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**ISTANBUL SYNAGOGUE, SITE OF MASSACRE  
LAST SEPTEMBER, WILL REOPEN NEXT WEEK**

ISTANBUL, May 14 (JTA) -- The Neve Shalom Synagogue, the scene of havoc where terrorists murdered 22 worshippers last September, will be reopened next week, the World Jewish Congress reported here.

The Chief Rabbinate of Turkey informed the WJC that the synagogue would resume services with special prayers and a ceremony on May 20 to be attended by the Turkish Minister of Interior and other local government officials. WJC representatives will also be in attendance.

Last September 6, two attackers, spraying machine gun fire and hurling hand grenades, murdered 22 worshippers at Sabbath services and turned the elegant synagogue into a charred and blood-stained slaughterhouse. Several investigative accounts placed responsibility for the massacre on the Abu Nidal Palestinian terrorist group.

Work on restoring the interior, which ironically had undergone renovation just before the terrorist attack, has now been completed at this, Istanbul's largest synagogue, whose name means "Oasis of Peace."

Turkey's 22,000 Jews have been relatively well treated over the centuries in a country in which 99 percent of its people are Moslems. A memorial service held after the massacre last September in Istanbul was attended by Jewish communal figures from around the world.

"The reopening of the synagogue symbolizes the courage of the Turkish Jewish community and their determination, along with all free peoples, to overcome the terrorist menace to civilized society," the WJC stated.

**SUPPORT GROWING IN CONGRESS FOR  
CLOSING DOWN PLO OFFICES IN THE U.S.**

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA) -- Support grew rapidly in Congress this week to have the Administration shut down the two offices of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the United States on grounds that a terrorist organization has no business in this country and is a menace to security. The State Department said it has the matter under "review."

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate Republican leader, drew strong bipartisan support for a measure he introduced Wednesday to close the PLO's Information Center in Washington and its Observer Mission at the United Nations in New York.

Backing him were Sens. Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.), Charles Grassley (R. Iowa), Frank Lautenberg (D. NJ), Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY) and Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio). Dole said his bill was designed "to strengthen the defenses of this country against the real physical threat that the PLO represents."

**Similar Measure In The House**

A similar measure was introduced in the House last week by Rep. Jack Kemp (R. NY). It would make it a felony to aid the PLO whose offices he said are in violation of the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) State

Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters Wednesday that legislators have sent letters demanding the closure of the PLO offices. "We are reviewing whether the U.S. government has the authority to close these offices," Redman said.

"Neither one belongs in this country," Grassley said. "It's time they were closed." Grassley, a strong supporter of the Administration, complained that earlier attempts at legal action to close them "have largely gone unheeded by the Administration."

Lautenberg said "The PLO has been implicated in the murder of U.S. diplomats overseas, and has proudly taken credit for the murders of dozens of American citizens abroad."

**An Action Long Overdue**

D'Amato declared, "The PLO has no business operating in the United States, let alone in the rest of the world. The closing of all PLO offices which are used to support the murderous operations of these terrorist thugs is an action which has long been overdue."

He noted that, "Certain Arab nations such as Egypt, Morocco and Jordan have recently ordered PLO offices closed. And just last month, the PLO rededicated itself to the use of violence to promote its goals at the Palestine National Council." He was referring to the meeting in Algiers of the PNC, the so-called Palestinian parliament in exile.

"There is simply no justification for the U.S. permitting any further use of its territory to support the operations of the PLO," D'Amato said.

The PLO Observer Mission at the UN was established as a consequence of General Assembly Resolution 3237 in 1974. The Washington office is registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

**RABIN: ISSUE OF MIDEAST CONFERENCE  
MUST BE TAKEN TO THE ELECTORATE  
IF THE CABINET REMAINS DEADLOCKED**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, maintaining that an international conference followed by bilateral talks is the only avenue to Middle East peace at this time, declared Wednesday night that the Labor Party will continue to press for it and that if the Cabinet remains deadlocked the issue must be taken to the electorate.

