
**ISRAELI POLICY
AND AMERICAN JEWS**

To the Editor:

Rabbi Henry Seigman's central premise ("For Zion's Sake," January, 1976) that current Israeli policy results in serious political, public opinion and moral weakness — a weakness which could become catastrophic — is one with which I completely agree. The current reaction and delay approach definitely promotes continual U.S. pressure, while allowing the Arab states and the Palestinians to refuse any real concessions. That Israel must for these reasons come forward with an initiative for an overall settlement which would include the possibility of full territorial return and peaceful co-existence, and consequently regain the political and public opinion offensives, is something Israeli leaders must be told over and over again. Indeed, that is one of our prime responsibilities as American Jews concerned with Israel's future; to make Israel aware of how things look from outside the limiting confines of the State itself. That the American Jewish community to date can rightly be accused of "mindless dogmatism" and "irrational unwillingness to look at new realities" is a clear indication of how we as a community have so far failed in this responsibility.

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