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## Israel's Fourth President KATZIR TAKES OATH OF OFFICE Calls For Blending Sources Of Judaism With Modern Concept Of World

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--Prof. Ephraim Katzir took the oath of office at a festive Knesset ceremony here this evening to become Israel's fourth President. The 57-year-old biophysicist from the Weizmann Institute of Science kept both of his hands on a Bible as he was sworn in by Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu. In his inaugural address he called for "a blend of the knowledge of the sources of Judaism with a modern concept of the world."

The entire Knesset was present for the ceremonies and the public and VIP galleries were packed. Among the onlookers were Premier Golda Meir and former Premier David Ben Gurion. Israel's outgoing President, Zalman Shazar, escorted his successor into the Knesset chamber after both reviewed an honor guard outside the Knesset building. As they entered, two Army chaplains and a rabbi blew three long shofar blasts. Shazar spoke briefly, referring to his successor as "Dear brother and blessed of God, chosen of our people." He prayed that President Katzir's term would witness the achievement of peace that has eluded his three predecessors.

Yeshayahu ended the inauguration ceremony with the words, "Long Live the President." They were repeated by the throng in the chamber as it rose to sing the national anthem, Hatikva. The inauguration was broadcast live on television and radio.

### Sublime Values Beyond Science

President Katzir is the second distinguished scientist to be elected Israel's Chief of State and in his inaugural speech he quoted his mentor, the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann who was Israel's first President: "I worked all my life and strove to make science and research the basis of our national enterprise. But I knew full well that there are beyond science sublime values...of righteousness and justice, of brotherhood and peace."

He dwelt on the importance of science and technology in Israel but also warned of their dangers—pollution, ecological damage, tension and noise, and stressed the need to rise above science. He quoted his late brother, Prof. Aaron Katzir-Katchalsky, who was killed in the Lod Airport massacre a year ago: "There is no existence for us without the moral and humane values that are the very foundation of the State of Israel."

The new President urged close links with diaspora Jewry. "They are our allies, a fount of inspiration and brotherly aid," he said. At another point in his speech he referred to aliyah as "the core of our strivings" and declared, "Let us not rest until every Jew who wants to come is free to join us." He also referred to Israel's social problems and challenges, saying that "Many children receive neither the care nor the education they deserve...Communal fragmentation and social polarization must be reduced and the living standards of the underprivileged must be raised."

Although the office of President is largely ceremonial and divorced from politics, President Katzir, the youngest man ever to hold it, is expected to be more active in national affairs than

any of his predecessors. Addressing the National Conference on the Role of Cooperative and Public Economies in Democratic Societies at Kibbutz Naan the night before his inauguration, he said that his election would not end his close identification with the labor movement.

### PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE DENIES MRS. MEIR ORDERED CABINET MEMBERS PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--The Prime Minister's Office denied today that Premier Golda Meir had ordered the security services to put members of her Cabinet under surveillance in 1970 to track down alleged leaks of classified information to the press. The statement issued this morning referred to a report published yesterday in Haaretz. It termed the newspaper report as unfounded.

The statement said that in 1969 material damaging to the State's security was leaked to the press and that Mrs. Meir, acting on a Cabinet decision of March 19, 1969, ordered all persons who had access to the restricted information questioned about it. They included the entire Cabinet. The questioning was done openly and no minister was placed under surveillance, the statement said.

Mrs. Meir said yesterday that only one minister objected to the questioning but did not identify him. According to the Haaretz story, Gahal leader Menachem Begin, a member of the coalition government at the time, raised the issue at a Cabinet meeting and succeeded in getting Mrs. Meir to rescind her alleged surveillance order.

### LEVI-STAUBS ELECTED TO FRENCH ACADEMY

PARIS, May 24 (JTA)--The French Academy elected today a French Jew, Claude Levi-Strauss, as member. Levi-Strauss, a university professor and sociologist, is the second Jew to be so honored in the 350 years of the Academy's existence. The first Jew was Joseph Kessel, a French novelist, who was elected in 1963.

