year-for-year basis up to age 44; Chaplain Candidate: 37, Prior service may request a waiver on a year-for-year basis up to age 41. In all cases

exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

AIR FORCE: Active Duty: Prior to 42nd birthday, waiver possible for prior service or shortage; Reserve (not Active duty)--Prior to 40th birthday; Chaplain Candidate Program: Prior to 35th birthday.

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US ARMY RESERVE TUITION ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY: The Chief of Army Chaplains Office has announced a Tuition Assistance Opportunity for qualified Chaplain Candidates up to \$3500 a year for Chaplain Candidates who apply, as an incentive for seminary students to consider whether they are suited for the Army Chaplaincy. Approval is based on active participation in the USAR Tuition Chaplain Candidate program and success as a full-time seminary student in an accredited academic institution. Current Candidates should contact :

Chaplain (LTC) Frank Bruning  
Chaplain Candidate  
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Tel. (800) 325-4914 (ext. 1)  
E-mail:  
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New applicants should call (as soon as possible):

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Chaplains engaged in Hospital ministry may order My Life As a Chaplain by Rabbi Charles A. Spirn, former Head Chaplain at Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY, direct from the author at a 20% discount from the normal \$20 price--plus shipping. The book is an invaluable guide to chaplains, rabbis and anyone involved in human dynamics at hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions. Rabbi Spirn's address is:

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Chaplain Bruce Bublick, ANG Chaplain assigned to Stewart ANG NY, voluntarily traveled to Ft. Monmouth, NJ in response to a request by Navy Commander Brian Izenberg and his wife, in order to perform a baby-naming for their daughter, who couldn't find a Navy Chaplain in the Area.

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Chaplains, Lay Leaders and JCC's should take note that since his retirement in June, Chaplain Arnold E. Resnicoff makes his services available as a dynamic speaker/scholar-in-residence, for functions such as retreats or Shabbatons. For background information his website is:

[www.geocities.com/resnicoff/SIR.html](http://www.geocities.com/resnicoff/SIR.html)

He can be contacted at:

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## AT THE ACADEMIES:



Rabbi Seymour Essrog, head of the RA delegation on the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, distributes copies of *Jewish Literacy* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin to members of the US Naval Academy Class of 2001, (l to r) ENS Robin Marling, ENS Matthew Krauz and ENS Jean Dietz at Baccalaureate Services led by Chaplain Irving A. Elson.



Mr. Sherwood Goldberg (l), representative of President George W. Bush to Army Installations addressed the Jewish cadets at the USMA, West Point, NY at Baccalaureate Services. With him was Mrs. Goldberg and Rabbi David Lapp.



Rabbi David Lapp presents a copy of *Jewish Literacy* to (LT) Scott Harris, USMA at Baccalaureate services while Walter Stern, JWV, and Plebe David Golden look on.

## *In the Field with Rabbi Lapp*

Rabbi David Lapp (r) stands with (l to r) Chaplain David Gundlach, Norfolk Base Chaplain, Captain Joseph F. Bouchard, Naval Station Commander, and Jewish Chaplain Seth Phillips during a JWB Director's field visit.



Rabbi Lapp is shown with Jewish Chaplain Sean Gorman and PACOM Chaplain Tim Morita during a field visit to Pearl Harbor, HI, and later visiting with members of the Pearl Harbor congregation on Lag B'Omer at Chaplain Gorman's home.



Rabbi Lapp delivers a Torah to Langley AFB, VA, where Chaplain Abraham Weschler (l) has recently arrived. Accepting the Torah are Base and Wing Chaplain Katherine Shindel and Vice-Commander, Col, Jim B. Reed.





# PERSONALS

## Congratulations to:

CHAPLAIN IRVING ELSON, USN, on his selection for promotion to the rank of COMMANDER, and on the birth of a daughter, AVIGAYIL SARAH on April 27.

CHAPLAIN JEFFREY GOLDMAN, USA, on his promotion to the rank of CAPTAIN on July 16th.

CHAPLAIN and MRS. JACOB GOLDSTEIN, NG, on the birth of a grandson, ELIEZER ARYEH GOLDSTEIN on June 22.

RABBI LISA GREENE, daughter of RABBI BARRY H. GREENE, CCAR Head

representative on the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, on her marriage to JONATHAN POLISH of Chicago.

CHAPLAIN MAURICE S. KAPROW, USN, on his selection for promotion to the rank of COMMANDER.

TALYA LEINWAND, daughter of CHAPLAIN KENNETH LEINWAND, USA, on her graduation from Heidelberg American High School, and her selection as Salutatorian.

CHAPLAIN BRETT OXMAN, USAF, on receiving the Meritorious Service Medal on June 21 for his accomplishments at HQ ARPC, Denver, CO. and

for assuming new duties as Wing Chaplain at McChord AFB, WA.

