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ISRAELI JETS BOMB TERRORIST BASES IN LEBANON'S BEKAA VALLEY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 27 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force jets bombed Palestinian terrorist bases in Lebanon's Bekaa valley today, territory occupied by Syrian forces. It was the first such foray by Israeli war-planes since September 10. A military spokesman said all aircraft returned safely to their bases.

The spokesman said accurate hits were scored on the targets which he identified as the local headquarters and training area of Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the departure point for terrorist attacks on the Israel Defense Force in south Lebanon.

Beirut radio reported today that three people were killed and five injured in the air raid. Units of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Syrian army reportedly surrounded the target area after the attack.

ISRAEL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO RESUMPTION OF U.S.-IRAQI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27 (JTA) -- Israel has no objections to the renewal of diplomatic relations between the United States and Iraq, announced in Washington yesterday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner told reporters here today that Israel considered it the norm for the U.S. to maintain relations with all countries as long as this was not at Israel's expense.

A senior official here said Israel accepted the Reagan Administration's assurances that the resumption of relations with Baghdad will not be harmful to Israel's interests and that the U.S. has no intention of selling arms to Iraq.

U.S. Administration's Contention Challenged

Pazner, however, challenged the Administration's contention that Iraq no longer regards itself as a "front line state" in the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said Israel does not consider Iraq a moderate Arab state and suggested that Baghdad has not engaged in anti-Israel activities in recent years only because all of its resources are committed to its war with Iran which began in 1980.

Iraq broke relations with the U.S. following the 1967 Six-Day War on grounds that the Israeli victory was achieved with American help. The restoration of relations was announced by a senior Administration official at the White House following a meeting of Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz with President Reagan. Israeli sources said Israel has known for some time that this move was underway.

BOOK ON JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROMAN CIVILIZATION DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ROME AREA

By Lisa Palmieri-Billing

ROME, Nov. 27 (JTA) -- Acting on the premise that ignorance begets anti-Semitism, a bi-lingual pictorial history of Jewish contributions to Roman civilization from 161 BCE to the present, originally published in 1970, has been re-issued and distributed to every school library and public library in the city of Rome, the province and the surrounding region.

The book, "Jewish Rome-Roma Ebraica" by Henryk Geller, was selected by the Rome Jewish community to serve as an educational tool. Its republication and distribution has been subsidized by the municipal, provincial and regional authorities in cooperation with the community. The new edition contains prefaces by Rome's Chief Rabbi, Elio Toaff, and by President Sandro Pertini.

Henryk told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the book casts light on many historical facts that explain the origins of classic and modern anti-Semitism of which even the higher educated echelons of Italian society have been unaware.

He noted that the West, after adopting the unique monotheistic, ethical and universal messages of Judaism, forgot the Jewish origins of Christian values. The reason for the lapse of memory lies in history, Geller said. The State permitted anti-Jewish myths to replace the authentic Jewish religious message, he said.

His book draws attention to the rich cultural and archaeological patrimony of Roman Judaism, now rapidly deteriorating for lack of means for its preservation or for new diggings. "If we succeed in replacing ancient anti-Jewish myths with an understanding of history, we might begin to really uproot the ingrained effects of centuries-long education aimed at disdain of the Jew," Geller told the JTA.

New Determination By Jewish Community

The choice of Geller's book to combat ignorance, "the primary cause of anti-Semitism" -- which appears to be on the rise -- also represents a new determination by the Roman Jewish community to fight back.

This was triggered by the 1982 terrorist attack on the main synagogue in Rome in which a young child, Stefano Tache, was killed and 33 worshippers and passers-by wounded. That tragic event marked a turning point in the Jewish community's relations with the local and regional authorities.

The community had appeared to lack sufficient leverage to combat anti-Semitic overtones in media reportage of Israel's invasion of Lebanon which had adverse repercussions for Jews among many Italians.

The act of violence against the synagogue triggered the anger of Roman Jews which, after a period of dignified silence, they verbalized in the famous "J'Accuse" against sections of the media and the Catholic authorities who consciously or unconsciously allowed a biased climate to grow.