Born in 1908, Levi-Strauss is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is the author of more than 20 sociological books and is the founder of the "Structuralistic" school in sociology. He devoted some of his studies to Israel's sociological problems.

### BRANDT SAYS HE IS NOT GOING TO ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT Wants To Get First-Hand Knowledge Of Mideast, German-Israel Relations

BONN, May 24 (JTA)--Chancellor Willy Brandt told newsmen today that he would be going to Israel, "not to negotiate new agreements, but to get first-hand knowledge of the Middle East situation and German-Israeli relations from Israel's point of view."

He said he attached considerable importance to the visit, the first by a West German Chancellor in office. It would clearly show "What both peoples have in common." Both sides wanted to overcome the past without running away from it,

Brandt said. He added that a lot of work still has to be done on the "new basis of understanding." He saw one line of development in youth exchanges and economic, cultural and scientific exchange. Government circles have described German-Israeli relations as "normal but with a special character."

Commenting on West Germany's present diplomatic offensive in the Middle East, Brandt said that "As long as a state of non-peace exists in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, peace in Europe cannot be secured." Detente would remain limited to Europe, and this was not the objective set for European detente in international politics, he said.

Brandt stressed that he did not want to discuss possible elements of a peace settlement before he had spoken with Premier Golda Meir. Government circles here in general are declining to reveal the content of Brandt's recent talks with President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev on the Middle East. Government circles noted that their impression from recent talks was that neither the U.S. nor the USSR wanted new hostilities.

#### ALLON: EDUCATION TAX MUST BE ABOLISHED, NOT JUST 'FROZEN'

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon told the Knesset yesterday that Israel demands that the recently suspended education tax on Jews leaving the Soviet Union must be abolished altogether. He said Israel would not be satisfied with a temporary freezing of the measure which could be "unfrozen at any time the USSR wished to do so." He said Israel was satisfied that the tax is not being implemented at the moment.

Allon spoke in reply to an agenda motion by Gahal opposition leader Menachem Beigin. He said that some 100,000 Soviet Jews have asked relatives in Israel to apply to Soviet authorities for family reunion permits on their behalf. Allon also said that Israeli authorities are actively seeking to draw the attention of foreign powers to the problem of Jews in Arab countries. He said other governments and individuals and groups of Jews and non-Jews "are doing a lot to help us in this important campaign."

#### REPORT ON SOVIET OLIM IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--Some 85 percent of Soviet olim with university training find employment in their own fields and only 15 percent need to change their work, according to a report submitted to yesterday's session of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting here. Sixty-six percent of Soviet olim over 18 years old are working within one year of aliya, compared with 52 percent of other olim. The Board of Governors will lunch tomorrow with President Ephraim Katzir--his first public function.

The report also stated that 77 percent of Soviet olim are satisfied with jobs compared with 62 percent of other olim; and 53 percent of the Soviet olim settled on the coastal plain, 38 percent in development towns and 8 percent in Jerusalem. Jewish Agency Chairman Louis Pincus told the Board of Governors that 28,000 olim can live in existing absorption centers, and that rooms for 1250 more were planned. The Agency also has nine special centers for elderly olim.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF RABBI LEO BAECK MARKED BY SYMPOSIUM

LONDON, May 24 (JTA)--The 100th anniversary of the birth of Rabbi Leo Baeck, a founder and leader of Liberal Judaism and one of the most

distinguished of German-Jewish theologians, philosophers and scholars, who died in 1956, was marked here last night at a symposium sponsored by the Leo Baeck College. The gathering was attended by an audience of prominent rabbis and scholars of Britain and the United States. The West German Ambassador, Karl Guenther Von Haage, was also present.

