

**ISRAELIS EXPRESS MIXED FEELINGS
ABOUT THE CEASE-FIRE IN LEBANON**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Israelis have mixed feelings toward the cease-fire in Lebanon, now officially in its second day. While there was sporadic shooting after the cease-fire went into effect, Beirut Radio reported this afternoon that heavy fighting again erupted in the southwest area of the capital. According to the report, Shiite Moslem militia were shooting at Lebanese army positions and Lebanese soldiers were returning fire.

But insofar as the cease-fire appears to be holding in the main, there are expressions of satisfaction in Israel that the government of President Amin Gemayel will have the opportunity to negotiate with dissidents for a stable regime.

At the same time, there is growing awareness in Israeli circles that the cease-fire may lead to a weakening and possible cancellation of the withdrawal and security agreement Israel signed with Lebanon last May 17 after laborious negotiations in which the United States played a major role. Syria, a pivotal factor in the current cease-fire arrangements, has long been demanding that Gemayel abrogate the accord with Israel.

U.S. Says May 17 Agreement Not Altered

The U.S., for its part, made it clear that the cease-fire in no way alters the Israel-Lebanon agreement. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Pelletreau, was asked at a hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday if there was any change.

He replied, "We've never given the Syrian government any such indication," adding that the U.S. supports the agreement as "the basis on which Israel agreed to withdraw its forces from Lebanon." Israeli withdrawal is conditional on Syrian withdrawal.

Pelletreau also thought that President Gemayel was prepared to accept "reasonable results of any conference" aimed at settling Lebanon's internal strife. But Israelis are concerned that the cease-fire terms seriously weaken Gemayel's freedom of action and the influence of the Syrian-backed Druze and leftwing Maronite militias are growing to a point where they may be forced to renege on the agreement.

Israeli circles point out that Gemayel was not in a strong position to begin with. Lebanese residents in Israel have been quoted as saying that he "may be President of Lebanon by title but in actuality he is little more than the Mayor of Beirut."

**EEC SAYS MIDEAST PEACE SOLUTION
MUST INCLUDE SELF-DETERMINATION
FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND A
ROLE FOR THE PLO IN PEACE TALKS**
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- The 10 member-states of the European Economic Community (EEC) said today that the peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict must include the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and that the Palestine Liberation Organization must be brought into the peace negotiations.

The Foreign Minister of Greece, Yannis Haralambopoulos, addressing the General Assembly on behalf of the EEC, stated, "A lasting peace (in the Middle East) can only be built on the right of all states in the region, including Israel to a secure existence and on justice for all peoples, including the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination with all that this implies."

The Greek Foreign Minister recalled the Reagan peace initiative of September 1, 1982 and the subsequent Arab summit meeting at Fez, Morocco, declaring: "The ten appeal to all the parties in the conflict to move forward from a readiness for peace, which all of them have expressed in the past, toward mutual recognition as partners in genuine negotiations on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. These negotiations will have to embrace all the parties concerned including, the Palestinian people, and the PLO will have to be associated with them. The threat or use of force must be renounced by all."

Haralambopoulos criticized Israel for its "policy of gradual annexation" of the West Bank. He said, "In the interest of the search for peace the ten ask Israel to abandon its policy of gradual annexation and of unilaterally creating new facts in the occupied territories, in particular its settlement policy which is contrary to international law and a major and growing obstacle to peace efforts."

On the issue of Lebanon, the Greek Foreign Minister said that the consequences of Israel's invasion of Lebanon "are still with us." But he said the EEC welcomes the cease-fire which was reached Sunday and expressed the hope that the unity of Lebanon will be ensured. He continued:

"They (the EEC) also stress the need for early progress toward the complete withdrawal of all foreign forces, with the exception of those whose presence would be required by the Lebanese government. They themselves are ready to work for this objective jointly and individually."

The Greek Foreign Minister also said that the EEC intends to be closely associated with efforts to bring peace in the Middle East.

