

**MEMORIAL DAY IN ISRAEL**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA) -- At precisely 9:30 Saturday night, sirens wailed all over Israel announcing the start of Memorial Day. They sounded again at 11 a.m. Sunday when commemorative services for the 16,200 men and women who lost their lives in Israel's wars and in terrorist attacks since 1948 began at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and at military cemeteries throughout the country.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir addressed the main observance at Har Herzl in Jerusalem. Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres spoke at the Mount of Olives cemetery. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon addressed crowds gathered at military cemeteries in Tel Aviv.

All stressed Israel's overriding desire for peace but noted that political and military circumstances made it essential for Israel to be prepared to defend itself.

Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron, the newly installed Israel Defense Force Chief of Staff, made this clear in his Memorial Day order of the day: "We have been entrusted with the mission of continuing forward on a path fraught with dangers and difficulties, to march the IDF boldly forward toward the challenges which perhaps still await us on the battlefield, and in the training, development and building of the army's strength for the future."

**Message By Rabin**

In a message to the families of war dead and victims of terrorist assaults, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated: "Even if it will not ease your burden, I do feel the need on this painful day to reaffirm to you that there is nothing more precious to us than human life.

"In each and every decision made by us, by the IDF's General Staff, by me as Defense Minister and by Ministers of the Israel government, the cost in blood is weighed. For me, the sanctity of life is the supreme consideration. The number of fallen exacted from us this year to maintain Israel's security may have been smaller than in previous years, but this is no comfort to any of us...

"It is our highest obligation to do everything in our power so that parents will no longer stand by their son's grave, and children will not follow their father's coffin. To the fallen and to you, the members of the families, we owe every possible effort on the long road which leads to the prevention of war and to peace."

Memorial Day observances were similar to those a week ago in memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. All places of entertainment, restaurants and cafes were closed for 24 hours, beginning Saturday night, a requirement of the law. Israel Radio played solemn music during the day. Documentaries and interviews were broadcast dealing with Israel's wars.

The busiest people were florists who worked through the night preparing the countless wreaths to be placed on graves in official and private ceremonies.

**200,000 PEOPLE AT SOLIDARITY SUNDAY FOR SOVIET JEWRY RALLY; ATMOSPHERE OF RENEWED BUT CAUTIOUS HOPE PREVAILS**  
By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, May 3 (JTA) -- An atmosphere of renewed but cautious hope prevailed in the annual Solidarity Sunday demonstration here where an estimated 200,000 people turned out to march for the Freedom of Soviet Jewry.

Natan Sharansky, who led the massive demonstration on its march from Central Park to the United Nations with other prominent former refuseniks, Jewish leaders and Mayor Edward Koch, cautioned against false optimism.

"On this Solidarity Sunday, we confront two unmerciful enemies which threaten to destroy our Jewish solidarity," said Sharansky, who wore a green Israeli Army cap. "Those two enemies, had they been victorious, would have sealed Soviet Jewry behind the Iron Curtain."

The repressive dictatorial system of the Soviet Union and the feeling of despair on the part of Soviet and world Jewry are the two enemies Sharansky named. But Sharansky warned that the feeling of despair is giving way to false hopes and unwarranted optimism about the fate of Soviet Jews.

**Cited Danger Of False Optimism**

"It is the feeling of false optimism that makes us think the struggle is over before the victory is reached," he said.

Sharansky said the false optimism is perceived by Jews in the Soviet Union as hurting their cause, and added that the recent plethora of over-optimistic reports have met with trepidation inside the Soviet Union.

"Refuseniks in Moscow are afraid that we are ready to accept the release of 12,000 Jews as the final victory... They're afraid we are ready to trade the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, the most powerful weapon that is in our hands, for some cosmetic gestures," Sharansky said.

"Shall we stop the struggle until the last of our brothers in the Soviet Union will join us in freedom?" Sharansky asked the adoring crowd, who answered in unison, "No!"

