

**RESERVE CAPTAIN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS ON TERRORISM CHARGES; MAY BE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER CASES**  
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) -- Gilad Peli, a 31-year-old settler from the Golan Heights, drew a 10 year prison sentence today on four counts of terrorist conspiracy and membership in a terrorist organization.

Peli, a captain in the army reserve, appeared stunned, as were members of his family and friends by the stiff sentence handed down by Judge Israel Weiner in Jerusalem District Court. Sentence was pronounced exactly one week after Peli confessed to a series of offenses in a plea bargaining process and he apparently had expected lighter punishment. The prosecution dropped charges of attempted murder.

Peli's lawyer, David Rotem, said the sentence would be appealed to the Supreme Court. He agreed with observers however that it might set a precedent for the sentencing of any of the other 22 suspected members of a Jewish terrorist underground now on trial who are convicted and for 25 year-old Yosef Zuria who, along with Peli, confessed last week.

**Judge Stresses Gravity Of Offense**

That view was strengthened by Judge Weiner's stern lecture on the gravity of Peli's offenses as he pronounced sentence. He was convicted of membership in a terrorist organization; conspiracy to blow up the Al Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount in East Jerusalem; conspiracy to booby-trap the cars of West Bank Arab mayors; theft and destruction of army property; and transporting arms.

Peli drew five years on the conspiracy charges and another five years for theft of weapons. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for membership in a terrorist organization, to be served concurrently with the other sentences.

Peli's father, Matityahu Peli denounced the sentences and claimed his son was convicted because "he loved the land and people of Israel." His wife, Yehudit Peli, agreed. She said she would raise their children to love Israel just as their father does. Peli's father-in-law said he should have received no more than four years at most.

**Weiner: Israeli Democracy Threatened**

As the prisoner stood before the court, Judge Weiner noted that had the plots of the Jewish terrorist underground succeeded, the entire democratic society of Israel would have been shaken to its roots. He indicated that Peli's sentence was less to punish him than to deter others from similar crimes. But he castigated the defendant for using his position as an army reserve officer to steal huge quantities of explosives from an army base on the Golan Heights in 1982 and his part in stealing 50 land mines earlier this year.

The court took into consideration Peli's previously clean record, his confession and the fact that he had decided not to participate in the assassination attempts on Ibrahim Dakkak and Ahmad Hamzi, members of the Arab National Guidance Committee in 1980. That organization has since been outlawed.

Judge Weiner drew a distinction however between Peli's offenses and the offenses of Noam Yinnon, another suspect who plea bargained and was sentenced two weeks ago to 18 months' imprisonment. Yinnon was convicted of transporting stolen land mines from which bombs were manufactured, but he did not know he was acting on behalf of a terrorist underground. Peli, on the other hand, confessed to membership in the terrorist group and was fully aware of its plans, the Judge said.

At the time of his confession, Peli was described as a secular Jew who turned to religion after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. He joined Moshav Keshet on the Golan Heights and worked in the local school.

**JACKSON PALESTINIAN PLANK REJECTED BY DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON, June 21 (JTA) -- The 15-member committee drafting the Democratic Party's 1984 election platform has overwhelmingly rejected a plank proposed by Rev. Jesse Jackson to put the party on record in favor of the establishment of "an independent state for Palestinians."

The vote yesterday was 13-2 against the proposal which was presented by Walter Fauntroy, the District of Columbia's representative in Congress who is one of the two Jackson delegates on the committee.

The Jackson plank also opposed moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The move has already been incorporated in the Party's draft platform along with a series of other pro-Israel measures. The draft platform is subject to review by the 184-member Platform Committee.

Jackson is at serious odds with his party over Middle East policy and other issues including primary elections reforms and affirmative action. He has asked for a three-way meeting on these issues between himself and the two other aspirants for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado and former Vice President Walter Mondale. Mondale, who claims he has sufficient delegates to win nomination on the first ballot in San Francisco next month, is opposed to a three-way meeting but reportedly would agree to meet separately with each of his rivals.

