

# ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAYS U.S. COULD BENEFIT SUBSTANTIALLY FROM AN AMERICAN-ISRAEL FREE TRADE AREA

WASHINGTON, May 22 (JTA) -- The Administration's Deputy Trade Representative, Robert Lighthizer, told a Congressional panel today that the U.S. stood to benefit substantially from the establishment of an American-Israel Free Trade Area that would eliminate all duties and non-tariff barriers on trade between the two countries.

The Free Trade Area was agreed to by President Reagan and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir at their White House talks last December. Lighthizer, appearing before the Trade Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, noted that 90 percent of all Israeli goods entered the U.S. duty free while about 45 percent of American exports to Israel were subject to duty.

"We stand to gain unrestricted access to an \$8 billion Israeli market in which a high proportion of imports are dutiable and in which many non-tariff barriers exist, in exchange for eliminating duties on essentially 10 percent of our own imports from Israel," Lighthizer told the legislators. U.S.-Israel trade amounted to \$3 billion last year, with a \$400 million balance in favor of the U.S.

Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture Alan Tracy, who also testified before the subcommittee, said U.S. farm exports to Israel were valued at \$300 million last year.

Lighthizer said that without the Free Trade Area, the U.S. would be at a disadvantage because Israel has a similar agreement with the European Economic Community (EEC) and is to eliminate all duties on industrial imports from EEC member-states by 1989. There is, however, opposition to the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area from the AFL-CIO which has warned that the agreement would set a bad precedent.

## FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN, ATTENDING WORLD ECONOMIC PARLEY IN ISRAEL, IMPRESSED WITH MILITARY TECHNOLOGY

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA) -- Hundreds of foreign businessmen attending the international economic conference which opened here Sunday night, went to Tel Aviv today for IsraTech '84, an exhibition of the products of Israel's technological and science-based industries at the local Fairground.

Their purpose was to see at first hand the advantages Israel offers to overseas investors. The big hit, according to participants, was the display of articles manufactured by the military and aviation industries. So far, no transactions have been reported. The organizers of the conference said this would take some time.

Earlier, at the Jerusalem proceedings, an American businessman, Robert Galvin who is world chairman of Motorola, told the 400 men and women from 27 countries who are attending the conference that investing in Israel is good business. Motorola is the largest foreign investor in Israel.

Galvin said that the 20 years of Motorola's activities here were an "excellent placement." He paid tribute to his Israeli associates who, he said, "rank as the most remarkable people with whom I

share the stewardship of Motorola's affairs." He also praised the government for its cooperation with his firm.

## HEATED CONTROVERSY CONTINUES TO SURROUND OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

By David Kantor

OBERAMMERGAU, May 22 (JTA) -- Heated controversy still surrounds the Oberammergau Passion Play which had its season's premier here Sunday attended by thousands of distinguished guests, including the Prime Ministers of Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg, Franz Josef Strauss and Lothar Spaeth.

Mayor Klement Fend of Oberammergau insisted that charges of anti-Semitism in the play's content were unfounded and unacceptable to the local townsfolk who have produced and acted in it every tenth year for the past 350 years.

But this was strongly disputed by the members of an inter-faith delegation from the United States who witnessed Sunday's performance and attested that the play "remains marred by a deep and pervasive anti-Jewish orientation." The delegation, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, included two prominent Christian scholars, Prof. Eva Fleischner, a Roman Catholic author and theologian and the Rev. Dr. William Harter, a Presbyterian Church leader.

### Play Termed 'Fundamentally Flawed'

Rabbi A. James Rudin, the AJCommittee's National Interreligious Affairs Director, one of the leaders of the group, summed up their reaction in a statement in Munich today. The 1984 Passion Play is "fundamentally flawed and still perpetuates the pernicious myth that Jews are eternally guilty for Jesus' crucifixion," Rudin said.

He and Mimi Alperin, Chair of the AJCommittee's Interreligious Affairs Commission who is co-leader of the group, called for stronger efforts to "eradicate defamation of Jews and Judaism that persist in the drama despite revisions in the text."

