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## **Autopsy in Israel of New York Rabbi Provokes Protest; Eyes Removed from Body**

TEL AVIV, May 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Shlomo Lorencz, a Member of Parliament from the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel, demanded today a special session of Parliament and an immediate investigation of a new autopsy incident involving an Orthodox Jew.

The incident involved removal of the eyes of a former New York rabbi, Moshe Gottesman, for transplant of the corneas to another patient at Tel Hashomer Hospital. Rabbi Gottesman, 80, who settled in B'nai B'rak after coming here from New York, died on the eve of the last day of Passover after having been hospitalized.

Shortly after he died, a patient with rapidly deteriorating eyesight was brought to the hospital and the doctors decided on the cornea transplant. Dr. Chaim Sheba, the hospital director, said that "speed in this case was essential." Plastic eyes were placed in the head of the corpse.

The Burial Society of Jerusalem, which conducted funeral rites for Rabbi Gottesman, discovered the plastic eyes and notified the family in B'nai B'rak. The family members immediately went to the hospital to protest. After lengthy negotiations, a non-Jewish policeman brought the rabbi's eyes during the Passover holiday to the B'nai B'rak Yeshiva and they were interred in the rabbi's grave. Hundred of Orthodox Jews sought to demonstrate yesterday in the hospital compound but were dissuaded from doing so by Yeshiva leaders.

It was the second such incident in the past month. Previously hospital officials had removed the heart of the wife of a B'nai B'rak Yeshiva head and later, after sharp protests, returned the organ to the family in a plastic bag for burial with the body. Rabbi Lorencz made his demand in telegrams to Premier Levi Eshkol and Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz. He also began gathering the required 30 signatures from Knesset members for a special Knesset session.

## **Syrian Premier Extends His War Threats Against Israel Also to Arab Lands**

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Premier Yusef Zayen of Syria extended his threats of war against Israel yesterday to include Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, it was reported here today from Damascus.

The Syrian leader told a May Day Labor rally in Damascus that while the "prime objective of our popular war of liberation is Palestine, the war must pass through Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia to destroy reactionary rulers there." The speech was broadcast by the Syrian Government radio.

Referring to reports that Israel had been assured protection by the United States through the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, Premier Zayen declared also that the Sixth Fleet "cannot frighten us nor can it stop the war of liberation." He said that the United States had its Seventh Fleet in the Far East "but it has not stopped the liberation struggle of the Vietnamese people. Israel likes to talk about her military superiority but at the same time hides behind the protection of the Sixth Fleet," he added.

Observers here said that the Zayen speech was part of a campaign to dissuade the Lebanese Government from giving permission for a routine semi-annual Sixth Fleet visit to Lebanon late this month. The United States Embassy in Beirut still has not received a reply from Lebanon to a routine request for authorization of the visit. The request was made two months ago.

## **Syria Closes Office of American Pro-Arab Propaganda Group**

WASHINGTON, May 2. (JTA) -- The Government of Syria has ordered the expulsion of the "American Friends of the Middle East" -- a pro-Arab propaganda organization -- from Syria on grounds that the AFME allegedly spied for the United States Central Intelligence Agency. The AFME office in Damascus was ordered closed, according to reports received here today.

AFME is among organizations which received CIA funds. It denied espionage activities and said its main function was educational including sponsorship of Arab students. AFME maintains offices in Cairo, Amman, Baghdad, and elsewhere in the Middle East. Members of Congress questioned the propriety of AFME subsidization by the CIA after it was shown that many Arab students brought to America under AFME auspices engaged in anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda movements at various universities and colleges.

**Israel's Banking System Termed 'Basically Sound' by Financial Expert**

TEL AVIV, May 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Y. Foerder, chairman of the Bank Leumi, Israel's oldest and largest banking institution, declared here today that the country's banking system was basically sound despite the takeovers of three banks recently.

Commenting on the problems of the Feuchtwanger, Ellern and Israel Credit banks, he emphasized that all obligations of the three banks to depositors would be paid in full. He also disclosed that the Bank Leumi would pay 5,000,000 pounds (\$1,600,000) for Ellerns and the Credit Bank, which have a total of 25 branches in Israel. He said eight of the branches would be operated as Bank Leumi units and the others sold to other Israeli banks seeking new outlets.

