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BEGIN OUTLINES SERIES OF AGREEMENTS HE REACHED WITH SADAT

By Gil Sedan, Yitzhak Shargil, Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin informed the Knesset today of the agreements he reached with President Anwar Sadat during his two-day visit to Cairo this week. The main points are the exchange of letters of ratification between Israel and Egypt which will put their peace treaty formally into effect, the proclamation of open borders and the establishment of civilian air corridors between the two countries, and the installation of a direct telephone line between Begin and Sadat.

The latter will become operative as of next Wednesday morning, Begin told the Knesset, "so that we can tell each other what we like whenever we want." Technicians began work today on the Israeli end of the telephone link in the Prime Minister's Office. Begin and Sadat are expected to open it with a brief conversation Wednesday.

Change of Venue For Documents Exchange

With respect to the exchange of ratification documents, Begin said today that it will be done early next week at Umm Khashiba, an American-manned early warning station in Sinai. This represents a significant change of plans, for Begin had told the press in Cairo yesterday that Egypt's Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali would fly to Israel next week with a ratified copy of the peace treaty while Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan would take the Israeli copy to Cairo. The Egyptians apparently were reluctant to have Ghali go to Jerusalem with the document because it would imply that Egypt recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Begin confirmed that he and Sadat agreed to proclaim open borders and establish air corridors on May 27, a day after El Arish is returned to Egyptian sovereignty. The two leaders will symbolize the inauguration of free movement between their nations when Begin flies to El Arish to meet with Sadat and then returns with him to Beersheba. Defense Minister Ezer Weizman will go to Cairo next week, accompanied by senior Israeli military officers, for talks with his Egyptian counterpart, Defense Minister Kamel Hosni Ali. The Israeli-Egyptian joint political and military committees will begin their meetings next month, alternating between El Arish and Beersheba.

Begin likened this timetable to the counting of the Omer, the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. "We have concluded the counting of the Omer in building peace," he told the Knesset. He warned, however, "There still stands before us very difficult and serious problems... There will be differences of opinion between us and Egypt. They say so and so do we. But there is no reason to repeat this fact," Begin said. He said "My visit to Cairo surpassed all expectations."

The Knesset adjourned after today's session for the Passover holidays. Begin's speech was well received except for minor interruptions from Herut hardliner Geula Cohen and Tzoflik Tzoflik of the Rakah Communist faction. Some

MKs had lavish praise for the Prime Minister. But Yigal Allon, speaking for the opposition Labor Party, said he was suspicious of the autonomy plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip and reiterated Labor's view that negotiations over the West Bank must be conducted with Jordan.

Ministers Exude Optimism

The Knesset session followed a 20-minute Cabinet meeting this morning at which Begin briefed the ministers on his Cairo visit. No details were disclosed but most of the ministers seemed optimistic as they left the Cabinet room. It was learned that each ministry will draft working papers in the next few days affecting various aspects of the normalization of relations with Egypt.

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir said he has already issued instructions for legal measures to change the status of Egypt from that of an enemy state to a friendly neighbor. He said new legislation would be introduced if necessary.

BLAST AT FRANKFURT AIRPORT CAME FROM PARCEL BEING SENT TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 4 (JTA) — Officials here reported today confirmation by Frankfurt police that an explosion yesterday at the Frankfurt Airport cargo terminal came from a bomb in a postal bag slated for delivery to Israel, one of seven such parcels.

It was also reported that the bomb apparently exploded prematurely, having been set to detonate in an airborne Israeli plane which usually carries mail to Israel. The blast was considered here another sign of an increased effort by Arab terrorists to step up terrorist acts in response to the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Officials here said the incident was not a new one for the Frankfurt Airport, noting that on Nov. 27, 1973, a parcel exploded at the Frankfurt postal distribution department, injuring two postal workers. In other cases, experts intercepted and dismantled booby-trapped parcels and letters at West German post offices.

