SHCHARANSKY BEGINS 10-DAY U.S. VISIT; SAYS HE WILL SPEAK OUT ABOUT THOSE HE LEFT BEHIND IN THE SOVIET UNION
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) -- Former Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky arrived in the United States Thursday for the beginning of a dramatic ten-day visit which will include a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Betzalel Peres next week in Washington and an appearance at this Sunday's 15th annual Solidarity Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry here.

"I'm going to speak out about those I left behind me in Russia," Shcharansky told reporters at a news conference after arriving at Kennedy International Airport, referring to the more than 20,000 Jews who have been refused permission to emigrate and the some 400,000 who have begun the emigration process and seek to leave the Soviet Union.

Shcharansky also thanked President Reagan for helping to secure his release last February as part of an exchange of East-West prisoners. In addition, he said he believed progress on the Soviet Jewry emigration issue can be achieved through better U.S.-Soviet relations.

He said the "atmosphere of trust" needed between the two superpowers to facilitate increased emigration can be achieved by the Soviet Union participating in summit meetings, such as the Helsinki Accord. "The Helsinki Accord is a very good example of an agreement which was signed but was never fulfilled in the Soviet Union," he said.

The 38-year-old mathematician arrived in Israel on February 11 from the Soviet Union, where he served nine years of a 13-year prison sentence for alleged treason and anti-Soviet propaganda. His wife Avital, 35, did not accompany him to the U.S. on the advice of her doctors. Avital is in her second month of pregnancy.

Full Of Important Meetings

Shcharansky, greeted at the airport by a throng of students and community supporters of the Soviet Jewish emigration movement, also told reporters that "this trip will be short but full of important meetings." While in New York, he will meet with Mayor Edward Koch, who called Shcharansky in Israel after his arrival there and invited him to visit the Big Apple.

In addition, before leaving for Washington next week, Shcharansky will address a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the umbrella group of 40 national Jewish groups. Presidents Conference chairman Kenneth Bialkin said here that the Jewish community will "never acquiesce in silence to their (Soviet Jewry's) suffering."

But certainly the most dramatic appearance will be at the Soviet Jewry rally here Sunday, which will begin with a march along Fifth Avenue and conclude with an enormous rally at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza across from the United Nations. While last year's rally drew some 200,000 persons, rally organizers are predicting that nearly half-a-million persons will greet Shcharansky this time.

Only 72 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union in April, 25 more than were allowed to leave in March, according to statistics provided by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Of the 72 April emigrants, 18 went to Israel. This low total of emigrants going to Israel has been cited by some observers as a reason for the Soviets' allowing just a small number of Jews to leave each month.

PERES, IN MESSAGE TO NUDEL, VOWS THAT ALL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO BRING HER HOME

JERUSALEM, May 8 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres sent a special message to Ida Nudel on the occasion of her 55th birthday in which he vowed that "we shall neither rest nor be silent until we have brought her home."

Nudel, an aliya activist known as the "guardian angel" of the Soviet Jewry movement, lives in enforced isolation in Bendery, Soviet Moldavia. She served four years of Siberian exile for publicly campaigning for Jewish emigration rights. She herself first applied to emigrate in 1971 to be reunited with her sister, Ilana Fridman, in Israel.

Peres' message was read at a festive gathering in Malchei Israel Square in Tel Aviv Wednesday night organized by the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry.

In part: "Ida Nudel today serves as a source of inspiration, the focus of the people's love. She is daily testimony to the fact that no regime of oppression can imprison the spirit of freedom that beats in our people, nor has any totalitarian machine the strength to diminish the longings for our historic homeland."

NATIONAL JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK 'SALUTE TO LIBERTY' MAY 11-22

NEW YORK, May 8 (JTA) -- Ranking New York City and State officials officially opened the 10th annual national Jewish Heritage Week at ceremonies at City Hall Thursday. It will be celebrated here from May 11 through May 22.

The general theme, announced by State Attorney General Robert Abrams, will be "A Salute to Liberty, Freedom and Justice for All" in connection with the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty.

In Abrams, who is chairman of the Jewish Heritage Week Advisory Council, noted that the famed Statue in New York harbor has symbolic meaning to the 17 million immigrants who passed through Ellis Island, just to the north of the statue. He said "a special component" of Jewish Heritage Week "will focus on the Jewish immigrant experience and the contributions they have made to this country and society."

He said that curriculum material on the history of Ellis Island and the Jewish immigrant experience would be distributed to New York public and private schools with a combined student body of over one million.

Mayor Edward Koch of New York and City Council President Andrew Stein presented procla-
mations on behalf of the city. Greetings were
extended by City Comptroller Harrison Goldin, 
Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins, 
Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden, Mayor 
Shlomo Lechat of Tel Aviv, and Deputy Consul 
General of Israel Herzl Inbar.

The Sixth Annual Sam Levenson Memorial
Awards honoring the late humorist and one-time 
New York high school teacher, who was instru-
mental in initiating Jewish Heritage Week, were 
presented to the New York public school system and the Board of Jewish Education of Greater 
New York (BJE).

