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ISRAEL CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY TODAY; PRESIDENT HOPES FOR PEACE

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- Israel's desire for peace with the Arab world was stressed here today by President Zalman Shazar in a declaration to the nation and to the world issued on the eve of the celebration of Israel's 18th anniversary of its birth. The celebration was preceded today with memorial rites throughout the country, observing the national Memorial Day in honor of the Israelis who lost their lives in the War of Liberation in 1948-49.

In his Independence Day declaration, President Shazar said that "the winds of change now blowing throughout the world" cannot fail, sooner or later, to influence the Middle East also, including the Arab nations hostile to Israel. "Israel," he said, "is ready to devote its best energies to the task of seeking peace, nor will we tire of issuing the call for peace and exploring every avenue in this direction."

All of Israel halted today activities of every nature except for the mourning rites which took place in every city, settlement and kibbutz. When the solemn mourning period had ended, with the blowing of sirens, many leading Israelis took their places atop Mount Herzl, where an official state ceremony inaugurated the Independence Day celebration.

Twelve children, all offspring of Israeli war veterans, all born on the day Israel proclaimed its independence in 1948, lighted torches symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel. As the lights flared forth, a military guard of honor sounded a tattoo at the National Stadium, where President Shazar placed the emblem of the defense of Jerusalem on the flag there honoring Israel's defense forces. Most members of Israel's Cabinet, and many thousands of Israelis as well as visitors from abroad, watched the military ceremonies at the stadium. Among them was former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who had announced he will stay away from Haifa tomorrow, when the annual Independence Day military parade will be held.

When the twin ceremonies, at Mount Herzl and at the National Stadium, were over, all of Jerusalem went wild with celebration. Multicolored flares and fireworks lighted the skies over the capital, open-air film and theatrical and musical programs were conducted throughout the city, and the festivities were enlivened with dancing in the streets. Vast crowds started to leave Jerusalem around midnight for Haifa, taking along children, food baskets and other paraphernalia, ready to line up for tomorrow's big military parade.

New York Governor and Mayor Proclaim Israel Independence Day

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- With the State of New York and the City of New York participating officially, the Jewish community of New York started today to celebrate the 18th anniversary of modern Israel's rebirth. Israel's formal Independence Day observance is to be marked officially tomorrow.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor John V. Lindsay will proclaim Israel Independence Day and Israel Independence Week formally, at their respective offices, tomorrow. The City Council will mark the observance at its next meeting, Tuesday, when a special resolution on the subject will be presented by City Council president Frank O'Connor. Among the special observances scheduled for tomorrow are a reception for United Nations diplomats, to be given by Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the U.N.; another by Israeli Consul-General Michael Arnon; and one sponsored by the Jewish Agency-American Section jointly with the American Zionist Council.

In the auditorium of Hunter College, here, the event was celebrated tonight by the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. More than 3,000 delegates from fraternal and benevolent organizations, with a total membership of 250,000, attended that event, where the principal speakers were Israel's envoy to Washington, Ambassador Avraham Harman, and Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican and senior U.S. Senator from this state.

Samuel Blitz, executive vice-president of the Greater New York UJA, read at the Hunter College celebration a letter from Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, who congratulated Israel on "the hard-won independence" gained by the Jewish State in 1948. Mr. Humphrey also lauded the UJA. "To UJA," he declared, "goes deserved thanks -- not only of members of the Jewish faith, but of all men and women of good will who admire its countless good works."

A highlight of the Hunter College event was the presentation of a plaque to former Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, chairman of the Council of Organizations, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

U.S. URGED TO RENEW EFFORTS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE; ARMS RACE CITED

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- The escalation in the Middle East arms race imposes an obligation on the United States to make new efforts to bring the Arab states and Israel to the peace table, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee urged today in a policy statement adopted at its seventh annual policy conference here. The committee cited Soviet arms shipments to Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Yemen as the major causes of the arms competition, and urged continued U.S. military assistance to Israel, to enable her to preserve her deterrent strength.