Other speakers expressed hope stemming from the small increases in emigration figures in the last two months. Over 1,400 Jews have left since February.

In a dramatic move, Yosef Mendelevich -- a former Prisoner of Conscience and one of the more radical leaders of Soviet Jewry movements in Israel -- unexpectedly broke into the ceremony following Sharansky. Mendelevich shook Sharansky's hand and stepped up to the microphone despite organizers' efforts to prevent this.

"Nobody invited me here to speak, but I will speak," he said. "Friends, something is wrong here... is there any struggle?" Mendelevich began by blasting Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Morris Abram, chairman of both the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, saying the only thing that followed their recent visit to Moscow was more massive refusals. "I know you have your

leaders... you like them? Have them. But don't send them any more to Moscow. They don't know how to deal with the Russians."

Mendelevich said that Abram's optimism that he brought back from the Soviet Union only paves the way for large companies to pressure Congress for increased trade with the Soviet Union. "The Soviet Union is a fascist country that oppresses basic human rights."

Mendelevich advocated a total ban on trade with the Soviet Union, and praised Koch, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY) and Richard Schifter, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights, for supporting this position. Mendelevich added that he disagrees with American Jewish leaders' advocacy of patience. "We have to rush. We will struggle now, struggle now, real struggle," Mendelevich screamed as he stepped down. His remarks met with mixed response.

For the first time ever, the demonstrators this year received messages from the Soviet Jews themselves via videotaped interviews made by American Congressmen on a visit in April and smuggled out from the Soviet Union.

In one of the interviews, Ida Nudel pleaded to keep up the struggle. "You (in America) keep us alive. You really do. But it is not enough. We have limited strength, both physical and spiritual.. Put yourselves in our place," said Nudel, whose face is one of the most frequently seen on placards carried by the demonstrators.

Iosif Begun said on videotape, "We feel your support every day, and without it we could not exist." Lev Elbert spoke visibly weakened from his bed on the 42nd day of his hunger strike. "It is the children who really suffer." Vladimir Magaryk, father of Prisoner of Conscience Aleksei Magaryk, was among the march leaders, dressed in a black and white striped prisoner's uniform, holding a picture of his son behind prison bars.

#### Messages From Shamir And Reagan

Messages from Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and President Reagan were also received via satellite.

"We have to ask for a total change, substantial change of the Soviet policy, to let all our people go," Shamir said. "We cannot let the Soviet authorities confuse us with some contradictory statements. We want to see all the Jews who want to leave Russia. We want to see them leave Russia and come to Israel."

Reagan challenged the Soviets to show some proof of "glasnost" by allowing Soviet Jews to practice their religion openly and emigrate. "This demonstration today is proof that the American people and their government hold the Soviet Union to the international agreement (Helsinki Accords) to which it subscribed in 1975. We have not and will not forget Soviet Jewry. The cause of Soviet Jewry is our cause -- because we are committed to freedom for all people everywhere," Reagan said.

John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, addressed the demonstration, saying he encouraged thousands of Catholics attending mass today in St. Patrick's Cathedral to pray for the freedom of Soviet Jews and for the strength to continue the struggle.

Former refusenik David Goldfarb led the march in his wheelchair with his son Alex pushing him. Goldfarb lost his leg in the Battle of Stalingrad and was in danger of amputation of the other leg from diabetes when Armand Hammer

suddenly got permission from the Soviets in October to take him to the U.S.

#### **SHULTZ ASSURES ISRAEL THAT THE U.S. WILL WALK OUT OF MIDEAST PEACE TALKS IF THE GROUND RULES ARE CONTRAVENED** By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) -- American guarantees are a vital element of a political-diplomatic package Foreign Minister Shimon Peres plans to submit to the Inner Cabinet within the next 10 days, sources close to the Labor Party leader said Sunday.

