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**SOVIET OFFICIAL EXPRESSES INTEREST  
IN EMIGRATION ISSUE, SHULTZ PLAN**

JERUSALEM, May 15 (JTA) -- Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is "a problem that should be dealt with," Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze reportedly told the president of the World Jewish Congress this weekend in Moscow.

Shevardnadze held a meeting with WJC leader Edgar Bronfman as a prelude to the summit conference between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, to be held in Moscow from May 29 to June 2.

Bronfman, who arrived here on a direct flight from Moscow this weekend, met with Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir and told the Israeli leader that this was the first such statement by a senior Soviet official.

Bronfman has held several meetings in the past with high-ranking Soviet officials in which the issue of Jewish emigration has been discussed.

Following his meeting with Shamir, Bronfman also told journalists that he had been given a message from Shevardnadze to Shamir, but he refused to disclose its contents.

At the news conference, Shamir described Bronfman's report as "a very interesting one" and said he agreed with the Jewish leader that this is the time to step up efforts for Soviet Jewish emigration.

In addition to his encounter with Shevardnadze, Bronfman also met with other high-ranking Soviet officials and said he detected "a new positive atmosphere," which is bound to influence the issue of Jewish emigration as well as Soviet-Israeli relations.

Bronfman, whose private jet landed at Atarot Airport, just north of Jerusalem, said his direct flight to Israel caused much excitement at the Moscow airport.

**Fate Of 'Perestroika' In Doubt**

While in Moscow, Bronfman also met with Jewish activists. He said they conveyed a sense of urgency for the need to act speedily, making optimum use of Moscow's new attitude toward expanding Jewish cultural rights and increased emigration. The activists expressed concern that Gorbachev's "perestroika" (restructuring) will not last long.

Bronfman told reporters that in the matters of the Middle East peace process and an international conference, Soviet officials had expressed varying views, but had all stressed Soviet support for a role for the United Nations in the political process.

Shevardnadze last week appeared to welcome the peace plan advanced by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. Speaking in Geneva at a news conference at the Soviet mission to the United Nations there, the foreign minister said, "The Shultz plan for the Middle East comprises elements which if implemented could help in reaching a solution to the conflict."

"As you know, the USSR is for an international peace conference with the participation of all the members of the Security Council," Shevardnadze said.

Asked whether the visit last week of Israeli

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to Hungary could signal a warming of relations between Israel and the Soviet Union, Shevardnadze said, "The visit of Peres in Hungary does not affect the relations between the USSR and Israel. It is an independent visit."

(Geneva correspondent Tamar Levy contributed to this report.)

**VIOLENCE ERUPTS ON TEMPLE MOUNT,  
BUT JERUSALEM DAY IS MAINLY QUIET**  
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, May 15 (JTA) -- The Temple Mount was the scene of violent disturbances over the weekend as Israelis celebrated the 21st anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem amid massive security precautions.

Four police officers and 12 Arabs were injured when rioting broke out Friday following noon prayers on the Temple Mount, where the Dome of the Rock, Islam's third holiest site, and the Al-Aksa mosque are located. No one was critically hurt. Nineteen suspects were arrested.

The police station on the Temple Mount came under a hail of stones as throngs of worshippers left the mosques. Israeli and American flags were burned. Police fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowds.

Several hundred Arabs armed with stones and sticks were chased by the police anti-terrorist squad. They took refuge in the Al-Aksa mosque, where police were loathe to pursue them.

But the inspector general of police, David Kraus, warned that in the future, ways would be found to "evacuate those who attack the security forces."

About 3,300 police officers were deployed in East Jerusalem to prevent disorder. Serious trouble was expected on Sunday, which is the anniversary of the city's reunification.

This year the date coincides with the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence, according to the Western calendar. It is traditionally a day of mourning among Palestinian Arabs. But by midday, nothing out of the ordinary was reported.

**Kach Activists Restrained**

Police prevented activists in Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach party from reaching the Temple Mount area Sunday. Another militant group, the Temple Mount Faithful, marched around the area three times, praying for the "fall of the walls of Arab hatred."

