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# 2 Year Manhunt Ends

## Barbara Bush Receives Education Award At Women's American ORT Convention: Addresses Delegates As "My Heroes"



Women's American ORT presented its most prestigious award to First Lady Barbara Bush for her work on behalf of literacy. The Beverly Minkoff Education Award was presented to Mrs. Bush at the closing luncheon of the organization's 30th Biennial National Convention at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC recently.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A West Bank Palestinian long wanted on suspicion of arson, firebombings and assaults was fatally shot by Israeli security forces in the Jordan Valley recently, as he tried to escape into Jordan.

But a companion, believed to have been wounded, managed to cross the border.

An Israel Defense Force spokesman identified the dead man as Wa'il Mahmad Daoud Haj Hassan of Kalkilya. The IDF said he had been the object of

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## New York Synagogue Presents Velvet Torah To Moscow Synagogue



**A GIFT FOR MOSCOW** — Rabbi Arthur Schneier (left) of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue presents a velvet Torah cover to Rabbi Adolph Shayevich of Moscow's Choral Synagogue. The two Jewish houses of worship are sister-synagogues. Visiting New York recently, Rabbi Shayevich cautioned that the relaxation of rigid government controls under perestroika in the Soviet Union, while positive for Jews because it offered new opportunities for religious and cultural expression, had also given rise to the growth of openly anti-Semitic organizations like Pamyat. Rabbi Schneier, whose leadership on behalf of human rights, religious freedom and the cause of Soviet Jewry has brought him to the USSR at least once a year since 1966, said his most recent visit there had left him with "a mixture of hope and anxiety." He said perestroika offered hope for continuing Jewish emigration and the opportunity for those remaining in the USSR "to reclaim their heritage and identity as Jews." But at the same time he warned that anti-Semitic organizations were using the new freedoms to scapegoat Jews for the discontent that characterizes Soviet life. The Torah cover was presented as a gift from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an ecumenical organization of which Rabbi Schneier is the founding president.

## Small East German Community Asks Government To Face Facts

BONN (JTA) — East Germany's tiny Jewish community is taking courage from the surging demand for reforms sweeping the country to publicly confront the Communist regime with long-standing concerns of its own.

In a statement released in Dresden recently, the Jewish community organization called on East Germany to end 40 years of denying responsibility for the Holocaust, to establish diplomatic relations with Israel and to acknowledge that anti-Semitism is no less prevalent in the East than in the West.

The Dresden statement was released against the background of massive pro-democracy demonstrations the likes of which had never been seen in that southeastern German city.

The change of climate was affirmed by the extensive coverage the East German news media gave to the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in Erfurt recently, which would have been unthinkable a short time ago.

Details of the statement were not available here for several days because telephone lines from East Germany were blocked by thousands of refugees fleeing to the West trying to call relatives left behind.

It became clear that never before in its history has the East German Jewish community — which by latest estimates numbers no more than 800 — been willing and able to speak in such clear terms on the issues of the Holocaust and ties with Israel.

The Jewish community expressed eager support for the reform process in the country. Its statement stressed, however, that reform should include a re-assessment of how the Nazi past has been treated in East Germany.

"Textbooks should be rewritten as soon as possible," the statement said. It specified three areas where new or different information should be offered students:

German history during the Nazi era; the persecution of Jews by the Nazi regime; and the discrimination and persecution of Jews in the early post-war years when Stalinism prevailed in East Germany.

The statement asserted that "Nazism and anti-Semitism are the heritage of both German states," and added bluntly that in East Germany, assessing and making amends for the Nazi past has been clearly insufficient.

According to the Jewish community, a "deficit" exists in the knowledge and consciousness of

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