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## JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN BELGIUM GIVEN AROUND THE CLOCK POLICE PROTECTION AFTER TERROR ATTACK

BRUSSELS, July 28 (JTA) -- Jewish communal institutions throughout Belgium have been granted special round the clock police protection following yesterday's terrorist attack against a group of Jewish teenagers in Antwerp which resulted in the death of a 15-year-old boy and the wounding of 20 other persons. The attacker, a man carrying Moroccan travel documents, hurled two grenades at a group of 40 children waiting to board a bus for summer camp.

Paris-born David Kohane, whose parents had just driven him to the Antwerp Community Center and were still present when the attack took place, was killed on the spot. Close to 20 children were wounded, 17 seriously and six of them are still in critical condition. Most of the parents, members of the Agudat Israel, and generally employed in the diamond industry, saw the attack and then helped chase the assailant.

When pinned down by the parents and Belgian police who had joined in the chase, the man said: "I want to be judged within the framework of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They (apparently meaning the Israelis) kill our children as well." The man, believed to be Lebanese, was carrying a heavy caliber automatic pistol and 18 bullets.

A few yards away from the arrest scene, pandemonium had broken loose. Youngsters were bleeding profusely from their wounds and crying out in pain. Parents were trying to give first aid, passers-by massed in a circle and after a few minutes dozens of ambulances and police cars rushed to the site of the attack.

### Hospitals Treating Wounded Are Under Guard

The bus was parked at the time of the attack in front of the Jewish Community Center on the Rue Lamoriniere in the heart of Jewish Antwerp, a small ghetto-like area where practically all shops are Jewish-owned and nearly all restaurants and cafes are kosher. As people, many wearing traditional Hassidic dress, rushed out into the streets, the police took fast action to try and prevent additional attacks.

Later during the day, the precautionary steps were further intensified and police guards were stationed outside most Jewish institutions throughout the country. Police are also guarding the hospitals where the wounded youngsters are being treated and the obstetrical unit at Middelheim where the 27-year-old camp counselor, Janine Pollak, who is eight months pregnant, is in the intensive care unit.

Two previous attacks were carried out in Belgium by Arab terrorists: in 1969, a grenade was thrown at the El Al office in Brussels wounding two people, and on April 16, 1979, 16 people, all Belgian passengers, were wounded at Zaventem Airport near Brussels by a hand grenade.

### Names Of Wounded

The Belgian authorities released this morning a list of some of those wounded in yesterday's attack: Mrs. Pollak from Antwerp; Guy Keening from Israel; and Isaac Abramovich, 17; Charles Lerner, 20; Michel Grossman, 15; Jacques Uhr,

16; Willy and Marcel Gleiser, 11 and 9; Eliog Gryn, 19; Golda Ehrenfeld, 39; Heinrich Rosenblum, 15; Arnold Freifeld, 17; and Joshua Erlich, 13, all from Belgium.

(In New York, Rabbi Shmuel Bloom, administrative director of Agudath Israel of America, said today that youngsters in Agudath Israel summer camps throughout the United States organized prayers for the healing of those wounded in the terrorist attack. He also said that Agudath world organization leaders in Jerusalem and in New York expressed condolences to the family of David Kohane.)

(In a statement today in New York, Edgar Bronfman, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, said: "Such savage bestiality against children is a product of deranged minds. It illustrates once again the dangers of appeasement of terrorism. It is high time that the world recognizes these murderers for what they are.")

## DIPLOMATIC SEMANTICS AT THE UN

By David Friedman

UNITED NATIONS, July 28 (JTA) -- A spokesman for United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim denied today that Waldheim had made a "call" for a Palestinian state at a dinner given by the Arab League last Friday night. But he said the Secretary General had spoken in "favor of Palestinian self-determination including statehood."

This exercise in diplomatic semantics came at the daily press briefing here as the Israel Mission to the UN was distributing a statement saying Waldheim had "exceeded the limits of his office" by his statement and had "put himself squarely on the side of one of the parties in the Arab-Israeli conflict."

When the UN spokesman was first asked about Waldheim's statement at the Arab League dinner, he said "no such call" for a Palestinian state had been made. He said Waldheim had spoken of the "right of Palestinians to self-determination" and had said the Palestine Liberation Organization "must participate in negotiations" for a Middle East peace. He said this was nothing more than Waldheim had said on previous public occasions.