Doe Explains Liberia's Ties With Israel

Yesterday, addressing the General Assembly, President Samuel Doe of Liberia explained why his country resumed diplomatic relations with Israel. He said that the ties were resumed because occupied Egyptian territory had been returned to Egyptian sovereignty. Therefore, he said, Liberia felt that the continued isolation of Israel "was no longer useful" in the search for peace in the Middle East.

Doe added that during his visit to Israel last month he conveyed to the Israelis the need for "a decisive move" toward mutual recognition on the part of Israel and the PLO. Doe also said that recognition had to be given to the Palestinian people, including the right to a state of their own.

**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY OFFERS \$250,000
REWARD FOR CAPTURE, ARREST OF SNIPER**
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Yeshiva University announced today a \$250,000 reward for information

leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a series of four sniper attacks on Yeshiva University students that has left several university students injured and one woman dead.

The announcement was made by Yeshiva board chairman Herbert Tenzer and senior vice president Dr. Israel Miller at a news conference at the university today. The \$250,000 reward fund brings to \$265,000 the total reward for information leading to the apprehension of the sniper. The city has offered \$10,000 and the American Jewish Committee \$5,000.

The university's reward money comes from the university and various friends and donors to the yeshiva who prefer to remain anonymous, a university spokesman said. Some of the contributions have been small, ranging from \$50 to \$100, while, the spokesman added, one friend of the university contributed \$50,000. WCBS-TV sportscaster Warner Wolf made a substantial contribution to the fund, the spokesman said.

The university spokesman also confirmed today that Rabbi Jay Goldberg, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Wavecrest and Bayswater in Far Rockaway, Queens, has initiated a fund-raising drive in which he expects his congregation to have raised \$1,000 by the end of the week. Goldberg's drive is also designed to get \$1,000 donations from each synagogue in the metropolitan area.

Police Department Praised

Miller, at the press conference at the university's Manhattan upper West Side campus, praised the work of the New York City Police Department in its efforts to apprehend the sniper. "They have gone far beyond doing what is right and required to apprehend the murderer," he said. "We have every confidence in them."

Miller, meanwhile, took the opportunity to denounce the Jewish Defense League who yesterday began daily armed patrols of the campus area. "We do not need them. We did not invite them and we do not want them here," he said.

Mayor Edward Koch, in a letter to university president Norman Lamm that was released at the news conference today, called the sniper attacks "despicable," perhaps the product of "deranged anti-Semitism," and pledge to utilize all the available resources in the city to apprehend those responsible.

The most recent of the four attacks took place on September 18 when Lucille Rivera, a 37-year-old resident of Queens, was fatally shot while on the Cross Bronx Expressway. A Yeshiva University student travelling in a car behind Rivera's was shot in the knee. Police said Rivera was killed by a bullet from a high powered rifle aimed at the student's car.

INCONCLUSIVE COALITION TALKS CONTINUE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Likud and Labor leaders met again today, for the second consecutive day, to discuss the possibility of forming a national unity government. But the only point on which they agreed was to meet again either tomorrow or Friday.

The three-hour session today, like the two-hour session yesterday, brought into stark focus the difference between Israel's two main political blocs on the central issues of defense and foreign policy.

At times it seemed the differences focused on the problem of the West Bank settlements, with Likud favoring unrestricted settlement and Labor advocating "selective" settlement only. But as Premier-designate Yitzhak Shamir told reporters after today's meeting, the settlements merely represented the much broader dispute over "the political future of Eretz Yisrael: territorial compromise or no territorial compromise."

Both sides, however, reported that the discussions were serious and were held in a good atmosphere. Shamir said he still believed ways could be found to set up a unity Cabinet despite the differences. Labor Party leader Shimon Peres did not sound optimistic. "The only ray of hope is that we have agreed to hold another meeting," he said.

Political observers expect this effort at unity to fade by the weekend, whereupon Shamir will resume his task of reconstituting the present Likud-led coalition.

Shamir also met separately with leaders of the National Religious Party and Tehiya today, and he assured them that the Likud was not about to abandon its position on West Bank settlements.

