

SOVIETS GRANT EMERGENCY TOURIST VISA ALLOWING OLGA GOLDFARB TO VISIT AILING FATHER IN UNITED STATES
By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Soviet authorities Tuesday granted a temporary tourist visa on medical grounds to Olga Goldfarb, enabling her to visit her emigre father David Goldfarb, who is recuperating here from lung cancer surgery.

She may pick up her passport Thursday, according to her brother, Alex Goldfarb of New York. It will contain a visa good for a week's stay in the United States. Her request to take her older daughter with her was rejected. The temporary visa is independent of her family's application for emigration visas.

The granting of her visa is unusual. "This is the first case known to me that a refusenik, who is in conflict with the regime, is given a foreign passport, which is a privilege only for the elite," said Alex Goldfarb.

The brother, a Columbia University professor of microbiology, saw a connection between his sister's visa and the issuance last week of formal regulations stipulating acceptable grounds for emigration by Soviets, which includes visitation of seriously ailing relatives. The rules indicate that an emergency visa would be considered within three days. "This is exactly what has happened," Alex Goldfarb said, "so they really do what they say."

Letter To Gorbachev

After learning he had cancer on October 29, David Goldfarb wrote a frank letter November 2 to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking that his daughter, a 34-year-old Moscow physician, be permitted to visit him. The elder Goldfarb praised Gorbachev's recent signs of more Soviet flexibility, yet criticized overall Soviet policy toward Jews and emigration.

"...(Y)ou have both the will and the capacity for radical change," Goldfarb wrote, "...yet, there can be no true relaxation without trust, and your emigration policy is not helping to build the trust... I realize that my decision to emigrate may be embarrassing to the Soviet Union, because it doesn't fit the official doctrine.

"But my decision has been made, and destroying me and my family would not undo the embarrassment. It will only make more people listen to politicians who call the Soviet Union an 'evil empire.'"

David Goldfarb was flown suddenly to the U.S. October 16 with his wife Cecilia aboard industrialist Armand Hammer's private jet. The 67-year-old retired geneticist was a patient in a Moscow hospital at the time, suffering from severe complications of diabetes and heart disease.

He underwent four hours of surgery last Wednesday to remove an upper lobe of his left lung.

SHAMIR DEFENDS MK COHEN'S ATTACK ON LEFTWING SECURITY AGENTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir came to the defense Tuesday of

Tehiya MK Geula Cohen, who is under attack by Laborites and other Knesset factions, and by her hardline Tehiya colleague, Rafael Eitan. Cohen proposed in a television interview that extreme leftists and those favoring a Palestinian state should be purged from Israel's secret service and defense establishments.

According to Shamir, if Cohen "meant people who oppose the very existence of the State of Israel and support a Palestinian state; if that is what she meant, then I do not think there is any grounds for the attacks on her. And that is what she says she meant."

The Labor Party Executive condemned Cohen's remarks as "McCarthyite." Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) announced that they would henceforth ignore and ostracize Cohen. Ram Cohen, a CRM MK and reserve colonel, said if people with leftist views were weeded out, the country's security would collapse.

The sharpest words came from Eitan, a former Chief of Staff, who said it was unjust to question peoples' loyalty because of their political views. Eitan told Voice of Israel Radio Tuesday that during his entire career in the army there were always leftwingers, often in the most dangerous and sensitive positions, and they were not disloyal. He denied that his criticism of Geula Cohen stemmed from their internal Tehiya feud.

Geula Cohen, who is on the far right of the political spectrum, suggested in the television interview that recent embarrassments to Israel were the result of "leaks" by "leftist elements" who had penetrated the security services.

She was referring to reports of Israel's alleged nuclear weapons build-up given to a British newspaper by Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility who is known to have leftwing and pro-Arab sympathies, and to the earlier scandal that rocked Shin Bet, the internal security service, over the deaths of two captured Arab bus hijackers at the hands of Israeli security agents.

Tehiya, except for Eitan, rallied around Geula Cohen. Likud, which sometimes has ideological affinities with Tehiya, maintained an embarrassed silence -- until Shamir's remarks Tuesday.

