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FROM THE EDITOR

This fall, over 500 delegates to a World Bank-sponsored gathering in Amman heard speaker after speaker give a sobering assessment of the current situation in the Arab world: 30% of the people in the Middle East live on \$2 per day or less. The region faces the highest unemployment rate in the world. Almost 40% of the 280 million people in the region are under 14 years old. Rima Khalaf Hunaidi, head of the U.N. Arab section warned, "Governments cannot limit themselves to efforts to increase revenues. We have to liberate capabilities within honest systems of governments that consolidate human prosperity."

Democracy, liberalization, personal opportunity: a prescription of hope for those 280 million people. But a reality check on the ground paints a horrifying picture of despots, autocrats and religious extremists feeding their constituencies poison pills of religious intolerance, antisemitism, and hatred for America.

One Arab leader, Yassir Arafat, spurned the peaceful creation of a Palestinian state in the summer of 2000, and instead plunged his people and Israel into the abyss of terrorism. Instead of nation building, the PA and other groups used every available institution, television show, textbook and website to promote terrorism. Israelis have had to endure 15,000 terror attacks, on average 20 a day in the last 30 months. But hate, the oxygen of terrorism, has gone beyond the corrupt PA to infect the entire region.

HATE: THE OXYGEN OF TERRORISM



Hizbollah clerics chant, "Death to Israel, Death to America," as they and tens of thousands march on Jerusalem Day in Beirut, Lebanon.

Throughout the Arab world, governments, media pundits and cultural elite are mainstreaming ancient hatreds; disseminating 'the big lies' via satellite and cable TV, in political cartoons and op-ed pieces and online through cutting edge multilingual websites. The message: Israel is a rogue state with a false history, and the Jewish people are a cursed demonized lot who are an ever-present threat to humankind.

The resulting campaign has left 94-year old Simon Wiesenthal to lament, "There is more antisemitism today than we experienced in the 1930s." The recurring themes include the medieval blood libel, the conspiracy theories of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and Holocaust denial.

Protocols – Main Course for Ramadan

Ramadan is a month-long holy period for Muslims. People fast during the day and gather with family and friends for the evening meal.

This year, prime time television in the Middle East focused on vilifying the Jewish people. In spite of international protests and even domestic criticism, the Egyptian government aired a 41-part antisemitic television series, "Horseman Without a Horse," which was seen during



Meeting of the 'Elders of Zion' in "Horseman Without a Horse."

Ramadan in Egypt and on 22 other Arab networks including Iraqi, Palestinian TV, and Hizbollah's Al Manar TV. Based on the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the elaborate production promotes the blood libel theme and the myth that Jews have long plotted to dominate the world. It depicts a Zionist conspiracy to control Arab lands and presents Jews as scheming to destabilize the world by promoting ethnic, religious and national conflict throughout the world.

The Wiesenthal Center launched a multi-faceted, international protest campaign – including gathering over 20,000 online protests – and urged the U.S. and the governments of France, Canada and Germany to publicly condemn the program. Germany's Foreign Office registered "shock," stating, "This infamous forgery was used in the Third Reich as antisemitic propaganda and to

defame the Jewish citizens of Germany and Europe. This case therefore naturally revives the most horrendous memories." The numerous vigorous protests of U.S. authorities fell on deaf ears. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak asserted in his letter to Israel's President Moshe Katsav that the program was not antisemitic; Egypt's Information Minister Safwat el-Sherif could not see what all the fuss was about. When the Wiesenthal Center's Rabbi Cooper challenged one of the funders of the miniseries during a live CNN International debate, the producer defended airing the falsehood because of Israel's "occupation of Palestine..."

"Spoon-Feeding Hate Propaganda..."

A few sane voices emerged in the din of the controversy. The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights said that free expression "should not be abused to ... incite hatred" and urged that the show begin with an acknowledgment that the *Protocols* are forged. The show's producer dismissed the group, the country's best-known rights organization, as a "Zionist organization conspiring against Egypt."

Cairo writer Samir Raafat warned, "Once it goes on television you are spoon-feeding them more hate propaganda. This is not conducive to tolerance of the other or knowing the other. There's a price going to be paid."

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Ramadan Programs: Torah a Forgery, There Never Was a Temple In Jerusalem

Not to be outdone by “Horseman Without a Horse,” Syrian television’s primetime fare is the locally produced series, “The Collapse of Legends.” Its central theme is that there is no archaeological evidence linking Jews to the Holy Land, and that the Torah Jews revere is a forgery concocted by rabbis. Meanwhile, Arafat’s Palestinian TV has broadcast a steady stream of ‘documentaries’ debunking the ‘myth’ that Solomon’s Temple ever stood in Jerusalem. And for viewers tuning into al-Manar TV from Lebanon, “The Spider’s House” presents an expert on Jews who are described as “lying, treacherous and greedy...”

Red Carpet for America’s Leading Racist

Just how profoundly the ‘big lie’ mentality has infected the Arab mainstream was evidenced by the invitation to white supremacist David Duke to lecture in Bahrain during Ramadan. The Discover Islam Center chose Duke to share his expertise on “the Zionist agenda for world domination,” and Israel’s purported involvement in 9/11. Duke heads the National Association for the Advancement of White People, and has built his career by fueling extreme anti-minority and anti-immigrant feelings. His vision for America excludes the very people who invited him to the Gulf States. “Clearly, Duke’s xenophobia is trumped by the mutual hatred he and his hosts harbor for the Jewish people and the democratic values of the United States,” said Rabbi Cooper, who lamented the absence of any responsible political and religious leaders prepared to publicly condemn this embrace of hatred and xenophobia.



David Duke (AP/Wide World)

“There is more antisemitism today than we experienced in the 1930s...”

- Simon Wiesenthal



Arab League’s Think Tank: “Holocaust – A False Fable...”

