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## 1 ISRAELI SEAMAN KILLED, 9 SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (JTA)--One Israeli merchant seaman was killed and nine others seriously injured early today after the minibus they were in collided with a gasoline delivery truck. The dead Israeli was identified by St. Vincent's Hospital as Mordechai Aderi. The hospital said the other Israelis and the driver of the truck were all in critical condition.

Police said the minibus, owned by the Zim Lines and driven by George Eleftheriou, an Israeli living in Queens, collided with the oil truck driven by Frederick Wolf, of New York, at the intersection of 7th Avenue and 18th Street in Manhattan at 12:30 a.m. The minibus was thrown into a parked cab by the collision. The driver of the minibus was not injured.

The seamen all came from the Zim's container ship Zim Genoa which is docked at Port Elizabeth in New Jersey.

St. Vincent's Hospital identified the injured seamen as Alexander Alon, 23; Shabtai Goldschmidt, 58; Aharon Bracha, 29; Alberto B. Fluhr, 34; Yosef Tolidano; Dedri Kubi; Churi Rahamin, 27; Zion Menashe Turgi, 41; and Zion Ben-Hamo. The hospital said it did not have the home addresses for the sailors.

## RAPHAEL DEMANDS THAT JEWS BE PERMITTED TO SETTLE IN HEBRON

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14 (JTA)--Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael demanded yesterday that Jews be permitted to settle in Hebron. He also demanded the return of property abandoned in Hebron when the Jewish community there was dispossessed during the Arab riots in 1929.

Raphael made his remarks during a tour of the religious Jewish township of Kiryat Arba built in recent years on the outskirts of Arab-populated Hebron on the West Bank. Tension between the two communities flared yesterday when army bulldozers demolished a house constructed by an Arab family without permission of the military government.

The building was in an area earmarked to become an industrial zone of Kiryat Arba. Jewish residents summoned the Military Governor of Hebron, Lt. Yehoshua Ben Shahal who ordered the Arabs to tear down the structure. When they refused, soldiers were ordered to carry out the demolition. Mayor Fahed Kawasse of Hebron has lodged an official protest.

Military Government sources said that the army prevented Jewish attempts to construct buildings without permits and would adopt the same policy toward the Arabs. The reference was to attempts by the Gush Emunim movement to establish a settlement near Kiryat Arba.

Raphael maintained that Jewish settlement in Hebron would not conflict with Israel's overall policy of seeking peace with the Arabs. He said the government's guidelines permitted Jews to settle anywhere in the country and that this should

apply to all of Jerusalem. There are no official restrictions on Jewish settlement in Jerusalem but in practice the government authorizes dwellings only within the Jewish quarter of the Old City.

## ARAB, FOR FIRST TIME, TO SERVE AS FULL MEMBER OF ISRAELI UN DELEGATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14 (JTA)--Ali Heider, a 47-year-old Arab educator and civil servant, will be the first Arab to serve as a full member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations when the General Assembly opens its annual session Sept. 21. Heider, who holds a degree in Arab literature and language from the Hebrew University, lives in Kafar Karra, an Arab village near Afula. He is deputy head of the Arab Education Department of the Ministry of Education.

He told newsmen today that he was "leaving for New York pleased with the condition of Israel's Arabs and although there are difficulties, these can be overcome by legal means." He said he would fulfill the duties of a member of the UN delegation "and answer questions regarding Israel's Arabs according to reality." He expressed hope that other government offices would follow the example of the Foreign Ministry and integrate educated Arabs into the civil service.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon denied yesterday that Heider's appointment had anything to do with the controversial report by Yisrael Koenig, a ranking official of the Interior Ministry, who advocated a tough policy toward Israel's Arab population. Koenig's secret recommendations aroused a storm when they were published last week in Al Hamishmar, the organ of Mapam. Allon said he had his eye on Heider long before he heard of the Koenig document and hoped Heider would not be the last Israeli Arab assigned an important mission.

Heider attracted attention as an outstanding administrator when he headed a government-appointed committee that governed the Arab town of Nazareth for a brief period after the local council was disbanded because of administrative disorders. He has been involved with Arab education since the early years of Israel's independence. He founded the Arab Boy Scout movement in Israel.

