

THE IMBALANCE OF BREIRA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Some additional comments might provide a fuller perspective on Breira, about which I was quoted in your issue of February 18.

Breira, I believe, has yet to comprehend its role within American politics — a view supported, I think, by the two-day conference in Washington last month. While much time was spent on resolutions and policies, little was spent on devising a strategy for furthering these outlooks without harming Israel's image in the U.S. This imbalance represents how developed is Breira's sense of "what should be done" and how underdeveloped is its sense of political realities.

Furthermore, Breira's self-definition within the Zionist ideological spectrum has yet to emerge and is, in fact, purposefully held back. This explains first why Breira is such a diverse movement comprised of some fervent Zionists, many closet non-Zionists, and a few anti-Zionists, and second, why outsiders have such difficulty understanding what Breira really stands for and what it is attempting

to achieve.

My quoted comment about how "Breira's only hope is so to weaken American support for current Israeli policies as to force policy changes, by U.S. imposition if necessary" was actually meant as both provocation and warning to the Breira leadership. The provocation is to more deeply think through the real and potential effects of Breira's actions. The warning refers to the self-deception of thinking that Breira can ever be an important element directly in Israeli politics and the consequent need to acknowledge that Breira's impact is primarily indirect through American political developments. This should raise considerable anxiety, especially when consideration is properly given to the various uses which some anti-Israel forces make of Breira.

It is quite important, I think, that Breira try to understand the real political effects of its views and actions, not cover itself with the aura of progressive-liberalism which American Jewry now bequeaths to Israelis.

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