**German Foreign Minister Reports on Talks with Arab League Leader**

BONN, May 2. (JTA) -- West German Foreign Minister Willy Brandt told a press conference here today that while he had not discussed reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the Arabs here today that while he had not discussed reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the Arab countries in talks with Arab League Secretary-General Abdel Khalek Hassouna, there was a prospect of such a development. The Arab countries either broke off or suspended such relations with West Germany after it recognized Israel.

The Foreign Minister said that his talks with the Arab League official had removed some misunderstandings and he added that he hoped "I have made my views sufficiently clear" to the Arab official. He said there was a "tendency" by the Arab states to raise all kinds of issues.

**Dr. Goldmann to Confer with Chancellor Kiesinger on Jewish Issues**

BONN, May 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann will come here next month for talks on affairs concerning Jews with Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger and other leading West German officials, it was announced today. He will be in Bonn from June 5 to June 7.

He also will confer with Foreign Minister Willy Brandt, Finance Minister Franz Strauss, Bundestag President Eugen Gerstenmaier, Dr. Ranier Barzel, head of the Chancellor's Christian Democratic Parliamentary group, Werner Knieper, State Secretary at the Chancellor's office, and State Secretary Klaus Schetz of the Foreign Office.

**Number of Jews in West Germany Growing Slowly; 48 Synagogues Functioning**

DUSSELDORF, May 2. (JTA) -- A total of 26,143 Jews are now members of the organized Jewish communities in West Germany, including West Berlin, according to a report issued here today by the Central Council of Jews in Germany. The last breakdown of affiliated West German Jewry, in October 1965, showed a total of 25,694 in 71 communities.

The new data, as of January 1, 1967, showed there are now 48 synagogues in West Germany and West Berlin; 48 smaller centers of Jewish worship; 39 Jewish libraries; 106 Jewish cemeteries still open; 15 rabbis' and 38 cantors.

The report said also that there are now 64 Jewish religious teachers, 20 youth centers, 51 youth groups with a total membership of 1,648 Jewish youth, and 34 leaders of Jewish youth groups. Jewish religious instruction is being given to 1,024 children in the age brackets of 6 to 13; and to 656 children over the age of 13.

**Monument Honoring Jewish Victims at Dachau Camp Desecrated; Probe Started**

BONN, May 2. (JTA) -- A stone monument honoring Jewish victims of the Dachau concentration camp was smeared with a Nazi swastika and the words "Heil Hitler" painted on it, police reported today. An official investigation was launched. The monument is located overlooking the graves of many Jews at Leittenberg Cemetery just outside the camp. It has a Jewish Star of David chiselled on its face.

The president of the Bavarian State Criminal Police, Dr. Hans Schneider, took charge of the probe. A Protestant Atonement church was dedicated at the same site on Sunday. A Jewish memorial center was to be dedicated next Sunday as part of the 22nd anniversary of the liberation of Dachau by allied forces on April 29, 1945. Investigators said the desecration of the monument was timed to coincide with the anniversary events to show the contempt of some Germans for the memory of the murdered Jews.

**President de Gaulle to Visit the Site of Auschwitz Extermination Camp**

PARIS, May 2. (JTA) -- President de Gaulle will pay a visit to the site of the Auschwitz death camp during his official visit to Poland it was reported here today. He is scheduled to arrive in Warsaw on June 1 and will remain in Poland for about a week.

It was reported here that the President had asked the Polish Ambassador in Paris to arrange a special visit for him to the death camp site. General de Gaulle said he wanted to pay his respects to the victims of Nazism murdered in Auschwitz.

A memorial to the 4,000,000 victims at Auschwitz was dedicated last month in an official ceremony and on the next day, thousands of Jews made a pilgrimage to the site to recite the Kaddish.

## Jewish Organizations in Montreal Request State Support for Day Schools

MONTREAL, May 2. (JTA) -- Requests that the Government of Quebec support Jewish Day Schools in Montreal from tax funds have been made here by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Council of Jewish Educational Institutions of Greater Montreal. A delegation representing the two organizations voiced those requests at a conference at Quebec City with the Province Minister of Education, Jean Jacques Bertrand.

