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NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Services were held in Brooklyn yesterday for Rabbi Leopold Friedman, a hasidic leader, who died Saturday at the age of 68. Born in Sevlus, Czechoslovakia, Rabbi Friedman came to the United States in 1948 and established the hasidic educational system in this country, including free-loan societies for Orthodox Jews and all-night medical clinics in Brooklyn's Orthodox sections. He was a head of Congregation Yetev Lev and of the Talmudical Academy, and was president of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg.

Rabbi Friedman, who before World War II was a bank director in Czechoslovakia and then a disciple of Grand Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum of Jerusalem, was incarcerated in Auschwitz, Dachau and other concentration camps during the war. His first wife died in one of the camps. Mayor John V. Lindsay was one of more than 10,000 mourners who attended the services for Rabbi Friedman.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN: NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Vladimir Slepak, the Soviet Jewish activist, was arrested today while walking with his son, Aleksander, on the way to Communist Party headquarters in Moscow to join a group of 25 Jews who were seeking to present a protest letter on the exit tax to party officials; the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported. Four plainclothesmen took Slepak to jail and released him three hours later.

JEWISH LEADERS DENOUNCE BONN FOR RELEASING TERRORISTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today blamed inaction by the world's pilots, airline managements and Congress for the Arab terrorist hijacking and the death of an airline agent during an air getaway by "armed bandits" in Houston, Tex. The AJCongress demanded that Lufthansa and other airline pilots and managements "announce immediately that they will no longer fly to any country that gives refuge to air terrorists or allows them or their cause to benefit from this use of blackmail."

Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the AJCongress national governing council, asserted: "We demand that the air terrorists be made to stand trial in Libya and that the Arab fanatics they released be returned by Libya to German custody and made accountable for the cowardly murders they perpetrated at Munich. If Libya fails to comply, it must be cut off at once from all air services."

Of US government responsibility, Squadron said that the "failure of the US Congress during its last session to enact legislation that would have provided at least some elements of sanction against offending countries" makes "all who played a part in the resistance to this legislation bear a measure of culpability for each new incident of air terror."

Will Encourage Future Lawless Acts

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, charged today that "the unconscionable speed" with which the West German government released three Arab terrorists "can only encourage future acts of international lawlessness by Arab terrorists." He recommended that the US and the UN "treat in the sternest manner --including the imposition of economic sanctions-- those people and those nations who cooperate with and harbor hijackers, murderers and other international criminals."

Rabbi David Polish, president of the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis, charged that "the West German government has extended an official invitation to terrorists all over the world to escalate their deadly work." Furthermore, he declared, "By its precedent-making surrender (West Germany) has exposed all nations to global blackmail. In the process it has undermined confidence in its capacity to govern."

In Washington, 14 members of the Jewish Defense League, picketed the West German Embassy to protest the release of three freed terrorists. The JDLers charged that the release of the terrorists in effect declared "open season" for new terrorist outrages and demanded that the West German government sever diplomatic relations with all Arab countries giving haven to freed terrorists and hijackers. In New York, Bert Zweibon, JDL national chairman, said Bonn's "capitulation to the blackmail of the Arab terrorists makes the Bonn government an accomplice to the Munich massacre of Jews."

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America's Public Affairs Committee, said that by complying with the hijackers' demands West Germany "stands branded in the eyes of world opinion as displaying a deplorable lack of responsibility in knuckling under to Arab terrorists and making a mockery of the martyrs of the Munich massacre."

EL AL SEEKS MORE LANDING RIGHTS TO OFFSET RIVALS' GROWTH IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (JTA)--After four years

of worsening competitive position Israel's El Al Airline is pressing hard for additional landing rights in the United States to stop its slide backwards in the growing competition for air passenger traffic between the two countries. The last time Israel sought what it considers to be necessary changes in the Israeli-American air transport agreement was in 1968. Those negotiations ended in no change. Now the Israelis see a desperate need for more landing rights to avert severe difficulties.

On Nov. 6, therefore, when Israelis and Americans get together here again to discuss the air traffic problems, the Israelis hope to convince the State Department and the Civil Aeronautics Board to grant El Al authorization to pick up and discharge passengers in at least one more American city. In 1950, when the US-Israeli agreement was concluded, trans-Atlantic travel involved about 300,000 passenger crossings a year. Today, the traffic between the US and Europe and Israel is close to ten million. Nevertheless, Israel is required to conform its operations to the circumstances dating back almost a quarter of a century.