**MEMORIAL FOR 3 CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS SLAIN IN MISSISSIPPI 20 YEARS AGO SEEKS TO END STRAINS BETWEEN BLACKS, JEWS**  
By Gerald Regan

NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA) -- At a service recalling the murder of three civil rights workers in the South 20 years ago, two prominent members of the Black and Jewish communities here called for easing up the strains between Blacks and Jews.

The Rev. Carl McCall, director of the New York State Commission on Human Rights, called on the 80 or so present for the service in the chapel of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations headquarters yesterday "to reappropriate the bonds of covenant and commitment which brought the three to their deaths."

The service honored the memory of James Chaney of Mississippi and Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner of New York. Chaney, a 21-year-old Black, and Schwerner, 24, and Goodman, 20, both Jews, were

shot to death in Mississippi, where they and other volunteers were working to register Blacks to vote. Later, seven white men were convicted of the crime.

McCall, who never knew the three slain rights workers, said the revelation of the murders of the young civil rights volunteers broke the silence hiding earlier atrocities against Blacks in the South during the civil rights struggle. He likened the discovery of the bodies of the two white volunteers with their Black companions to the discoveries of the atrocities at the liberated Nazi concentration camps in its impact on world opinion.

Both the Black and the Jewish communities stand today as threatened communities, said McCall. Blacks are threatened by the Reagan Administration, which, he charged, is using its powers to take away the gains Blacks have earned since 1964.

Jews in New York also face continuing problems, said McCall. New York led the nation last year in reported anti-Semitic incidents, said the 47-year-old former New York State Senator.

McCall, speaking to an audience composed largely of invited leaders and staff of the UAHC, called for a renewal of what he said was the spirit of solidarity between Blacks and Jews.

Blacks must be alert for anti-Semitism within the Black community, said McCall, and be ready to repudiate it in addition to reeducating those who harbor bigotry.

"By the same token," he added, "members of the Jewish community must not automatically equate policy disagreements about Israel's borders and Palestinian rights from Blacks with anti-Semitism."

#### Sensitivity To Each Other Urged

McCall, formerly a Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations in the Carter Administration, is a supporter of the Presidential candidacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson. He went on to urge both Blacks and Jews to be sensitive to each other's concerns. This, he said, would produce more determined opposition to apartheid in South Africa on the part of Jews and "more determined, focused outrage against the scandalous treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Syria on the part of Blacks."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, the central body of Reform Judaism, welcomed Chaney's sister, Mrs. Julia Chaney Moss and Goodman's mother, Mrs. Carolyn Goodman Eisner, and pledged to them that "we will do everything we humanly can to make certain that though (the three) died in pain and in terror, they will not have died in vain."

Schindler then emphasized what he said was the fulfillment of the slain trio's immediate purpose. The deaths of the three inspired an even greater effort by those laboring that summer in Mississippi, which included over 800 student volunteers, up to half of which were Jewish. Their efforts, which produced the voting enrollment of thousands of Blacks, led a year later to the adoption of the landmark National Voting Rights Act.

Additionally, Schindler said, referring to the young volunteers' murders by members of the Ku Klux Klan, "the intermingling of Black and Jewish blood in the Mississippi delta has become the symbol of a relationship — the Black-Jewish nexus on the American scene — which is not as strong as it once was."

Despite the stresses on their relationship, particularly those posed by the Presidential campaign, Schindler said Blacks and Jews continue to support each other, citing a Congressional race in Alabama

where a Jew was elected, the mayoral race in Philadelphia where a Black was elected, agreement on most domestic issues and on such issues as nuclear disarmament and aid to Israel.

"As we were one in death, so must we be one in life. Blacks and Jews need one another, even as the struggle for justice needs us both," Schindler concluded.

Earlier, Richard Cohen, a spokesman for the UAHC, said the service is part of an effort to implement a resolution by the UAHC trustees last month. The UAHC resolved to establish closer ties with the Black community and to overcome the divisiveness posed by the Jackson Presidential campaign.

The service, which lasted about 50 minutes, was conducted by Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Stephen Wise Synagogue in New York. The service concluded with the Kaddish followed by the singing of "We Shall Overcome," a song closely identified with the Black civil rights movement.

