

**ISRAELI DIPLOMAT WOUNDED  
IN CAIRO BY UNKNOWN GUNMEN**  
By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- Zvi Kedar, an official of the Israeli Embassy in Cairo, was wounded in the arm when unknown gunmen opened fire on his car and escaped in their own car at about midnight last night. Yosef Amihoud, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said today that the Egyptian authorities have launched an intensive investigation of the incident in cooperation with the Israeli Embassy.

The shooting occurred near Kedar's home as the Israeli diplomat was returning from Cairo airport. He had just bid goodbye to Elichu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee who met with President Hosni Mubarak earlier yesterday. Ben-Elissar, who was Israel's first Ambassador to Egypt, brought Mubarak a message from Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

His trip to Cairo was linked to efforts to thaw Israeli-Egyptian relations which have been frozen since Egypt called home its Ambassador in Tel Aviv after Israel invaded Lebanon two years ago. The envoy has still not returned. Ben-Elissar, who was warmly received in Cairo, said Mubarak told him that all Egyptians are interested in implementing the peace treaty with Israel and the Camp David accords.

**Ben-Elissar Sees No Breakthrough**

Nevertheless, according to Ben-Elissar, "there was no breakthrough" toward ending the "cold" peace between Cairo and Jerusalem. But "there will be follow-up meetings," he said. He denied that the purpose of his trip to Cairo was to arrange for a visit there by Shamir before the July 23 Knesset elections in Israel. A meeting between former Premier Menachem Begin and the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat just before the 1981 Knesset election, was criticized in some circles as a domestic political ploy to improve Likud's chances at the polls.

Ben-Elissar said he was surprised, while in Cairo, to read in the Israeli press that a ranking Israeli military officer had warned of the possibility of hostilities between Israel and Egypt. Maj. Gen. Ehud Barak, chief of military intelligence, delivered that warning at Sunday's Cabinet meeting and again yesterday in briefing the Knesset committee which Ben-Elissar heads. He said there was an Egyptian military build-up in Sinai and that Israel must be on the alert because there was no guarantee that Egypt some day will not again become a confrontation state.

**Egypt Said To Want Peace**

Ben-Elissar said in a Voice of Israel Radio interview here today that he believed the press had exaggerated Barak's intelligence briefing. He also responded to MK Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party who criticized his visit to Cairo in light of Barak's warning.

"I have no doubt that Egypt wants peace," Ben-Elissar said. "This does not mean that the relations between the two countries are good. I know they are presently in a state of freeze. Part of my mission was to try to revive the dialogue between the two countries."

He did not think that the shooting incident in Cairo indicated a worsening of relations.

**S. LEBANON ARMY COMMANDER SAYS  
IT WILL BE 18-24 MONTHS BEFORE HIS  
TROOPS CAN BE INDEPENDENT OF IDF**  
By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- The South Lebanon Army (SLA) will require 18-24 months before it can take control of most of the areas of south Lebanon now occupied by the Israel Defense Force, according to the SLA's commander, Gen. Antoine Lahad.

Lahad said, in an interview published today in the Israeli army weekly *Bamahane*, that the SLA would have to increase its manpower from the present 2,000 to a force of 6,000 before it could improve to the point where it can operate independently of the IDF. It now relies heavily on the IDF and even when it attains the required strength, the IDF would have to protect south Lebanon from attacks from outside forces, Lahad said.

The interview was published on the eve of the second anniversary of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, a war that cost the IDF 584 dead and about 3,400 wounded to date and has created painful divisions in Israel. Controversy still rages over Israel's war aims in June, 1982.

Former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, believed by many to be the man who planned and directed the war in Lebanon, addressed students at the Haifa Technion today. He branded as "vicious lies" reports that he or former Premier Menachem Begin had told Labor Alignment leaders at the time that the fighting in Lebanon would be over in "two days."

Sharon said that he and Begin were referring only to the time it would take to drive the Palestine Liberation Organization out of Katyusha rocket range of Israeli towns and settlements near the Lebanese border. Nevertheless, Begin subsequently stated that what he called "Operation Peace for Galilee" was intended only to push the PLO to a line 40 kilometers north of the Israeli border.

