

### Orthodox Jewish Spokesman Opposed To Proposed Criterion of Brain Death

Washington, D.C. — Rabbi J. David Bleich of Yeshiva University and professor of law at the Cardozo School of Law, gave strong testimony concerning establishing the time of death to the president's commission for the study of ethical problems in medicine and bio-medical and behavioral research.

Rabbi Bleich said that Jewish law demands that all respiratory and cardiac activity cease before a patient may be pronounced dead. He said: "This is the accepted Jewish definition of death of which the renowned Rabbi Moses Soffer wrote: 'All the powers in the world will not budge us from the

position of our holy Torah; and is also the common law definition of death."

"Brain death criteria which are advocated by some members of the medical profession provide that a patient may be pronounced dead on the basis of certain neurological criteria alone. Such criteria do not indicate that the brain has been destroyed but demonstrate only that certain portions of the brain are no longer functional. The criteria advanced by the Harvard ad hoc committee would serve to equate death with diagnosis of a state of irreversible coma."

### Harmony Prizes

Jerusalem (JCNS) — Four new annual prizes for contributions to Jewish-Arab understanding in Israel have been established by Barnett Shine, of London, in association with New Outlook.

The first prizes will be awarded in December to Israeli candidates living at home or abroad who have contributed through research, educational or communal work to promoting co-operation between Jews and Arabs in Israel.

Two first prizes of \$1500 and two second prizes of \$1200 will each be awarded to Israeli Jews and Arabs. The names of competitors must be submitted by October.

### Dayan Urges West Bank Self-Rule

Vienna (JCNS) — During a short stay in Austria attending the annual European Forum in the Tyrolean village of Alpbach, Moshe Dayan, the former Israeli Foreign Minister, called on the Israeli government to grant unilaterally a large measure of self-rule to Arabs on the West Bank and in Gaza.



MOSHE DAYAN

In an interview on Austrian television, Mr. Dayan suggested that the Israeli Army should withdraw from the main Arab urban centres though not from the territories, and allow the Arabs to run their own affairs through local representatives even if these supported the PLO.

Mr. Dayan rejected the Labor Party's "Jordanian option."

### Cotton Pickers

An example of how Israeli agriculture achievements have won world recognition may be seen in the best recent crop of cotton growing, making Israel's first cotton production per unit of land.

Second place in cotton production was held by Guatemala, and Israel out-produces them by one-third. Israel's cotton exports for the 1979 crop will total \$110 million as against \$86.5 million for the previous year.



### Yom Kippur Reflections

Three Jerusalemites are caught in a reflective mood on Yom Kippur by photographer Carol Gootter.

### Anti-Israel Rally Organizers Faced Charges Before Turkish Military Coup

Istanbul (JCNS) — Just before the government was overthrown in a military coup last week, Turkish judicial authorities ordered inquiries into the anti-Israel and anti-secularist demonstrations organized by the pro-Islamic National Salvation Party (NSP) in the central Turkish town of Konya earlier this month.

Films and other evidence taken of the demonstrations were studied by the authorities and legal action against leading participants and leading NSP members had been expected.

Fahrettin Kiyak, the attorney-general, said that the inquiries were ordered "against those who had violated various laws during the demonstrations" and "against the NSP for violating the principle of secularism provided by the Constitution and the law on political parties."

Under the title of "Jerusalem Liberation Day meeting," the rally was called in protest against Israel's Jerusalem Law, but the demonstrations turned into a manifestation of Islamic resurgence. Many of the demonstrators wore Arab-style robes and headgear and shouted not only antisemitic slogans but calls for a return to Islam and theocratic State.

### U.S.A. Won't Sell Aircraft to Iraqis

Washington (JCNS) — Bowing to strong feeling in Congress, the American state department has rejected Iraq's request to buy five Boeing commercial aircraft worth \$200 million.

The state department cited "recent terrorist incidents which appear to have had Iraqi involvement or support," and the "clear sentiment" of congress on international terrorism, as reasons for its decision.

Iraq is one of four countries identified publicly by the state department as encouraging terrorism. The others are Libya, South Yemen, and Syria.

Yet the Carter administration still plans to proceed with a \$11 million sale of jet engines for frigates which Italy is building for Iraq. This is part of a military deal worth about \$1 billion to Italy.

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### Begin Hedges on Office Move as Jerusalem Remains Thorny Issue

(compiled from dispatches) Washington and Jerusalem (JCNS) — According to Washington press reports, Israel has told the United States and Egypt that she has decided to build only four more Jewish settlements on the West Bank and is not likely to move the office of Prime Minister Begin to East Jerusalem in the near future.

This information came from officials of the Carter Administration who also said that Sol Linowitz, the U.S. special Middle East envoy, had told President Sadat that the leadership of Israel's Opposition Labor Party had promised to defeat any effort in the Knesset to annex the Golan Heights to Israel. American officials here suggested that it was these statements by Mr. Linowitz that helped to persuade President Sadat to agree to revive the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks.

Among other reasons cited for not transferring Mr. Begin's office — and others — in the near future is shortage of funds. Finance

Minister Yigal Hurvitz has informed the interministerial commission monitoring the removal operations, that the treasury cannot find the billion Israeli pounds (20 million dollars) needed to fund the transfers. Funding must cover not only installing the Prime Minister's office, but also the remaining government department still based in Tel Aviv.

