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## IDF OFFICER KILLED IN GAZA

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- An Israel Defense Force officer was shot dead in Gaza Sunday afternoon. The officer, whose name, rank and age were not immediately disclosed pending notification of next of kin, was waiting in his vehicle near the city's central square when terrorists in a passing vehicle fired four or five shots at the officer at close range. One bullet hit him. He was rushed to a hospital by another IDF officer who happened to drive by, but he died shortly after arrival.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who visited the scene of the killing, said Israel would have an "exceptional response" to what he referred to as an exceptional attack. Israeli troops are often attacked by Palestinians who hurl stones or gasoline bombs at them to protest Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. But the shooting of soldiers is rare. Rabin also said that no Gaza residents may enter Israel until further notice.

A curfew was clamped on the town and dozens of Palestinians were arrested and held for questioning. Police continued to search the area throughout the day for additional suspects. IDF sources say they thought the killing was a "random attack" carried out by terrorists who were waiting to ambush any Israeli they could find. The Gaza Strip area has been relatively quiet for some months.

(Israeli military censors prohibited journalists from reporting the incident for several hours until the officer's family was notified of his death. They continued to bar publication of his name. Some reports identified the slain man as the commander of Israel's military police in the Gaza Strip.)

## NBC AND ISRAEL AGREE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- NBC and Israel have reached an accord to end the ban on interviews with Israel's three top leaders which was imposed in response to a critical program on Israel since the Six-Day War, following an agreement by NBC to air Israeli objections to the program.

Last week, the Israeli government announced that Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin would refuse interviews to the network's correspondents and would not appear on NBC news programs because NBC had not responded to the government's letters of protest against the documentary, "Six Days Plus 20 Years: A Dream Is Dying."

Shamir's spokesman, Avi Pazner, said last week that the program, narrated by Tom Brokaw and broadcast July 1, was a "completely biased and one-sided documentary on Israel." Pazner complained that only non-representative Israeli officials were interviewed on camera.

In turn, NBC complained that the officials' refusals to be interviewed constituted a boycott of the network. The Foreign Press Association in Israel was reported examining the issue, saying

that a boycott of a foreign news agency was a dangerous and undemocratic precedent similar to that practiced by the Soviet bloc nations.

NBC vice president Ed Planer was in Israel last week to discuss the imbroglio with media advisors to the three leaders. At a meeting in Jerusalem on Friday, Planer agreed to permit an Israeli official to explain Israel's objections to the program on the "Today" show. NBC Israel Bureau Chief Larry Weidman acknowledged two "inaccuracies" in the program but denied it being either unfair or unethical. Weidman said the network stands "firmly behind the program" but is "always interested in hearing honest objections."

## Critics And Advocates Interviewed

In the program, Brokaw interviewed both critics and advocates of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, including a lengthy discussion with various members of the Angel family of Jerusalem, who espoused different views on the administered territories and current problems in Israel between Jews and Palestinians.

He ended the program with a first-ever and warm meeting between Jerusalem rabbi and philosopher David Hartman and Palestinian spokesman Dr. Sari Nusseibeh, a lecturer of Medieval Moslem philosophy at Bir Zeit University.

The program focused on Israeli patrols of neighborhoods in the territories and Palestinian youths throwing stones at the soldiers and explaining their hatred of them. An NBC correspondent, Peter Kent, said of armed Israeli civilians that "They block us from recording face-slapping and humiliating treatment."

As the camera panned Palestinians lined up under Israeli guard, awaiting identification checks and possible arrest, Kent said, "This is what Palestinians fear every day: being in the wrong place at the wrong time.... This is what the occupation is all about."

The NBC documentary was but one of several aired recently on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Israel's administration of the West Bank, in addition to many newspaper and magazine articles on the subject, all of them highly critical of Israeli policy towards the territories and the Palestinians.

