

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES;
MURDER OF LEBANESE PREMIER MOST
LIKELY TO AFFECT SYRIA: ISRAELIS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- The murder of Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami Monday will not affect Israel directly. But it could have repercussions with respect to Syria, which for all practical purposes controls most of Lebanon and has managed, if not to achieve peace, to reduce the level of violence there, Israeli pundits observed.

Karami, a Sunni Moslem who had been Lebanon's Premier 10 times in the last 32 years, was killed when a bomb exploded in his helicopter while he was travelling from his home in Tripoli, northern Lebanon, to Beirut Monday morning.

He was known as the "Syrian man in Lebanon" and as such doubtlessly made many enemies, according to Uri Lubrani, Coordinator of Israel Government Affairs in south Lebanon. Therefore, it is difficult to pinpoint his killers, Lubrani said. The Syrians have lost a key element in their Lebanese policy and Israeli experts will watch with interest whatever moves Damascus makes in the weeks ahead, he said.

The consensus here is that Karami's death will not loosen Syria's grip on Lebanon. It is unclear whether an alternative to the Syrian presence in Lebanon would not work against Israel's interests.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir, commenting on the assassination, said it would affect events in Lebanon. But Israelis seemed not to be surprised by the assassination, as murder has become part of everyday Lebanese life. French Foreign Minister Jean Raymond, who is visiting Israel, said at a press conference here Monday that Karami's tragic death underscored how hard it is to reach a national accord in Lebanon. However, Raymond added, that remains the essential goal.

There was little reaction in south Lebanon, where the majority Moslem population is Shiite.

**SOVIET-APPOINTED CHIEF RABBI SAYS
RESTRICTIONS AGAINST JEWS EASED**

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- An unprecedented easing of restrictions on Jewish religious and cultural life in the Soviet Union is well under way, according to the Soviet-appointed Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Adolph Shayevich. He is the only Jew visiting the U.S. as part of a delegation of religious figures from the USSR, invited by the United Church of Christ.

Shayevich, who spoke at a breakfast Sunday for Jewish leaders given by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, said a new self-employment law that went into effect May 1 will permit private teachers, including Hebrew teachers, to hold classes for groups of students, and earn income.

Hebrew teaching in fact has been outlawed in the Soviet Union, but has occurred clandestinely, and many Hebrew teachers have been arrested in recent years.

According to Shayevich, who is rabbi of Moscow's Chorale Synagogue, there was "warm response" in the Jewish community to plans for a kosher restaurant to be opened in the Soviet capital by the end of the year, next door to his synagogue. He said the synagogue would operate the restaurant.

"Another sign of 'glasnost,'" the new Soviet policy of openness, Shayevich said, was the repairs and restoration now being made to the mikveh (ritual bath) attached to the Marina Roscha synagogue in Moscow.

He said the Moscow Jewish community was concerned last year when the mikveh was closed. Jewish spokesmen here raised the matter with Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs of the USSR Council of Ministers, when he visited New York last October.

Shayevich said the repairs were well under way when he left Moscow last month and he expected the mikveh to be functioning within the next few weeks.

Another positive development, according to Shayevich, was the permission granted by Soviet authorities to permit the delivery of 5,000 copies of a Hebrew-Russian Pentateuch by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to Moscow in time for Shavuot, June 3-4. Shayevich said the books were cleared through customs with Kharchev's help. Schneier made arrangements for the shipment with Kharchev.

Shayevich said the synagogue is selling the books for 10 rubles (about \$9) to members and will make them available to other synagogues in the USSR for 3-5 rubles each.

Shayevich said he was "hopeful for the future" but cautioned that "glasnost is a process that will take time to have its full effects."

Schneier disclosed that two more Soviet students have been admitted to the Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest, the only one in Eastern Europe, where one will study to be a shochet (ritual slaughterer) and the other a chazan (cantor). Both will serve the Moscow synagogue, Schneier said.

