

Shamir Tells UN: Israel Anxious to Move for Peace

By Margie Olster

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the United Nations Tuesday that "Israel remains anxious and willing to move the peace process forward without delay."

In an address to the General Assembly, Shamir cited Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, which he said "was intended to be the first in a series of treaties that together would constitute a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

He lashed out at "those who are afraid of peace, or are seeking to evade peace with Israel, are trying to promote an alternative to direct negotiations and, ultimately, to peace itself, by means of an international conference."

"Let me repeat again: Experience proves that the only path to peace is through direct negotiations," Shamir said. "Substitutes for such negotiations can only lead away from peace. The history of our region provides ample evidence of this simple truth."

Shamir will take office as Prime Minister on October 14 under the unity coalition government's rotation of power agreement.

He appealed directly to King Hussein of Jordan to enter peace talks with Israel. "We recognize that once it decides to respond to our call, Jordan may face considerable opposition from some Arab quarters. This opposition, however, will not be de-

flected or appeased by such devices as an international conference," Shamir said.

With respect to Soviet participation in the Middle East peace process, the Israeli Foreign Minister reiterated past statements by himself and by Premier Shimon Peres that without the resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel and a major change of policy toward Soviet Jews, "it is difficult to see how the Soviet Union could contribute in any way to the attainment of peace in our region."

He said, however, that he hoped the meeting between Israeli and Soviet representatives at Helsinki last month "is a sign of a positive change in the policy of the Soviet Union toward Israel."

Shamir referred to substantial progress in Israel's diplomatic relations with the Black African nations. "We extend the hand of friendship and cooperation to all African nations, and we expect many more countries to resume full diplomatic relations with Israel in the near future," he said.

Shamir also clarified Israel's position toward the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), a subject of intense debate at the UN in recent weeks. "International forces are most effective when they serve as buffers between two states that share a commitment to pacify their common border. Unlike Israel's neighbors on two other borders this is not

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Hub Synagogue Appeal Set for Israel Bonds

Every family is urged to purchase an Israel Bond, plus an IVRI (Individual Variable Rate Issue Bond) for its IRA (Individual Retirement Account) during the High Holy Days when more than seventy synagogues in the Greater Boston area conduct appeals on behalf of Israel Bonds.

This year's Bond appeals, which continue a 35-year High Holy Day partnership with Israel, will call for a double purchase — an IVRI Bond (Individual Variable Rate Issue) for an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) plus each congregant's regular annual Bond purchase.

To explain the attractive features of the Individual Variable Rate Issue Bond, more than one-dozen Greater Boston area Rabbis are hosting special IVRI meetings for small groups of leading

supporters of Israel. The local Rabbis are joining hundreds of their colleagues throughout the U.S. and Canada in this endeavor.

According to Leo Karas, general chairman, and Harvey Allen, Boston campaign chairman, of Israel Bonds, "An Israel Bond investment is good for the purchaser and good for Israel."

Announcing this total congregational effort, the Bond leaders noted, "Israel's inflation rate has been decreased dramatically, but at the cost of heavy unemployment . . . and then, just as Israel was poised to take advantage of an improved economy, a sharp drop in tourism cut deeply into anticipated foreign earnings. We must do all we can to assure that the economic turnaround, which

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Holy Days: From the Street

By Judith Antonelli
Advocate Staff

Harvard Street in Brookline was buzzing with activity this week as people prepared for the High Holy Days.

Storeowners report a lot of extra business as the new year approaches. "People go out of their way," said Eli Dolek, owner of the Israel Bookstore. "People buy prayerbooks, greeting cards, honey dishes, esrogim . . . They buy a new tallit like they'd buy a new suit."

He added that in his 30 years of experience, he notices that "people are much more religion-conscious now than ever before. Young people have a big interest in knowing their background," he said with satisfaction.

Most people spoke of both internal and external preparations.

"I'm reading, meditating, praying, looking in my heart, doing tshuvah and cleaning my house," said Zusha Katz, a special education teacher in Boston. "I try to daven with more consistency, do more singing, make a list of things to improve upon. I still feel ignorant as to what Rosh Hashana is really about," he admitted.

"I'm cleaning, cooking and doing tshuvah, asking God's and peoples' forgiveness," said Debbie Rogal of Brookline. "It's a very personal ex-

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Holy Days: From the Pulpit

By Joy Frascinella
Special to the Advocate



THE HOLIDAY MOOD on Brookline's Harvard St. was captured this week by Advocate photographer Leonard Eisenberg. At top left, Helaine Alon, age four, proudly displays a challah in Freedman's Bakery; James Pointer, top right, cleans fish in Wulf's Fish Market; Shirley Francer (bottom photo) of Hull does her holiday shopping at the Butcherie.