Ministry-Without-Portfolio Yosef Shapira of the religious party, Morasha, urged Cohen to re-examine her remarks and apologize. Shapira said he would gladly entrust his life to Hashomer Hatzair, the leftist Mapam youth movement.

VANUNU CASE SHOULD'NT STRAIN BRITISH ISRAELI RELATIONS: SHAMIR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday that Israel did not violate British laws in connection with Mordechai Vanunu's transfer from Britain to Israel, and has informed the British government accordingly. He also insisted that "Israel is not selling arms to Iran."

Shamir, who spoke to reporters while touring the Yemenite Israeli township of Rosh Haayin, was referring to London's request for further information in the case of Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility who is under detention in Israel for allegedly giving a

British newspaper information about Israel's nuclear weapons capabilities.

The Israeli government acknowledged Sunday that Vanunu, who was reported missing in London on October 1, is in Israel, but did not say how and when he got here. The government emphatically denied reports that he was kidnapped by Israeli agents on British soil.

Shamir said there was "no basis for any crisis of confidence or split between Britain and Israel," as some sources have speculated in the Vanunu case. "After all, we have informed Britain that we have done nothing to contravene the laws of Britain. Therefore there is no reason for any complaints against Israel," he said.

The question of Israeli arms sales to Iran arose from American media reports that Israel played the "middleman" in a clandestine operation by the National Security Council to secure the release of American hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon in return for weapons.

Asked if Israel had been selling arms to Iran earlier, Shamir replied, "Israel does not deal with supplying weapons to Iran."

Hopes For Less Secrecy

Vanunu hopes for a public trial and that the veil of secrecy around him be dropped, according to his lawyer, Amnon Zichroni. It was reported Monday that he would be charged with either treason or espionage.

Zichroni met with Vanunu Tuesday in a new cell, to which the suspect was transferred at Zichroni's insistence. There is still no word on the location of the prison.

Vanunu reportedly is under constant observation "for fear that he might hurt himself." But Zichroni told reporters that he found Vanunu to be in good spirits. He is reading a lot, keeping to his vegetarian diet and has begun a beard.

SHCHARANSKY MEETS WITH PRO-PLO ARABS REGARDING ARAB EDITOR'S BID TO STAY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Soviet Jewry activist, Natan Shcharansky came under attack from Orthodox political circles Wednesday for a meeting he had early this week with Palestinian leaders in East Jerusalem. Laborites and leftists in the Knesset immediately sprang to his defense.

Shcharansky, who came to Israel last February after nine years in Soviet prisons and labor camps, was angrily denounced by National Religious Party MK Haim Druckman for "succoring Israel's enemies." Labor MK Micha Harish said Druckman's attack was reminiscent of the Soviet Union.

Shcharansky met discreetly with Feisal Hussein, a prominent pro-PLO Palestinian intellectual, and reportedly with other Palestinian activists in connection with the deportation order against Akhram Haniye, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily A-Shaab. The meeting became known generally only after Druckman attacked Shcharansky for it.

Hussein, who heads the Palestinian Research Center in East Jerusalem, is a leading figure in a public movement to block the deportation. The movement consists mainly of Palestinian academicians and journalists, but they have been joined by a growing number of Israeli liberals. Many of the latter attended a protest rally for Haniye at an East Jerusalem theater Wednesday evening.

Haniye's case will be considered by the Supreme Court. His attorney, Felicia Langer, lodged an appeal after a military review board in Nabulus upheld the deportation order at a hearing last week. The Israel Defense Force Central Command ordered the editor expelled to Jordan on grounds that he has been involved in PLO activity in the administered territories. But the IDF acknowledged that Haniye is not linked directly to any terrorist act.

MK Ram Cohen of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) said at the East Jerusalem rally that the expulsion of Haniye would hinder the peace process. He said Israel should be ashamed to resort to "colonialist laws under which our own people previously suffered." He was referring to the British Mandate regulations under which Haniye was ordered deported.