In Hebron, security forces prevented marching Jewish settlers from reaching the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Their presence at the site holy to Moslems and Jews alike was considered likely to cause trouble in the tense atmosphere.

A car driven by Jewish settlers was stoned in the town of Anabta, near Nablus. The car was set on fire after the settlers took refuge in another car. The army clamped a curfew on Anabta.

A general strike was in effect in the West Bank and Gaza Strip over the weekend, but the territories were generally quiet. Curfews remained in effect in Nablus and in the Dehaishe refugee camp.

Palestinians in the territories were preparing

for the three-day Id El Fitr holiday, which began Sunday. It concludes the holy month of Ramadan.

Schools in the territories, which have been closed for the past three months as a security measure, may be allowed to reopen after the holiday, provided that the situation is quiet.

The security authorities believe the time may be ripe to normalize life in the territories. The Palestinian underground leadership also has called for a resumption of school studies before the entire school year is missed.

#### DEFENSE SECRETARY PLEDGES U.S. WILL BUY MORE ARMS FROM ISRAEL

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, May 15 (JTA) -- Israel's weapons sales to the United States rose from \$9 million in 1983 to \$250 million in 1987 and "will continue to grow," U.S. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci said Sunday.

"There is little doubt that purchases from Israel will continue to grow, even with severe fiscal pressures on U.S. defense spending," Carlucci said in a speech to the opening session of the 29th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

The AIPAC conference, being held through Tuesday at the Washington Sheraton Hotel, features appearances by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and several prominent members of the U.S. Congress.

Carlucci, who described Israel as "a faithful friend in a turbulent region," said, "Israel will remain an important source of (weapons) systems that are proven and ready in some cases, saving the United States the time and expense of developing its own."

Carlucci spoke one month after Israel and the United States signed a memorandum of agreement that institutionalized the meetings of economic, political and military working groups of the two countries.

The immense increase of American military purchases from Israel stems from an earlier agreement, the memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation signed in 1983.

Carlucci made the point that Israel is the largest single recipient of American security assistance, "all in the form of grants, not loans," the defense secretary stressed.

#### Aid For Weapons Development

He said U.S. funds have gone to support "every major weapons system" built by Israel, including fighter planes, surveillance aircraft and tanks.

Also, according to Carlucci, the Pentagon spends 54 percent of its budget allocated for the evaluation of foreign weapons on testing weapons made in Israel.

He said American funds are now being used to upgrade the Israeli navy's coastal patrol force.

Carlucci also noted that Israel is one of four American allies working on the Strategic Defense Initiative and is building in that connection an experimental anti-tactical ballistic missile known as the "Arrow."

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations, also spoke at the AIPAC conference and received an award "for conveying Israel's case to the American people."

Netanyahu, who plans to run for election to the Knesset on the Likud ticket in November, stressed that Israel cannot give up the West Bank

for security reasons. Insisting that territory was important even in the missile age, the former envoy warned that when the Iran-Iraq war ends, Israel could face an Arab attack on its eastern front, the Jordan River.

#### SPANISH ARMS DEAL WITH ISRAEL RUNNING INTO DOMESTIC OPPOSITION

By David Kantor

MADRID, May 15 (JTA) -- The Spanish Defense Ministry's efforts to involve Israel Aircraft Industries in a \$200 million project to modernize 24 Mirage-3 combat aircraft in the Spanish air force has run into strong opposition.

Defense Minister Narciso Serra decided some time ago that two Spanish companies, Ceselsa and Casa, would put together a consortium to do the work. Ceselsa, a private firm, is cooperating with IAI and would bring the Israelis into the deal.

Casa, a state-run aircraft manufacturer, works with Marcel Dassault Industries of France, producer of the Mirage planes. Serra has proposed that Ceselsa concentrate on equipping the planes with state-of-the-art electronics systems, based on Israeli knowhow and experience, while Casa does the reconstruction work.

