

## REAGAN CONFIDENT ISRAEL WILL VACATE SINAI AS SCHEDULED

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 14 (JTA) -- President Reagan today rejected the contention that Israel might not withdraw from Sinai as scheduled on April 25:

Answering reporters' questions during a nine-minute press conference in the White House Rose Garden, Reagan said he has a "pledge" from Premier Menachem Begin "that the turnover is going to occur and that they're going forward with the Camp David--in the framework of the Camp David talks."

He noted that Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel Jr. is now in Israel "talking to them about various problems." Reagan said he is "going to have confidence" in the promise made to him by Begin. Later, White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said that Begin had given Reagan his "personal assurance" that Israel will withdraw from Sinai as scheduled, when they met at the White House last September.

## A 'Tragic Affair'

During the brief press conference, Reagan was also asked what he would do to "stop the bloodshed" on the West Bank and Gaza Strip which erupted Sunday after an American-born Israeli opened fire into crowds of Moslem worshippers on the Temple Mount in East Jerusalem, killing two and wounding 12 people. Reagan called both the shooting and the subsequent violence a "tragedy."

"This is a tragic affair," Reagan said. "Obviously the individual who perpetrated that horrible deed at the Temple is deranged and now for this to lead to the great unrest, yes, it's a great tragedy."

## LINK FOUND IN MURDER OF ISRAELI DIPLOMAT, U.S. ATTACHE IN PARIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, April 14 (JTA) -- French police investigators believe they have found material links between local extreme leftwing terrorists and the Palestinian organization which claimed responsibility for the murders of Israeli diplomat Yaacov Bar-Simantov April 3 and an American assistant military attache at the U.S. Embassy here, Lt. Col. Charles Ray, three months earlier.

Police sources said today that one of the guns seized last week from French extremists was found to have been used in the attack against the Israel Trade Mission here March 31. An obscure group in Beirut, calling itself the "Lebanese Amed Revolutionary Faction," claimed responsibility for the murder of Ray and the attack on the Trade Mission. Bar-Simantov was gunned down by an unidentified woman. Israel holds the Palestine Liberation Organization responsible for the attack on its Mission and the murder of Bar-Simantov.

Police discovered last week an important cache of arms at the local extremist "Direct Action" hide-out. The examination of the weapons and ballistic tests showed, police say, that one of the seized submachineguns had been used in the attack on the Israeli mission. Police also believe that the same

Czech-made CZ 7.65 mm automatic pistol was used in the murder of Ray and that of Bar-Simantov.

On this basis, police believe they have found a concrete link between the local "Direct Action" group and the "Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction."

## BLUM; SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE CONVENED TO EXPLOIT MISDEED OF ONE PERSON IN ORDER TO FAN FLAMES OF HATE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 14 (JTA) -- Israel charged last night that the Security Council, which opened its debate on "The Situation In The Occupied Arab Territories," was urgently convened "at the whim of certain countries which seek to exploit the misdeeds of one particular individual acting on his own in order to fan the flames of religious hatred and incitement."

Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel said that the shooting incident last Sunday in the Dome of the Rock, the sacred Islamic shrine in Jerusalem, was a "tragedy." He said the perpetrator of the crime "may well be mentally deranged," describing his action as "an act of lunacy."

Blum warned, "There is a danger, nay, indeed a certainty, that this debate will be exploited with a view to playing upon religious sentiments of millions around the world."

The Arab leaders decided to incite the Moslem world "to detract attention from their own problems -- the dreary and cruel oppression of their peoples, the wanton razing of their own ancient cities and mosques in Syria and in Lebanon, and the attempts to blot out the rankling memory of the destruction by Jordan of Jewish synagogues and cemeteries in Jerusalem," Blum charged.

The Israeli envoy also charged that the countries that were behind the hasty convening of the council were "the very same countries that over the years have not only encouraged acts of terrorism against Israel, but have also lent their support, military, financial, diplomatic and other to a terrorist organization bent on the destruction" of Israel.