The policy statement said Israel "must remain on constant alert to defend herself from neighbors who refuse to make peace and who accumulate planes, tanks, ships, missiles and other lethal weapons in preparation for another attack." The statement commended the role of the United States, stating that "we record our satisfaction at the continuing friendship between the United States and Israel."

Congress was lauded for adopting legislation aimed at the Arab boycott. The statement said, however, that "we urge the Administration to strengthen the regulations which implement that legislation."

Commenting on Egyptian President Nasser's pressure on other Arab states, the statement said: "We are opposed to an arms race in the Near East or any other place, but we are also opposed to an arms imbalance which favors the nation bent on destroying its neighbor." The statement stressed that "our Government has emphasized the destabilizing effect of massive Soviet sales of arms to the area, and has assisted other nations whose regimes are threatened by President Nasser's Soviet-equipped forces."

The conference urged the Administration "to provide generous economic aid to Israel and to facilitate her water desalting program" and also "to continue aid to Arab countries which will be used to raise living standards, and to withhold aid used to finance aggression." A plea was made for "resettlement of Arab refugees in Arab lands."

A discussion session was based upon Israel's role in helping to cope with problems confronting the international community in such areas as hunger, poverty, integration, and cooperation. Speakers included Mordechai Lador, counsellor of the Israel Embassy; Dr. Edgar S. Cahn, special assistant to the director of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity; Harris Wofford, associate director of the Peace Corps; and Maurice Atkin, agricultural economist, who presided.

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBI URGES STRONGER RELIGIOUS TIES FOR U.S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman of Israel called tonight for "a spiritual alliance" between American Jewry and Israel. "The future survival of the Jewish communities throughout the world rests upon the powerful religious ideals which link Jewish communities to one another," he said. He was the guest speaker at the annual national dinner of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Addressing more than 1,000 guests and delegates, the Chief Rabbi stated: "The bridge between American and Israel Jewry must be based on the values and concepts of the Torah. Our common faith constitutes the fundamental link between our Jewries, in the wide ramifications of their association. A stronger spiritual alliance between Israel and the Jewish communities in the Diaspora would give greater cohesion and strength especially to the isolated communities throughout the world, resulting in higher religious standards and intensified observance of the Jewish religious law."

The Chief Rabbi hailed the fact that "many young people, born and bred in America, who came to Israel for a short stay, were so attracted by the spiritual atmosphere of the Holy Land and especially of its yeshivot that they prolonged their stay for many years and, upon their return to the United States, became powerful forces in the current renaissance of Torah living in this country." He expressed the hope that "Israel will continue to be a strong outpost of true freedom and democracy in our periled times."

EBAN SAYS HIS VISIT TO POLAND IS ONLY 'FIRST LINK IN A CHAIN'

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban described his forthcoming official visit to Poland -- the first by an Israeli Foreign Minister to an East European bloc country -- as "only the first link in a chain."

Speaking at a luncheon of the Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Foreign Minister noted that Israel has diplomatic relations with all East European countries, trade relations with most, and cultural ties with many. He said the Israel Government's program in this area of foreign relations was to strengthen and enlarge those relations, and he suggested that a mutual basis for Israeli understandings with those countries could be found in the sufferings all sustained in the Nazi holocaust.

Mr. Eban declared that the concepts of the cold war and the Iron Curtain were being increasingly replaced by such terms as "peaceful co-existence." He said that it was "apparent now that the world will not be forever divided into two blocs," adding that Europe was seen as a unit by many historians and sociologists.

U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE MEETS WITH ESHKOL IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- Raymond Hare, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, held two separate meetings here today with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. He stopped here for a 24-hour visit after attending meetings of Middle East envoys for the United States at Ankara.

At both sessions here, it was reported, the high official of the U.S. Department of State engaged with the Israeli leaders in a tour d'horizon, informing himself about Israel's views regarding a number of Middle East developments. No specific issues were discussed and neither side had any concrete proposals to place before the other. Each of the meetings lasted an hour.

