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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ACCEPTS \$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT FROM KUWAIT FOR ITS ARAB STUDIES CENTER

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (JTA) — Georgetown University has accepted an endowment of \$1 million from the government of Kuwait for its Georgetown Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, which also is being financed this year by 24 American corporations.

Wesley Christenson, Georgetown's director of public relations, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Kuwait endowment has raised the total contributed to the center by eight Arab governments to \$3,305,000 since its founding in 1975.

"More than half the money" for the center this year comes from American corporations while the Arab governments contribute "less than half," Christenson said. The center, he said, has a faculty of 22 members and its student body consists of only 38 undergraduate students.

Contributions From Arab States, U.S. Firms

Kuwait's contribution is the largest yet given to the center. Libya and the United Arab Emirates each have given \$750,000, the next highest gifts. Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman are the other Arab states that have contributed. Christenson said that corporations that have contributed include Allis Chalmers, Texaco, Bechtel, Exxon, General Motors, Ford, Chase Manhattan Bank and Citibank.

At a ceremony last week at the Kuwait Embassy, Georgetown University President Timothy Healy said the new gift is "a generous act of philanthropy" and that it "will significantly strengthen our teaching in the field of Arab studies and contribute to the expansion of intercultural education at the university."

A university statement said that the Kuwait gift was to establish an endowed professorship at the Center for Contemporary Arab Affairs and Public Policy. University officials said Kuwait attached no conditions to the gift and would not participate in selection of the professor under the endowment. Christenson said "some American Jews and some Israelis" are among the center's students.

Besides the Arab center, the university conducts a Middle East studies program in which, Christenson said, a visiting Israeli professorship is a part. Regular conferences on Israeli economic and political affairs have been held since 1967, and more than 2,000 students have taken courses there, he said. It now has six undergraduate courses on Judaic studies, some of its students also go to Hebrew University in Jerusalem, he added.

Much of the support for the Israeli and Jewish studies, Christenson said, comes from the Herman Goldman Foundation in New York and the Hyman Goldman family and the Goldmans' son, Aaron Goldman, of Washington, D.C.

While Christenson said the Arab center is "very objective and as balanced as any studies

program," Ira Silverman, director of special programs for the American Jewish Committee, said the center has "a clearly marked pro-Arab, anti-Israel bias in its selection of curriculum material, its faculty appointment, and speakers."

"In accepting so much money from 'political' sponsors of one point of view," Silverman said, Georgetown "may be selling something very precious to Americans — the integrity of its universities. He said 'I recognize efforts by Georgetown to enhance its Jewish studies programs and while I applaud these efforts they in no way mitigate the political bias of the Arab studies center.'"

The American Jewish Committee has previously criticized Georgetown for accepting Arab gifts. Eyebrows also were raised by friends of Israel in the spring of 1979 when the Arab center conducted a seminar on how to win favor from the American media for Arab perceptions. The center is directed by Michael Hudson, who frequently defends Arab contentions regarding Israel. He told JTA at the time of the seminar that he obtained the idea for it from a seminar in Libya he had attended.

American media representatives and others, mostly supporters of Arab perceptions in the Arab-Israeli situation, attended the Libyan program. Some who were in Libya participated in the Georgetown center's program which was attended by an audience that appeared predominantly sympathetic to the Palestine Liberation Organization and against Israel.

Georgetown is America's oldest Jesuit institution of higher learning. Christenson said that of its approximately 12,000 students about 15 percent are Jewish.

Kuwait, with a large number of Palestinian Arabs in key positions in its government and oil industry, is among the most vociferous enemies of Israel and is fully supportive of the PLO. It is adamantly opposed to the Camp David accords. Libya is officially described by the State Department as a "terrorist" country.

SHAMIR TO HEAD ISRAEL'S DELEGATION AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION Will Meet Muskie, Brown, Foreign Ministers

By Gil Sedar

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14 (JTA) — The Cabinet today approved the composition of Israel's delegation to the 35th session of the United Nations General Assembly due to open in New York Tuesday. It will be headed by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir who leaves for the U.S. today.

Prior to the opening, Shamir will have political discussions in Washington, the most important of them with Secretary of State Edmund Muskie. It will be Muskie's first meeting with a ranking Israeli diplomat. Shamir is also scheduled to meet with Defense Secretary Harold Brown and with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In the course of the General Assembly sessions, Shamir has lined up meetings with 15 foreign ministers. He is also expected to participate in the autonomy talks inasmuch as Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali will be in New York. Ghali departed for the U.S. today.

Reports from Cairo said he had Egyptian proposals to revive the talks, stalled since last May and that he would discuss them with American officials before they were presented to Israel.

Egypt's Defense Minister, Kamal Hassan Ali, will also be in New York this week and it is possible that Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the Israeli autonomy negotiating team will join Shamir there.