The convening of the Council is also an act of "bigotry of the highest degree," Blum observed, noting that the Arabs did not request a Security Council meeting when a Turkish fanatic shot Pope John Paul II in May, 1981 or when Moslem zealots stormed into the holy shrine of Mecca in a premeditated attack in Nov. 1979.

Concluding, Blum declared: "The considerable efforts made by the government of Israel, indeed by any government, to protect holy sites, are unfortunately no guarantee against isolated acts of sacrilege by individuals running amok, as happened in the case before us. That regrettable incident in no way changes the policy basic to the government and the people of Israel, to strive for tolerance and coexistence in an atmosphere of peace and reconciliation in Jerusalem, whose holiness is great to Judaism, Christianity and Islam."

Last night's debate opened with a statement read by Ambassador Mehdi Mrani Zentar of Morocco on behalf of King Hassan II. The King charged Israel with responsibility for the bloodshed in Jerusalem

last Sunday even if the incident was caused by a single soldier acting on his own. He accused Israel of "passivity if not collusion" with "Zionist terrorist groups."

Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh of Jordan said that the attack on the Dome of the Rock was not merely the action of "a lone deranged soldier" but "a deranged society, the more dangerous as it is being armed to the teeth by its strategic ally, the U.S."

Attacks on Israel are expected to continue today when the Council resumes its deliberations late this afternoon.

#### WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS IT REJECTED ISRAELI APPEAL TO CLOSE THE PLO OFFICE IN BONN

By David Kantor

BONN, April 14 (JTA) — The West German government confirmed today that it has rejected an Israeli appeal to close the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Bonn or, at least to impose restrictions on its activities. Government sources here said the rejection was conveyed to Israel through diplomatic channels.

They reiterated that the PLO representatives in Bonn were not recognized since West Germany extends official recognition only to sovereign states, not organizations. However, the sources observed that the PLO office played a role in maintaining contacts essential to Bonn's Middle East diplomacy.

They also noted that the PLO is in virtual control of parts of Beirut and that no diplomatic mission to the Lebanese capital was feasible without regular contacts with the PLO.

The Israeli request for the closure of the PLO office in Bonn was made after an Israeli diplomat, Yaacov Bar-Simantov, was murdered in Paris on April 3 by an unidentified assailant. Israel insists the PLO was responsible for the killing.

Meanwhile, PLO chief Yasir Arafat said on a West German television interview today that the PLO would welcome an Israeli military operation in Lebanon. "Let them come, we are waiting for them," Arafat said. He contended that Israel's armed forces are "practically an American army" because the U.S. provides Israel with whatever it wants, including sophisticated weaponry.

#### ALASKA'S ONLY SYNAGOGUE PLANS UNIQUE FUND-RAISING PROJECT

SEATTLE, April 14 (JTA) — Members of the only synagogue in Alaska have commissioned a non-Jewish artist to go to Israel and prepare 20 watercolors on his return to be used in a campaign for funds to expand the heavily-used Reform synagogue, according to a report in the Jewish Transcript of Seattle.

According to the report, Byron Birdsall is a well-known Alaskan artist, who came to Alaska five years ago to work with an advertising agency. The son of a Methodist missionary, the artist is an extensive world traveler but the trip to Israel is his first.

Rabbi Lester Polonsky said the idea was developed by two women members of Congregation Beth Shalom. The artist's drawings of the landscape and life in Israel will be sold by the congregation. Proceeds will go to the synagogue building fund.

The rabbi said that as mothers of growing children, Susan Shapiro and Janice Shamberg "see a real urgency to expand their synagogue to accommodate their children and the other 100 children enrolled in the religious school." He said the campaign funds would be used also to provide areas for future community activities.

Polonsky reported that the synagogue is a 2,700-square-foot structure built in 1964, when the congregation consisted of 50 families. The growing congregation engaged Polonsky in 1978 as its first full-time rabbi and now has some 150 families. Declaring that the synagogue building is getting "an incredible amount of use," he said that "we desperately need a new facility."