The delegation told the Education Minister that the Jewish Day Schools were not to be considered as "private schools in the common sense of the term." The Jewish Day Schools, it was pointed out, were not created in opposition to the general school system, but rather to maintain that system in full with the added program of courses in Jewish religion, culture and languages. The Jewish groups stressed that, within the context of the denominational system of education in Quebec, "it is fully understandable that many Jewish parents should want to have an opportunity to educate their children in a day school in which the general subjects and Jewish teachings are combined."

At present, government grants are available only to independent secondary schools. Five Jewish high schools here are so recognized. The delegation maintained that the per capita cost of education of a child from kindergarten to and including Grade 11 ought to be paid from tax revenues to the officially recognized Jewish Day Schools for every child enrolled in any of the specified grades. Mr. Bertrand told the delegation that the Quebec Department of Education would continue to study the problem presented by the Jewish groups. The CJC previously made similar requests to the Government of Quebec and to various Royal Commissions on education.

### Montreal Catholic School Body to Establish Non-Confessional Classes

MONTREAL, May 2. (JTA) -- The Montreal Catholic School Commission announced today that immediate steps will be taken "to offer the population residing on the Island of Montreal, under certain conditions, classes or even schools which would be described as non-confessional."

The announcement stated that the Commission adopted a resolution at its last meeting, last month, to take such a step in order to recognize the "rights of certain children who cannot find in existing schools an answer to their aspirations." According to the announcement, the Commission decided to give "top priority" to the establishment of nonsectarian schools and classes which "would surely be ready for next September according to demand and need."

Meanwhile, Jewish residents in the suburbs of the Town of Mount Royal and at Hampstead protested against being left off the voters' lists being prepared there for elections to the local Protestant School Board, scheduled for June. While Jewish children attend Protestant schools in those suburbs, no Jewish names were included on the lists. Delegations of Jewish residents from the two suburbs consulted the Canadian Jewish Congress here before voicing their protests.

## New Jersey Senate Approves Free Bus Transportation to Religious Schools

TRENTON, N.J., May 2. (JTA) -- A bill to extend publicly-financed bus transportation to children attending private and religiously-sponsored schools in New Jersey was approved last night by the State Senate after having previously been adopted by the Assembly. Gov. Richard J. Hughes, a strong supporter of the proposal, was expected to sign it without delay. The measure had been vigorously opposed by several Jewish organizations and civil liberties groups.

The vote in the Senate was 20 to six. Before the voting, the measure was amended, requiring that it be sent back to the Assembly, which approved the changes by 37 to 11. The bill provides that children from kindergarten to the eighth grade can be bused free if they live at least two miles and within 20 miles of schools. Ninth to twelfth grade pupils must live within 2-1/2 miles and within 20 miles of the school.

Under existing state laws, non-public school students are allowed to ride free on public school buses on established public school routes. The measure approved yesterday will extend this service to non-public school students in communities which provide such transportation for public school pupils but not to non-public school pupils. There are 334,000 non-public school students in New Jersey, including a number attending Jewish day schools.

## 5,500 Pupils Attend Jewish Day Schools in So. Africa; College Trains Rabbis

JOHANNESBURG, May 2. (JTA) -- A total of 5,500 pupils are now attending Jewish Day Schools in South Africa, it was reported here at the 14th National Jewish Education Conference, attended by delegates from all parts of the country. Of these, 4,200 attend day schools supervised by the South African Board of Jewish Education, and 1,300 attend schools supervised by the Cape Board of Jewish Education. Additionally, more than 5,000 children attend Jewish nursery schools and afternoon schools supervised by the Board of Jewish Education.

The report stressed that Jewish history and religion form an integral part of the day school syllabus, and morning and afternoon prayers take place daily. Since the Board's previous conference three years ago, 27 students have graduated from its Rabbi J.L. Zlotnik Teachers Training College. Twenty-one have already taken teaching posts, while some are continuing with further studies. The Board's hostel in Johannesburg now houses 100 pupils from country centers. The hostel provides a full Jewish background, with daily prayer services, sabbath and festival services, and complete kashrut.