They contain assurances Secretary of State George Shultz has given Peres that the U.S. would walk out of an international conference for Middle East peace if the terms of reference agreed to in advance were contravened by any of the participants, the sources said.

Peres, in an interview with the newspaper Hadashot published Sunday, stated flatly, "We have an understanding with King Hussein and the Americans to hold direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan under the auspices of an opening in the form of an international conference."

He chided Likud for expressing doubts that bilateral talks could be held soon with Jordan under international auspices. But Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, voiced his strong skepticism in an interview published Sunday in Maariv.

Shamir and Peres are expected to meet privately on Tuesday to discuss their differences over the peace process. Informed sources said neither would attempt to persuade the other to his point of view but they would try to agree on when Peres will make his presentation to the Inner Cabinet which comprises five Labor and five Likud Ministers.

Peres has said repeatedly he wants no prolonged delays and he is considering making his brief to the Cabinet before he goes to the U.S. for a short visit later this month. He is also said to be weighing a postponement of a visit to Argentina and other South American countries at the end of May.

#### 'Chief Obstacle' To The Conference

Peres said in his interview that the "chief obstacle" to the international conference scenario concerned Soviet participation. "If the USSR wants to take part in the process it must renew its diplomatic relations with Israel and change its policy vis-a-vis the Jews of the USSR," Peres said. He added, "This is agreed to by Shultz and by European leaders."

Peres said he believes Jordan is prepared to negotiate without the Palestine Liberation Organization and maintained that the PLO is more isolated than ever. "Morocco has severed its relations with the PLO, Egypt closed their offices, Jordan closed additional offices. Syria is against the PLO . . . I don't see who wants the PLO in the negotiations today," Peres said.

Shamir, in his interview, said that while Hussein is pressing for an international conference he has not stated publicly any willingness to negotiate directly with Israel. He also said it was "difficult to rely" on assurances of an American walk-out should conference ground rules be violated. "I know how hard it is to obtain a decision by a state in such cases once it decides explicitly on taking part in the process," he said. Shamir insisted that his objections to an interna-

tional conference were not motivated by fear that Israel would be forced to make territorial concessions. "To this day we are faithful to the Camp David accords and we are ready for negotiations within their framework," the Likud leader said. "At a conference we will be in confrontation with the entire world . . . We will not attain peace."

#### MORE AUSTRIANS SUPPORT WALDHEIM NOW THAN ELECTED HIM AS PRESIDENT By Reinhard Engel

VIENNA, April 3 (JTA) -- The Austrian people support President Kurt Waldheim by a much larger majority than elected him last summer, according to a straw poll published here following the U.S. Department of Justice's announcement last week that Waldheim would be barred from entry into the United States because of his alleged involvement in Nazi persecutions and atrocities during World War II.

The poll, in the newspaper Neue Kronen-Zeitung, found that more than 70 percent of the respondents do not want Waldheim to resign in wake of the American charges; 57 percent think he should file libel suits; and 53 percent want Chancellor Franz Vranitzky to cancel his scheduled official visit to the U.S. later this month.

Vranitzky is being urged to call off his visit by politicians of his own Socialist Party, his conservative coalition partners and the opposition liberal-right Freedom Party. They are echoed by editorials in their respective party newspapers which have called the American action an anti-Austrian measure. Freedom Party chairman Jeorg Haider said, "You do not shake one hand after the other has hit you." But Vranitzky announced after a brief meeting with Waldheim Thursday that he would make the visit which was planned some time ago. He said that while the government rejects the charges against Waldheim because of lack of evidence, the matter should be dealt with coolly and without emotion.

Vice Chancellor Alois Mock, chairman of the conservative People's Party which ran Waldheim as its Presidential candidate last year, announced Friday that the President has been invited on a state visit to Hungary, to be made some time next year. King Hussein of Jordan extended an invitation to Waldheim while he was in Austria on a skiing vacation in February. Waldheim is also scheduled to visit Egypt. Apart from Hungary, no European country has invited him. Waldheim claims he has a number of invitations under consideration but did not identify the countries.

