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REPORT JEWISH PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA DETENTION CAMPS ARE SUBJECT TO ANTI-SEMITISM, TORTURE

By Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is rife among the guards of detention camps in Argentina where some 1000 Jews are presently being held, according to a committee of relatives of the victims of Argentinian repression. In addition, the Jewish prisoners are routinely subjected to torture. Members of the committee, who held a press conference here yesterday and asked to remain anonymous out of fear of reprisals against their relatives in Argentina, noted that the fate of the imprisoned Jews remains unclear and that most have disappeared from sight since being taken into official custody.

The detention camps in Argentina resemble Nazi concentration camps, observed one committee member. "The Jews are not the only ones tortured there, but they are especially singled out and are forced to listen to anti-Semitic, Nazi songs."

According to committee members, a Jewish prisoner can be released only under what they termed the most improbable circumstances: if the courts have not received accusations against him for a long period of time, or if his request to leave Argentina is accompanied by another country's agreement to accept him in that country.

The committee is presently working with Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. With his cooperation the committee has recently compiled a list containing the names of all the Jewish prisoners and those who have disappeared. The committee urged the Israeli government and the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires to work actively for the release of the prisoners.

13 PERSONS INJURED IN JERUSALEM BOMB EXPLOSION; ISRAELI, EGYPTIAN OFFICES ABROAD DAMAGED BY BOMBS

By Yitzhak Shargil and Barbie Zelizer

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) -- A bomb exploded near an East Jerusalem bus stop this afternoon, injuring 13 persons and causing severe damage to two nearby stores and cars parked in the area. Police sealed off the area and searched for suspects.

The blast occurred at 3:30 p.m. local time on Sotah A-Din Street, near the post office where the No. 11 bus line begins. The line, a frequent target of terrorist bombings in recent months, links East Jerusalem with the Jewish suburb of Bayit Vegan. Protests by the residents recently prompted the transit authorities to establish an alternate bus route that by-passes East Jerusalem. Police said the bomb was concealed in a paper sack which was left near the bus terminal.

Meanwhile, terrorists have stepped up attacks on Israeli targets overseas and are also striking at installations linked to Egypt. A bomb explosion caused slight damage to the building housing the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, this morning. The Embassy offices occupy the third and fourth floors. At about the same time,

another bomb damaged a travel agency that serves as agents for the Egyptian airline in Cyprus. It was also disclosed today that terrorists hurled a bomb at the El Al office in Istanbul, Turkey from a moving car three days ago. It exploded on the pavement without causing damage.

These incidents, the capture at sea of a Cyprus-registered vessel transporting six Palestinian terrorists on a sabotage mission to Israel and the premature explosion of a booby-trapped suitcase at Frankfurt Airport just before it was loaded aboard an Israeli airliner, have prompted Israeli authorities to tighten security measures at home and abroad.

Police have issued new warnings to Israelis to be on the alert for booby-trapped letters or parcels. That danger is not immediate, however, because of the present strike by postal workers. The warning will be reissued when mail deliveries return to normal.

BEGIN DENIES CONCESSIONS FROM SADAT REGARDING SINAI, RAFAH SETTLEMENTS

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) -- Premier Menachem Begin denied today that President Anwar Sadat has made any concessions with respect to the Jewish settlements in the Rafah salient of Sinai, which must be evacuated within three years under terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. He said rumors to that effect were "without foundation."

Begin, who spoke to reporters after briefing President Yitzhak Navon on his two-day visit to Cairo this week, was referring to reports that Sadat may have relented in his demands for the total withdrawal of Israeli civilians from Sinai. While Begin and Sadat were in Washington for the peace treaty signing, the settlers in Yamit proposed that they be allowed to remain there as Israeli citizens after the region is returned to Egyptian sovereignty. They cabled Begin to arrange a meeting for them with Sadat on this matter.

Begin said today, "I can well understand the feelings of the Rafah settlers, but we did everything possible to achieve peace out of concern for them and their children. I can only say once again that this was the only possible way to achieve peace with Egypt. Without this (giving up the settlements) there would be no peace with Egypt" because they would not give up one inch of their land, Begin said.

