

**ISRAELI JETS BOMB TERRORIST BASE**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) — Israeli warplanes hit a terrorist base near Majdel Anjar in east Lebanon today, an army spokesman reported. The planes destroyed buildings at the base in the Bekaa valley that was operated by Palestinian rebel leader Abu Musa. All Israeli aircraft returned safely to their base.

The army spokesman said the base had been used as a departure point for attacks by terrorists operating from behind Syrian lines in east Lebanon. Another base used by the Abu Musa terrorists was bombed August 16 after their leader claimed responsibility for a thwarted car-bombing attempt in Jerusalem.

Today's attack followed reports that three Israel Defense Force soldiers were wounded in south Lebanon in the past 24 hours. One was wounded today when a roadside explosion was set off as a convoy passed by on a road west of the Ansar detention camp. Two other soldiers were wounded yesterday in a clash with a terrorist band northeast of Tyre.

Both incidents occurred in the area known as the "iron triangle" which is inhabited by Shiite Moslems who have carried out many attacks on the IDF in recent weeks. In a search of the area, IDF soldiers found a large cache of arms, including Katyusha rockets, missiles and rocket-propelled grenades.

The IDF instituted new security arrangements at the Awali River crossing in this region, including a "terminal building" where passengers and vehicles are searched, to reduce the amount of arms smuggling between the north and south of Lebanon. The bridge which had been closed last week, has now been reopened, and delays at the crossing point have been reduced from three or four days to about three hours.

**PERES AND SHAMIR AGREE TO HOLD 'SEVERAL MORE' MEETINGS IN THE QUEST FOR A UNITY GOVERNMENT**  
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Premier-designate Shimon Peres have decided to hold "several more" private meetings in the quest for a unity government, the next of them tomorrow night.

The two men announced their intention to extend their dialogue into several more sessions after their meeting last night at the King David Hotel. They described their more than two-hour meeting as positive but both noted that while policy matters were nearing resolution, issues of the "composition and structure" of a unity government still presented, in Peres' words, "a long line of problems to be overcome."

Regarding the policy issues, Peres spoke of "agreements," and Shamir of "progress," on foreign, economic and defense affairs. The two leaders agreed on a "legal subcommittee" comprising Moshe Nissim (Likud, Minister of Justice) and Moshe Shahal (Labor MK and a leading attorney) to formulate the evolving agreements on these issues.

Neither Shamir nor Peres would give details, but other sources spoke of agreed formulas on the question of peace talks with Jordan and approaching accord on the issue of how decisions on West Bank settlement would be taken in a unity cabinet.

**Possible Composition Of A Unity Cabinet**

The two leaders were even more parsimonious with the details of their discussions on the "personal-political" problems surrounding the composition of a unity Cabinet.

Shamir would say nothing at all. Peres would say only that the principle of equality which he had earlier enunciated determined that neither of the two main parties find itself in a minority in the unity Cabinet.

In political circles it is assumed that the two men have agreed to a Cabinet of 24 ministers — 12 from each side, with each side entitled to replace its own people with people from its allied factions.

On the premiership, Likud's formal position is still to demand rotation, but privately Likud leaders have indicated they would drop that if their party could have both the foreign and defense portfolios instead.

Labor, however, is insistent on keeping defense (Yitzhak Rabin is its candidate for the post) and is offering foreign and finance instead.

But Likud, like Labor, is not especially anxious to have the finance portfolio — in view of the drastic austerity measures that will be required of the next Finance Minister, whoever he may be.

**Waiting For Aguda**

Meanwhile, Labor negotiators have clearly not given up hope of forming a narrow government after all — and are pointing hopefully to some signs of movement within the pivotal two-man Agudat Israel faction. Aguda MK Avraham Shapiro met with Peres last night and today was deliberately vague and equivocal when confronted by reporters.

Shapiro said that while, from the economic standpoint, a unity government might be "the best thing for the country," from the religious viewpoint he was not at all sure it would be the best thing.