During the event, a message from West Germany's President Gustav Heinemann was read to Mrs. Marianne Dreyfus, granddaughter of Rabbi Baeck. The message said in part: "I want to use this occasion to assure you... that my fellow citizens and I think of him with reverence and admiration. Leo Baeck was one of the most significant representatives of Judaism in Germany. At the time of greatest oppression, his dignity and courage made him a symbol of the greatness and strength of Judaism in the world... He was one of the first to reach out his hand for the reconciliation between Jews and Germans." Britain's Prime Minister Edward Heath also sent a message to the organizers of the centenary observance.

Rabbi Baeck served as Chief Rabbi of Berlin through the early years of the Nazi era. He was imprisoned at the Theresienstadt concentration camp and survived to spend the last years of his life in London, physically frail but mentally alert and vigorous.

Rabbi Baeck's famous book, "The Essence of Judaism," established him as a major spiritual leader and one of the prominent thinkers of the 20th century. The Leo Baeck College which bears his name is an institution for the study of Judaism and the training of rabbis and teachers for Liberal and Progressive synagogues throughout the world. The college was founded in 1956.

#### B. Z. GOLDBERG ARCHIVES BEQUEATHED TO DROPSIE UNIVERSITY

PHILADELPHIA, May 24 (JTA)--The 30-year archive collection of the late B. Z. Goldberg dealing with the contributions of Jews to the labor movement in the United States has been bequeathed to The Dropsie University here. The archives will enrich the vast collection of American Jewish history in the library at the post-graduate university.

The son-in-law of Sholom Aleichem, Goldberg, who died earlier this year, was widely-known as author and journalist whose by-lined columns appeared regularly in the Anglo-Jewish, Yiddish and general press. He wrote a daily column for the "Jewish Day-Morning Journal" from 1922 until the Yiddish-language newspaper closed more than a year ago. He also wrote a weekly column for "Al Hamishmar" in Israel, and was a daily columnist for the defunct "Brooklyn Daily Eagle."

The Goldberg collection includes rare and priceless newspaper clippings, magazine articles, speeches and other memorabilia in English, Yiddish, Russian and Hebrew dealing with the personal memoirs, activities and programs of those Jews who participated in the labor movement in the United States, Russia and in Israel.

"A whole generation has grown up in ignorance of the struggle, the social vision and spiritual ferment of the Jewish labor movement in America," said Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, president of Dropsie, in announcing the acquisition of the Goldberg archives. He said this collection will keep alive the idealism of Jewish labor leaders and the rank-and-file.

The National Jewish Welfare Board will open a permanent Israel headquarters this summer, according to Morton L. Mandel, JWB president.

UNIVERSITIES HALT CLASSES FOR 1 HOUR

Protest Fate Of Levich Family,  
Mourn Death Of Kashkosh Family

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--All universities ceased studies for one hour today and held mass assemblies to protest the fate of Soviet scientist Benjamin Levich, and his son, Evgeny, to identify with the Soviet Jewish struggle, to mourn the murdered Kashkosh family and to protest the treatment of Jews in Iraq and Syria. Later today all university presidents met in Jerusalem to draft a declaration on these issues.

At the Haifa Technion, computer student Mira Kornblit, daughter of the prisoner of Zion, Lev Kornblit, spoke of the Leviches whom she knows personally. Technion President Alexander Goldberg also addressed the assembly. Reliable sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Technion has offered Benjamin Levich, one of the world's top physical chemists, a chair in chemistry or in chemical engineering. The offer was transmitted to him some weeks ago.

Addressing a mass rally of students and professors at Tel Aviv University, Yuval Neeman, university president, said that the persecution of the Levich family is beyond description and is aimed at breaking the backbone of Russian academicians who want to emigrate to Israel. He appealed to all academic institutions throughout the world and to the international scientific community to exert pressure on Soviet authorities to relax their anti-Jewish persecution and permit Jews to leave Russia.

At Hebrew University, Michael Zand said the kidnapping of Jewish children in Russia had now been replaced by kidnapping of intellectuals. Hebrew University President Avraham Harman and an Iraqi student also spoke.

