

# ADL Reflects 1986

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Four of the ten events that had the most significant impact on Jews during 1986 were connected with international terrorism, according to Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

They were the massacre of 21 Jews in an Istanbul synagogue, Britain's breaking-off of diplomatic relations with Syria because of that nation's involvement in terrorism, the American bombing of Libya and the U.S. sale of arms to "terrorist" Iran.

According to Mr. Perlmutter, "if (the bombing of) Libya represented American resolve that we will not be intimidated by terrorism, the sale of arms to 'terrorist' Iran was a monumental misjudgement. If there was a retrieving virtue in trading arms for hostages it was the indignant reaction of the American people -- a reaction so strong as to render less likely renewed American genuflection to terrorists."

Mr. Perlmutter's list of the most significant events of 1986 follows:

1. The massacre of 21 Jews in the Istanbul synagogue by Arab terrorists. It underscored, as if underscoring were needed, the lie that Arab terrorism is really anti-Israel and not anti-Semitic. And the inane responses, including former President Jimmy Carter's that the reason for the blood splattered walls of the synagogue and for its jaggedly torn bodies was "lack of progress in the Middle East."

2. Relatedly, the exposure of the Syrian connection to terrorism in London, in Rome, in West Berlin. The significance here is not so much in the bloodiness of Syria's hands as in Great Britain's immediate breaking of relations with Syria. Britain, once again, role model.

3. The United States' bombing of Libya. Terrorism has ever been more vulnerable to retaliation than to a deploring editorial.

4. And if Libya represented American resolve that we will not be intimidated by terrorism, the sale of arms to terrorist Iran was a monumental misjudgement. If there was a retrieving virtue in trading arms for hostages it was the indignant reaction of the American people -- a reaction so strong as to render less likely renewed American genuflection to terrorists.

5. Pope John Paul II's visit to the Central Synagogue in Rome. A long, oh so long journey, some 2000 years in the traveling. It was a reminder of the long darkness in Catholic-Jewish

relations past, and a promise of a potentially warmly lit future.

6. The release of Natan Shcharansky and the Nobel Peace Prize to Eli Wiesel. Shcharansky, because no matter the Soviet cage remains bolted shut, his courage, his dignity and his political acumen are inspiration for prisoners of conscience the world over. Wiesel, because his Jewish values are a reflection of Judaism's most cherished teachings, and because he himself is a great teacher. Humanity walks taller because there is a Shcharansky, because there is a Wiesel.

7. The shame of Waldheim. Not so much because the President of Austria is a revealed liar; the real shame of Waldheim is that no matter he is a liar -- and on such a subject! -- a majority of his countrymen simply didn't care enough. They voted the Nazi liar their approbation. Waldheim shamed, the Austrian electorate shamed.

8. In March, two Lyndon LaRouche candidates prevailed in the Illinois Party primaries. Heady with victory, LaRouche fielded 234 candidates in state primaries. Only 13 managed to make it to the November elections. All -- each and every one of them -- were defeated. The lesson? That the American people, when the facts are given them, reject bigotry. And significantly, that the LaRouchites, on stage, in the spotlight, are their own most effective prosecutors.

9. The sentencing of ten members of the Nazi-like group known as The Order. The Justice Department's vigorous prosecution of hate-activists stands as an unmistakable warning to neo-Nazis that bigotry inspired crimes will not be tolerated. Will, instead, be vigorously prosecuted.

10. The new set of emigration rules announced in November by the Soviet Union. They augur even fewer exit visas for those seeking freedom. Through November, 1986 only 873 Jews were permitted to leave, a fraction of the 400,000 seeking to breathe free. Gorbachev releases a Shcharansky, an Orlov, loosens the leash on a Sakharov, a Bonner, and basks in his "public relations" victories. But the hundreds of thousands who are not celebrities, do not make headlines, but continue to molder in the Communist prison-state -- they are the real measure of his character.

KANSAS CITY (JTA) — Local individuals and organizations recently have "adopted" 30 Soviet Jewish families, according to Judy Hellman, associate executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau, and another 10 families are expected to be adopted by the end of the month.

Adoption entails a commitment to write to the family monthly and to elected officials on the family's and all Soviet Jews' behalf. Only one family had been adopted here in the last 10 years, The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle reports.

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honorees are then escorted down a red carpet to the dinner area adorned with flowers and glowing torches. The dinner fare consists of exotic mid-eastern cuisine. Governor Richard Bryan is the award chairman and awards each honoree by placing a bronze medal of honor around their shoulders.

This year's master of ceremonies will be Steve Schorr, featured vocalist Tom Nelli will perform during cocktails, The Nevada Opera Company will perform special entertainment and other top entertainers have been invited and will be announced at a later date. Dondino, who delights audiences worldwide, will present a special showcase for this evening.

The two ladies who are responsible for this fantastic evening are Renee' Schreiberman and her Co-Chairman Patti Hoganson. Renee' and Patti feel that this evening is so important at a time when there is so much strife in the world, "We here in Nevada are trying to do all in our power to lessen the breach that has been built up over the years. The theme of the Hadassah Ball is a tribute to a group of people who have done so much and are still doing so much for the betterment of mankind all over the world."

The honorees to-date, in alphabetical order, are:

- Samuel Alper - Hadassah, Medical Supplies Award.
  - Michael Cherry - Hadassah, Institute of Oncology Award.
  - Burton Cohen - Hadassah, Cardiac Research & Rehabilitation Award.
  - Jerry Countess - Hadassah, Hebrew College Award.
  - Leo Diamond - Hadassah, Jewish National Fund Award.
  - Neil Galatz - Hadassah, Youth Activities Award.
  - Dr. Howard Hoffman - Hadassah, Vocational Guidance Institute Award.
  - John B. Jones - Hadassah, Health Mobile Medical Unit Award.
  - Gerald Radstone - Hadassah, Youth Aliyah Award.
  - Steven P. Shearing - Hadassah, Department of Ophthalmology Award.
  - Michael Tell - Hadassah, American Affairs Award.
  - Arthur Waltzman - Hadassah, Building and Development Award.
- For further information and reservations phone Renee' at 454-2436.

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (JTA) — The newly begun historical research project of the Hartford Jewish community will combine the efforts of the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies with the resources of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford.

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