But when the spokesman was pressed further, he stated that Waldheim said he favored "Palestinian self-determination including a statehood." He added that one of the ways self-determination can express itself is through statehood. But he said he was only objecting to the use of the word "call" in connection with Waldheim's remarks.

The spokesman also admitted that Waldheim "expressed" the view that a solution to the Mideast problem required Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories. He said the Secretary General was expressing the statements adopted by various UN resolutions.

### Vote On Resolution Due By Wednesday

Meanwhile, the General Assembly is expected to vote by Wednesday on a resolution sponsored by 29 countries calling for Israel to "withdraw completely and unconditionally" from all territory occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War, "including Jerusalem" and to begin the withdrawal before Nov. 15.

The resolution, which was introduced today by Ambassador Fallou Kone of Senegal, chairman of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, was first made public officially late Friday after the fourth day of the emergency special

session of the Assembly. At today's session, the fifth day, a host of Third World countries were expected to complete the long list of speakers for the emergency session before discussion on the resolution begins tomorrow.

The proposed resolution also reaffirms the PLO as a participant "on an equal footing in all efforts, deliberations and conferences on the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East within" the UN framework. It also "expresses its opposition to all policies and plans aimed at the resettlement of the Palestinians outside their homeland."

A companion resolution has also been introduced by Cuba, Iraq, Qatar, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yugoslavia and Zambia which calls on the President of the General Assembly to appoint additional members to the Palestinian committee by Aug. 31 and calls on the committee to "study thoroughly the reasons for the refusal of Israel to comply with the relevant United Nations resolutions" on withdrawal.

In introducing the resolution today, Kane noted it was a "compromise." Most observers see the resolution as watered down from one that would have sought the creation of a UN force to oversee Israel's withdrawal. Kane appeared today to deny reports that such a force had been contemplated. Israel has already asserted that it will ignore any resolution.

#### GENSCHER MUMS AS ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL DENOUNCES ISRAEL, JEWS By David Kantor

BOINN, July 28 (JTA) -- Friends of Israel here expressed astonishment and scorn today over Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's failure to react to a speech by Chedli Klibi, Secretary General of the Arab League, made in his presence, which they described as one of the most vicious attacks on Israel and the Jewish people ever made at an official event in Bonn.

The occasion was a dinner given during Klibi's visit here last week. Although it took place on July 21, the content of the Arab official's speech and Genscher's silence were disclosed only today by friends of Israel who attended the dinner. One leading newspaper interpreted the incident as yet another sign of Bonn's policy of wooing the Arabs and snubbing Israel.

Klibi, a Tunisian, described the Arab-Israeli conflict as a confrontation between a colonial and racist aggressor on one hand and a refugee people suffering inhuman conditions but determined to resist foreign rule. He denounced Zionism as a regressive ideology supported by a modern superpower and claimed that Zionism manifested itself by racial and religious discrimination and the forcible annexation of land.

The fact that Genscher said nothing was contrasted by friends of Israel with the defense of Israel voiced by former West German President Walter Scheel two years ago when President Hafez Assad of Syria similarly attacked Israel during a visit to Bonn. They said Genscher's failure to emulate Scheel was in character with his pro-Arab position and the leading role played by Bonn in shifting the policies of the European Economic Community countries in favor of the Arabs.

#### SWISS SECTION OF LICA CONDEMNS DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERY

GENEVA, July 28 (JTA) -- The Swiss sec-

tion of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) has condemned the desecration of the oldest Jewish cemetery of Caruge in Geneva last week and demanded that the vandals be apprehended and punished according to law.

Fifty tombstones were overturned and such slogans as "death to the Jews," "your dead shall never rest" and "Hitler's lesson is not forgotten" were sprayed on the tombstones, along with swastikas and the word "Jude."

A statement signed by Clad Ketterer, president of the Swiss LICA and the former Mayor of Geneva, called the desecration a "disgusting act" and urged that adequate measures be taken to prevent a recurrence at a time when such manifestations of anti-Semitism are becoming more frequent. The local police so far have been unable to trace the vandals.