They were accepted on their behalf by Mayor 
Koch, School Board Chancellor Nathan Quin-
one, and Alvin Schiff, executive vice president of 
the BJE. A special award was given to Abrams for 
his 10 years of leadership in developing Heritage 
Week programs and his role in introducing it.

A candlelight ceremony was held in memory 
of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. 
Other officials participating in the ceremonies at 
City Hall included Peggy Tishman, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of (JCRC) of 
New York.

Jewish Heritage Week, initiated by the JCRC in 
1977, is co-sponsored by the JCRC and its 51 
member organizations, the Board of Jewish Educa-
tion of Greater New York, and the New York City 
Board of Education.

LORD SHINWELL DEAD AT 101 
By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, May 8 (JTA)--Lord Shinwell, the poor Jewish boy from London's East End who rose 
to become one of Britain's most controversial and 
best loved politicians, died Thursday at his Lon-
don home at the age of 101 and seven months.

His 68-year-old son Ernest said he was lucid 
and talkative to the end and that half an hour 
before his death had requested a glass of whisky. 
After raising up his hands and saying, "I have had 
enough," he asked to be put in a more comfort-
able position and died with a peaceful smile on 
his face.

Tributes to the former Defense Minister 
began pouring in Thursday from politicians of all 
parties as well as from the Jewish community, in 
which he was esteemed for his fearlessness way of 
dealing with anti-Semites and his incisive support 
for the State of Israel.

One of the founding fathers of the British 
Labor Party, Emanuel Shinwell first earned his 
reputation for uncompromising militancy in the 
shipbuilding unions on Glasgow's River Clyde.

Shinwell was born in the Spitalfields district 
of London's East End on October 18, 1884, exact-
ly a week before the 100th birthday of Sir Moses 
Montefiore, the celebrated Anglo-Jewish philanthro-
pist, who also died at the age of 101.

Unlike the wealthy Montefiore, however, 
Shinwell was the oldest of 13 children, came from a 
very poor immigrant family. His father was a 
tailor from Poland and his mother a Londoner of 
Dutch Jewish descent.

When he was nine years old, the family 
moved to Glasgow, where he acquired his broad 
Scottish accent and a reputation as a bare 
knuckle boxer. He threw himself into the workers' 
struggle at an early age and was jailed for incit-
ing riots. In 1922, he was elected to the House 
of Commons on the Labor ticket and 16 years later 
crossed the floor to punch a Conservative mem-
ber who had told him to "go back to Poland."

In 1933, the year the Nazis seized power in 
Germany, Shinwell made a speech at the British 
Labor Party conference in which he proudly 
avowed his membership in the Jewish race and 
said he had never sought to conceal it.

Unabated Support For Israel

Even so, he had little time for religious 
observance and it was not until he was in his 
80's that he began appearing on Jewish public 
platforms as a defender of Israel.

A week after the outbreak of the Yom Kip-
pur War in October 1973, He described 18,000 
British Jews in London's Trafalgar Square. Iden-
tifying himself solidly with Israel, he said it was 
entitled to hang on to all the land captured in 
1967, and accused Britain of hypocrisy for 
demanding territorial concessions by Israel.

Although a Socialist, his support for Israel 
remained unabated when Israel's Labor Party was 
defeated by Menachem Begin. "Thank God for 
Begin," Shinwell exclaimed on hearing of the 
Israel Air Force's destruction of the Iraqi nu-
clear reactor in 1981.

As a member of the first Labor government 
after World War II, he was formally a party to 
the anti-Zionist policies of Foreign Secretary 
Ernest Bevin, even though, as Minister of Fuel 
and Power, he had little to do with foreign 
policy.

Privately, though, he bitterly disagreed with 
Bevin, with whom he had been on bad personal 
terms since his days as a Clyde-side rebel. Shin-
well had once threatened to strike Bevin, who 
taunted him as an "Oriental."

Shinwell was all the more pleased, therefore, 
at seeing Bevin's policies smashed by Jewish 
opposition. While Bevin was still wrestling to 
maintain the British position in Palestine. Shin-
well voted in Parliament in favor of partition 
and backed the United Nations resolution of 
November 1947, on which Britain's UN delegation 
abstained.

Ministerial Involvement In Palestine

His own ministerial involvement in Palestine 
began at the end of 1947 when, on becoming 
Minister of War, he was in charge of the with-
drawal of the British Army. He ordered the army 
to pull out with the minimum risk to itself and 
without favoring either the Jews or Arabs.

But unlike much of the British military and 
political establishment, he already had a high 
regard for the Yishuv's military potential. In his 
1973-memories, he wrote that "Bevin neither knew 
nor cared about the military resources of the 
Israelis and Egyptians, beyond believing that 
they had provided the Arab states with suffi-
cient arms to confine, and probably restrict, 
Israeli territorial ambitions."

In the three subsequent Middle East wars, 
Shinwell consistently supported Israel, most 
notably during the 1956 Suez operation which was 
bitterly attacked by his own party. Shinwell 
stoutly defended both Israel and the Conserva-
tive government of Anthony Eden.

Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock said Thurs-
day that Shinwell "always fought to win for the 
people. He was tough and turbulent and he, be-
lieved that strength and power should be used 
to help those who were not strong or powerful."
EBAN: UNLESS ISRAEL ENDS ITS RULE OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA THE AREA COULD BECOME ANOTHER LEBANON

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA) -- MK Abba Eban (Labor), chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, warned here Thursday that unless Israel ceases its rule of the West Bank and Gaza, the area could become "another Lebanon." 

Addressing more than 150 major contributors and campaign leadership of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation, Eban said, "that Israel will suffer all the ills of civil war torn Lebanon if it will inculcate the more than 1.5 million Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza into Israeli proper.

"Let Israel not become another Lebanon," the former Foreign Minister said. "After 19 years it is clear that even in the next 19 years there will not be a parliamentary majority for applying the Israeli law" in the administered territory, Eban declared, noting that only a few weeks ago the Knesset rejected a bill for the application of Israeli law in the territories.

Eban, turning to the issue of peace in the Mideast, called for the expansion of the peace process in the area. He said that the peace between Egypt and Israel should be enlarged to include Jordan and other countries in the region. But, he said, peace cannot be achieved unless the parties to the conflict are willing to meet and negotiate. "Peace cannot be born without the parents meeting," Eban quipped to the laughter of the audience.

The Israeli statesman lauded the American aid to Libya last month, declaring that resistance is the proper answer to terrorism. He said that non-resistance to terrorism is, in effect, "cooperation with terrorism."

Eban said that in the final analysis the American action against Libya brought about the agreement of the "civilized international community" to take concerted action against terrorism. He said that this was manifestated in the Tokyo summit declaration this week, which supported joint international action against terrorism.

Eban called on American Jewry to show "a Jewish response" to terrorism by visiting Israel in a demonstration of solidarity with the Jewish State. Noting that the recent terrorist attacks deterred many American tourists from coming to Israel, he said, "The answer to Qaddafi terrorism should be solidarity with Israel."

REAGAN INTENDS TO VETO RESOLUTION REJECTING ARMS SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 8 (JTA) -- President Reagan has reiterated his intention to veto the Congressional resolution rejecting his proposed sale of $5.7 billion in military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

"It is the President's intention to veto this resolution and to work actively with members of both Houses of Congress to sustain that veto," White House spokesperson Larry Speakes said Wednesday.

His statement came after the House voted 356-62 Wednesday to reject the sale. The Senate had rejected the sale by a 73-22 vote on Tuesday. This is the first time Congress has disapproved an arms sale. The White House statement, which was repeated by the State Department Thursday, said that the "Congress has endangered our long-standing security ties with Saudi Arabia, calling into question the validity of U.S. commitments to its friends and undermining U.S. interests and policies throughout the Middle East, in particular, our ability to act as a balanced arbitrator in the search for a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

It will take a two-thirds vote of both Houses to override the President's veto. Both Sen. Alan Cranston (D. Cal.) and Rep. Mel Levine (D. Cal.), who headed the move to reject the sale in their respective Houses, believe it can be done once the Senate vote was six more and the House vote 67 more than the needed two-thirds majority.

However, the Administration is expected to concentrate on the Republican-controlled Senate where it is felt that some of the Republicans who voted to reject the sale would not vote against a Reagan veto.

At the same time, observers note the overwhelming votes in both Houses which go beyond the traditional support for Israel in Congress. Both the government of Israel and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), while opposed to the sale, did not lobby against it strongly.

The large vote was seen as a reaction to Saudi Arabia's condemnation of the U.S. strike against Libya and to the Saudis' financial support of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria. The fight over the missiles is only a prelude to the battles that may break out in June when the Administration is expected to present the necessary certification to Congress to allow it to begin delivering the AWACS sold to Saudi Arabia in 1981.

One of the criteria that the Administration must meet is that the Saudis have made a "substantial contribution to the peace and stability" of the Middle East.

Throughout the debate over the missile sale, Congressional opponents have argued that the Saudis have done nothing to support the peace process and have, instead, hindered it.

COSTA RICA'S NEW PRESIDENT APPOINTS THREE JEWS TO KEY CABINET OFFICES

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 8 (JTA) -- The new President, Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez, who takes office Thursday, has appointed three members of the Jewish community, all women, as Deputies to key Cabinet offices. They are: Ophelia Rubinstein, Housing; Sandra Pisk, Planning; and Rebecca Grynspan, Treasury.

The Israeli delegation to the inauguration of Arias Sanchez is led by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who spoke Wednesday night to more than 500 members of the Costa Rican Jewish community. He called Costa Rica a "real democracy" and cited democracy as the tie that binds Israel and Costa Rica, which has been a staunch supporter.

Shamir praised outgoing President Luis Alberto Monge as a friend who is not afraid to demonstrate his friendship for Israel. "President Monge will enter into Jewish history," said Shamir, for his having moved his country's Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem shortly after taking office four years ago.
PANEL ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN CANADA ASKS FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS MANDATE
By Michael Solomon and Ben Kayfetz

MONTREAL, May 8 (JTA) -- The Deschenes Commission on Nazi war criminals in Canada has asked Justice Minister John Cros...