**871 JEWS LEAVE USSR IN MAY,
BRINGING YEARLY TOTAL TO 2,302**

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- A total of 871 Jews left the Soviet Union in May, it was announced Monday by the Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ). This brings the 1987 total through May 31 to 2,302, compared to last year's figure of 914.

The Intergovernmental Committee for Migration in Geneva told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that 230 Soviet Jews went to Israel in May. In April, 717 Jews left the Soviet Union, with 168 immigrating to Israel. Israel has been the destination of 587 Soviet Jews this year.

Commenting on the highest yearly Soviet Jewish emigration figure since 1982, when 2,688 Jews left, NCSJ noted the "slow but continuing upward trend in Jewish emigration in the last several months."

NORWAY MULLS PROBE OF HOW ITS HEAVY WATER WAS USED BY ISRAEL

By Eli Kohen

COPENHAGEN, June 1 (JTA) -- Norwegian authorities are studying the feasibility of conducting their own investigation of whether heavy water Norway sold to Israel several years ago was used to make nuclear weapons, according to a report by Norinform, the official Norwegian news agency Monday.

Heavy water is enriched in deuterium, the hydrogen isotope twice the mass of ordinary hydrogen as it occurs in water and can be used in the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

At issue is whether Norway possesses the necessary technology for such a study. The Foreign Ministry in Oslo will also investigate whether France may have sold Norwegian heavy water to Israel in the 1950s and 1960s, a Ministry spokesman, Jan Willy Bronckbakk, said.

Norway had proposed that Israel allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conduct an investigation of how 20 tons of heavy water it sold to Israel was used. Israel rejected this in a letter to Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg on grounds that the probe is technically difficult. Israel indicated also that it lacks confidence in the independence of the IAEA, but that response was not seen as a clear-cut refusal by Oslo.

The allegation that France sold Norwegian heavy water to Israel is continued in the book "Deux/Bombes" by the French writer Pierre Pean, which deals with nuclear cooperation between France and Israel in past years. Norway sold 100 tons of heavy water to France in the period under review.

RABIN PLEDGES TOUGHEST OF MEASURES IN TERRITORIES SHORT OF EXECUTION

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday that Israel would continue to apply the toughest measures allowed by law to crack down on terrorists in the administered territories. But he rejected demands by rightwing elements to impose the death penalty.

In a statement to the Knesset, Rabin noted that deportations and administrative detention for offenders and suspects are all "in the framework of the law." But he cautioned that there is no "miracle solution" to terrorism and doubted that the death penalty would be effective.

About 30,000 Gush Emunim members and other West Bank settlers held a rally in Tel Aviv Sunday to denounce what they claim is the government's softness in dealing with terrorist acts. The demonstration was called as a memorial gathering for eight-year-old Rami Hana, kidnapped and murdered near his home in Elon Moreh on May 21, and Danny Katz, a teenager killed by terrorists several years ago.

The crowd stood in silence as the fathers of the two victims lit memorial candles. They cheered when someone cried out, "Rabin and Peres are murderers, spilling Jewish blood."

Rabin spoke a day after security forces struck hard at some of the main trouble spots in the territories. A raid on the Balata refugee camp near Nablus resulted in the detention of dozens of suspects and a deportation order against Jihad Mseimeh, the local leader of the El Fatah youth organization, Shabiba. It is being held up pending

appeal. But another Shabiba leader, Ahmed Nasser, a resident of the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, was expelled to Jordan Sunday.

The raid on Balata yielded a number of makeshift pistols and knives and a quantity of Palestinian nationalist literature.

Rabin praised the General Security Services (GSS), also known as Shin Bet, as the "most effective tool" to uncover terrorists. "One should exercise great respect for the GSS people and their achievements," Rabin said. The GSS will be the subject of a judicial inquiry for its alleged fabrication of evidence and use of illegal methods to obtain the conviction of former Israel Defense Force officer Izat Nafsu in 1981. The Supreme Court overturned the conviction a week ago and affirmed Nafsu's charges against the GSS.