Meanwhile, the Zayed Center, a prestigious Abu Dhabi-based think tank backed by the Arab league, an NGO at the United Nations that has honored such luminaries as former President Jimmy Carter, recently convened a conference on “Semitism” at which speakers denied the Jewish people’s historic links to the Holy Land and validated the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

The Zayed Center labeled the Holocaust a “false fable” and denied the existence of anti-semitism even as it declared that Jews were the “enemies of all nations,” and were to blame for the 9/11 terror atrocities. In his opening remarks, the Zayed Center’s executive director, Mohammed Khalifa Murar, said in part, “Jews claim to be God’s most preferred people, but the truth is they are the enemies of all nations. Most philosophers... consider Jews as cheaters whose greed knows no bounds. Today, after having controlled the print and electronic media, they distort facts to suit their objectives.”

In a statement on its web site, the Zayed Center said it organized the conference “under the umbrella of the Arab League” specifically to “expose the fallacious claims and concocted legends of the Zionists and to counter their nefarious propaganda against Arabs and Muslims after 9/11.”

Ex-French PM Cancels Talk In Protest

The Wiesenthal Center led an international outcry against the hate fest, protesting directly to the Arab League’s Secretary General Amir Moussa, President Carter, and Michel Rocard, former French Prime Minister who is a mem-

ber of the European Parliament and was slated to appear at the Zayed Center. Mr. Rocard immediately canceled his speech slated for September 11, 2002 in protest of the Center’s hatred and antisemitism. To date, Mr. Carter, the new Nobel Peace laureate and recipient of the Sheik Zayed Environmental prize, has not responded to the Wiesenthal Center’s plea.

U.N. Official Denounces Tlas’ Blood Libel

In 1984, Wiesenthal Center officials exposed a book by Syrian Defense Minister, General Mustafa Tlas, titled *The Matzah of Zion*, which ‘validates’ as ‘truth’ that Jewish rabbis in 1840 Damascus murdered a priest and drained his blood to bake matzah for Pass-over.



Cover of *The Matzah of Zion*

According to the Arabic language daily *Al-Hayat*, the new, 8th edition of *The Matzah of Zion* has sold 20,000 copies, and will soon be published in English and French. The new edition also attacks the Wiesenthal Center for leading a campaign in the 1980s that blocked Tlas from getting a doctorate from Sorbonne University. Numerous articles and editorials have also appeared in Arab newspapers by academics and so-called experts who have defended the “veracity” of the story. The Wiesenthal Center renewed its call for worldwide condemnation of Tlas.

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The family of 20-year-old Yehuda Bamburger attend the funeral in Karnei Shomron. He was murdered by Palestinian terrorists in a massacre during a Shabbat dinner in Otniel near Hebron. (Courtesy OneFamily /Israel Emergency Solidarity Fund)

The mother of Revital Ohayon clutches her daughter’s body during her funeral in Kiryat Bialik. Revital was murdered along with her two children, Matan, 5 and Noam, 4 as she tried to shield them from a Palestinian gunman who burst into her home in the Metzger Kibbutz. (AFP Photo)

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“To imagine that in the 21st century a senior government official of any country would revive a debunked Middle Age libel in order to promote hatred of Jews is outrageous,” said Rabbi Marvin Hier. The Center’s Dean and Founder made a special effort to elicit a response from the United Nations, since Syria, listed by the United States as a state that sponsors terrorism, is currently a member of the United Nations Security Council.

U.N. Assistant Secretary General Danilo Turk responded on behalf of Secretary General Kofi Annan, calling the book “...contrary to the basic ideas of the United Nations...” He added, “... in the Middle East context, any publication inciting hatred against Jews or any other people only adds fuel to the fire and makes the search for peace even more difficult.”

“While we welcome the condemnation, we expect the U.N. to do much more in confronting the Syrians directly on this matter. This is the third highest ranking official of a country that is a member of the U.N. Security Council, as well as the U.N. Human Rights Commission,” responded Rabbi Hier.

French Court Subpoenas Arab Journalist

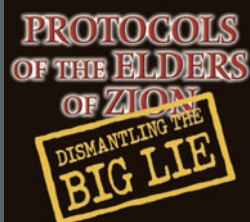
Meanwhile, Ibrahim Nafi’, editor of the largest Egyptian daily, *Al Ahrām*, who is also chairman of the Association of Arab Journalists, was subpoenaed by French legal authorities in Paris for incitement to antisemitism and racist violence two years after publishing an article titled, *Jewish Matzah is Made of Arab Blood*, by journalist ‘Adel Hamooda. The subpoena was described by the Arab media as “intellectual terrorism,” “a Zionist attack on the Egyptian press,” and “extortion by the Zionist lobby in France.”

Official Syrian Newspaper: Zionist-Nazi Alliance

In Damascus, they don’t indict antisemites, they promote them. Syria’s official daily, *al-Thawra*, recently published a lengthy article by Dr. Imad Mahmud Habib titled, *The Zionist Nazi Alliance – Facts and Goals*, whose main argument is that since 1933, an alliance was formed between Hitler and the Zionist movement in order to strengthen the Zionist foothold in Palestine and conspire against the Arabs.

The article alleges that Jews were exterminated during the Holocaust by the Nazis at the request of the Zionist leadership. Habib supports his “thesis” with footnotes from such notables as infamous Holocaust denier Roger Garaudy. Garaudy, incidentally, was recently selected by Libya to receive the “Qaddafi International Human Rights Prize.”

The Center’s new book debunking the infamous *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* will be released by Ktav this spring. To order: go to www.wiesenthal.com



TEEN BOOK PROMOTING SUICIDE BOMBERS AND URGING “KILL ALL ISRAELIS”— A HIT IN EUROPE

During the last two years, the world has witnessed the horrors of so-called suicide bombers. Palestinian homicide bombers have murdered and maimed thousands of Israelis and killed hopes of any peace in the near future. Suicide bombers changed world history when they unleashed the 9/11 attacks against the United States. With all of these developments, the Wiesenthal Center was shocked to learn that a book geared to young people whose central character becomes a suicide bomber was being heavily promoted across Europe and Canada.

