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## LINOWITZ IN ISRAEL MEETS WITH AUTONOMY COMMITTEE AND DESCRIBES TALKS AS FRUITFUL, BENEFICIAL

By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) --** Sol Linowitz, President Carter's Special Ambassador to the Middle East, had his first meeting here today with the Israeli negotiating team in the autonomy talks with Egypt. He met privately with Interior Minister Yosef Burg, chairman of the Israeli delegation, and later with the full ministerial autonomy committee. Emerging from his session with Burg, Linowitz said they had "a good fruitful and beneficial exchange of views."

The discussions reportedly focused on the progress made in the autonomy talks to date and the issues still to be resolved. Linowitz will participate in the next plenary session of the Israeli and Egyptian negotiators at Herzliya. The session, originally scheduled to begin tomorrow, was postponed, at Egypt's request, until Dec. 17. Linowitz will leave Israel as planned on Thursday but will return next week for the Herzliya talks.

Linowitz arrived here last night from Cairo where he met with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. He said at Ben Gurion Airport that the U.S. commitment to the security of Israel has never been stronger. But he refused to discuss the impending U.S.-Egyptian arms deal, saying he had no information on the subject.

### Begin, Sadat To Meet Jan. 7 In Aswan

Shortly after Linowitz arrived, it was announced here and in Cairo that Premier Menachem Begin will pay a three-day visit to Sadat at Aswan beginning Jan. 7, 1980. It will be their ninth meeting since Sadat made his historic visit to Jerusalem in November 1977. The Aswan summit will be held two weeks before the completion of the second phase of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai.

The new Israeli-Egyptian demarcation line will run from El Arish on the Mediterranean to Ras Mohammed on the Red Sea. Normalization of relations between the two countries will begin on Jan. 25, 1980. They are scheduled to exchange Ambassadors on Feb. 26, 11 months after the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed.

According to the peace treaty, the autonomy talks are to be completed by May 1, 1980. The Israeli negotiators have felt recently that the Americans were unhappy with the slow pace of the talks so far and wanted to speed them up. Begin instructed the Israeli delegation yesterday to avoid unnecessary conflicts with the Americans. But he stressed that Israel would reject any autonomy plan that could lead to the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state.

Begin's summit talk with Sadat at Aswan is expected to deal mainly with the autonomy negotiations. Sadat said in Cairo yesterday that he still believed the talks could be concluded successfully by the May 1 deadline.

Linowitz cancelled a planned tour of the West Bank today, saying that since he had been to the area three times on previous visits before undertaking his latest assignment from Carter he would prefer to spend the time discussing the autonomy negotiations with Israeli officials. This

apparently angered Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, a member of the ministerial autonomy committee, who said he would not escort the American envoy because he refused to visit Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

## ARAB VILLAGERS BLOCK ROAD TO SETTLEMENT REPLACING ELON MOREH

By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) --** Arab villagers blocked the road to Djebel Kebir yesterday, delaying the start of preparatory work on the new settlement that will replace Elon Moreh. The army removed the barriers and reportedly detained some Arabs from nearby Dir-el-Hatab village. The Military Government refused to confirm that arrests had been made.

The Cabinet, at its weekly session yesterday, ordered an immediate start of work at Djebel Kebir so that the site will be ready to receive the Elon Moreh settlers when they are evacuated later this month. The road incident occurred when earth-moving equipment was brought in to broaden the access road to Djebel Kebir which is presently too narrow to accommodate the prefabricated structures that will house the new settlers. Local Arabs laid down three rows of roadblocks consisting of rocks and rubber tires which they set afire.

The residents of Dir-el-Hatab said they would go to court to challenge the government's claim that Djebel Kebir is State-owned land. A similar appeal by Arabs from Rujeib village near Nablus resulted in the Supreme Court's ruling on Oct. 22 that Elon Moreh was built illegally on seized Arab lands and must be removed. Cabinet Secretary Arye Noor stressed after yesterday's session that the new settlement will be built without expropriating privately-owned land and without damaging private property.