REPORT SOME 1000 JEWS HELD IN DETENTION CAMPS IN ARGENTINA

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA) — Some 1000 Jews are presently held in detention camps in Argentina, suffering severely both physically and mentally, relatives of the detainees said here today at a press conference. The speakers complained that the public in Israel was indifferent to the issue and urged the government and the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires to act on behalf of the detainees. The speakers said that in a detention camp near Cordoba alone there are some 700 detainees who suffer from "both physical and mental handicap caused by tortures."

HIGH COURT RULING RELEASES FUNDS FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS

By Ben Gallab

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA) — An official of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, said today the agency was advising its approximately 200 affiliated day schools in New York State to accept state reimbursement funds following a U.S. Supreme Court decision ending a lower court stay on such payments.

The State Comptroller's office announced,

shortly after the Supreme Court action Tuesday, that checks totalling \$20 million were being mailed to some 2000 non-public schools. Under a 1974 law, the Jewish schools are entitled to about \$800,000 annually in such reimbursements.

Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, chairman of the Torah Umesorah executive committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the affiliated yeshivas had been advised to accept the funds -- totalling about \$1.6 million -- though the Supreme Court had not, in its action Tuesday, ruled on the constitutionality of the state's 1974 Mandated Services Law. Under that law, reimbursement is made to non-public schools for costs they incur in performing state-required tests, such as Board of Regents examinations and pupil attendance reporting.

Asked about the possibility that, if the Supreme Court rules the 1974 law unconstitutional, the non-public schools might be required to return the reimbursement funds, Goldenberg said, "We will cross that bridge when we come to it." Dennis Pappas, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), said no court has ever required repayment of such funds. Pappas has been the attorney for the Jewish schools throughout the legal battle.

Background Of Issue

The struggle between Jewish supporters and foes of such payments to Jewish day schools dates back to a 1970 state law for reimbursement of mandated services which the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional in that year because the court held the law lacked safeguards to assure its application did not involve an "entanglement" with religion in violation of the First Amendment. The New York Legislature promptly approved a new law in 1974 which required the school records be audited and exact use of the funds for reimbursement of mandated services be spelled out.

The 1974 Required Services Law was challenged by Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), an umbrella group which opposes government funds for non-public schools. A federal district court held here last December that the revised law was constitutional but it also granted PEARL a stay until Tuesday to permit PEARL, represented by Leo Pfeffer, to appeal the district court ruling to the Supreme Court.

While the immediate effect of the Supreme Court ruling, which barred continuation of the stay, was to permit release of the funds, held in escrow by the State Comptroller, the question of the constitutionality of the 1974 law was not acted on, according to Howard Zuckerman, COLPA president.

The Supreme Court is considered likely to rule soon on the constitutionality of the 1974 law. Zuckerman said COLPA will submit a brief to the Supreme Court soon, asking that the lower court ruling be sustained. Joining in that brief are COLPA for the Jewish day schools, and the law firm of Davis, Polk and Wardwell of New York City for non-Jewish parochial schools. Zuckerman said the fact that the Supreme Court was permitting distribution of the reimbursement funds suggested there was support in the Supreme Court for the revised reimbursement law of 1974.

The Supreme Court action was lauded by Dr. Bernard Fryshman, chairman of the Agudath Israel commission on legislation and civil action, who called the ruling a "harbinger of a new positive approach of the Supreme Court to non-public education." He expressed satisfaction that New York

Jewish day schools would receive nearly \$1 million in "sorely-needed funds" before Passover, especially in "the light of Russian immigrant children," many of whom have to be accepted by day schools on scholarships.

'GOLD RUSH' IN THE NEGEV By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, April 4 (JTA) -- Reports that the U.S. Defense Department will offer Israeli workers wages as high as \$150 per day in the construction of two new air bases in the Negev have alarmed Israeli officials. This is about 10 times the average wage in Israel and Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt is frankly worried about the impact it will have on the local labor market.

He expressed concern that thousands of Israeli workers would leave their present jobs for the airfield bonanza in the Negev and that the country's entire wage structure would be undermined. Apart from the severe inflationary pressure of such high pay it could also inspire large-scale "yerida" -- emigration of Israelis, Patt warned in a statement.