Dream of Palestine portrays Palestinian teenagers who fight “bloodthirsty Jews who assassinate children and old people, profane mosques and rape Arab women.” One “hero” calls for Jihad against the Jews, who are “a doomed people” and to “kill all Israelis.” The main character is encouraged to “kill hundreds in his suicide bombing” and indeed later does blow himself up along with five Israelis. The book is currently available in Italian, German (pictured), French, and Norwegian.

Dr. Shimon Samuels, the Center’s Director for International Liaison, spoke at a protest outside the Paris headquarters of the French publisher, Flammarion (above). The Center also forwarded over 35,000 email protests to Flammarion. Following intervention by Canadian Director of National Affairs, Leo Adler, Flammarion Canada pulled the book, asking Canadian bookstores and Amazon.ca to return all books.

“We urge the publisher in France and its parent company, Italian media giant Rizzoli Corriere della Sera, to follow the responsible decision of their Canadian office and remove the books from store shelves in France and Italy,” said Rabbi Cooper. Later, Fnac.com, the largest French online bookseller, pulled the book saying it represented “incitement to hatred and violence.” A protest to amazon.de (Germany) has yet to yield results, but *buch.de internetstores* confirmed to the Wiesenthal Center that the book was no longer available on their site.



Transnational Haters Unite

Over the last two years there have been stepped up efforts by Jew haters and Holocaust deniers to coordinate and bolster each other’s efforts around the world. Links to white supremacists and essays by the likes of David Duke and the late William Pierce have surfaced on extremist websites throughout the Arab and Muslim world. In the spring of 2001, the Wiesenthal Center helped block the first Holocaust deniers’ conference scheduled for Beirut, Lebanon. Among the slated participants were bigots and Holocaust deniers from Iran, Lebanon, Jordan along with neo-Nazis from both sides of the Atlantic and a Swiss national with ties to Al Qaeda. Against this backdrop, the Wiesenthal Center vigorously protested a similar international conference of antisemites, neo-Nazis, Holo-

caust deniers and speakers who promote the 9/11 ‘big lie,’ scheduled to take place in Verona, Italy. The Center’s protest campaign included gathering over 25,000 online protests to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, and contacting Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FLA) to enlist their support in the campaign.

Authorities in Verona, with the strong backing of Deputy Prime Minister Fini, blocked efforts to revive the event organized by the neo-fascist Trieste-based Nueove Ordine Europe. Later, Italian authorities confirmed that 20 extremists from France, Germany, Italy and Australia did privately gather in December, including Prof. Fredrick Toben of the Adelaide Institute, who asserted that the international war against terrorism is no more than an excuse to curb freedom of expression.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM: CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER



Under arrest for the Bali bombing that claimed nearly 200 lives, Abu Bakar Bashir declared that the U.S. and Israel bombed Bali to discredit Islam, and to justify the claim that "Indonesia is a terrorist nest."
(AP/Wide World Photo)

name of Sheikh Abu Abdullah Emirati, a pseudonym used by bin Laden.

In wake of the bombing, Great Britain froze the assets of Jemaah Islamiah and banned it from operating in Britain. High-ranking Israeli intelligence officials issued a broad alert to Jewish and Israeli institutions around the world that they believed were "prime targets" for Al Qaeda. In the year since 9/11, Israel's security services logged at least 11 attempted strikes on Israeli or Jewish targets by groups affiliated with Osama bin Laden.

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR 2003, EACH DAY BRINGS NEW EVIDENCE THAT WE LIVE IN A CHANGED WORLD. BEYOND 9/11, RECENT TERROR ATTACKS IN INDONESIA, KENYA, RUSSIA AND YEMEN AND THE ARREST OF TERRORIST CELLS ON EVERY CONTINENT ALL ATTEST TO THE "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER" POSED BY AL QAEDA AND OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS WORLD-WIDE. ALL THIS, AS A WAR WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN LOOMS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE...

Saddam Hussein continues to funnel hundreds of thousands of dollars to the families of Palestinian homicide bombers who murder innocent Israeli men, women and children.

Al Qaeda Threatens Jews, Murders Christians and Hindus In Bali

Meanwhile, a revitalized Al Qaeda has threatened to strike Jewish targets around the world by "land, sea and air." The terrorist organization has claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Israeli owned hotel in Kenya where 13 people were murdered, the unsuccessful missile attack against an Israeli civilian airliner carrying over 260 people and the horrific Bali bombing that killed nearly 200 people. For the past year, the Indonesian government dismissed claims that Jemaah Islamiah, a fundamentalist terror group linked to Al Qaeda, was a terrorist threat. But as grieving relatives tried to identify the bodies of those who died in the resort bombing, Indonesia's security authorities conceded that Jemaah Islamiah is a terrorist organization. Authorities later arrested Abu Bakar Bashir, the leader of the group and a bin Laden admirer who prays daily that Al Qaeda will destroy the United States. According to U.S. intelligence, funds for the Bali bombing were transferred to Bashir from an account in the

attempted strikes on Israeli or Jewish targets by groups affiliated with Osama bin Laden. Recently, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz reportedly presented U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney with intelligence information showing a clear partnership between Al Qaeda and Islamic Jihad, as well as evidence of its links to other radical Palestinian terror groups.

Europe's Race Against Time U.K.: Muslim Cleric Says OK to Kill Non-Believers

British authorities recently arrested seven Al Qaeda linked terrorists and warned of a "high probability" of attacks. As we go to press, six men of North African origin were arrested after traces of the deadly poison ricin were found at a London property. Fueled by such radical voices as Muslim cleric, Sheik Abu Hamza, radical cells are multiplying on British soil. Hamza's recent videotaped harangue advocates killing non-believers: "...If Muslims cannot take them (non-believers) and sell them in the market, you just kill them. It's OK." Hamza also praises the Al Qaeda bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, Africa, that killed 224 people.

