

**ARAB TERRORISTS KILL JEWISH FARMER
AS RIOTS ERUPT OVER PRISONER'S DEATH**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- Arab terrorists stabbed to death a Jewish farmer in northern Israel on Thursday as Palestinians in East Jerusalem rioted over the death of a security prisoner who had been on a hunger strike.

Violent riots erupted in both Jabel Mukaber and the northern neighborhood of Isawiya, and a three-day general strike was called. Schools were closed. Rioters threw stones at Israeli vehicles, but no one there was hurt.

The killing and riots were the latest violence emanating from the prisoners' two-week hunger strike, which ended earlier this week.

On Thursday, angry farmers in the north demanded that security authorities restore law and order following the brutal murder of Shimon Avraham.

Avraham, 33, was repeatedly stabbed from behind as he repaired water lines in the fields of Moshav Pazon, about five miles north of the West Bank town of Jenin.

His assailants drove off in his car, which was later found abandoned in the nearby Arab village of Mukeibila.

The killing occurred not far from Moshav Gadish, where another farmer was shot and seriously wounded last month. Security forces last week detained three suspects in the West Bank in connection with that shooting. Jewish farmers had believed the arrests would restore calm.

Second Murder In A Week

But the new killing, five days after the murder of a kibbutznik on a working visit to the Gaza Strip, has unnerved residents of the area.

That victim, Amatzia Ben-Haim, 45, had been bludgeoned to death with a hoe.

Moreover, escalating terrorist activity in the West Bank town of Jenin has also led to an increase in attacks on property in the Ta'anach region, which borders the pre-1967 lines with the West Bank.

Avraham, who lived in the neighboring village of Meitav, apparently struggled with his assailants. A farmer working in a nearby orchard heard his screams but arrived only after the attackers escaped.

In East Jerusalem, unrest continued after the death Wednesday of the security prisoner, who came from the Jabel Mukaber neighborhood.

Hussein Nimer As'ad Obeidat, 26, had ended his hunger strike together with other prisoners when he took sick and was brought to the hospital, where he died of a heart attack.

Reserve Brig. Gen. Shaikhe Erez, former commander of the Civil Administration in the West Bank, said Thursday that contrary to popular opinion, the intifada has not been renewed in the past few weeks. It simply never ended, he said.

The intifada has merely changed patterns, as it has frequently done since its outbreak in 1987, Erez wrote in the daily Yediot Achronot.

Israeli experts are saying the sudden upsurge in the intifada differs from its spontaneous outbreak five years ago in that it is now being carefully orchestrated from the top.

**RABIN SAID TO BE CONSIDERING
A RESHUFFLING OF CABINET POSTS**
By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- The latest speculation about a reshuffle in Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Cabinet has Shulamit Aloni becoming foreign minister, Shimon Peres moving to the Finance Ministry and Avraham Shohat becoming education minister.

The purpose of the ministerial shifts would be to ease Aloni out of the Education Ministry, where her continued and controversial presence is seen as an almost insurmountable obstacle to Rabin's wish of gaining a coalition ally in the United Torah Front, an Ashkenazic Orthodox party.

Rumors of an imminent musical chairs game were attributed to a "senior source" in the religious community cited by the daily newspaper Ha'aretz.

Aloni's tenure is regarded as a time bomb that could shatter the stability of the existing coalition. Rabin's dominant Labor Party currently enjoys a parliamentary majority with the help of ideological opposites: the Sephardic Orthodox party Shas and the left-wing secular Meretz bloc, headed by Aloni.

Rabin has stated that motions of no confidence by opposition religious parties, to be debated early in the upcoming new Knesset term, could embarrass the Shas Knesset members and force them to quit the coalition.

The latest speculation comes in the wake of a meeting Wednesday between Rabin and the United Torah Judaism Knesset members, which both sides staunchly maintained was not devoted to coalition politics.

Speaking later to reporters, Rabin nevertheless made a point of indicating he still hopes to be able to broaden his coalition before the new Knesset session starts.