JAPANESE STORE WITHDRAWS FROM CONFAB FEATURING ANTI-SEMITIC AUTHOR

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- A leading Japanese department store has cancelled its sponsorship of a Tokyo forum June 2-3 following a protest by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith because the scheduled lecturer was Masumi Uno, the author of two anti-Semitic books.

Mitsuo Yamazaki, president of Seibu Department Stores, Ltd., said that Seibu has withdrawn from the forum at the Hotel Okura and that the event has been cancelled. In a letter to the company, Abraham Foxman, ADL associate national director, had asked that it not provide its "highly respectable platform" to further Uno's efforts.

According to an announcement made by Saison, a part of the Seibu organization, the subject of the forum was "Signs of a Great Depression and Japan's Future." The circular contained the following question: "Are Jews the key to solving world problems?"

Uno, head of an Osaka-based group called the Middle East Problems Research Center, charged in his current Japanese best-seller, "If You Can Understand Judea, You Can Understand the World," that American Jewish businessmen "orchestrated" a plot to increase the value of the yen in order to harm Japanese industry.

In the same book published last November, Uno claimed that the scope of the Nazi Holocaust against the Jews has been greatly exaggerated.

Foxman and Burton Levinson, ADL's national chairman, met with Japanese Ambassador Nabuo Matsunaga in Washington in late March to lodge a protest against the Uno books and other anti-Semitic literature being circulated in Japan.

At that time the ADL officials offered the League's assistance in setting up an educational and informational program in Japan to counter anti-Semitism.

PAMPHLET IN CANADA SUGGESTS ISRAEL ENRICHED FROM KASHRUT

TORONTO, June 1 (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic flyer urging the purchase of kosher products "to help Israel" has been circulated in much of Canada in the past few months. It carries the logo of a Star of David superimposed on a dollar sign and is signed by "Jews for a Richer Israel."

Spokesmen for the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith said the flyer has been traced to an anti-Jewish group in British Columbia. They described it as "slick" and "sophisticated."

The message is that buying kosher products brings revenue to Israel and enriches rabbis with hundreds of millions of dollars. "Manufacturers pay a lot of money every year to make their products kosher . . . the costs are passed on to the consumer, so every time you buy a kosher product you're doing your part to help Israel," the flyer says.

According to Manuel Prutschi, national community relations director for the CJC, and Alan Shefman of B'nai B'rith, it has been mailed to companies in the food business and placed under windshield wipers of parked cars. The flyers have turned up in Toronto and in most of the provinces. They have also been mailed to Jewish organizations with a cover letter threatening to expose companies that allegedly pass the extra expense of kosher products to their customers.

ANNUAL SURVEY:

11 NEW WOMEN RABBIS THIS SUMMER

By Ben Gallo

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- Eleven women are being ordained this summer as Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis, bringing to 141 the number of women ordained since the process began in the Reform movement in 1972.

In its annual survey of these ordinations, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told that the Conservative movement did not ordain any women at graduation ceremonies at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) on May 14. Amy Eilberg, of Bloomington, Ind., was ordained as the first Conservative woman rabbi in JTS history in June 1985.

The second woman so ordained is Nina Beiber Feinstein, in June 1986. She returned to her hometown of Dallas, and Conservative officials report they have lost contact with her.

Reform ordinations were held on May 24 at Temple Emanu-El in New York and May 30 at the Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical School will ordain two women rabbis on June 7 at Congregation Or Ami in Lafayette Hill, Pa. They are Barbara Rosman Penzner of Leawood, Kan., and Amy Zveiback Levenson of Vineland, N.J.

Nine women completed studies for the Reform rabbinate for ordination this summer. They are: Esther Jo Adler, of Tarzana, Calif., Beth Dina Davidson of Sag Harbor, NY, Susan Laemmel Fletcher of Hermosa Beach, Calif., Lynn Heather Goldstein of Philadelphia, Sara Jo Messinger of Scarsdale, NY, Miriam Ella Shapiro of Van Nuys, Calif., Marjorie Slome of Cincinnati, Sue Ann Wasserman of Pound Ridge, NY, and Donna Ilene Greenfield Adler of Brookline, Mass.