The Public Broadcasting System aired two strong documentaries on the issue prior to the NBC program, one by Israeli filmmaker Ofra Bikel, who lives in New York, and another by a British Jew, Victor Shoenfeld. Criticism of these by the Israel government has not been heard.

## UIA CONDEMNS SAN FRANCISCO FEDERATION FOR ALLOCATING ISRAEL MONEY OUTSIDE OF JEWISH AGENCY

By Winston Pickett

Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal, the central channel for money raised in the United States for use by the Jewish Agency for Israel, has voted to condemn the Jewish Federation here for diverting \$100,000 from the Agency to fund its own Israel programs.

Nevertheless, officials of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula

la, Marin and Sonoma Counties (JCF) say that their action succeeded in calling attention to the need to reform the Jewish Agency's funding process. The JCF maintains that a broad spectrum of American Jews -- both inside and outside that multimillion dollar philanthropic organization--now agree reforms are necessary.

The UIA resolution, made in Jerusalem before the Jewish Agency assembly convened June 21-25, will be delivered to U.S. Jewish leaders by mail within the week. It declares opposition to "the actions of the San Francisco Federation in allocating funds and supporting programs in Israel outside the normal process of the Jewish Agency and outside the united system of funding in the United States."

JCF leaders insist, however, that their message, if not the means of the Federation's campaign for reform, had been endorsed overwhelmingly by the Jewish Agency assembly.

#### Means Of Protest Criticized

But it was the means that the UIA addressed in its resolution -- because of the fear that other Federations might follow San Francisco's lead and divert money from the Jewish Agency.

While many Jewish leaders agree with the goal of the JCF, they don't agree with the idea of diverting money from the Agency.

The JCF last year sought to send a signal to the Jewish Agency to alter its funding priorities by allocating \$100,000 directly to special projects aimed at promoting democracy in Israel, including Arab-Jewish relations; at improving Israel-diaspora relations; and at encouraging religious pluralism in Israel.

JCF leaders, heartened that their program appeared to have won the backing of others, cited the following:

- A resolution passed by the 600 delegates from Israel and the diaspora at the Jewish Agency assembly called on the Agency, with its annual \$400 million budget, to be "responsive to innovative programs and services in Israel" and to develop a mechanism of funding those programs under Agency auspices.

Two other resolutions asked the Agency to look into projects that would promote Israel-diaspora links on the model of Project Renewal and involve Israeli citizens without regard to party affiliation.

- Jewish Agency Board of Governors chairman Jerold Hoffberger, an opponent of JCF's strategy of diverting funds, criticized the Israeli arm of his organization for making political appointments at the expense of professional expertise, and called for greater participation by diaspora Jews in helping Israel promote Jewish pluralism and Arab-Jewish tolerance.

Hoffberger suggested reconstituting the Agency's Board "to accommodate more Israelis ... who would represent the whole spectrum of their society," rather than political parties.

- A Louis Harris poll, made public at the assembly, which shows that U.S. Jewish Federation, Zionist and religious leaders, by a 61-22 percent margin, think that the Jewish Agency "does not reflect the composition of life in the Jewish world today."

Close to half the respondents give a negative rating to the way the Agency allocates its funds. The poll also indicates that a majority of Jewish leaders wants to have "more say in the deliberations of the Jewish Agency," based on their belief that those who raise money for the

Agency are simply not cut into the decision-making process. For former JCF president Ron Kaufman, the UIA move was a matter of bad timing. Kaufman, a member of the UIA Board whose report defending the JCF strategy prompted the condemnatory resolution, said he believes the vote would not have taken place after the Jewish Agency assembly.

Calling the 600-plus delegates' acceptance of the San Francisco-backed reform resolutions "a real framework for change," he singled out the call for "creative, innovative funding" as a sign that "the programs San Francisco has been concerned with can now be taken up by the Jewish Agency -- which was, and still is our ultimate goal."

But even before that happens, the JCF has set aside another \$100,000 earmarked for its projects outside Jewish Agency channels -- a move that its executive director, Rabbi Brian Lurie, deems necessary for the sake of funding momentum.