Why Fight Saddam?

Missing: Nerve Gas, Anthrax...

As U.N. weapons inspectors continue to play Saddam's deadly game of hide and seek, one headline provided the stark truth: "Missing: Four tons of nerve gas, 8.5 tons of anthrax, and assorted nuclear bomb parts." Secretary of State Colin Powell cited major discrepancies in Iraq's statements regarding its production capacity for the deadly biological agents anthrax and botulinum. And as Iraq replays its path of lies and denial,

MOMBASA, KENYA



Kenyan Red Cross volunteers carry the body of one of the victims of the Paradise Hotel bomb blast in Mombasa on November, 28, 2002. Eleven people, including hotel workers and Israeli tourists were killed by two homicide bombers at the Israeli-owned hotel.
(AFP Photo)

DASKA, PAKISTAN



Relatives mourn over the bodies of three children who were murdered by a Muslim terrorist in a Christmas Day grenade attack on a church.
(AFP Photo)

BALI, INDONESIA



The charred ruins from the terrorist attack in a Bali tourist area that killed nearly 200 local workers and foreign tourists, and injured over 300.
(AP/Wide World Photo)

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France: Terrorists Thwarted

France's Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy confirmed to Wiesenthal Center officials that 16 Paris-area mosques have been directly linked to Al Qaeda. French intelligence and police have moved aggressively in recent months against terrorist cells in France.

Authorities arrested eight people connected to the Al Qaeda attack last April on the Ghriba synagogue in Djerba, Tunisia that killed 19 people. In December, seven men arrested in the Paris region were apparently plotting a biological or chemical attack, according to Sarkozy. Police seized empty containers, vials of suspicious-looking fluids and powders,

an outfit designed for protection against chemical and biological risks, cash and false documents. Three men arrested are believed to be members of Al Qaeda who trained in Afghanistan. Later, four more were arrested as they planned to attack the Russian Embassy.

Against the backdrop of these developments, the French Jewish community (CRIF), indicated that the number of hostile acts against French Jews fell sharply from 21 attacks last May to only six last August. The figures reflect the "zero tolerance" approach to antisemitism in France adopted by Minister Sarkozy.... As *Response* goes to press, Rabbi Gabriel Farhi suffered light injuries when he was stabbed at



A-SSAD DAY FOR BRITAIN

Buckingham Palace welcomed one of its most incongruous guests last December when Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, ruler of an accredited state sponsor of terror, dropped by for afternoon tea and cakes with Queen Elizabeth and the Prince of Wales. Syria is a major supporter of Hizbollah. Speaking to journalists, al-Assad brushed aside suggestions that Damascus is hosting organizations that support suicide bombers, insisting that they are not terrorist centers but "press offices..."

CELLS COULD STRIKE "AT ANY MOMENT"

HOLLAND: Al Qaeda's terrorist network is deeply embedded in Holland's Muslim communities and is recruiting second-generation immigrants for future attacks against Britain, the United States and Israel, according to a report by the Dutch internal intelligence service AIVD. "The recruitment of these youths shows that a violent strain of radical Islam is stealthily taking root in Dutch society," warned the report. "They're brainwashed and indoctrinated." The agency added that the terrorist cells were already active and could strike "at any moment."

BELGIUM: A recent report by the Belgian parliament's intelligence committee painted a similar picture of Al Qaeda penetration of North African youths in Brussels and Antwerp. It concluded that at least 30 mosques were part of the radical network and posed "a grave and immediate threat" to the constitutional order and survival of Belgian democracy.

"THE NAZIS OF OUR TIME"

DENMARK: Last summer, the Wiesenthal Center urged Danish Prime Minister, Anders Rasmussen, to take immediate action in connection with a "hit list" of prominent Danish Jews that was issued by Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an extremist group seeking to establish a world Islamic Empire. The Prime Minister told Center officials that his government was assessing whether the group could be legally banned under the Danish constitution. Later, the leader of the Danish branch of Hizb-ut-Tahrir was sentenced to 60 days in prison for incitement to racial hatred after distributing a leaflet urging people to "Kill the Jews wherever you find them." Meanwhile, Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Mieller, called Islamic fundamentalists, "the Nazis of our time."

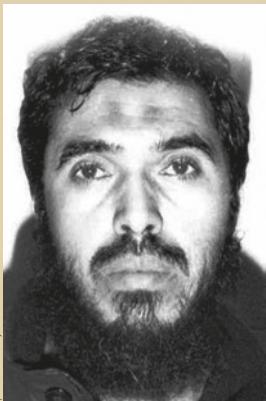
"THE JEWS WILL ALL DIE, AND WE WILL DANCE ON THEIR GRAVES"

GERMANY: September 11 conspirator Mounir El Motassadeq was reported by a witness to have said, "We are going to do something big. The Jews will all die, and we will dance on their graves." Motassadeq was a member of the cell that held increasingly aggressive anti-American and anti-Jewish views, who provided financial and logistical support for hijackers like Mohamed Atta, and had decided by October 1999 to attack America and kill as many people as possible. Germany has issued additional arrest warrants in connection with the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Also in Germany, 16 Islamic groups linked to jailed Turkish militant Muhammed Metin Kaplan were banned under new anti-terror laws. Police raided 100 offices and homes across the country and froze the bank accounts of Caliphate State, a group that openly calls for the overthrow of Turkey's secular government in a "Holy War" and for it to be replaced with an Islamic state. Interior Minister Otto Schily has described Caliphate State as a "breeding ground for terrorists."

