## 39th Anniversary Of Israel's Independence Celebrated



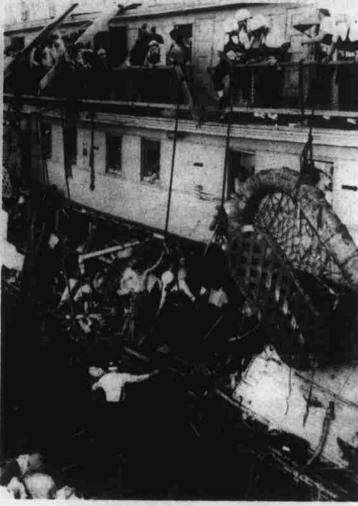
(L. to R.) Ben Cohen, President of the American Zionist Federation; Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Laureate; Misha Raitzin, Russian-Israeli star of the Metropolitan Opera; Gov. Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey; Benjamin Netanyahu, Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations; Bernice Tannenbaum, Chairman, World Zionist Organization-American Section. These luminaries made the Gala Celebration of the 39th Anniversary of the Independence of Israel a memorable experience. Mr. Wiesel was presented with the WZO-American Section/AZF Israel Achievement Award. Gov. Kean received an album of proclamations and official statements by 49 U.S. Governors condemning the UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism as a shameful canard. The celebration took place at Town Hall, New York City.

## Palestinian Wanted In Israel --Arrested At JFK Airport

A member of the ternational Airport here Palestine Liberation Or- for his role in attacking ganization who is a abus in Israel last year. naturalized United In the attack, the bus States citizen was driver was killed, and

NEW YORK (JTA) - arrested at Kennedy In-

Exodus: The Spirit Lives On



The ship Exodus was named after the ancient journey from slavery to freedom, but in September, 1947 it became a mighty modern symbol of Jewish yearning to live in Eretz Israel.

The ship had set sail from Germany with 4,515 Holocaust survivors, but the British, in control of Eretz-Israel and under heavy Arab pressure. barred it at the mouth of Haifa Harbor. The survivors refused to leave. The British boarded the ship. The Jews fought back with sticks and tin

jured.

two passengers in- Al Abd Ahmad, 33, was held on an extradition The man, Mahmoud warrant by the Israeli government and was to be arraigned in Federal District Court in Brooklyn. He is charged with murder and attempted murder in the attack on an Egged civilian bus in Beit Arieh near Latrun on April 12, 1986. Israeli authorities filed a complaint for Ahmad's arrest, according to the FBI.

Ahmad was identified by an FBI spokesman, Joseph Valiquette, who said the other fled." Two ter Venezuelan authori- Abu Nidal. ties arrested him recently on immigration entered Ahmad Venezuela illegally and

cans, but eventually three were killed, 28 injured and the rest forced onto three British transports for return to Europe.

The British asked the French to take the survivors in. The French refused, but no matter; the Jews said they would only go to Eretz Israel. They were taken to Hamburg, but by the time Independence was declared, 39 years ago this month, every one of them, as individuals or in small groups, had reached Israel.

This photo, released by United Jewish Appeal National Chairman Martin F. Stein from the UJA archives, shows the British (in white helmets) aboard the Exodus.

In releasing the photo, Martin F. Stein said. "The spirit of the Exodus lives on. In every era, we understand more fully the meaning of the Exodue and the importance of the Jewish State to Jews everywhere.

"Two years ago we recognized the importance of Israel for the Ethiopian Jews, and over 10,000 who would otherwise have perished in a sub-Saharan famine are now alive and being aided through UJA contributors and others, to live free lives in Israel. Today, we focus especially on the Soviet Jews.

"In this month marking Israel's 39th year of independence, every Jew must try to understand the wider picture; that there is a world Jewish family and each of us has a commitment to Jews wherever they live.

"We at UJA continue to be as dedicated today as we have been since before Israel's establishment. We are indeed, One People, One Destiny."

was expelled from the South American coun- Ahmad New York.

consul in New York, Ahmad is accused of taking part in the attack in which two of the passengers of the bus were wounded and the driver, Shlomo Hatuka, was killed. The bus was enroute from Shomron to Tel Aviv.

Binah said that "the attack was with a burst of gunfire and a Molotov cocktail. There were two people, one caught on the spot, and

When Israel learned was try Wednesday. He Venezuela, it applied arrived in New York at 3 through its Washingp.m. aboard a Pan Am ton Embassy for his flight was was taken to detention pending an FBI headquarters in official extradition request, which Israel According to Barukh must file in 60 days, Binah, Israel press based on the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Israel, Binah said.

> Ahmad became a U.S. citizen in Puerto Rico in 1982, but the FBI said it doesn't know where he has been living since then.

Valiquette said that although bail is normally set, in this case there is no bail. He remains in custody of the U.S. Marshall at the Metropolitan Correc-Ahmad was taken into Organizations took tional Center in in responsibility for the Manhattan pending Caracas, Venezuela, af- attack, El Fatah and Israel's formal extradition request.

NEW YORK (JTA) - Jewish emigration from charges. Valiquette said the Soviet Union in April totalled 717, of whom 168 went to Israel, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

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