

ZULU CHIEF ON VISIT TO ISRAEL

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) — A leading Black South African, Zulu chief Gatshe Buthelezi, arrived here today to begin a 10-day visit while at the same time Premier Shimon Peres told the Cabinet of Israel's continued abhorrence of South Africa's apartheid policy of racial discrimination.

"The Israeli government unconditionally disassociates itself from South Africa's apartheid government," Peres told the weekly Cabinet session, according to a statement issued after the meeting. "The State of the Jewish people will not accept discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or any other grounds."

Buthelezi, meanwhile, in a rare visit by a Black South African leader, said Israel need not sever diplomatic relations with South Africa, though he said Israel should begin an arms boycott of the white minority government in Pretoria. He said an arms embargo of the government there was the only international pressure he supported to obtain reforms.

He told reporters at a news conference at Ben Gurion Airport that Israel should use its diplomatic ties with South Africa to pressure the government to agree to share power with the Black majority. The leader of some six million Zulus said that there were some instances of anti-Jewish rioting by Blacks in South Africa though he said the Zulus maintained good relations with the Jewish community there.

Buthelezi is scheduled to meet with Peres, President Chaim Herzog, and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL IN IVORY COAST

 DEDICATED BY THE POPE WAS BUILT
BY AN ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION FIRM

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) — The Roman Catholic cathedral dedicated yesterday by Pope John Paul II in the Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan was built by the Israeli construction firm of Solel Boneh, working in joint partnership with the Ivory Coast government. The Pope visited the Ivory Coast during a tour of West and Central Africa.

The second largest Roman Catholic cathedral in the world, after St. Peter's in Rome, it was built in just under two years. The cathedral, which has three bell towers (the highest reaching to 70 meters), can hold 6,000 persons. It is located on a 30-acre plot and cost about \$15 million to build.

Solel Boneh officials were present at the dedication ceremony and were presented to the Pope during his visit.

The Abidjan cathedral is not the first major church built by Solel Boneh. The firm, owned by the Histadrut and the largest construction firm in Israel, also built the new Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

**HEBRON UNDER CURFEW AFTER
WEST BANK SETTLER IS STABBED**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) — Israeli security forces today sealed off a passageway from the main street in downtown Hebron to the local casbah fol-

lowing the stabbing yesterday of a Jewish settler from nearby Kiryat Arba. At the same time, a curfew imposed yesterday on the Hebron marketplace continued today as security forces continued to search for the assailants.

Yaacov Reiter, 45, an American immigrant, was attacked by two men as he walked through the marketplace. He was stabbed several times in the back, chest and shoulder. Reiter was rushed to the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem where his condition was described today as stable.

Leaders of the Jewish community in Hebron met today with Likud ministers and demanded that the Likud should use the latest in a series of recent anti-Jewish incidents in the town to push through in the Cabinet a decision to expand the small Jewish presence in Tel Rumeida, a hill overlooking central Hebron. The settlers argued that ever since the national unity government was formed, there has been no progress in expanding the Jewish settlement.

Less than two weeks ago, on July 30, Albert Buchris, 32, of Afula, was fatally shot at close range while he was walking through the Nablus marketplace. His killer is still at large.

Last week, the Cabinet appointed a seven-minister committee to study tougher penalties and preventive measures against terrorism. A number of steps have been undertaken to cope with Arab terrorism against individual Jews, including administrative detention for up to six months, deportation, and the closing of any Arab newspapers that violate military censorship.

**SUPREME COURT GRANTS FATAH
LEADER STAY OF DEPORTATION**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) — The Supreme Court today granted an interim injunction against the deportation of Khalil Abu-Ziad, described by Israeli authorities as a key Fatah leader in the administered territories. The court ordered the Defense Ministry to show cause within three days why the deportation order should not be cancelled.

Abu-Ziad was handed a deportation order last week signed by Gen. Amnon Shahak, head of the Central Command. An Army spokesman asserted that Abu-Ziad is involved in terrorist and subversive activities and that he maintains contact with people active in Fatah, both inside and outside of the territories.