According to Cohen, no representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or other groups closely linked with the civil rights movement was invited. This, he said, was because of limited seating. He indicated that the family of Michael Schwerner, one of the three slain volunteers, declined to take part in the service.

#### MASSIVE STRIKES FEARED AFTER BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) — Israel faces a massive wave of strikes and work slowdowns next week following the breakdown of wage negotiations last night between Histadrut and public sector employers.

Trade union officials threatened to intensify industrial action, noting that the mandatory cooling-off period for 10 major unions ends this week and early next week. The Treasury sought to avert a crisis by offering Histadrut a 5-7 percent advance on July salaries if the trade union federation would guarantee labor peace until after the July 23 Knesset elections.

Histadrut refused to consider the offer. The Treasury for its part, rejected a series of labor demands which officials said would have cost the government \$200 million. Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad appealed to Histadrut Secretary General Yisrael Keisar today to resume negotiations. Keisar questioned the Minister's sincerity, noting that he made his appeal in a radio broadcast. He said he would meet with Cohen-Orad only if a "proper" invitation is extended.

Meanwhile, labor unrest continued to simmer in much of the public sector. Project Renewal, the massive slum clearance project, was halted when workers suddenly took a week-long vacation. Government-employed lawyers have suspended their preparation of cases, are not appearing in court and stopped issuing arrest orders.

Employees of the civil administration in the occupied territories are not issuing licenses and other documents. Post Office workers have suspended some mail deliveries and are not issuing postal savings balance statements. Work at some branch post offices has been disrupted.

Customs officials began a work slowdown at Ben Gurion Airport. All arriving passengers are required to open their baggage for inspection, causing lengthy delays. At the Foreign Ministry, which was closed by a three day strike last week, employees are not transmitting coded messages. Consular services have been suspended and ministers arriving for work are faced with locked gates.

# **UNEASY ALLIANCE BETWEEN ZIONIST, NON-ZIONIST GROUPS DEBATED AT ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING** By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) —** The uneasy alliance between Zionists and non-Zionist supporters of Israel — the "fund-raisers" from abroad — was the focus of intense debate at the annual session of the Zionist General Council which opened here today.

The Council, the governing body of the World Zionist Movement between Zionist Congresses, is awaiting the report and recommendations of its Governance Committee on the issue. The Council's resolutions will be brought up before the Jewish Agency Assembly which convenes in Jerusalem next week.

At the heart of the matter is the struggle for political power and managerial authority. It dates back to 1970 when the Jewish Agency was reconstituted to incorporate non-Zionist Jews from overseas, especially the United States, who raise funds for Israel.

A decision to evaluate the merger was taken at a meeting in Caesarea three years ago and became known as the Caesarea process. The Zionists reportedly feel they are losing power to the non-Zionists. Criticism to that effect was expressed yesterday by Alleck Resnick, president of the Zionist Organization of America and former ZOA president Ivan Novick. Novick said he was concerned with the motives of the non-Zionists and questioned whether they were equipped to deal with the basic problems of Zionism.

But Avraham Shenker, chairman of the Governance Committee disagreed. He maintained today that both groups are of a single mind on 90 percent of the issues and was confident that the others would be resolved. According to Shenker Zionists have not lost power. "I think that we have gained a great deal by bringing closer to us a much broader section of the Jewish communities of the world," he said.

## **NEW ZOA INSTITUTE FOCUSES ON ISRAEL-DIASPORA RELATIONS** By Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM, June 21 (JTA) —** A new channel of dialogue between Israelis and diaspora Jewry was established here this week with the inauguration of the Ivan J. Novick Institute for Israel-Diaspora Relations, named in honor of Ivan Novick, past president of the Zionist Organization of America and current chairman of the ZOA board.

The Institute, endowed by Novick's friends and associates, held its first session, parallel with the ZOA Presidential Leadership Mission currently holding its conference in Jerusalem. The premier session, at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv, focussed on the theme of "The Zionist Imperative." It was discussed by Prof. Daniel Elazar, president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and Prof. Emil Fackenheim, professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto and a visiting professor at the Hebrew University.