The Elon Moreh settlers reportedly reluctantly agreed last week to accept the new site at Djebel Kebir. Yesterday they pointedly demonstrated complete lack of interest in the work at Djebel Kebir. Benny Katzover, spokesman for the settlers, insisted to reporters that Elon Moreh would never be moved. He reiterated the conditions demanded by the settlers, including legislation that would bar the Israeli courts from challenging future Jewish settlements on Arab lands.

## PERES OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR FULL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ISRAEL

**TORONTO, Dec. 10 (JTA) --** Shimon Peres, chairman of Israel's opposition Labor Party, pledged here "full support for 'recognition of all streams of Judaism' in Israel and outlined a nine-point program for religious freedom to be presented at the Labor Party's convention next June.

In a speech that won resounding applause from the 4000 delegates at the 55th biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), Peres pledged that when the Labor Party returns to power in Israel, it would "make sure" that Israel's religious institutions "act within the framework of legal authority" and that "no pressure or coercion will be used to interfere" with the public or private lives of Israel's citizens.

The Israeli leader spoke after Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, declared in an impassioned address that the Reform movement would intensify its demands for full religious equality in

## Israel

Schindler disclosed that plans are now being drawn for a legal challenge to present restrictions against Reform rabbis in Israel. He said that two Reform rabbis in Israel were prepared to "risk indictment and imprisonment in a judicial test of Reform rabbinic rights in Israel, up to the Supreme Court if necessary." He said that "The government of Israel -- be it Likud or Labor -- must know that we reject the refusal of Israeli religious authorities to permit Reform rabbis in Israel to marry or bury their congregants or to teach or accept converts."

Schindler declared: "We reject the grievous wrong that Reform synagogues in Israel do not receive the support which the Ministry of Religious Affairs extends to Orthodox synagogues and even to churches. We regret this unconscionable and unjust and unholy conception of our status in the land. We Reform Jews will not be read out of the Jewish people. We refuse to be beggars at Jerusalem's gates."

## Elements In The Program

Peres spelled out a detailed platform on "Religion and Society" which he said would be put to the Labor Party next June with his support and that of the party's leadership. The statement opened with the declaration that Israel was "a lawful state which assures its citizens freedom of conscience and religion, religious tolerance and the satisfying of the entire variety and streams of both Jewish and non-Jewish religious needs and the prevention of religious or anti-religious coercion."

In addition to the pledge to recognize all streams of Judaism "by legislation when necessary," and to prevent religious interference in the public or private lives of Israelis, the platform calls for:

Allocation of resources to "religious institutions of all movements within Judaism"; opposition to any change in the definition of "Jew" in the Law of Return; legislation to help solve problems of personal status that cause individual hardships or obstruct aliyah; "easing and speeding up of the conversion process" for persons immigrating to Israel; requiring every Israeli girl to complete a period of service to the nation, with religious girls given assignments "adapted to suit their way of life"; and educational efforts in Israel and the diaspora to strengthen the understanding of the Jewish heritage and history, to encourage the acquisition of Hebrew and to teach the younger generation "the universal humanistic values of the Bible."

# WORLD REACTION TO SEIZURE OF ISRAEL EMBASSY IN TEHRAN MIGHT HAVE AVERTED SEIZURE OF U.S. EMBASSY

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Maxwell E. Greenberg, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, claimed that the seizure of hostages at the American Embassy in Tehran might have been averted had the U.S. and the world reacted promptly when Iranian students invaded the Israeli Embassy in Tehran three months ago.

"The world stood mute three months ago when confronted with violations of diplomatic quarters and staff -- the takeover of the Israeli Embassy on the first day of the Khomeini regime," the Los Angeles attorney told some 200 ADL leaders at the agency's national executive

committee meeting here.

"Earlier strong action against the Palestine Liberation Organization lawlessness and violations of diplomatic immunity might have deterred the PLO-trained Iranian students from taking American citizens as hostages in defiance of law, morality and American power," Greenberg contended.

Similarly, he said, "There was no outcry last August when the Egyptian Ambassador was kidnapped by the PLO in Ankara; no international resolutions when the American Ambassador to Sudan was murdered by the PLO and none when the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon was kidnapped and killed." He declared that "All forms of terrorism -- as manifested by the PLO, the Ku Klux Klan, the Baader Meinhof Gang, the Japanese Red Army, and in nations such as Argentina and Syria -- must be fought wherever they appear."