"Let's wait and see," he said in reply to questions.

Sources in United Torah Judaism said the premier spoke harshly of Aloni's recent controversial statements on religious issues, which provoked the current crisis. But they maintained there was no direct talk of United Torah coming into the coalition or of possible conditions for its doing so.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES:**CLINTON CAMPAIGN COURTIED BY JEWS
RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND**
By Cynthia Mann

States News Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- While Jews are expected to vote for Bill Clinton in greater numbers than they did for Michael Dukakis four years ago, the Democratic presidential nominee is not taking the Jewish vote for granted.

His campaign has assembled a host of activities specially targeted for Jewish voters across the country, which were enumerated Thursday by the coordinators of Clinton's Jewish outreach effort.

But they are being organized largely in response to unprecedented levels of Jewish sup-

port for the Democratic ticket and demands to become involved.

"The grass roots are driving this to a great extent," campaign official Karen Adler told members of the Jewish press in a telephone briefing. Adler is Jewish outreach coordinator for the Northeast and Florida, which had been considered George Bush territory but is now up for grabs.

"We are getting pushed by our people, not just in the big centers of Jewish population, to be visible (and) to help them" with surrogate speakers, said Adler, "whether it's in a house party in Allentown, Pa., or with several hundred people in Manhattan."

Predictably, the Jewish arm of the campaign has placed a strategic emphasis on states with large Jewish populations, such as California, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

It is also mounting intensive efforts in battleground states, such as Ohio, Michigan, Missouri and Texas.

But the campaign operatives say they have been surprised by the level of Jewish interest and activism in states where Jewish numbers are small but may be more critical, including Louisiana and Georgia.

'Calls From All Over The Country'

The Democrats' national Jewish outreach effort has featured major speeches by Clinton before the campaign's Jewish Leadership Council in June, and more recently before the B'nai B'rith International convention in Washington and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York.

There was also the recent speech by Clinton's running mate, Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee, broadcast via satellite to 35 communities in an event cosponsored by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Council of Jewish Federations.

But the bulk of the activity, say the coordinators, has been grass roots, generated more by community interest than by the campaign.

Sara Ehrman, the campaign's Jewish outreach coordinator, said the campaign has been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm from Jewish quarters.

Jews are "avid participants in the political process," she said. "We get calls from all over the country from people demanding to know what they can do, to know why they weren't called, how they can make an impact."

"I've been around this game for a long time," she continued, "and I have never seen our community, the Jewish community, as engaged in a political campaign."

It is as though it is a "critical defining moment for Jews in this country," she said.

"Virtually every Jew who calls me," she added, "tells me we can't have a president who permits Pat Robertson and Pat Buchanan to be keynote speakers at the Republican convention. We can't have four more years of George Bush."

Ehrman said Jewish support for Clinton comes from the same issues driving other Americans. She cited "an unsettled economy, fear of the future and a lack of confidence that George Bush can do anything to improve the lives of average Americans."

There have been more than 100 campaign events in the metropolitan New York area alone. And debate parties, surrogate speeches and letter-writing campaigns have been organized on the West Coast.

GREECE AND ISRAEL COOPERATING IN SEARCH FOR SUB LOST IN '68

By Jean Cohen

ATHENS, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- Greece has joined Israel in a renewed search for the Israeli submarine *Dakar*, which vanished 24 years ago in the eastern Mediterranean while on its delivery voyage from Britain to Haifa.

Joint naval forces will explore the waters off the islands of Crete and Rhodes in a search for the vessel, which disappeared Jan. 25, 1968 with 69 crew members aboard.

Earlier investigation focused on waters north of Alexandria, Egypt, in line with theories that the loss was a result of enemy action, an unreported collision with another vessel or a technical malfunction. Hostile activities have since been ruled out.

Now, new underwater exploration techniques have become available. And they will be used in the areas targeted by new findings on the pattern of currents in the eastern Mediterranean.