The majority of the women rabbis generally have been placed in subordinate pulpit positions, like their newly ordained male colleagues. The others have taken positions in administration and teaching.

With 17 women finishing their fourth year of rabbinic studies in Reform rabbinical schools, at least five at the Reconstructionist rabbinical school, and at least six studying in the Conservative rabbinical school, it is evident that entry of women into the ranks of the American rabbinate can be expected to grow.

One notable event in the graduation ceremonies was the ordination of the first Soviet-born

candidate, Leonid Feldman, as a Conservative rabbi. In another unusual development, Marla Rosenfeld Barugel and Erica Lippitz became, at the Conservative ceremonies, the first women in Conservative Judaism to receive the diploma of cantor.

PHONES TO 4 MOSCOW SITES OF SEMINARS OUT OF ORDER MONDAY

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- Soviet Jewry activists in the U.S. were unable to complete prearranged telephone calls to four Moscow apartments Monday in connection with seminars held by Jewish refuseniks to commemorate International Children's Day.

Moscow operators told the callers that the lines were "out of order." They later told American operators, "don't even bother to place those calls," according to the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry (LICISJ).

Inability to place these calls was reported throughout the United States and Toronto by the LICISJ, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ) and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ).

Soviet emigre Leonard Terlitsky, representing UCSJ, called from an apartment here to that of Silvia and Yuri Piskin (incorrectly spelled "Fiskin" in the May 29 Daily News Bulletin), where his 70-year-old mother, Fanya, was planning to attend a seminar for parents of Soviet emigres. Unable to get through from 7-11 a.m., he called his brother, Mark, in Moscow.

Mark repeatedly tried to phone two of the apartments, but got only a continuous ring, as though no one were home. Yet, he knew that his wife Svetlana and daughter Olga had gone to two of the seminars.

Also unable to get through, LICISJ executive director Lynn Singer called the Leningrad apartment of refusenik Leah Shapira, where 10 refusenik women were meeting in support of the Moscow seminars, and asked them to call the Moscow apartments. There was no word at press time if they succeeded.

See Return To Anti-Semitism

Terlitsky said Soviet Jews perceive a general "turning against" the policy of "glasnost" (openness). Singer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, present at the Terlitsky calls, that "the portents of this are extremely serious. It shows that the Black Hundreds are cracking down."

That long dormant name refers to the Pamyaks, who inflicted pogroms on the Jews of Russia in the early 20th century. It now is applied by Soviet Jewish activists to a new organization, the Memory Society, whose impact Singer feels is contributing to an upsurge of Soviet anti-Semitism.

Terlitsky explained that the nationalistic, openly anti-Semitic society, which has surfaced in the last 10 years, has been allowed to "come out of the dark corners" recently. Two weeks ago, the society held a rally near the Kremlin, and it has been allowed to meet openly in Moscow with Boris Yeltsin, chief of the Communist Party there.

The society also publishes literature blaming Jews for all "the ills of the Soviet Union," Singer said.

WAY TO PEACE IS CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, SHAMIR TELLS LEADERS; DEPARTING ENVOY ROSENNE LAUDED
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 1 (JTA) -- "All Israelis, no matter what political view they represent, are united in the search for, and determination to achieve, peace," Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir declared Sunday night in a videotaped message to more than 1,000 Jewish leaders from the U.S., Canada, Western Europe and Latin America.

"The differences among us," Shamir told the leaders, attending the International Israel Bond dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here, "are in regard to the methods to achieve peace, and such differences are perfectly legitimate in a democratic society." Shamir was alluding to his dispute with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who supports the convening of an international peace conference on the Mideast.

The dinner also paid tribute to Meir Rosenne, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, who completed his four years of service in the U.S. Monday.