By comparison, the JCF's regular allocation to the Jewish Agency this year comes to a record \$7,812,587.

#### Seen As Catalyst

And while Jewish Agency officials still may reject the Federation's tactics, JCF overseas committee chairman Richard Goldman is convinced that both its method and its message are necessary catalysts for change.

"The fact that the Jewish Agency has come around to our way of thinking indicates that we have been sending positive signals all along," Goldman said. And although "it's consoling to know you're on the right track," he added, "it's also frustrating to see how long it takes."

The JCF first informed the Jewish Agency of its strategy for reform in 1983.

While Federation leaders generally are buoyed by the currents of change within the Jewish Agency, some sought to downplay the JCF's role in bringing about reform.

Said JCF president Laurence Myers, "Sure we can take some credit for the changes now afoot, but it's also critical to recognize that those resolutions passed by the Jewish Agency were drafted by the Council of Jewish Federations -- 29 of which have overseas committees -- thus representing a groundswell of support."

#### **BARENBOIM APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NEW BASTILLE OPERA IN PARIS**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Israeli conductor-pianist Daniel Barenboim has been appointed artistic director of the Paris Bastille Opera, which plans to vie with New York's Metropolitan and Milan's La Scala for top international recognition. The 44-year-old Buenos Aires-born Barenboim currently directs the Paris Orchestra, a post he will continue to assume.

The Bastille Opera will be inaugurated on July 14, 1989, to mark the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. The new opera house on the Place de la Bastille will be larger than the old Opera in the heart of Paris. The French government is planning to bill some of the world's best-known operatic stars for the new theater and has given Barenboim a free reign for choosing its programs.

Barenboim, who is one of the regular conductors of the Bayreuth Festival in West Ger-

many, will be assisted by Eva Wagner, the daughter of German composer Richard Wagner, whose music was greatly admired by Hitler.

Eva Wagner will be in charge of operatic planning, and choreographer Rudolf Nureyev will be director of the Bastille Opera's ballet troupe.

# **POLITICAL UPROAR IN ISRAEL OVER PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER ARABS FROM THE TERRITORIES TO JORDAN**

**JERUSALEM, August 2 (JTA) --** Likud Deputy Defense Minister Michael Dekel's declaration in support of transferring Arabs from the territories to Jordan has prompted an uproar in political circles.

Dekel, speaking to the Netanya branch of the Herut movement Monday, suggested the transfer as the only solution to the Palestinian problem.

Dekel was quoted as saying, "In order to avoid having this area turn into a powder keg aimed at the United States, which is interested in stability in the area, the Western countries have the moral and political responsibility to handle the transfer of the Arab population of Judea and Samaria to their country -- the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan." The U.S. State Department reacted sharply to Dekel's remarks Friday saying it "utterly rejects" the idea of a transfer.

"This contradicts efforts to promote an atmosphere of reconciliation and trust between Arabs and Israel in which progress can be made toward peace and a just solution to the Palestinians based on United Nations Security Council proposal 242," said Charles Redman, State Department spokesman.

Redman noted Dekel's remarks had "inspired a strong negative reaction" from the Israeli press and members of various political parties.

## **Reactions To The Proposal**

The radical left Progressive List for Peace, in response to Dekel's remarks, immediately introduced a motion of non-confidence in the government. But Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Likud did not back Dekel's idea. Other Likud MKs, such as Meir Cohen-Avidov, supported Dekel's suggestion.

Labor Party leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called Dekel's statement "nonsense." Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, of Labor, said the proposal indicates the extent of Dekel's and others' fear of the demographic dangers of incorporating the territories into Israel.

Speaking to a Labor Party gathering Wednesday, Rabin said, "All the talk of a transfer, or of second-class citizens, is in effect, an admission of the failure of the concept of a democratic greater Israel with Jewish values.

