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## TOP NEWS IN BRIEF

### Israeli killed in drive-by shooting

An Israeli woman was killed by Palestinian gunmen in a drive-by shooting Wednesday near the West Bank city of Kalkilya.

The woman was traveling with her husband, who was not injured in the attack. In other violence, Palestinian gunmen lightly wounded an Israeli driver in another West Bank shooting.

### N.Y. solidarity rally canceled

The United Jewish Communities canceled the massive Israel solidarity rally scheduled to take place in New York on Sept. 23.

The organizers of the rally made the decision as a result of "the need of all civilized people to grieve and begin healing from the horrific events of Tuesday, and in full support of law enforcement and public safety officials who are performing their duties under extreme conditions and emotional challenges." It is not clear if the rally will be rescheduled. [Page 4]

### Bush: Attacks an 'act of war'

Tuesday's suicide terror attacks in New York and Washington were an "act of war," President Bush said Wednesday.

"This enemy hides in the shadows and has no regard for human life," the president said in a televised address. "This battle will take time and resolve, but make no mistake about it, we will win."

### Israelis seek loved ones

The Israeli Consulate in New York has put some 500 Israelis currently in New York in touch with their families in Israel.

The Israeli consul in New York, Alon Pinkas, said consulate workers are checking local hospitals for victims with Israeli-sounding names, Israel's Army Radio reported Wednesday.

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem has received the names of 4,000 Israelis believed to have been in the areas of the World Trade Center and Pentagon at the time of Tuesday's attacks.

Because of Rosh Hashanah, the JTA DAILY NEWS BULLETIN will not be published Wednesday, Sept. 19 or Thursday, Sept. 20.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### Vigorous U.S. anti-terror policy could mean sympathy for Israel

By Matthew E. Berger

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Strengthened American resolve to fight terrorism could have a significant impact on the Middle East, building sympathy for Israeli tactics and a coalition of interests among Israel and moderate Arab states, analysts say.

Speaking Wednesday, a day after hijacked airplanes slammed into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon outside Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell laid out a much more aggressive American anti-terrorism strategy.

"I think when you are attacked by a terrorist and you know who the terrorist is and you can fingerprint back to the cause of the terror, you should respond," Powell said at a news conference.

The United States often has called on Israel to exercise restraint when it suffers Palestinian terrorist attacks, saying retaliation only escalates the cycle of violence and doesn't end conflict.

On Wednesday, however, Powell took a different tone.

"If you are able to stop terrorist attacks, you should stop terrorist attacks," he said, adding that the United States is building a coalition to "go after terrorism, wherever we find it in the world."

President Bush on Wednesday also said the United States "will use all our resources" to respond to what he called an "act of war."

On Tuesday, Bush said that the United States would "make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them."

That appears to put the United States in line with Israeli policy. In recent months Israel has held the Palestinian Authority responsible for all Palestinian terror attacks — regardless of which group actually carries them out — because it shelters the groups in P.A.-controlled territory.

It is too soon to determine the long-term effects of the attacks, experts say, but many believe they could substantially alter U.S. policy toward the Mideast.

For one, some experts say, it will be difficult for the State Department to continue its strident condemnations of Israel's policy of targeted killings of Palestinian terrorists.

"I think there will be additional understanding for what Israel is facing," said Lenny Ben-David, a former Israeli diplomat in Washington. "It is difficult for Americans to criticize Israel for going after the masterminds of suicide bombers when that is what the United States will have to do."

But Shibley Telhami, a professor of peace and development at the University of Maryland, said the response could be more complex.

"I think there is no question that at the popular level, there will be more sympathy" for Israel, Telhami said.

At the governmental level, however, "it may not translate into empathy for either" Israel or the Palestinians.

Jon Alterman, an analyst with the U.S. Institute for Peace, said Israel's targeted killing policy remains illegal under American law, and the State Department therefore will continue to condemn it.

But Ben-David said he thinks Americans will be swayed on a much more visceral level.

"The scenes of Palestinians celebrating in the streets is not going to go over well with some in America," Ben-David said. "If ties" from Tuesday's attack "are shown to any of the Palestinian groups, then I think Arafat is going to be in a very different

## MIDEAST FOCUS

### Fighting rages in Jenin

Israeli troops killed at least seven Palestinians on Wednesday in fighting around the West Bank city of Jenin, according to Palestinian sources. Israeli security sources said three of the dead were Islamic Jihad terrorists.

Before dawn, Israeli troops swept into Jenin, destroying a Palestinian security headquarters and two alleged terrorist hideouts. Israel took up positions around Jenin on Tuesday to step up attacks on what it calls a "den of terror."