If Aguda did not feel that it could be as influential in a unity government as it had been in the Likud's previous administrations, it would prefer, Shapiro said, to support a narrow government "under whoever can set one up." This seemed to be a hint towards Labor — since Likud cannot, given the present arithmetic, set up a narrow government.

**JANNER WARNS OF SERIOUS DANGERS THREATENING THE JEWS OF EUROPE**

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA) — Greville Janner, the head of the British Jewish community, warned of serious dangers threatening the position of Jews in Europe from the extreme right and extreme left.

"He pointed especially to the recent elections for the European Parliament in which 'eleven to twelve percent of the French electorate voted fascist.' Janner was referring to the elections last June in which the National Front, led by Jean-Marie Le

Pen, won 11 percent of the vote. Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a member of the British Parliament, spoke of the dangers facing European Jews at a meeting yesterday of the leadership of 30 American national Jewish organizations at an executive session of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress.

Pointing out that "Americans have heard almost nothing" about the electoral inroads made by fascist parties in Europe, Janner observed that, on the other hand, "When Israel voted one-and-a-half percent fascist (referring to Meir Kahane's election) every newspaper in the world was filled with it." European Jewry was opposed to racists of any sort, he said.

#### Outlines Potential Dangers

Elaborating on the potential dangers to Jews in Europe, Janner pointed to the sharp economic downturn of the continent which is pushing many of the disadvantaged into extremist camps of the right and left. "The Jews have always had their golden age in times of prosperity, and to me the long-term indications are bad," Janner said.

The threat from terrorism, he said was rising and spreading throughout the world. "The PLO is an international terrorist emanation spreading throughout the globe, and it doesn't help the Jews to live in terrorist times," he added.

Finally, he suggested that in Europe, as in much of the rest of the world, there is diminishing sympathy for the Jewish condition, and this was also a reason for his pessimistic outlook. "The image of the Holocaust is receding, so that people no longer have a guilt complex about the Jews," Janner said.

Janner was recently elected chairman of the World Jewish Congress-European Branch and was in New York to brief American Jewish leaders on the state of European Jewry. He also reported on his recent meetings with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India and Prime Minister Robert Mugabi of Zimbabwe.

#### UN TEAM SAYS LEBANESE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL ARE UNFOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- A four-member team from the United Nations has completed its investigation into reports that Israel was diverting the waters from the Wazzani and Litani rivers in Lebanon and found that the Lebanese and Arab allegations were unfounded, Israel Radio reported today.

The radio report said the findings of the UN team are unlikely to be published. Lebanon has asked the Security Council to hold a meeting on its charges of Israel's illegal diversion of the waters. The UN Security Council is scheduled to hold a meeting tomorrow "to consider all practices and measures taken by the Israeli occupying authorities in southern Lebanon, the western Bekaa and the Rashya region."

#### JUDGE ORDERS AUCTION HOUSE TO FREEZE ALL ASSETS FROM SALE OF A COLLECTION OF JUDAICA BOOKS

By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- A state Supreme Court judge yesterday ordered Sotheby's auction house to freeze all assets from the sale last June of a collection of rare Judaica books and manuscripts thought to have been destroyed by the Nazis in World War II.

Judge Robert White also ordered that a trial be held to determine the rightful owner of the manu-

scripts, dating from the 13th through 19th centuries, and that the international auction house make available to Attorney General Robert Abrams, who brought the suit against Sotheby's, a list of all individuals who purchased materials at the June 26 auction.

The court action by White is the latest development in the running battle between the auction house and the Attorney General's office. The auction was contested when Jewish organizations questioned the ownership of the materials, many of which came from a rabbinical seminary in Berlin, The College for the Scientific Study of Jewish Culture.

It was revealed just two weeks ago in an affidavit filed by Sotheby's that the alleged owners of the items are Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Guttman. Dr. Guttman, 82 years old, is a professor at a rabbinical seminary in Cincinnati. He has claimed he was given the books from the Berlin seminary to smuggle out of Germany and is the rightful owner of the materials.

#### Claim To Ownership Is Questioned

In his 11-page written decision yesterday, White appeared to question Guttman's claim to ownership of the materials. White also appeared to question whether he was given the materials or whether he was to only smuggle the materials out of Germany.