Science Minister Yuval Neeman, the leader of Tehiya, said later he was "not worried" that there was any danger of "erosion" in the Likud's position. NRP's Yehuda Ben-Meir suggested the Likud and Labor negotiators put aside the vexed settlements issue and focus on economic and social policy where there is a good prospect of achieving agreement.

NEW ISRAELI ENVOY AT UN IN GENEVA

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Efraim Dubek, a 53-year-old Egyptian-born Israeli, has been named Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, succeeding Ovadia Soffer, recently appointed Ambassador to France.

Dubek, a one-time Labor member of the Knesset, served as Mayor of Beit Shean in Galilee from 1955-63 and was later appointed by then Foreign Minister Gold Meir as Israel's Ambassador to Chad. He represented the Labor Alignment in the Knesset in 1965 and, following his resignation, became Vice Mayor of Jerusalem in charge of technical affairs.

Dubek subsequently joined the Foreign Ministry. Immediately after Israel and Egypt signed their peace treaty in 1979 and established diplomatic relations, he was sent to Cairo to open the Israeli Embassy there. He served as consul in that Embassy, ranking second to the Israeli Ambassador, Eliahu Ben-Elissar. Dubek was appointed director of the Foreign Ministry's International Division several months ago. He will take up his Ambassadorial post in Geneva shortly.

Some 400 people attended a farewell party here for Soffer who goes to Paris to replace Meir Roseneq, now Israel's Ambassador to Washington. The party was sponsored by Sari Rauber, Maariv correspondent in Geneva who is president of the UN Press Association here. One of the guests, Mayor Guy Olivier Segond of Geneva said he heard that the Arab envoys were happy and relieved by Soffer's imminent departure because "he was giving them a hard time."

Soffer was outspoken in his defense of Israel and its policies which came under frequent attack at UN and other forums here. He was known as a diplomat who minced no words. According to the director of the news section of Swiss television, "I never had an Ambassador who was so aware of his country's needs and each time there was a problem concerning Israel, he would harass me until I let him explain his country's point of view on TV."

ISRAEL IS 65th AMONG 107 COUNTRIES IN CREDIT RATING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Israel's credit rating among nations has plunged, it was reported here today as the Bank of Israel recorded a soaring external debt.

A report just issued by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) placed Israel 65th among the 107 countries on its "credit credibility" list. The rating is worse than those of Mexico (60th) and Brazil (51st), two countries recently on the brink of financial disaster. It puts Israel on a par with Egypt, Chile, the Philippines and Uruguay which are among the poorest credit risks, according to the IMF.

The respected economic publication, "Euro-money," has Israel in an even worse position. It rates it 83rd among 116 countries and among the 19 countries with the largest foreign debt.

According to figures released here today by the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, the foreign debt increased by \$550 million during the first six months of 1983 and now stands at a record \$21.5 billion. By July, 1984, Israel must repay debts in the sum of \$5.3 billion, 11.5 percent more than the debts it paid back last year.

Because of this situation, Israel was reported willing to accept a reduction of U.S. military purchase loans next year if a larger proportion of U.S. economic assistance is offered in the form of grants rather than loans. Israel has asked Washington to substitute a \$425 million grant for a projected loan of \$850 million, it was reported here today.

According to Dov Genihovsky, economic analyst of Yediot Achronot, the meaning of the data released today is that the sources from which Israel has grown accustomed to drawing funds are drying up. Israel is learning the hard way that it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain credit on the world market, Genihovsky wrote.

Meanwhile, the care-taker government which must function until a new coalition is formed, has suspended all economic measures that might at least have had a cosmetic effect. The only visible action was to further devalue the Shekel which today stood at 64.09 to the dollar.

FIRST BRIT MILA IN OVER 30 YEARS TAKES PLACE IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- The first ritual circumcision (Brit Mila) in over 30 years took place in Alexandria, Egypt, in late August, it was announced here by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The circumcision of Yaakov Balassiano, the son of Victor Balassiano, was held in the Great Synagogue Eliahu Hanabi in the presence of 100 guests, including members of the community and tourists from Israel.

