

**POLITICIANS EXAMINE WHERE FAULT LIES  
FOR LAST WEEK'S TERRORIST ATTACK**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset Monday that the Israel Defense Force high command has issued strict orders to all units aimed at preventing a recurrence of the events on the night of Nov. 25, when a single glider-borne terrorist killed six soldiers and wounded seven at an IDF encampment near Kiryat Shemona in upper Galilee.

He assured the lawmakers that the matter would not be dropped "until the proper lessons of that unfortunate incident are fully learned."

Chief of Staff Gen. Dan Shomron, meanwhile, assured settlers in northern Israel Sunday that the IDF is correcting the security failures that allowed the attack to succeed.

He said the IDF has the appropriate means to deal with future terrorist attempts to infiltrate Israel by air and that the military high command will take the proper disciplinary measures. He stressed however that the IDF will not act hastily to "make heads roll."

The incident, which has severely shaken Israelis' confidence in their northern defense system, was the subject of sometimes heated debate in the Cabinet at its regular weekly session Sunday.

**Sharon Blames Rabin**

The ministers were briefed by Rabin. But Rabin was attacked by Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, a Likud hardliner, who maintained that the problem was not a lack of alertness at the encampment but the absence of "clear directives from the political echelon to the defense forces to wipe out terror."

Deputy Premier David Levy, another Likud minister, defended the defense establishment. He said that because of one mistake it has been forgotten that the northern border has been sealed and secure since Israel withdrew its forces from Lebanon in 1984.

Rabin himself pointed to the relative calm on the northern border for the past two-and-a-half years. But he admitted it was achieved at a high cost -- 21 soldiers killed, 103 wounded, two kidnapped and one air force navigator taken prisoner after his Phantom jet crashed, or was shot down. Rabin noted that some 10,000 terrorists belonging to dozens of different terrorist groups are presently active in Lebanon.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir told the Cabinet that the IDF would soon draw the appropriate conclusions from the attack. Addressing the annual luncheon meeting of newspaper editors Monday, Shamir was asked if he blamed Syria for the attack. He replied that Syria identified with "this kind of terrorism," but would not elaborate.

Shamir complained, however, that "even in Egypt, voices are heard praising last Wednesday's terror attack in Galilee."

It was learned, meanwhile, that army units and settlements in the area of the attack had a 20- to 30-minute advance warning that an infiltrator was approaching by air.

The first report of a "moped overhead" in

the dark, moonless sky, was verified by a second source. A moped is a motorized bicycle. The hang-glider used by the terrorist was powered by a bicycle motor.

The unit that suffered the casualties was part of Nahal, the IDF section that combines military training with agricultural work. Shomron said Nahal was a first-class fighting unit and the errors made at the upper Galilee encampment were not typical.

The sentry on duty at the gate reportedly fled when the terrorist threw a grenade at him. The soldier was from a family that had lost one son in combat.

It is IDF policy not to recruit members of bereaved families for front-line or forward-area duty in order to spare such families the risk of losing other members. In this case, apparently, that policy was not followed.

**Third Hang-Glider Cited**

Shomron disclosed that a third hang-glider may have been launched on last week's assault but either crashed or turned back before it reached the Israeli-controlled security zone in southern Lebanon.

A second glider landed in the security zone about 1,500 feet short of the Israel-Lebanon border. Its pilot was killed by an IDF patrol.

Reports from Lebanon Monday indicated that Palestinian terrorists in southern Lebanon are gearing for massive retaliation by Israel. Officers of the United Nations peace-keeping force in southern Lebanon were quoted by Haaretz Monday as reporting the flight of civilian residents of refugee camps in the area where the terrorists have their bases.

Hadashot reported that the terrorists themselves have fortified their bases and are on high alert for an IDF reprisal. Reports from the Sidon area said there was fear that "Israel is likely to undertake a joint military action by land and sea at any moment."