"Upon the totality of the evidence presented thus far, it seems likely that Dr. Guttman was one of many individuals who, in the Mosaic tradition, was charged with the safe transmission of the law and culture of the Jewish people," White wrote.

In concluding his decision, White added: "There is every indication that rather than share these master works with other scholars upon his arrival in this country, he actively concealed their existence. These actions are not consistent with a firmly held belief in his rightful title," White said.

No date has been set for the trial. Sotheby's said it will comply with the request for all the names of the purchasers to be supplied to the Attorney General's office.

The Attorney General's office said it "is pleased by the decision, and intends to proceed immediately" with gathering further information from the auction house.

Sotheby's, meanwhile, also indicated it was satisfied with the court's decision, saying, "We look forward to providing as much information as possible."

#### HADASSAH CONVENTION FOCUSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S ISSUES

By Peggy Isaak Gluck

(Staff reporter of the Northern California Jewish Bulletin)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28 (JTA) -- Coinciding with Women's Suffrage Day, the opening session of the 70th national convention of Hadassah last Sunday focused on human rights and women's issues and how Hadassah has dealt with these questions.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Ca.) and Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Meir Rosenne, delivered the keynote speeches before more than 2,500 delegates and guests who attended the ceremonies at Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall.

The outgoing Hadassah national president, Frieda Lewis of Great Neck, N.Y., reported that her organization will remain committed to women's rights, and said that in meetings with President Reagan she was assured that the 1985 UN Final Conference of the International Decade for Women will not take on the political shadings of past U.N. meetings.

"We in Hadassah, view the Nairobi Conference as a top priority. In essence, this conference is a mic-

rocism of our purpose: to assure and improve the rights of all women everywhere, wherever they live," Lewis said.

While Cranston addressed the advances of women around the world, his speech also delved into conflicts in the Mideast and how the threat of nuclear arms is probably more threatening there than any other place in the world.

"The administration policy of pouring arms to the Arabs and Israelis alike poses a tremendous strain on Israel's economy," he said. "Israel must then spend whatever is necessary to maintain the quantitative edge" in the Mideast arms race.

Cranston explained why he continually supports Israel in the arms race, beginning with his losing battle over selling AWACS to the Saudis, a Senate battle he called the toughest he ever fought. "Why are we pandering to the Saudis?" he queried. The Saudis, he said, provide money to the Iraqis, who give money to the Syrians, who in turn supply Iran — "all enemies of Israel."

The world stake in the Middle East goes far beyond the precarious peace of today, Cranston maintained, because "there's a danger the next conflict in the Middle East will be with nuclear weapons." Any use of nuclear weapons in that part of the world would only "trigger a U.S.-Soviet nuclear war that could destroy us all. If we created these weapons, we can certainly control them."

#### Rosenne: Israel Remains Committed To Peace

Greeted by Israel flags, Rosenne thanked Hadassah members for their work over the years, including "40 years ago when this 13-year-old boy went to a youth aliya center and never thought then that 40 years later he'd pay tribute to Hadassah and say thank you for all you've done."

Rosenne changed tone quickly as he turned to Israel's national scene and how his country remains committed to finding a lasting peace. He outlined how Israel has remained flexible in light of accusations otherwise from around the world.

Referring to the oil fields of the Sinai peninsula which were returned to Egypt as part of the Camp David agreements, Rosenne said there was no precedent in modern history for a country returning so much wealth. "We did it because one human life is more important than what we pay for oil," he said.

But more than that, since the signing of the accords, no Arab country has joined in the peace process, a fact Rosenne emphasized because "had the Arab world been interested, they would have seized the opportunity" to join the talks. So instead, "we are accused of being stubborn and intransigent. But we can't negotiate with ourselves; we must have partners," he said referring to the Arabs.

#### 'Must Deal With Crazy States'

The veteran diplomat said the problem can be solved in the future, "but in our area, we must deal with crazy states," he asserted. Rosenne said while Israel was condemned three years ago when she took a "terrible risk" bombing a nuclear reactor in Iraq, today "three years later, Iraq uses gas in the war against Iran" and the incident is ignored.