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

### ISRAEL FACES MAJOR OFFENSIVE AT THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 14 (JTA)--With the Arab countries torn and divided more than ever before, Israel is nonetheless certain to be a target of a major offensive by the Arabs and their allies at the 31st General Assembly which convenes Sept. 21.

In fact, the all-out Arab diplomatic war at the world organization against Israel and the Jewish people has barely subsided since they succeeded in last year's Assembly to adopt the infamous resolution equating Zionism with racism. In the opinion of diplomats and observers at the UN, the division among the Arabs, mainly as a result of the civil war in Lebanon, will increase their bitter

attacks against the Jewish State, with each Arab country trying to outdo the others by showing their militancy against the Zionists and their undaunted struggle on behalf of the Palestinians.

During the past year the Security Council met nine times on the Middle East, an unprecedented phenomenon in the history of the UN. Three of the meetings were devoted to the extension of the UN peace-keeping forces' mandates in Sinai and the Golan Heights. The other six were called by the Arabs to condemn Israel or to pass anti-Israel resolutions.

#### Arab, Communist Tirades Due

The failure of the Arab efforts against Israel was dramatically manifested at the last Security Council meeting dealing with Israel's rescue operation at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. The debate boomeranged against the Arabs by exposing their hypocrisy regarding international terrorism and at the same time served as a major diplomatic and propaganda victory for Israel.

The African-sponsored resolution, which asked for the condemnation of Israel's action, could not even muster the nine affirmative votes required for adoption. A U.S. veto on behalf of Israel was, as a consequence, not even necessary. The Council, to the embarrassment of the Africans and the Arabs, left the debate in limbo.

The upcoming Assembly is apparently going to be dominated again by Arab and Communist tirades against Israel and vilifications against the Jewish State. The issue of the Palestinians and the Mideast top this session's agenda. Israel will again be accused of mistreating the Arab population in the administered territories and the issue of Zionism will be brought up repeatedly during the three-month session.

Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, in a special interview on the eve of the opening of the Assembly, assessed the trends and developments at the world body and the prospects for Israel at the Assembly. What follows are questions posed to him by the JTA and his answers.

#### Prospects For Israel

**Q.** What are the prospects for Israel in this Assembly session?

**A.** It is quite clear that Israel will not be far from the center of attention in the General Assembly. It is sort of escapism on the part of most of the countries, an attempt to avoid the issues by focusing the attack on a small Jewish nation, because it is small and Jewish. The paranoid obsession of the General Assembly with Israel is another step downward of the United Nations.

**Q.** Will Zionism be attacked again during the Assembly?

**A.** The issue of Zionism will come up again this year. It has been re-confirmed in Colombo (at the recent conference of the non-aligned countries). However, our struggle in the past year against it has been successful. The mention of Zionism or the anti-Zionist resolution has been eliminated from all resolutions in the past year. The reason is that the African countries are aware of the fact that the Arab initiative in this matter spells doom for their Decade for Action Against Racism and Racial Discrimination. The Africans consider this Arab move inimical to African interest. The issue of Zionism may turn out to be an issue between the Africans and the Arabs.

**Q.** There has been a lot of talk of the Arabs

planning to press for Israel's suspension from the General Assembly. Is there a threat that this will happen this year?

**A.** There was little enthusiasm in the meeting of the Organization of African Unity (in July) and in Colombo on this issue of suspending Israel from the General Assembly. It is evident to them (the Arabs and the Africans) that such a move will entail a strong American reaction and will create a precedent that will hasten the dissolution of the United Nations. However, there is always the possibility that the lunatic fringe, Libya for instance, will press for it.

#### Role Of Egypt

**Q.** In view of the disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt, is Egypt going to take a more moderate stand against Israel at the UN?