Statement By The President

President Pertini, in his preface to Geller's book, refers to the loss of his brother "in the Nazi persecution and deportations to concentration camps." The memory of those times, he wrote, hopefully will serve as a warning to all today that such horrors may never be repeated.

"So many Jews have shared the vicissitudes of the Roman community throughout the centuries ... in happy and less happy days," Pertini wrote. "I applaud with all my heart the initiative undertaken by the Lazio region and Jewish community to present this volume ... especially directed towards the younger generation."

COURT RULING ON HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR HAILED

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27 (JTA) -- The Bet Zedek Legal Services expressed gratification yesterday over

the decision of a federal appeals court in San Francisco that reparations by the West German government to victims of the Holocaust settled in the United States could not be counted as income in determining the recipient's eligibility for federal disability benefits.

The decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, sitting in San Francisco, reversed a ruling last June by a three-judge panel of the same court for Felicia Grunfeder, a resident of Los Angeles.

Grunfeder has been represented by Bet Zedek, an agency of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council, since the Social Security Administration had ruled that her reparations, of about \$170 per month, boosted her annual income to a point above the level of eligibility in the program, which is based on need.

Her sufferings as a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Warsaw left her with psychiatric problems which qualified her for disability benefits under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. Those benefits of about \$119 a month, plus Medicaid, were terminated by the Social Security Administration in 1980 when it learned about the reparations payments.

Cites 'Just And Compassionate' Decision

Terry Friedman of the Jewish legal service agency said of the reversal, "We're thrilled. At long last we have a decision which is just and compassionate."

He said that, of the estimated 50,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States who get reparations payments, at least 5,000 are eligible for Social Security disability benefits.

After the war, Grunfeder, who had been raised by a Catholic couple, was reunited with her mother, the only other member of the Grunfeder family who survived the Holocaust, and both came to the United States in 1949.

In arguing before the appeals court, the government contended that when Congress amended the Social Security Act, it did not choose to exclude reparations payments from taxable income of Holocaust victims.

Ruling By The Court

But Judge Harry Pregerson, writing for the 7-4 majority in the appeals court decision, ruled that Congress had shown an intent to exclude reparations payments by taking other steps to recognize the special problems of Holocaust survivors, such as excluding reparations payments from taxable income.

The ruling held that "Holocaust survivors receive reparations payments to make amends for past injustices and horrors perpetrated against them by the Nazis. These payments are not designed to support basic needs." The ruling held that counting reparations payments as taxable income would frustrate their "penitential and restitutionary purposes."

ORTHODOX SCHOLAR SAYS THE LEFT IS A GREATER DANGER THAN THE RIGHT

PORT CHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 27 (JTA) -- A leading Orthodox scholar told a concluding session of the 62nd national convention of Agudath

Israel here that while there was "good reason to fear the ascendancy of the radical right and the imposition of sectarian values" on the American society, "the danger on the other side is greater."

Prof. Aaron Twerski of Hofstra University in Long Island, added that "the pressure to implement unthinking egalitarianism on all communities threatens the existence of Orthodox Judaism and its institutions" in the United States. Some 3,000 members and guests attended the five-day convention.

Twerski made his comments in a debate on religion and politics with Rabbi Berel Wein of Suffern, N.Y., dean of Yeshiva Shaarei Torah of Rockland County in Monsey, N.Y.

Wein said he strongly favored strengthening of the wall of church-state separation as a matter of "utmost importance" to the security of Jewish life in America but he also advocated a low profile for the Jewish community in the public debate over the issue of religion in politics.

Role Of Evangelical Right Cited

He warned that "in a society that is empty" of religious values because of "the excesses of secular culture, the evangelical right had full expectations of Christianizing America." He said also that many cult groups and Christian missionaries had "almost unlimited funds pouring into a campaign to capture Jewish souls."