At present, El Al's American landing rights are restricted to Kennedy Airport in New York. It wishes to have similar rights in a Mid-West or West Coast urban center as well. The only American flag carrier to Israel is TWA which has rights for traffic to and from Israel in eight large American cities on both coasts and in the Mid-West. To fly El Al to Israel, American passengers must make their way to Kennedy by another service and face the discomforts of crowds, urban transport and loss of time.

El Al Outstripped By Others

Naturally, the same difficulties face passengers on return flights from Tel Aviv. TWA, however, has single-plane service for Tel Aviv from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Washington and Baltimore. In addition, TWA has service in St. Louis and Detroit with a change of planes en route to Israel. These eight centers form a nucleus embracing much of urban America. Despite these obvious advantages to TWA, however, Israel actually is not asking to reduce TWA's operations.

El Al feels choked from the expanding pressure from nine third-country flag carriers, all based in Europe and capable either on their own or through connecting services to transport passengers between most major urban centers in the United States and Israel via their own countries. These are Lufthansa, BOAC, Alitalia, KLM, SAS, British-European, Air France, Olympic and Swissair.

Since the Israelis and the Americans discussed the problems in 1968, most of the European companies have received additional landing rights in the United States and thereby improved their services for flights to and from Israel. Meanwhile, El Al was left standing still.

EZRA KATZ, JOURNALIST, DIES AT 72

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Ezra Katz, staff member of the Yiddish paper, Di Presse, and one of its founders, died here Friday at the age of 72. Born in the Ukraine, he came to Argentina as a child. For more than 50 years he was a member of the administrative staff of Di Presse and one of its directors.

A 15-year-old Arab boy from a refugee camp in Gaza Strip was admitted to a hospital today suspected of having cholera. It was the first such case in Israel-held territory since an outbreak was reported in Syria two weeks ago.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Members of the Netherlands Parliament have called on the government to take the initiative to revise international laws governing diplomatic immunity. They acted after the arrest and release last week of an Arab in the employ of Algeria who was caught at the Amsterdam Airport with suitcases containing letter bombs and other lethal weapons. The Dutch Foreign Ministry informed the Algerian envoy to the Benelux countries that the Netherlands considers the incident "very serious."

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Police are investigating a new attempt to set fire to the home of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. Unidentified arsonists ignited a bundle of gasoline-soaked clothes Sunday evening at the rabbi's home. The blaze was put out by neighbors. Rabbi Goren and his family were not at home at the time. A similar arson attempt occurred several months ago.

OTTAWA (JTA)--Some 20 presidents of Canadian Jewish organizations breached a police cordon and automobile blockade Thursday night to ring the front-door bell of the Soviet Embassy. There was no answer, however, and the iron gates remained closed. Henry Steinberg, chairman of the biennial convention of the Zionist Federation of Canada, which opened here Thursday night, told newsmen that Soviet Ambassador Sviatoslav Miroshnichenko had not answered a request submitted five days earlier for a five-minute visit by Jewish leaders to present a petition condemning "the barbaric ransom imposed by the Soviet government on Soviet Jews." The petition told Soviet Jews: "We shall never forget you. We shall continue fighting for your rights. We shall overcome."

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Labor Zionist Alliance announced this weekend the launching of the LZA Special Fund for its expanded educational and community service work on the American scene. The fund would assist the Labor Zionists in their work in education and culture and assistance for aliya. "We are not stopping our work for Israel," Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, LZA president told a meeting of his organizations National Executive Committee. "We are establishing a special fund for the movement in the US to restore the responsibility of our membership to bring about a vibrant Jewish life in this country with Labor Zionist principles." The fund, he added, will also help to intensify youth activity, especially the LZA youth movements, Dror and Hacholim, and to help stem the tide of assimilation and deepen the meaning of Jewish identity.

TORONTO (JTA)--The Jewish Book Committee of Toronto, affiliated with the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region, is developing a year-round program promoting books of Jewish content in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. This effort is being conducted in cooperation with all congregations, organizations and schools in the Jewish community, educational institutions and libraries in the general community and booksellers in the metropolitan area. Observance of Jewish Book Month will continue to be the Committee's primary task.

ALBANY, N.Y. (JTA)--The cornerstone dedication for the third B'nai B'rith senior citizens housing development - a \$4 million, 190-apartment development - was held here Sunday. Mayor Erastus Corning III, Congressman Samuel Stratton, representatives of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs and B'nai B'rith officials joined in ceremonies attended by several hundred persons to mark completion of the 13-story building. The non-profit, non-sectarian project will be ready for occupancy next fall at rents ranging from \$114 to \$129.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Meyer Lansky has been given two weeks to find another country willing to admit him. After that period he will be ordered out of Israel, the Ministry of Interior said Sunday. Lansky was denied immigrant status by the Minister of Interior Yosef Burg and the decision was upheld by the High Court of Justice. Since then Lansky has been seeking somewhere to go. His lawyer appealed to the Ministry for two weeks grace on the grounds that he was negotiating with several governments for asylum for Lansky.