The U.S. is to finance the construction of two of the three new air bases to be built in the Negev to replace those Israel will give up in Sinai. Patt said that if the Americans require local labor they should do their hiring through local employment agencies and contractors rather than solicit workers directly.

A high-ranking Pentagon official, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, David McGiffert, is due here tomorrow, possibly to sign agreements for the construction of the two airfields. A team of Pentagon technicians has already made its surveys and plans for the two airfields are said to be 90 percent completed. McGiffert will discuss the remaining issues. One airfield will be built near Eilat and the other at Ramat Matred in the central Negev. The Americans have promised to have the fields operational within three years.

HIGH HOPES FOR REVIVAL OF SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY IN CAIRO

TEL AVIV, April 4 (JTA) -- The tiny Jewish community in Cairo has high hopes for a revival once normal relations are established between Israel and Egypt and Israel opens its Embassy in the Egyptian capital in about nine months. Salim Salameh, secretary of the 75-year-old Shaar Shaimayim Synagogue in downtown Cairo said in an interview published in Maariv yesterday that the arrival of Israeli families to work at the Embassy should add new members to the congregation so that it can resume many of its religious and communal functions.

The synagogue, once the center of a flourishing Jewish community, is in a bad state of disrepair and its membership has dwindled to about 170 elderly persons. Salameh, 64, is the only Jew still in the employ of the Egyptian government. He praised President Anwar Sadat as the "angel" who brought peace and said that the visit of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to the synagogue Monday was the greatest day in his life.

Robert Rahman, 64, a Jewish merchant, said he hoped Israel would send a rabbi to the Cairo synagogue to help rebuild the community. He said most of the synagogues and Jewish institutions in Egypt sold their assets when Egyptian Jews left the country en masse 30 years ago.

JEWISH COMMUNITY ACTS TO END VANDALISM OF CEMETERIES

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA).--The growing concern of the Jewish community over the vandalism and desecration of its cemeteries was expressed today at a meeting called by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC) and attended by representatives of Jewish organizations, the cemetery industry and state and city officials.

The emergency meeting was scheduled after some 700 tombstones were knocked over and defaced at the Mount Richmond Cemetery and United Hebrew Cemetery on Staten Island last weekend. This followed the vandalization last week of more than 800 gravestones at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Flushing, Queens.

Noting that the Jewish people have "a deep concern for respect for the dead," Stanley Lowell, chairman of the JCRC's Task Force on Cemeteries, said the vandalism must be stopped as "swiftly" as possible. He said the problem requires dealing with security, apprehension of vandals, educating juveniles against vandalism, the possibility of new legislation and the problem of who pays for restoring vandalized monuments, all issues which he said the task force has been dealing with since its creation three months ago.

Lowell said that while anti-Semitism may have been involved in the latest incidents, the JCRC does not consider the vandalism as a Jewish problem but one that involves the "entire New York City community." He said the JCRC would try to get the Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox communities to join in dealing with this problem.

Donald Krasnow, president of the Metropolitan Association of Cemeteries, said he was not certain whether the problem was anti-Semitism or one of general vandalism. But he said non-Jewish members of his association told him they believe that the latest incidents were anti-Semitic in nature. This was echoed by Barbara Malone, a member of the association, who said that the Christian cemeteries that had been vandalized recently were ones that were always being vandalized. She said the attacks on Jewish cemeteries were anti-Semitic in nature because tombstones at neighboring Christian cemeteries were untouched.

Greater Police Protection Discussed

Representatives of the Jewish community and of the cemetery association urged greater police attention to the cemetery problem. Inspector Samuel Martino of the Police Department's Office of the Chief of Operations, noted that vandalism at cemeteries has been a problem during the more than 20 years he has been a policeman.

He said police patrols have now been ordered to give special attention to the cemeteries, there will be plainclothes policemen checking some of the areas and each precinct's anti-crime personnel will discuss with cemetery managers how to prevent vandalism. In addition, in the areas where the vandalism has been the greatest, police helicopters using strong lights will conduct nightly patrols over the cemeteries.

