

In detailing the dramatic airlift of the Ethiopian Jewish community to Israel, the Israel cabinet minister said Operation Solomon was a moving demonstration of the raison d'être of the State of Israel. "It shows us what might have been possible in the 1930s and 1940s" when European

immigrants. This has mobilized approximately \$11 billion in investment capital for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Now, with tens of thousands of Jews arriving from the Soviet Union, Bond proceeds are being utilized by Israel to provide jobs and homes for Soviet, Ethiopian and other immigrants.

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Holocaust deniers sued by California survivor

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Eleven years ago, Los Angeles resident Mel Mermelstein had his first run-in with some of the United States' more sophisticated Holocaust-deniers.

In 1980, he took up a \$50,000 offer by the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) to prove that Jews were gassed at Auschwitz. When the institute refused to pay, Mermelstein, whose mother and two sisters were murdered at the death camp, sued the IHR, eventually obtaining a \$90,000 consent judgment as well as an apology.

On August 9, the Holocaust survivor will again be in court facing the IHR and three other parties. Mermelstein is bringing four grounds of suit against the Legion for the Survival of Liberty, which does business as the IHR, the Liberty Lobby and Willis Carto, founder of the organizations.

He is suing for defamation, malicious prosecution, intentional attempt to inflict emotional distress and conspiring to inflict emotional distress.

Mermelstein is asking for millions of dollars in damages, his lawyer, Jeffrey Mausner, told The CJN.

"We will show [the groups] are anti-Semitic and racist," he said.

Mausner said the allegation of defamation arises out of a 1985 IHR newsletter in which Mermelstein was called a "demonstrable fraud, false tale spinner

and a vainglorious varicator."

The other legal grounds arise in response to a suit filed by the institute against Mermelstein that was quickly dismissed. "We're going to present witnesses and evidence to centre on whether the law suit brought against (Mermelstein) . . . was frivolous and brought with malicious intent," Mausner said.

The IHR sued Mermelstein following a 1985 New York radio interview in which the organization claimed that Mermelstein libelled them on the air.

Following withdrawal of the suit, Mermelstein sued for malicious prosecution, alleging the IHR suit was

groundless.

Mausner, who worked for the Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations from 1979 to 1985, said that in a procedure in advance of the trial, Judge Stephen O'Neill of the Los Angeles Superior Court took judicial notice of the fact that Jews were gassed to death in Auschwitz in 1944.

Mausner said that was relevant to the defamation allegation, since the IHR and the other defendants might have alleged that Mermelstein was lying about events of the Holocaust.

The jury trial is expected to last about three weeks.



ICRF AWARDS

S. Donald Friedman (left), chairman of the board of Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) with special guest of honor, actor Paul Sorvino at ICRF's 15th annual Scientific Awards Luncheon held recently in New York City. Sorvino was honored by an ICRF fellowship in his name. ICRF awarded \$2.1 million to 88 Israeli scientists and doctors for 1991-92.

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