

# **PRESIDENT HERZOG, IN SPEECH TO UN, APPEALS TO ARAB STATES TO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH ISRAEL FOR PEACE** By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog of Israel appealed today to the Arab nations to open a dialogue with Israel and negotiate for peace. "Let us forget the bitterness of the past and move forward together on a basis of mutual respect and tolerance to a new era, which will bring healing recovery and advance to a region which has suffered so much," Herzog declared.

The Israeli President's appeal was made in the course of his address to the United Nations General Assembly. Herzog, who was the former Israeli Ambassador to the UN, said, "I turn once again to our neighbors and to the representatives of the great Arab nation and the peoples of Islam, in the name of our common heritage and the golden ages of cooperation between our people in the past, and say, Let us renew our days as in the past for our mutual benefit and for the benefit of the peoples of our region."

## **Iraqi Tries To Block Speech**

At the opening of his speech most of the Arab delegates at the General Assembly hall rose up and left the hall. The Egyptian delegation stayed. Lebanon's representative was absent. The Iraqi delegation tried to prevent Herzog from speaking by raising a point of order. The Iraqi representative claimed that "the State of Israel" is an unclear term because Israel occupies Arab land and therefore Herzog should be prevented from speaking. The President of the Assembly, Jorge Illueca of Panama, rejected the Iraqi contention pointing out that Israel is a member state regardless of UN resolutions taken on various Middle East issues. Herzog then proceeded to speak.

Herzog devoted the opening paragraph of his 19 page speech to criticism of the United Nations and its treatment of Israel. "As I look at this Assembly, I am grieved to pain to note that politics of fear still persist. Here, the demonstrative departure from this hall of the delegates of some countries summed up for you in the most succinct manner the problems that Israel faces in the Middle East. Here you see the problem of the unwillingness of nations to listen to each other, to enter into a dialogue, to try to understand each other," Herzog declared.

## **Warning On Lebanon**

Turning to the issue of Lebanon, the Israeli President reiterated Israel's declared intention of withdrawing all its forces from Lebanon "subject to satisfactory arrangements being made which will ensure that Lebanon will not be used again as a base for attacks on Israeli territory." He said as the start of this process Israel withdrew partially from Lebanon, south to the Awali River.

"I wish to emphasize that the partial withdrawal we made to the Awali River is part of an overall withdrawal within the framework of the agreement reached with the government of Lebanon, which the government of Israel proposes to make in due course, subject to the necessary satisfactory arrangements

being made to guarantee that Lebanon will not be used as a base for hostile action against Israel," he said.

Herzog warned however that Syria's massive military presence in Lebanon increases the danger that Lebanon will become once more a base for attacks against Israel. "Therefore the sooner Syria accedes to the Lebanese government's demand to remove its occupying army from Lebanon the better will it be for Lebanon and for the prospects of bringing peace and stability to the entire region," he said.

Herzog called on Egypt to return to the negotiations for Palestinian autonomy within the Camp David framework and urged Jordan and representatives of the Palestinians in the West Bank to join in those negotiations as the only way to peace and a solution of the Palestinian problem.

He also appealed to the Soviet Union to give equal rights to its Jewish citizens and to allow those who wished to, to emigrate to Israel. He called on all other countries, including Syria, to open their doors to Jewish citizens who wish to go to Israel.

Herzog, the first Israeli President to address the General Assembly, was greeted by a guard of honor when he arrived at the UN this morning, a protocol accorded all heads of state. Before delivering his address, he conferred with UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and with General Assembly President Illueca.

## **ISRAELI JETS DESTROY BASES USED FOR ATTACKS ON TYRE HQ AND ON U.S. MARINES IN BEIRUT**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force jets pounded two guerrilla bases and training camps in eastern Lebanon today said to have been the staging area for the November 4 truck-bomb attack on Israeli military headquarters in Tyre and the similar attack of October 23 on U.S. marine and French military headquarters in Beirut.

A military spokesman said accurate hits were scored which completely destroyed both bases and camp areas and adjacent munitions dumps. He said all Israeli aircraft returned safely to their bases. Beirut radio reported this morning that the Israeli raids caused heavy casualties among the guerrilla forces in the target area.

