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Yom Kippur — A Day Of Atonement

By Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum

With the chanting of the moving Aramaic Prayer of Kol Nidre on Tuesday evening, September 24th, the Jewish people throughout the world will inaugurate the observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the most sacred of the Jewish holy days.

Observed as a solemn fast day from sundown to sundown, Yom Kippur is characterized by individual and communal spiritual exercises to renew one's inner life for the coming year. Its perennial message is that it is possible for human beings to improve their character, to strengthen their ethical conscience and moral responsibility through the rigorous discipline of Teshuvah, turning away from error and sin.

In the synagogue, on Kol Nidre evening, every person is called upon to turn to his or her neighbor and to ask forgiveness for any hurts or injustices inflicted during the past year. And Jewish tradition says that Yom Kippur will be of no avail unless and until people forgive each other and start a fresh and mutually respectful relationship.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

Arabs Gang Up In Anticipation Of UN Opening

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Our 'cousins' the Arabs — awaiting the opening of the 40th session of the General Assembly next Tuesday, the second day of Rosh Hashana September 17 — are ganging up for their annual onslaught against Israel in preparation for the several agenda items related to the Middle East conflict.

Having been defeated in their successive military adventures since the 1948 conflict, they still entertain some hope of accomplishing their satanic objectives against the People of the Book by way of political 'diplomacy' under the umbrella of their totalitarian 'friends' and some misguided Western states. Let it be hoped that Washington will not be duped by their subtle acts of deceit.

During the past four days, from 9 to 12 September, the recalcitrant and nervously impatient descendants of Esau and Ishmael maneuvered to convene a session of non-governmental organizations in Geneva to discuss Israel's sins in the territories. Of course, the international meeting was in response to an Assembly resolution adopted by the automatic majority. It

"requested the convening of symposia and meetings of non-govermental organizations in different regions in order to heighten awareness of the (perverted) facts relating to the question of Palestine."

Now, who were the speakers at this 'great' meeting? At the head of all was Shafiq al-Hout of the PLO, Arafat's chief aide. And look who also decided to come. None other than the 'meshumad' Bruno Kreisky, the former Jewish Chancellor of Austria and close confidant of Yasir Arafat. Among the panelists, in addition to several Arab professors, were the notorious Israeli 'peaceniks' Matti Peled and Amnon Zichroni.

Coinciding with the announcement of the Geneva meeting was the circulation here of a document from the Moroccan delegation reporting on the 'great' success of the Arab League summit at Casablanca which in reality turned out to be a fiasco. Although it was intended to create an atmosphere of unity, it ended up in greater disunity in the so-called Arab Nation. None of the radical Arab states, such as Syria, Libya, Algeria and the Yemens attended. Nor was Lebanon present.

Several committees were formed which are to make attempts to heal the rifts between Iraq and Iran; between Jordan and Syria and Syria and Iraq; between Iraq and Libya and between the PLO and Libya. As for the Hussein-Arafat peace effort signed at Amman on 11 February 1985, the document noted that the summit merely "took note with full appreciation of the copious explanations provided by His Majesty King Hussein and Mr. Yasir Arafat showing the Palestinian-Jordanian initiatives to be -- take note -- in harmony with the Fez plan" as inspired by the anti-Israeli Saudis. All lip-service!

In the main, however, the Moroccan document stressed the anti-Israel stance of the summit, noting that "the Conference salutes the stead-fast resistance of the Palestinian people...and stresses its commitment to supporting and enhancing such steadfast resistance so that it may counter the expansionist Zionist plans aimed at Judaization of Palestinian territory and the displacement of the Palestinian people."

It went on to condemn Isarel of "terroristic and racist practices...in the territories" and called upon "the international community to take practical measures to curb such Zionist practices." It attributed the slaughters and massacres" in Lebanon to the advent of the "Israeli invasion of 1982" thus indirectly blaming the Israelis for the tragedies of Sabra and Shatila. There was no mention of the Shiite butcheries in those camps.

Fearing that the full delegations soon to assemble here will not have enough of hate-Israel material available during the debates, our cousins the Arabs had to produce another Assembly resolution adopted last December which, in essence, condemns Israel for its "policies and practices against Palestinian students, schools and universities and other educa-

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HENNY YOUNGMAN ...Man of Many Talents.

We asked a zoologist how porcupines have sex. Carefully, very carefully."

tional institutions in the territories..."

The draft called upon the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly not later than the beginning of the 40th session on the implementation of the resolution. Put on the spot by the demands of the draft, the UN chief sent a note verbale to the Israeli Ambassador in which he asked what steps Israel had taken to implement the resolution. Within a short time he received a detailed reply, the whole of which he published with the resolution.

To the shock of the UN and dismay of the Arabs, the detailed reply set forth facts and figures showing how greatly the schools, students and universities in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza had benefited through Israel's presence. Pupils and classes, the chart shows, had more than doubled since 1967 when Jerusalem began to administer the areas. In 1967 there were no university facilities in Judea and Samaria. It was the Israeli administration which enabled the establishment of such institutions, including five universities, colleges and training centers.

Surely, by now our cousins and their allies should have learned that whatever they will try to do against Israel will be to their own hurt. History -- the Bible does not lie.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion reported that the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) is building a youth center hostel in Jerusalem, as well as a reception and administration center.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis has been named the first senior Dayan fellow of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East and African Studies and will spend four months at the Center during the coming academic year.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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many in my state have shared with me concernthe Soviet Jews who have made known their desire to leave the USSR, but cannot do so. We know it is a tragic situation for thousands of Soviet Jews who wish to go to their homeland, Israel, to be united with their families.

As you know, less than 900 Soviet Jews were allowed to leave last year. This year, it seems, will be the same. This is an issue of considerable concern to many Nevada residents who have contacted me on their behalf.

I am aware that many people all over the United States have expressed similar concerns. I ask you, therefore, to share these sentiments with the Chairman and Central Committee of the Politburo.

Emigration need not continue to be a barrier to improved trade and investment relations. With that issue resolved, I am sure you would see expanded cultural and scientific exchanges and a general lessening of tensions between our two countries.

I urge you, Mr. Shvardenadze, to intervene with your government on behalf of the Soviet Jews. I believe that all of us in government have an obligation to work to eliminate friction and tensions between our two peoples. Such a humanitarian effort on your part would do much to move us toward that end.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

RICHARD H. BRYAN Governor