Casa and its powerful supporters in the government and the business community are using their influence to squeeze out any Israeli participation. Their tactic has been to warn of a loss of trade with Arab countries and to capitalize on the current widespread criticism of Israel in Spain for its behavior toward the Palestinians in the administered territories.

But aides to Defense Minister Serra said here Friday that he will not be deterred by the present campaign, which has Spanish media support. Newspapers here conceded Israel has undisputed experience modernizing the Mirage-3 planes in its own air force. But it was accumulated in past deals with South Africa and Chile, countries largely boycotted by Spain because of their repressive political regimes.

IAI, meanwhile, has prepared to open an office in Madrid.

#### JOURNALIST'S ACCREDITATION RESTORED

JERUSALEM, May 15 (JTA) -- The Government Press Office on Sunday restored the press credentials of Glenn Frankel. The Israel bureau chief of The Washington Post got back his press card, withdrawn last month for breach of censorship regulations.

Frankel lost his accreditation temporarily on April 26 for filing a story that Israel's Inner Cabinet had approved the assassination of Khalil al-Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, the Palestine Liberation Organization's second in command. Wazir was gunned down at his home in Tunis on April 16.

Israel never denied the allegation, but penalized Frankel and NBC News correspondent Martin Fletcher for filing stories on the subject, without submitting them to the military censor.

Press office director Yoram Ettinger said he decided to return Frankel's card after receiving a letter from the journalist stressing he is aware of the censorship laws.

Fletcher's credentials remain suspended, however. Ettinger explained this was because of the "continuing examination being conducted by the defense establishment regarding the failure to obey Israel's censorship regulations."

## ZUNDEL SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS FOR PUBLISHING DENIAL OF HOLOCAUST

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, May 15 (JTA) -- District court Judge Ronald Thomas sentenced Ernst Zundel on Friday to nine months in jail for publishing a pamphlet denying the Nazi Holocaust ever took place.

The Toronto publisher and West German citizen was found guilty last week, after a four-month trial, of publishing a pamphlet by a British fascist titled "Did Six Million Really Die?"

Zundel could have received a maximum jail sentence of two years for violating Canada's statutes against spreading "false news." Prosecutor John Pearson had asked for a sentence close to the maximum and a period of probation in which Zundel would be prevented from repeating his claims.

But in denying the probationary period, Thomas declared that "the likelihood of rehabilitation is nil." He stated that Zundel believes in the dogma of Adolf Hitler, is still a follower of National Socialism and will continue to hold his beliefs.

He added: "There was no sign that the community had been tainted by his venom. It is Mr. Zundel who is to be pitied. He has been rejected twice by jurors."

Zundel was previously convicted of the same charges in 1985, receiving a 15-month sentence and a \$5,000 fine. But the conviction was overturned on a technicality and a new trial was ordered.

Addressing Zundel, Thomas said, "Maybe you want to be a martyr and I was tempted to frustrate you." However, the judge said he felt that a message had to be sent out to the public that people "who spread hate in order to foster right-wing beliefs must be punished."

Zundel's lawyer, Douglas Christie, has announced that he will appeal the conviction, based on 31 objections, the major one being Thomas' decision early in the trial to take judicial notice that the Holocaust was a matter of historical fact and could not be disputed in the courtroom.

## AJCOMMITTEE DEBATE EXAMINES HOW FAR JEWS SHOULD DEFEND NARROW INTERESTS

By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK, May 15 (JTA) -- Are America's Jews merely a group, with an obligation to defend its interests, or a religious civilization, with a responsibility to heal the world?

Neoconservative Milton Himmelfarb and liberal Leonard Fein squared off over that question during a breakfast plenary session last week on "The New Jewish Politics" at the American Jewish Committee's 82nd annual meeting, which ended here Sunday.

The Himmelfarb-Fein debate was one of a number of sessions devoted to the domestic Jewish agenda in a convention dominated by discussion of the Middle East.

According to Himmelfarb, former director of AJCommittee's information and research services, Jewish voters need to recognize themselves as the special-interest group they are, and cast their votes accordingly. In particular, liberals need to demand a greater stand against anti-Semitism from the Democratic Party.