Photos by Leonard Eisenberg

Rosh Hashana: The Search for Spiritual Heroes

By Nehemia Polen

Editors Note: Rabbi Polen is spiritual leader of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Everett.

The dominant mood of Rosh Hashana is not one of regret and sorrow, but rather affirmation and confidence. We affirm the Divine sovereignty over the universe and express confidence in the protective merit of our fore-

fathers. The Torah reading for Rosh Hashana highlights the story of Abraham's supreme test: the Binding of Isaac or Akedah. However one understands the ethical significance of the Akedah, it is clear that the Torah views this event as a crucial trial from which Abraham emerges victorious, a spiritual hero who is now fully worthy of Divine blessing. (In the view of many commentators, Isaac also shares the trial and the victory.)

The implicit message of the text, as read on Rosh Hashana, is clear: if in our own moments of trial we resist

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Sharing different ideas and viewpoints can be a healthy and positive experience, according to Rabbi Debra Hachen, spiritual leader of Westborough's Reform congregation, B'nai Shalom. "The synagogue is a livelier place when there are people from varied backgrounds and perspectives within its ranks. The stimulation that we get from sharing ideas with one

Another is also concerned about what he calls Jewish "myopia," and feels the majority of Jews are unwilling to become involved in any issue that does not directly affect them, be it Jewish or non-Jewish related. "The Jewish New Year is an intensely personal time and each person should find a moral issue and let it become a part of his or her life. We were born with the capacity to do great things and to effect real changes in the world, but this will not occur if the current trend of self-complacency continues."

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Jews Urge Reagan to De-Ice Soviet Emigration Freeze

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Reagan announced Tuesday that he will meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, Iceland, October 11-12, to prepare for a summit conference in Washington.

Secretary of State George Shultz, who appeared with Reagan for the White House announcement, said that, as in all meetings with the Soviet Union, human rights will be discussed along with arms control, bilateral problems and regional issues. "You can be sure we are going to keep the subject of human rights on the agenda," Shultz said.

He also announced that Yuri Orlov, the 62-year-old founder of the Moscow Helsinki Watch whom he called "a giant of the Soviet human rights movement," would be allowed to depart the Soviet Union for the U.S. with his wife, Irina, by October 7. Orlov, the physicist, had been a close associate of Anatoly Shcharansky until his arrest for "anti-Soviet activities" in October 1977.

There had been speculation that along with Orlov the Soviets would allow two Soviet Jewish refuseniks to leave, Vladimir Slepak, who has been seeking to emigrate since 1970, and David Goldfarb, a refusenik since 1979 whose exit visa was taken away after he refused to help frame Nicholas Daniloff.

Other speculation had centered on three Jewish refuseniks suffering from advanced cancer. They are: Inna Mei-

man and her husband, Naum; Tanya Bogomolny and her husband Benjamin; and Benjamin Charney.

The information came from Jewish sources in the USSR and has not been confirmed by the U.S. Administration or in any other quarters. Also unconfirmed is speculation that the visas may be part of a deal between the U.S. and Soviet Union.

Neither Reagan nor Shultz would comment about the possibility of others being allowed to emigrate. "We have a continuing dialogue with the Soviet Union about a number of dissidents, about divided families, about emigration generally," Shultz said. "So there is an ongoing urging of them to take action in those areas. So we'll continue that now."

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) welcomed Orlov's release, calling him "a long-time advocate of human rights," who "has suffered greatly in prison, labor camps and Siberian exile."

"We are greatly disappointed, however, that the Soviet Union has refused to make any significant gestures to ease the plight of Soviet Jews," an NCSJ spokesman said. "Hundreds of refuseniks continue to live in limbo while others unjustifiably suffer in labor camps."

"We hope, therefore, that progress toward a real summit will be made during the pre-summit meeting in Iceland and that all the brush will be cleared away. We have

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Noted Leader to Head CJP Major Gifts Fete

Prominent business and community leader Avram J. Goldberg, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of The Stop & Shop Companies, Inc., has been appointed chairman of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies Major Gifts Inaugural Dinner, it was announced this week by Alan M. Schwartz, chairman of the Opportunity '87 Campaign. The first Major Gifts fundraising event of the 1987 Campaign, the Inaugural Dinner, will be held Thursday, Oct. 16, at the



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