NEW YORK (JTA)--United Hias Service reported Monday that 30 Jewish emigrants, constituting nine family units from Eastern Europe, arrived at Kennedy Airport on six separate flights last week. They were reunited with relatives in Youngstown and Akron, Ohio; Hartford, Conn.; Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Metropolitan New York. Of the new arrivals, 25 came from the Soviet Union, 12 of whom entered this country through the US Attorney General's parole authority. Three emigrants came from Hungary and two from Poland.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--More than 2000 policemen demonstrated in The Hague several days ago to protest the increased bomb scares, letter bombs and the greater risks Dutch police are being asked to take. The policemen asked for reinforced patrols and better pay. Within the past month, there has been a spate of bomb scares in various cities and aborted attacks on certain Embassy residences. A fake bomb was discovered last Tuesday here in front of the El Al office. On Saturday night police arrested three young Dutch men on suspicion of having placed a fake bomb at a Jewish wedding party. The bride-to-be was the daughter of the chairman of the Jewish National Fund in Amsterdam, Simon G. Engelsman.

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen will go to Israel in Dec. on an official visit, it was announced here by the government. Andersen left several days ago for an official visit to Egypt. The Foreign Minister said that the two visits will put him "in closer contact" with the Middle East problems. This will be Andersen's first visit to Israel.

MEXICO CITY (JTA)--Foreign Minister Emilio O. Rabasa told a Central Jewish Committee delegation that he would study its memorandum on the Jewish community's concern about the increased Soviet emigration fees and promised to tell President Luis Echeverria Alvarez about the memo.



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Especially bitter today were the families of the slain Israeli athletes. The widow of Joseph Romano said she was "shocked that the killers of my husband and his colleagues were set free. The West German authorities have added sin to crime.... It seems as if the Germans invited the hijacking to get the three terrorists off their backs." Shoshana Shapiro, widow of another Munich victim, Amitzur Shapiro, said she was "sick and embittered. It is almost a betrayal by the West Germans. Israel means nothing to them."

RABBI LEOPOLD FRIEDMAN DIES AT 68

NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Services were held in Brooklyn yesterday for Rabbi Leopold Friedman, a hasidic leader, who died Saturday at the age of 68. Born in Sevlus, Czechoslovakia, Rabbi Friedman came to the United States in 1948 and established the hasidic educational system in this country, including free-loan societies for Orthodox Jews and all-night medical clinics in Brooklyn's Orthodox sections. He was a head of Congregation Yetev Lev and of the Talmudical Academy, and was president of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg.

Rabbi Friedman, who before World War II was a bank director in Czechoslovakia and then a disciple of Grand Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum of Jerusalem, was incarcerated in Auschwitz, Dachau and other concentration camps during the war. His first wife died in one of the camps. Mayor John V. Lindsay was one of more than 10,000 mourners who attended the services for Rabbi Friedman.

LATE NEWS BULLETIN: NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Vladimir Slepak, the Soviet Jewish activist, was arrested today while walking with his son, Aleksander, on the way to Communist Party headquarters in Moscow to join a group of 25 Jews who were seeking to present a protest letter on the exit tax to party officials; the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported. Four plainclothesmen took Slepak to jail and released him three hours later.

JEWISH LEADERS DENOUNCE BONN FOR RELEASING TERRORISTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today blamed inaction by the world's pilots, airline managements and Congress for the Arab terrorist hijacking and the death of an airline agent during an air getaway by "armed bandits" in Houston, Tex. The AJCongress demanded that Lufthansa and other airline pilots and managements "announce immediately that they will no longer fly to any country that gives refuge to air terrorists or allows them or their cause to benefit from this use of blackmail."

Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the AJCongress national governing council, asserted: "We demand that the air terrorists be made to stand trial in Libya and that the Arab fanatics they released be returned by Libya to German custody and made accountable for the cowardly murders they perpetrated at Munich. If Libya fails to comply, it must be cut off at once from all air services."

Of US government responsibility, Squadron said that the "failure of the US Congress during its last session to enact legislation that would have provided at least some elements of sanction against offending countries" makes "all who played a part in the resistance to this legislation bear a measure of culpability for each new incident of air terror."