The *Dakar* was sailing from Gibraltar in a course that would have taken it south of Crete; at one time it was thought it had sunk there at a depth of 3,300 feet to 5,940 feet -- depths it was not possible to probe at that time.

In 1969, one of the vessel's two emergency buoys was washed ashore in the Gaza Strip, off Khan Yunis. The orange-colored barrel contained small air containers, an emergency transmitter and collapsible antennae.

Laboratories at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa submitted the buoy to a pressure check and found indications the vessel had sunk to a depth of no more than 1,100 feet. Air bottles inside the buoy would presumably have cracked in deeper waters. The antennae had been cut by an explosion or a heavy blow.

Tests showed the buoy remained attached to the *Dakar* for a year before it tore loose and drifted ashore.

Improved research techniques indicated that the buoy, originally thought to have been at sea for three weeks, was adrift for six weeks, thus widening the area of search.

Other new data included findings on the circular nature of currents in the Mediterranean and information based on an analysis of a seashell attached to the buoy.

Israel first realized the *Dakar* was in trouble when it failed to make contact, scheduled every eight hours, at 8 a.m. of the day it was posted missing. A subsequent massive air search, in which Israel was joined by British, American and Greek forces, was fruitless.

An official Israeli request to Athens for permission to search in Greek territorial waters was expedited by the Israeli ambassador to Athens, David Sasson.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Hugh Orgel in Tel Aviv.)

INFLATION HIGHER THAN EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- Israel's cost-of-living index rose by 1.3 percent in September, a higher-than-expected jump that may have dashed hopes of keeping the annual rate of inflation for 1992 under 10 percent.

The increment, announced Thursday, was blamed mainly on increases in the costs of fruit, vegetables, health and education expenses.

Inflation is 7 percent for the year to date.

**FOLLOWER OF LE PEN INTERRUPTS
OPENING OF RESISTANCE TRIBUTE**

By Michel Di Paz

LYON, France, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- A dedication ceremony here Thursday for a new research center on the French Resistance Movement was disrupted by an outburst from a supporter of Jean-Marie Le Pen's extremist National Front.

Portuguese President Mario Soares and Nobel peace laureate Elie Wiesel, the event's keynote speaker, were among those in the hall when Bruno Gollnisch, a National Front member of the European Parliament, shouted that the speaker, Lyon Mayor Michel Noir, was maligning his party.

"You can't use this rostrum to smear the National Front. This is not a propaganda meeting," Gollnisch called out before being punched in the head by a reporter for a French-Jewish radio station.

The audience, composed largely of former Resistance fighters and Holocaust survivors, shouted "Out, get out." An elderly man also got to Gollnisch and slapped him in the face. Police intervened to restore calm.

Gollnisch is understood to have entered the hall with the help of a National Front sympathizer among the Resistance members.

His accusation against the mayor follows the filing, by Le Pen himself, of a libel suit against a Jewish leader for tying him to racial violence.

Gollnisch's interruption came as Noir, choking with tears, was speaking about his father, a Resistance member deported to the Mauthausen concentration camp. The mayor had expressed revulsion at attempts to rewrite the history of that period.

He also criticized his own friends for hesitating in condemning National Front.

Noir resumed his talk after the interruption, saying the new center would enable "the children of our children to hear the voices" of those unable to speak.

Resisting The Evil

The Center for the History of Resistance and Deportation is housed in a former medical school used during the war by the Gestapo to jail and torture members of the Resistance.

The first of its kind in France, it houses a collection of over 5,000 volumes and journals and a film collection, mostly videotaped accounts of resistance members and deportees.

In a brief address, Wiesel, a survivor of two concentration camps whose own family was almost completely wiped out, said the Western world was witnessing a revival of racism, anti-Semitism and hatred.

"It is possible to resist the evil," Wiesel maintained. "It is possible to defeat it, for mankind, for God."

A 34-year-old French Jewish historian heads the center, established by the municipality of Lyon at a cost of \$7 million. Its annual upkeep of \$300,000 will also be covered by the city.