YESHIVA STUDENT'S MURDER STILL UNSOLVED By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Police are continuing their investigation into the murder of yeshiva student Chaim Weiss, but a week after he was found stabbed in his dormitory room at the Torah High School of Long Beach, Long Island, local law enforcement officials say they still have no lead. Meanwhile, Rabbi Shlomo Lesin, the school administrator, said the yeshiva has posted a \$25,000 reward for leads in the slaying.

Weiss, who would have been 16 years old in two weeks, was stabbed while he slept by a reportedly "heavy sort of knife" sometime during Halloween eve. There were no signs of forced entry or theft in the victim's third-floor dormitory room, which opened onto a fire escape. Weiss' body was found by a dormitory leader when he went to rouse the student for Shabbat morning prayers.

The factor of anti-Semitism has been largely discounted by detectives assigned to the case, although the murder took place during Halloween following some heckling and taunting of the yeshiva students, and some egg-throwing. Lesin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he has been there 17 years and has felt no anti-Semitism during that time.

Escorted To School

He said that police are escorting the students the two-and-a-half blocks between the dorms and the building that houses the classrooms, synagogue and dining hall, "no matter the hour. We have received very good protection from the police. They are extremely cooperative." Lesin added that Jewish militants who showed up as self-appointed patrols last week were sent away by local police authorities. A police command truck is stationed at the yeshiva while investigations continue.

Lesin said some changes have been made in the students' lifestyles. The dorm in which the murder took place has been closed, Lesin said, and the students are living in the three remaining dorms. Their daily routines "are more flexible, less rigid," he said. The students, he said, are dealing with the murder by having therapy and discussion.

"We're trying different approaches. We are having them immerse themselves in study or other types of discussion to distract them, such as guest lecturers. And then there is the therapy. We have a team of psychologists who are familiar

with religious people and know how to deal with trauma," Lesin said. "Rabbi Dr. Chaim Wakslak, the rabbi of Young Israel in Long Beach, has been extremely helpful, above and beyond the call of duty. Dr. Joseph Marmelstein, a former student's parent who lives in Far Rockaway, NY has also been coming in to talk to the students," Lesin said.

He said all the school's students and rabbis paid a shiva call to the victim's parents at their Staten Island, NY, home. According to Lesin, only one student has not returned to the yeshiva high school since the murder, and two new students have applied for entrance since the crime a week ago.

ISRAEL ACCEPTS FRENCH, GERMAN DENIALS THAT THEY BLAMED ISRAEL FOR EL AL BOMB

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Israel has readily accepted denials by French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany of a report that Kohl had suggested to Chirac that Israel, not Syria, may have masterminded a plot to blow up an El Al airliner last April.

Chirac, whose initial disclaimer of a Washington newspaper report last week seemed equivocal to some observers, subsequently made more forceful denials, the latest before the French National Assembly Wednesday. Spokesmen for Kohl said the report was utterly false.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday, "We have no reason to doubt those denials," and Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, who works out of the Foreign Ministry here, spoke in the same vein in the Knesset Wednesday.

The report, in the Washington Times, was of an interview Chirac gave the paper's editor, Arnaud de Borchgrave. According to Borchgrave, the French Prime Minister spoke of conversations he had with Kohl and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at a meeting of the European Economic Community (EEC) ministers. There, Chirac reportedly said, the two Germans intimated that Mossad, Israel's secret service, working with Syrian dissidents, attempted to smuggle explosives aboard the airliner at London's Heathrow Airport in an effort to discredit Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Nezar Hindawi, a Jordanian national, was convicted by a British court and sentenced to 45 years' imprisonment for the crime. Britain subsequently broke diplomatic relations with Damascus, charging that the Syrian Ambassador in London and his staff acted in collusion with Hindawi.

Weizman, who was answering questions on the matter in the Knesset, on behalf of the government, noted that Chirac "in a lengthy conversation with the Israeli Ambassador on November 8, firmly denied the statements attributed to him regarding the Mossad and Hindawi."

Weizman added that "a day earlier, Israel's Charge d'Affaires in Bonn was called to the Foreign Ministry ... and told that neither Kohl nor Foreign Minister Genscher had said the things attributed to them by the reporter."