#### LANDMARK SYNAGOGUE TO BE RESTORED

AMSTERDAM, July 28 (JTA) -- The Netherlands government and the Amsterdam municipality will contribute 90 percent of the 15 million Guilders cost of restoring the 300-year-old former Great Synagogue of Amsterdam which will become a Jewish historical museum.

The synagogue in Jonas Daniel Meyer Square, was dedicated in 1670 and served as the main Ashkenazic synagogue in Amsterdam. It was closed in 1943 by which time most of Amsterdam's Jews had been deported by the Nazis. It did not reopen.

The building has been designated an historic landmark and since it is of a quasi-religious character, the Dutch Ministry for Culture and Social Affairs has agreed to contribute toward its restoration. The Amsterdam municipality owns the building. It will contain the museum presently housed in the Waag building which has become inadequate for that purpose.

#### SCHINDLER HITS ORTHODOX CALL TO BLACKBALL INTERMARRIED JEWS

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., July 28 (JTA) -- Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, declared here yesterday that "One can oppose intermarriage and seek to mitigate its spread without pillorying the intermarried. Jewish life has no need of witch-hunts."

The leader of Reform Judaism spoke in reply to the demand made by Rabbi Sol Roth, on his installation as president of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) last month, that Jews who married outside their faith and rabbis who performed such marriages be denied "all leadership roles in Jewish life."

Schindler, who was here for the dedication of the Kivie Kaplan Center, named for the late Reform Jewish leader, called Roth's proposal "an inquisition that has no place in an open, free and pluralistic Jewish community." If carried out, he said, the Orthodox RCA would "exercise its veto powers against the selection of such individuals in organizations like the Synagogue Council, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Chaplains Commission of the Jewish Welfare Board, the Joint Advisory Committee and so on."

Schindler conceded that "intermarriage is a serious threat to Jewish survival" and observed that "the Reform movement is no less concerned with it than the Orthodox body which Rabbi Roth heads." But, he said, "intermarriage cannot be totally eliminated in an open society and cannot be dealt with by bombast or coercion." Schindler asked whether Jews who are married to non-Jews but have chosen to raise their children as Jews should be read out of Jewish life.

## KNESSET UNIT AGREES TO AMEND THE "JERUSALEM BILL" TO EASE CRITICISM

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- The Knesset's Legal Committee is working overtime to prepare the controversial Jerusalem Bill for its final two readings before the end of this week when Parliament adjourns for summer recess. At the same time, it is adding amendments to the measure aimed at easing the storm of criticism that the bill has engendered abroad.

The committee agreed today on one amendment that would remove from the original language the stipulation that "the unity and integrity of greater Jerusalem, in its post-Six-Day War borders, shall not be impaired." Members of the committee expressed hope that the deletion of references to borders would minimize the political damage already done to Israel by passage of the bill at its first Knesset reading last Wednesday night.

Under the amended clause, the bill reads that united Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. Other amendments have been proposed by both coalition and opposition members of the committee intended to make the bill more acceptable to world opinion. Committee chairman David Glass of the National Religious Party, said a majority favored the inclusion of more practical elements which would make the proposed law less declarative. Glass, a moderate, proposed an amendment to ensure free access to the holy places of all religions.

### Other Practical Amendments

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem suggested a provision that would ensure Arab representation in the Jerusalem City Council. Kollek has attended all of the committee hearings. Other practical amendments proposed by various MKs include the institutionalization of the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem to include the mayor. They have also proposed the creation of a special committee to coordinate matters relating to Jerusalem between the government and the city. It would be headed jointly by a chairman and the mayor of Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Bill was proposed last May by MK Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction. It passed its first reading last week by a vote of 65-12. Premier Menachem Begin demonstratively interrupted his convalescence from a heart attack to attend the Knesset session and cast his vote in favor of the measure.

It was officially supported by the opposition Labor Party as well as the coalition factions. But many MKs who voted for it did so reluctantly and made it clear that they thought the bill was ill-timed. They said they voted favorably in order to get the matter over with as quickly as possible because of the mounting criticism abroad. The bill, which is virtually certain of passage on its final reading, will be incorporated into Israel's Basic Law.