He disclosed that Sadat made one minor concession during their talks in Cairo this week, Sadat agreed to allow the settlers of Neot Sinai, near El Arish, to retain their laundry building until the final phase of withdrawal in three years. Israeli troops will withdraw from El Arish on May 25 and the town, which is the administrative capital of Sinai, will be returned to Egypt on the following day. (In Washington, the State Department announced today that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will join President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Begin when they meet in El Arish May 27.)

GUSH EMUNIM TO SET UP 10 NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS DURING PASSOVER; GOV'T. OFFICIALS SURPRISED BY MOVE

By Yitzhak Shargil and Barbie Zelizer

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) -- The Gush Emunim announced last night that they would establish 10 new settlements on the West Bank over the Passover holidays to "create unerasable facts during this period of confusion at home and pressure abroad." The

announcement took many government officials by surprise inasmuch as the Cabinet is not known to have approved the settlements.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, addressing senior officials of his ministry here Monday, had urged Israel to go slow on settlement activity on the West Bank out of consideration for Egyptian sensitivity on the subject. But Minister of Transport Haim Landau, a Likud hardliner who was one of the two Cabinet ministers to vote against the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty last month, appeared to confirm the Gush announcement and gave it his blessings. He told a luncheon of the Tel Aviv Insurance Club this afternoon that 10 settlements would be set up in Judea and Samaria and other regions during the chol hamoad days of Passover, adding "let them grow in numbers."

Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin immediately issued a statement saying he knew of no government decision to start new settlements now or during Passover.

It was reported, meanwhile, that the Gush plans were approved by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, another outspoken opponent of the peace treaty, and by the Jewish Agency's settlement department. However, for the time being, the Gush must limit itself to cornerstone-laying ceremonies and the several hundred would-be settlers expected to participate must avoid clashes with local Arabs and with the Israeli troops sent to guard them.

On the strength of Sharon's approval, the West Bank Military Government reportedly issued permits for the cornerstone ceremonies during Passover week. Landau refused to say precisely where these will take place or on what date. "For me it is enough to know there will be such settlements," he told the insurance executives.

Seeks To Avoid Provocation

Dayan's remarks earlier in the week seemed intended to avoid any provocative actions by Israel so soon after the signing of its treaty with Egypt and on the eve of negotiations to implement the treaty. He said that while settlement activity on the West Bank must continue, if a settlement program is carried out it should not harm Israeli-Egyptian relations. He cautioned that Israel must remain aware of the Egyptian attitude on settlements and take it into account.

The settlements need not be implemented immediately, Dayan said, noting that it will take another year to negotiate with Egypt over autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and another five years will elapse before the future status of those territories is determined.

Meanwhile, Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt fiercely attacked both the Gush plan and their approval by Landau. Speaking on Israel Radio this afternoon Patt stressed that there was no government decision to establish any new settlements on the West Bank and that Landau spoke only for himself.

"I participated in all Cabinet sessions and I did not hear of any decision to erect any new settlements," he said. He said most Cabinet members were also unaware of any cornerstone-laying next week. "The government deals with settlements one-by-one. We have never taken a global approach to settlements." In any event, "the timing is wrong. I believe in strengthening the existing settlements. There is so much to do without taking valueless, demonstrative steps like this," he declared.

COURT ORDERS HALT TO CONSTRUCTION WORK NEAR BEDOUIN ENCAMPMENT

By Yitzhak Shargi

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) -- The Supreme Court ordered an immediate halt today to unauthorized construction work begun near a Bedouin encampment in the northern Negev and sharply rebuked the government and the special agency concerned for undertaking the project without the required permit from the Beersheba district court. The Supreme Court also ordered the government to reimburse the Bedouins for costs in the amount of \$10,000.

The high court acted in the wake of clashes yesterday in which at least 10 policemen were injured and scores of Bedouins were arrested. The construction work was started despite a previous promise by the government that nothing would be done without a court permit. But the permit was never obtained. The official who gave the orders and the construction contractor were apparently unaware of that situation. The project is a road to a planned new town.