Sabine Zeitoun is the author of two books on the rescue of Jewish children during the Nazi occupation. She has also researched the role of the Christian community in saving Jewish children during World War II.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders, as well as a number of Jewish officials from Europe and the United States, were among those taking part in a two-day conference sponsored by the municipality on the occasion of the center's opening.

**PAMYAT MEMBERS TAKE EDITOR HOSTAGE,
DEMAND HE IDENTIFY STAFF THEY OPPOSE**

By Alexander Lesser

MOSCOW, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- A gang of black-shirted members of the anti-Semitic Pamyat movement burst into the offices of a pro-democracy Moscow newspaper this week, held the editor hostage and videotaped the staff before leaving about 20 minutes later.

They were gone before police arrived at Moskovski Komsomoletz, which bears the name of the defunct Communist youth movement but is now regarded as a leading pro-democracy paper.

Pamyat leaders have called the paper "Masonski Zhid-omolez" (Masonic Kike omelette) and similar names; some Pamyat leaflets have framed the paper's masthead in a Star of David.

Nonetheless, there is nothing particularly Jewish about the paper, whose editor, Pavel Gusev, is an ethnic Russian.

The incident began at about 11 a.m. on Tuesday as a weekly editorial meeting was in progress. About 25 to 30 members of Pamyat's National Patriotic Front faction sprang from several vehicles that suddenly appeared outside the paper's main entrance.

Some rushed straight to the third floor, where Gusev's office is located, while others surrounded the paper's unarmed security guards, said witnesses.

Locking Gusev in, the invaders read him a 10-point declaration that included demands he turn over the names of the paper's journalists who have written "anti-patriotic" articles, and "apologize before the Russian people."

But the invaders did not harm the editor.

Police Arrived Too Late

Despite the ruffians' efforts to prevent anyone from calling the police, someone did succeed in summoning help. But police arrived too late to arrest anyone, prompting charges that they did not take the incident seriously.

Initial reports said a single unarmed police captain arrived on the scene 40 minutes after being called.

On Russian television a day after the incident, Gusev downplayed charges of police tardiness. But the bad taste lingered after the chief of the local police station, Lt. Col. V. Chasovnikov, said publicly that police initially wondered whether the Pamyat attack had been "a friendly visit."

No one has yet been arrested. From a license number taken down by a witness, police traced the driver of one car. He claimed he was not a Pamyat member and had been paid 1,000 rubles, about \$3, to drive them.

Chasovnikov said suspects, if found, would be charged with hooliganism, which is punishable by anywhere from one to seven years in jail.

"It's said that fascism is growing here," a front-page editorial in Moskovski Komsomoletz said after the incident. "Well, it's already grown, if a bunch of blackshirts can walk into the offices of a major Moscow paper in the middle of the day, dictate their conditions, threaten 'decisive measures' and then peacefully drive away."

Numerous Russian public figures, both Jews and non-Jews, condemned the Pamyat action.

The Daily News Bulletin will not be published Tuesday, Oct. 20, or Wednesday, Oct. 21.

AFTER 10 YEARS, YAD VASHEM UNVEILS VALLEY OF THE DESTROYED COMMUNITIES

By Michele Chabla

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- For 10 years, architects, historians and builders have toiled to create a Holocaust monument that would both commemorate the dead and educate the living.

On Thursday, the Yad Vashem memorial and museum inaugurated the result of their labor: the Valley of the Destroyed Communities.

Situated in a rocky wooded area on Yad Vashem's Mount of Remembrance, the huge monument commemorates the Jewish communities of Europe and North Africa destroyed or damaged by the Nazis.

"Some 20,000 Jewish communities in Europe alone were destroyed alongside the 6 million," Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, explained in a recent interview.

"This valley will commemorate all the communities in which at least 100 Jews celebrated Jewish life, religion and culture. The valley symbolizes a lost world that has been buried forever, leaving only ruins in place of their greatness," he said.