Mr. Hare left here late this afternoon via the Mandelbaum Gate for Jordan, where he is scheduled to meet with the Jordanian Prime and Foreign Ministers and, possibly, with King Hussein. He is expected to spend 24 hours in Jordan, whence he will go to Beirut, capital of Lebanon.

KIEV JEWISH CEMETERY REPORTED BEING ERASED; COMMUNITY HAS NO RABBI

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- Kiev's only synagogue has had no rabbi for two years, and there appear to be no prospects that a spiritual leader for the 200,000 Jews in the Ukrainian capital will be named soon, it was reported here today by newsmen who have just visited Kiev. According to reports, the synagogue has a capacity of 800 worshippers. Another synagogue there has been turned into a motion picture theater, the report said.

The newsmen visiting Kiev found also, they reported, that the old Jewish cemetery near the Babi Yar ravine is being dug up at the present, as the area is being prepared for a large construction project. Many tombstones bearing Hebrew inscriptions and Stars of David have been pushed by bulldozers to one end of the burial grounds. The grounds have not been used for burials since the end of World War II, and Soviet authorities have set aside another site for a Jewish cemetery, the newsmen reported. The old cemetery adjoins the Babi Yar site, where about 100,000 Jews were buried in a mass grave after wholesale slaughter during the Nazi occupation period.

JEWISH LEADER IN SPAIN LECTURES AT MONASTERY OF GRAND INQUISITOR

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- Max Mazin, president of the Jewish Community of Madrid, gave a lecture on the eve of last Passover at the Dominican Monastery of Avila, where Tomas Torquemada, founder of the Grand Inquisition, lies buried; it was revealed here today in a dispatch from the Spanish capital.

Mr. Mazin had been invited by the Dominican friars in his capacity of co-chairman of the Association of Jewish-Christian Friendship, and addressed about 250 friars, priests and seminarians on the Jewish faith. He was later kept for two hours of questions. He described his visit to the monastery as a "fantastic experience," and told newspapermen that it was "an unbelievable thing" for him and for the Jews in Spain to be a guest of honor in the place where Torquemada -- who burned Jews as heretics -- lived, acted and was buried.

ISRAELI AUTHOR CLAIMS POPE PIUS XII SAVED 860,000 JEWS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- "Quiet wartime efforts" by the late Pope Pius XII had resulted in the saving of 860,000 Jews from the Hitler annihilation program, a former Israeli Consul in Milan, claims, according to a Jerusalem dispatch published today by The New York Times. The former Israeli diplomat, Pinhas Lapid, has written a book to be published soon in Holland. He was quoted as saying that his work is primarily a reply to Rolf Hochhuth, the German playwright, whose drama, "The Deputy," accused Pope Pius of having condoned Hitler's anti-Jewish actions through silence.

"I have waited for the Vatican to stand up and say what it did," the author said in Jerusalem. "Apparently, it doesn't know the results of the Pope's repeated interventions." He said that Catholic clergymen in many countries, encouraged by quiet papal messages, had saved many hundreds of thousands of Jews. Mr. Lapid stated that, after the Papal Nuncio in Germany had intervened with Hitler himself against the deportation of Jews, and found Hitler angrily rejecting the Nuncio's pleas, Pope Pius had decided that a public pronouncement on the issue would only aggravate the Jewish situation.

NEO-NAZIS IN LONDON CELEBRATE HITLER'S BIRTHDAY; JEWS DEMONSTRATE

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- The neo-Nazi Greater Britain movement led by John Tyndall celebrated Hitler's birthday this weekend while about 100 Jews demonstrated with placards.

The neo-Nazis drank toasts to Hitler's memory at a bookshop in South London which serves as the group's headquarters. About 20 members attended the ceremony as the demonstrators paraded with placards reading "Fascist Swine" and "Don't Let It Happen Again." When Tyndall emerged from the bookstore, one of the demonstrators rushed him, using an umbrella for a weapon but police intervened.