Military sources said the targets were some seven kilometers east of Rayak in the Baalbek area of the Bekaa valley. According to the Israelis, the bases were utilized by the Iranian "Guardians of the Iranian Revolution" and by an allied pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group headed by Hussein Murrassawi who was said to have been in the area at the time of the attack.

## **U.S. Action Had Been Awaited**

Today's attack was the first by Israel since its jets blasted terrorist bases in Lebanon immediately after the November 4 bombing in Tyre which took the lives of 29 Israeli service personnel and 31 Lebanese. Officials here suggested that the Israel Defense Force held off further retaliation because it was awaiting punitive action by the United States for the deaths of 230 marines and sailors in Beirut last month.

The Americans reportedly had asked Israel to pinpoint the bases from which the attacks were launched. But when the U.S. failed to act up to now, the Israeli Air Force was ordered to destroy the bases, officials here said.

They said the Israeli action was in line with the policy of retaliation for any assaults on Israeli personnel in Lebanon and that such raids would continue as long as necessary. Military sources here said that care was taken to ensure accuracy in today's air strike to avoid harming Syrian army units deployed close to the target area.

#### Syrian Intentions Assessed

Senior army officers told Israeli military correspondents yesterday that the IDF did not believe that Syria is planning an imminent attack on Israel, though the possibility could not be ruled out completely in the future. The officers seemed to be trying to de-escalate tension in the region and play down the recent contention by some government ministers, including Deputy Premier David Levy, that a Syrian attack was an immediate possibility.

Meanwhile, Israeli aircraft were reported to have flown reconnaissance missions today over the Beirut area and further north, over Tripoli where Palestine Liberation Organization dissidents backed by Syria and Libya were said to have overrun the last stronghold of PLO chief Yasir Arafat in the Badawi refugee camp.

In south Lebanon, an Israeli soldier was slightly wounded this morning when his vehicle was ambushed east of Tyre. Security forces were searching the area for the perpetrators.

#### ISRAELI RAID ON TERRORIST BASES IN LEBANON MAY LESSEN NEED FOR U.S. RESPONSE

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration appears to be looking at Israel's air raid against terrorist bases in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon today as a means of taking the United States off the hook on President Reagan's pledge to retaliate for the terrorist bombing of the U.S. marine headquarters in Beirut.

A State Department source said that the U.S. had no knowledge as yet that the groups hit by the Israelis today were the ones responsible for the bombing of the marine headquarters in which more than 230 Americans died. But he said it is "conceivable" that it is the same group and if so the "need would be lessened" for any American response.

The official U.S. response came from State Department spokesman John Hughes who refused to make any comment on the Israeli raid. However he stressed there was "no consultation or coordination" with the U.S. before the Israeli action. "Israel took its own decision," he said.

Hughes refused to comment on whether the U.S. was still planning to retaliate for the terrorist attack. He said the official policy is the one stated by Secretary of State George Shultz on NBC-TV's "Today" show Monday in which the secretary said the Administration will no longer discuss the question of retaliation in public.

Reagan has said several times that the U.S. would retaliate once it has found the identity of those who committed the bombing. In his October 26 address to the nation on Lebanon and Grenada, he said there was "strong circumstantial evidence" that the

attack on the marine headquarters was committed by the same terrorists who bombed the U.S. Embassy in Beirut last April. "Those who directed this atrocity must be dealt justice," the President said in his nationally televised address. "They will be."

#### SEVERE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FEARED BY ISRAELIS AS RESULT OF UNPRECEDENTED RISE IN INFLATION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The cost-of-living index rose by 21.1 percent in October, not 21.2 percent as first reported when the Central Bureau of Statistics released its monthly report yesterday. But the corrected figure gave little solace to Israelis reeling under the impact of the highest monthly rise in inflation in the nation's history.

It wiped out, in a single blow, the 20.5 percent cost-of-living increment added to October salaries two weeks ago. Not only wage-earners but industrial, economic and business circles were overcome by gloom, hardly relieved by dire forecasts of a deepening depression and rising unemployment.