Heavy equipment was brought into the area near the Arad-Beersheba road yesterday and the work commenced. Crowds of Bedouins attempted to stop it and police were called in. The Bedouins stoned the police and the latter fired into the air. Several policemen were cornered and assaulted by Bedouins, many of them school children. The incidents were repeated this morning as the road work continued until it was stopped by order of the Supreme Court. The government is now expected to obtain a permit from the Beersheba court.

SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA) -- The Carter Administration, noting the continuing increase in Soviet Jewish emigration, is consulting with key members of Congress on lifting trade barriers with the Soviet Union but says it has not reached a decision on specific measures.

Whether and when the U.S. should extend "most favored nation" treatment to the Soviet Union, now barred by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the Trade Act, arose yesterday at the State Department after the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported that 4418 Jews reached Vienna during March, a record number for any month. The previous high was 4408 in October 1973. That was the record year in Soviet Jewish emigration when 35,000 Jews were allowed to leave.

Asked whether the emigration flow is linked by the Soviet Union to more U.S. trade, the 1980 Olympics in Moscow or the SALT negotiations, the Department's chief spokesman, Hodding Carter, replied he could not speak on Soviet linkage. Neither would he say that the present annual rate of some 50,000 emigrants a year was the "bench mark" for change as envisioned by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. When the amendment was being adopted, a minimum of 60,000 a year was set by its supporters.

"We are pleased at the significant increase in Soviet Jewish emigration recorded in 1978 and continued at an upward level the first few months of 1979," Carter said. "We remain concerned about the lack of resolution of a number of long-term cases of Soviet Jews who have been refused emigration permission in the past."

Carter said "we are consulting with the Congress and discussing within the Executive Branch the basic question at issue," which is most favored nation treatment. "No decision has been made on it," he said.

TOP PLO OFFICIAL TOURING THE U.S.

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, April 5 (JTA) -- A top official of the Palestine Liberation Organization is in the United States for three weeks to promote PLO ideas, on the invitation of groups at four Ivy League universities and the Chicago Council for Foreign Relations.

The official, Shafik Al Hour, is identified as director of the Beirut office of the PLO which maintains its headquarters in that city. He was granted a U.S. visa, cleared by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, on the grounds that under the McGovern Amendment the burden of proof that he will not be a threat to the United States, rests with the U.S. government.

When Hodding Carter, chief spokesman for the State Department and assistant to Vance, was asked about Al Hour's record on terrorism, Carter said that the PLO official's record indicates that he opposes terrorism. However, Carter would not say when or where Al Hour said he opposes terrorism. "I cannot give you details of how we learned that," Carter said. Al Hour's record shows that he said on Sept. 2, 1975 in an interview with a Japanese reporter that "Israel is identified with Hitler's Nazism"; "we have no common grounds with it"; and "war is the only way." In another interview with NBC on Jan. 12, 1976, he was quoted as saying "there will be no Israel because I am for a multi-national one-state."

Groups at Harvard, Columbia, Yale and Princeton, as yet unidentified, invited him. It is understood that his first appearance will be at Columbia University. He arrived last weekend in New York. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told that it would appear that some organizational activity was involved in his speaking arrangements but there were no details about this thus far. He applied for the visa in Beirut.

At the State Department, some sources said that his visit was justified under provisions of free speech in America. However, Hodding Carter said that State Department officials will not be in communication with him under its policy of no communication until the PLO adheres to UN Security Council Resolution 242 and acknowledges Israel's right to exist.

In another development here, the House of Representatives yesterday voted down 222 to 175 a motion by Rep. William Harsha (R. Ohio) to cut all aid to members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. In addition, \$45 million in economic aid for Syria projected by the Administration may be eliminated. Rep. William Broomfield (R. Mich.), the ranking minority member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told the House that "Syria played a major role in stimulating obstruction" to the Camp David accords and the Israeli-Egyptian treaty.

MOUBARAK: BEGIN'S VISIT TO EGYPT IS FIRST OF MANY HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS

JERUSALEM, April 5 (JTA) -- Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak told a Maariv correspondent in Cairo that Premier Menachem Begin's visit to Egypt was the first of many expected contacts between Egyptian and Israeli high-level officials.

"Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Cairo constitutes the first stage of high level contacts between Israel and Egypt which can be expected in the future," Mubarak said. "Their

objective is twofold--to activate the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt and to lay the groundwork for autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank."