In contending that the new moral climate sought by these groups could have a "devastating effect" on Jewish life in America, Wein said that the dangers from the Evangelical Right must be seriously considered as a major concern in any policy decision on church-state issues.

Twerski, while conceding the danger to religious freedom entailed in capitulation to demands of the Christian Right, nevertheless argued vigorously for participation by Orthodox Jews in efforts to combat such legislation as the Equal Rights Amendment and regulations which would force Orthodox institutions to hire homosexuals as a condition of doing business with the government.

Says Holocaust Is Not Reducible To Monuments

Rabbi David Cohen of Brooklyn expressed serious reservations, at another session, over the tendency to conceive memorials to the Holocaust tragedy in terms of physical monuments. He said American Jewry must come to appreciate the "constructed state" of pre-war European Jewry before it can know the meaning of the destruction of European Jewry.

He said that "for those who lived through the Holocaust," the question was hardly "how to remember -- how can one forget?" For those Jews who had not experienced the Holocaust, he said the question was: "How can they appreciate the destruction of European Jewry without having known its state of spiritual splendor?"

Need To Confront 'Enemy From Within'

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, who was reelected president, called on Orthodox Jews to confront "the enemy from without and the enemy from within" in meeting the issues facing American Orthodoxy.

Sherer assailed the secular Jewish organizations which recently united to sign a declaration about the Law of Return, in which they warned that implementation of the Orthodox demand that converts under non-

Orthodox auspices should not be eligible for entry under that law could create a deep split throughout the world between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews.

He said that declaration was "an unprecedented meddling by secular Jewish groups in a Halachic issue outside their competence which can have serious consequences."

**ISRAELI ENVOY TO JORDANIAN:
'HAVE YOU NO DECENCY, SIR?'**
By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 27 (JTA) -- Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, strongly rejected last night charges made earlier by the Jordanian envoy to the world organization comparing Israel's military rule in the West Bank to the behavior of the Nazis.

Declaring that he spoke not only as the representative of Israel but also as a spokesman for the six million Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazis during the Holocaust, Netanyahu asked the Jordanian Ambassador, Khalid Madadha, "Have you no decency, sir?"

Netanyahu quoted a Russian saying and told the Jordanian diplomat, "Lie but know when to stop." He said that the Jordanian envoy should have known when to stop speaking lies when he talked about Israel.

Netanyahu used his right of reply in the General Assembly last night to respond to an address by Madadha during the General Assembly's opening session yesterday of its yearly debate on "The Situation in the Middle East."

Madadha charged that the sadism Nazis applied to Jews has become "the Israeli sadism applied to Arabs." He said that the Nazi "ovens have become Israeli ovens" for the Palestinians.

Noting that most of the members of the Israeli delegation to the UN and many members of their families are survivors of the Nazi concentration camps who had been ruthlessly shot, shipped away or horribly experimented on, Netanyahu asked whether the Jordanian diplomat suggests that Israeli policy is similar to these atrocities.

As for the Israeli military rule on the West Bank, the Israeli envoy claimed it is the most benign military occupation in history. He also said that during Jordan's rule of the West Bank, more Palestinian Arabs had left their land than under Israeli rule. Netanyahu also asked whether Madadha spoke about the Holocaust out of ignorance or arrogance. He said it was the responsibility of all members of the UN that such statements will not be made again.

**DULZIN: JEWISH AGENCY IS PREPARING
FOR 'A SUDDEN JUMP IN IMMIGRATION'**

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, asserted here that "while I am not free to discuss it publicly, I can tell you that the Jewish Agency is preparing for a sudden jump in immigration, far beyond the figures we projected for this and the coming year. One of the ancient tribes of Israel is due to return to its homeland."

In a broad-ranging free-wheeling address last Wednesday at a meeting of the WZO-American Section, Dulzin declared that when the true story of the Jews of Ethiopia is told, "We will take pride in what we have already achieved in this most difficult and complex rescue operation. At the

same time, a huge task still confronts us." He also spoke of the undaunted courage and steadfastness of Soviet Jewry which is suffering cruel discrimination and hardship. He said the "Soviet Jews are the great Jewish heroes of the day."