INVESTMENT PROJECTS AIMED AT IMPROVING TOURIST FACILITIES

JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--The Ministry of Tourism announced yesterday that it would seek to interest foreign businessmen attending the Prime Minister's Economic Conference here next month in a variety of investment projects aimed at improving Israel's tourist facilities. The Ministry also announced a series of economy package tours next winter which it said would be the cheapest in Israel's history. The prices are subject to agreement by foreign carriers.

Hanoch Givton, director general of the Ministry, said the investment projects were aimed at building ancillary tourist facilities such as recreation areas and sports facilities rather than new hotels. He said that hotel construction is expected to catch up with demand within a few years. Givton noted that over a dozen sites around the country have been selected for the new projects which include a yacht basin and beach clubs in the vicinity of Netanya, and a riding club, golf course, tennis courts and camping sites in the Judeean hills.

Givton said that the proposed package tours for the winter slack season would include a 10-day tour from the United States for between \$500-\$550 which is about \$120 less than any tours that were available last winter. He said the tours would be available between Oct. 15-Feb. 28.

TREPPER UNDER STRICT SURVEILLANCE

COPENHAGEN, May 24 (JTA)--Polish security police have reinforced their surveillance of former Soviet spy chief Leopold Trepper, his son, Michael Brodje, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. Brodje said Polish security agents have rented two apartments in his father's building

one next to and one just below Trepper's apartment. The building is located at 29 Jerolimskie Alle (Jerusalem Blvd.) in Warsaw.

Brodje said his father is followed "day and night" by security agents and that well-wishers have stopped visiting his father because of the intensive surveillance. Trepper, who contacted his son by phone in Copenhagen, said he had sent a letter of protest to the Polish Interior Ministry. In it, he suggested the government "save the state's money" by simply sending him to prison.

CON EDISON CHIEF IN ISRAEL TO STUDY ENERGY NEEDS

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Charles F. Luce, chairman and chief executive officer of Con Edison, is on a 10-day official visit to Israel to study common problems of power, fuel and water supply. Luce, who also serves as chairman of the United States National Water Commission, is making the trip at the invitation of the Israeli government.

While in Israel, he will meet with Cabinet ministers and officials in charge of the nation's energy and water systems. He will also tour the country's major electric and water facilities and will visit Israeli research facilities at the Technion and the Weizmann Institute of Science.

"Israel and the United States share the increasingly difficult problem of meeting energy needs while protecting the environment," said Luce. "I am looking forward to exchanging thoughts and ideas on many projects and problems of mutual interest." Luce serves as a vice-chairman of the Non-Sectarian Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

ROCKEFELLER PRAISES ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller paid tribute to Israel's "triumph and courage over incredible obstacles" by focusing on a "side of the miracle of Israel that's too often overlooked." Addressing some 1000 American and Israeli businessmen of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce attending a black-tie dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Rockefeller declared: "We are all deeply and understandably impressed by the courage of Israeli arms. But equally vital to Israel's survival has been her economic flowering over the past 25 years. She has become a humming, thriving workshop and a land of increasing plenty."

The dinner paid tribute to Gustave L. Levy, former New York Stock Exchange Chairman and now senior partner in Goldman, Sachs and Co., for improving American-Israel trade and for encouraging increased financing of U.S. firms in Israel. Max Ratner, Chamber president presented Levy with the Chamber's "Man of the Year" award.

Noting that the Chamber was founded 20 years ago and now has more than 500 participating corporate members, Levy said: "Our experiences and those of our clients in this brave new land, Israel, have been encouraging. This shows, we believe, that Israeli initiative, joined with capital and production know-how of great American corporations, can act to produce a strong and viable base to serve many of the world's markets."

Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General of Israel, reviewed Israel's first 25 years and noted that her economic growth and vitality is clearly shown by the vast and varied export of goods to various countries throughout the world. Israel, Rivlin said, even has the "chutzpah" to export wine to France.