"We don't envision a chance for any other peace process in the near future, apart from the peace between Egypt and Israel, and therefore for us this appears to be a cardinal issue," Rabin said in an interview on Israel Radio's Arabic language service.

"In accordance with the government's basic guidelines, we consider the achievement of peace to be a central objective of government policy," Rabin said.

He said the Labor Party is convinced that the proposals for an international conference put forward by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will "lead to direct, bilateral negotiations with Jordan and Palestinians who are not PLO members... and perhaps with additional neighboring Arab countries

such as Syria and Lebanon. . . this following the framework of an opening international conference." Rabin stressed that Israel would not negotiate with the PLO. He conceded that Peres' failure to win the Inner Cabinet's approval of his proposals was "for the time being, certainly no achievement."

"It is necessary that the main Cabinet components (Labor and Likud) acknowledge that we've reached a point of basic controversy and let us ask the people's opinion in elections," Rabin said. "If the Likud gives a negative reply, let's wait and see."

He said Likud's argument that this is not an appropriate time for elections "does not constitute an adequate reply to our stand."

Rabin spoke to high school seniors in Herzliya Thursday -- at the invitation of Likud Mayor Eli Landau -- and answered their questions about his position on the administered territories. The legal status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has never been defined by any Israel government, Rabin explained. The permanent status of the territories will be established in negotiations which will afford Israel freedom to bring forward any proposals it wants in direct peace talks, he said.

Rabin was highly critical of violent acts in the West Bank, whether by Arabs or Gush Emunim militants. "Such illegal actions disturb the peace, violate the law and do not help the fight against terrorism, maybe just the opposite," he said.

#### **PERES CUTS SHORT HIS VISIT By Yitzhak Rabi**

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel has cut short his scheduled seven-day visit to the United States because of the political crisis at home over the issue of an international conference for Middle East peace. As a result, he will not meet with Administration officials in Washington as originally scheduled.

Instead, Peres will meet in New York on Saturday night with Secretary of State George Shultz to discuss with him his proposal for an international conference. Both Shultz and Peres are scheduled to attend Saturday night the David Ben Gurion Centennial Dinner at the Parker Meridian Hotel here. Peres will be the keynote speaker at the event while Shultz will receive the David Ben Gurion Peace Award. The two leaders will meet before the dinner for approximately one hour, an Israeli spokesman said.

Peres is scheduled to arrive in New York Friday morning, a day later than originally planned. He will be the guest of honor at the Salute to Israel parade on Fifth Avenue on Sunday. Before returning to Israel late Sunday night, Peres will fly to Washington to address the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

#### **McFARLANE SAYS ISRAEL AND THE U.S. HAD DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES FOR SELLING WEAPONS TO IRAN**

By Judith Colp

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA) -- Former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane portrayed the different objectives Israel and the U.S. had for selling weapons to Iran in his testimony Wednesday before the Senate-House Select Committee investigating the Iran/Contra affair. He

stressed that Israel never sought to "influence us unduly."

McFarlane agreed with Sen. James McClure (R. Id.), a member of the panel, who suggested that Israel was interested in assisting Iran in its seven-year war with Iraq. "Our interest was in stopping the war and restoring relations with Iran sometime in the future," he said.

"They're very different from Israel's. That's very clear and both sides were conscious of that. The President was very conscious of that," McFarlane said.

#### **Refers To Meeting With Kimche**

He referred at length to a meeting he had with David Kimche, then Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry. "He (Kimche) said, 'but this (negotiations with Iran) doesn't make any difference to us. If you don't want to have anything to do with it, then we would understand. We bring it to your attention as an ally, if you wish to do it. And if you don't, good, it is there for you to consider'."

Characterizing Kimche as "a very careful man" who "came on clear instructions and said what he was told to say," McFarlane said the Israeli official did not mention the sale of arms when he first suggested that the U.S. might be interested in starting a dialogue with Iran. When the sale was brought up later by the Iranians and President Reagan refused to comply, the Israelis said they would sell the arms if the U.S. agreed to replace them, McFarlane testified.