"Those backing a greater Israel who do not say transfer, or second-class citizens, are purportedly saying we'll give them the right to vote. In the event, the 2.2 million Arabs who are eligible to vote will tilt the balance and turn Israel into a non-Zionist country." Rabin favors a territorial compromise.

Peres, reflecting a prominent Labor position, said last week Israel had the choice of dividing the land with the Palestinians and imposing a partition on the country, or sharing the government with Palestinians in a confederation.

Rabin added, "The talk of transfer is the start of moral collapse. Is it conceivable that a Jew would talk about transfer?"

# **ARAD: UNITY AMONG ISRAELIS FAR TRANSCENDS THE DIFFERENCES** **By Yitzhak Rabi**

**NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (JTA) --** Moshe Arad, the new Israeli Ambassador to Washington, told American Jewish leaders last week that although there are differences within the Israeli government, "there are more things that unite us than divide us."

Arriving from Washington to a reception in his honor, given by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Arad emphasized that the Israeli government is in full agreement on the need to reach peace based on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. He said that there is no division in the Israeli government on the need to keep Jerusalem united under Israeli control and toward the PLO "and its lack of qualification to take part in any Mideast negotiations."

Noting that there are differences between Labor and Likud on the issue of an international conference for peace in the Mideast, the Ambassador said, however, "The unity among Israelis far transcends the differences."

Arad, the former Israeli Ambassador to Mexico, also called for strengthening the bonds between American Jews and Israel. He said that the American Jewish community and the Jewish State share "a common destiny."

Speaking on a more personal note with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Arad said he was moved by the warm reception extended to him by the American Jewish leaders, many of whom he knows from the time he served as a consul in the Israel Consulate in New York and as a special counselor in the Israel Embassy in Washington in the 1970's.

## **WEST GERMAN PAPERS ASSESS PRESENCE OF SOVIET CONSULAR TEAM IN ISRAEL**

**BONN, Aug. 2 (JTA) --** The presence in Israel of a Soviet consular team attracted the attention of West Germany's leading newspapers. They spoke about Israel's desire for better contacts with Soviet Jewry and said that Moscow wants to use this opening to eventually participate in international talks on the Middle East.

Die Welt, of Bonn, commented that "a goodwill tour alone, provided with Western-type press conferences, will hardly lead to basic changes in Soviet-Israeli relations. . . . It is logical for the Soviets to take the necessary steps to bring about a normalization of relations. Without diplomatic relations with Israel, Soviet participation in an international Near East peace conference -- if it materializes at all -- will not get approval at all."

The Berliner Morgenpost touched on Israel's alleged interest in better contacts with Soviet Jews: "The mounting of Israel's hopes for new diplomatic relations with the USSR has labored and brought forth a mouse: a consular delegation . . . with the official task to register Soviet property in Israel and renew the passports of Soviet citizens, came to Jerusalem."

"That is far removed from the ideas the Israelis have had for the past two years. But their desire for relations of any kind with the Soviet Union is so great that they are willing to countenance this, just to be able to remove the shadow of the present semi-legality from their contacts with Soviet Jews."

**NORTH AMERICANS SEEK TO EDUCATE ISRAELIS ON JEWISH IDENTITY ISSUES**

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- A diverse group of North American secular Jewish leaders is recommending that local Jewish Federations join their national umbrella organization in educating Israelis on why American Jews feel strongly that issues of Jewish identity should be kept off Israel's political agenda.

The leaders include the president of the umbrella organization, Shoshana Cardin of the Council of Jewish Federations. Five of them returned last week from a hastily scheduled Israel trip taken to persuade Members of Knesset to avoid putting the determination of Jewish identity in the hands of religious officials and courts.

The latest such bill, which would have given Israel's rabbinic courts sole authority to validate conversions, marriages and divorces performed abroad, was at the last moment withdrawn from Knesset consideration last Wednesday by its sponsor, Shas.

In their recommendations, distributed by CJF, the leaders said their efforts can't stop with that latest Knesset triumph. "The dialogue has just begun, both in Israel and in North America," the recommendations say.