If the deportation order is implemented, Abu-Ziad's deportation would become the first such action under the new policy in the territories approved recently by the Cabinet. Twelve other alleged terrorists are now appealing against deportation orders.

Abu-Ziad, who had served 10 years in jail on security offenses, was restricted to his home in recent years by order of the military authorities for making the bookstore he operated in East Jerusalem a meeting place for Palestine Liberation Organization activists.

In his appeal to the Supreme Court, Abu-Ziad argued that the deportation order he received last Thursday was not required in order to assure the security of the public, nor to maintain public order. He charged that the order was issued merely as an expression of the new policy as a deterrence measure.

The considerations behind the order were of an arbitrary nature, and not as a matter of fact, he charged. He said that since he has been under house arrest since 1982, the security forces had full supervision of him and even if he wanted to, he was thus barred from any terrorist activity.

KOLLEK SAYS AUSTRIAN PROTEST OVER THE CLOSING OF ARAB HOSPITAL IN EAST JERUSALEM IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE

By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem today expressed his disappointment at Austrian protests against the closing of the Austrian Hospice Hospital in East Jerusalem owned by the Catholic Church of Vienna, calling the protests incomprehensible.

The Austrian Foreign Ministry had delivered a sharp note of protest last week against the closing of the hospital by the Israeli authorities on medical grounds, and Interior Minister Karl Blecha, who is also president of the Austrian Arab Friendship Society, termed the closing a measure of arbitrariness.

But the Vienna-born Kollek, in an interview with Austrian Radio, rejected charges that there is now no hospital for the Arab population of East Jerusalem. According to Kollek, the Israeli social security system has established a modern facility providing Arab nurses, doctors, and food to inhabitants of East Jerusalem.

According to Kollek, medical care for the Arab population is now better than it was before the closing of the hospital. He expressed anger and disappointment at the Austrian's lack of understanding for the hospice closing.

"There have been repeated demands from the Austrian side to have the hospice returned to the Catholic church," he said. "Now after we initiated action in that direction, the Austrians have joined in the Arab protests, in a campaign against Israel, and they have disassociated themselves from their original demands, I really deplore this kind of policy."

CONFLICT SUBSIDES IN HERUT PARTY OVER INCORPORATING LA'AM FACTION

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The opposing groups in the Herut Central Committee -- followers of Herut leader and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and those of Deputy Premier David Levy -- both declared themselves satisfied with a ruling by the Herut Party's Central Court last Friday on an appeal by Levy supporters against a vote to incorporate the tiny La'am faction in the party.

The court ruled that the Central Committee's decision, which the supporters of Levy claim was forced through in an illegal vote at the end of a stormy session last week by Shamir, was valid, but could be overturned by another Central Committee meeting if this were requested by 175 members.

Shamir's supporters were jubilant that the court had declared the La'am incorporation legal, even though Shamir, seizing leadership of the stormy session from a powerless official chairman Avraham Schechterman, had conducted a hasty vote by a show of hands amid total pandemonium.

The dispute over the conduct of the vote to incorporate the La'am faction stems from the faction's relatively small, though strident support for Shamir over Levy, who hopes to oppose Shamir for Herut leadership when new Knesset elections are held. Under the tentative

agreement last week, La'am members are to receive nine percent of the representation on Herut bodies. The faction is led by Ehud Olmert. Herut Party supporters of Levy said they would have no problems obtaining the 175 signatures for a new Central Committee meeting at which a proper secret ballot could be held on the incorporation issue. Even though they will not be able to prevent a merger, the vote will show Levy's strength in any confrontation with Shamir, the Levy supporter's assert. The renewed Central Committee meeting will probably be held within one month, Herut Party sources said.

RABBI YAAKOV KANIEVSKY DEAD AT 87

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Over 100,000 mourners attended the funeral in Bnei Brak today of Rabbi Yaakov Yisrael Kanievsky (the Steipeler Rav) who died at the age of 87 last night in his Bnei Brak home.