### Green Light Sought On P.M.'s Office Move

Meanwhile, Begin, who will return to work tomorrow, has indicated that he plans to go ahead with his equally controversial plan to move the Prime Minister's Office from West to East Jerusalem. In so doing, Begin is defying growing international pressure against such a provocative move at a time when Israel is engaged in negotiations with Egypt and the U.S. over autonomy for the

West Bank and Gaza. U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis visited Begin for a third time within a week for general discussions which were said to include the proposed move.

It is believed that Begin will seek a green light from the Cabinet at its next weekly meeting Sunday. He appears to be unmoved by possible diplomatic repercussions. But political sources here expressed concern that Turkey might sever diplomatic relations with Israel over the Jerusalem Bill and the relocation of the Prime Minister's Office. Turkey is the only Muslim country apart from Egypt which has diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Turkish Premier said recently that his government had made a specific decision with respect to the Jerusalem Bill but he did not elaborate. Some sources here said, however, that Turkey was not likely to break diplomatic ties immediately because of its considerable interests in Israel.

Meanwhile, Venezuela, one of the few countries which has its embassy in Jerusalem, announced that it would move the embassy to Tel Aviv "because of changes in the status of Jerusalem."

### SHAMIR ASSAILS EGYPT

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir publicly criticized Egypt in forthright terms here today for its strident public attacks on Premier Menachem Begin and Israel. There was "an asymmetry" in relations, Shamir told Foreign Ministry staffers in a statement later released by the government press office, and of late the asymmetry had exceeded all proportions.

Shamir referred to attacks on Begin by "men of high rank" (an allusion to recent interviews by President Anwar Sadat) and by the Egyptian media. "What is the meaning of the statement (by Sadat in an interview) that Begin has exhausted his capacity to contribute to peace?" Shamir demanded.

"Is the meaning of the peace process, ongoing concessions by Israel to every Egyptian demand? Is the meaning of negotiation that one side must make all the concessions, and the other make all the demands?"

Shamir said Israel's concessions -- of the Sinai with its oil, airfields and strategic depth -- had been "perhaps unprecedented for a state to make of its own free will. They demonstrated Israel's constant longing for peace. And now the Prime Minister is being attacked for refusing to make concessions which have no basis whatever in Camp David...."

The Foreign Minister urged the Egyptians, therefore, to conduct negotiations -- on all the issues they desired -- through the accepted channels between nations at peace with each other, and not over the air waves or in the media.

Shamir also had a word of criticism for "Israeli personalities and groups which lend themselves for Egyptian propaganda purposes." This was a clear reference to the noted Israeli Orientalist, Prof. Shimon Shamir, who recently met Sadat and then published the Egyptian leader's strictures against Begin.

On another Mideast matter, Shamir called in the French charge d'affaires, Jacques Butin, to inform him of Israel's "grave concern" over France's supply of nuclear equipment to Iraq. Shamir cited statements by Iraqi leaders openly professing their intention "to procure nuclear capability" and noted that Iraq was a leader of the Arab rejectionist front. He said that Iraq regarded itself as in an on-going state of war with Israel.

**HILTON HOTEL BROCHURE OMITTS ISRAEL**

ATLANTA, Ga., July 28 (JTA) -- Hilton International, the giant hotel chain, claims the omission of two Hilton hotels in Israel from its recently published Middle East edition of "Business Travelers' Guide," is a "must for doing business in the Arab countries." It was reported in the latest issue of The Southern Israelite by Vido Goldgar, the editor and publisher of the weekly newspaper in Atlanta, Ga.

The guide, a 40-page directory of information about Mideast countries and the services available in 10 Hilton hotels in the area does not include the Jerusalem Hilton or the Tel Aviv Hilton. Nor does an inside back cover list of 76 Hilton International hotels world-wide include the Israel hotels, Ms. Goldgar reported.

"Does this mean that the Tel Aviv Hilton and the Jerusalem Hilton are mirages and do not exist?" That was the question asked Peter Mahler, Hilton International's director of marketing for the Middle East after The Southern Israelite secured a copy of the guide.

Reached by telephone in Hilton's New York headquarters, Mahler said, according to Ms. Goldgar, "This is produced (to be) widely distributed in the Middle East -- not so much as for as Israel is concerned, but in the Arab countries -- and we cannot distribute it listing the Israeli hotels."