#### **Critical Of An Israeli Plan**

He was critical of an Israeli plan to send the first shipment of I-Hawk missiles to Iran on an El Al jet "which might raise eyebrows if it landed in Teheran." He called that proposal "uncharacteristically dumb" because "no one is better at intelligence than the Israelis." He said he could not blame the intelligence services because Israeli private citizens were handling the operation.

"There's a greater margin of error with private citizens," McFarlane said, referring to Israeli arms dealers Al Schwimmer and Yaacov Nimrodi. In testimony before the Select Committee last week, retired Air Force Gen. Richard Secord called the Israeli arms dealers and their Iranian go-between, Manucher Ghorbanifar, "a group of civilians who didn't have any expertise in air defense."

McFarlane lost his temper at one point in Wednesday's hearings when Sen. Warren Rudman (R. NH) asked him why Congress was not notified of an Administration attempt to use drug enforcement agents to pay bribes to free American hostages in Lebanon.

"It is more than passing strange to me that we cannot aspire to a policy which is more effective to deal with terrorism," the former National Security Advisor said, noting the tough measures taken by Israel to combat terrorists. "You can be goddamn sure if any Israeli is caught he's going to have his government going after the people who did it."

#### **TWO FATAH ACTIVISTS EXPELLED TO JORDAN**

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA) -- Two El Fatah activists who served prison terms for terrorist activities and fomenting violence at Arab campuses in the West Bank were expelled to Jordan Thursday.

Khalil Ashour, 39, a resident of the Askar refugee camp in Nablus, and Marwan Barghouti, 28, from Kobar village near Ramallah, were transferred to Jordan at a Negev border crossing point under International Red Cross auspices.

Ashour, convicted in 1970 of grenade attacks and recruitment for El Fatah, spent 12 years in prison. On his release in 1982 he enrolled at A-Najah University in Nablus where he became a campus agitator, leading to two more arrests and brief prison terms in 1985 and 1986.

Barghouti served four years in prison following his conviction in 1978 on charges of membership in a hostile organization, training for sabotage and manufacturing bombs. After his release he stirred anti-Israel demonstrations at Bir Zeit University and was re-arrested for violating an order barring him from the campus. He was placed under administrative detention for six months in August 1985 but resumed subversive activities upon his release.

#### A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN VIRGINIA

By Haviva Krasner

RICHMOND, May 14 (JTA) -- The victims of the Holocaust will be remembered in this city of close to 220,000 people because there is now a monument on the grounds of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. A bronze and copper sculpture was dedicated here on Yom HaShoah last month at an interfaith worship service attended by some 400 people.

The sculpture is titled "Rachel Weeping for Her Children," based on a passage about Rachel in the Book of Jeremiah (31:15). The sculpture, eight feet tall and set on a three-foot base, depicts the slender figure of a woman, hands to her face, surrounded by six tongues of flames representing the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

A worship service, following the dedication, included readings from the Scriptures, narratives related to the Holocaust and the lighting of seven candles -- six for the Jewish victims of Nazism and one for the "Righteous Gentiles" who assisted Jews or perished in the attempts to save them, it was reported by the National Catholic News Service (NCNS).

At the dedication ceremony, Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of interfaith affairs for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said: "The ideology of Nazi totalitarianism as well as other forms of totalitarianism, both in the past and today, is essentially an attempt to destroy God, Jews, Christians and other faith commitments," the NCNS reported.

He said the historical revisionists, those who deny the Holocaust existed, and others who seek to explain the Holocaust by invoking political, economic and social reasons, have turned to "easy explanation" in order "to diminish the horror." But the genocide, Klenicki added, was rooted in a pagan attempt to "destroy God and God's kingdom." Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond, who commissioned the sculpture, said he wanted to "remember in a visible way the terrible tragedy of the Holocaust" and hoped the community might sponsor a memorial. He said that two years ago he broached the idea to Klenicki, who encouraged the effort, according to the NCNS.