The building index for the past three months, released yesterday, showed a sharp increase in costs. Contractors immediately raised the price of an apartment by some 17 percent, in line with the latest index. They acknowledged at the same time that the higher prices will lead to a further decline in demand and forecast a serious rise of unemployment in the building trades because building starts have to be curtailed immediately.

#### Labor Unrest Predicted

Histadrut is pressing even harder for the payment to all salaried workers and wage-earners of an interim cost-of-living increment equal to the latest COL rise. The trade union federation demands that this payment be made within the next few weeks. The next regular COL index payment is not due until January, 1984.

Yeruham Meshel, director general of Histadrut, warned that if the government, the manufacturers and other employers failed to make the interim payment, the country would be hit by labor unrest which Histadrut could not and would not oppose.

Meanwhile, social workers in Jerusalem have reported a 50 percent increase in the number of families applying to the municipal social welfare offices for aid to help them get through the month. They said that for the first time, many of the new applicants seeking aid to feed and school their children were from the lower middle class, an economic group which heretofore had refrained from asking for assistance.

The social workers also reported an increase in violent behavior on the part of applicants who refuse to accept explanations that no funds are available in the municipal treasury because the definition of needy is made by government ministries.

#### MONUMENT TO MAUTHAUSEN VICTIMS

BONN, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- A West German-financed monument in memory of Nazi victims of the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, was formally presented to the Austrian government today at the site of the former camp.

The Bonn government was represented at the ceremonies by Deputy Foreign Minister Juergen Moellmann. Several Bundestag members were also present. The memorial project was initiated in 1980 by members of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), now the opposition, who had visited the Mauthausen site.

# UAHC DEMANDS END OF 'DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NON-ORTHODOX JUDAISM' IN ALLOCATION OF DIASPORA FUNDS IN ISRAEL

HOUSTON, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) has called for "pressure" by the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) on the United Jewish Appeal, Jewish Agency and Government of Israel to end "discrimination against non-Orthodox Judaism" in distributing funds raised in the diaspora for religious, educational and social welfare purposes in Israel.

In a resolution adopted at the closing session of the UAHC biennial assembly here, the Reform Jewish group demanded the allocation of such funds "in a balanced proportion among the major streams of Judaism."

The 3,000 UAHC delegates urged an end to "politicization" of financial aid to synagogues, schools and welfare programs in Israel. The resolution said there was "disproportionate support for Orthodox institutions" in the distribution of funds raised abroad. It called on the 770 congregations that make up the UAHC "to convince their local federations and the Council of Jewish Federations to bring pressure upon the World Zionist Organization, United Jewish Appeal, Jewish Agency and Government of Israel" to allocate funds in a "more equitable way" to all branches of religious Judaism.

At the same time, the UAHC called on the 1.25 million members of its congregations to continue their "maximum support for Israel" and efforts involving "the fullest financial and political support for Israel." The resolution also called for stepped-up support of Reform Jewish institutions in Israel, including Kibbutz Yahel and Kibbutz Lotan, the Leo Baeck School in Haifa and the Jerusalem branch of the Hebrew Union College -- Jewish Institute of Religion.

In another resolution, the UAHC delegates called on the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir "to defeat efforts to amend the Law of Return so as to exclude from its coverage individuals converted to Judaism by non-Orthodox rabbis." Such an amendment "threatens the unity of the Jewish people," the resolution said.

## RUMSFELD IN FIRST MEETING WITH SHAMIR By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Donald Rumsfeld, President Reagan's new special envoy to the Middle East, met with Premier Yitzhak Shamir and other top Israeli officials here tonight.

Rumsfeld flew in early today from Cairo where he had a two hour meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. He also visited Beirut before coming to Israel and is expected to go to Damascus to see President Hafez Assad when the Syrian leader recovers from an appendicitis operation.

Israeli sources said Rumsfeld's initial meeting with Shamir was largely a "listening session" for the new American envoy who is a former Secretary of Defense. The Israeli leaders were expected to outline their positions and aspirations in Lebanon.