**A.** All indications are that the disengagement agreement is working successfully. However, Egypt has been extremely hostile in the United Nations in all its remarks, including its statement in Colombo. This, maybe, is the function of inter-Arab rivalry, but it's nonetheless disturbing, since the public statements of Arab leaders invariably reflect their true policy. I think it's important to draw attention to the fact that Egypt is trying to play a double game with Israel and the United States. On one hand asking for massive aid from the U.S., and on the other hand sponsoring a resolution, as they did in the last General Assembly, condemning U.S. imperialism because of American presence in Guam, the Virgin Islands and Samoa.

**Q.** The displeasure of the Arabs over U.S. vetoes of anti-Israeli resolutions at the Security Council is well known. Some Arab countries even suggested a change in the UN Charter to avoid the veto power of the permanent members of the Security Council. Is this likely to happen?

**A.** No. The United States, the Soviet Union and China have a common interest in this respect and therefore no change will take place. They are interested in remaining superpowers and one of the ways in which this receives expression is their ability to apply the veto. They are not likely to give up this privilege.

The American willingness to use the veto has strengthened the U.S. posture and prestige in the United Nations and brought the U.S. again as a major figure in the world organization. The major issue in the Mideast now is not Israel, but rather the Arab world with its strife and division. But we should have no illusion that they will be united against Israel in this year's Assembly.

**Q.** What is ahead for Israel on the Palestinian issue?

**A.** We will face a major attack on this issue based on the report of the 20-member Committee on Palestinian Rights, a report which calls in effect for the dismemberment of Israel. The report will be adopted by the General Assembly but we will have to fight to mobilize world opinion against it. The fact that the PLO was directly involved in formulating the report and the same PLO is today on the decline may be felt in the debate at the Assembly. We have been and will continue to emphasize the irrelevance of the PLO in the Israel-Arab conflict.

#### Israel Fared Well Last Year

**Q.** How do you assess Israel's struggle at the UN in the past year?

**A.** Quite good. I can feel already a backlash, a revulsion against the extreme Arab tactics. As

usual, they have gone too far. Since the opening of last year's General Assembly and to date, the Security Council has met nine times on the Mid-east (including three meetings to extend UN forces' mandate in the area). At least six times there was an attempt to condemn Israel. We have succeeded in fighting back, and having regard to the composition of the UN--its one-sidedness and bias--we have not fared too badly.

On a number of occasions we were very considerably aided by the United States. Analysis of the debates shows that our stand has been vindicated, on most occasions by public opinion and on a few occasions at the Security Council itself.

**Q.** Following the rescue operation in Uganda, is there any prospect that the UN will adopt measures against international terrorism?

**A.** The West German government, following Israel's action in Entebbe, introduced a resolution calling for the adoption of an international convention outlawing the taking of hostages. A strong and bitter debate on the subject is expected at the Assembly. But it only goes to show that our action at Entebbe is forcing the world organization to deal with the problem of international terrorism.

### Role Of World Jewry

**Q.** What is the role of world Jewry in combating the anti-Jewish anti-Israeli forces?

**A.** It is to be hoped that the Jewish people will indicate in advance its interest in the proceedings at the UN. Many countries will be influenced by the degree to which they consider the Jewish people is exercised by the proceeding at the UN. I am convinced that if Yugoslavia or Cuba, for example, feel that the Jewish people will react very strongly against their anti-Zionist outburst, they will change their tune. Thus, for example, our attacks on Libya as the center of world terrorism have brought Libya to disclaim publicly terrorism and hijacking and created a situation whereby the hijackers of the KLM plane to Cyprus (Sept. 5) had nowhere to go.

I am sure that Jewish concentration on countries like Brazil and others which have been hostile to us, can bring about a change. The world must be made to realize that the Jewish people is mobilized to meet renewed anti-Zionist attacks. The Jewish people must realize that it has to mobilize for the purpose of standing up as a proud and unified people against its enemies.

### CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE TO POUR INTO ISRAEL VOLUNTARY DEFENSE FUND

**TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (JTA)**--Contributions continue to pour into the office of the Israel Voluntary Defense Fund, more than two months after the heroic rescue by the Israel Defense Force of hostages held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. Cabinet members have decided to donate IL 1000 each for the fund. The biggest individual contribution has come from Yekutiel Federman, of the Dan Hotel, an industrialist and banker, who contributed IL 500,000.