Will Encourage Future Lawless Acts

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, charged today that "the unconscionable speed" with which the West German government released three Arab terrorists "can only encourage future acts of international lawlessness by Arab terrorists." He recommended that the US and the UN "treat in the sternest manner --including the imposition of economic sanctions-- those people and those nations who cooperate with and harbor hijackers, murderers and other international criminals."

Rabbi David Polish, president of the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis, charged that "the West German government has extended an official invitation to terrorists all over the world to escalate their deadly work." Furthermore, he declared, "By its precedent-making surrender (West Germany) has exposed all nations to global blackmail. In the process it has undermined confidence in its capacity to govern."

In Washington, 14 members of the Jewish Defense League, picketed the West German Embassy to protest the release of three freed terrorists. The JDLers charged that the release of the terrorists in effect declared "open season" for new terrorist outrages and demanded that the West German government sever diplomatic relations with all Arab countries giving haven to freed terrorists and hijackers. In New York, Bert Zweibon, JDL national chairman, said Bonn's "capitulation to the blackmail of the Arab terrorists makes the Bonn government an accomplice to the Munich massacre of Jews."

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America's Public Affairs Committee, said that by complying with the hijackers' demands West Germany "stands branded in the eyes of world opinion as displaying a deplorable lack of responsibility in knuckling under to Arab terrorists and making a mockery of the martyrs of the Munich massacre."

EL AL SEEKS MORE LANDING RIGHTS TO OFFSET RIVALS' GROWTH IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (JTA)--After four years

of worsening competitive position Israel's El Al Airline is pressing hard for additional landing rights in the United States to stop its slide backwards in the growing competition for air passenger traffic between the two countries. The last time Israel sought what it considers to be necessary changes in the Israeli-American air transport agreement was in 1968. Those negotiations ended in no change. Now the Israelis see a desperate need for more landing rights to avert severe difficulties.

On Nov. 6, therefore, when Israelis and Americans get together here again to discuss the air traffic problems, the Israelis hope to convince the State Department and the Civil Aeronautics Board to grant El Al authorization to pick up and discharge passengers in at least one more American city. In 1950, when the US-Israel agreement was concluded, trans-Atlantic travel involved about 300,000 passenger crossings a year. Today, the traffic between the US and Europe and Israel is close to ten million. Nevertheless, Israel is required to conform its operations to the circumstances dating back almost a quarter of a century.

At present, El Al's American landing rights are restricted to Kennedy Airport in New York. It wishes to have similar rights in a Mid-West or West Coast urban center as well. The only American flag carrier to Israel is TWA which has rights for traffic to and from Israel in eight large American cities on both coasts and in the Mid-West. To fly El Al to Israel, American passengers must make their way to Kennedy by another service and face the discomforts of crowds, urban transport and loss of time.

El Al Outstripped By Others

Naturally, the same difficulties face passengers on return flights from Tel Aviv. TWA, however, has single-plane service for Tel Aviv from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Washington and Baltimore. In addition, TWA has service in St. Louis and Detroit with a change of planes en route to Israel. These eight centers form a nucleus embracing much of urban America. Despite these obvious advantages to TWA, however, Israel actually is not asking to reduce TWA's operations.

El Al feels choked from the expanding pressure from nine third-country flag carriers, all based in Europe and capable either on their own or through connecting services to transport passengers between most major urban centers in the United States and Israel via their own countries. These are Lufthansa, BOAC, Alitalia, KLM, SAS, British-European, Air France, Olympic and Swissair.

Since the Israelis and the Americans discussed the problems in 1968, most of the European companies have received additional landing rights in the United States and thereby improved their services for flights to and from Israel. Meanwhile, El Al was left standing still.

EZRA KATZ, JOURNALIST, DIES AT 72

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Ezra Katz, staff member of the Yiddish paper, Di Presse, and one of its founders, died here Friday at the age of 72. Born in the Ukraine, he came to Argentina as a child. For more than 50 years he was a member of the administrative staff of Di Presse and one of its directors.

A 15-year-old Arab boy from a refugee camp in Gaza Strip was admitted to a hospital today suspected of having cholera. It was the first such case in Israel-held territory since an outbreak was reported in Syria two weeks ago.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Members of the Netherlands Parliament have called on the government to take the initiative to revise international laws governing diplomatic immunity. They acted after the arrest and release last week of an Arab in the employ of Algeria who was caught at the Amsterdam Airport with suitcases containing letter bombs and other lethal weapons. The Dutch Foreign Ministry informed the Algerian envoy to the Benelux countries that the Netherlands considers the incident "very serious."