A report from the Ein Hilwe refugee camp said the terrorists strengthened their coastal defenses after Israel navy patrol boats were sighted close offshore. They have also mobilized their anti-aircraft defenses, which consist primarily of Soviet-made SAM-7 ground-to-air missiles.

The Christian radio station "Voice of Lebanon" was quoted by Hadashot as saying that an IDF tank column was seen moving along the coastal highway north of Nakura in the direction of Tyre. The report was not confirmed.

(Tel Aviv correspondent Hugh Orgel also contributed to this story.)

**COURT'S SABBATH RULING PROVOKES  
BATTLES IN KNESSET AND ON STREETS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- The battle between ultra-Orthodox and secular Jews over mandatory enforcement of Sabbath observance in Jerusalem did not end when a local court ruled last week that a city ordinance forbidding the opening of movie theaters on Friday nights was invalid.

The fight has been taken by the Orthodox to the Knesset, the Cabinet and into the streets. Given the delicate balance of Israeli coalition politics, the victory won by Jerusalem's non-observant community may be short-lived.

Thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews disrupted traffic Monday on Jaffa Road, one of the main arteries of the capital, in a mass demonstration against Sabbath desecration. They recited prayers of mourning and waved signs reading "Observe the Sabbath" and "The KGB has come to Israel."

One of them told a reporter that "the court ruling has proven to us once again to what extent Zionism conflicts with the Torah."

The two chief rabbis, Avraham Shapiro (Ashkenazic) and Mordechai Eliahu (Sephardic) fiercely denounced the court's decision at a gathering of rabbis affiliated with the National Religious Party in Jerusalem. They said the situation has become intolerable and if not rectified, the NRP could not remain in the government.

The possibility of a coalition crisis arising from the court decision was the reason for consultations held this week between the religious parties and both Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the leaders of Likud and the Labor Party respectively.

#### A Change In 'Status Quo'?

Both men reportedly assured their religious coalition partners that they would not permit any change of "the status quo" in the country. The "status quo" refers to an unwritten agreement dating from the founding of the state which tries to maintain a balance between individual rights and enforcement of religious laws and customs. Orthodox and secular Jews have each accused the other, over the years, of trying to undermine the status quo.

Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer of the NRP said Monday that he found a willingness by both Labor and Likud to preserve the status quo. He told Voice of Israel radio that legislation would be enacted soon to allow local municipalities to impose religious bylaws.

The ruling by the municipal court last week was that the imposition of restrictions on individual rights could be decreed only by the Knesset, not the City Council. Shamir said Monday that if Knesset legislation was needed, he would support it.

Meanwhile, new friction has developed between the Orthodox community and the Jerusalem police. Police Chief Yosef Yehudai told the Knesset Interior Committee Monday that the police intend to bring charges against City Council member Meir Porush of the Agudat Israel party for his involvement in a violent demonstration by ultra-Orthodox Jews on Nov. 21, a Saturday.

The matter was raised in the committee by a bloc of religious Knesset members, including Rabbi Menahem Porush, father of the councilman. They complained of police brutality, charging that Orthodox M.K.s and City Council members were beaten by police and treated "brutally and in a humiliating manner."

But Yehudai insisted the police used only minimum force to quell the rioting by Orthodox Jews, which threatened to disrupt traffic on roads adjacent to the religious neighborhoods.

He said there was a "good case" against Councilman Porush "for illegal assembly, disturbance of public order and hindering a police officer in carrying out his duty."

#### ORTHODOX ASSAIL REFORM MOVEMENT AND PERCEIVED CHANGES IN STATUS QUO

SWAN LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 30 (JTA) -- Orthodox Jewish leaders meeting here over the weekend fiercely attacked leaders of Reform Judaism for allegedly trying to undo the religious status quo in Israel and vowed to overturn a recent Jerusalem municipal court ruling allowing the opening of movie theaters there on Friday nights.

The leaders and nearly 3,000 delegates attending the 65th national convention of the Agudath Israel of America also heaped scorn on world Jewish leaders who enter into dialogue with the Vatican.