Sullivan said he was moved to establish the memorial after hearing a comment by Father Edward Flannery of Providence, R.I. Speaking at a local synagogue several years ago, Flannery, a

specialist in Christian-Jewish history and author of "The Anguish of the Jews," said he was often asked "When will Jews forget the Holocaust?" He replied that Jews would forget the Holocaust when Christians begin to remember.

#### JIHAN SADAT SAYS ISRAEL WANTS PEACE WITH THE ARABS

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, May 14 (JTA) -- Jihan Sadat, widow of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, said here Tuesday that she hoped Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat "will continue in the footsteps of my late husband and that Israel will recognize the PLO." She said that "Israel is willing to have peace with the Arabs."

Sadat spoke at a press conference at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel where she was baited by an obviously hostile reporter for an Arab newspaper who asked why she agreed to raise funds for Ben Gurion University in Israel, and why she is not fasting on Ramadan, the period of fasting of the Moslem faith.

Sadat said, "I am ready to do the same (raise funds) for any university in the world which proposes peace and understanding between Arabs and Israelis. I just follow in the steps of my late husband." In reply to the second question, she said "I fasted yesterday. Tonight I shall eat."

Discussing peace, she said, "I hope the time will come when all people concerned will gather around the table and find a peaceful solution. Let anyone have the courage -- I don't say the same courage as my late husband -- and go to Israel and say that he wants peace. Israel is willing to have peace with the Arabs."

She said her husband's successor, President Hosni Mubarak, has his own style but continues the peace process initiated by Anwar Sadat.

Asked if she felt isolated in the Arab world, Sadat said "I feel isolated only from the narrow-minded Arab people, not from everyone."

Speaking of Islamic fundamentalism and its efforts to block the pursuit of women's rights in Egypt, Sadat said, "Unfortunately, fundamentalists are everywhere, including Israel." She said "My deepest wish is to see peace between Israel and the Arab people."

Sadat spoke Tuesday evening at a dinner honoring Paul Ivanier, president and chief executive officer of the IVACO Steel Co. who received an honorary Ph.D. degree from Ben Gurion University earlier in the day. Ivanier, who founded the Center for Robotic Research and Management at Ben Gurion University, said in his acceptance speech, "The university is the fulcrum and business is the lever. Together they can move the world."

#### DEMJANJUK TRIAL RECESSED UNTIL JUNE

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA) -- The trial of suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk was recessed Thursday until June 22 while prosecution and defense teams visit West Germany to interview three former SS men who claim to remember him from the Treblinka death camp.

The prosecution has been unable to locate one of the witnesses, Otto Horne of Berlin, who is known to be alive but may be too ill to testify. If he cannot be found, the court will reconvene on June 15, according to Judge Dov Levin, President of the three-judge panel hearing the case.

## JEWISH ENTERTAINMENT RADIO SHOW DEBUTS ON 21 STATIONS IN U.S.

By Andrew Muchin

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- To the wistful theme of that fabled rooftop fiddler, the "Tradition Time" weekly radio program of Jewish music, comedy and news debuted this month on 21 stations across the country.

The two-hour syndicated program is the first nationwide venture of the new American Jewish Radio Network based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and is the first national Jewish entertainment radio show.

Producer and host Ben Zohar is hoping the millions of potential Jewish listeners like "Tradition Time" as well as the South Florida Jewish listenership does. He said the show began locally 18 months ago at station WVCG-AM in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at an hour per week, and has increased to 13 hours, with about half of them taped in advance.

The national show of predominantly music is completely pre-recorded, Zohar explained, because he aspires to perfect production. He added that he takes care to construct a program "appealing to the mass market of Jews. It has to be inter-generational. Jewish music tends to be that way."

