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Mideast clash causing rift among local antiwar groups

by Robert Wiener
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The leader of an antiwar group in Maplewood is troubled that sponsors of a Sept. 24 antiwar rally in Washington include ANSWER, a coalition that has been called "bitterly anti-Israel."

But while Paul Surovell considers ANSWER divisive and threatening to Israel, his disapproval will not keep his group from joining the march.

Instead, Surovell said, his group, South Mountain Peace Action, intends to pass out leaflets explaining its opposition to the Palestinian right of return — a position ANSWER supports — and SMPA's belief "that the peace movement should be supporting a two-state solution."

Surovell said that intent was agreed upon unanimously by the 15-member SMPA steering committee, noting that "less than half" of its members are Jewish.

ANSWER's cosponsorship of the Sept. 24 rally has angered many Jewish activists who oppose the war in Iraq. Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Philadelphia-based Shalom Center, writing in the *Forward*, called ANSWER an "an ultra-left faction...that has a bitterly anti-Israel policy."

Waskow and other Jews in the

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East meets West



Photo by Maïson Weisz

Cantor brings a Sephardi groove to Montclair's Shomrei Emunah

by Johanna Ginsberg
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When Galeet Dardashti led her first service Sept. 9 as the new cantor of Montclair's Congregation Shomrei Emunah, she chose a Persian melody for the Hashkiveinu prayer.

And no won-

complete her dissertation on Middle Eastern and Arabic music in Israel.

"I'm a Jewish geek," she told *NJ Jewish News* over coffee at the Crossroads Cafe in her Winthrop

Terrace neighborhood in Brooklyn. Dardashti, 32, with dark curly hair swept up to reveal dangling silver earrings, sailed into the small cafe dressed in a tank



Back from UN faces crucial

by Leslie Susser
JTA

JERUSALEM — After weeks of ter sparring, what could be the c sive first round of the big f between Ariel Sharon and Benja Netanyahu for leadership of Likud Party and the country is s take place.

If pollsters are to be belie Sharon will struggle to hold c power in the party in next we key showdown.

The images of settlers being evacuated from their homes in Gaza and the northern West Bank did not well in the Likud. And though prime minister has been fight back, he still trails Netanyahu, resigned last month as Shar finance minister, in the Lik Central Committee, where the c will take place.

Sharon's fate — and the fu shape of Israeli politics — coul decided on a seemingly minor cedural issue. On Sept. 26, the 3 members of the Central Comm will determine whether to ho party leadership primary in Nov ber or, as scheduled, next April.

Sharon's main rivals for the spot, Netanyahu and the leade the hawkish "Likud rebels," Landau, both want the earlier c hoping to exploit the post-C backlash in the Likud aga Sharon, which is reflected in a

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