Fackenheim observed, "If this Institute serves to increase our awareness of even the questions Israel and the diaspora communities are asking of each other, it will have served a vital purpose ... Hopefully, through a process of thoughtful participation in Israel and the diaspora, it will have taken us one step further to the answers we seek."

Novick and Alleck Resnick, current president of the ZOA, urged American Jews to join some kind of Zionist organization to demonstrate their participation in the Zionist movement.

But Novick expressed reservations over the integration of non-Zionists into the Jewish Agency. "We have some concern regarding the motives of those who are not involved in the Zionist world," he said. He questioned whether non-Zionists, often characterized as the "fund-raisers" are quipped to deal effectively with basic issues such as Zionist education and aliya.

## **RABBI BERNARD BERGMAN DEAD AT 73**

**NEW YORK, June 21 (JTA) —** Rabbi Bernard Bergman, a one-time prominent leader of the Orthodox Jewish community who served eight months of a one year prison sentence in connection with nursing home scandals in 1975, died at Mt. Sinai Hospital here on June 16 after a short illness. He was 73.

Bergman's death, not announced by his family, was confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Mizrahi, the Religious Zionists of America, of which Bergman once served as president. He also had been president of the World Mizrahi Organization. His body was flown to Israel for burial and was interred at Petach Tikva.

Bergman was convicted for offering bribes to former New York State Assemblyman Albert Blumenthal. He and his son, Stanley, were indicted in 1975 by the then Special Nursing Home Prosecutor, Charles Hynes on state and federal charges of Medicaid fraud. He pleaded guilty to part of the indictment and agreed to repay \$2.5 million, in exchange for which the indictment against his son was dropped.

## **JEWS PROTEST QUEBEC SUNDAY CLOSING LAW** By Michael Solomon

**MONTREAL, June 21 (JTA) —** A bill pending in the Quebec National Assembly that would impose a stiff fine on merchants who observe the Sabbath on Saturdays if they keep their shops open on Sundays has been assailed by the Canadian Jewish Congress as discrimination against observant Jews. Violators would be subject to a \$5,000 fine on first offense.

The measure exempts certain convenience stores, including those selling wines and liquors which are owned by the Province. Bernard Finestone, chairman of the CJC Quebec Region, said "Bill 59 now up for its third reading in the National Assembly this week should encourage religious freedom by allowing those merchants to keep their Sabbath and open Sundays instead."

"I find it repugnant that the sale of alcohol and liquor is more important to the Quebec population than the observance of one's Sabbath," Finestone told a press conference yesterday. He said that "many Jewish stores are losing business because they close Saturday for religious reasons, and again Sunday to comply with the law. There are 19 exceptions in the law already and I don't think a 20th would make much difference."

He said the CJC wants any store closed for religious reasons on a weekday to be able to open Sunday.

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**JERUSALEM (JTA) —** Soldiers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) discovered and safely dismantled five bombs in south Lebanon during the last few days, it was learned here today. The bombs were found between Nabatiya and the coastal town of Tyre.

## RECONSTRUCTIONISTS RECONFIRM RULING ON PATRILINEAL DESCENT; WILL OFFER COUNSELING FOR THOSE INTERMARRYING

BUFFALO, N.Y., June 21 (JTA) — Delegates to the 24th annual convention of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot (FRCH) reaffirmed a 1968 resolution which grants full Jewish status to a child whose father or mother is Jewish and who is raised and educated as a Jew.

In another resolution, the 200 delegates declared that Reconstructionist rabbis and congregations should offer counseling to a Jew and non-Jew expressing an intention to marry. The resolution said such assistance should be offered to enable the mixed couple to explore the lifetime implications of mixed marriage, such as education in relevant matters of Jewish custom, including the differences between Jewish Law (Halacha) and the Reconstructionist philosophy which does not accept Halacha.

The resolution also proposed that appropriate counseling should also be made available to the parents of the couple.

Another resolution declared that the traditional rites of the Jewish wedding ceremony (kiddushin) should be reserved for the marriage of a Jew to a Jew.

### Seek To Promote Jewish Home

Another resolution declared FRCH rabbis should encourage in every way the marriages of interfaith couples committed to establishing a Jewish home and educating their children as Jews.