### Peres calls on U.S. to lead fight

The United States "has to lead the fight against terrorism," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio.

"Israel does not have to be in the front line of the battle. Israel should not place itself in the center of events, when this time, the focus is a danger second only to the nuclear threat, almost as bad as Pearl Harbor. I am confident that the U.S. is capable of waging this war successfully. We will do our part, in proportion, because it is clear that this war involves the entire world."

### Israel observes day of mourning

Israel observed a national day of mourning Wednesday, and hundreds lined up to donate blood for the victims of Tuesday's terror attacks. Others laid flowers at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

### Sbarro pizzeria reopens

The Sbarro pizzeria in downtown Jerusalem reopened Wednesday, five weeks after it was gutted by a suicide bomber. Among those attending the reopening ceremony were Israeli President Moshe Katsav and the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, who thanked the Israeli government and people for their support following Tuesday's terror attacks.

situation than he was under the Clinton administration or what he is in today."

Leon Fuerth, a national security adviser to former Vice President Al Gore, said the attack will force the Bush administration to reexamine many of its assumptions — such as the belief that the United States can take a more aloof posture in the Middle East and that terrorism can be fought through the courts rather than on the battlefield.

"The kinds of decisions the president makes are the kinds of things that might substantially change how he feels about what Israel does," said Fuerth, a professor of international affairs at George Washington University.

It is still unclear who is responsible for hijacking the airplanes that were used in Tuesday's attacks, but media reports increasingly are focusing on Osama bin Laden, the renegade Saudi billionaire responsible for the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

Edward Walker, a former assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, said fighting bin Laden and his followers will be harder than the Persian Gulf War against Iraq was 10 years ago, because bin Laden's Al-Qaida organization is widely dispersed and does not have a specific address.

"It is a small group of like-minded bigots that are motivated by anger and a mistaken concept of religion, and seek to destroy everything we stand for," said Walker, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel and now president of the Middle East Institute.

Military efforts will not be sufficient against this threat, Walker said, because many U.S. allies unknowingly harbor branches of the group.

"I don't see how you can go into a cell of people in France with military force," he said.

"This has got to be a comprehensive effort by law enforcement communities, intelligence communities and the governmental leadership."

But Walker said he believes Middle Eastern states, including both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, will support U.S. efforts because bin Laden's group poses a threat to the entire region.

In addition, Al-Qaida is the largest threat to Saudi Arabia, which means that the Saudis, who have been cutting ties with the United States since the Persian Gulf War, might join an anti-bin-Laden coalition as well.

However, a senior official with a major American Jewish organization expressed concern that after a short period of vigorous military efforts, the United States might revert to using law enforcement, rather than war tactics, to combat terrorism.

"The irony of modern life is that the standard of evidence needed to fight a war is much lower than the standard of evidence to convict someone in a U.S. court," the official said.

The official says the United States will have to take a proactive stance against terror, but believes that support for those measures may wane after the initial shock of Tuesday's attacks wears off.

"A serious war on terrorism would have to uproot the terrorist organizations and not necessarily the ones who have committed the act," the source said. "It means going after all of the organizations before they organize terrorist attacks and after they organize terrorist attacks."

Ironically, such a policy of proactive strikes likely would mirror the Israeli policy of targeted killing that the State Department has condemned for months.

If U.S. action against bin Laden, the Afghani government or other Middle East terrorist threats does take shape, Israel and the Palestinian Authority may find themselves on the same side of the fight.

Walker said he has "direct indications" that the Palestinian Authority will support the United States in any actions against bin Laden.

David Schenker, an expert on Palestinian affairs with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said many of bin Laden's followers are Palestinians, but that there is no link between bin Laden and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

There will be a lot of pressure on Arab states and on the Palestinians who resent U.S. policy in the region to join an anti-terrorism coalition.

"I think that we are going to look at this as, nations that don't cooperate with us are working against us," Schenker said.

"We are not only talking about anti-American terror, we are talking about support for any type of terrorism." □



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## JEWISH WORLD

### Report: Five Arab suspects ID'd

Authorities in Massachusetts identified five Arab men as suspects in Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, according to the Boston Herald newspaper.

Two of the men were brothers whose passports were traced to the United Arab Emirates, and one is believed to have been a trained pilot, according to the paper. In addition, authorities reportedly seized a rental car containing Arabic-language flight training manuals at Logan International Airport, from where one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center originated.

### Evidence points to bin Laden

German officials said Wednesday their intelligence agencies agreed with those in France, Britain and Israel that Saudi terror mastermind Osama bin Laden probably was behind the attacks on the United States. U.S. officials were reaching a similar conclusion, according to media reports.