### At A Press Conference

Mayor Fend readily acknowledged that the version of the play that was performed Sunday and will continue through the 1984 season was the "traditional version," not the amended so-called "Rosner Passion," a revised text proposed in 1977 which was widely viewed as relatively free of anti-Semitic bias.

"The (local) community should be praised for the efforts, work and the costs invested in that project," Fend said referring to the 1977 text. "However, the citizens of the Oberammergau have decided by a majority of two-thirds to one-third for the traditional version of Daisenberger-Dedler. This decision should be absolutely respected," the Mayor declared.

### Denies Text Has Anti-Semitic Stereotypes

He vehemently denied that the traditional text contains anti-Jewish stereotypes. "Anti-Semitism is foreign to the historical origin of the play and to its spiritual contents," he said, adding that the production remains a "prayer of thanksgiving" of the whole community.

Fend claimed that the 1984 version has in fact been re-edited to conform with the findings of Vatican Council II which absolved the Jewish people of collect-

tive guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus. This was confirmed by a special working group of the Roman Catholic Church in West Germany which took up the questions related to Judaism, the Mayor said. He dismissed the ongoing "debate on this subject" as "old rope."

But Fleischer, a professor of religion at Montclair State College in New Jersey and author of "The View of Judaism in German Christian Theology Since 1945," declared in Munich today that "The Oberammergau Passion Play falls far short of the standards called for by Vatican II" and the 1974 "Guidelines and Suggestions for Implementing the Conciliar Declaration 'Nostra Aetate.'"

#### Pastor Also Faults The Play

Harter, pastor of the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, Pa., and a member of the World Council of Churches Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People and of the National Council of Churches Committee on Christian-Jewish Relations, also severely faulted the play.

"Christian leaders and educators have a responsibility to instruct our people that the drama as it unfolds in Oberammergau is not a true or just enactment of the Passion story. (It) is highly selective in the New Testament episodes it chooses to dramatize," ignores other Scriptural passages and "departs entirely from Scripture in significant ways," Harter said.

In addition to leading German politicians, the audience at Sunday's performance included foreign diplomats and journalists from all over the world. The ambassadors of virtually all European countries outside the Eastern bloc attended, according to a statement by the Oberammergau authorities. The statement did not mention the Israeli Ambassador to Bonn who was invited but did not attend.

#### SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH SUSPECTS JAILED IN CONNECTION WITH JEWISH UNDERGROUND

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA) -- Several hundred West Bank settlers and supporters of the Gush Emunim held a rally outside Jerusalem police headquarters today to express solidarity with the 26 suspects recently arrested in connection with an alleged Jewish terrorist underground on the West Bank.

The stated purpose of the gathering was to mark the fourth anniversary of the deaths of six yeshiva students shot by Arab terrorists in Hebron in May, 1980. Some of the suspects reportedly have been linked to the car bombings that maimed two West Bank mayors a month later, an apparent reprisal for the Hebron killings.

Meanwhile, a Jerusalem magistrate was at police headquarters, reportedly considering whether to order the release of some of the suspects, among them Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the Gush Emunim leader in Hebron. A decision was expected later today.

#### SPECIAL TO THE JTA 40th ANNIVERSARY OF DEPORTATION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS BY NAZIS IS MARKED

BUDAPEST, May 22 (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from abroad, including an Israeli delegation, and the Jewish community of Hungary last week commemorated the 40th anniversary of the deportation of more than 600,000 Hungarian Jews by the Nazis. The commemoration was also attended by Hungarian government officials.

According to the World Jewish Congress, whose affiliate here is the Central Board of Hungarian Jews

which organized the event, the occasion was notable for a number of firsts:

Despite the fact that Hungary does not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, a delegation of Israelis of Hungarian origin took part in the ceremonies and, following the intervention of the WJC, the Hungarian authorities authorized an Israeli television crew to cover the commemoration. Further, the Hungarian government has given permission for a team of historians to take part in a conference in Israel, scheduled for July 9-11, on the deportation of the Jews of Hungary.

Israel Singer, the WJC's executive director, reported that also participating were Jewish delegations from East Europe, including two representatives from the Soviet Union, Boris Gramm, president of the Moscow Synagogue, and Arkadi Levitan, president of the Odessa Synagogue.