FAILURE TO DEVELOP JEWISH IDENTITY BLAMED FOR MIXED MARRIAGES

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The rising rate of intermarriage involving American Jews represents a failure of theology or ideology, not psychology. This was the predominant theme of an all-day conference today on "The Psychological Implications of Intermarriage" sponsored by the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

A select group of 50 leading rabbis, psychiatrists and social workers of this area participated in the discussions which focused on the causes and means of prevention of a rising rate of intermarriage which, when considered together with a declining rate of reproduction, portends the slow dissolution and eventual disappearance of Jews and Judaism from the American scene.

The concern which precipitated the conference, according to Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin, director of the Commission, is based on recent surveys which indicate that the number of intermarriages involving Jews is increasing as the Jewish community becomes more and more native born and a greater proportion become higher educated; that Judaism loses seven out of every 10 children born in mixed marriages; and that the Jewish birth rate is only 2.2 per family as compared with a Protestant rate of 2.8 and a Catholic rate of 3.0.

Should these trends continue unabated, Rabbi Trainin stated, the proportion of Jews in this country's population will diminish from its present 2.9 percent to 1.6 percent by the end of the twentieth century. "This would be a tragic development," he declared.

Dr. Jacob Arlow, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, State University of New York, set the keynote in a major paper in which he asserted that "to oppose mixed marriage on the grounds that it constitutes poor mental hygiene is to obscure the serious issues at stake." He saw the forces which culminate in an intermarriage as reaching far back into childhood and developing through adolescence when in "a definitive attempt to resolve their neurotic conflicts" certain individuals turn to intermarriage as "a first step toward eradicating their Jewish identity." He stressed the importance of parental attitudes and behavior in the formation of a child's sense of identity and feeling of belonging.

Warns on Pessimistic Predictions Based on Surface Surveys

Dr. Arlow also warned against pessimistic predictions based upon surface surveys of the college experiences and attitudes toward dating and marriage with partners of other faiths because "this is a period of change and instability, of experimentation and transformation" and it is often impossible to tell just how a person feels about his Jewishness "until he becomes a parent and has to make decisions on behalf of his children."

Dr. Fred Brown, head of the Psychology Division of New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, said that any predictions about the future trends of mixed marriages must be based on the prognosis for the future of the American Jewish community. He added that young people will consider their Jewishness in their personal plans "only when they have an emotional involvement in the Jewish future" and he said that this depends upon fewer studies and more plans put into action to strengthen and intensify their sense of identification and commitment.

Dr. Nathaniel S. Lehrman, Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, ascribed "the irresponsibility of the young" in regard to marriage to "the over permissiveness of the old" who, "under the impact of both misunderstood egalitarianism and modern psychology," fear they may be traumatizing their children if they stress obedience to the commandments, as is "fundamental to Judaism."

Many parents, he said, renounce their "traditional guiding role" and give their children no religious training or identification so that they lack deep personal feelings and loyalty for Judaism. "Why should young people marry within their faith if that faith means little or nothing to them, aside perhaps for lox and bagels which are becoming part of the American culture anyway?" he asked.

Rabbi Jack Bemporad of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations reported on the case histories of the offspring of mixed marriages. While stressing the difficulty of isolating cause and effect in these situations, he said that one effect "seems to be the interjection by the children of a hidden unresolved parental problem that may in a crucial stage of development break out into an identity crisis and give rise to conversion phenomena."

Jewish Adolescents Found Lacking Conception of Jewish Identity

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Jewish adolescents have been found to lack a clear conception of their Jewish identity in a survey of attitudes among 180 adolescents with relatively strong backgrounds in Jewish education. The finding, made public today, is based on a three-year study conducted by second-year students at Yeshiva University's Wurzelweil School of Social Work. The survey was taken as part of the students' social research requirements and was conducted primarily in Jewish community centers affiliated with the Associated YM-YWHA's of Greater New York.

Dr. Victor D. Sanua, Associate Professor of Social Research at the Wurzelweil School and director of research for the "Ys," said that according to the survey, about one-third of the approximately 180 respondents indicated that they either did not know what being

Jewish meant or gave a negative response. Another one-third, he said, answered only that being Jewish means "it's a religion," while the final third indicated that it is something to "be proud of." Moreover, Dr. Sanua continued, only 8 percent of the adolescents said they thought their parents considered being Jewish something "to be proud of."

