Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in that city,since its use of paramilitary tactics is not within the boundaries of behavior tolerable to other Jews.

Exactly what the boundaries are is the subject of a seminar given each year by Professor Mirsky in an effort,he indicates, "to discover what is deemed legitimate non-Orthodox Jewish behavior." Three determinants of acceptability are used: whether a group feels it is seen as legitimate by other groups; whether those outside the groups see them as legitimate; and admission to membership in the Federation.

Papers for the seminar--which must be based on field research--have covered such topics as converts; previously married; Christian missionaries (presumably those who were formerly Jewish or who preach that Christianity is Judaism); the Jewish elderly in board and care homes; the Jewish slow learner, and Jewish lesbians.

One of the findings by many researchers, Professor Mirsky notes, is that in nearly every instance where interviewed individuals had been involved in socially-discredited actions, such as alcoholism or wife battering, the individual tended to believe that "my disability is not one that Jews have" and that therefore there must be "something about me" that is not Jewish.

TIMERMAN: RETHINK ISRAEL, END UJA

Jacobo Timerman, exiled former editor of the Argentine newspaper *La Opinion* who now lives in Israel, said in an article in *The New Yorker* that his new homeland's conduct since invading Lebanon showed that it is in a state of "moral collapse" which cannot be sidestepped by the use of statistics to show that more people died at Auschwitz than in Beirut.

This is not Timerman's first accusation against his new homeland. In the just-published *Yearbook* of the proceedings of the July 1981 meeting in Jerusalem of Reform Judaism's Central Conference of American Rabbis the writer described the State of Israel as a "horrible nightmare from a political and moral point of view" and said "we must rethink the role of the State in the world."

He called for the "dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal" because "it is not any use anymore" and said he believes the "Zionist Organization is already finished" because "they don't have an ideology with which to influence the Jews of the world...I don't see any of our political parties on the left, center or right with a will or intelligence to try to face the problems of the deterioration of Israel as a democracy. The answer is religion..a religion that is of the same level as the democratic ideas of the world.. that embraces all of the people of Israel..we need something new..."

ANTI-UJA SENTIMENTS ALSO EXPRESSED BY ORGANIZATION'S FORMER CABINET HEAD

In a letter to the executive vice-president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, published in dissident Leonard Fein's *Moment* magazine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Professor of Economics Dr. Franklin M. Fisher said that "I can no longer contribute or solicit for Combined Jewish Philanthropies (and) intend to inform those whom I have solicited in the past that I am doing this."

Dr. Fisher, who at one time was Chairman of the Faculty Advisory Cabinet of UJA and held other offices at various times, said he is taking that action "because of what I believe to be the disastrous policies of the present government of the State of Israel" with regard to annexing the West Bank as part of a greater Israel.

It is a "fiction," in Fisher's view, that UJA funds do not go to support West Bank settlements. "I can no longer be a party to this. I cannot in conscience contribute my efforts and my money in a way which effectively supports a policy whose morality is questionable and whose results suicidal," he said.

Although editor Leonard Fein in a letter printed along with Fisher's argued against withholding contributions and thus "putting up for sale" the policies of Israel, he also indicated in another letter to the general chairman of United Jewish Appeal that UJA should question its policies regarding politics, as should local Federations. "If they insist on blurring the dividing line between politics and philanthropy," Fein said that Dr. Fisher would be "entitled to shrug his shoulders."

An example of the politicization that Fein had in mind was the recent "Gathering" mission of UJA leaders in Israel at which Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon devoted much of the meeting to justifying Israel's presence on the West Bank and said, "You must understand us and you must back us and we expect it of you."

[In a recent briefing paper from Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United States was said to have "departed from the conceptual framework agreed upon at Camp David in 1978" by presenting President Ronald Reagan's statement on Middle East policy and to have "prejudiced its own position in the (negotiating) process."]

Another example of politicization which might have been in Fein's mind was the appearance at a UJA meeting in New York City by former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr. -- for which Haig reportedly received $25,000 for a 45-minute talk, according to a *New York Times* story -- when Haig criticized the proposal by President Reagan for a freeze on West Bank settlements and also criticized other aspects of the Administration's peace plan, while cautioning against American interference in Israeli politics.

NEW YORK MAYOR URGES AMERICANS TO GO TO ISRAEL AS FIGHTING CONTINUES

In one of the most shocking moves by an elected official within memory, New York Mayor Edward Koch issued a letter bearing the City seal to "applaud efforts" to "recruit American citizens to work in Israel while the fighting continues in West Beirut" and to urge New Yorkers to do so because the "cause is a noble one."

There does not appear to be any precedent for Koch's action, nor did the Mayor attempt to indicate the risks involved. Just as noticeably, he omitted to mention whether he would call on a city police force, the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. soldiers currently in the Middle East to back up the volunteer corps in case of attack.