Some 25 people have been under observation for ties to Hizb-ut-Tahrir in Germany. In spite of these investigations, a meeting of the group was allowed to proceed at the Technical University of Berlin. Among those present at the meeting were the editor of the German edition of the Hizb-ut-Tahrir newspaper, and two members of Germany's far-right NPD, Udo Voigt and Horst Mahler who also spoke at the meeting.

SPAIN: Authorities confirm they have arrested some 20 Islamic extremists with links to Al Qaeda. Pictured, internationally wanted terrorist, Abdelkrim Hammad, who was apprehended by Spanish authorities.



a Paris synagogue by an assailant who shouted "Allah Akbar - We will eradicate you." The Wiesenthal Center urged Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to publicly condemn the violence resulting from the incessant hate campaign against Jews and Judaism waged by Arabs and the media.

Follow the Money

Since 9/11, the U.S. and her allies in the war against terrorism have tried to stifle the flow of funds to Al Qaeda, Hizbollah, Hamas and other terrorist groups. The U.S. has frozen \$112 million in terrorist assets, designated 240 people and organizations as terrorist supporters and moved against several large Islamic charities in the United States. The U.K. froze the assets of the Muslim aid agency, Benevolence International Foundation, which were being diverted to Al Qaeda to help it build a nuclear weapon. A U.S. Court upheld the U.S. Justice Department's moves against the Foundation, raiding the charity's suburban headquarters in Chicago and freezing its assets. Syrian-born Enaam Arnaout, who headed the Chicago operation, is being held for engaging in a "multi-national criminal enterprise that for a decade used charitable contributions of innocent Americans...to support Al Qaeda, as well as turmoil in Chechnya and violence in Bosnia" and for helping acquire and distribute weapons to Al Qaeda's al Masada camp in Afghanistan. The U.S. also froze the assets of Global Relief Fund and recently arrested a group tied to Hamas in Richardson, Texas. These activities have led groups like Hamas to use their websites to solicit funding for terror.

Canadian and American Intelligence confirm that Al Qaeda cells operating in Canada have been in touch with counterparts in the U.S. planning future terrorist attacks. Hizbollah operatives have used Canada as a fundraising

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“Martyrdom operations...should be exported outside Palestine. I encourage Palestinians to take suicide bombings worldwide.”

- Hizbollah's Sheikh Nasrallah



killing benefits Muslims (MEMRI). “Infidel polytheists and the People of the book (i.e., Jews and Christians) are to be killed. They may not be granted amnesty, nor can they be ransomed.” The website is written in Arabic and preaches adherence to the strict Wahhabist Sunni doctrine, which is the Saudi state religion (MEMRI).

base, moving hundreds of thousands of dollars through Canadian banks to purchase a range of military supplies that were then shipped to Lebanon. Ayub Fawzi, a senior Hizbollah militant from Canada who has been in Israeli custody since his arrest last June for masterminding the bloody terrorist rampage in Hebron last November, was on the U.S. list of 22 most wanted terrorists. After strong protest from political opposition and Jewish leaders including the Center’s Leo Adler, the Canadian government finally barred any fundraising for Hizbollah, including its so-called “humanitarian fundraising wing.”

Saudis Finance Al Qaeda and Silence Dissent

A special report prepared for the U.N. Security Council asserts that Saudi funds represent “the most important source of financing for the Al Qaeda network” and that Saudi Arabia has failed to stop the flow of money to the terrorist network in wake of the 9/11 attacks. Jean-Charles Brisard, the French investigator retained to conduct the study, wrote, “One must question the real ability and willingness of the kingdom to exercise any control over the use of religious money in and outside of the country.” The report contrasts with assertions made by official spokesmen in Riyadh and Washington that Saudi Arabia has made strides toward halting Al Qaeda financing.

Meanwhile, in a move designed to quash internal debate, Saudi Arabian censors banned the October 23, 2002 edition of *Al-Hayat* because it printed an open letter from 67 American intellectuals defending the U.S. campaign against terrorism, and calling upon Saudi intellectuals to denounce “militant Jihadism” as un-Islamic.

Moscow Siege: Kill Innocents if it Benefits Muslims...

Former hostages who survived the deadly siege in a Moscow theater last October reported that some of the terrorists were Arabs because they conversed in Arabic and used that language in cell phone calls. At the time of the hostage taking, a pro-Chechen Islamist website advocated killing “prisoners” if their



Pro-Chechen terrorist as seen on Russian TV. (AP/WideWorld)

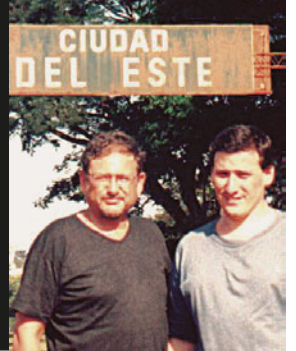
South America Safe Haven for Terrorists

The threat from international terrorists extends to every continent, including the infamous lawless “tri-border region” of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, where there are persistent reports of terrorist training camps and high level meetings to plan attacks on U.S. and Israeli targets in the Americas. Argentina’s Secretariat of State Intelligence first reported in 1999 that Al Qaeda members were in the region to coordinate terrorist training and to plan future attacks with Hizbollah.

The Virginia-based Terrorism Research Cen-



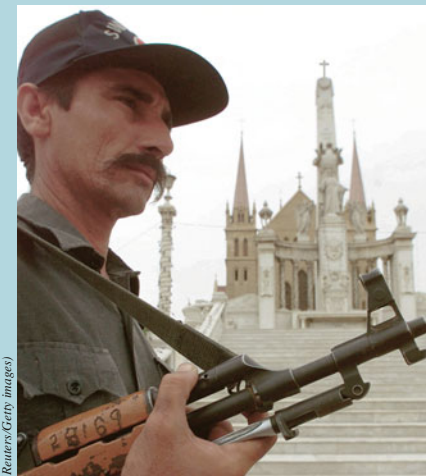
The Wiesenthal Center's Director for International Liaison, Dr. Shimon Samuels, and Latin American representative Sergio Widder, visited the tri-border region, and urged the Organization of American States, Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay to take action against this terrorist safe haven.



ter (TRC) concluded that the area was being used to train terrorists “to kill Americans and Jews.” TRC also reports that Hizbollah’s military chief in the region, Assad Ahmad Barakat, is one of the area’s six power brokers. His top lieutenant, Sobhi Mahmoud Fayad, was arrested recently in Ciudad del Este after police spotted him writing down license-plate numbers outside a U.S.-sponsored disaster-management meeting. The Bush administration believes Fayad is part of an international money-laundering operation that bankrolls terrorism.