Although the past 30 years have seen a gradual transfer of all ministries, except defense, from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, many government departments, including those attached to the finance ministry itself, have yet to move.

Even many of those who support Israeli settlement rights on the West Bank and in Jerusalem are opposed to the timing of Mr. Begin's proposed move to a six-storey building at the foot of Mt. Scopus. Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer spoke out openly against the plan. A hardliner on the future of the West Bank, Mr. Hammer said that it was Israel's right, in principle, to locate the premier's

office anywhere she chose, but it was not politic for the transfer to be made at this time. Such an action could be neither necessary nor urgent, he said.

Mr. Hammer's views are thought to represent a sizeable body of opinion within National Religious Party, which plays a key role in the Coalition.

And, on the subject of traffic in and out of Jerusalem, all the Latin American countries which have announced that they are moving their embassies to Tel Aviv as a result of the Knesset's Jerusalem Law, are not finding it easy to find locate premises.

Not only is there a shortage of accommodation in Tel Aviv, but the city council has introduced a by-law designed to stop the city's becoming only a business centre. The new regulation bans the opening of new businesses or offices in residential areas.

This problem, however, may be eased following intervention by the Israel foreign ministry. Embassies may be treated as a special case.

Many of the countries concerned have been shocked to discover that rents for sizeable offices and residences in Tel Aviv are much higher than in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, the new Chilean Ambassador, Professor Santiago Benedava, aged 49, has presented his credentials to President Navon in Jerusalem. Mr. Benedava, as was his predecessor, is Jewish and in his youth was chairman of a Zionist youth movement. He and President Navon have known each other for some time.

Elsewhere, the Arabs have fastened on Jerusalem as the central issue of their conflict with Israel.

In Rome, President Sadat's deputy, Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, who is on a tour of Europe, had a half-hour audience with the Pope here. He also had an exchange of political views with Vatican State Secretary Cardinal Agostino Casaroli. Egyptian deputy Foreign Under-Secretary Hosana El-Baz said: "We found the Pope deeply concerned over the status of Jerusalem as a symbol of co-existence and harmony between the three great monotheistic religions. The Pope confirmed his stand which he expressed last June, opposing unilateral acts for Jerusalem."

In Hamburg, Jordan's King Hussein told the German news magazine Der Spiegel that the Jerusalem Law was a "bomb," a provocation for all men of good will which Jordan would never accept. With its action, Israel was offending hundreds of millions of people, Muslims and Christians alike. In the long run, Israel was conjuring up disaster for the entire region and signalling a global fire. Any State approving the Israeli decision concerning Jerusalem would be violating the rights of Arabs and Muslims and should be aware of the dangerous consequences of this attitude, the king declared.

### Congress Meets with Cabinet Members To Detail Concerns of Canadian Jews

Montreal — Irwin Cotler, president and Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress have met 11 times with members of the federal cabinet in the last few months to discuss various concerns of the Jewish community, it was reported at a meeting of national officers held recently in the Chateau Mirabel at Mirabel airport. Also present at the meeting were chairmen of national committees who reported on their activities.

Mr. Rose said a "positive attitude" exists on the part of the government towards Canadian Jewry and Congress and he noted that Prime Minister Trudeau's office was especially gratified that Congress has formed a committee to bring in recommendations on constitutional reform.

Prof. Cotler, who has been invited to participate in a government "think-in" on foreign policy, told the meeting he has met twice with the minister of external affairs, Mark MacGuigan. He said Congress is preparing documentation for Mrs. MacGuigan's department of violations of human rights by Soviet Russia which

Canada could use at the forthcoming Madrid conference to review the Helsinki Final Act.

Working in co-operation with the Canadian Committee of Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, Congress has specific information on the refusal by Russia to permit the emigration of Jews to join their families in Canada — which is contrary to the Helsinki human rights agreement.

Both Prof. Cotler and Mr. Rose will appear before a House of Commons standing committee on external affairs and defence to present a brief on human rights. Mr. Rose will speak for Congress and Prof. Cotler will speak as legal counsel for a number of Jews in the Soviet Union who are victims of anti-Jewish activities.

Prof. Cotler discussed with Mr. MacGuigan the state of oppressed Jewry in Soviet Russia, Syria, Iran, Ethiopia, and Latin America. He pointed out that in Iran particularly, all minorities are in jeopardy and mentioned specifically the Bahais as well as the Jews.

The CJC president requested that Canada, through diplomatic channels, obtain reports on the status of the Jews in these countries.

Prof. Cotler pointed out to the minister what he termed "the emerging phenomenon of the 80s" — that legal indictments are being introduced against Jews for being Zionists.

He told Mr. MacGuigan also of the great concern Canadian Jews have about the worldwide attempt to "delegitimize" Israel, particularly at the United Nations. This, he declared, is new form of anti-Jewishness on the inter-



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national scene, brought about under the "Zionism is racism" label. In his report to the CJC officers on the women's conference in Copenhagen, Prof. Cotler said he was "impressed by the professionalism" of the Arab lobby which, he said, came well prepared to do its job of defaming Israel. Arab strategy, he said, is to show Israel as the oppressor and the Arabs as the sole defenders of human rights.

The CJC meeting approved the formation of a law and social action committee, under the chairmanship of Prof. Fred Zeman, of Toronto, a specialist in poverty law. The committee has submitted a brief to a House of Commons committee studying the problems of the disabled and handicapped and will appear also before committees dealing with the status of women and the poor and the elderly.

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