### Papers: U.S. life has changed

U.S. newspapers tried to assess the significance of the worst terror attack ever to take place on American soil.

American life will not be the same following Tuesday's airborne terror attacks against sites in New York and Washington, The Washington Post said Wednesday. "Americans will have to make sacrifices that a state of war requires, such as accepting greater inconvenience in public places. They may also need to acquire some of the civic alertness that other open societies, such as Israel or Ireland, have cultivated," it said.

"A continental United States that was mercifully spared the physical devastation of two world wars is now a place vulnerable to attack," the Arizona Republic newspaper said Wednesday.

"We must grieve for our nation, which has truly lost its innocence," New York's Newsday said.

### IDF team won't go to U.S.

The Israel Defense Force's emergency rescue team will not be traveling to the United States to help in the search for survivors from Tuesday's terror attacks, according to the Jerusalem Post.

U.S. officials told the IDF its services would not be needed, the paper reported Wednesday.

### Lieberman to speak at memorial

Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) is scheduled to speak at a memorial service at a Conservative synagogue for the victims of Tuesday's terror attack.

The service is slated to be held Thursday afternoon at Adas Israel Congregation in Washington.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### Arab leaders' condemnations belie sentiment in the streets

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Never before have so many Arab and Muslim leaders condemned a terrorist attack so swiftly and so strongly.

But the official denunciations were drowned out by the din of anti-American euphoria in the streets of several of their countries.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat was among the first to denounce the terrorist assaults Tuesday on the Pentagon and New York's World Trade Center — even offering Palestinian help in tracking down the perpetrators. To underline the point that it was not business as usual, Arafat postponed a long-awaited visit to Syria, which remains on the U.S. list of countries supporting terrorism.

Arafat's comments came in sharp contrast to his own people's jubilation as news of the catastrophe reached the Palestinian street. In the West Bank, thousands of Palestinians took to the streets of Ramallah and the Balata refugee camp in Nablus. They sang, danced and handed out sweets.

In Nablus, armed Palestinians reportedly trapped foreign photojournalists inside a hotel to prevent them from covering the festivities. At least one photographer who managed to film the celebrations said he was told his life would be in danger if the pictures were published.

However, the revelry spread to eastern Jerusalem, and Arab television networks rushed to deliver the pictures to the entire Arab world.

Similar scenes occurred in the streets of Baghdad. Iraqi leaders remained silent, but Iraqi TV played a patriotic song with the words "down with America" as it showed the World Trade Center towers falling.

The country's state-controlled media said the "American cowboy" deserved the attacks for its "crimes against humanity."

In the face of such scenes, Arafat could only engage in damage control, knowing that the free world would show very little understanding for Palestinian support of terrorism.

On Wednesday, Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi denied that the Palestinian celebrations had been in response to the terror attacks in New York and Washington, describing such reports as "misleading."

"We feel your pain, we feel your sorrow. We will do everything we can to help," she was quoted as saying.

On CNN, King Abdullah of Jordan called the celebrations isolated events, saying, "it's no way a reflection of the Palestinian people or other peoples of the Middle East." But the joy on the street reflected the depth of Arab and Muslim animosity toward the United States that has been building since the Palestinian intifada began a year ago.

Israelis drew parallels between Tuesday's street celebrations and the way Palestinians "danced on the roofs" during the Gulf War.

In 1991, however, they were rejoicing over Iraqi missile attacks against Israel, while this time they ridiculed the tragedy of the most powerful country in the world — one that has invested tremendous efforts over the past decade to stand as an "honest broker" between Israel and the Palestinians.

When the United States vowed Tuesday night, in President Bush's words, to punish those responsible for the attacks as well as those who harbor them, trembles of fear could be felt throughout the Middle East from Afghanistan to Sudan.

Even such longtime enemies of the United States as Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi made a point of condemning the terror attacks.

The same man who recently said U.S. military power was increasingly helpless in the face of a new kind of "rebellious challenge" offered condolences and humanitarian aid to the United States.

In Iran, President Mohammad Khatami said he felt "deep regret and sympathy with the victims."

In the Gaza Strip, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, leader of the fundamentalist Hamas movement said his organization has no interest in "moving our struggle outside the occupied Palestinian land." □

## UJC cancels solidarity rally for Israel in devastated city

By Michael J. Jordan

NEW YORK (JTA) — In light of this week's devastating terror attacks, organizers have canceled the huge pro-Israel solidarity rally planned for Sept. 23 in New York.

"Our energies are all being directed in support of the people of New York, Washington, Boston, Los Angeles, and all those affected directly and indirectly by the terrorist attack," said Marvin Lender, the rally's chairman. Ensuring the security of potentially tens of thousands in the street was not the issue, Lender said.