BRITISH LABOR PARTY SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- The British Labor Party is mending fences with Britain's 350,000-strong Jewish community and is seeking to renew

its traditional friendship with Israel's Labor Party, strained in recent years because of the emergence of anti-Zionism in some Labor circles here. Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock spoke Tuesday night at a Labor Zionist dinner marking the 80th anniversary of the establishment of Poale Zion in Eastern Europe and the 65th anniversary of its British branch affiliation with the British Labor Party. He shared the platform with the Israeli Minister of Economic Coordination Gad Yaacobi.

Yaacobi said the growing rapprochement between the Labor movements in both countries was symbolized by their common views on terrorism. He praised the British government for its tough action against Syria, which was involved in an attempt to blow up an El Al airliner last April.

Kinnock stressed the continued need to deal with the causes of terrorism, but he spelled out a six-point plan to deal with its effects. They are: more effective coordination between national security agencies; tighter extradition laws; better cooperation between police forces; an international convention to protect travellers from hijacking and murder; exposure of the support systems and state fundings on which terrorists rely; and prevention of the abuse of diplomatic immunity.

Kinnock acknowledged that anti-Semitism still infects Europe. He said the Poale Zion's task was to remind the Labor movement of the constant need for vigilance against it.

KAHANE, PREDICTING ELECTORAL SUCCESS, DOUSED WITH RED DYE AT U.S. PRESS CLUB

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of Israel's ultranationalist Kach party, was doused with red vegetable dye Wednesday as he spoke at the National Press Club.

Kahane was not hurt and continued speaking, although his face, hair, hands and clothes were covered with the substance which gave the appearance of blood. "This Arab lives in Washington and this Jew lives in Jerusalem," Kahane commented after the assailant fled the meeting room only to be caught a few minutes later.

However, the assailant, who was identified by police and club officials as Daniel Brown, 26, of Washington, is reportedly a Jew born in Jerusalem who is a United States citizen. Police arrested Brown, whom Kahane charged with simple assault.

The incident happened as Kahane was speaking at one of the National Press Club's regular Morning Newsmakers sessions. He was standing at the head of a long table when Brown, sitting a few seats down on the side, leaped up and yelled, "This is for the blood you spilled." He doused Kahane as well as two persons sitting to his left. Brown then dashed out a side door where photographers and club security people caught him.

Brown carried press credentials for the Jerusalem Press and reports on articles in the American media for Arab newspapers. He left on his seat a statement from an organization called "Jews Against Zionism" which ended with the statement, "The blood which we spill here is the blood of his many victims."

In his talk, Kahane predicted that Israel's unity government will not last a year because Labor will not allow Yitzhak Shamir to serve his full term as Premier under the coalition agreement. He said that after the next election he has "not the slightest doubt that we will be the third party in the Knesset."

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
ISRAELI RELIGIOUS SETTLERS WOULD COMMIT
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TO PREVENT TRADING
OF LAND FOR PEACE: KIRYAT ARBA ACTIVIST
By David Friedman**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (JTA) -- While the Middle East peace process appears to be on hold, the future of the West Bank and Gaza continues to be a major topic of argument in both Israel and the United States.

In the U.S. especially, even in the Jewish community, the assumption is that a solution requires Israeli withdrawal at least from part of the West Bank.

But Elyakim Haetzni, a member of the Kiryat Arba Municipal Council and a leader of the Judea and Samaria settlement movement, is in the U.S. to stress that if the Israeli government would agree to withdrawal, thousands of Jewish settlers would refuse to leave.

"I will remain," he said in a talk last week at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a Washington-based think tank.

Haetzni, a lawyer and founder of Elisha (Citizens for Judea, Samaria, Gaza, Jerusalem and Golan), said any Israeli withdrawal would be "illegal" and that any Israeli leader who agreed to such a step would be a "traitor."

Civil Disobedience Claimed

If the Israeli army were to try to evict the Jewish settlers there would be no "bloodshed" between Jews. Instead, he said, the settlers would engage in "civil disobedience."