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of the Agudath Israel of America, declared in his keynote address that "Jewry's face should flame with shame that a Jewish court in Jerusalem could issue such a decree against the Sabbath, particularly after the unchallenged acceptance of these laws for 30 years under the non-Jewish British Mandate and for 40 years under the State of Israel."

He vowed "action and not just tears," adding that "in Israel, they must know that religious Jewry throughout the world will not sit silently by and permit Jerusalem to be turned into another Paris."

Sherer accused Reform leaders of supporting reversal of Jerusalem's Sabbath laws and other "status quo" accommodations and "making a deal with Israeli politicians in order to import their ersatz brand of Judaism to Israel" and "cunningly manipulating the media to poison the minds of the public to resent Orthodox Jews."

He expressed outrage at the Reform movement's recent decision to bring its own "version of Judaism" to Jews in the Soviet Union. "The last thing needed by these heroic Jews, who are risking so much to reclaim the Torah... is to be misled by American Reform rabbis who teach that Torah is not inviolate," Sherer said.

At another convention forum, Rabbi Nosson Scherman, a scholar, author and editor of Artscroll Publications, assailed "the so-called 'Jewish leaders' (who) scurried to Castel Goldolfo (the papal summer residence) to confront Pope John Paul with their angry protests and righteous demands, emerged from the audience with beatific smiles, then converged in Miami for the long-planned love-fest on television."

"They announced as a positive result of this meeting a conference on the Holocaust, and now, lo and behold, that too has 'not materialized,'" Scherman said.

He observed that Torah scholars revered by Orthodox Jews have consistently ruled that it is permitted and often required to deal with the Church on issues of common concern, while they specifically forbid religious dialogue or extension of "craven honors" to other faith communities, often initiated out of concern for headlines rather than the true welfare of Jews.

#### ISRAELI TO HEAD INTERNATIONAL GROUP

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- The Intergovernmental Committee for Migration has elected Pinchas Eliav, Israeli ambassador of the United Nations in Geneva, as its president for one year. It is the first time an Israeli has been appointed to preside over an international organization.

## WEEK FULL OF SOVIET JEWRY EVENTS TO PRECEDE MOBILIZATION ON SUNDAY

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- Washington is abuzz this week with a myriad of activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry, to culminate in the mass mobilization Sunday, on the eve of the summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

On Tuesday morning, Senators for Soviet Jewry will discuss the issue of seriously ailing refuseniks who have received multiple refusals on "secrecy" grounds.

The news conference in the Russell Senate Building, organized by Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), will draw specific attention to the three-generation family of Leonid Bialy and Judith Ratner-Bialy in Moscow, who received their 14th refusal a week-and-a-half ago and were told their case would not be renewed until 1992.

The decision was made to focus on the Bialy family because of the juxtaposition of their most recent refusal and the summit meeting. Both Judith and Leonid are seriously ill.

The participants will include Soviet Jewish emigres Leon Charny and his niece, Anna Charny Blank, who are also campaigning for exit visas for Benjamin Charny, as well as Vladimir Brave, widower of Rimma Brave, who died of cancer in June in Rochester, N.Y., after a seven-year battle to join her mother and sister and receive medical treatment. The participants decided it would be more effective to focus on a small number of families in order to maximize their cause.

On Wednesday, more than 200 members of Congress are expected to participate in the fifth annual Congressional Fast and Prayer Vigil. The event, organized by Reps. John Porter (R-Ill.) and Robert Mrazek (D-N.Y.), was founded in 1983 and is one of several annual activities sponsored by national Jewish organizations and the Congressional Human Rights Caucus.

Members of Congress who participate agree to fast from sunrise to sunset. At 11:30 a.m., participants will gather on the east steps of the Capitol for a non-religious ceremony "on behalf of all refuseniks in light of restrictive Soviet emigration policies," according to Porter's press secretary, Dave Kohn.

### 'Helsinki' Hearings Set

On Friday morning, five former Soviet refuseniks will discuss the struggle of Soviet Jewry at a hearing before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, frequently called the Helsinki Commission.