"It is not enough to be non-anti-Semitic today," said Himmelfarb, a leading intellectual

exponent of the Jewish neoconservative movement. In 1988, the liberals and the Democratic Party have "conspicuously refused to be anti-anti-Semitic. Any failure by Jews to react strongly and swiftly to this, to pretend that it is okay to be liberal and support liberals, even if they are not anti-anti-Semitic, is blind, self-deluding and pretty near suicidal for the American Jewish community," he said.

Himmelfarb conceded that Jews remain an anomaly by "consistently voting to the left of their pocketbooks," or, as he explained it during an earlier election year, "while the Jews have the incomes of Episcopalians, they vote like Hispanics."

### Have Jews Shifted Rightward?

But noting the rightward shift taken by Jews in other countries, especially Great Britain and France, Himmelfarb said he was confident that increasing Jewish conservatism will be "the wave of the future."

Fein discounted the neoconservative's conclusions, maintaining that American Jews remain "as dramatically more liberal than the general population as they have been for the last 60 years."

The author of the recently published book "Where Are We?" said that while roughly two-thirds of the Jewish population "are prepared to vote for the Republican nominee for president," a rightward turn "is nowhere reflected in the mass of data that measure such things."

The persistent liberalism of American Jews, said Fein, is "rooted in the perception that while one is permitted to be rich, one is not permitted -- not in this oh-so-fractured planet -- to be comfortable."

Fein urged Jews not to vote just on the basis of narrow interests. He decried the proliferation of political action committees supporting candidates solely on their voting records on Israel and the "degree to which the energies and attentions of Jewish agencies and organizations are so invested in matters relating to Israel."

"For every ounce of protection we thereby gain for Israel" by supporting such pro-Israel but otherwise objectionable right-wing ideologues as Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), "we will lose a pound of protection for pluralism," said Fein. That, he said, subverts Jewish interests, Jewish values and "our ability to help, defend and protect the State of Israel."

## APRIL INFLATION HIGHER THAN EXPECTED

By Hugh Ortel

TEL AVIV, May 15 (JTA) -- An unexpectedly high increase in the cost-of-living index in April has caused concern in government, labor and management circles.

The rise, announced Sunday, was 2.7 percent, which works out to an annual inflation rate of over 20 percent, double the rate hoped for by the Finance Ministry.

The culprit was a net rise of more than 20 percent in the prices of fruits and vegetables. Tomato prices soared 150 percent. Peppers and other vegetables cost 30 to 40 percent more than last month. They sent the price index well above the anticipated 1 percent increase.

A further increase in the cost of living is expected in May because of the government's phasing out of several price-support subsidies.

# BEHIND THE HEADLINES: TZOMET LEADER SHAPING UP TO BE POTENT FORCE ON ISRAEL'S FAR RIGHT By David Landau

JERUSALEM, May 15 (JTA) -- Rafael Eitan, former Israel Defense Force chief of staff, is shaping up as a potent political force on the far right, and observers here do not rule out the possibility that he could be the next defense minister.

Eitan presently heads the Tzomet party and is its sole representative in the Knesset. He recently emerged from an internal party conflict with his reputation enhanced.

A career soldier until his retirement in 1982, Eitan joined the ultranationalist Tehiya party. But he broke with Tehiya last year in a stormy confrontation with its firebrand Knesset member, Gula Cohen.

Their falling-out reportedly was over the No. 2 spot on Tehiya's 1988 election list, which is headed by the party's nominal leader, Tel Aviv University physics Professor Yuval Ne'eman.

Many political observers predicted Eitan would quickly fade and fail on his own. Instead, he helped found Tzomet and was overwhelmingly elected its leader. According to recent polls, the party will make a respectable showing in the Knesset elections in November.

Eitan himself is projecting an image of forceful integrity. Having received a report of irregularities in the original Tzomet elections, he demanded that the entire slate stand for new elections, including himself.

Although his leadership position is hardly threatened, he has risked defections by some of Tzomet's younger members. But the demonstration of puritan values on the part of this hard-bitten, plain-spoken soldier has added to his popularity.