CHRISTIANS TARGETED

The deadly combination of terror networks and profound religious intolerance has led to the targeting of Christians. Last September, militant Muslims executed seven Christian Pakistanis in Karachi, and on Christmas day, a grenade attack on a Protestant Church in Daska, Pakistan, killed three girls and wounded fourteen. Six terrorists arrested in the attack are linked to a radical Islamic Kashmiri group. There have been at least six bloody attacks on Christians in Pakistan in the past year.



Church in Pakistan under guard.

Last October 17, terrorist bombings in Zamboanga, the Philippines, killed six people and wounded 143 – all Christians targeted for their religion. On Christmas eve, an attack in Mindanao killed 17.

The bloody war in Sudan, which pits the Muslim government in Khartoum against the Christian and animist South has resulted in more than two million deaths over almost two decades. In Nigeria, as Muslims try to impose a strict version of Sharia in several provinces, armed conflicts between Muslims and Christians have erupted and thousands have died.

As we go to press, in Yemen, three American Christian aid workers who had been running a hospital there for 30 years were murdered by a Muslim extremist who said he hoped his actions would bring him closer to heaven.

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PALESTINIANS: YES TO SUICIDE BOMBERS

In a poll conducted just last September by the Palestinian think tank, Jerusalem Media and Communication Center, 80.7% of Palestinians said they support the current Intifada, and 64.3% said they support suicide bombings against Israeli citizens.

It is not surprising that 82.7% of respondents believe there is corruption in the Palestinian Authority, and most say they feel the PA is not serious about implementing reform. The British National Criminal Intelligence Services estimated Yassir Arafat's worth in 1993 at \$10 billion. The PA's annual revenues from donations jumped from \$555 million to more than \$1 billion after the first year of the current Palestinian uprising. The U.S. has given about \$1.1 billion in direct aid to the PA, as well as 30% of the \$521.7 million

"WE SHALL KNOCK ON HEAVEN'S DOORS WITH THE SKULLS OF JEWS"



that was provided to the PA last year by the U.N. The European Union, in loans and aid, has provided \$2.52 billion to the PA. So where has all this money gone? Israeli government estimates

Arab websites that recruit suicide bombers and instruct on how to make bombs continue to proliferate. Hamas recently described the killing of Jews as the way to Islamic heaven. Titled, "We shall knock on heaven's doors with the skulls of Jews," the website shows an ax crashing down on the words "the Jews." On the ax is "Al-Kassam," the name of the Hamas terrorist unit. The face is that of arch terrorist Imad Akkel, who planned and executed more than 13 deadly attacks. Hamas has also launched a new online magazine for children that praises "martyrs" and encourages children to follow their example. Meanwhile, the popular new children's game in Ramallah features one child who straps toy explosives onto another, who then pretends to blow himself up. The game ends when all the children have had a chance to be the suicide bomber.

Translations from Arabic pages 2-8 courtesy MEMRI.

say about \$1.3 billion went directly into the pockets of Yassir Arafat. Meanwhile, the EU's Chris Patten refused to investigate where EU aid to the PA actually ended up.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE SPECTER OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM

A federal judge sentenced neo-Nazi Leo Felton to nearly 22 years in prison for plotting to bomb Jewish or African-American landmarks in Boston. Felton, who admitted to having bomb-making materials in his apartment, laid the groundwork while in prison for a white supremacist terror cell that would ignite a nationwide racial 'holy war.'

Meanwhile, three white supremacists were arrested after a two-year terrorism investigation. California's Aryan Nations leader, Jack Frederick Steele II, who was arraigned on five felony charges, advocated aligning the Aryan Nations with Islamic extremists to rid the United States of the "parasite Jews." Two of Steele's associates were also charged with making bombs.



Washington D.C. area Muslim cleric Mohammad Asi leads a protest rally every Friday near the Islamic Center Mosque. The subject of FBI scrutiny, Asi is linked to Iranian hardliners, as well as Swiss Holocaust denier Ahmed Huber. Asi has blamed the 9/11 attacks on "Israeli Zionist Jews," and on one recent Friday shouted that a suicide bomber in Israel always "goes to Allah." (2002, The Washington Post. Photo by Michael Williamson. Reprinted with permission)

In West Hollywood, California, two men of Iranian Muslim descent were charged with assault and commission of a hate crime against a man of Iranian Jewish descent. Up to 15 attackers chanted, "Kill the Jews!" as they kicked the victim on the ground. Wiesenthal Center officials met earlier with law enforcement authorities and victims of the attack. Iranian-American Jewish community leader, George Haroonian, said he hoped "this case will teach young Iranian Muslims in this community about tolerance and respecting others' rights."

As we go to press, Matt Hale, who the Wiesenthal Center has called, "the most dangerous American racist of his generation," has been arrested for allegedly ordering a 'hit' on a U.S. Federal Judge.

Meanwhile, a *Washington Times* expose links California drug labs to Mexican drug traffickers and Middle East terrorist groups based in Yemen and Jordan.



(AP/Wide world Photo)

Los Angeles' new Police Chief William J. Bratton visited the Museum of Tolerance where he was briefed on the acclaimed Tools for Tolerance for Law Enforcement program. The former NYPD Chief has earned a reputation for integrity and expertise on a wide range of security issues including combating terrorism.