Moshe Gilboa, the Atlanta, Georgia-based Israel Consul General for the southeast United States who was assigned to head the fund at the Defense Ministry here, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there is an increasing flow of contributions from abroad ranging from \$50 to tens of thousands of dollars. Most of them are from the U.S., he said, but there are many from Scandinavia, Great Britain, France, Australia and Holland.

### Tribute To JTA Story

In this regard, Gilboa wrote a letter to Yitzhak Shargil, the JTA correspondent in Tel Aviv, stating that many of the contributors write that they were stimulated to make their donations as a result of an article by Shargil in the JTA Daily News Bulletin of Aug. 6, "To The Heroes Of Entebbe."

In his letter to Shargil, Gilboa expressed his "profound thanks for reporting to the readers of the JTA throughout the world of the existence and activities of the Israel Voluntary Defense Fund.... Quite a few letters which were attached to checks from abroad referred to your story in the JTA Bulletin and it seems were stimulated by it."

### ALLON DENOUNCES KOENIG REPORT

**JERUSALEM, Sept. 14 (JTA)**--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon strongly denounced the Koenig report advocating harsh measures against Israeli Arabs who do not cooperate with the authorities. "This is a miserable document. There is absolutely no connection whatever between its contents and the actual policy of the government," Allon told newsmen yesterday.

He was referring to a secret document co-authored by Yisrael Koenig, the Interior Ministry's commissioner for the Galilee region. The document, published last week in the Mapam newspaper, Al Hamishmar, aroused a storm of controversy and demands by several Cabinet ministers and Knesset members for Koenig's dismissal.

Allon seemed equally angered, however, that the document, written six months ago following Arab rioting in Galilee, had been leaked to the press. He praised Interior Minister Yosef Burg for quietly shelving it and said it was "a dreadful shame" that it was subsequently published.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin also took strong exception to its publication at Sunday's Cabinet session when he rejected demands by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberal Party and Health Minister Victor Shemtov of Mapam that the "Koenig memorandum" be placed on the agenda for debate. Rabin said the communication was between a civil servant and his superior and was therefore not an appropriate subject for a wide-ranging Cabinet discussion.

It was announced, meanwhile, that Koenig, far from facing dismissal, was recommended yesterday to head a new inter-departmental body to devise "constructive" solutions to the problem of illegal Arab building activities in northern Israel. Koenig was proposed for the post by a top level government committee established six weeks ago to study the matter of illegal building activity.

The committee was chaired by Haim Kubersky, director general of the Interior Ministry. Its members included Shmuel Toledano, the Prime Minister's advisor on Arab affairs, Meir Zorea, head of the Lands Authority and ranking police officers and other officials.

The committee agreed unanimously that the problem of illegal building has been grossly exaggerated. They reported that fewer than 300 structures existed without official authorization and would have to be removed. But that was a far cry from the 2700 figure reported in some newspapers. The committee recommended a tightening of controls on building in the Arab sector coupled with a more liberal policy of allocating land for home-building. (By David Landau)

There will be no Bulletin dated Sept. 27 due to the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

**CARTER ISSUES ROSH HASHANAH MESSAGE**

ATLANTA, Sept. 14 (JTA)--A "commitment to a viable Israeli State must be a cornerstone of American foreign policy," said Jimmy Carter, the Democratic Presidential nominee, in a Rosh Hashanah message to the Jewish people of America, Israel and Jews throughout the world. "We must supply Israel, unequivocally and in the full amount necessary, economic and military aid so Israel can pursue peace from a position of strength and be protected against any foreseeable attack."

Carter, who observed that "this year finds the world anxiously awaiting peace in the Middle East," said that the road to peace "cannot be found by a U.S.-Soviet imposition of a settlement. I would never expect the Premier or the people of Israel to do something I would not do as Premier. There have been far too many secret undertakings, covert assurances and contradictory promises." Continuing, Carter, stated:

"Peace in the Middle East depends more than anything else on Arab recognition of the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish State. There must be absolute assurance of Israel's survival and security. While there must also be a humane settlement of the Palestinian situation, the Arabs and the world must understand that the Israelis did not cause the Palestinian problem."