The IDF did not stop at that line but continued to press northward to the outskirts of Beirut and engaged the Syrian army in the Bekaa valley to the east. Israel Radio said today that the understanding at the time was that the war would be over in 48 hours. Subsequent events made the war in Lebanon the most controversial in Israel's history and the only war in which there was no national consensus.

**Six Day War Anniversary Marked**

This is in sharp contrast to the Six-Day War which began in June, 1967, the 17th anniversary of which is being marked in Israel this week. That war was supported by the entire population. But it also left a bitter legacy, manifested in the ongoing debate over the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip where Israel rules over more than a million unwilling Palestinian Arabs.

The debate has been heated in recent weeks with the confirmation of the existence of a Jewish terrorist underground on the West Bank suspected of a long series of attacks and planned attacks on Arab civilians. Only last week, 27 suspected members of the underground were indicted for various criminal offenses.

As the anniversary of the Six-Day War and the war in Lebanon approached, tension rose on the West Bank and Israeli security forces were alerted for possible demonstrations. As of this afternoon however, all was reported quiet in the territory.

#### DUTCH GROUP DEMANDS BAN ON KOSHER SLAUGHTERING FOR EXPORT

By Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM, June 5 (JTA) — A new demand to ban the ritual slaughter of animals in Holland for consumption by observant Jews and Moslems has been announced by the Netherlands Society for the Protection of Animals.

The group has urged the Deputy Minister of Agriculture to prohibit, effective immediately, the slaughter of animals for export without first stunning them and to ban ritual slaughter for local consumption within a three year period.

Should a local ban be instituted, it would affect only the small proportion of Holland's 20,000 Jews who observe kashrut. But Jewish ritual slaughter for export is considerable. According to the Society for the Protection of Animals, as many as 90,000 calves and head of cattle were slaughtered according to Jewish ritual during the first quarter of this year for export, mainly to Israel.

The situation is the reverse for the Moslem community which numbers some 400,000 from Turkey, Morocco and other countries. While no ritually slaughtered animals are exported to Moslem countries, local consumption is high. Moreover, the Society pointed out, many animals consumed by Moslems are slaughtered by unlicensed slaughterers.

#### SOVIET JEW RELEASED FROM PRISON BUT ORDERED TO REPORT FOR DRAFT

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) — Aleksandr Panarev, a 20-year-old Prisoner of Conscience from Sukhumi in the Soviet Republic of Georgia, has been released from prison where he served a one-year term for alleged draft evasion, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

While Panarev was released one month early, on April 1, he has been told by the Soviet authorities to report to the local draft office on June 15, the NCSJ reported. Panarev protested the move, saying he would be unable to give the required "oath of allegiance" because he had applied to emigrate to Israel.

Soviet authorities, the NCSJ said, then informed Panarev that "he would serve in any case." The NCSJ said this appears to be an attempt at harassing Panarev and noted that similar tactics, requiring military service of Soviet Jews, have been used in the past in an attempt to thwart emigration attempts.

Panarev and his mother, Klavdia, have been waiting over ten years for permission to emigrate to Israel to join his aunt, Ida Steinberg, the NCSJ said. A similar tactic was used against another young refusenik, Simon Shnirman of the Ukrainian town of Kerch, who is currently serving a second sentence for "draft evasion."

#### CANADIANS SEEK TO TIGHTEN ANTI-HATE PROPAGANDA LAWS

By Ben Kayfetz

OTTAWA, June 5 (JTA) — Mark MacGuigan, the Canadian Minister of Justice, announced three proposals for amendments to the Canadian anti-hate propaganda laws with the goal of greater success in prosecuting violators.

The first is to remove the word "wilfully" from the criminal code section which states that anyone who wilfully promotes hatred against a group is guilty of violating the law. At present the prosecution must prove that a defendant specifically intended to promote such hatred, which has proved to be almost impossible to do.