#### Jewish Martyrs Eulogized

During the memorial service in the Kosma Utca Jewish cemetery, Rabbi Sandor Scheiber, director of the Hungarian Rabbinical Assembly, eulogized the memory of the Jewish martyrs. Rabbi Arthur Schneider of New York, chairman of the WJC-American Section, told the gathering that "never again will we remain silent."

Remarks in tribute to the memory of the victims were also delivered on behalf of the Hungarian Protestant churches by Bishop Tibor Bartha, chairman of the Hungarian Churches Ecumenical Council; in the name of the Lutheran church by its president, Dr. Zoltan Kaldy; and for the Catholic church, by the Primate Cardinal Leikoi.

At the Budapest Israelitic Community Center, Chief Rabbi Laszlo Salgo paid special tribute to the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jews in 1944 and was arrested by Soviet troops after they liberated Budapest from the Nazis and taken to the Soviet Union.

Singer, departing from his prepared text, stressed the responsibility of those who remained silent during those tragic events, but he noted with satisfaction that in contrast to similar commemorations in East Europe, on this occasion the "Jewish character" of the tragedy was being emphasized. "All too often," he noted, "such commemorations have merely mentioned the Jews in passing as victims of Nazi terror, without properly emphasizing the uniqueness of their victimization."

Following the ceremonies, Hungarian Deputy Premier Istvan Sarlos formally received a WJC delegation at the Parliament. In their talks, stress was placed on the means of strengthening the bonds between East European Jewry and the rest of the Jewish world, including Israel.

The commemoration culminated with a gala opening, after two years of renovation, of the Jewish Museum of Budapest. The museum contains the largest collection of Judaica on public display.

#### UN CHIEF TO VISIT MIDEAST

UNITED NATIONS, May 22 (JTA) -- Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who is scheduled to visit the Middle East beginning June 3, said today that after two-and-a-half years as head of the UN, "I thought it will be indispensable for me to visit the Middle East." He said the UN has a special responsibility regarding this area.

The Secretary General, who spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the UN Correspondents Association, said that his visit will include five countries: Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Israel. He said that his trip

will be a "combination of a working and protocolary visit." Regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf, he said he is "extremely concerned." He said that the problem there is extremely serious, with the risk that the conflict may expand.

**AUDIENCE WHO CAME TO HEAR SHARON URGED TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY TO HELP HIM IN HIS SUIT AGAINST TIME MAGAZINE**  
By Gerald Regan

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA) -- More than 1,200 people who came to listen to former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale last night were encouraged to contribute money to be used by Sharon in carrying on a libel suit against Time magazine.

Sharon has filed two suits against Time, one, a \$270,000 suit in Tel Aviv shortly after the magazine published its February 21, 1983 issue. The other suit, for \$50 million, was filed in New York several months later.

Sharon has charged that he has been damaged by what the suit states is the magazine's suggestion in that issue that he had encouraged a Lebanese massacre of Palestinians in west Beirut. The massacre in the refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila took place in September 1982 when Sharon was Defense Minister.

In introductory remarks, Jerry Strober, a member of the executive committee of Americans For a Safe Israel, urged the spirited overflow audience to help Sharon meet the "tremendous" expense of carrying on the suit against Time. If Sharon wins the case, the media in the United States will "think twice before maligning Israel, Israel's leaders and the Jewish people in general," Strober said.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss, spiritual leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, estimated that the Orthodox synagogue raised "in the thousands of dollars" for Sharon's legal expense fund last night.

#### Sharon Cites Three Security Problems

Sharon, on the eighth day of his 10-day visit to the U.S., was greeted with a standing ovation as the audience sang a song of welcome in Hebrew. He spoke about what he termed the three security problems which Israel faces. He listed the problems as terrorism, the threat from confrontational states such as Syria, and the Soviet strength backing some Arab nations. He often strayed from the talk's announced topic, "Israel and the Media," as he responded to questions posed by Weiss.

Sharon, who was accompanied by his wife Lily, emphasized what he said was the difference between what is at stake for generals in Israel and for generals in other countries, saying that if Israel loses a war, it means its complete extermination.

