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## The Murderers In Our Midst

The terrorists who killed 21 Jews in a synagogue in Istanbul are murderers pure and simple. They are not political fighters for freedom. They are not involved in a political cause. They have no principles, scruples or morals. They are perfidious barbarians.

Israeli Premier Shimon Peres, in talking about the carnage in Istanbul, put his finger on the nature of these people when he said: "They are wild animals, and we need not look for meanings or diversities or political nuances -- that is absurd."

The slaughter of 21 innocent people in cold blood in the midst of their prayers -- they were shot and then set afire -- is testimony to the terrorists' callous disregard for human life, for worship, for a synagogue. This heinous crime gives lie to the pretensions that the terrorists and their apologists have sought to project about their activities -- a war against Zionism and the Jewish State that has deprived them of a homeland. This was never true, but too many people believed that the terrorist acts were those of desperate, frustrated people deprived of a platform from which to address their grievances to the world. Too many people believed that the terrorists were actually engaged in protesting against a political entity, Zionism, not against a people, Jews.

But the latest horror is proof -- again -- that the so-called fight against Zionism is a mask for slaughtering Jews. This slaughter, indiscriminate and relentless, has a historical precedent -- Nazism.

It is time for those who sympathize with the cause of oppressed peoples to achieve freedom and self-determination to differentiate between genuine political freedom fighters and those who try to justify their murder sprees as politically motivated. This is similar to a mugger or rapist justifying their depravity by citing a traumatic childhood. The gravity of these crimes are not diminished thereby. Why should the depravity of terrorists be diminished by their rationalizations?

Let them be put on trial before a world court, just as the Nazis were at Nuremberg. If there is a world conscience, let it speak out against the terrorist atrocities which kill not only Jews but non-Jews as well. Expressions of shock and grief are no longer enough. There are too many innocent victims, too many maimed bodies. The merchants of death must be punished.

PARIS (WNS) — Anatoly (Natan) Shcharansky met here with President Francois Mitterrand to thank him for his efforts which helped gain Shcharansky's release from imprisonment in the Soviet Union last February. The activist, who spent nine years in the Soviet Gulag and is now a citizen of Israel, is in Paris to attend the annual meeting of the International Conference for Soviet Jewry.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

### Former Irgun Pilot Heads Jabotinsky Project

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Eryk Spektor, a former Irgun pilot who, during Israel's struggle for independence in 1947-48 in the face of Arab violence and British duplicity, played a vital aeronautical role in combatting the enemies, is the initiator of a unique Award, the annual "Defender of Jerusalem Prize," in honor of Vladimir Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

In 1983, together with a group of friends, Mr. Spektor proposed that \$100,000 be the prize awarded annually in honor of Jabotinsky -- a visionary whose life and struggles embodied the national aspirations of the Jewish people -- to the individual who had distinguished himself or herself and stood up in the defense of the rights of the Jewish people.

The Jabotinsky Foundation, headed by Mr. Spektor and which sponsors the Award, is unconnected with any political party or organization, and as Mr. Spektor told this writer during an interview here at the UN last week, "the Defender of Jerusalem Award" is non-political, nonpartisan and nonsectarian, its primary objective being to recognize and select those, Jews or non-Jews, who have contributed most in support of Jewish rights."

Mr. Spektor expressed special satisfaction over the fact that last year the judges -- the nominating committee consisted of some 500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the world -- selected two, former UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and, significantly, "Operation Moses" for its rescue of the Ethiopian Jews. The previous year the prize was divided between former UN Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum, Mrs. Beate Klarsfeld and Anatoly Shcharansky. In 1983 the Award went to Yosef Begun, the Honorable Simone Veil and, posthumously, the late Senator Henry M. Jackson.

Moreover, in 1983, Mr. Spektor and the judges felt that, during the year of the establishment of the prize, it would be fitting and right to present a special Founders' Award to the foremost disciple of Jabotinsky, former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Peace Prize Laureate who had carried the ideals and programs of Jabotinsky through the long struggle for Israel's independence and who had devoted his whole life to the service of the Jewish people.

Born in Lodz, Poland in 1921, where his parents Jacob and Victoria (Bardach) often were hosts to the visiting dynamic young Jabotinsky, Eryk Spektor, acquiring U.S. citizenship in 1943,

## King of One Liners



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I'll never forget when I lost my baby teeth. I didn't know my Father could hit that hard.

has throughout his life demonstrated an ardent devotion to the Jewish people, the State of Israel and his own community. Medinat Israel had meant everything to him since childhood. He joined the young Jabotinsky movement Betar in 1939-40, and served on the Committee of the Jewish Army from 1942 to 1946, having joined the Irgun in 1944. As indicated above, he flew for the Irgun in 1948 during the War of Independence. One of his disappointments at the time, was an aborted attempt to fly to Kenya and rescue several important Jewish leaders, Yacob Maridor among them, who had been imprisoned by the British.

Educated in both Israel -- where he had lived from 1933 to 1939 -- and in America where in 1951 he received his M.S. degree from New York University, he is married to Mira (Josefowitz). They are the parents of Charline and Alex and have a grandson Gabriel Nussbaum. The tall and handsome Spektor's link to Jabotinsky has been lifelong. Recalling the militant Jewish leader's early visits to his parents home in Lodz -- at which time Polish Jews were warned by him of

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"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

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supported Qaddafi and the PLO or tried to explain away their heinous actions have eventually suffered at the hands of terror," asserted Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Jewish National Fund, speaking from his office at JNF headquarters in New York City.

He pointed to the example of Pakistan, where terrorists hijacked a Pan Am airliner, resulting in the murder and hospitalization of many of the passengers aboard. "President Zia has expressed his astonishment that, after supporting the Arab cause, this outrage should occur in his country. The lesson is clear: if you align yourself with a cause that promotes terror, and allow certain groups to flourish, they won't repay you with kindness," Dr. Sternstein said. He added that the same lesson was bitterly learned in a number of European countries.

"It's important that we maintain a balanced perspective on the issue of international travel," he continued. "While we don't want to knuckle under to murderous thugs, common sense tells us that those countries which have been soft on terrorism don't make good choices for vacations. Israel, on the other hand, has an indisputable record of taking a firm line against terror." Dr. Sternstein explained that this stance involves not only combatting terrorists in military situations, but also "the type of strict airline and airport security standards worthy of emulation by the rest of the western world."

He stated that JNF maintains an active missions-to-Israel program, emanating from locations throughout the country and offering supporters a first-hand view of the agency's accomplishments in developing Israel's land for farming, housing, industry and recreation. He also said that the agency's Third National Assembly in Israel will take place from February 8 - 18, in celebration of the centennial of David Ben-Gurion. Because of its promotion of tourism to Israel, JNF recently won the first Shalom Award from the Israel Government Tourist Office in New York City, he said.

In addition to his duties at JNF, Dr. Sternstein recently assumed the chairmanship of the Task Force on Tourism of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Within a few weeks, a press conference and briefing on the promotion of tourism to Israel will be convened by this organization, with the participation of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the endorsement of major synagogue groups.