The hearing, to take place in the Rayburn House Office Building, will focus on the issues of "state secrets," anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and the overall significance of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit for Soviet Jews.

Participants will offer their own observations on Gorbachev's policy of reform. Among those invited to testify are former prisoners of Zion Nathan Sharansky, Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak, Yuli Edelshtein and Lev Elbert.

Friday at noon, a news conference to discuss the schedule for Sunday's march will be convened at the Capital Hilton Hotel by the Summit Task Force, and will include Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Nudel, Sharansky and Slepak.

Sunday evening following the march and demonstration, two dinners are scheduled to honor

former refuseniks. The American Jewish Committee will hold a dinner at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, preceded by a 6:30 news conference at which Sharansky will share his impressions of the mobilization by the Jewish community. He will then offer a final plea to Reagan and Gorbachev on the eve of their summit meeting.

At the dinner following, scheduled for 7, Sharansky will receive the AJCommittee's highest award, the American Liberties Medallion, for being a "courageous fighter for Jewish dignity" and "for exceptional advancement of the principles of human liberty."

At 8:30 p.m., the United Jewish Appeal will open its National Campaign Cabinet meeting at the Mayflower Hotel with a tribute to Soviet Jewry. At the conclave, which was moved from its original New York venue to Washington because of the march, the UJA will honor former refuseniks, among them Yuli Edelshtein and Vladimir Slepak.

### Updated List of Participants

An updated list of speakers for Freedom Sunday for Soviet Jews includes Abram; former refuseniks and prisoners of conscience Edelshtein, Iosif Mendelevich, Nudel, Sharansky and Slepak; Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel; Vice President George Bush; Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole; and Helen Jackson, founder of the Congressional Wives for Soviet Jewry.

Entertainers expected at the massive rally include singers Pearl Bailey, Paul Simon and Mary Travers.

On Monday morning following the march, a news conference will be held at the Capital Hilton Hotel to wrap up Sunday's events and provide briefings on Soviet Jewry issues to be discussed during the summit.

### ADMINISTRATION SIGNALS SUPPORT FOR SUNDAY'S SOVIET JEWRY RALLY

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- The massive rally in support of Soviet Jewry scheduled Sunday for the National Mall is an "impressive" way to demonstrate to the Soviet Union the concern of Americans for this issue, a senior Reagan administration official said Monday.

"These people are demonstrating on behalf of a cause with which this administration, this country... are deeply committed," the official said in briefing reporters on next week's summit meeting here between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Rejecting a suggestion that the demonstration might put a "cloud" over the summit, the official said that instead he expected "it to put a spotlight on this issue."

Jews from all over the country are planning to come here for the Washington mobilization. The official said he expects the demonstration to be "dignified, orderly, but a very impressive demonstration of concern" which is how it will be explained to the Soviets.

"Human rights is going to figure prominently during the summit," a second official at the White House briefing stressed. "It is something the president of the United States cares very deeply about."

But, he said, the administration does not expect any "breakthroughs" on human rights to come at the summit, although they would be very welcome.

**GREECE SAYS IT CANNOT ASK FOR BRUNNER'S EXTRADITION**

By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, Dec. 1 (JTA) -- The Greek government favors bringing Nazi war criminals to justice but cannot demand the extradition of Alois Brunner, because it is bound by laws passed during a previous administration, government spokesman Yannis Roubatis said Sunday.

The Greek Jewish community had made a formal request to the government a year ago to seek the extradition of Brunner from Syria, where he has lived for more than 20 years.

Brunner, a deputy and chief aide to Adolf Eichmann, arrived in Salonika, Greece, in February 1943 and immediately signed orders for the extermination of the 46,000 Jews in the city.

Roubatis said that two laws -- Nos. 3933 and 4016 -- adopted in 1959 when Greece was ruled by the conservative government of Konstantinos Karamanlis, suspended the prosecution of war criminals in Greece and transferred that right to West German legal authorities.