In talking about Israel's military strength, and the achievement of the Camp David accords, Sharon asserted that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "came to Jerusalem (to seek peace) not because he crossed the (Suez) Canal. He came to Jerusalem because we crossed the canal into Egypt" during the Yom Kippur War.

Sharon, who as Minister of Agriculture from 1977 to 1981 was in charge of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, justified continued settlements. While agreements with other nations are important, he said, they are not as secure as having towns, settlements and cities in these areas.

Sharon, who is currently a Minister Without Portfolio, spoke in the synagogue's main sanctuary, which, according to Weiss, seated about 600

people. Some of the hundreds who could not be seated in the main room were diverted to a downstairs room where they could watch and listen to Sharon via closed circuit television.

#### Demonstrators Disrupt Meeting

Police barricades kept a crowd of 12 young demonstrators across the street from the synagogue. They carried placards and shouted slogans supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization as the crowd filed into the synagogue before the talk. One large banner carried by the group carried the name of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee. They refused to reveal any other group identification.

Moments after Sharon began speaking, two young women in the audience disrupted him by shouting "Long live the PLO." They were quickly led away. According to a police officer at the scene, no arrests were made or charges filed.

In the middle and end of his talk, Sharon urged the audience to "Move To Israel!" He exhorted the audience: "Be Jews, learn the Bible, learn the history of Israel." After his talk, Sharon was given a plaque by Weiss on behalf of the Institute which reads: "To Ariel Sharon, a lion of strength with whom God talks." Sharon is scheduled to leave the U.S. tomorrow.

#### JERUSALEM ISRAEL FESTIVAL IS ON

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Israel Festival, four weeks of indoor and outdoor performances featuring top talent from all over the world, officially opened here Saturday night. But the high ranking guests, including President Chaim Herzog and Premier Yitzhak Shamir who attended, encountered disgruntled Israeli artists outside the Binyanei Haoma convention hall protesting against the alleged neglect of local talent in favor of foreigners.

The main Israeli contribution to the Festival is an exhibition of "180 years of sculpture in Israel" at the Israel Museum. Far more spectacular was the pre-opening event Friday night when four members of Japan's Sankai Juku dance troupe, wearing white body paint and little else, hung by their feet from the walls of the Old City and were slowly lowered to the ground before the eyes of 8,000 tense spectators.

Earlier last Friday, the Bond Street Theater Coalition from New York, performed circus tricks on the Ben Yehuda Mall in downtown Jerusalem. About 500 overseas artists are participating in the Festival.

#### ISRAEL ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NEW SOUTHWEST PACIFIC NATION

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA) -- Israel has established diplomatic relations with Kiribati, a new nation composed of 33 islands in the southwest Pacific, with a population of about 60,000, it was announced here today. The islands, part of the Gilbert and Ellice group, were a British protectorate until five years ago when they gained independence. Israel's Ambassador to Australia, Issachar Ben-Yaacov, will be the non-resident Ambassador to the Micronesian island republic.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer has appointed a panel of educational experts to coordinate efforts to improve the cultural and social absorption of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants. Hammer did this after consulting with a number of Ethiopian immigrants. Many complained that their absorption was difficult because many Israelis did not relate to them as Jews and Zionists.

## 17 WOMEN WILL BE ORDAINED AS REFORM RABBIS THIS MONTH AND NEXT

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA) -- The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) announced today the names of the 17 women who will be ordained as Reform rabbis this month and next.

However, the total number of such women ordained to date is expected to be 92, rather than 94, because two Reconstructionist women candidates will not be ordained this summer as had been scheduled, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been told.

A spokesperson for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) told the JTA that one of the two candidates at that seminary had extended her final year of study to October, when she is expected to be ordained.

The second RRC candidate has taken a leave of absence and is expected to return to complete her final year of studies for ordination but more specific details were not available. However, four men will be ordained as Reconstructionist rabbis on June 3 at the Main Line Reform synagogue in Wynnewood, Pa. The RRC is in nearby Wyncote, Pa.

The Reform ordination ceremonies will be held May 27 at Temple Emanu-el here and at the Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati on June 4, home of the founding school of the Reform institution.