Haetzni was joined at the AEI by Ehud Sprinzak, a senior lecturer in political science at Hebrew University who is currently a visiting professor at American University here.

Sprinzak said Haetzni represents what he calls the "radical right" in Israel. The "bad news" is that this group represents "a very significant and influential stream in Israel's political culture" with the support of 20-25 percent of Israelis, Sprinzak said.

He said the radical right was the most "dynamic camp" in Israeli politics. He said they have a particular appeal to the youth, who recognize that these people, unlike others, believe what they say.

In addition, Sprinzak said that non-political Israelis have been encouraged to move to the West Bank by the offer of inexpensive housing. Once there they become quickly involved in supporting the views of the radical right.

Five Elements Of Radical Right

Sprinzak said the radical right is made up of five elements. The first and most important is Gush Emunim, which spearheaded the settlement movement. The second is the Tehiya Party, which enjoys the support of 7-8 percent of Israelis, according to Sprinzak.

Next comes Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach group, he said. The fourth group are "extreme rabbis and intellectuals" who speak like Gush Emunim but think like Kahane, Sprinzak said.

He said the final group is made up of Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon and his followers in Likud. He said they remain in Likud in hopes that Sharon can become Prime Minister.

Sprinzak said the radical right has grown since 1977 and the signing of the Camp David Accords, which they opposed. He attributed this to the lack of a Likud leader who has the personal

authority to make international agreements and then tell those opposed, "You are not going to tell me how to defend Israel."

Haetzni did not directly reply to Sprinzak's analysis, although he called the Camp David agreements a "sellout."

But he made a strong defense of the Jewish right to live in Judea and Samaria. "It is difficult to understand the difference between Jaffa and Hebron or if you like Ramle and Ramallah," he said. He noted that Israel captured Ramle and Jaffa in 1948 and Hebron and Ramallah in 1967.

He said that as Israel did when East Jerusalem was liberated in the Six Day War, "we should have made it clear in '67 that Judea and Samaria are the real goal of our return to the Land of Israel. This is the place where the Bible took place."

"Do we live in the time of the Bible or do we live today?" Sprinzak responded. He said that he and many other Israelis do not want to live like the rest of the Middle East, but in a democracy, something which he suggested the radical right does not want.

Supports Eventual Annexation

Haetzni said that while he favors annexing Judea and Samaria, he would not do so until a quarter of a million Jews live there. About 70,000 Jews do now. Then he said he would favor autonomy for the Palestinians living there. He said the more Jews in the area "the less anxiety, the less nervous" the Jewish settlers will be and the more self-government the Palestinians could have.

But Sprinzak said that Jews and Arabs living side-by-side does not guarantee friendship. He noted that in the West Bank there is Jewish vigilantism and Jewish terrorism for the first time in 40 years.

Asked if Arabs on the West Bank under his plan would be allowed to vote for the Knesset, Haetzni said he would agree to that when Jews could vote in Jordan. He noted that Jordan allows no Jews and no one challenges this.

Haetzni pointed out that there are several towns called Hebron in the U.S. "Imagine if the mayor there or the central government would decide that Jews there cannot buy land or buy a home or open a shop or live in Hebron," he said. He added that in the "Original Hebron" that was the situation.

He gave a long legal argument for Israel's right to the West Bank and Gaza. He noted that both the Balfour Declaration and the British Mandate listed Palestine as what is now Israel, the West Bank and Jordan. But Britain broke off Eastern Palestine in 1922 to give to King Abdullah and in the 1939 White Paper forbade any Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria as well as immigration. He said the new Israeli government dissolved the White Paper, which meant that settlement in the West Bank was no longer illegal.

In addition, Haetzni stressed that after conquering the West Bank in 1948, Abdullah passed a new law that the Arabs on both sides of the Jordan are "one people." Noting that the majority of Jordanians are Palestinians, Haetzni said that there is already a Palestinian state.

He said that fear of what would happen if Jordan had added to it the 1.3 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza is one of the reasons that King Hussein could not answer the invitation to negotiations during the two years Shimon Peres was Premier.