"Finally, on the issue of basic human rights, as President of the United States I would do everything possible to encourage the Soviet Union to liberalize its emigration policies for Jewish persons. I believe that violations of human rights are no longer the internal affair of any one nation. One of the preeminent advantages I would hope to secure for our country, therefore, will be the release or freedom of Soviet Jewry."

**FORD EXTOLDS PHILADELPHIA SYNAGOGUE**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (JTA)--President Ford has given the Sephardic Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, America's second oldest Jewish religious body, a hand-written letter in connection with its dedication of its new synagogue.

The letter was presented by David Lissy, associate director of the President's Domestic Council, at ceremonies Sunday. The congregation was one of two to receive letters from George Washington, the other being the Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I. It is one of six colonial American congregations.

"In the year of our bicentennial, the dedication of your new synagogue carries special meaning," Ford wrote. "It marks the continuity of life and tradition of your congregation. It also reflects the vision of George Washington and our other founding fathers that in a free land each should be free to worship as he chooses."

Mikveh Israel, which has had several synagogue buildings since its founding in 1740, is now located near the site of its first structure and is a block away from Independence Hall. The structure has a sanctuary for about 300 worshippers and a museum in which the Washington and Ford letters will be on display. Lissy himself performed his Bar Mitzvah ceremony in the previous synagogue building. His father, the late Frank M. Lissy, was an officer of the congregation.

**ISRAELI CONSULATE IN NEW YORK IS INVOLVED IN MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (JTA)--Israeli's Consul

General in New York, Uri Ben-Ari, said yesterday that although major efforts have been made by the Consulate in information there is still much to be done. He said the Consulates lack the funds and manpower necessary for the task.

Addressing a press conference at the Consulate, Ben-Ari noted that the main target is to reach "the Jewish masses" in the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Noting that since the successful rescue operation at Entebbe Airport there has been a "honeymoon" between the American media and the cause of Israel, he warned nonetheless that in the future Israel could face a situation in which the media will not be so favorably responsive.

Ben-Ari pointed out that for a long time the Israeli stand on the Palestine Liberation Organization was not accepted by the American media, until recently when the war in Lebanon caused a change in this attitude.

**Outlines Some Activities**

Yaakov Levy, Information Officer at the Consulate, said the Consulate's efforts in information have been largely aimed during the last few months at political and economic groups; educational systems, including universities, high schools and parochial schools; the general media, with emphasis on non-metropolitan newspapers; ethnic and religious groups and the Jewish community.

Levy said that at least 200 lectures a month are arranged by the Consulate and more than 100 different films of Israel are shown at least 500 times a month before various groups. The Consulate, he added, also has four different radio talk shows which are broadcast weekly by 300 radio stations throughout the country. In addition, printed material and posters on the achievements of Israel are distributed, he said.

**NEED TO STIMULATE ALIYA****AMONG LATIN AMERICAN JEWS**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (JTA)--Leaders of the Mapam-sponsored Kibbutz Haartzit movement debated today how to stimulate aliya among Latin American Jews, especially those in Argentina, a nation of political and economic strife where anti-Semitic groups have stepped up their hate propaganda in recent months. Nathan Peled, secretary of Kibbutz Haartzit, claimed that Argentine Jews were living on the brink of a volcano.

He urged the government and the Jewish Agency to do much more than they have been doing to encourage aliya from Latin America. He said there was a great need for emissaries who are educators and could imbue the youth with Zionist ideology. The present political emissaries sent by the Jewish Agency do not do the job, he said.

But Aryeh Slutski of Kibbutz Gaash, who settled in Israel 30 years ago--one of the first South American Jews to do so--cautioned that Zionist emissaries must not stress impending catastrophe no matter how seriously they view the situation in Argentina. They must offer the youth something positive in the form of ideological answers to their needs, rather than exhort them to run away when they see no need to escape.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Joseph P. Sternstein was re-elected for a third term as president of the Zionist Organization of America at the ZOA's 79th annual convention here last weekend.