### No Particular Branch

While promoting no particular branch of Judaism, the show is unabashedly pro-Israel and pro-Yiddishkeit. "We instill certain Jewish values in the show," Zohar told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "There are certain universalities: If someone came up to you and said, 'You dirty Jew,' you'd blow his face off with a bazooka."

Before buying the slot for "Tradition Time" at WVCG, Zohar had never even entered a radio station. He was in clock manufacturing at the time, he said, having graduated with a marketing degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He declined to give his age, but looks and sounds to be in his 20s.

The self-described marketer said the idea for "Tradition Time" occurred while listening to a Spanish-language program. "That morning it slapped me in the face that there are two tremendous ethnic markets in Florida, the Jewish and Hispanic," he recalled.

### He Moved Quickly

He got his live hour of Jewish programming on WVCG, and sold all his commercial time in three weeks, he said. He bought the second and third hours, he recalled, "and the same thing happened."

Soon his avocation became his vocation. He returned from a wedding trip in Israel to find a station executive eager to sell him 10 more hours per week. Zohar bought them, opened an office, staff and sold his clock business. His wife Tammy is the show's program director, and he said they work 100-hour weeks and employ a staff of eight.

The assortment of stations at which he has bought two hours on Sunday includes WKOX-AM in Framingham, Mass., near Boston, a news-talk station; WEVD-FM in New York, a Jewish-oriented station; and KJAA-AM in Phoenix, which plays Country and Western hits.

Zohar claimed on the show to be in "every major Jewish city from coast to coast," and while he's in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, south Florida and Washington, D.C., he does not have outlets in

Dallas, Denver, Houston, Milwaukee, Montreal, San Francisco or Toronto.

Zohar hopes in the next 18 months to expand the network to 100 stations, including Canada.

## NEW JEWISH AGENDA TO SEND WORK BRIGADE TO NICARAGUA

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- The New Jewish Agenda (NJA) is sending a work brigade to Nicaragua next winter in memory of Benjamin Linder, the 27-year-old engineer from Portland, Oregon, killed three weeks ago in Nicaragua while working on a hydroelectric project. Plans for the brigade were announced Wednesday night at a memorial service for Linder at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue.

The service was arranged by friends of Linder who live in New York, in conjunction with synagogue Rabbi Balfour Brickner, who went to Nicaragua in 1984 as part of a human rights delegation sent by NJA. Linder was Jewish. His parents are members of the Portland chapter of NJA.

The brigade will comprise about 20 people, said Annette Jaffe, NJA associate director and Central American Task Force staff person for the group. Jaffe was in Nicaragua in December 1984 with the first Jewish delegation of Witness for Peace, a nonviolent group that sends people to Nicaragua to meet the local people and observe firsthand the situation in that country.

At the memorial service for Linder, it was also announced that the Abraham Lincoln Brigade of the Spanish Civil War will be sending a new ambulance to Nicaragua in Linder's name.

## ISRAEL HAS UNTIL JULY TO ASK U.S. FOR PLO MEMBER'S EXTRADITION

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- Mahmoud Al Abd Ahmad, a naturalized U.S. citizen arrested last Wednesday for his role in a fatal attack on a bus in Israel last year, is being held without bail in the Metropolitan Correctional Center.

Israel has until the first week of July to deliver a formal extradition request for him, according to John Gleeson of the U.S. Attorney's office. Meanwhile, Ahmad is free to make a bail request.

Ahmad, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was arrested as he arrived at Kennedy International Airport from Venezuela, where he was expelled for entering the country illegally.

He is charged in Israel with murder and attempted murder in taking part in a two-man attack on an Egged civilian bus in Beit Arich near Latrun on April 12, 1986. The driver was killed and two passengers were wounded.

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TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA) -- An exchange program involving faculty and graduate students of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot and Yale University in New Haven, Conn., will be announced by both institutions this weekend.

The Yale scholars and researchers will spend up to three months at the Weizmann Institute on various scientific projects, participating in lectures and seminars. A similar group from Rehovot will spend a like period of time at the Yale campus.