Prior to the opening session, Rosenne said in an interview with the Northern California Jewish Bulletin that "part of our economic problem stems from the fact that we gave back the Sinai as part of the Camp David agreement. We now spend \$2.5 billion on oil that used to come from the Sinai."

The Ambassador also said that Israeli relations with the United States are excellent and "have never been so good compared to previous years. The United States and Israel don't always agree on everything and we'll always have some differences of opinion, but the fact is that the U.S. is still the only major power to take part in the Middle East peace process."

#### Importance Of Women's Rights To Hadassah

Charlotte Jacobson, convention chairman, focused on how women's rights have always been important to Hadassah members, stemming from its earliest days.

"The nomination of the first woman candidate for one of the highest offices in the U.S. government comes as no surprise to Hadassah members, who remember with pride that our founder, Henrietta Szold, also won recognition as a leader in an era where women certainly were not accepted on the basis of their abilities and talents," he said.

The session also included a moment of remembrance for the oppressed Jews of the Soviet Union, Syria and Ethiopia plus the chanting of Ani Ma'amim by Cantor Itzhak Emanuel of Congregation Ner Tamid of San Francisco and the sounding of the shofar by Barbara Goldstein, who chairs Hadassah's education department.

#### FRANCO-PLO RELATIONS AT ALL TIME LOW

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 28 (JTA) — France's relations with the PLO are at an all time low. Palestinian spokesmen are accusing the French government and especially President François Mitterrand of "double-talk" in the Middle East.

The usually reliable French paper *Le Monde* reported from Tunis that Palestinian anger is such that PLO chief Yasser Arafat has refused to meet French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. The paper said the two were to confer in Tunis where Cheysson is scheduled to arrive later this week but Arafat has told the French "he was too busy to meet him."

According to *Le Monde*, and confirmed by French diplomatic sources, the Palestinians are worried about a possible rapprochement between Paris and Damascus. Syrian President Hafez Assad has kicked Arafat and the PLO out of Syria and backed the anti-Fatah opposition during last year's inter-Palestinian fighting in northern Lebanon. Mitterrand is scheduled to pay an official visit to Damascus before the end of the year.

*Le Monde* correspondent in Tunis quoted PLO leaders as warning that the French Socialist Administration is using "double-talk" in its Mideast dealings, implying that it is telling each side what it wants to hear.

The Palestinians also violently complain that the French are not keeping them informed of their various diplomatic contacts nor about their intentions to launch a diplomatic initiative, in conjunction with Israel's Labor Party if it will succeed to form the next government.

The Paris-based weekly *Afrique-Asie*, known for its reliable information on Arab affairs, says in its current issue that Assad has invited Mitterrand to Damascus "to try and break his support for Arafat and the PLO." The weekly says Assad has practically no hope to change France's pro-Israeli attitude but wants to improve his relations with Paris "at the PLO's expense."

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There will be no Bulletin dated September 3, Labor Day, a postal holiday.

## TWO RABBIS URGE RETURN TO BASIC MORAL VALUES OF JUDAISM AND APPLY THEM TO CURRENT SOCIAL PROBLEMS

**PALO ALTO, Calif., Aug. 28 (JTA) —** Two prominent rabbis urged Jews to return to the basic moral values of Judaism, and to apply those values in dealing with the social problems that concern the general society today.

Among those problems, they cited the condition of the poor and the unemployed, schools, housing, nuclear proliferation, the right of privacy, capital punishment, abortion and the definition of death.

Rabbi Harold Schulweis, of Valley Beth Shalom, a Conservative synagogue in Encino, Calif., and Rabbi Saul Berman, who next month will assume the post of senior rabbi at the Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City, an Orthodox Synagogue, were the principal speakers at the first plenary session last night of the ninth annual Conference of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE). Rabbi Brian Lurie, executive director of the Jewish Federation of San Francisco, Marin County and the Peninsula served as moderator of the dialogue.