Mock, who is also Foreign Minister, told a press conference that he summoned the U.S. Ambassador, Ronald Lauder, last week and gave him Austria's official response to the U.S. ban on Waldheim for transmission to Washington. Mock said the Austrian government demanded that the U.S. authorities provide it with all the material and documents which led to their decision.

Last Wednesday, Waldheim demonstratively visited the Jewish Museum in Eisenstadt, the provincial capital of Burgenland, where he addressed a conference of the organization of war victims. The museum occupies part the former home and private synagogue of the wealthy Wertheimer family. Waldheim wore a cap, which he had refused to do on a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem a number of years ago when he was Secretary General of the United Nations. His address to the war victims was essentially the same as his nationwide radio

and television broadcast last week in response to the American ban. In neither speech did he mention the Holocaust or Jewish suffering. He dwelt on the horrors of war and his own clear conscience.

#### SENATE MEASURE AIMS TO BAR WALDHEIM FROM RECEIVING HIS UN PENSION By Judith Colp

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA) -- Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. NY) has introduced legislation that would bar Austrian President Kurt Waldheim from receiving his retirement allowance from the United Nations.

Moynihan's resolution came after the United States Justice Department last week barred Waldheim from the U.S. for his participation in the persecution of Jews and others during World War II. The State Department refused to comment on the resolution.

The resolution calls for the U.S. Ambassador to the UN to introduce an amendment to the current UN budget that would eliminate Waldheim's retirement allowance. Waldheim is currently receiving \$81,650 a year.

"To do otherwise would be to reward Waldheim for having deceived us so thoroughly, so brazenly, and for so long," said Moynihan.

Moynihan, a former UN Ambassador, introduced similar legislation last May which was passed by the Senate as part of the Omnibus and Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act. Waldheim continued to receive the allowance.

The new resolution cites new evidence implicating Waldheim in "the activities amounting to persecution of Jews and others in Greece and Yugoslavia during World War II." The resolution says Waldheim's allowance "makes a mockery of the principles and ideals the United Nations was founded to uphold."

#### U.S. PROTESTS TO ISRAEL OVER BIAS AGAINST ARAB AMERICANS By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, May 3 (JTA) -- The State Department has reiterated its objection to the confiscation of passports and other restrictions against Palestinians, who are American citizens, when they arrive in Israel.

Department spokesman Charles Redman said the United States has expressed its "concern" about what it called "discrimination" to Israel recently and in the past.

The Department released a statement last Thursday in which it noted that last summer there were a "large number of complaints" by Arab Americans that they were "harassed and discriminated" against when they arrived in Israel. This included confiscation of passports, the posting of bonds assuring that they would leave Israel after their visit, and in some cases, refusal to allow them to enter Israel, the statement said. After the U.S. complained the number of such charges dropped "substantially," the Department said. But it added that recently there have been reports of passport confiscation.

The statement stressed the U.S. told Israel that it cannot accept "discrimination" against American citizens based on "race, religion or ethnic background." The statement said the U.S. will "continue to protest vigorously with the government of Israel any reports of discrimination against Arab Americans."

**SHAMIR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE**

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) -- Premier Yitzhak Shamir paid special tribute to Israel's rapid advances in science and technology in his message on the eve of Independence Day, May 4, marking the start of the 40th year of the sovereign Jewish State.

"I express profound satisfaction that our nation is among the few in the world capable of designing, creating and manufacturing an aircraft, a tank or a CAT-scanner, which are considered among the very best in the world," Shamir said.

"The technological excellence that we have achieved in our essential military development extends also to every level of our scientific and economic progress. As a result, we can see progress in our advance towards economic growth and independence," Shamir declared. "We have travelled a long and difficult road to reach this stage of some prosperity, well-being and greater opportunities for every family in this nation."