Rabbi Saul Eisner, of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island, praised the efforts of the police and said several vandals have been caught. Most vandals arrested so far range in ages from 7 to 12. But Eisner called for a permanent special police unit to deal exclusively with cemeteries.

There were also calls by public officials and

community leaders for greater efforts by the cemeteries themselves to provide for security. Richard Rifkin, deputy counsel to New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, said that one problem is that if the cemetery owners are required to increase their security they will have to seek increases in their already high rates.

The other major financial problem concerned the cost of repairing vandalized tombstones which now falls on the families. It was suggested that home owners policies might cover this. In addition, there were several suggestions for the state to pay the cost through some type of insurance program.

Many of the participants urged increased penalties for vandals, making the crime a felony rather than a misdemeanor. There were other calls for greater educational programs in the schools against vandalism.

Psychological Impact Of Vandalism

But the personal tragedy was also not forgotten. "The psychological impact is unbelievable" on the families involved, Eisner stressed. He said some families feel the destruction of a tombstone even more deeply than the actual death since the monument is their only link with a departed loved one.

Malcolm Hoenlein, the JCRC's executive director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he has never seen the Jewish community so upset as it has been by the recent vandalism. He said he has received hundreds of letters expressing anguish over the situation. This is a problem that is not confined to New York but is plaguing other Jewish communities across the nation, Hoenlein stressed. He declared that the JCRC will continue dealing with it until a solution is found.

ISRAEL BARS COMMISSION'S ENTRY

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 4 (JTA).--Yehuda Blum, Israel's UN Ambassador, today informed the President of the Security Council, Ambassador Ole Algard of Norway, that Israel would not permit the entry and would not cooperate with a Security Council commission set up to investigate Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

Algard announced today the appointment of Bolivia, Portugal and Zambia to the three-member commission which was established by a Security Council resolution on March 22 "to examine the situation relating to the settlements in the occupied Arab territories since 1967, including Jerusalem."

Blum told the Council President that Israel opposes the commission because it was set up "with the aim of subverting the on-going peace process in the Mideast." Israel's position was also motivated, Blum declared, by the sobering experience it had with previous "fact-finding" commissions in the Mideast.

JERUSALEM (JTA).--The Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry has established an annual prize for the dissemination of knowledge about the Holocaust. The fund was initiated by Daniela Passal Gechman, in memory of her late husband, Dr. Elias T. Gechman. Gechman founded and headed the U.S. organization, "Tribute to the Danes," which sponsors academic scholarships for Danes to study at the Hebrew University and other institutions of higher learning in Israel. The purpose of the prize is to create a greater awareness of the Holocaust, especially among the younger generation, by applying a variety of methods, such as the media, publications, visual aids and artistic performances.

CHICAGO DELIVERS FIRST MAJOR FUNDS TO PROJECT RENEWAL IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, April 4 (JTA) -- The Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago will become the first American community to actually deliver major funds to Project Renewal this Friday in Israel. Chicago will present \$1 million to Project Renewal in ceremonies at Amishav in Petach Tikva, its Project Renewal neighborhood.

"Because of the urgent need to begin specific projects such as new day care and youth centers in Amishav, we are making this payment now in advance of collection of pledges," David Smerling, president of the Chicago Jewish United Fund, said. "It is a sign of our faith and love for our brothers and sisters in Israel."

Irwin S. Field, United Jewish Appeal national chairman, praised the Chicago Jewish community for its leadership. "Chicago is to be commended for this signal achievement," he said. "By making cash available now, it demonstrates its firm support for Project Renewal and fully commits its people to the people of Amishav."

The symbolic transfer of funds -- the money has already been advanced to the UJA's Project Renewal program for use in Amishav -- came as part of a 50-member Chicago Special Gifts Mission to Israel. The Mission flew to Tel Aviv earlier this week on the inaugural El Al flight initiating direct service from Chicago to Israel.