The CAJE conference, which will continue through Thursday at Stanford University here, has brought together almost 2,000 Jewish educators from the United States, Canada, Israel, England, Australia and Mexico.

### Cites 'A New Jewish Toughness'

Schulweis maintained that "a backlash of Holocaust memories" had "unleashed a cynical suspicion of gentiles and a repudiation of the universalism and liberalism within the Jewish tradition."

"The pendulum has swung wildly toward a new Jewish toughness," he said, "toward a de facto disavowal of all claims on Jewish energies to struggle for others. There is a vital need to correct this swing of the pendulum toward parochial chauvinism."

Schulweis declared that "To ignore the universalistic dimension in Judaism is to ignore the meaning of Jewish monotheism. God is 'melech ha'olam -- king of the universe and all the inhabitants thereof.' To mock Jewish universalism is to miss the meaning of God's creation of the whole universe."

The Rabbi supported his contention by extensive quotations from Biblical, Talmudic, and post-Talmudic sources, including the Biblical injunction that there should be "one law for the home-born and for the stranger that lives among you," and the Talmudic directive to "feed the hungry of the gentiles, visit the sick of the gentiles, and comfort the bereaved of the gentiles together with the Jewish poor and afflicted."

Schulweis warned that "Jewish parochialism after the Holocaust makes a mockery of our justifiable outrage against churchmen and statesmen who would not act to protect Jews because it would compromise their narrow religious and secular self-interests."

"What argument have we against such corporate selfishness," he queried, "when we defend our own behavior and attitude with the same squinting perspective?"

### Urges Return To Jewish Roots

Berman, while agreeing that "there is a need for a re-emphasis on the universalism of Jewish obligations," added that he "would not, however,

predefine the Jewish approach to social issues as necessarily consonant with what passes for American liberalism." He said he did not think that "the Jewish approach on issues such as abortion or definition of death, or even equality, would necessarily conform to what we would describe as liberal. The issue is not a return to liberalism as much as it is an honest return to Jewish roots."

Jewish involvement in the social problems that confront society, Berman declared, is "not a matter of philosophical or esthetic preference, but is a matter of religious obligation."

### Issue Of Abortion

As an example of how Jewish law relates to contemporary issues, Berman turned to the subject of abortion. The contemporary debate on this issue, he said, "has been conducted between those who, on the one hand, insist that the fetus is a living person, and those, on the other hand, who insist that the fetus is entitled to no protection while the mother is entitled to use her body in accordance with her own will."

Jewish law Berman said, "has traditionally rejected both these opinions. It insists that the fetus becomes a living person at the moment of birth, while simultaneously insisting that no human being is fully entitled to injure or destroy any part of her own body at will."

"While eliminating these extreme positions," he continued, "Jewish law affirms the need for careful case by case evaluation of the rights of the potential person as against the needs of the living mother. While Jewish law does describe certain patterns of situations in which abortion is not permissible -- such as for purely socio-economic reasons, and likewise describes certain situations in which abortion is certainly permissible, such as where there is threat to the life of the mother -- nevertheless most situations require case by case determination based on the peculiarities of the needs involved."

Berman declared: "We must draw on that Jewish wisdom to enrich the public debate in America and to elevate the moral standards of the country."

### NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT FAVORED BY MANY ISRAELIS, POLL SHOWS

**TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA) —** A public opinion poll published in today's Maariv shows that 31.1 percent of the population favors a national unity government headed by the Labor Alignment, 26.1 percent would like to see such a unity government headed by Likud, and 16.3 percent would like a national unity government headed by Labor and Likud in rotation.

Asked about a restricted and possibly minority government, 10.3 percent favored a narrow coalition under Labor and 6.9 percent would like one under the Likud. Asked about new elections, 53.2 percent said they thought they should not be held, while 35.5 percent favored early elections.

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**TEL AVIV (JTA) —** Israeli Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy is to visit the United States shortly, it has been made known here. Levy's visit will be in return for that paid to Israel by the chairman of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff some months ago. He will be the guest of the Chiefs of Staff during his stay in the U.S. and will visit U.S. army installations.