The second proposed change is that the defendant, rather than the prosecutor, will be made responsible for proving that the defendant acted under criminal code provisions defining legal actions. These include expressing an opinion on a religious issue and making statements relevant to the public interest which the defendant, on reasonable grounds, believed to be true and in good faith, and made to point out, for purposes of removal, matters tending to produce feelings of hatred for groups. At present, the onus is on the prosecution to disprove such defenses.

Third is elimination of a requirement that provincial attorneys-general must give consent to prosecution of such defendants.

Anti-hate laws have been on the books in Canada for the past 14 years. But because of the need for the prosecution to prove wilful intent and the defenses available to defendants, no prosecution has succeeded under those laws and attorneys-general have been reluctant to approve such prosecution.

#### CJC Welcomes Move

MacGuigan, at a press conference marked by a verbal exchange with Ernst Zundel, a Canadian Nazi propagandist, said that while the three changes had not yet been put in legislative form, a bill could be in Parliament soon, if opposition parties concurred in the language of the measure.

Zundel, in a question to the Justice Minister, said he was the target of the proposed amendments. MacGuigan responded, "You flatter yourself if you think this was intended for you. But if the shoe fits, I hope you will wear it."

A Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman said that while the proposed amendments did not go as far as the CJC had asked, the CJC welcomed the initiative as a major step in the right direction and commended MacGuigan.

The proposals followed closely recommendations of a recent report of the House of Commons Committee on Visible Minorities. It was pointed out that, in recent months, in anticipation of a visit by Pope John Paul II, anti-Catholic propaganda has increased in Canada.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association declared that the three proposals could infringe on legitimate expressions of freedom of speech.

#### AACI DROP-IN CENTER IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) — To assist the Americans and Canadians who will be visiting Israel during the summer and provide them with current information about living in Israel, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) is opening a drop-in center June 25. All North American tourists to Israel are invited to visit the center, located at the National AACI office at 21 Washington St. in Jerusalem.

AACI staff and counselors will provide up-to-date information on immigrant benefits, education, and housing. Members from various professional fields will be on hand to answer specific questions on employment possibilities. There will also be extensive information on housing and job opportunities for singles since 42 percent of North Americans making aliya annually are singles.

## BIALKIN, ADL NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, TO HEAD PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) — Kenneth Bialkin, a lawyer and national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has been elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, an umbrella group of 38 national Jewish secular and religious groups representing most of American Jewry.

Bialkin succeeds Julius Berman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who on June 30 completes his second one year term as head of the Presidents Conference.

The 54-year-old Bialkin is a senior partner in the New York law firm of Willkie, Farr and Gallagher and has been adjunct professor of law at the New York University Law School for 16 years. He is a board member of the Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York and first vice president of the New York County Lawyer's Association.

Bialkin is a trustee at large of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and vice chairman and a director of the Jerusalem Foundation established by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the Harvard Law School, Bialkin is a former editor of The Business Lawyer and served for five years as chairman of the Federal Regulation of Securities Committee of the American Bar Association.

## SOVIET JEWISH LAWYER FREED

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) — Osip Lokshin, a 41-year-old lawyer and Jewish activist from Kishinev, was released from a Soviet labor camp late last month after completing a three year sentence for "violating public order" and "defaming the Soviet state," the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today.

Lokshin and another activist, Vladimir Tsukerman, were arrested in May, 1980 after staging a protest march in Kishinev with 12 other refuseniks. They and their families had been waiting for over five years for permission to emigrate. Tsukerman, who drew a similar sentence, was released several weeks ago, the NCSJ reported.

## AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER SEES RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AS CORDIAL AFTER CONFLICTS OF KREISKY ERA

WASHINGTON, June 5 (JTA) — Relations between Austria and Israel were described as very cordial by Austrian Defense Minister Friedhelm Frischenschlager during a reception last week for a delegation of Jewish members of Congress hosted jointly by the International Council of B'nai B'rith and the World Jewish Congress.