"This program should not necessarily be limited to pending legislative attempts to amend the Law (of Return)," it adds.

The Law of Return gives automatic Israeli citizenship to any Jewish immigrant. Ultra-Orthodox parties have sought to amend the bill so conversions to Judaism would be valid only if done under traditional Jewish law, a move opposed by the millions of non-Orthodox in North America.

**List Of Recommendations**

The recommendations, to be mailed to Federation presidents this week, propose:

- A session on the issue, including key Knesset leaders, be conducted at the next annual CJF General Assembly.
- A planned program of visits to Israel by North American Jewish leadership, including attempts to reach the "different Israeli publics."
- That CJF continue to convene and coordinate these efforts, while broadening the coalition working on the issue.
- That the program also "relate to ... constituencies" at home.
- That the CJF Israel Office keep the North American leadership informed of Israeli actions and thinking on this issue.

Education "in the broadest sense on both sides" is recommended. "Diaspora Jews must become significantly more familiar with the underlying Israeli political realities, as well as with the sincere and heartfelt concerns of many influential Israelis on these issues," the report says.

"Conversely, Israelis ... require a much more detailed understanding with respect to diaspora Jewry ... This can only happen through a targeted educational program."

Specifically, the leaders who made the recommendations are: Cardin, Martin Stein, United Jewish Appeal national chairman; Donald Carr, United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada board member; Carmi Schwartz, CJF executive vice president; Walter Hess, UIA of Canada executive vice president; and representatives of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the

Jewish Agency and four of the largest local Jewish Federations.

**807 JEWS LEFT USSR IN JULY**

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Soviet Jewish emigration totalled 807 in July, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported Friday. The 1987 total for Soviet Jewish emigration is 3,095, according to NCSJ, the largest number since 2,688 Jews left in 1982.

The Israeli Ministry of Immigration and Absorption reported Thursday that 249 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel this month, while NCSJ said that total was 243. An NCSJ spokesman attributed the difference to record-keeping about six Soviet Jews who arrived in Israel late on June 30.

Israeli Minister of Immigration and Absorption Yaacov Tsur said that 1,056 Soviet Jews, or 39 percent of the 2,688 who have left the USSR this year, came to Israel.

Tsur expressed concern that Soviet authorities be granting visas only to veteran refuseniks, and that the continued high "dropout rate" from Israel of the emigres would hinder chances of continued Soviet Jewish emigration.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION AT CAESAREA RESUMES WITHOUT INCIDENT**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- The archaeological excavation at Caesarea halted last week by pressure from ultra-Orthodox zealots was resumed without incident Sunday morning.

But the dig was being conducted by Israeli archaeologists instead of the American volunteers headed by Prof. Robert Bull, of Drew University in Madison, NJ. The excavation was halted by Drew University president Paul Hardin because of pressure exerted on him by ultra-Orthodox elements in the U.S.

A small force of police was present at the dig site but was not called on to take any action, as no representatives of the Atra Kadisha (protection of Jewish burial sites) group appeared.

The work was resumed under a special licence issued by the government's Department of Antiquities, following a visit to the site last week by Education and Culture Minister Yitzhak Navon.

While the U.S. archaeologists are now working on another site some 500 meters away from the area of the controversy, the Israelis were Sunday completing operations to ensure the safety of the dig during the winter rains.

The archaeologists, both Americans and Israelis, insist there are no Jewish graves at the Caesarea site. The religious zealots insist they know that there are.

**STRIKE BY GAS STATIONS ENDS**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Israel's roads returned to normal Sunday morning, with the end of a 48-hour strike by gas station owners and concessionaires. Police noted a "remarkable decline" in traffic accidents during the two days--Friday and Saturday--in which motorists either did not operate their cars which had run out of gasoline or feared that they would be stuck in mid-journey with empty gas tanks without being able to refill. The station owners were protesting the government's failure to meet their demands for increased percentages on their sales.