Regarded as one of the greatest rabbinical authorities in the world and venerated dayen of yeshivot throughout the globe, Kanievsky, brother-in-law of the famed Hazon Ish, had suffered from a kidney ailment for some months.

Kanievsky came to Palestine in 1934 from Vilna, following his brother-in-law who preceded him by 18 months. The two men, both regarded as outstanding sages, were close neighbors in Bnei Brak for many years.

Kanievsky, who wrote over 30 books during his lifetime, did not occupy himself in political matters within the Hasidic and Orthodox communities but was accepted as an authority by all of them.

LENINGRAD HEBREW TEACHER SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN A LABOR CAMP

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Roald Zelichonok, a 49-year-old Hebrew teacher from Leningrad who has sought to emigrate to Israel since 1979, has been sentenced to three years in a labor camp on charges of allegedly "defaming the Soviet state and social system," it was reported here by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ).

Material cited as evidence in the case against Zelichonok included an interview he had given to a Canadian tourist, as well as "letters written to policy makers in the West" which contained information about the Soviet Union.

The one-day trial last Thursday, during which Zelichonok was permitted to speak freely with his wife, Galina, and his friend, Vladimir Lifshits, was termed by the NCSJ as "surprisingly liberal and democratic" as compared with the usual Soviet legal proceedings. However, the purpose of the three-year sentence was apparently meant to intimidate Jewish activists, and to convince them that speaking out to the West does not pay off, the NCSJ said.

Only days before his arrest, Zelichonok had issued critical public statements to the Deputy Director of the Leningrad Post Office and the Head of the Foreign Relations Department at the USSR Ministry of Communications. In a detailed account, he called the persistent Soviet interference with his mail a "very grave violation of internal and international law."

Among the letters used as a pretext against Zelichonok is one addressed to Israel's President Chaim Herzog. Asked during the pre-trial investigation how one's private letters can be used as evidence against him, the Leningrad Deputy Procurator responded that "writing to a friend may be private, but not so writing to the President of Israel."

Zelichonok is the eighth Soviet Jewish Hebrew teacher to be imprisoned since June 1984 in an on-going crackdown which the U.S. State Department had condemned as "a tragic and needless obstacle to constructive relations between the U.S. and the USSR."

CONGRESS APPROVES A COMMISSION TO PROTECT LANDMARKS IN EAST EUROPE By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA) — Congress has approved legislation creating a commission to protect cemeteries and other landmarks in Eastern Europe which are associated with the religious or ethnic heritage of American citizens.

The measure was proposed by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. N.Y.), a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, and introduced in the Senate by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.).

"If we permit the decay and deterioration of the years — or destruction wrought by hostile and uncaring governments — to undermine the cemeteries, monuments, or historic buildings associated with the foreign heritage of U.S. citizens, all of us will lose an important part of our root," Solarz told the House.

Solarz was also a member of the Councils' predecessor group, the U.S. Holocaust Commission, which recommended measures to protect the cemeteries after it heard a plea from Rabbi Zvi Kestenbaum of Brooklyn, New York.

Many Cemeteries Destroyed

"The Commission found that many cemeteries in Eastern and Central Europe were being destroyed by weather and decay or by hostile actions," Solarz said. "Without vigorous action by our government we risk losing a vital part of our heritage."

Solarz added that "for nearly fifty years the sacred grave site of our ancestors have been abused, ignored, vandalized and often destroyed." He noted that in Poland, for example, the last remaining wall of the Warsaw Ghetto was torn down in the mid-1970's.

Before World War II there were 800 Jewish cemeteries there, of which only 434 remain, only 22 of them in decent condition. Conditions are the same in other Eastern Bloc countries.

"Cemeteries, monuments and historic buildings are often the last visible reminders of the communities our emigrant ancestors left behind," Solarz added.

First Task Of The Commission

The Commission will be made up of 21 members, seven appointed by the President and seven each from the Senate and House. The Commission's first task would be to publish a list of landmarks abroad associated with the heritage of U.S. citizens.