Frischenschlager's description of Austrian-Israeli relations contrasted to the previously stormy relationship between the two countries during the incumbency of former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. Relations were severely strained during Kreisky's leadership because of the Chancellor's courtship of Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Austrian Defense Minister also pointed out that Austria presently maintains the largest contingent of troops stationed in the Golan Heights as part of the United Nations peacekeeping force. Frischenschlager, on a two week visit to the U.S. at the invitation of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, is scheduled to leave on June 10.

Warren Eisenberg, director of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, said that Frischenschlager's visit underscores the significant humanitarian role Austria plays in providing a safe haven and point of exchange for Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union. This is the first visit by an Austrian Defense Minister to the U.S. in 12 years.

Part of his mission, Frischenschlager explained, is to provide Americans with a clearer understanding of Austria's neutrality and affinity with the West. He said he hoped to make the United States aware that the two countries have many common features, including their democratic systems of government, a deep concern for human rights and their free market economies.

## SHER REFUTES CHARGES USSR FABRICATING CHARGES ABOUT WAR CRIMINALS NOW IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) — A Department of Justice official has refuted charges that the Soviet Union is fabricating evidence in order to dupe the United States into prosecuting Nazi war criminals from Eastern Europe, who entered this country illegally.

Neal Sher, director of the Office of Special Investigations, declared that those making these accusations — some members of the Eastern European communities in this country and some organs of the "emigre press" — "would very much like to see OSI disappear."

Sher told the National Commission meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week the OSI staff scrupulously authenticates "every scrap of evidence, obtained from whatever sources, in order to prove each case under our law, our rules, and our procedures."

Stressing that his staff is seeking out and prosecuting Nazi war criminals at a record pace, Sher listed the OSI procedures followed in handling evidence: Original documents are sought and subjected to exhaustive scientific testing; signatures are examined for forgeries by handwriting experts; no advance notice is provided of what documents are being sought and what questions are to be answered by witnesses; corroboration of evidence is sought from other sources.

Stressing that it would be counterproductive for the Soviets to use "false and untrustworthy evidence" to embarrass the United States, he said that any propaganda gains the Russians might possibly make "would be destroyed totally should fabricated evidence be uncovered."

Sher said that the accumulated evidence makes clear that collaboration with the Nazis by members of the native population in Eastern European countries is not "a mere fiction concocted by the KGB."

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LONDON (JTA) — A Belgrade court has banned a book that contains references to "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a notorious forgery that originated in Czarist Russia. The ban was ordered after protests by the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, the World Jewish Congress' research branch, reported here.

The book, by the Macedonian writer Mihailo Popovski, is titled "The Secret World of the Freemasons."

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NEW YORK (JTA) — The outstanding work of American volunteers in Israel Defense Forces warehouses has moved the Israeli army to request the services of 50 civilian volunteers per month on an ongoing basis, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Aharon Davidi, the director of the volunteer program in Tel Aviv, reported.

## ADL LEADER DECLARES NOTHING UN-AMERICAN IN JEWS SEEKING TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, dismissed critics of the so-called Jewish lobby, asserting that there was nothing "un-American in Jewish citizens exercising their rights as other Americans do to influence public affairs and policies by every lawful means."

Giving his annual report as chairman to the ADL National Commission meeting here, Bialkin, who was elected to a second two-year term as chairman, also said last week that what the American society needs "are more not less interested citizens to exercise those rights."

He also discussed anti-Semitism, the Democratic Presidential primary campaign and developments in Israel. He said "the failure of important people and communities to seize on the signs of bigotry and show they reject them unmistakably" was the real issue in the anti-Jewish comments by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, one of the Democratic candidates. Bialkin told the 400 Jewish community leaders that the "spectre of anti-Semitism" which has been raised "should have been met with prompt and clear response and rejection."

He said that anti-Semitism, "despite a reduction in the incidence of violent episodes in recent years, remains perhaps the greatest concern of Jews in America." He called it "anomalous" that "despite the progress we have made, there persists a deep concern that things could get worse, either for our local Jewish communities in the United States, or for our brothers and sisters in Israel."