The JDC reported that it provided for the transport and participation of Rabbi Chaim Malowicki and mohel Alexander Zizubich who came to Alexandria to officiate at the ceremony. The Alexandria Jewish community does not have a resident rabbi or mohel.

The elder Balassiano is 42 years old and prior to the birth of his son was the youngest member of the Alexandria Jewish community. There are approximately 150 Jews in that city out of a total of 350 Jews remaining in Egypt. There were an estimated 100,000 Jews in Egypt before 1948.

THE SOUNDS OF APPLAUSE

By Cindy Kaye

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Simon and Garfunkle gave two sell-out benefit concerts last weekend in Ramat Gan. The duo performed for a combined crowd of 90,000 fans -- old and young -- who packed the stadium in order to hear favorites such as "Sounds of Silence," "The Boxer," "Homeward Bound," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and a couple of new unrecorded songs -- "Cars are Cars" and "The Late Great Johnny Ace."

At times the concert became a sing-along, as the fans joined the duo. At Saturday night's performance Paul Simon was so overwhelmed, he noted to the crowd, a bit teary-eyed, "I want to say so much, but I can't. I'm just so happy to be here." The audience receptively brought the singers back for four encores.

And yet after the concert people had very mixed response. Many complained that the duo had made little effort to make performing in Israel a special event. They did not include anything typically Jewish or Israeli in their repertoire, nor did they make mention of either theme.

One spectator seemed to sum up the event by remarking, "They were slick -- they performed on a schedule, sang the songs we expected to hear during a two-hour span, and did their duty just as they did in New York two years ago. We paid to hear them sing and that's what they did."

The proceeds of both concerts are going to children's charity through the Variety Club of Israel.

AWARDS PRESENTED FOR BRAVERY DURING THE WAR IN LEBANON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- Medals and citations for bravery during the Lebanon War were bestowed at a ceremony at Northern Command headquarters today. Four of the medals were awarded posthumously to the relatives of men killed in the war.

The recipients ranged from a colonel, cited for bravery in extricating a tank column during a heavy battle, to a private medical corpsman for treating wounded under fire.

An army chaplain was singled out for volunteering to go to the Israeli front line close to Syrian positions to search for the bodies of Israeli soldiers killed in an earlier battle.

Northern commander Maj. Gen. Amir Drori, addressing the parade as news of the renewed fighting in Beirut was received, said the Lebanon war was still going on. He said the IDF was redeployed along the Awali River line to ensure and consolidate the IDF achievements in the war.

PARIS (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic inscriptions covered a Jewish-owned store which burned down last night in Paris. Police said they found slogans such as "Death to the Jews" on the charred walls of the clothing store. Police experts said the fire, which gutted the building, was the result of criminal arson.

REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated September 30, Simchat Torah.

B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL TO MARK ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CELEBRATIONS BEGINNING OCTOBER 13

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith International will celebrate its 140th year beginning October 13 by doing what it does best: serving the community, it was announced here. Ceremonies denoting the start of the Jewish service organization's 15th decade will be held throughout the year by members around the world.

Gerald Kraft, president of B'nai B'rith International, said, in announcing the year-long anniversary celebration: "At 140, B'nai B'rith is more robust than ever, and continues to play a leading role in preserving, protecting and promoting Jewish life the world over -- and confident that our greatest achievements still lie ahead."

The organization, whose half a million members in 48 countries comprise the largest democratically organized group of its kind, was founded in 1843 by 12 emigrants in New York City. Their objective was to unite Jews "in the work of promoting their highest interests and those of humanity."

Early in its history, B'nai B'rith focused on bringing together American Jews with disparate backgrounds. At the same time, members widened their attention to help widows and orphans. In short order, they were also helping victims of natural disasters and launching their first fight against anti-Semitism -- in 1851, by persuading the United States to withhold approval of a treaty with Switzerland until several Swiss cantons removed legal restrictions against Jews.