CHAPLAIN SOLOMON SCHIFF, VA, Miami, who was invited to deliver the opening prayer at the House of Representatives on July 12.

CHAPLAIN and MRS. DAVID ZALIS, USAR, on the marriage of their son, MOSHE ZVI to HAGIT MIRIAM WEISS on June 10 at Kibbutz Tzora, Israel.

## Condolences to:

MRS. ARLENE DRYER on the death of her husband, CHAPLAIN RICHARD DRYER, (COL) USA/ret. in San Antonio on June 3.



## ON THE MOVE: CHAPLAIN ASSIGNMENTS

### Chaplain:

### From:

### To:

Andrew Cohen.....	Scott AFB, IL .....	Ramstein AB, Germany
Ira Ehrenpreis .....	Ft. Bragg, NC .....	Soeul, Korea
Howard Fields .....	Soeul, Korea .....	Ft. Sill, OK
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## CHAPLAIN KEN LEINWAND, LAY LEADER ISRAEL SCHWIERZ, CONDUCT 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT SERVICE AT URSPRINGEN, GE

by CPT Israel Schwierz  
Jewish Lay Leader, Wuerzburg, GE



**V**ictory Corps Chaplain Kenneth Leinwand and Wuerzburg Jewish Lay Leader CPT Israel Schwierz, conducted Shabbat Services on Shabbat *Korach* commemorating the 10th anniversary of the restored Urspringen Synagogue. Shown above are (l to r) Vice-Mayor CPT Barthel, Chaplain Leinwand, Mayor Heinz Naetscher, and CPT Schwierz.

The small, Franconian farming village of Urspringen, located 40 kilometres west of Wuerzburg, GE, hosted the 10th anniversary Shabbat service, honoring the restoration of the synagogue that was destroyed during Kristallnacht during the Nazi era.

On Shabbat *Korach* members of the Heidelberg and Wuerzburg military congregations met in Urspringen for Shabbat services led by Chaplain Leinwand and CPT Schwierz. 50 persons attended, among whom were dignitaries present including the mayor and vice-mayor of Urspringen, plus city councilmen from the town of Marktheidenfeld as well as German clergymen and members of the German Bundeswehr.

## BRINGING JUDAISM TO THE TROOPS IN SAUDI ARABIA

by Chaplain Joel D. Newman, USN

*(In a report on his travels in the Persian Gulf this Spring, Chaplain Joel D. Newman, USN describes his visit to Saudi Arabia)*

**T**he chapel (at Prince Sultan Air Base) put out the word that "the rabbi was coming" and would be available to meet with Jewish personnel at services tonight. I opened the door (in the Chapel) leading to the five Jewish airmen who had not seen a rabbi in Saudi Arabia since arriving, and for many their first rabbi since boot camp. Speaking with them I felt the strength they carried inside as they attempted to practice their Judaism.

One asked me why he couldn't put "Jewish" on his dog tags. He said that before he left the States, they warned him to put "no preference" on them and it bothered him. I explained that over here if you don't flaunt your faith - Christian or Jewish - the Saudis would tolerate your being here. I went on to say that everywhere I went, I was introduced as "rabbi", and I proudly displayed the sign of the Jewish Chaplain (Ten commandments with a Star of David atop) on my uniform. In every encounter with the Saudis, so far I have been referred to as "my brother...we both come from the seed of Abraham." We chanted from start to finish the Shabbat service with each participant vaguely remembering his favorite tune from a synagogue a world away. As we wandered through the streets of the air base, they proudly felt like a newly-formed community with something special that only they shared. Perhaps those few days would be enough of a spark to keep them going until their return to their home bases in Europe and the States.

## CHAPLAIN RICHARD DRYER, (COL) USA/RET., SAN ANTONIO JCC ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DIES OF A STROKE ON JUNE 3

Retired Army Chaplain Richard Dryer, chairman of the San Antonio JCC Armed Services Committee, died on June 3, consequent to a massive stroke. He had an illustrious Army career spanning 30 years of dedicated service leading to his retirement in 1987. Since that time he continued to serve military personnel in the San Antonio area with the local JCC Armed Services Committee, and as a professional resource at the Jewish Military Lay Leaders Training Workshop held in 1999. He often took on special tasks on behalf of the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council at the request of the Director, Rabbi David Lapp. Rabbi Dryer is survived by his wife, Arlene and a daughter, Deborah, a former Army nurse.



Chaplain Richard Dryer conducts "The Miraculous Seder in Vietnam" in Saigon in 1964. described in Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins' book *God's Warriors*.





Major Howard Wagner, Jewish aircraft commander and Chaplain Bruce Bublick, ANG, stand next to their C-5 Galaxy on the flight line at the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center in Savannah GA. on a mission from Stewart ANG Base, NY in March. (Story featured in Spring, 2001 CHAPLINES)



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