Built out of giant blocks of Jerusalem stone 20 feet tall, the 4-acre site is overwhelming in its size and scope, yet somehow familiar.

Viewed from above, the monument resembles the map of pre-World War II Europe. On the ground level, the towering walls form a series of courtyards, one for each country in which Jews were persecuted.

Just a few steps into the labyrinthine structure, the visitor is drawn into a stark world of stone and rock, with just a touch of greenery 20 feet above. The eye is immediately drawn to the walls, etched in Hebrew and English with the names of 5,000 devastated communities.

Every wall bears the name of the largest Jewish community in that region, with smaller communities written on the side.

'A Whole World Was Lost'

In the courtyard designated for Greece, for example, the left side of the wall bears the name Thessaloniki (Salonika), once the largest Jewish community in that country. Athens, which had a smaller Jewish population, is listed on the right, along with other Greek towns and villages whose Jews perished.

About 90 percent of Greece's Jews died during the Holocaust.

Designed by architects Lipa Yahalom and Dan Tsur, "the valley will hopefully remind people that a whole world was lost during the Holocaust," said Billie Laniado, a spokesperson for Yad Vashem.

"These communities were alive with activity and purpose. There were synagogues, Jewish schools, burial societies. A way of life was destroyed forever."

Though it will not be open to the public until mid-November, the valley has already witnessed a handful of memorial ceremonies.

"We have allowed some Holocaust survivors and landsmanschaften (fraternal organizations from given communities) to gather here for ceremonies," said Laniado.

"In the past they would gather in a room in Tel Aviv. Here, among the names and the stones, they feel a deeper connection to the community."

Yad Vashem hopes that the monument, which cost \$12 million in funds raised privately, will

draw younger people as well. An educational center, due to open next spring, will provide information about each community commemorated in the valley. Every Israeli schoolchild visits Yad Vashem at one time or another.

Whatever the age of the visitor, the valley will leave few people unmoved.

"Some people have likened the valley's appearance to the Wailing Wall," said Laniado, "and I think that is fitting, because the Wall is also a symbol of something that was destroyed."

Like the Wall, the stark valley, devoid of all color, evokes a sense of loss. But here and there, a hopeful green leaf pushes through the cracks.

TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY FLOATS REVOLUTIONARY EDUCATION PLAN

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality is proposing to introduce a revolutionary education plan in which students would begin school at age 4 and be able to graduate high school by age 16.

Outlining the plan at a news conference Wednesday, Shimshon Shoshani, director of the municipality's Education Department and former director-general of the national Education Ministry, stressed that the proposed reforms are only in the planning stage.

Approval by both the Education Ministry and the teachers will be required before the new plan can be put into operation next year.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat said that under the proposed plan, some schools would be granted total autonomy, and institutions would be individually responsible for running themselves and managing their own financial affairs, within the city budget.

Teachers would be paid overtime, with a 13th month salary guaranteed. Parents would be able to choose which school their children attend, without restrictions as to area of residence.

Academic and technical schools would be combined, and pupils would be encouraged to study additional subjects, such as art, ballet and special interests, at outside institutions.

The proposed system would enable suitable students to start university studies before registering for army service, which begins at age 18.

JOHANNESBURG JEWS FORM COUNCIL

By Suzanne Belling

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 15 (JTA) -- Against a background of political uncertainty in South Africa, Jewish organizations in this city have set up an umbrella body to coordinate community policies.

The Johannesburg Jewish Council will be "advisory and consultative, not prescriptive," said Mendel Kaplan, who spearheaded its establishment as a strategic planning arm of the local Jewish community.

Kaplan is chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency and chairman of the executive of the World Jewish Congress.

He spoke at a time when negotiations between the government and the African National Congress on a new federal system have pursued a rocky course, punctuated by violent protests.

"We are trying to make a choice for our community, for Johannesburg Jewry," said Kaplan. "Although we cannot forecast the future, we need to strengthen ourselves."