According to Roubatis, the present socialist regime headed by Premier Andreas Papandreou is unhappy with this situation and wants it made clear that those laws do not reflect current government policy.

**Favors Prosecution Of War Criminals**

"The intention and wish of our country is that those war criminals that are running around free in the world be caught and brought to justice," he said.

On Nov. 25, 1986, the Central Jewish Board of Greece, an umbrella organization of the country's 5,000 Jews, asked the government to seek Brunner's extradition. The central board, an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, made the request after it was firmly established that Brunner was living in Damascus.

Brunner confirmed it himself in an interview with the West German magazine Bunte in 1985 after living for years under the alias Georg Fischer. Bunte claimed at the time that Brunner was prepared to give himself up as long as he had assurances he would not be handed over to Israel.

The war criminal, now 74, is also wanted by Austria, France, West Germany and Czechoslovakia in connection with the mass deportation of Jews and other atrocities. So far he has enjoyed the protection of the Syrian regime headed by President Hafez Assad.

On Nov. 11, Rev. Jesse Jackson, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, wrote to Assad, with whom he has friendly relations, asking for Brunner's extradition to West Germany. Jackson acted at the behest of Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld.

**ORTHODOX DENY REPORTS THEY OPPOSE APPOINTMENT OF WOMAN CONSUL GENERAL**  
By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- Orthodox Jewish leaders in New York responded with surprise Monday to a report in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that Orthodox Jewish circles in New York oppose the appointment of a woman as Israel's consul general in New York.

According to Haaretz, Israel's Foreign Ministry fears that such opposition can foil the appointment of Colette Avital to the post, which is presently held by Moshe Yegar.

Avital heads the Foreign Ministry's information and media division. She was appointed this week as assistant director general of the foreign ministry. Avital is Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' preferred candidate for the post of Israel's consul general in New York.

"This is the first time I heard about it," Rabbi Pinchas Stopler, executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency when he was asked about the Haaretz report. He said that while he may have "some reservations" about appointing a woman to serve as Israel's consul general, he certainly does not "oppose" it.

Rabbi Binyamin Walfish, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, a spokesman for Agudas Chasidei Chabad (also known as the Chabad Lubavitch Movement), also said that they have not heard of any opposition to a woman as consul general here.

"Basically, I see no reason why a woman should not be Israel's consul general in New York," Krinsky said, adding, however, that he has to "find out" what halacha, Jewish law, rules in such a case.

Consul General Yegar told the JTA that he heard "some rumors" that some Orthodox Jews might oppose the appointment of a woman to represent Israel in the highest diplomatic post in New York. But, Yegar added, "Colette Avital is an excellent candidate for the post. And besides, appointments of the Foreign Ministry are the sole responsibility of the government of Israel and no one else."

Yegar said that he expects to complete his tour of duty here within the next eight to 12 months.

(Tel Aviv correspondent Hugh Orgel also contributed to this story.)

**EAST BERLIN'S JEWS ARE SAFE, BUT WORRIED BY RECENT ARRESTS**  
By David Kantor

BONN, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- A crackdown by the East German authorities last week on members of the Zion Church in East Berlin, a Protestant congregation known for its sympathy toward Jews, has aroused concern in East Berlin's small Jewish community.

But members of the community told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in telephone interviews Sunday that no action has been taken against Jews and there seems to be no immediate threat.

They said the arrest by Strassi, the East German secret police, of several church activists in East Berlin and elsewhere and the confiscation of books were probably irrelevant to the Christian-Jewish contacts maintained by the Zion Church. Nevertheless the move was seen as a warning to opposition groups that enjoy some degree of support by the church.

The Protestant church in East Germany actively promotes dialogue with the Jews and has frequently warned against anti-Semitic tendencies. Neo-Nazis recently stormed the Zion Church premises and injured several congregants.

**BEN-GURION MEMORIALIZED ON YAHRTZEIT**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30 (JTA) -- Israel's top leaders gathered Sunday at the gravesite of the late Premier David Ben-Gurion to mark the 14th anniversary of his death.