Joining Smerling in the ceremonies will be Max Robert Schroyer, general campaign chairman; Robert Max Schroyer, Mission chairman; and James P. Rice, executive vice president. The check will be accepted by representatives of the Jewish Agency, led by its chairman, Leon Dulzin, and the leadership of Petach Tikva.

Chicago has raised \$1.75 million for Project Renewal. Nationally, almost \$48 million has been raised for this comprehensive \$1.2 billion program to rehabilitate 160 distressed neighborhoods in Israel. The 300,000 people in these areas -- 200,000 of them children -- are in need of social programs, rehabilitated or new housing, and community facilities. The goal for American Jewish contributions to UJA for Project Renewal is \$400 million over five years.

ISRAEL BONDS LAUNCHES MAJOR EFFORT

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA) -- A major effort to speed economic aid to Israel following the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt has been launched by the Israel Bond Organization. The 65-city cash campaign, which will continue until Israel Independence Day on May 2, began immediately following Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's farewell appearance at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center last Wednesday, two days after the treaty was signed in Washington, where he referred to the role of Israel Bonds in the economic development of Israel.

In announcing the campaign, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of Israel Bonds, said that with the conclusion of the peace treaty Israel will be confronted with new and serious strains on its budget.

"U.S. grants and loans," Rothberg said, "will not materially reduce the enormous pressures on Israel's economy. It will cost billions to develop the economic and social infrastructure of the Negev where thousands of people will have to be moved. In addition, Israel must continue to cope with many critical economic problems, including a staggeringly high inflation rate, a serious bal-

ance of trade deficit, and the urgent need to develop new energy resources."

Stanley Haroff of Boston, national cash collections chairman, will coordinate the efforts of thousands of volunteers throughout the country who will serve as members of a "Cash Mobilization Task Force."

HILLER NAMED CJF EXECUTIVE VP

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA) -- Robert I. Hiller of Baltimore has been appointed executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations beginning Sept. 1, according to an announcement by Morton Mandel, CJF president. Hiller, currently executive vice president of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund of Baltimore, will succeed Philip Bernstein who has held the post since 1955.

In making the announcement following a CJF Board of Directors meeting, Mandel noted that the appointment of Hiller "represents our efforts to build the strongest possible executive leadership for the Federation movement in North America. Mr. Hiller's appointment is a major step in our effort to bring together outstanding executive talent to head our Council."

Hiller has served as the professional head of the Baltimore Jewish Federation for 14 years, during which time he has directed and provided consultation to national and international organizations engaged in self-studies and reorganizations, including the Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Welfare Board and the American Jewish Joint-Distribution Committee.

In Baltimore, he developed the concept for the Institute for Jewish Communal Service, a dual Masters Degree program in social work and Jewish studies, conducted jointly by the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning and the Baltimore Hebrew College.

Prior to coming to Baltimore, Hiller served as executive vice president of the Pittsburgh Jewish Federation from 1956 to 1965 and as associate director of the Cleveland Federation from 1950 to 1956.

He began his professional career in 1948 as associate campaign director of the Detroit United Foundation. In 1969 he played a leading role in the creation of the United Fund of Central Maryland and has continued to serve as a leader of that organization. Hiller has been active in his synagogue, the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, where he has served as a board member and officer.

STUDY OF SEPHARDIC JEWRY

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA) -- The academic committee of the Hebrew University's "Migav Yenushalayim" Institute for the Study of Sephardic and Oriental Jewry has decided to undertake the massive project of writing up the history of Sephardic and Oriental Jewry from the 15th Century to the present. The project's crowning achievement will be the publication of a seven-volume documentary history of this community, starting with its expulsion from Spain, its dispersion throughout Northern Africa, Iran, the Ottoman Empire, Europe and the Americas, and including events in post-World War I emancipated countries and up to the present time. An international editorial committee based in the Institute will coordinate research and writings solicited from historians in Israel and abroad.

There will be no Bulletins dated April 12 and 13 due to Passover.