Sen. William Cohen (R-Me.), another speaker at the meeting, agreed that combatting international terrorism is a major challenge for the 1980s. Cohen stressed that American prestige and power have eroded as a result of U.S. dependence on oil from the Arab world.

He called for a tougher response to threats of extortion and said the same resolve must govern the American attitude toward a Middle East peace settlement. Noting Israel's deep concern for its security, Cohen said "Israel understands that it was born from the ashes of horror and Holocaust and that it is surrounded by well-equipped, well-financed neighbors that seek to return it to ashes."

# EDWARD GOTTlieb DEAD AT 81

By Haskell Cohen

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Edward Gottlieb, one of the pioneers of professional basketball in this country, who died last Friday at the age of 81. A day before his death he was elected to the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and will be enshrined ultimately in the Wingate School of Physical Education in Netanya, Israel together with other Jewish sports great of the past and present.

A member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, a founder of the National Basketball Association, and a member of the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel Board of Directors, Gottlieb donated a dormitory to the Wingate School several years ago. He was instrumental in promoting professional basketball in this country to the extent where it vies with baseball and football for national recognition as the number one sport in the nation.

Gottlieb started his career in promoting sports at the age of 19 in Philadelphia when he started the famous Philadelphia Sphas, standing for the South Philadelphia Hebrew Athletic Society. Fielding teams both in baseball and basketball, the Sphas for many years ruled the roost in the American Basketball League and his semi-pro Spha basketball team used to play major league teams on Sunday afternoons before the Blue Laws were eliminated in the state of Pennsylvania.

The late Connie Mack, president-manager of the famous Philadelphia Athletics, wrote Gottlieb a letter in which he said: "I'll never forget what you did to make it possible for major league baseball to be played in Philadelphia." The young, dynamic Gottlieb, at that time, traveled wide and far to have the Blue Laws eliminated, albeit they were to his advantage in that they gave him time to expose his famous semi-pro baseball team which was comprised of many players who ultimately went up to the big leagues. Gottlieb was the first promoter to employ the double header program in basketball. As

a matter of fact, Ned Irish, who later went on to fame as the promoter of collegiate basketball in Madison Square Garden, learned about double header basketball programming by watching the famous Spahs play their Saturday night twin bills, while he, Irish, attended the University of Pennsylvania. Once Irish got to the Garden he immediately installed the double header program which is fashioned after the late Gottlieb's idea.

The Philadelphia Warriors, the first NBA League Champions in 1946-47, was coached to that status by Gottlieb. Subsequently he was to take over the role of general manager and owner of the club and eventually sold the team to interests in San Francisco.

#### **SIDNEY HOENIG DEAD AT 72**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held yesterday for Dr. Sidney Hoenig, noted educator, rabbi and authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Sanhedrin, who died here last Friday at the age of 72.

At the time of his death he was president of the Jewish Welfare Board Jewish Book Council, a member of the JWB Board of Directors and a member of the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. A former dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University, he served on the university's faculty for more than 40 years. He was also Adjunct Professor of Talmud at Dropsie University.

For the JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, Hoenig edited a Prayer Book for Jewish Personnel in the Armed Forces of the U.S., a High Holiday Prayer Book and a Passover Hag-gadah. Earlier this year he represented the JWB Jewish Book Council at the Second International Book Fair in Moscow.

In 1975, Hoenig was named a Congressional Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The New York Board of Rabbis named him Chaplain of the Year in 1973. He had been a member of the Joint Distribution Committee's Cultural Committee, the Rabbinical Council of America, the National Council of Jewish Prison Chaplains and the Society for Old Testament Study.

Born in New York City, Hoenig received the Bachelor of Science degree at City College in 1927 and the Ph.D. from Dropsie University, Philadelphia in 1934. He was ordained at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University in 1931.

Widely known for his writings and lectures, he was the author of numerous books. His articles appeared in major Jewish and other scholarly publications, including the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Jewish Quarterly Review. In his long association with Yeshiva University, Hoenig was also director of the Department of Adult Education of the Division of Communal Services of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. He authored several of the Department's "Guide Series" of books.

