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Murder for Murder's Sake

How can appropriate outrage be expressed at the massacre of 18 people, eight of them children, in the small Israeli border town of Kiryat Shemona by three Arab terrorists? There have been so many unspeakable deeds by Arab "guerrilas" over the last few years that all the words have been said.

Perhaps Israeli Premier Golda Meir put it best: "It was murder for the sake of murder." It was not an act of national liberation as the terrorists would have us believe but simply cold blooded murder. The massacre was committed by the "Popular Front-The General Command," a small group which also claimed to be the one which murdered children in a school bus near Avivim several years ago.

Whatever protest is left should be made against those individuals and governments who have explained away every act of terrorism as a means for the Palestinians to express their nationalism. It should be made against the world governments who have failed to act against terrorism.

But most of all it must be aimed at the Arab governments who have talked peace while providing encouragement and shelter for the terrorists, Lebanon in this instance, for the latest act of terror, because it has harbored the terrorists. But the other Arab states are equally guilty because they too have sheltered and encouraged the terrorists.

Today, when there is a chance for a Middle East settlement actually being realized, Arab terrorists must not be allowed to sabotage it. And the responsibility for this must fall on the Arab countries themselves. The time has come to force them to take the necessary action to prevent any more such outrages.

### The Greatest

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

The greatest American Jew was saluted not so long ago.

On the occasion of the centennial of his birth, the immortal Rabbi Stephen Wise was assessed in a dramatic talk by Rabbi Joachim

Prinz, of New Jersey.

"He saved me from Auschwitz," said Dr.

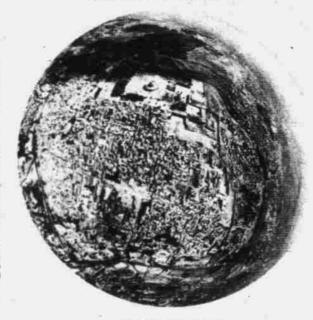
Prinz, recalling how he and other rabbis were delivered from Hitler by fast footwork on

the part of Wise.

Rabbi Prinz said he did not want to "marbelize" Wise, that is, paint him as though

And, in his talk, Dr. Prinz cited Wise's wit, his "bombastic" style of eloquence, his

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### JERUSALEM: CITY OF MANKIND Edited by Cornell Capa

JERUSALEM, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CITIES, THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF THREE RELIGIONS, A CITY THAT HAS BEEN SOUGHT AFTER AND FOUGHT FOR SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HISTORY, AN ANCIENT TOWN AND MODERN METROPOLIS, A CENTER OF CONTINUING CONTROVERSY AND YET A CONTINUING MAGNET FOR VISITORS AROUND THE GLOBE, IS THE SUBJECT OF A NEW BOOK OF PHOTOGRAPHS PUBLISHED BY GROSSMAN. THE EXHIBIT WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM IN NEW YORK, UNTIL SEPT., 3RD.

naivete, his simple faith in God; "I will see her again," he told Rabbi Prinz over the tomb of his wife, Louise Waterman Wise.

Despite the frailties and weaknesses, Stephen Wise did loom up as one of the gigantic figures of our day. He was a "king maker," and "dethroner," said Prinz, recalling the way Wise pitched in to unhorse corrupt politicians. Remember how Jimmy Walker once said to Wise, "I know you; you've chastised me often enough." Replied Wise: "Often, but not enough."

Said Rabbi Prinz, himself a successor of Wise as president of the Wise-founded American Jewish Congress, "Dr. Wise had no time for theology." He told me: "I'm a policeman on the beat."

Wise was a policeman, he guarded the rights of the Jewish people and because he was the embodiment of the social justice message of the Biblical prophets, he looked after the interests of all those who were dispossessed.

The stirring Prinz-ly tribute was voiced in the New York headquarters of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, which was founded by Wise to serve as a force in New York Jewish life.

A few steps away is the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, where centennial kudos was also offered by Wise's daughter, Judge Justine Polier, Edward Klein (Wise's successor), and Dr. Carl Herman Voss, the Christian minister who has biographed Wise.

As Rabbi Prinz offered anecdote after anecdote about the Great Rabbi, it occurred to many that in the memories of thousands of people there are more episodes about Wise that have never been recorded. If you have a Stephen Wise story, please send it to me. Thanks,

NEW YORK---- Judaism's reactions to contemporary and futuristic ethical issues will be examined in depth at the 74th annual Convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, to be held at the Concord Hotel, May 5 through May 9.

NEW YORK -- Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Philip Bernstein, executive vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, will be among the featured speakers who will address the 1974 Biennial Convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board to be held April 24 to 28, at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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coming Geneva negotiations for an Arab-Israel
settlement. At an Arab "summit conference"
in Algiers last November, as well as at the
38-nation Islamic Conference held at Lahore
in February, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) -- the largest federation of
Palestinian independence groups, headed by
Yasir Arafat--was officially proclaimed "the
sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian
people."

The new terrorist attack, however, puts that title in serious question. In actual fact, the Palestinians appear to be far from unified under the aegis of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Not only do opinions on the West Bank range widely from irreconcilable anti-Israel fanaticism to readiness for continued economic cooperation; even within the sharply anti-Israel wing, many organizations besides the PLO claim to speak for the Palestinians.

There is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Dr. George Habash, which has become notorious through its plane hijackings.

There is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command, a splinter group which has declared itself responsible for the new outrage.

There is the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Nayif Hawatmah, a Marxist group, which is dedicated to a "radical transformation" of Arab society.

There is the Arab Liberation Front, based in Iraq. And there are others.

All or most of these groups openly disagree with the PLO over its new, ostensibly moderate policy, which calls for Israel to withdraw to its 1967 borders and for establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan. Indeed, this stance, which was adopted under pressure from Egypt, has stirred so much disagreement in the PLO's own ranks as to suggest that the group's original aim, the destruction of Israel, has only been postponed, not abandoned.

Who is to speak for the Palestinians before the world is obviously up to the Palestinians to decide. But the outside world has a right to expect that whatever body is so chosen will act in a responsible and states marking manner.

act in a responsible and statesmanlike manner. Thus, if the Palestine Liberation Organization is to be the spokesman of its people in more than name, if it is to take part in the making of peace, it must unequivocally dissociate itself from terror and those who perpetrate it. And "dissociating" here means more than just a verbal disavowal. It means the PLO must actively use the power and influence it claims to have among its constituency to stop the shedding of innocent blood, whether on international airlines, in obscure frontier villages or anywhere else.

newspapers that Israel has agreed to withdraw from the entire Sinai peninsula was dismissed by Foreign Ministry officials who said there was no basis for the reports.

NEW YORK:-- Both internal and external factors are troubling the Latin American Jewish community, with Arab anti-Semitic propaganda and alienation of Jewish youth high on the list of problems, are major conclusions of reports from directors of the American Jewish Committee's offices in Buenos Aires and Mexico City.

NEW YORK, N.Y.--An appeal to Secretary of State Henry M. Kissinger on behalf of Soviet Jews was made by Rabbi Israel Miller, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and Stanley H. Lowell, newly elected Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who noted that alarming reports of decline in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union had been confirmed.