The Foreign Minister briefed the Cabinet today on his talks in Cairo last week and his upcoming visit to the U.S. Shamir's meetings with President Anwar-Sadat and other Egyptian officials were reportedly limited to bilateral matters. Burg said today that Sadat promised to speed up the normalization process. This would have a "psychological impact but no political impact" on the autonomy talks, he said. "I don't believe these talks are directly connected," Burg told reporters.

SECURITY FORCES FOIL TERRORIST PLOT

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- The three-day Rosh Hashanah holiday passed quietly for most Israelis thanks to the efforts of alert security forces who foiled an El Fatah plot to seize hostages and engage in a bombing rampage. Other terrorist attempts backfired when bombs under preparation exploded prematurely. One Arab was killed and two were injured in those incidents.

The only Jewish casualties over the weekend occurred this morning when a military jet crashed in the middle of Yokneam township in the Jezreel Valley, killing a 37-year-old woman and injuring a seven-year-old child and an elderly man.

Security sources reported last night that the leader of an El Fatah cell was captured as he tried to cross the Adam bridge into Jordan after allegedly setting up a hostage-taking and bombing operation.

His interrogation led to the arrest of two Arab youths from the Jenin area and the discovery of a large cache of arms, including Kalachnikov rifles, other guns, hand grenades, detonators, explosive charges and ammunition. The gang leader was described as a resident of Nabulus who was trained in Syria and assigned to carry out the terrorist mission during the High Holidays.

Killed While Preparing A Bomb

A 19-year-old Arab was killed while preparing a bomb intended to be planted in the center of Jerusalem. His 18-year-old brother was injured and other members of the family allegedly involved were detained. Another Arab was injured while preparing a bomb in a weaving factory in Bnei Brak, north of Tel Aviv where he was employed. The terrorist, a resident of the West Bank, was hospitalized. The weaving plant was closed at the time. Damage was slight.

In another incident, police sappers safely dismantled a bomb planted on the Jerusalem railway line near Beth Tzafata.

The crash at Yokneam occurred at about 9 a.m. local time. The plane, a Skyhawk jet interceptor, plunged into a residential street just behind the main marketing and commercial center which was crowded with post-holiday shoppers. The fact that most of the homes were unoccupied

at the time was credited with keeping the casualties low. Property damage was considerable. The pilot was seen ejecting safely and was reportedly picked up by a military helicopter. Yokneam has a population of 5000.

Most Israelis spent the holiday in the countryside and on the beaches. Eilat and Tiberias were the favorite resorts. About 70,000 persons picnicked on the shores of Lake Tiberias. More than 100,000 vehicles were on the roads during the three-day holiday but there were no serious accidents.

WALDHEIM CRITICIZES ISRAEL BUT DOES NOT REPEAT CALL FOR PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- Secretary General Kurt Waldheim criticized Israel directly and by implication in his annual report released Friday but did not repeat his call for the creation of a Palestinian state which drew angry protests from Israelis and others when he made it in a speech to the Arab League last July.

Waldheim did renew his call for "self-determination" for the Palestinian Arabs but stressed in his report that Middle East peace required that each state in the area recognize the right of all others to exist.

The Secretary General rapped Israel for interfering with United Nations peace-keeping forces in south Lebanon and for providing support for Maj. Saad Haddad's Christian militia there. He apparently was alluding to Israel when he complained that the UN has been denounced for its role in the Middle East. He expressed concern that many UN resolutions have been ignored. This was seen as another rebuke to Israel, although other member states, notably the Soviet Union, Iran and Vietnam have also ignored UN resolutions during the past year.

LANSKY TO VISIT ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry has lifted the ban on an entry permit for Meyer Lansky. The 79-year-old Lansky, allegedly connected with organized crime in the U.S., has not been allowed to visit Israel since the early 1970s. His repeated requests to come here as a tourist were turned down because he was considered "dangerous to the public welfare."

The Ministry changed its mind only after Lansky recently appealed to Israel's Supreme Court which handed down a show cause order compelling the Interior Ministry to explain why he should not be permitted to visit the country on a tourist visa. Eight years ago Lansky wanted to stay here on an immigrant visa but was turned down by the Interior Ministry. After he failed to obtain a court order against the Ministry, he was expelled from the country.

Last June Interior Minister Yosef Burg granted Lansky a tourist visa, but later changed his mind. Lansky then appealed to the Supreme Court which gave Burg 30 days to respond. The 30 days expired just before Rosh Hashanah.

A senior official in the Ministry explained that the Ministry took into consideration Lansky's age and poor health. In a telephone interview with Israel TV from his Miami home, Lansky expressed gratitude at the decision and praised the courage of the Interior Ministry. He said he does not care if he is given an immigrant or a tourist visa, as long as he is granted permission to visit Israel.