## BRZEZINSKI WARNS AGAINST U.S. MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH ISRAEL

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was National Security Advisor in the Carter Administration, believes military collaboration between the U.S. and Israel in the Middle East would be a monumental geo-political error.

He told the Swiss daily La Tribune De Geneve, in an interview published today, that such military collaboration aimed at changing the balance of power in Lebanon or to punish those responsible for terrorist acts "would be a grave mistake on our part."

Brzezinski maintained that "This would signify that Washington is abandoning its role as mediator in the region to become an engaged protagonist. The European countries will, in such a case, dissociate themselves from the U.S. and the Soviet Union will no longer remain passive in the face of such a coalition," he said. He noted that Moscow has kept a low profile in Lebanon so far, even though it backs Syria.

Brzezinski characterized the existing relations between the U.S. and Israel as bad. "If currently and in the short term, the interests of both countries may coincide, in the long term the Israeli policy may prove disastrous for the United States," he said. He added that he believed Israel was utilizing its rapprochement with Washington to distract the U.S. from a comprehensive peace agreement in the Middle East which is currently at an impasse.

## CARTER LISTS 3 CONCESSIONS ISRAEL MUST MAKE FOR PEACE

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16 (JTA) -- Former President Jimmy Carter has listed three concessions he believes Israel must make to achieve peace in the Middle East. In a television interview today with the New York correspondent of the Dutch NCRV broadcasting company, Carter called for Israel's complete withdrawal from Lebanon, adding that Syria must do the same.

Secondly, Carter said, Israel must be willing to carry out in good faith, the granting of autonomy to the people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Third, it must stop establishing Jewish settlements in the West Bank, Carter said.

Asked if he saw much chance for peace to materialize in the Middle East, the former President said that the experience of past history made this not very likely. Nevertheless, he said, in his travels since leaving office he has found "an underlying burning desire for peace among all peoples in the Middle East."

## RABBI SEEKS WEHRMACHT OFFICER WHO HELPED HIM DURING WWII By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- A rabbi who immigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union has called on the German public to help him find an unknown Wehrmacht officer who, the rabbi said, risked his life to supply bread and other food to starving inmates at a Nazi forced labor camp during World War II.

According to the West Berlin daily Morningpost, Rabbi Zvi-Elimelech Schoenfeld, recalls the incident in a book he has written on his wartime experiences. He does not know the name of the humanitarian officer but is convinced that he was "an emissary of God."

Schoenfeld was sent to Auschwitz in 1944 where he lost his wife and two sons. He was among a group of inmates later sent to a military camp near the town of Brzeze in Poland. He recalled that a few days after his arrival, a Wehrmacht officer knocked on the door of his prison barracks and told him he would leave bread and other food on a window sill each evening. "When it gets dark, take it from there and share with your friends," Schoenfeld said the officer told him, and then disappeared. During the eight months of his incarceration at the camp, the promised food was left almost every evening and made possible his survival and the survival of the other inmates, the rabbi said.

# U.S. JEWS URGED NOT TO TURN JESSE JACKSON'S CAMPAIGN INTO BLACK-JEWISH CONFRONTATION

HOUSTON, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- A national Jewish leader has urged American Jews not to turn the Presidential campaign of Jesse Jackson into a Black-Jewish confrontation despite "justifiable concern" over Jackson's embrace of PLC leader Yasser Arafat.

Albert Vorspan, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), told the 3,000 delegates attending its biennial assembly here that "Jackson will probably engage in demagoguery and infuriate us, but his candidacy may just help to expose the American people to the real world and the real conditions of our cities, our minority families, our youth, our elderly, our future."