Thousands of Angelenos came to the Center to remember the victims of 9/11 during a 27-hour vigil on September 10 and 11 and to light candles for each of the 9/11 victims. A massive blowup of the now-famous photo (courtesy Ricky Flores/The Journal News, Westchester County, N.Y.) of heroic firefighters planting Old Glory on the smoldering ruins of the World Trade Center was draped from the Museum of Tolerance. Los Angeles firefighter Joe Tally, who within days of the World Trade Center attack flew to New York to help recovery efforts in the smoldering ruins, was a special guest at the memorial.



THE U.N. 2003: CREDIBILITY IS STILL THE ISSUE

In 2003, much of the world perceives the United Nations as the appropriate address to fairly resolve conflicts. President George W. Bush was strongly admonished to seek the approval and participation of the U.N. in any confrontation against Iraq. But for Israel, it has been all downhill since November 1947, when the U.N.'s members voted to recognize the establishment of the Jewish State. Among the lowest points were the 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with Racism and the 2001 U.N. conference against racism in Durban, South Africa at which Israel was the only nation in the world singled out for alleged human rights abuses. While Israel has suffered horrific blows from the scourge of Arab terrorism, the U.N. has never explicitly condemned the terrorism of Hamas, Islamic Jihad or Hizbollah.

So it was quite significant when in December 2002, the U.N. Security Council finally formally stated it “condemns in the strongest terms” the attacks and “expresses the deepest sympathy and condolences to the people and the governments of Kenya and Israel and to the victims of the terrorist attacks and their families” (see photo p. 5). Not surprisingly, Syria, itself condemned by the U.S. as a terrorist state, cast the only negative vote. This is a significant breakthrough for the U.N., which even after the deadly bombing at the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires in 1994, expressed its condolences to Argentina but made no mention that the victims were Jews.

Twenty Annual Anti-Israel Resolutions

Still, other U.N. statements and resolutions reflect the simple math that there are over 50 Arab and Muslim states and only one Jewish state. Canadian human rights expert, Professor Anne Bayefsky, has monitored the world body's systemic bias against the Jewish State. She points out that the General Assembly passed a resolution on Palestinian children, the only children in the world subject to the specific concern of the U.N. This brings the number of Israel-specific resolutions to *twenty* annually – that's twenty more than were brought against China, Syria or Saudi Arabia. The resolution made no mention of the recruit-

“The Durban phenomenon is one of substituting the voices of alleged victims and the false consensus of U.N. mob-rule, for universal standards.”

– Anne Bayefsky
Professor, York University, Toronto



(Photo left) In Johannesburg Dr. Samuels at pro-Palestinian demonstration.

In Geneva, Dr. Samuels and the Center's U.N. Geneva representative, Richard Salzmanowitz met with High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sergio Vieira de Mello (center).

ment of Palestinian children to become homicide bombers, nor of the hundreds of Israeli youngsters murdered and maimed in such attacks. In fact, the draft resolution was adopted on November 15th, the same week a Palestinian gunman broke into a home in an Israeli kibbutz and murdered two children, Noam 4, and Matan 5, as their mother unsuccessfully tried to use her body to shield them (see page 3).

And just a few weeks before that outrage, Kofi Annan, the allegedly neutral U.N. Secretary General, spoke at the University of Maryland where he characterized Israel as an expropriator of Arab land, accused Israel of imposing “condition upon condition” to block peace negotiations, and repeatedly criticized Israel and its policies.

Johannesburg: No Durban...But Israel Still Pilloried

The Center's Director for International Liaison, Dr. Shimon Samuels and Latin American representative, Sergio Widder represented the Wiesenhal Center at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, South Africa. Palestinian efforts to transform yet another international United Nations forum into an anti-Israel hate fest were evident from the start. (See also coverage of the World Conference on Racism in Durban, *Response*, Fall 2001.)



Abdou Diouf, former President of the African country of Senegal, becomes the Secretary General of the 51-nation International Francophone Organization in January 2003. He is pictured with Rabbi Abraham Cooper and Dr. Shimon Samuels during a meeting in Paris where they discussed possible future cooperation. There are an estimated 600,000,000 people worldwide associated with French language and culture.

The Palestine Solidarity Committee circulated a petition that urged South Africa to close its embassy in Tel Aviv and called for support for Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades. The Jewish National Fund, which was the only Jewish NGO exhibiting at the conference, came under consistent attack by Palestinian demonstrators and Radio Islam of Johannesburg, which called for “the expulsion from the Summit of the JNF.”

Mordechai Yedid, Israel's deputy director-general in charge of the United Nations called for renewed Israeli-Palestinian dialogue as he tried to diffuse tensions, but his plea fell on deaf ears.

Against this backdrop, it was no surprise that then-Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' speech in Johannesburg was cancelled.

UNESCO CONFERENCE

The Wiesenhal Center will convene an International Conference on **“ANTISEMITISM AND EDUCATION FOR TOLERANCE”** in cooperation with UNESCO. The conference is scheduled for May 13-14, 2003 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

For more information, please contact the Center's Director for International Liaison, Dr. Shimon Samuels, at the Paris office. Tel. 331/47-23-76-37. Email: cswueurope@compuserve.com or go to www.wiesenhal.com

It was a script first unveiled at the United Nations World Conference Against Racism in Durban in 2001. Just days before 9/11, the world witnessed a spectacle of anti-Israel and anti-American invective not seen since the infamous 1975 U.N. resolution equating Zionism with Racism. Posters and banners declaring “*Israel: last outpost of apartheid*” and “*apartheid isreal*” were the backdrop for a carefully orchestrated onslaught against the legitimacy of the Jewish State and the hopes and aspirations of her citizens. The *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was being peddled to 17,000 Muslim protesters who filled the streets to the chants of “Death to Israel.”