The Premier credited the citizens of Israel, civilian and military, "for their efforts and for their historic contribution to the establishment, the development and the security of our country. They have defended our independence through five wars and a continuous battle with the Arab terrorists."

**Commitment To Struggle For Repatriation**

"The people who constitute the Israel Defense Forces are of such quality as to make up for lack of quantity. Their excellence and dedication are a match for the vast quantities of modern equipment in the hands of our enemies. This advanced defensive capacity--largely created by our own people--prevents war and deters aggression," Shamir stated.

"As we move into the fortieth year, we renew our total commitment to the struggle for the repatriation of our brethren from Syria, Iran, Ethiopia, and other places of distress. It is unacceptable and intolerable that in the fortieth year of the existence of the Jewish State there should be Jews suffering because they are Jews, that Jewish communities should be held hostage, or that Jews should be regarded as homeless refugees.

"The most important result of the great transformation that occurred nearly 40 years ago is that the Jewish State is here to speak up for and to protect every Jew throughout the world," Shamir said.

The Premier urged "greater unity within the nation; the toning down of the internal debate, the reduction of internal strife, an emphasis on the positive aspects of our society."

He also referred to the upcoming anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, "celebrating that unforgettable day, 20 years ago, when the dividing wall was pulled down and Jerusalem was liberated, reunited and restored to all her majesty and glory as the nation's capital."

Shamir appealed to Jews the world over "to make the year ahead a year of aliya, a year of pilgrimage to Eretz Israel. Come and see what your people has accomplished in this land. Bring your children and their children, that they may realize what still remains for them to do in the years that lie ahead."

**HERZOG'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE**

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) -- President Chaim Herzog of Israel delivered an upbeat message to the Jewish communities of the world on the eve of the celebration of Israel's 39th Independence Day, May 4.

The nation has "forged ahead with its program of economic rehabilitation, it is moving forward in its international relations" and "there are encouraging developments in Israel's connections with the Third World, and indications from the Soviet Union which arouse hopes," Herzog said.

"In the near future, we shall be celebrating a most memorable and moving event--the unification of the city of Jerusalem 20 years ago. The tragedy of the division of the holy city has been replaced by new life and beauty, befitting its central role in the spiritual history of the Jewish people and much of mankind," Herzog said.

"We look to reunited Jerusalem as a focus for increased understanding, a gateway to peace and an inspiration for the realization of our noblest ideas," the President's message declared.

**Cites Serious Problems**

He acknowledged that "In the year now ending, we have had to face serious problems." The goal of peace is obstructed by "the lack of interlocutors like the late President (Anwar) Sadat, ready to take risks for peace."

There is also the problem of internal harmony which "depends on fostering tolerance and mutual respect among Arabs and Jews, among groups of varied origin," he observed. He urged an end to the polarization between the secular and the profoundly Orthodox.

"We cannot forget that this grave problem is not confined to Israel. It exists throughout world Jewry and is, in some cases, encouraged by elements in world Jewry. It must be jointly countered by all of us if we do not wish our people to be fragmented and our history compartmentalized," Herzog said.

He also spoke of immigration. "We have the heart-warming duty of thinking through new approaches to the absorption of the actual and potential aliya for which we pray--aliya to come, we hope, from Eastern Europe, Ethiopia and Syria and also from all other great Jewish communities in the Americas, in Western Europe, in Australia and from Southern Africa."

Finally, Herzog said, "Let us recall all the pioneers and builders--those who fought for our independence, the immigrants and the settlers in all areas of our country, in the north and in the south, in the towns and in the villages, in the kibbutzim and in the development towns."

**YOUTH STABBED IN HEBRON**

TEL AVIV, May 3 (JTA) -- A new immigrant from Ethiopia was stabbed while walking through the Arab casbah quarter of Hebron last Friday, but sustained only slight injuries. The injured youth was treated at the nearby Avraham Avinu Synagogue in Hebron. Soldiers imposed a curfew on the quarter and conducted a search for the assailant.