Among the suggestions for such encouragement were the possibility of Reconstructionists attending their civil marriage ceremony and, after the ceremony, extend to the newly-married couple remarks of welcome into the Jewish community "and encouraging their continued involvement in the life of the Jewish people."

Jewish religious and lay leaders should never take part in a joint inter-religious wedding ceremony, another resolution declared.

### Reaching Out Urged

In another resolution, the delegates said that the Jewish community should reach out to intermarried couples and provide them with opportunities to explore their relationship and that of their family "to the Jewish people" by special educational programs, invitations to home Shabbat and holiday programs and assistance to such families to find suitable congregations when they must relocate.

The reaffirmed 1968 resolution appeared to be almost identical with the resolutions approved by the 94th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) in Los Angeles in 1983.

That resolution was a non-binding recommendation to Reform rabbis authorizing them to accept the child of a mixed marriage as being under the "presumption" — with the consent and cooperation of the parents — of being of Jewish descent, to be validated "through appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish people."

### NEW STUDY FINDS JEWISH YOUTH IN VENEZUELA APATHETIC TO COMMUNITY

CARACAS, June 21 (JTA) — Jews throughout Latin America are deeply disturbed by a recent study which showed that while the great majority of Venezuelan Jewish college youths have attended Jewish primary and secondary schools, they display apathy and indifference to Jewish concerns and play virtually no part in Jewish community activities in this country.

Manuel Tenenbaum, executive director of the Latin American branch of the World Jewish Congress, said the study was made by a research team, headed by Bernardo Kliksberg, a prominent sociologist and economist. It focussed on Jewish youths who graduated from Jewish secondary schools in Caracas between 1977-1981 and are presently between 20-24 years of age.

The study noted that the vast majority of Caracas Jewish youth attends the Jewish community's all-day secondary schools and that 93 percent of them go on to college. The pursuit of higher education by nine of every 10 young Venezuelan Jews is one of the highest rates in the world.

According to Kliksberg's study, most of them choose technological careers; only a few go into the humanities. But almost all are characterized by a pronounced alienation from organized Jewish community life. About 75 percent of Jewish college youth in Venezuela, in fact, do not participate in communal activities and the majority of them give "lack of interest" as their reason.

Against those findings, Kliksberg noted that the general situation of the Venezuelan Jewish community is one of the most favorable in Latin America. It is one of the few Jewish communities with more immigrants than emigrants. "It is a young community, with a healthy demographic pyramid. In addition, historical circumstances have strongly favored the development of the community. Venezuela is one of the few countries in the region with a stable regime and until recently enjoyed an intense process of economic development and social mobility. The Jewish community, Kliksberg reported, "was able to make full use of these favorable conditions. It wisely accorded top priority to Jewish education."

Tenenbaum observed, in a report to the WJC Executive on the study, that "When one considers this is the attitude on the part of young college people with 12 years of primary and secondary Jewish education, in a community with a solid network of institutions and close ties with Israel, then the implications for other Jewish communities on the continent are most disquieting."

### PERUVIAN LEADER REPUDIATES VOTE

LIMA, June 21 (JTA) — A leader of Peru's ruling Accion Popular party has firmly repudiated the vote by the Peruvian delegate to the recent World Interparliamentary Conference in Geneva in favor of an Iraqi resolution affirming the "Zionism is racism" resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1975.

Javier Alva Orlandini, Secretary-General of Accion Popular, told a delegation of leaders of Peru's Jewish community that the vote represented the "personal attitude" of the delegate, a member of Parliament, who did not consult with the government and does not reflect the official position of Accion Popular.

Orlandini who is Second Vice President of Peru, received three leaders of the Asociacion Judia Del Peru, the central representative body of the Peruvian Jewish community and a World Jewish Congress affiliate, at his office in the National Parliament.

The delegation consisted of Zurik Radzinsky, president of the Asociacion Judia; Eduardo Bigio, co-chairman of the WJC's Third World Commission; and Yaacov Hasson, director of the organization's human relations office.

Radzinsky said the main purpose of the meeting was to express Peruvian Jewry's concern over the vote which, he pointed out, was in contradiction to the Peruvian position in 1975 when it abstained in the Zionism-racism vote.