The Vice President stressed that during Begin's visit, the Egyptians and Israelis exchanged many "constructive" ideas about the implementation of autonomy. He added that it was best to leave aside the harsh response of the other Arab states to the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations, at least for the present, noting, however, that "You have no reason to be worried by it because we ourselves are not concerned."

He said in that connection, "We are used to such a situation, and we do not fear the response of other Arab states." Mubarak listed the various agreements and steps taken by the Egyptians in the past to which the Arab world had voiced opposition. "We are fortunate that Egypt is presently led by a great and courageous man," he said.

**LATE NEWS DEVELOPMENT
APRIL 16 NOW SET AS DATE FOR
EXCHANGE OF PEACE TREATY DOCUMENTS**

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) -- Israel and Egypt will exchange documents ratifying their peace treaty at colorful ceremonies now scheduled to take place on April 16 at Umm Khashiba, an American-manned early warning station in Sinai. The date was agreed to at a meeting between Israeli and Egyptian delegates today. Previously, there was talk that the ceremonies would be held early next week. The rank of the Israeli and Egyptian officials who will execute the formality that puts the treaty into effect is not yet known. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has indicated, however, that he will not represent Israel.

Plans call for a guard of honor comprising Israeli, Egyptian and American contingents and two army bands. The Egyptian band will play Hatikva, Israel's national anthem, and the Israeli band will render the Egyptian anthem, Biladi (My Country). Afterwards, both bands will play the Star Spangled Banner. There will be 150 persons present from each side, half of them media representatives.

LA'AM FACTION SPLIT

TEL AVIV, April 5 (JTA) -- The La'om faction voted 18-13 this week to remain within Likud, but at the cost of a split within its own ranks. Bitter opponents of the peace treaty with Egypt, headed by MK Moshe Shamir, announced that they would seek to form a new political party composed of elements opposed to Premier Menachem Begin's peace policies.

Shamir, a former Labor Party member, joined Likud because of its platform urging a Greater Israel. He announced after the vote that he would proclaim himself a one-man Knesset faction and try to rally others who hold similar views to join him. He denounced the peace pact signed by Begin and President Anwar Sadat in Washington as a "terrible agreement that would lead only to catastrophe." He also attacked Begin as "a figure of red carpets, bugles and embraces, not a leader."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization Executive this week approved a set of new standards to improve the quality of persons chosen to serve as WZO emissaries abroad. They will be required to speak Hebrew and the language of the country to which they are sent, must have completed their military service requirements, and must be well-versed in Israeli politics, economics and social problems. The standards were recommended by WZO Torah Education and Culture Department chairman Moshe Krane.

SPECIAL TO THE JTA FROM PINSK TO ODESSA: THE SAGA OF A JEWISH COWBOY

By Rachelle Saidel Wolk

ALBANY, April 5 (JTA) -- When 79-year-old Jake Luskey stepped up to me and offered his assistance in a faint Yiddish accent, I knew at once that I wasn't face to face with an everyday average Texas cowboy.

On a recent visit to Texas, I had walked into Luskey's Western Store in Fort Worth to buy a hat for my son. I needed help in selecting the correct cowboy hat, so I had hoped that the salesman would be an authentic cowboy. Instead, I met an authentic Jewish native of Pinsk, Russia, who had emigrated to Texas in 1913.

If Jake's father, Abraham Luskey, hadn't given America a second chance, Jake probably never would have left Pinsk. A bootmaker for the Russian cavalry, Abraham didn't have any great love for his employer. In addition, he was worried about the treatment of the Jewish population of Pinsk, which didn't improve as the city kept changing hands between Poland and Russia.

In 1908, Abraham set off alone for New York City, expecting to work as a bootmaker for a few years and then send for his family. When he discovered that he had to work on Shabbat in order to earn a living, he turned around and went back to Pinsk in despair.

Three years later, Abraham heard a rumor in Pinsk that people in Texas were bringing Jewish immigrants through the port of Galveston to settle in their state. After investigating the situation further, he booked passage for himself and left for Galveston. From there, he was sent to Fort Worth. In 1913, he sent for his wife, Molly, his three daughters, and his 13-year-old son, Jake.