SENATORIAL PRIMARIES IN NEW YORK, FLORIDA CAST LONG SHADOW OVER NEW SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

By Joseph Poldakoff

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (JTA) — Last Tuesday's Senatorial primary elections in New York and Florida cast a long shadow over the probable complexion of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when the new Congress organizes next January.

In New York, the Republicans denied nomination to Jacob Javits, their ranking member on that all-important committee which has strong influence on U.S. foreign policy and on whoever is President. Instead of the liberal Javits, with a record of 24 years in the Senate and a specialist in foreign affairs, the Republicans, in a stunning upset, gave their nomination to a conservative, Alfonse D'Amato, the 43-year-old Presiding Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead in Long Island. D'Amato also has the nomination of the Conservative and Right to Life Parties, thus being assured of three lines on the ballot.

The Democrats in New York nominated 38-year-old, three-term Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman. She upset three opponents, including Bess Myerson, the first Jewish Miss America, who was favored by New York's major Democratic powers, and former New York City Mayor John Lindsay. Several surveys showed that Ms. Holtzman, who is giving up her House seat to run for the Senate, ran ahead of Ms. Myerson among Jewish voters and led the field among Catholic voters.

Tough Runoff For Stone

In Florida, Sen. Richard Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Middle East, was forced into a tough runoff for the Democratic nomination for a second term. His opponent is Florida Insurance Commissioner, Bill Gunther.

Stone edged out Gunther in the primaries by 12,000 votes in about one million votes cast among six Democratic candidates. Stone has 31 percent of the total vote, one more percentage point than Gunther. The runoff will take place Oct. 7. Six years ago, Stone defeated Gunther in a runoff but the political currents flowing this Presidential election year in Florida may make it more difficult for Stone to overcome Gunther a second time.

Utah Democrats Go For Jewish Lawyer

In Utah, the Democrats nominated Dan Berman, a Jewish lawyer of Salt Lake City, making his first statewide race, as their Senatorial candidate. Berman will oppose Republican Senator Jake Garn, who is heavily favored to win a second term. Utah is known for ticket splitting in general elections. In 1972 it gave 72 percent of its vote to Richard Nixon while electing a Democratic Governor by the identical margin.

Berman, who specializes in anti-trust law, is a graduate of Williams College and Columbia University Law School. He was born in Washington, D.C. and is the son of a retired law professor at Idaho University in Moscow, Idaho. Berman has four daughters by his first marriage. He remarried two years ago.

Although Javits was nominated by the Liberal Party and will be on that line in the New York ballot in November, unless a political miracle occurs, Javits will not be back in the Senate. Even if he is elected, Washington sources consider it unlikely that the Senate Republican Policy Committee, which decides membership, will name Javits as its leader on foreign relations in the Senate, since New York Republicans have rejected him.

If Javits does not return to the Senate for a fifth term, Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois would hold seniority as the committee's ranking Republican. However, Percy is now the ranking Republican on the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Republican rules preclude a Senator from having two such Senate leadership posts. If Percy declines, Tennessee Senator Howard Baker would have priority for the Javits position.

Some Republican friends of Javits were encouraging him here to make the stiff race for the Senate seat. They noted that only about 20 percent of the state's Republicans voted in the primary in which D'Amato won both statewide and in New York City. "People now recognize they were sleeping for the primaries and did not get worked up for Javits," according to one prominent Jewish Republican in New York City.

"They took it for granted he would win in the primary. In the general election people will recognize his services and look to him to continue," that Republican leader said.

Another Perspective Offered

Others, however, had a different perspective. Although undefeated in 32 years in politics, Javits, now 76, was targeted by D'Amato for age, health and liberalism. Minority party members have won in New York in the past in some instances. A classic case was in 1970 when James Buckley, wearing the Conservative Party label, was elected Senator. He won when the incumbent Liberal-Republican, Sen. Charles Goodell, and the Democratic candidate, Richard Ottinger, divided the liberal and moderate vote.

While many who normally vote Democratic have given favorable ratings to Javits, according to assessments of voters leaving the polls in New York last Tuesday, a question raised is whether votes for Javits and not for Holtzman in November would bring victory for D'Amato, as happened 10 years ago in the Buckley victory.

NCSJ FORMS 'CRISIS COMMITTEE'

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (JTA) — Burton Levinson, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, announced the creation of a special "Crisis Committee" to deal with a critical situation facing Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. He also announced the appointment of Richard Moass, former NCSJ chairman, to chair the committee.

Levinson said the rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has been slashed to about half of its 1979 level, and new restrictions have prevented thousands from applying. During August, 770 Soviet Jews arrived in Vienna. Compared with the same period last year, when 4,711 Jews arrived, this represents a monthly decrease of over 83 percent. In the first eight months of this year 17,062 emigres arrived, compared to 33,573 in 1979. Moass said the committee will formulate a plan of action to sensitize the American people to the critical plight facing Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate.