#### SCHOLARS AGREE COLLEAGUES DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ROLE IN ORGANIZED JEWISH LIFE

WASHINGTON, April 14 (JTA) — A scholar asserted at a symposium of academics here that the Jewish community has yet to learn how "to use" the services of Jewish academicians and that "there seems to be no room in the contemporary Jewish community for the kind of contribution that comes from the heart" rather than from the purse.

Participants in the symposium were 20 alumni of summer study programs in Israel sponsored jointly by B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and the United Jewish Appeal. B'nai B'rith estimated that the number of American Jewish college professors now tops 50,000.

The 20 academics agreed that their colleagues must become more committed to and involved with the organized Jewish community. They also agreed that in the great majority of American cities, communal participation by campus academicians has not had a major impact.

Dr. David Altshuler, director of the Judaic studies program at George Washington University, and Dr. Hillel Levine, associate director of the federal government's Holocaust Memorial Council, led the discussion.

#### 'Oligarchy of Do-ers And Givers'

Altshuler said that the Jewish community has traditionally been "an oligarchy of do-ers and givers" and that neither role interests academicians. Citing the structure of the UJA as a prime example, Levine asked: "Why are academics organized separately from the 'sword bearers'?" He said the contribution of Jewish intellectuals "has to go to the center of Jewish life."

In calling for the academicians to become active in the general community and for the community to welcome the academicians in whatever role they seek, Levine declared that "one must be a good citizen to fulfill one's Jewish obligations."

#### JEWISH FILM CENTER AT BRANDEIS GETS \$13,120 GRANT

WALTHAM, Mass., April 14 (JTA) — A grant of \$13,120 has been received by the National Center for Jewish Film here from the American Film Institute National Endowment for the Arts to support the center's program, Sharon Rivo, executive director of the center, reported. The center was recently established in association with Brandeis university and the American Jewish Historical Society to identify and preserve all films, fictional and documentary, relevant to the Jewish experience, she said.

In setting up an archive for Jewish cinematographic materials, the center has acquired hundreds of films from private collections, filmmakers and Jewish organizations, both here and abroad. Ms. Rivo said preservation of some films requires their transfer to acetate stock to guard against loss because of deterioration of the nitrate film base used by the film industry before World War II.

## BEGIN'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, April 14 (JTA) -- The following is the text of greetings from Premier Menachem Begin on the occasion of Israel's 34th Independence Day which will be celebrated April 28:

From Jerusalem, our eternal and indivisible capital, I send my heartfelt greetings to the Jewish communities throughout the diaspora on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of Israel's independence in Eretz Israel.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut -- Independence Day -- is a universal Jewish festival commemorating the victory of the few over the many, right over wrong, justice over might. After the most terrible catastrophe ever to have befallen our once homeless, and helpless people, and the heroic battle for national self-liberation in Eretz Israel, we have lived to see the day when the flag of Jewish liberty has been raised again in the land of our forefathers. This day shall forever be celebrated as one of the greatest in the annals of our ancient people, indeed of mankind.

Israel has remained faithful to its Declaration of Independence. We have brought home millions of our scattered sisters and brothers, we have built up the land and made it green, we have gained national vigor with each passing year, we have renewed our heritage. Not since the days of the Maccabees has Israel enjoyed such strength.

Five times our enemies launched war against us in their bloody attempt to destroy our independence. Five times we repelled the aggressors and won the day. The best of our sons sacrificed their lives so that we might celebrate this day. Their memory shall live on forever.

Resolved To Pursue Peace

Israel's unflinching resolve to pursue the cause of peace with security was consummated in the signing of the Treaty of Peace with Egypt. This milestone constitutes, no doubt, a turning point in the history of our two countries and of the Middle East. We made great and painful sacrifices for the sake of that peace, as demonstrated during these very days.

Let the world note what the Jewish State did to break the cycle of warfare, sorrow and bereavement which had prevailed for more than three decades. And now we look to the future, hopeful and confident that the peace with Egypt will deepen and prosper and that the problems still outstanding will be overcome. For, better the difficulties of peace than the sufferings of war.