#### **YESHIVA UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES \$100 MILLION EXPANSION CAMPAIGN**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- A \$100 million "Century Campaign" aimed at developing and expanding Yeshiva University in terms of its faculty, curricula and physical plant, was launched at the university's 55th annual Chanukah dinner here last night. Dr. Norman Lamm, president of the university, announced that the campaign hoped to achieve its goal by 1986 when

the university celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Stanley Stern, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and dinner chairman, reported to the 1000 assembled guests that prime contributors closely associated with Yeshiva University have already pledged \$16 million to spearhead the nationwide effort. In addition, the university's Albert Einstein College of Medicine will undertake a separate \$25 million development campaign on the occasion of its 25th anniversary in 1980.

Lamm spoke of the need to preserve and enrich a culture of learning and a commitment to human-kind represented by Yeshiva University. "To assure the continuing vitality of this tradition of scholarship and concern for one's fellow man is our highest priority," he stated.

He said the "Century Campaign," backed by a nationwide advertising effort, afforded "a rare opportunity and challenge to meet the university's immediate and long-term needs" and would enable the institution to explore new directions of service to its primary constituencies, the nation and the Jewish community. "We must collectively assure that the legacy we leave for the coming generation will be an institution that is financially strong and free of onerous past financial obligations," he said.

#### **Eight Objectives Outlined**

Lamm outlined the campaign's eight objectives. These are: strengthening academic offerings by establishing at least 30 endowed professorial chairs through individual endowments of \$750,000 and \$1 million at the various graduate schools and \$250,000 at the undergraduate level; developing new courses and new instructional materials to improve core curriculum and establish innovative programs in such areas as nursing, accounting, information sciences, psychology, social work, biomedical research and Jewish studies.

Also to develop and maintain distinctive programs linking undergraduate, graduate and professional schools with new interdisciplinary programs and cooperative efforts; intensifying services to the general and Jewish community; attracting talented students; renovating and rehabilitating physical facilities; increasing private research support; and insuring fiscal stability.

In keeping with the theme of dedicated chairs and facilities, Lamm announced the dedication of the Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein Chair in Homiletics at the university-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Lookstein, who was senior rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in Manhattan at the time of his death earlier this year, had led the congregation for more than 50 years and was an alumnus of Yeshiva University.

#### **'ISRAEL WEEK' HUGE SUCCESS IN RIO**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- An "Israel Week" exposition drew nearly 40,000 Jews and non-Jews to the Rio Palace Hotel here to see a display of Israeli products ranging from canned goods to high fashions. The event, sponsored by the local Zionist organization, featured 25 films and an agricultural exhibition. Israeli culinary arts were sampled by some 2500 persons attending five dinners and a fashion show hosted by the Israeli singer Matti Caspi. A special attraction that literally stopped traffic in downtown Rio was the presence of two Israeli policemen, Capt. Esther Reiman of Bat Yam and Sgt. Sara Toby of Tel Aviv. Both are traffic cops and they demonstrated their skills by directing the heavy traffic in the busy Copacabana district. (By David Markus)

## VANDALIZING OF SYNAGOGUE CALLED AN ACT OF IRRESPONSIBLE YOUNG FANATICS

By Adena Berkowitz

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA). -- The rabbi of a Conservative synagogue in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn that was vandalized Friday by Orthodox Jewish zealots, said today it was "the act of a few irresponsible young fanatics and not the work of any responsible organized group." Rabbi Baruch Silverstein of Temple Emanu-El, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, however, that "one has to blame the atmosphere which breeds such intolerance for Jews who don't practice the way they do."

But the rabbi noted that the flood of sympathy calls he has been receiving since the incident included many from Orthodox rabbis and other members of the heavily Orthodox populated community. The act was also strongly condemned in statements by Reform and Orthodox rabbis and by two national Jewish leaders.

Temple Emanu-El, the only Conservative house of worship in the Brooklyn neighborhood, was attacked by members of a group calling itself TORAH. An unidentified person claiming to be a spokesman for the group said it was an acronym for "Tough Orthodox Rabbis and Hasidim." They claimed responsibility for shattering stained glass windows and spray-painting swastikas and a slogan in Hebrew, "May Their Names Be Erased" on the walls of the temple.