### Three Jews Win Pulitzer Prizes; Two Are Authors, One Is a Composer

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- At least three Jews were today among the 1967 winners of the coveted Pulitzer Prize. They are Bernard Malamud, winner of the award in fiction; Justin Kaplan, cited for his biography of Mark Twain; and Leon Kirchner, professor of music at Harvard University.

Mr. Malamud, whose prize was for his last novel, "The Fixer," also has written three other novels and two books of short stories. "The Fixer" parallels the story of Mendel Beilis, a Russian Jew, who was arrested and tried in Kiev on a trumped-up charge of ritual murder. Beilis was ultimately acquitted after world-wide pressures. Mr. Malamud previously won an award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters, two National Book Awards, a Partisan Review fellowship and a Rockefeller grant. Born in Brooklyn, and educated in New York, Mr. Malamud is 53 years old.

Mr. Kaplan, born in New York of a Russian-born Jewish immigrant father, is 41. He received his early education in New York, did graduate work at Harvard, and worked as a freelance writer and as editor for a big New York publishing firm before he started work in 1959 on the book which won the latest prize for him, "Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain."

Mr. Kirchner was also born in New York. He studied composition with Arnold Schoenberg, Ernest Bloch and Roger Sessions. His prize was for the composition of a quartet for strings with an electronic extension through the use of a tape recorder. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and the National Academy of Arts and Sciences, and previously won other awards, including the Naumburg Award in 1954. He is 48.

### Israel's Cameri Theater Troupe Starts Playing in London in Hebrew

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Israel's Cameri Theater troupe presented a premier performance here last night of a musical in Hebrew to a packed Aldwych Theater and earned an enthusiastic reception from the first night audience and the critics.

The troupe, one of Israel's leading theater groups, presented "King Solomon and the Cobbler," based on a play by Sam Gronemann, a late Zionist leader, lawyer and leading playwright. Written in German, the musical was produced in Hebrew in a translation by the wellknown Israeli poet Nathan Alterman, with music by Alexander Argov and was seen by a half million persons in Israel.

### Public School Carrying Name of Prominent Jew is Dedicated in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 2. (JTA) -- At impressive ceremonies attended by Gunaebara State and city officials, a public school was dedicated here under the name of David Jose Perez, a Jew who is one of the most renowned educators in Brazil. The Gunaebara Secretary of Education, Prof. Benjamin de Moraes, represented the state.

Prof. Perez, who is 84, was born in this city, the son of a Sephardic family, and is on the faculty of the University of Brazil. For years he had been the editor of the first Yiddish newspaper in Brazil, A Coluna, which he founded. Very active in Jewish cultural, religious and Zionist life, Prof. Perez is one of Brazil's foremost experts in law, political science and Spanish and Hispano-American literature.

### Brazil Presents Israel Center with Historic Gavel Used at U.N.

TEL AVIV, May 2. (JTA) -- The woodengavel used by the late Dr. Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil when, as president of the United Nations General Assembly, he presided over some of the decisive sessions which led to the creation of Israel and its admission to the U.N., has been presented by Brazilian authorities to a cultural center in Israel. The center, named after Dr. Aranha, is at Kibbutz Brur Hayil, a settlement made up of Jewish emigres from Brazil.

### El Al Airlines Extends Number of Flights from London to Israel

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Officials of El Al Israeli Airlines said here today that to cope with unprecedented demands for seats for Israeli flights, the airline had added 12 flights to the regular summer schedule on the London-Tel Aviv route. The augmented schedule will begin on May 7 and will continue until the end of August.

### Rose Kirschenbaum-Margoshes, Wife of Editor, Dies in New York; Was 80

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Kirschenbaum-Margoshes, wife of Dr. Samuel Margoshes and a Yiddish author in her own right, died here at the age of 80. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. Born in Galicia, she came to the United States in 1903. Under her pen-name of Kirschenbaum-Margoshes, she wrote for various Yiddish dailies and magazines, including Der Yiddisher Kempfer, the Jewish Daily Forward, the Tageblatt, and the Jewish Almanac. She also contributed to the English-language Jewish press.

As a young woman, Mrs. Margoshes worked in the New York port as translator helping Jewish immigrants to explain their problems to the immigration authorities. She also did social work at the Henry Street Settlement on New York's Lower East Side.