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Candle lighting this Friday is 7:53 p.m. Shabbat ends at 8:49 p.m. WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

## Arab leaders join efforts to salvage a peace deal

By DAVID LANDAU JERUSALEM (JTA) - Belatedly, indeed perhaps too late, Arab leaders last week joined the United States and others in efforts to salvage an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

Jordan's King Abdullah visited the Palestinian Authority and Israel on August 22. Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak met with the leader of Israel's Meretz Party, Yossi Sarid, on August 21, and was to receive Israel's acting foreign minister, Shlomo Ben-Ami, later in the week.

Jordan, and even more so Egypt, were markedly slow to respond earlier in the summer, when President Clinton sought their active involvement, together with that of Saudi Arabia, in his effort at Camp David to coax Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat toward greater flexibility. Indeed, Mubarak's cold-shoulder approach toward the U.S. president led to a period of tense relations between Washington and Cairo.

After Camp David ended in failure in July, Egyptian leaders declared repeatedly that they would not twist Arafat's arm at Washington's behest. They praised the Palestinian leader's resilience in withstanding American pressures. In Mubarak's frequent meetings with Arafat, there was no indication - at least publicly - that Egypt was seeking to impress upon Arafat the need for new flexibility, particularly over Jerusalem, to prevent the final collapse of the peace effort and the inevitable defeat of the Barak government in Israel.

It was all the more significant, therefore, to hear the usually hard-line Egyptian foreign minister, Amre Moussa, tell reporters last week that he and other diplomats were looking at new ideas concerning Jerusalem.

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Gan Yisrael campers line up, waiting to see the inside of a helicopter at Gimli Airport last month. Lubavitch Centre photo.

## Camp Gan Israel celebrates 28 years

Innovative field trips key to camp's success, organizers say

This year, the Winnipeg Lubavitch Center's Camp Gan (CGI) Israel celebrated its 28th anniversary.

Throughout the years, CGI has continued its tradition of providing children with a living Jewish experience, the Lubavitch Centre said in a news release last week. The children gain a deep love for G-d, Torah and Israel through games, stories, trips and drama. From challah baking to tzitzis making, the campers acquire a wealth of information and Judaic skills, through fun and enjoyment.

The goal of Camp Gan Israel is to bring the children to know, under-



Gan Israel camper Elyahu Vaslavskiy at Gimli Airport tries out the controls inside a water bomber used for fighting forest fires. Lubavitch Centre photo.



Crew demonstrates how water bomber sprays water on forest fires as Gan Israel campers and staff watch at Gimli Airport. The crew put on the demonstration especially for the campers, says Rabbi Avrohom Altein, executive director of the Lubavitch Centre. Lubavitch Centre photo.

stand and appreciate their heritage in an exciting, enjoyable way, the news release said. This goal is expressed very well by Gan Israel's motto, "Where Jewish kids are happier and happy kids are Jewish."

Most campers feel that it is the innovative field trips that are the secret of Camp Gan Israel's success. This unique feature of Gan Israel's program is an exciting part of each

day's packed schedule of swimming, games, sports and activities. Among the children's favorites this year were a tour of and a private air show by the Manitoba Water Bombers and fire-fighting helicopter in Gimli, a wilderness survival field lesson, a wildlife conservation project, performing at the Sharon Home and a full-day visit to the Maple Ridge farm.

Camp Program

Director Rabbi Boruch Heidingsfeld claims that it is something else that makes Camp Gan Israel the exceptional camp that it is. "Our staff really puts everything of themselves into their work with the children. They are very creative in presenting the daily Torah themes through discussion, skits, games and songs. Our counselors spare no effort in giving the campers the most exciting, whole-

some, Jewish summer possible.

Previous campers of Camp Gan Israel have gone on to become parents, leaders and active members in many different Jewish organizations and institutions in Winnipeg and abroad. Many attribute their warmth and feeling for Jewishness to their time spent in Camp Gan Israel.

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