Optimistic About Solution Of Israel's Problems

Dulzin expressed optimism about the solution of Israel's problems by the new unity government, increased aliya because of the growing acceptance of local community commitment and responsibility, and strengthened Jewish education.

He emphasized that, without a government of national unity, Israel could not take the steps needed to solve its inflationary crisis. He said "the people of Israel are beginning to experience what will be a severe lowering of their living standards."

Dulzin also pointed out that the United States and Canadian Jewish communities were beginning to comprehend Premier Shimon Peres' vision of Israel's economic future "as a technological headquarters of the Middle East."

Regarding the Jewish Agency, Dulzin said that "as a consequence of drastic cuts in the government budgets," it is "under tremendous pressure to assume responsibility once more for activities it had turned over to the government because of its own financial stringency."

Challenges Facing CJF And UJA

He said these developments are the challenges which will concern the Council of Jewish Federations and the United Jewish Appeal's current campaign. Dulzin paid tribute to the CJF and the UJA, and said: "We Jews have built the most effective networks of help in the history of man -- the community federations."

He emphasized that "the renewed strength and vigor of your North American Jewish communities derives today from the fact of the State of Israel. You are made stronger as Jews by the constant input of Israel into the stream of Jewish consciousness."

Dulzin also pointed out that "diaspora Jewry's landmark decision to accept aliya as part of our common agenda was a milestone in Jewish history. We salute the communities that have undertaken, with the cooperation of the CJF, pilot programs to test various approaches to organized community involvement in aliya."

Concerning the threat of assimilation, he said he felt "a new hope and optimism about Jewish education. The Jewish Agency Board of Governors has approved the implementation of a program to further Jewish education by the intimate collaboration of the American and Canadian Jewish communities and Israel." Dulzin said the Agency "has enlisted a new cadre of distinguished community leaders under the chairmanship of Morton Mandel," a past president of the CJF.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Israeli border police wounded an Arab youth in Nablus Tuesday when they opened fire on a crowd of stone-throwing supporters of PLO chief Yasir Arafat. The youth was hospitalized for leg wounds. According to Israeli sources, the fracas began when an Israeli vehicle was stoned near the Nablus marketplace by young Arabs demonstrating in support of the Palestine National Council meeting now going on in Amman.

Occupants of the vehicle summoned the border police who were also pelted with stones. Military sources said the demonstrators ignored an order by the police commander to cease, whereupon the unit fired tear gas and then fired bullets into the air.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES REFUSING TO FORGET THE PAST

By Aviva Cantor

(Part One Of A Five-Part Series)

VIENNA, Nov. 27 (JTA) — A unique series of multi-media events documenting, celebrating and mourning the "Vanished World" of pre-Holocaust European Jewry has been taking place here this month at a time when many Austrians are beginning to confront their country's anti-Semitic past, and when many Jews are beginning to confront the task of building a viable community for the future.

The three major "Vanished World" events are a photographic exhibit of close to 400 pictures of East European and Austrian Jews; an international film festival with 60 movies, both dramas and documentaries; and an academic symposium bringing together over a dozen scholars to lecture on various aspects of Jewish life during and after the Hapsburg Monarchy.

The "Versunkene Welt" (literally, sunken world) chain of events was the brainchild of Leon Zelman, executive director of the Jewish Welcome Service of the City of Vienna, which he founded in 1980 as a resource center to provide information to residents and visitors about Jewish life. It is under the city's auspices, with Foreign Minister (and former Vienna Mayor) Leopold Gratz as its honorary president, and the World Jewish Congress as its "support system."

Purpose In Initiating 'Vanished World' Events

Zelman was a native of Lodz, liberated at the age of 17 from a subsidiary camp of Mauthausen, the "mother concentration camp" of Austria, located about three hours' drive from Vienna. Zelman's purpose in initiating and coordinating the "Vanished World" sequence of events arose out of the conviction that "it was time to speak out." With next year being the 40th anniversary of the Liberation, Zelman wanted people to understand and "reflect" beforehand on precisely who — and what — were wiped out by the Nazis. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

"We live in the shadow of the concentration camps. It is important to reveal that the people Hitler destroyed as his enemies were not all famous. They were also the old, the poor, children, workers." It is important too, he continued, that "the memory of these people and their rich culture not be destroyed. We cannot allow Hitler to finish everything."