"We thought it would be terribly insensitive for us to put that kind of pressure on New York's public safety resources," he said. "They have their hands full and will" for "some time to come."

As of Wednesday, approximately 300 New York firefighters and police officers were missing and presumed dead, in addition to what could be thousands of other victims. The cancellation was initiated by the rally's primary organizer, the United Jewish Communities, not at the behest of the city, Lender said.

"As my mother would say, we tried to be *menschen*: We didn't wait for anyone to ask us not to do it," he said.

At this point, it is unclear whether the UJC, the umbrella for Jewish community federations in North America, will reschedule the rally. Lender said organizers are thinking about rescheduling it, "but have not yet concluded how we will proceed."

The rally, which was planned for months, had been expected to attract thousands of Jews from across North America, spanning the spectrum of Jewish religious and political life. It was to have featured, among others, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The rally had originally been planned for June 4, but was postponed. UJC said then it could not guarantee Sharon's presence or security.

Although the rally enjoyed widespread support, there had been some debate within the community about whether the \$1 million-plus price tag for such an event was the best use of communal funds. Some had suggested the money would be better spent underwriting American solidarity trips to Israel.

After the announcement Wednesday, local federation officials voiced support for the cancellation.

"This was the only decision that could be made," said Judy Gilbert-Gould, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

Miami had planned to send a contingent of up to 200 members to take part in the New York rally.

"After the events yesterday, this is a time when we have to come together as a nation and heal," Gilbert-Gould said.

"It should be our priority, rather than our No. 1 priority as American Jews, which is solidarity with Israel."

One communal official said he hopes the rally had been only postponed, not canceled altogether. The need to send the message of solidarity to Israel, and to the world, still exists, said Leonard Cole, chairman of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, which played a leading role in planning the rally.

"One could read into a cancellation a win for the terrorists, but that would be absolutely wrong," Cole said.

"We are certainly not less supportive of Israel," he said. "If anything, the horror of this event should strengthen our resolve to stand up to terrorism, to find the perpetrators and sponsors of the terrorists, and to bring these people to account."

Instead of rallying on Sept. 23, Lender urged American Jewry

to "lead the greater community in reflecting our support and our concern for those people who have lost family and friends."

Regardless of whether the rally is rescheduled, Lender expressed optimism that the community would be able to harness the energy of the coalition he had helped to assemble.

"As we were able to build this coalition we will continue to work with these same organizations to deal with the challenges that we will face in the future, both short and long term," he said. □

### BEHIND THE HEADLINES

## Israelis mourning U.S. loss, feeling like it 'happened to us'

By Jessica Steinberg

JERUSALEM (JTA) — It was a quiet day on Bethlehem Road in Jerusalem, where cars usually clog the narrow street lined with small shops and locals chat over coffee at one of several cafes.

But the sorrow over America's terrorist tragedy was palpable Wednesday, declared a day of mourning.

"We feel like this happened to us," Victor Levy said, sitting behind the counter of his newsstand. "Everybody's been mourning since this happened because it feels like our tragedy."

As a day of mourning, flags at all government offices were flown at half staff. Radio stations played slow music while the state-run television stations remained focused on the aftermath of the hijacked plane attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington for much of the day.

Like many Israelis, Levy had his eyes glued to CNN, where images of the destroyed World Trade Center were displayed.

Across the street, Yehiel Tobol was in the same position in his corner grocery store. He bagged cartons of milk and made change, but found it hard to tear his eyes away from the television set.

Like many of the store owners on Bethlehem Road, Tobol serves a large number of American immigrants who live in the neighborhood, many of them former New Yorkers.

But it wasn't just American immigrants in Israel reeling from the devastation caused by the terror attacks. Israelis were deeply affected as well, and their grief-stricken faces said it all.

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem has so far received the names of 4,000 Israelis believed to have been in the areas of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon at the time of the attacks. The fate of many of them are not yet known.

"It's like Judgment Day," Ashira Keyran said, sitting with her two sons, Dan, 24 and Ori, 16, outside their home just off Bethlehem Road. "I feel a lot of sadness and if I forget for a moment, someone says something and I'm reminded all over again."

Her sons, particularly Dan, said they felt more distant from the tragedy.

"If people get killed here, it hurts me more," Dan said. "I have this sense of Israel saying, 'I told you so, because we've been fighting terror all along.' Now Americans will know what it's like in the Middle East."

Ashira didn't admonish her son. But she shook her head and sighed.

"This is like hundreds of times worse than the Sbarro bombing," she said, referring to the recent suicide bombing in a Jerusalem pizzeria that killed 15 Israelis.

"It's about intense hatred of America, and they don't deserve that kind of hatred. No one does." □