It would then have the State Department seek assurances from the governments where these are located that they will be preserved and protected. The Commission will also sponsor and support demonstration projects to preserve and protect the landmarks.

92 LAWMAKERS URGE REAGAN TO PUBLICLY AFFIRM HIS SUPPORT FOR THE OSI

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (JTA) — President Reagan has been urged by 92 members of the House of Representatives to publicly affirm his support for the activities of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), the unit responsible with tracking down and litigating against alleged Nazi war criminals in the United States.

In urging the President to "publicly express your support" of the OSI, the letters signed by 79 Democrats and 13 Republican Congressmen, said, "We are confident that you would agree that those who perpetrated crimes against the Jews and other victims of Nazism should not be afforded the privilege of residence in our country. That is why we so emphatically support the work of the Office of Special Investigations."

The Congressional letter was initiated by Rep. Gary Ackerman (D. N.Y.) and co-signed by 91 of his colleagues in response to a growing campaign directed against the OSI, established in 1979. The campaign has involved some Eastern European emigre groups that have charged, among other claims, that the OSI collaborates with the Soviet Union's KGB, according to Ackerman.

NEW ISRAELI NURSING ROBOTS TO SERVE THE DISABLED

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) — Researchers at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology, are devising a nursing robot that will run errands, fetch objects, serve and even cook — in response to verbal commands, it was reported by the American Society for Technion.

When Johan Borenstein of the Robotics Department issues a firm two-word command: "Sink-move," the robot model wheels across the room on its way to the sink. And when Borenstein issues the next instruction: "Home-move," the model returns to his side.

Research in progress aims at the development of a sophisticated nursing robot, capable of performing varied tasks for the physically disabled — opening or closing a cupboard, window, or door, replacing a video cassette, or preparing simple dishes.

The nursing robot will comprise at least three major components: a self-propelled, computer-controlled carriage, the robot mounted on it, and a fixed source of radiation — either infrared or laser beams — to serve as a permanent reference point for the system's frequent reorientation.

The carriage, equipped with sensors to help it avoid or overcome obstacles, will move in response to voice signals from the patient. Spoken commands will activate the robot arm and activate numerous possible tasks.

A direct telephone link will enable it to dial a number on request or if an emergency occurs and help is needed. The robot will "see" with an "eye" very similar in design to a camera rangefinder.

In spite of this system's extensive capabilities, it is expected to be relatively inexpensive. Its developers' target retail price is \$10,000 and it is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of 1986.

"Israel is an ideal place for the development and export of robotic systems," notes Prof. Yoram Koren, head of Technion's Robotics Laboratory, "because software is at the heart of the system and we have a fund of the right sort of expertise in this field."

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Dr. Jeffrey Hollander, principle of the Mormon Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, counters claims by Orthodox elements in Israel that the university branch now being planned for Jerusalem is designed to convert Jews by saying that if they had intended proselytizing they would not build such a big building in a most prominent spot on Mount Scopus. Hollander told reporters he had come to Israel not as a representative of the Mormon Church but as head of the university, to sign agreements with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek on construction of the building, which he said was one of many branches of the university throughout the world.

AN UNUSUAL ONE-YEAR PILOT TEST PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA TO PROTECT USERS OF KOSHER MEAT AND POULTRY

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) — The machinery of a complicated new California State law to protect users of kosher meat and poultry, involving an unusual one-year pilot test program in Los Angeles County, was explained today by an Agudath Israel leader who helped get the measure through the legislative mill.

Dr. Irving Lebovics of Los Angeles, co-chairman of the regional commission on Legislation and Civic Action of Agudath Israel, spelled out the complexities of the new measure, signed into law August 1 by Governor George Deukmejian, in a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Assemblyman Tom Hayden, Santa Monica Democrat, sponsored the bill and it was approved by the Assembly by 65-4 and by the State Senate 33-0, Lebovics said.

Some Problems With The Old Law

Lebovics said that there is a law on the books for kosher consumer protection, 383-B, but that Herschel Elkins, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Attorney General's consumer affairs department, had complained that 383-B was almost impossible to enforce.