Arrives After His Bar Mitzvah

"I came right after my Bar Mitzvah," Jake told me. "In Pinsk I had already gone to a special yeshiva, and I was studying to be a rabbi or a shoemaker. Then I had to go to the 'golden' land. In America, Abraham had started a business making and repairing shoes and boots. When the family arrived, Jake continued his schooling and polished boots for his father. He later worked in a store that sold western apparel.

In 1919, Jake and his father opened a general store in Fort Worth. "A. Luskey & Sons, as it was first called, was located about 17 blocks from downtown Fort Worth, across from a wagon yard where farmers and ranchers parked their wagons when they came to town. The store sold Abraham's handmade boots, piece goods, and big brimmed straw and felt hats. The next year Jake married a Dallas native named Rose, and the store began specializing in western wear. When Abraham was killed in an accident in 1933, Jake became head of the family business.

Meanwhile, Jake and Rose were busy raising a family of their own, five sons and two daughters. Today all five sons are in the business, and there are six Luskey's Western Stores throughout Texas. The main store and a thriving mail order business are still in Fort Worth, at Houston and Weatherford Streets. Although Jake officially retired in 1960 and turned the business over to his sons, he still comes to the store every day to work.

Active In The Jewish Community

During the years that Jake was building a successful business, he never forgot his Jewish train-

ing in Pinsk. Today he and his family are all active members of the Texas Jewish community.

When he arrived in Fort Worth in 1913, there were already a few Jewish families and a small synagogue by 1936, when Jake became president of Congregation Ahavath Shalom, the Jewish community had grown considerably. "At the time, I was the youngest president in this whole country of a synagogue with over 400 members," he said. Including that first term in office, Jake has been president of his congregation four times. He has also served as chairman of the synagogue's Hebrew school since 1920.

Today, the Fort Worth Jewish community numbers 3000. There are two synagogues, a Jewish Federation, a Jewish Community Center and a Jewish Social Service Agency. There are chapters of most major Jewish organizations, and a Jewish day school is in its second year of operation.

Jake's oldest son, Louis, is a past president of the B'nai B'rith lodge, and his wife, daughters and daughters-in-law are all active life members of Hadasah. Even the Luskey men are all Hadasah Associates. In addition to his communal dedication to Judaism, Jake has visited Israel four times.

This year the Luskey family opened their sixth Luskey's Western Store, located in Odessa, Texas. The original Odessa and Pinsk, now part of the Soviet Union, are approximately 450 miles apart. Jake set out from Pinsk in 1913. It has taken him 66 years to arrive in Odessa.

EL AL INAUGURATES FLIGHTS FROM CHICAGO AND MIAMI

NEW YORK, April 5 (JTA) -- El Al Israel Airlines inaugurated flights from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Miami International Airport to Ben Gurion Airport this week, it was announced here by Y. Shrem, senior vice president of El Al in North and Central America. The flights from Chicago will be twice weekly, departing Mondays and Thursdays at 12 noon. Flights from Miami will be once a week, on Tuesdays.

"The flights from Chicago, which began Monday, climaxes more than 10 years of effort by Israel, supported by the Jewish community and state, local, federal government officials and Congressmen, particularly Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.), to obtain landing rights at O'Hare.

"The convenience offered by our new Chicago service should benefit both Israel's tourism and the Midwest travel industry," said Arivo Shron, El Al's Chicago district manager. "More than 50,000 persons from the Midwest visited Israel in 1978, of which some 15,000 were from the Chicago area." He added that the new direct Chicago/Tel Aviv/Chicago flights would stimulate more people from the Midwest to travel to Israel. According to Shrem, El Al's direct flights from Miami also mark the first air link between Florida and the Middle East.

LONDON (JTA) -- A series of articles in Tribuna, the ideological organ of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, refers to Zionism as "cruel, barbarian, genocidal, ridiculous and terrorist," reports the International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia. The gist of the series, published in January and February, was that Zionists were "accomplices of pogroms" and that Jewish big business needs Zionism to establish its rule. The series reflects an intensification of anti-Jewish propaganda which is worrying Czech Jewish leaders, the Council states.