Elsewhere in our region and its periphery the convulsions and turmoil persist. Iraq and Iran remain locked in attritional bloodletting; the Iraqi aggressor, implacable enemy of Israel, is bogged down. Jordan has sided with Iraq and Syria with Iran. Syria itself is seized by internal bloody eruption, accompanied by fearful massacres. Lebanon remains in a state of strife, occupied by Syria and plagued by the so-called PLO which continues to amass weapons financed by Saudi Arabia and supplied by the Soviet Union and its satellites.

It is in this turbulent context that Israel, stable, strong and faithful ally of the free and democratic family of nations, strives to pursue its goals of peace while remaining ever vigilant in protecting its national rights and its vital security in Eretz Israel.

Indeed, the challenges ahead are many but we have started a great new chapter of peace. We live by the faith that it shall yet grow and that here, in Eretz Israel, future generations will live together with our neighbors in equality, in human dignity, in freedom, in independence and in real security.

On this Day of Independence, we share the prayer that our fellow Jews in countries of distress will be rescued from their torment. We, Israel, shall continue to leave no stone unturned in the holy endeavor to bring them home. We shall.

We look towards a future of aliya from throughout the free world -- thousands and tens of thousands of our Jewish brethren to share in the momentous task of rebuilding the land of our forefathers -- for the glory of the Jewish people and of all free people.

### FIRST JEWISH DAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN U.S. OPENS IN MIAMI IN FALL

MIAMI, April 14 (JTA) -- The first Jewish day junior high school in the United States, two years in the planning, is scheduled to open in South Dade County next September with 70 to 100 seventh and eighth grade students. Identification of the school as the first of its kind nationally was provided to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Dr. George Pollak, director of educational research and information of the Jewish Education Service of North America.

An initial agreement for the unique school was approved two years ago by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and the Central Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE).

Barry Ross, president of the school, said students for the new school will come from graduating classes of the three South Dade County day schools -- Beth Am, Beth David and the South Dade Hebrew Academy -- and from area elementary public schools.

Samuel Lasko, director of the Beth Tfiloh Community day school in Baltimore, has been named principal of the new school. Lasko said that, to provide quality Judaic education, the school will operate on different levels of instruction. Students will major in such areas as Talmud, Old Testament and Hebrew literature. He added that the program will provide for both former students of Jewish elementary schools and those without prior Jewish day school education. He said all students will be expected to study Hebrew.

The general studies curriculum will include accelerated and enriched classes in mathematics, science, English and social studies, as well as courses in computer science. Lasko said tuition for a year is expected to be about \$3,000, excluding food and transportation. He said scholarship aid would be available.

An Important Milestone

Federation president Harry Levy called the school "an important milestone in the Federation's long-term effort to strengthen Jewish education throughout Greater Miami." Ross said the school "will reach out to all ideologies within Judaism." He said the concept of "Klal Yisrael," the unity of the Jewish people, will be the school's "central principle."

Al Golden, CAJE president, said the new school will be "especially important in strengthening Jewish identity" among Jewish children because "attitude, identity and commitments are largely formulated during the early years of adolescence."

## NUDEL TOLD SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA) — Former Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel has been informed by Soviet authorities that she will not be given permission to emigrate, according to information received today by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Last Thursday, Ms. Nudel was called into the local police office in Moscow where two representatives of the Internal Affairs Ministry told her that they were angered by the press conference she held following her return to Moscow last month from four years of exile in Siberia, and by the wide coverage it was given in the West.

Although Ms. Nudel explained that she only wants to emigrate to Israel, the officials responded that "267 million people have made lives for themselves in the Soviet Union," and they advised her to do the same, the Conference reported.

## SIX RABBIS, JEWISH LAY LEADER AMONG 100 CLERICS INVITED TO SPECIAL LUNCHEON AT THE WHITE HOUSE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 14 (JTA) — More than 100 clergymen of all faiths, including six rabbis and a Jewish lay leader, were invited to a special luncheon at the White House yesterday. They heard President Reagan call on churches, synagogues and voluntary groups to do more for the needy.