### Saddened By Israeli 'Vigilantes'

He said Jews were "saddened" by "vigilante tactics of misguided Israelis," 27 of whom have been arrested in connection with attacks on Arab civilians. "We observe with pride, however, that the rule of law in Israel and the ethics and morality of Israeli society reject those acts." He said "the fundamental values of the Israeli people and the legal process that distinguishes a civilized and enlightened society, are intact."

He said the Reagan plan of September, 1982 showed no signs of advancing Israeli-Arab peace and asked: "When will our planners learn that only time and the willingness of the Arabs to negotiate directly with Israel offers a prospect for progress on that front?" but he added that there were signs that those government planners "are finally beginning to realize the constructive role our relationship with Israel can play in that area."

He said the ADL continued "to oppose the proposal to send large amounts of lethal weapons to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt -- where a credible risk exists that they can be diverted to use against Israel."

### CONSERVATIVE CANTORS TOLD TO PREPARE FOR WOMEN COLLEAGUES

GROSSINGER, N.Y., June 5 (JTA) -- Cantors attending the annual convention of the Cantors Assembly, the association of Conservative cantors, were urged to prepare for changes in the Conservative movement which would give an equal role to women as rabbis and cantors.

"Let us not fight these signs of growth in our movement," said Cantor Ivan Perlman of Providence, R.I., who was re-elected president of the Cantors

Assembly. He told the 300 delegates that "They are admittedly emotional issues, but we can influence their direction best if we help to initiate changes rather than merely respond to them."

Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum of Rochester, N.Y., the assembly's executive vice-president, said "we must cast aside emotional prejudices and learn to adjust to women rabbis as colleagues." On women cantors, he said "we will be bound by whatever Halachic decision is made by the (Jewish Theological) Seminary. The issue will soon arise. When it does, we must deal with it with respect, compassion and understanding."

Prof. Joel Roth, dean of the Seminary rabbinical school, told the delegates there is no Halachic impediment to women serving as rabbis or cantors provided they are willing to obligate themselves to time-bound commandments such as daily recitation of prayers at prescribed times, adding "I do not know of any Halachic source that prohibits conferring the title of rabbi upon a woman."

The Seminary will admit this fall women candidates to its rabbinical school for the first time. The Seminary does not now invest women cantors. Roth said the vast majority of the Seminary's rabbinical school faculty acknowledged the Halachic validity of ordaining women as rabbis and cantors and expressed the hope that the American Jewish community would accept women in these roles.

### JERUSALEM TO GET LARGEST SYNAGOGUE

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- The Belz Hasidim will erect what they said will be the world's largest synagogue on 1.75 acres of land in Jerusalem. It will be built at a cost of \$12 million, and when completed some time in 1987, will accommodate up to 4,500 worshippers.

Cornerstone-laying ceremonies will be held next Sunday. It is expected to be attended by most of the 10,000 Belz Hasidic families living in Israel and 8,000 others who will be flown here for the occasion on 27 special flights by El Al.

The architect, Yizhak Blatt, who designed the edifice, said it would be a close replica of the Belz synagogue in Galicia which stood on a hilltop from 1843 until it was destroyed during the Holocaust 100 years later.

Belz Hasidim who survived the Holocaust re-established their movement's center in Jerusalem where they are building a residential and education complex to be known as Kiryat Belz. The new synagogue will be its centerpiece.

### ALTAR FROM BIBLICAL AGE FOUND

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 5 (JTA) -- A Haifa University archaeologist digging at Mt. Ebal in the northern Samaria district of the West Bank reported today the discovery of a ritual sacrifice altar which conforms in size and shape to the altar prescribed by Moses.

According to the archaeologist, Adam Zartal, the altar, used for animal sacrifices, dates from the period of Israelite settlement of the 13th to 12th centuries BCE. It measures 28 by 21 feet and was made of unhewn stones, as ordained by the Torah.

"I do not claim that this altar is the altar Joshua built, but I do claim that we have here a highly important ritual center," Zartal told reporters. "The indications this discovery gives fit in with the Biblical traditions."

Zartal added: "It is the first time in archaeological research that an Israelite ritual center has been uncovered with a full scale burnt offering altar that can teach us how our religion started."