A large majority of the respondents, he added, had received some type of Jewish education and approximately 60 percent of them had received four or more years of Jewish education. He also noted that the boys, whose mean age was 15.1 years, gave even more negative responses than the girls, whose mean age was 14.1 years, in spite of their older mean age and the fact that they had received more extensive religious training.

Expressing "some concern about the lack of Jewish identity on the large majority of respondents," Dr. Sanua said the findings indicated "the need for concerted measures to make Jewish education more meaningful."

EINSTEIN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR \$120,000,000 DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The Albert Einstein College of Medicine today announced plans for a \$120,000,000 development program over the next ten years for increased student enrollment, construction of new facilities and broader participation in community health care activities. Announcement of the new program was made by Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the College's Board of Overseers, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University and Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean of the medical school.

Dr. Belkin said the ten-year program was being launched "in anticipation of major developments and growing national needs in medical education, research and patient care by 1976." He noted that the new programs represented a 400 percent increase over the original capitalization when the medical school was launched in 1955.

Mr. Weiler, outlining the ten-year undertaking, declared that the College's new programs were designed as a "positive response to national health needs for the coming decade, as so eloquently put by the President in his health messages." The area of greatest immediate need, Mr. Weiler said, is the training of more physicians, scientists and health personnel. Pointing out that the ratio of physicians to the population is lower today than in 1900, he announced that the College would increase its enrollment beginning September 1967 from 96 to 120 per class. The program also calls for the establishment of a \$30,000,000 special fund to sustain the chairs of 60 key professors and for other projects.

OSCAR GRUSS GIVES \$1,000,000 FOR VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Oscar Gruss, 70 year-old head of a New York securities firm, has made a donation of \$1,000,000 to the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal for the establishment of five religious vocational high schools in Israel, it was announced here today by the Fund's chairman Joseph Meyerhoff and president Charles J. Bensley.

This brings the total raised by the Fund for high school construction in its first year and a half of existence to nearly \$11,000,000, the two leaders said. More than another \$1,000,000 has been raised by the Fund for teacher-training scholarships and the establishment of youth centers and libraries.

Part of the new gift will be used to complete vocational schools previously established by Mr. Gruss in Nechalim and Shafir, settlements in central Israel. New schools will be built in the Lachish Development Area capital of Kiryat Gat, in the port city of Haifa and in the Sharon Valley. Enrollment will be open to all graduates of Israel's state religious elementary schools, who will continue talmudic and related studies while learning a modern trade.

The five Gruss schools will advance the timetable of an overall national plan to double vocational training opportunities in Israel by 1970. The plan will particularly benefit disadvantaged immigrant youths, primarily those of North African and Asian origin. A pledge of \$750,000 toward purchase of machinery and equipment for the five schools has been made by Mr. E. Epstein, president of ORT in Israel, Mr. Gruss revealed.

FORTY TORAHs DESTROYED IN JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FIRE

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Officials of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the educational arm of Conservative Judaism, have estimated this weekend that restoration and replacement of losses suffered in the disastrous April 18 fire in the Seminary library will cost about \$2,000,000 and take a year and a half to complete.

Chancellor Louis Finkelstein told a press conference that the Ford Foundation had granted the JTS \$100,000 for the repair and salvage program. He estimated that about 60,000 books -- about one third of the Seminary's collection -- had been destroyed and about 30,000 others were damaged beyond repair. Forty Torahs, including some from Poland, were also destroyed.

Although the New York City Fire Marshall's office said that after four days of investigation it had not found evidence of arson, Dr. Finkelstein said he thought the blaze was incendiary. He said the fire had been preceded by three earlier ones in recent weeks, the first fires since 1929.