Elkins said that, among other problems, 383-B required that intent to defraud in such cases had to be proved. A rabbi named by the state in the late 1950's, after 383-B was passed to serve as commissioner of supervision, encountered political and other problems which resulted in state defunding of that post in the mid-1960's. There has been no statewide protection of the observant Jewish consumer since.

Four Kosher Butcher Shops Targeted

Acting on complaints from the Rabbinical Council of California, Elkins managed to borrow an inspector from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration office in Seattle in 1984. Elkins had targeted four kosher butcher shops in Los Angeles and started punitive actions against them.

Lebovics said penalties were imposed on the four against which Elkins acted, not under 383-B but under the state's general consumer fraud law. All of the butcher shop operators, each of whom had his own rabbinical supervisor, eventually were discredited and all went out of business, Lebovics said.

Lebovics said that when planning was started on the new law, with participation and support by a wide variety of local Jewish organizations, it was agreed that the place to start was kosher butcher shops in California which Elkins reported presented a much wider problem than had been suspected on the basis of the drive against the four kosher butchers.

He said that because of Deukmejian's objections to the Jewish groups' plans for a one-line item in the 1985 state budget to provide one kosher food inspector from the Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA), the groups decided to seek a bill for funding. The result was the new law, which provides \$64,000 to administer the one-inspector arrangement for one year in Los Angeles County.

Lebovics told the JTA that the new law has a sunset clause, meaning that it will automatically die after one year. Accordingly, the Legislature will have to meet before the expiration and pass a new statewide kosher product inspection law.

The Agudath Israel official said that the one-year pilot program will make it possible for the Jewish organizations and state officials to work out bugs in the program, and provide an idea of the size of the budget that will be needed annually for a statewide program. He said the state DFA also had asked for the pilot program to determine whether it could be fitted into its operations.

The DFA has a staff of "fealers," inspectors who check weights and measures in retail establishments, a program which includes visiting retail stores to determine if their scales are accurate. These inspectors, if the program goes through as hoped, will be trained by the Attorney General's office to check receipts and other evidence in kosher meat markets. Lebovics said one search might be for kosher food retailers who were found to be selling more claimed kosher meat and poultry than the required documents substantiated.

The language of the new law provides that "any person who sells meat or poultry advertised or represented to be kosher shall retain for one year a true and legible invoice of all invoices and records of cash or charge transactions from the packer or producer of the kosher meat and shall make these documents ... available for inspection" by the DFA "upon request."

Rabbi Chaim Schnur, California Agudath Israel director, said a meeting was being arranged at the Attorney General's office with rabbis statewide and with kosher food suppliers to acquaint them with details of the new law.

HAIFA HOSPITALS TREATING TYPHOID FEVER PATIENTS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) — Hospitals in Haifa are treating over 60 patients suffering from typhoid fever or suspected of having the disease. More patients are being admitted daily. All the patients come from the Haifa Bay area where an outbreak of dysentery affected over 5,000 people nearly two months ago.

The origin of the outbreak is believed to have been the same leakage from damaged sewage pipes into faulty drinking water pipes in the region north of Haifa. While dysentery becomes evident almost immediately, the incubation period for typhoid is from six to eight weeks. The incubation period for infectious hepatitis (jaundice) is somewhat longer, and thousands of children and pregnant women have already been inoculated against hepatitis.

The typhoid patients and suspects are being treated in special isolation wards. The infected wells in Haifa Bay have been isolated, and repairs effected in both the local sewage and water pipe networks.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Center for the Research of Zionism and the Yishuv has been established at the Hebrew University. The new center is a joint project of the faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences at the university and will involve inter-disciplinary and inter-departmental activity in all areas connected with the history of Zionism and the yishuv (the pre-state Jewish community) in Eretz Israel, beginning with the 19th century.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Pan American airlines has applied to the Israel Civil Aviation Authority for permission to fly three weekly flights from New York to Ben Gurion Airport via Paris. Pan Am has had sales offices in Israel for many years, but has never flown regularly scheduled flights here.