## A Stronger Right Wing

In part, his improved political situation is due to the general strengthening of Israel's right wing since the Palestinian uprising began more than five months ago. Eitan has never concealed his hard-line views.

He advocates the wholesale deportation of Palestinian "agitators" and of the fathers of young stone-throwers, as a punitive and deterrent measure. There are many in Israel today who appreciate such ideas.

According to some political observers, Eitan's star may rise if Likud wins the November elections and reinstates Yitzhak Shamir as prime minister. Shamir may be loath to name his Herut critic and political rival Ariel Sharon to the office of defense minister.

While presumably he would choose his close political ally Moshe Arens for the job, that may prove unfeasible in terms of Likud's internal politics. Under such circumstances, Shamir might find Eitan an attractive alternative.

Eitan's long military career was badly tarnished by the report of the Kahan Commission in 1982. The commission, headed by the Supreme Court president, Justice Yitzhak Kahan, conducted an inquiry into the role of the Israel Defense Force in the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps massacre in West Beirut.

The massacre was the work of Lebanese Christian Phalangists allied with Israel. The commission made no recommendations with respect to Eitan, noting that he was on the point of retiring. The implication was that had his retire-

ment not been imminent, the commission might have urged his removal as chief of staff.

But the Likud and Shamir have never been enthusiastic over the Kahan report. In the event of a Likud election victory and the fact that the massacre is six years in the past, Shamir may feel he can ignore it and elevate Eitan to a post he might well have attained had fate not intervened.

## IRVING BERLIN FETED AT CARNEGIE HALL By Elli Wohlgelemerter

NEW YORK, May 15 (JTA) -- The immigrant son of a Russian cantor was given a 100th birthday party last week and saluted as America's greatest songwriter by an all-star cast at Carnegie Hall.

Irving Berlin, born Israel Baline on May 11, 1888, in Temun, Russia, was saluted last Wednesday night in words, song and film by as wide a mix and diversity of musical talent as were the 1,500 songs that the versatile Berlin wrote in his lifetime.

Appearing on stage were Frank Sinatra, Willie Nelson, Ray Charles, Shirley MacLaine, Tony Bennett, Madeline Kahn, Tommy Tune, Leonard Bernstein, Nell Carter, Marilyn Horn, Rosemary Clooney, Natalie Cole, Bea Arthur, Isaac Stern, Walter Cronkite, and Garrison Keillor.

They sang from all the great hits of Berlin's career, including "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Blue Skies," "Cheek to Cheek," "God Bless America," "Let's Face the Music and Dance," "Oh! How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" and "Putting on the Ritz."

Berlin himself did not appear at the three-hour concert, remaining at home with his wife, Ellin. He will watch the special when it is shown nationally on May 27 by CBS.

The stage of Carnegie Hall, which will celebrate its own 100th birthday in 1991, was decorated with giant gold and silver piano keys arranged in ribbons and bows. MacLaine opened the show, and then Cronkite took the stage and spoke of Berlin's legacy.

"Irving Berlin helped write the story of this country by capturing the best of who we are and the dreams that shape our lives," he said. "Since 1906, Irving Berlin has written over 1,500 songs, and it is there that we find our history, our holidays, our homes and our hearts."

The night's tribute, benefiting the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, which Berlin co-founded in 1914, was divided into four segments of Berlin's music: Americana, swing, Broadway and Hollywood.

Interspersed with movie clips and songs came verbal tributes from Stern, president of Carnegie Hall (a place, inconceivably enough, where Berlin never played), and Keillor, who said of Berlin, "He took our American talk and made it into poetry -- not fancy, not highbrow, but simple and graceful."

## HEAT WAVE TOUCHES OFF FIRES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 15 (JTA) -- Hundreds of firefighters over the weekend battled crop and field blazes, touched off by a blistering heat wave and a dry wind, known as the Sharav.

Farmers have estimated the damage in the millions of dollars from fires and withered crops. Daytime temperatures generally have been in the high 90s and hit 103 to 105 degrees Fahrenheit on the coast and in the Negev.