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Police are investigating a new attempt to set fire to the home of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. Unidentified arsonists ignited a bundle of gasoline-soaked clothes Sunday evening at the rabbi's home. The blaze was put out by neighbors. Rabbi Goren and his family were not at home at the time. A similar arson attempt occurred several months ago.

OTTAWA (JTA)--Some 20 presidents of Canadian Jewish organizations breached a police cordon and automobile blockade Thursday night to ring the front-door bell of the Soviet Embassy. There was no answer, however, and the iron gates remained closed. Henry Steinberg, chairman of the biennial convention of the Zionist Federation of Canada, which opened here Thursday night, told newsmen that Soviet Ambassador Sviatoslav Miroshnichenko had not answered a request submitted five days earlier for a five-minute visit by Jewish leaders to present a petition condemning "the barbaric ransom imposed by the Soviet government on Soviet Jews." The petition told Soviet Jews: "We shall never forget you. We shall continue fighting for your rights. We shall overcome."

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Labor Zionist Alliance announced this weekend the launching of the LZA Special Fund for its expanded educational and community service work on the American scene. The fund would assist the Labor Zionists in their work in education and culture and assistance for aliya. "We are not stopping our work for Israel," Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, LZA president told a meeting of his organizations National Executive Committee. "We are establishing a special fund for the movement in the US to restore the responsibility of our membership to bring about a vibrant Jewish life in this country with Labor Zionist principles." The fund, he added, will also help to intensify youth activity, especially the LZA youth movements, Dror and Hacholim, and to help stem the tide of assimilation and deepen the meaning of Jewish identity.

TORONTO (JTA)--The Jewish Book Committee of Toronto, affiliated with the Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region, is developing a year-round program promoting books of Jewish content in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. This effort is being conducted in cooperation with all congregations, organizations and schools in the Jewish community, educational institutions and libraries in the general community and booksellers in the metropolitan area. Observance of Jewish Book Month will continue to be the Committee's primary task.

ALBANY, N.Y. (JTA)--The cornerstone dedication for the third B'nai B'rith senior citizens housing development - a \$4 million, 190-apartment development - was held here Sunday. Mayor Erastus Corning III, Congressman Samuel Stratton, representatives of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs and B'nai B'rith officials joined in ceremonies attended by several hundred persons to mark completion of the 13-story building. The non-profit, non-sectarian project will be ready for occupancy next fall at rents ranging from \$114 to \$129.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Meyer Lansky has been given two weeks to find another country willing to admit him. After that period he will be ordered out of Israel, the Ministry of Interior said Sunday. Lansky was denied immigrant status by the Minister of Interior Yosef Burg and the decision was upheld by the High Court of Justice. Since then Lansky has been seeking somewhere to go. His lawyer appealed to the Ministry for two weeks grace on the grounds that he was negotiating with several governments for asylum for Lansky.

NEW YORK (JTA)--United Hias Service reported Monday that 30 Jewish emigrants, constituting nine family units from Eastern Europe, arrived at Kennedy Airport on six separate flights last week. They were reunited with relatives in Youngstown and Akron, Ohio; Hartford, Conn.; Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Metropolitan New York. Of the new arrivals, 25 came from the Soviet Union, 12 of whom entered this country through the US Attorney General's parole authority. Three emigrants came from Hungary and two from Poland.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--More than 2000 policemen demonstrated in The Hague several days ago to protest the increased bomb scares, letter bombs and the greater risks Dutch police are being asked to take. The policemen asked for reinforced patrols and better pay. Within the past month, there has been a spate of bomb scares in various cities and aborted attacks on certain Embassy residences. A fake bomb was discovered last Tuesday here in front of the El Al office. On Saturday night police arrested three young Dutch men on suspicion of having placed a fake bomb at a Jewish wedding party. The bride-to-be was the daughter of the chairman of the Jewish National Fund in Amsterdam, Simon G. Engelsman.

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen will go to Israel in Dec. on an official visit, it was announced here by the government. Andersen left several days ago for an official visit to Egypt. The Foreign Minister said that the two visits will put him "in closer contact" with the Middle East problems. This will be Andersen's first visit to Israel.

MEXICO CITY (JTA)--Foreign Minister Emilio O. Rabasa told a Central Jewish Committee delegation that he would study its memorandum on the Jewish community's concern about the increased Soviet emigration fees and promised to tell President Luis Echeverria Alvarez about the memo.