At the same time, the President maintained that his Administration has a "fundamental commitment to the poor." Rabbi Morris Shmidman, of the Boro Park Community Organization in Brooklyn, was one of four religious leaders who outlined the programs their organizations operate in their respective communities.

In addition to Shmidman, the Jewish leaders invited to the White House luncheon were: Rabbis David Ben-Ami, chairman of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation; Menachem Lubinsky of the Agudath Israel of America; Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Seymour Siegel of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Walter Wurzbarger, president of the Synagogue Council of America; and lay leader Simon Schwartz, president of the United Synagogue of America.

Ben-Ami told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a kosher lunch was served to the Jewish guests.

## 20 YOUNG NON-JEWS FROM WEST GERMANY TO VISIT THE U.S. TO GAIN INSIGHTS INTO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, April 14 (JTA) — Twenty young men and women from the Federal Republic of Germany will spend two weeks in the United States visiting Jewish homes and institutions, meeting with Jewish leaders and young people, and learning about American Jewish communal, religious, and cultural life, it was announced by the American Jewish Committee. Most of the 20 are non-Jewish and were born after the end of World War II.

The tour will begin April 18 and end May 1. It is part of a two-year-old exchange program, sponsored jointly by the AJCommittee and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, a major West German research and educational organization under which young leaders from each nation visit each others' countries.

Explaining the purposes of the program, Richard Weiss of Los Angeles, AJCommittee national chairman of the German-American Jewish Young Leadership Exchange Program, said that it was "designed to provide non-Jewish groups from the Federal Republic of Germany with insights into the American Jewish community's position in the United States, and to provide young leaders of the American Jewish community with an objective view of the 'New Germany' in order that the groups could develop an understanding of each other's cultural, socioeconomic, and political life."

The forthcoming visit, Weiss added, will "emphasize the United States as a democratic, pluralistic society in which the Jewish experience can be viewed as a microcosm of the way ethnic groups have flourished in America."

Participants in this spring's mission will visit New York, Washington, Chicago, and Los Angeles. In New York the focus of most of the group's visits and meetings will be on Jewish history, demography, religious diversity, and socio-economic patterns; in Washington the stress will be on Jews and the political system; in Chicago, on Jews and ethnics; and in Los Angeles on the Federation experience. This spring's tour will be of the second exchange group to come to the United States. In June, a second group of young Americans will travel to West Germany.

## EXHIBITION ON JUDAISM IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IS A BIG HIT IN SWITZERLAND

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, April 14 (JTA) — An exhibition, a theme of which is Judaism in a democratic society—specifically Switzerland—was visited by more than 12,000 persons during the first 10 days after it opened in Zurich on March 18 under the auspices of the Swiss Jewish community and the Zurich municipality. It is the first exhibition of its kind in Switzerland since World War II.

The purpose is to bring Jews and non-Jews together in an understanding of the reality of Judaism today and the sufferings of Jews in the past. Pictures and television films stress the unity of Jews and their strong ties to tradition.

The symbols of the faith responsible for Jewish survival are presented in the displays which also delineate the role of women in the family, religion and the synagogue, the bonds of language, in which many Swiss-Yiddish idioms are presented and the relationship between the Swiss authorities and Jews who were born in or immigrated to this country.

There are photographs of Jewish refugees seeking asylum in Switzerland during World War II and letters of gratitude to the authorities for their assistance indicating that neutral Switzerland did its humanitarian duty at the time, however limited it may have been.

The exhibit has been visited by many school children accompanied by their teachers. Some of the youngsters expressed astonishment because they "did not know before what the Jews were and how they lived." Many children were heard asking their elders why Anne Frank suffered or why Jews were persecuted during the war.

For older non-Jewish visitors too, the exhibit seems to be a revelation of how Jews suffered during the years 1939-1945. One was heard to remark, "I remember that I had a pupil in my class who was Jewish. I knew we had let his family in, but we did not know the thousands which were turned back. This exhibition tells us about that."