## Will Not Ignore Jackson's Arab Ties

The Reform Jewish leader declared that Jews should "refuse to turn the Jackson campaign into a Black-Jewish confrontation. We and the rest of the responsible Jewish community should repudiate and condemn the vigilante campaign of the Jewish Defense League thugs who have announced they will disrupt Jackson's political rallies," Vorspan declared. He added:

"Does that mean we should ignore his view and his record, especially his unconscionable theatrical embrace of Yasser Arafat and his ties to Arab groups, which stirred deep and justifiable concern among thoughtful Jews? Decidedly not! Jesse Jackson should be subjected to tough and sharp scrutiny, exactly like all other candidates, and on issues across the board, not only on the Middle East. To exempt him from judgement because he is black would be supremely patronizing. To seek to delegitimize his campaign and to hold him to a separate standard would be racist. Jesse is a showman and an opportunist, but he has become a symbol of black aspirations in our time," Vorspan said.

## RABBI GORDIS HAILS DECISION TO ADMIT WOMEN TO JTS RABBINICAL SCHOOL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 16 (JTA) -- A leading Conservative scholar told the opening session of the five-day biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America here Monday that the decision to admit women to the movement's rabbinical school would "bring into our ranks a very necessary source of idealism and loyalty and human energy for the great tasks that confront us."

The Faculty Senate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, voted on October 24 to admit women to the Seminary's rabbinical school, ending years of debate in the Conservative movement on the issue.

Rabbi Robert Gordis speaking to the 2,000 delegates, representing the 800 congregations of the United Synagogue, cited that action in predicting that "the historian of the future will regard the women's revolution as the single most important event that took place in our time, affecting not only 50 percent of the human race but indirectly the rest." But he added that "when the ordination of women" in the Conservative movement "ultimately comes into practice, it will not revolutionize Conservative Judaism."

Gordis cited Pope John Paul's plea this week to scientists not to engage in research leading to nuclear destruction and added: "There

was a time when the voices of prophets resounded throughout the world. We may not be prophets but we are the descendants of prophets and we should take our place in the ranks of those who are dedicated to the cause of peace and social justice."

Gordis, Professor Emeritus at the Seminary, discussed the differences between Conservative Judaism and Reform and Orthodox Judaism. He said "we refuse to believe that Judaism may be changed at will as one chooses, nor do we believe that Judaism has remained unchangeable, monolithic and seamless for all time." He asserted that when "tradition is confronted by new conditions, new religious insights, new ethical understanding, there is interaction which results in growth."

## WORLD JEWISH LEADER ON FIRST VISIT TO SPAIN SINCE FRANCO ERA

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (JTA) -- Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, arrived in Madrid last night for a two-day visit with Spain's Jewish community and political leaders, the WJC reported here today. It is the first meeting on Spanish soil between a WJC president and the head of government since the beginning of the Franco era almost 50 years ago.

Bronfman was invited to pay an official visit to Spain by Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez when they met in New York last June during the Prime Minister's state visit to the U.S. At the same time, Samuel Toledano, president of the Federacion De Comunidades Israelitas De Espana, the central representative body of Spanish Jewry, extended an invitation to the WJC president to address the body.

Israel Singer, WJC executive director, who is accompanying Bronfman, said a principal aim of the visit is to "promote the process of 'normalization' of relations between Spain and world Jewry." WJC sources in New York confirmed that the question of establishing relations between Spain and Israel would be discussed.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- A Druze border policeman injured in the November 4 car-bomb attack on Israeli military headquarters in Tyre died of his wounds Tuesday, raising the death toll among Israeli military personnel to 29. The terrorist attack also took the lives of 31 Lebanese civilians who were being detained for interrogation at the time.

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RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) -- The Jewish community here is mourning the deaths of two teen-agers killed in a bus accident which injured 21 other students, all members of Rio's Zionist youth organization, Hazit Hanoar. The victims, Elaine Menhuik, 18 and Flavia Mendlovitz, 16, were part of a group on the way to the annual Israel Dance Festival, sponsored by Brazilian Zionist youth organizations at the Hebraica Club. The festival, which attracts thousands of young people, was cancelled because of the tragedy.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The Hebrew University announced this week the establishment of a \$10 million "Golda Meir Endowment Fund" on the fifth anniversary of the former Prime Minister's death. Proceeds from the fund will be used to encourage outstanding students from all parts of the world to pursue their masters or doctoral studies or do other post-graduate work at the Hebrew University as "Golda Meir Fellows."