The concept for the series of events actually began with Zelman's idea of a Yiddish film festival to be shown in a small movie theater in Vienna. He discussed the idea with Joachim Riedl, who was working as New York correspondent of "Profil" news-magazine. The idea snowballed into a multi-media event with the support of Gratz, then Vienna's mayor, and other Austrian officials.

The "Vanished World" events were held under the patronage of the president of Austria, Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlager and the WJC. They were timed to coincide with the observance of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass" pogrom of 1938.

Riedl put together the photo exhibit with Hans Peter Hoffman. It includes photos from New York's YIVO Institute for Jewish Research "Image Before My Eyes" collection; Roman Vishniac's photographs taken before the war to document East European Jewish life whose imminent destruction he foresaw; and pictures of Austrian Jews from a book, "Die Mazsesingel," (which refers to the Vienna district where Jews lived before the war) compiled by

film producer Ruth Beckermann from various Austrian archives. "The main theme in the pictures is the problem of Jewish identity," Riedl told JTA at the exhibit at the Kunstlerhaus. "The photos were chosen and arranged on an emotional basis. We refrained from long explanations because they must speak for themselves."

Accompanying the stark black-and-white photos are 28 color portraits of Jews ranging from Golda Meir to Franz Kafka by Andy Warhol; and Jewish religious objects from the private collection of Max Berger. The exhibit, which opened October 30, has been crowded, especially on weekends. Zelman was particularly gratified that 14,000 children and 2,000 soldiers had visited it in a two-week period. Last week a soldier won a free trip to Israel as the 20,000th visitor.

Accompanying the photos is a 242-page large-size catalogue-anthology compiled by Riedl which includes many of the photos plus articles by noted writers such as Martin Buber, Kafka, Lion Feuchtwanger, Milan Kundera, and Arnold Zweig.

Subjects Covered At the International Symposium

The international symposium, attended at the Vienna City Hall November 19-22 by several hundred people, featured academic papers, presented mainly in German by professors from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Oxford, Brandeis and Columbia Universities, the Free University of Berlin and the University of Maryland.

The subjects covered the struggles for Jewish identity, national expression, and various political solutions of the Jewish problem; anti-Semitism in Austria and Vienna; Yiddish language and literature; and Jewish life and culture under the Austro-Hungarian Empire and its "successor states." The symposium was sponsored by the WJC's Institute for Jewish Affairs of London; and YIVO.

An Exciting Film Festival

The film festival, which opened November 15 and runs through the 29th, is a potpourri of movies about Jews, the majority from the U.S. They include such well-known films as "The Pawnbroker," "Exodus," "Hester Street," and the original "To Be or Not To Be." Also shown were classic Yiddish films made in Poland and the U.S. before World War II, anti-Semitic Nazi propaganda movies, and dramas from Austria, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Poland, the Soviet Union, and Switzerland.

"I went up to the line of people waiting to see the Jewish films," Zelman told JTA. "I saw faces I didn't know" — he seems to know everybody in Vienna. He asked the young people why they were going to the films. The answer: "I want to know about Jewish life."

This, he said, was the aim of the series — to reach out to people, not only to young non-Jews but also to young Jews "so the past will not be forgotten."

(Tomorrow: Part Two)

LONDON (JTA) — The invitation to PLO chief Yasser Arafat to visit London next month has been withdrawn by the parties who extended it following angry protests by pro-Israel circles here and fears for Arafat's safety. Arafat had been invited to attend the festivities introducing a biography of him by British journalist Alan Hart. The publishers said they were not consulted about the invitation. It is the third time that a planned visit to Britain by Arafat has been cancelled.