**A Must For Doing Business With Arabs**

Mahler also reportedly said there was no similar guide printed by them which did list the Israeli hotels, but added that "there was such a demand for it we will have to reprint it." He said Hilton is presently considering printing two separate booklets, "one for distribution in the Arab hotels" and another "for the rest of the world."

Pressed about the omission of Israel from a "Middle East" guide, Mahler said several times that it is common practice for international companies. "This is a must for doing business in the Arab countries. It wouldn't get into the countries otherwise. It has nothing to do with us or the hotel company." He was quick to exclude Egypt from the countries prohibiting mention of Israel: "We have no problems with Egypt," he added. Both the Nile Hilton and the Ramses Hilton are listed.

Asked about distribution of the booklet in the United States, Mahler repeated that most of them were for the Middle East but said, "A very select number of travel agents which handle commercial accounts got them."

**Calls It 'A Shameful Practice'**

David Kolani, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office for the Southeast, said he has not seen the booklet but had heard of it. Kolani said, "I am very surprised and disappointed to learn that Hilton International omitted the Israeli hotels from their publication. This is most regrettable because Hilton has two hotels in Israel which have a fine reputation with thousands of American travelers, both business and pleasure. This kind of business procedure should not be encouraged because who knows what will be next if individuals or corporations give way to unreasonable demands."

Charles Wittenstein, Southern counsel for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called the booklet "a shameful practice." He

noted that the Hilton hotel chain "is one that we had previously held up as a model of an American company refusing to knuckle under to the Arab boycott and continuing to operate in Israel as well as in Arab countries."

Wittenstein called upon the Hilton hotels "to cease the shameful practice of excluding its Jerusalem and Tel Aviv affiliates from their Middle East guide and to restore the company's image that gained them so much respect in years gone by."

**BASEBALL STAR INDUCTED INTO THE JEWISH SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

By Ron Solomon

LOS ANGELES, July 28 (JTA) -- Al Rosen, former star third baseman for the Cleveland Indians, was inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame last night in Beverly Hills by the general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team, Al Campanis. The induction took place at the second annual dinner called an "Evening of Jewish Pride II" which was attended by 400 people.

"At no time have I been so deeply moved as I have been this evening to be recognized as a Jew by Jews," said Rosen who was president of the New York Yankees when they won their first World Championship of the seventies.

Ten other persons were also inducted last night. They are: Mel Allen, Isaac Berger, Lillian Copeland, Barney Dreyfuss, Marshall Goldberg, Eddie Gottlieb, Harry Litwak, Ron Nix, Lon Myers, and a special commemorative was presented to Gretel Bergmann, who was one of the greatest Jewish athletes in Nazi Germany and was denied a chance to participate in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

The Jewish Sports Hall of Fame is a project of the United States Committee Sports for Israel, sponsors of the U.S. team in Israel's Maccabiah tournament.

**HUNGER STRIKE RENEWED**

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA) -- The 23 imprisoned terrorists transferred to Ramleh prison last week have renewed their hunger strike to protest the deaths of two fellow prisoners. They had begun their hunger strike three weeks ago to protest allegedly inhumane conditions at the maximum security Nafha prison in the Negev where they were serving their sentences.

The strike was resumed as a special committee appointed by the Interior Minister began its investigation into the deaths of Ali Mohammed Jaafari, 30, a Jordanian, on July 22, and Mohammed Haloua, 28, of Gazp, who died two days later. According to initial reports, they suffocated when food they were being force-fed lodged in their lungs.

Some sources appeared to link the renewal of the hunger strike with the visit to Ramleh prison by Felicia Langer, an Israeli attorney representing some of the prisoners, who spoke to her clients. Ms. Langer subsequently wrote to the prison authorities claiming that three prisoners had scars on their bodies as a result of beatings.

Meanwhile, some 25 Arab women continued a hunger strike at the office of the International Red Cross in East Jerusalem as an expression of solidarity with the prisoners. The office has become a center for Arabs coming from the West Bank to wish the prisoners well. Families of some of the prisoners are also staging sit-ins at the Red Cross headquarters.