The spokesman refused to say how many Jews took part in the vandalism. He claimed the act was the beginning of an Orthodox-Hasidic campaign against Conservative and Reform synagogues throughout the city.

He said a Reform synagogue in Boro Park, Rodef Shalom, was ignored because it is "too small" to be of concern to his group. He said the campaign against non-Orthodox synagogues was to protest the "inroads" by the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel and that the TORAH group considered Reform Jews no more Jewish than "Jews for Jesus."

### Attack On Synagogue Condemned

Silverstein, who was born in Europe, commented on the irony that this group "hates me with as much intensity as Hitler did." Silverstein studied at the Mirrer Yeshiva and at Yeshiva University before attending the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he was ordained as a Conservative rabbi.

Commenting to the JTA, Rabbi Pinchos Stolper, executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, called the vandalizing of Temple Emanu-El an "ugly and repugnant act." He said, "I can think of no Jew who wouldn't condemn such an act regardless of his ideological bent." He added, "I don't believe any Jew will be convinced to change his ways by employing the methods of Esau."

Rabbi Nissan Wolpin, a long-time resident of the Boro Park community who is editor of the Agudat Israel organ Jewish Observer, told the JTA, "This action doesn't represent any responsible group and one can only stand back in horror at acts of vandalism committed in the name of Torah." Wolpin said he was expressing his personal viewpoint.

The vandalism was denounced as well by a leading Reform rabbi and two national Jewish leaders. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,

who is in Toronto attending the 55th biennial convention of UAHC, assailed "the besmirching of a synagogue" and said that "goons are goons, whether they wear Ku Klux Klan sheets or talism (prayer shawls)."

Nathan Perlmutter, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said "the desecration of a house of worship is contemptible whether committed by anti-Semites or by Jews." Responding to a report that the act of vandalism had been committed by Hasidic Jews, Perlmutter declared: "Hasidism is beautiful; desecration by individuals alleging Orthodoxy is ugly and the very antithesis of our rich Orthodox tradition."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "Violence in the name of religious zealotry is no more acceptable here than it is in Iran. The desecration of a house of worship is a particularly despicable form of hooliganism. It is unlawful and the guilty should be fully prosecuted."

### McGOVERN SAYS 'FOR THE MOMENT' HE SUPPORTS POLICY OF NO TALKS WITH PLO

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA) -- Sen. George McGovern (D-SD), one of the first American leaders to favor U.S. contacts with the Palestinians, declared here that "for the moment" he supports the Administration's policy of no talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization because it could jeopardize the current peace negotiations. McGovern also expressed support for a united Jerusalem under Israeli administration.

In an interview published yesterday in the Jerusalem Post, the 1972 Presidential candidate said the holding of American hostages in Iran "has given Americans a better appreciation of the fear of terrorism that Israel has had for 30 years.... This situation is something new for us.... Now we know how Israel feels about terrorism." McGovern said in a radio interview over the weekend that he would favor U.S. military action against Iran if the hostages were killed.

McGovern met with Premier Menachem Begin for over an hour Saturday night. They are understood to have devoted most of their conversation to the situation in Iran. With respect to the PLO, McGovern told the Jerusalem Post that "it probably comes as close as any group to speaking for the Palestinians, but it is not the only one."

After touring Jerusalem, escorted by Mayor Teddy Kollek, the U.S. Senator said, "I think Jerusalem must stay united.... The religious shrines have been maintained with almost loving care.... They've never been better cared for. I don't think it can be improved." He added, "If an air-tight commitment" can be written into an Israeli-Arab peace treaty guaranteeing free access to Jerusalem "for all religions, then 'we can surely push to keeping Jerusalem united under the Israeli administration.'"

NEW YORK (JTA) -- Golda Meir carried poison pills with her at all times for use in case she was kidnapped by terrorists, Clara Stern of Bridgeport, Conn., the late Israeli Premier's youngest sister, revealed Sunday in an interview on radio station WEVD. Mrs. Stern said her sister knew she could not tolerate torture and pain and was concerned that if she was kidnapped and tortured she would have revealed secrets and would have said something she should not have revealed or said. In order to avoid this, Mrs. Meir kept the poison pills at her disposal which she could swallow and end her life instantly, Mrs. Stern said. (By Yitzhak Rabi)