U.S. STEELWORKERS HONOR ISRAEL; \$900,000 IN BONDS SOLD AT DINNER

PITTSBURGH, April 24. (JTA) -- American labor and the steel industry joined here tonight in an impressive tribute to the State of Israel at the largest labor dinner ever held in this country on behalf of State of Israel bonds. Leading executives of the steel industry joined 16 presidents of international unions at the event to laud Israel and the dinner's guest of honor, I.W. Abel, president of the United Steelworkers of America. A total of \$900,000 worth of Israel bonds was sold in connection with the event.

Among the speakers at the dinner were Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers; Israel's Minister of Labor, Gen. Yigal Allon; and Dr. Robert C. Weaver, United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Gen. Allon praised Americans for supporting Israel, declaring that such support is "no longer merely an act of faith through investment in Israel's economic potential, because Israel has demonstrated its ability to fulfill its financial obligations." Israel, he said, "is now more selective in its planning, trying to become more competitive in world markets and to widen the country's absorption competition."

N.Y. CITY CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE \$50,000 TO HISTADRUT

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The New York City Civil Service Employees Committee for Histadrut added \$50,000 to the Histadrut Scholarship Fund as a result of the testimonial dinner tendered Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Meyer F. Wiles here last night. Nearly 1,000 guests including many past and present city commissioners attended the event which was addressed by Israel's Minister of Labor Yigal Allon.

Mr. Allon, a hero of Israel's War of Independence, who has the rank of Brigadier General, stated that on "Israel's 18th anniversary being celebrated this week, we must hail the unique role of Histadrut in the rehabilitation of a nation in an independent state. Histadrut is doing a first-rate job in the field of social welfare, vocational training and provision of scholarships for young people. One of the main measures required to turn immigrants into a nation that can do all kinds of work is the expansion of vocational training facilities and the provision of scholarships."

This evening, 400 members of the Queens County Histadrut Council tendered a dinner in honor of City Council President Frank O'Connor, raising \$18,000 for the Histadrut Scholarship Fund. Former City Council President Paul R. Scervane was toastmaster of the dinner, which was addressed by Yaacov Morris of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Israel Stolarsky, associate director of the Israel Histadrut Campaign and Howard J. Agronin, executive chairman of the Labor Zionist Organization of America.

MEMORIAL WALL TO 6,000,000 JEWS UNVEILED AT LOS ANGELES TEMPLE

LOS ANGELES, April 24. (JTA) -- Temple Beth Am dedicated today its Memorial Wall to the Martyred Six Million Jews in impressive ceremonies attended by local and national leaders.

The ceremonies also marked the opening of a 30-day exhibit at the synagogue of documentation and archives material containing exhibits of the chief episodes of the Nazi terror and of photographs, documents and relics depicting the heroic resistance of the trapped and doomed Jews.

The spirit of the occasion was sounded by Nathan Shapell, a former concentration camp inmate who is president of Temple Beth Am. He said that the Memorial Wall and the Exhibit "should serve as a reminder to the public at large, both Jewish and non-Jewish, of the tragic consequences of bigotry, religious and racial hatred and ruthless dictatorship, so that such events should not happen again."

HOUSING PROJECT DEDICATED IN ACRE BY SIR ISAAC AND LADY WOLFSON

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Thousands of men, women and children paid tribute here to Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson who visited Acre to dedicate a new housing project named for them. Two-thirds of 520 new homes are already occupied. The occupants include new immigrants, young couples, veterans and 22 Arab families.

The gathering included Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Dr. Israel Goldstein, world chairman of Keren Hayesod, American Ambassador Walworth Barbour, former Premier David Ben-Gurion, Norman Aspin, counselor at the British Embassy and many others. The Acre Chief Rabbi presented to the benefactors and the new project his blessings and those of the Acre Religious Council.

TWO SYNAGOGUES DESECRATED IN WINNIPEG; SWASTIKAS PAINTED ON DOORS

WINNIPEG, April 24. (JTA) -- Police authorities said that they were trying to discover the identity of persons who had desecrated two synagogues here by painting swastikas on the walls and doors of two Jewish houses of worship. The affected houses of worship are the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue and the Rosh Pina Synagogue. The Nazi symbol was also smeared on sidewalks and on automobiles parked near the synagogues.