Today, B'nai B'rith is still aiding disaster victims and fighting religious and racial bias. Its Anti-Defamation League, founded 70 years ago to thwart the growing menace of the Ku Klux Klan, is widely considered to be one of the foremost human rights advocates in the world. The ADL has offices in North and South America and Europe and works hand-in-hand with other B'nai B'rith human rights groups in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Assistance To Immigrants

In the 1880's, as the first massive wave of Jews from Europe reached the United States, B'nai B'rith set up manual and technical schools and the first free employment bureau, all aimed at making these immigrants both self-sufficient and comfortable in their new surroundings. A hundred years later, B'nai B'rith volunteers continue to assist immigrants -- mostly from the Soviet Union -- to become "at home" in America.

At about the same time, B'nai B'rith's first overseas lodge was established -- appropriately, in Israel. Today members reside in countries from Austria to Australia, from Japan to Jamaica. Israel, of course, remains special.

Not only are there more than 200 lodges in that country, each engaged in social and educational welfare projects, but there are some 5,000 teenage members of Noar Lenoar, Israel's B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) counterpart, and thousands of students active in the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations at various college campuses. In addition, Jerusalem is the site of B'nai B'rith's world center, which serves as a program resource agency for the organization.

Just as Israel is special, so, too, are Soviet Jews. For nearly two decades, B'nai B'rith has spearheaded

efforts to prod the USSR to permit Jews and others who desire to emigrate to leave. During that time, some 270,000 Jews did leave, most of them going to Israel. Last March, in face of a virtually complete emigration shutdown, B'nai B'rith led a worldwide rally to let those Jews remaining in the Soviet Union know that they have not been -- and will not be -- forgotten.

B'nai B'rith is also a world leader in seeking positive resolution to other issues of Jewish concern. Through its International Council, members are kept informed on what is happening around the world both in front of and behind the scenes of formulating public policy. An accredited Non-Governmental Organization by the United Nations, B'nai B'rith maintains a close watch on activities affecting Jews at the UN as well as in other nations.

Awareness Of Judaic Background

In recent years, as ethnic neighborhoods disappeared in many countries, B'nai B'rith has attempted to keep its members strongly aware of their Judaic background through education programs.

The organization prepares, through its Adult Jewish Education Commission, a variety of publications and audio/visual tapes that range from how to conduct Sabbath services at home to interpretation of the Bible; it also sponsors summer institutes at which noted authorities in religion, philosophy, history and politics discuss issues of Jewish interest in the light of their expertise.

At the same time that ethnic neighborhoods are disappearing, the populations of many countries are growing older. As with Soviet Jews, B'nai B'rith has been making it clear that the elderly are not forgotten. In place of the orphanages it had sponsored from the Civil War through World War I, B'nai B'rith over the last 15 years has been sponsoring low-rent, non-sectarian apartment projects.

In the United States alone, some 5,000 senior citizens reside in these homes in 17 cities, with more projects planned. Thousands of additional elderly reside in B'nai B'rith apartments in Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Israel. The purpose of the program is to enable these people to participate in their communities and to enjoy to the utmost the sunset of their lives.

The Role Of Youth

And while B'nai B'rith helps the elderly, it looks to youth to maintain the organization's vigor in the future. In 1923, the first B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation was founded at the University of Illinois. Today, 60 years later, there are B'nai B'rith Hillel offices on more than 400 college campuses in a dozen countries, offering religious, educational, cultural and social activities to some 300,000 students. B'nai B'rith offers similar activities to teenagers through its youth organization, which was established in 1924.

Both BBYO and B'nai B'rith Hillel also offer leadership training, the purpose of which is to prepare young people to become leaders in B'nai B'rith and both the Jewish and general communities as they mature. Among the alumni of BBYO are three former Ambassadors to the United Nations, two members of President Carter's Cabinet, scores of American Congressmen, and thousands of local executives and legislators.