### Names Of The Reform Candidates

Eleven of the Reform women candidates will be ordained here. They are: Constance Abrahamson of Brookline, Mass.; Jody Cohen-Gavarian of Springfield, N.J.; Joan Glazer-Faber of Baltimore; Emily Feigenson of Los Angeles; Carol Glass of Avon, Conn.; Julie Gordon of Albert Lea, Minn.; Susan Harris of Oklahoma City; Stacy Offner of Great Neck, N.Y.; Amy Ross Scheinerman of Norfolk, Conn.; Judy Schanks of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Margaret Wenig of Westport, Conn.

The other six graduates, to be ordained in Cincinnati, are Judith Ann Bluestein of Cincinnati; Judith Ann Chessin of Maitland, Fla.; Suzanne Donna Kassel of Salt Lake City; Tracy Guren Klirs of Seattle; Gaylia Rooks of Swampscott, Mass.; and Elizabeth Weiss Stern of Boston.

The Orthodox community has never considered the idea of women rabbis but Conservative Judaism, after a long and heated struggle, has started the process.

There are two principal ways by which an individual may become a Conservative rabbi: graduation from the rabbinical school of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS); or by a 75 percent vote of approval of delegates attending and voting at a convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Reform rabbis.

### Continuing Shortage Of Conservative Rabbis

A continuing shortage of rabbis for Conservative pulpits has prompted the RA in recent years to accept more than 500 applicants for membership via convention endorsement. But until last October, the JTS had barred women from its rabbinical school. When a Reform-ordained woman rabbi, Beverly Magidson, tried and lost a bid at the 1983 RA convention for RA membership, all of the candidates voted on had been men.

On May 16, Magidson tried again and lost again at the 84th RA convention in Kiamesha Lake, reflecting in part the conviction of many Conserva-

tive rabbis that the only route to the Conservative rabbinate should be via the JTS rabbinical school, which will open for its first class of women -- after debate over many years -- in the fall with more than 20 women candidates.

One of those 20 women, the JTA learned, has earned sufficient JTS credits so that, barring unexpected developments, she will complete the rabbinical school's study requirements and be graduated in June, 1985 to become the first Conservative woman rabbi in American history.

The process of ordaining American women as rabbis began more than 11 years ago when the HUC ordained Sally Preisand as the first American woman rabbi.

In any case, there are now enough women in the 1985 graduating class in both the Reform and Reconstructionist seminaries that virtually assure that, in addition to the likely first woman Conservative rabbi, 1985 graduates will bring to well over 100 the number of Jewish women by then in the American rabbinate.

### ISRAELI STUDENTS SELECTED FOR FIRST COURSES AT RICKOVER INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA) -- Five Israeli students will participate, along with 50 high school students from 46 states in the United States, at the Rickover Summer Science Institute (RSI) which will hold its first courses from July 8 to August 18 in Leesburg, Va., it was announced here by Dr. Mordecai Hacohen, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Admiral H.G. Rickover Foundation. The Israeli students were selected by a panel of outstanding Israeli educators, Hacohen told a press conference here.

He identified the students as: Shaya Abramson, 11th grade, of Beersheba; Omri Gat, 11th grade, of Haifa; Tali Cohen, 11th grade, of Rishon Le Zion; Yonathan Nemirowski, 11th grade, Haifa; and Alexander Smorodnizki, 12th grade, Jerusalem.

Admiral Hyman Rickover, the "father of the nuclear navy" and the first Jewish Admiral in the history of the U.S., told the press conference, "I share with you a proud moment in history, that five students from Israel will be among the first RSI scholars."

Hacohen said that these students "were selected for excellence in their studies and also for their participation in extra-curricular academic activities and their capacity to be worthy good-will ambassadors of Israel."

The RSI, a program of the Rickover Foundation, a non-profit organization, has been established to foster development of the intellectual and practical skills of gifted and talented youth in mathematics and science. The RSI will be the first summer science program to offer residential classroom training with off-campus internships under the direction of professional research science mentors, Hacohen said.

Students will receive advanced instruction in the biological and natural sciences and math. These courses will be complemented by two "skills" courses in scientific writing and computer programming. Classes will be at the Xerox International Center for Training and Management Development.

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REMINDER: There will be no Daily News Bulletin date May 28, Memorial Day, a postal holiday.