

# Author portrays Israel as land of immigrants

By SANDY TESSLER

is to have a base from which to destroy or terrorize or kill children," Dr. Gruber claimed.

IN ISRAEL, immigrants are given first class citizenship, Dr. Gruber explained. The priorities in housing and education go to them. Because of this policy, a young Is-

raeli Sabra (native) may have to be denied housing. He may have fought in two wars, but the priority goes to the immigrant.

Dr. Gruber was asked if this creates an atmosphere for hostility and resentment toward the newcomers. "Israel is a land that was built for immigrants, by immigrants," she an-

swered. "It is a country of survivors. Everyone knows that for a Russian Jew to get out, it means he has put his life on the line.

"He has lost his job, been imprisoned in a work camp or insane asylum, sold all his possessions, has been followed constantly by the KGB (secret police)."

An immigrant from Russia, "has shown courage beyond that of any Jew in the world," she stated.

"What about the 100,000 to 200,000 others who wish to emigrate? What happens to them? What about the activists who have been imprisoned? What happens to them?"

DR. GRUBER acknowledged that detente with Russia apparently means that 45,000 Jews will be allowed to emigrate. But she is not satisfied.

Lowering her head and gazing at her hands, Dr. Gruber quietly answered her own questions: "The harassment continues."

The scene is an Israeli absorption center. Lucia, a middle-aged doctor and Russian immigrant, sits in a corner, withdrawn and bewildered, holding an urn in which her husband's ashes settle.

Dr. Ruth Gruber, author, foreign correspondent, and authority on the Middle East, told Lucia's story last week in Birmingham at the opening meeting of Hadassah at Temple Beth El.

"If I were to make a snap judgment," said Dr. Gruber, "I would have said Lucia would never have made the adjustment. But I never prophesied. Israel is a country where prophets don't always do too well."

She was wise. Eight months later she found herself in Lucia's arms at Lod Airport.

"Lucia was young, vibrant; I hardly recognized her." She had been given a job at Hadassah Hospital, her son had been accepted into boarding school and the remains of her husband rest peacefully in the hills of Judea.

DR. GRUBER was asked how the changes in the U.S. administration will affect Israel?

Again reluctant to prophesy, Dr. Gruber expressed concern. She replied cautiously, "We have to do some very careful watching and speaking out these next few months."

"We, (Israel) have to prepare for war as if war were inevitable and search for peace as if peace were available."

By far, Dr. Gruber's greatest concern is over the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). She is appalled that it demands to be heard by Henry Kissinger as if it was a sovereign nation.

The first point of the PLO's 10-point program, according to Dr. Gruber, is stated openly: "Our aim is to destroy Israel."

The PLO is demanding a separate state on the west bank of Israel on the Gaza Strip "the sole purpose of which



DR. RUTH GRUBER

## Area bakers win prizes

Several area residents won blue ribbons in the Michigan State Fair Baking Contest.

The winners and their entries are John L. Klett of Farmington, nut bread; Paula Pakka of Troy, whole wheat bread; Dorothy Gala of Farmington Hills, bread; Michael Orsorgos of Southfield, Kolachy; Margaret A. Neubacher of West Bloomfield, cake; Mary Miller of Farmington, Scotch shortbread; and Mrs. Ronald J. Mallek of Birmingham, assorted candies.

Area residents also received second, third and fourth place prizes for their entries. They are Naomi G. Porter of Farmington Hills, potato bread; Diana Altpeter of Troy, whole wheat bread; Mrs. Pakka, health bread; Sherry R. Mattson of Bloomfield Hills for Jule Kake; Thelma Nielson of Southfield, Kolachy; Thomas J. Rowell of Troy, dark fruitcake; Mrs. Mallek, pound cake; Sharon Ostrow of Birmingham, baked goods; and Martha Phoebus of Bloomfield Hills, biscuit mix.

## Cakes to fete O.U. birthday

Professional and amateur bakers may participate in a birthday cake exhibition Sept. 29 at Oakland University, Rochester.

The exhibition is a highlight of the university's 15th Birthday Open House. More than 300 free campus events are scheduled between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Birthday cake entries will be judged on the basis of creativity in interpreting the theme "Oakland University's 15th Birthday."

Professional bakers will compete for trophies. Amateur bakers will compete for ribbons and three prizes. First prize is two season tickets to Meadow Brook Theatre, second prize is a Sateley Dinner for two at Meadow Brook Hall, and third prize is a pair of season tickets to the 1975 Meadow Brook Festival.

Following the judging, the cakes will be sold to the audience. The proceeds will go to the university's Women's Club Scholarship Fund. For entry information call 377-2158.



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