EEOC ESTABLISHES HISTORIC GUIDELINES FOR SABBATH OBSERVERS

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- The first mandatory employment guidelines of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), were described to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as one of the "most significant developments in the effort to protect the employment rights of Sabbath observers in American law" by Howard Zuckerman, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

The text of the mandatory guidelines, approved unanimously in Washington several days ago by the five-member EEOC, cannot be publicized until they are published in the Federal Register the week of Oct. 6, Zuckerman said, but comments made by the commissioners at the meeting last week on key aspects of the guidelines were made available. He said COLPA consulted with the EEOC on formulation of the guidelines which will become effective with publication in the Federal Register.

A Major Step Toward Equal Opportunity

Zuckerman said the guidelines are a major step toward providing "equal employment opportunity for thousands of members of minority religious groups who frequently face job discrimination only because of their determination to adhere to the tenets of their faith."

He said the EEOC is the federal administrative agency which administers federal law in the field of job discrimination, thus, the guidelines are the legally binding interpretation of a 1972 amendment to the federal 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The amendment requires employers to make "reasonable accommodation" to the religious needs of employees or job applicants unless such accommodation would result in "undue hardship" for employers. The guidelines cover all levels of government and all private employers with 15 or more employees.

Zuckerman said that two long-standing problems for Sabbath observers -- pre-employment inquiries which elicit information about religious practices, and make-up time requirements -- are dealt with in the new guidelines. He said these two issues make up a substantial portion of the requests for help COLPA receives.

Guidelines' Requirements

He said the guidelines severely restrict and generally make suspect the use of pre-employment inquiries regarding availability. They also require employers to consider permitting the employee to make up time off for religious reasons, as requested by the employee, whenever this is reasonable. He said the guidelines also spell out when an accommodation is required under the law and what employers and unions must do to bring about an accommodation.

Zuckerman noted the guidelines are based on an extensive record developed in 1978 in hearings in New York, Milwaukee and Los Angeles. He said the hearings, in which COLPA helped the EEOC to identify sources for witnesses in a variety of industries, demonstrated conclusively that Sabbath observers could be accommodated easily in most jobs and that inability to accommodate was the exception rather than the rule.

He said the hearings and the resultant guidelines stemmed from a COLPA initiative to the EEOC soon after a 1977 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court cast doubt, in the opinion of many observers, on the viability of Sabbath observer legal protection. Subsequently, Zuckerman said, federal court rulings dispelled that fear.

EDITH ROSENWALD STERN DEAD AT 85

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- A public memorial service has been scheduled for Edith Rosenwald Stern, a leading New Orleans philanthropist and a leading campaigner for Israel to which she contributed funds throughout her life, who died in her home here last Thursday after a long illness. She was 85 years old. Funeral services were held Friday.

The Stern Fund, of which she was a founder, and which is based in New York, distributes as much as \$500,000 a year to encourage political action and social change. Mrs. Stern was the daughter of the late Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, who helped to finance Sears Roebuck in its early years. A leading philanthropist, he imbued his children with such views. Mrs. Stern's brother, William Rosenwald, is a founder of the United Jewish Appeal.

For more than 50 years after she first arrived here, Mrs. Stern supported often unpopular liberal causes. With her husband, she was a founder of the Dillard University, a predominantly Black college in New Orleans. Her home, Longue Vue, a 48-room mansion, which she opened to the public before her death, is now a museum.

ISRAELI FUEL CHIEF TO VISIT EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- Shimon Gilboa, head of the Israeli fuel administration, will go to Cairo this week to discuss the continued supply of Egyptian oil from Sinai to Israel. The talks are intended to sum up the situation to date and to explore methods whereby Israel can obtain oil through direct agreement with the Egyptian authorities rather than purchase from oil companies as has been the case up to now.

Gilboa said that the Egyptians have been supplying oil to Israel for the last nine months and have adhered strictly to the letter of their agreement. Israel receives 500,000 tons of crude oil every three months for which it pays between \$27-34 per barrel.

ISADORE TAISHOFF DEAD AT 89

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (JTA) -- Isadore Taishoff, the Washington representative of the Jewish Daily Forward for almost 50 years, died Thursday of pneumonia at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. He was 89 years old.

Born in Minsk, from which he fled in 1908 to avoid being drafted into the Czar's army, he came to Washington that year and became active in Jewish Socialist causes and in organizations seeking to advance Yiddish culture in the United States.

He was secretary for many years of the Workmen's Circle and was an officer of the Yiddish-speaking branch of the Socialist Party. He joined the Forward in 1931 and retired in 1977 as the Forward's Washington representative in charge of circulation.