In his address, Shamir said that "the government of Israel will, in accordance with its agreed guidelines, pursue peace in the spirit of the Camp David accords that were concluded between President (Anwar) Sadat and Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin, with the participation of the United States." The Premier asserted that the Camp David process "is still the only instance of successful peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab world. It was achieved by means of direct negotiations, and the government of Israel is committed to that procedure."

Jerusalem 'Never To Be Separated'

Noting that world Jewry is marking the 20th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem, Shamir declared: "We have returned to Jerusalem never to be separated again. We have united Jerusalem and it will never be divided again. It is a city in which there is freedom of worship for all faiths and protection for all shrines. It is a city of peace."

Rosenne, assessing the present relations between Israel and the U.S., said that the ties between the two countries are strong and are based on a "strategic understanding and political alliance." He claimed that the relations between Jerusalem and Washington are not a "one-way street," and that Israel contributes to the U.S. as much as she receives.

Rosenne presented this year's Ben Gurion Centennial Medals to 17 national and international Jewish leaders who were honored "for their achievements in philanthropy, business, and efforts for Israel and the community at large."

More than \$76 million in Israel Bond subscriptions were announced at the dinner by David Hermelin of Detroit, international chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who served as chairman of the dinner. Israel Bonds sales reached the record amount of \$603 million in 1986. The goal for 1987 is \$700 million.

ROSENNE CREDITS U.S. JEWS FOR IMPROVED U.S.-ISRAELI ALLIANCE
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, June 1 (JTA) -- Meir Rosenne, Israel's outgoing Ambassador to the United States, summed up his four-year tour of duty in Washing-

ton Sunday as "the best years in the (U.S.-Israel) relationship, except for the Pollard affair." He credited American Jewry in large measure for this.

"We have reached a strategic military and political relationship based on signed agreements," Rosenne told Israel Radio in an interview from his Embassy. "We have a free trade area agreement which was signed between the two countries, which is unique in the relations of the United States with any country in the world."

The case of Jonathan Pollard, the civilian intelligence analyst employed by the U.S. Navy who was convicted of spying for Israel and now is serving a life sentence, was the only serious blot on the record. But Rosenne was also angered by the subpoena issued two weeks ago to David Kimche, former Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, to testify before a select committee of Congress on the Iran-Contra affair.

According to the envoy, the U.S. Justice Department violated all norms of diplomacy when it issued the subpoena. Kimche was later excused by court order from appearing before the committee.

Cites VOA, SDI

In reviewing developments that have strengthened U.S.-Israeli relations, Rosenne also mentioned the completed negotiations for building Voice of America (VOA) radio transmitters in the Negev and Israel's joining in the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) research. He pointed out that Israel is "one of four countries which have until now signed an agreement with the U.S. in this respect."

Rosenne observed that "As far as American Jewry is concerned, the relationship (with Israel) is extremely close. This does not mean that we agree on everything. But I think that this is one of the pillars of strength of Israel and of the relationship with the U.S. and this is undoubtedly one of the elements of our strength that has to be developed and kept alive," Rosenne said.

His term in Washington expired officially at midnight Sunday and Rosenne was planning to return to Israel. The ongoing dispute between Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres over his replacement has not been resolved. Until Rosenne's successor is named, the Washington embassy will be headed by a Charge d'Affaires.

BANK OF ISRAEL FINDS LINK BETWEEN EMIGRATION, ECONOMIC STAGNATION
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 1 (JTA) -- The Bank of Israel has cited yerida -- the emigration of Israelis to live permanently abroad -- as a factor for economic stagnation and the decline of population growth.

In a report published Sunday, the country's central bank noted that the annual population growth in the past two years was 1.5 percent compared to an average 1.9 percent in the years 1981-84 and 2.3 percent in the years 1975-80.

In 1985, about 11,000 immigrants arrived in Israel. In 1986, the figure was 10,500, the lowest since 1953.

There will be no Daily News Bulletin dated June 4 because the JTA office will be closed June 3 for Shavuoth.