Palestinians and supporters at the University of Michigan urge the University to “Divest from Israel.” (AP/Wide World Photo)



California Governor Gray Davis met with Center officials and with the Board of Regents at the Wiesenthal Center’s Museum of Tolerance. They discussed the anti-Israel boycott and divestment campaign.

VERBAL TERRORISTS OF ACADEMIA DEMONIZE ISRAEL, JUSTIFY MURDER

The 9/11 attacks delayed, but did not deter the propaganda war, unleashed to aid and abet the so-called Intifada II. Not surprisingly, the anti-Israel campaign initially found much of its support in Europe, where British and French academics led the charge to divest from Israel financially, educationally and culturally – the first step in reaching the ultimate goal of totally isolating Israel internationally.

Deep into the second year of this war the campaign targeted major U.S. campuses from Harvard to Columbia to U.C. Berkeley. The divestment movement on campuses has been punctuated by white hot rhetoric, intimidation and overt antisemitic episodes, including desecration of Jewish student centers and calls that “Hitler didn’t finish the job.” The on campus campaigns include demands to end support for Israeli researchers, the forced removal of Israeli scholars from the board of an international journal of literature, and calls for university divestment from all investments in Israel, and from companies that do business with Israel.

Divestment ‘Conference’ Funders Linked to Al Qaeda

Despite protests that the gathering would promote antisemitic terror, several hundred students gathered at the University of Michigan in mid-October under the banner of the Palestine Solidarity Movement. While University President Mary Sue Coleman rejected the call for divestment, she said the University of Michigan would not halt “freedom of speech” – in this case, hate speech. The group’s web site states, “It is not our place to dictate the strategies

or tactics adopted by the Palestinian people in their struggle for liberation.” In other words, why object to suicide bombings? The movement also condemns the concept of Jewish nationhood as racist, never endorsing a two-state solution.

The group’s “conference” included Islamic Jihad founder Sami al-Arian, and was funded in part by the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP) – a Hamas front group that distributed the Hamas charter, official Hamas Intifada communiqués from Gaza, and produces Hamas training and recruitment videos to achieve its “violent successes.” Nearly \$500,000 came from the personal bank account of Hamas political director Moussa Abu Marzouk. Associates of the Hamas leader were recently arrested in Texas, and Marzouk himself is now wanted by the U.S. Also funding the conference was the Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor, the Mosque of Rabih Haddad who is now in jail awaiting trial because his Global Relief Foundation funded terrorism and was involved with Al Qaeda (the Foundation’s assets have been frozen). The Arab Community Center For Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) which also funded the conference, financed commercial driving lessons and attempts to get hazardous materials hauling certificates for Ahmed Hannan and Karim Koubriti, members of Detroit’s recently indicted Al Qaeda cell.

British Intellectuals Justify Terrorist Mass Murder

At Harvard University, controversy and outrage erupted over the invitation by the English Department to Oxford poet Tom Paulin, an unabashed antisemite who called the IDF “Zionist SS,” and said that Jewish settlers should be “shot dead. I think they are Nazis, racists, I feel



Florida Governor Jeb Bush told a Wiesenthal Center delegation that Florida will seek to strengthen its educational and economic links to Israel. Governor Bush was responding to the Center's nationwide effort to enlist the nation's governors and leading educators to counter the anti-Israel boycott. The Governor told the delegation, led by Rabbi Abraham Cooper, "Despite any ongoing international efforts to denigrate the State of Israel – either through divestiture of Israeli holdings or severance of ties between respective academic institutions – it is my intention on behalf of the state of Florida to maintain with the State of Israel the good educational and economic relationship that we continue to enjoy". "The Wiesenthal Center is grateful for Governor Bush's leadership to beat back the anti-Israel divestment campaign," said Rabbi Cooper. The meeting took place at Governor Bush's Miami office and included community leader M. Ronald Krongold, Robert L. Novak, the Center's National Director for Development and Sandy Baranes, Director of the Center's Palm Beach County region.

nothing but hatred for them... I can understand how suicide bombers feel... I think attacks on civilians in fact boost morale," he said. Paulin has also declared that Israel has no right to exist, calling it an "historical obscenity."

Summers Draws the Line

Many Harvard students and professors alike protested the invitation and planned to boycott the 'reading,' with one faculty member stating, "We don't have to invite the Ku Klux Klan to tea either..." In wake of protests, the Harvard English Department finally cancelled the speaking engagement, but only two weeks later, voted to re-invite Paulin.

Harvard President Lawrence Summers, who said he was "horrified" by the invitation, publicly and succinctly characterized the anti-Israel campaign: "Where antisemitism and views that are profoundly anti-Israel have traditionally been the primary preserve of poorly educated right-wing populists, profoundly anti-Israel views are increasingly finding support in progressive intellectual communities," said Summers. "Seri-



Harvard University President Lawrence Summers (AP/Wide World Photo)

ous and thoughtful people are advocating and taking actions that are antisemitic in their effect if not in their intent."

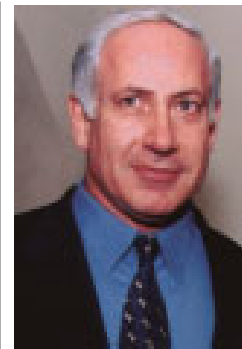
Another elite Ivy League school, Brown University, was treated to (im)moral tidbits from British philosopher Ted Honderich of University College London. Professor Honderich jus-

tified terrorist mass murder of innocent civilians, asserting that Palestinian suicide bombings can be "morally rationalized." "Palestinians have bad lives and little other recourse," he said. He also blames the West and Israel for the September 11 terror attacks, and in an interview during his highly successful Canadian tour, repeated his claim that suicide bombings are a proper response to Israel's "rape" of Palestine. Countered one Brown University graduate student, Bill Dilworth, "It is incomprehensible that a University professor would seek to rationalize murder and grotesque that Brown would bring him to campus."

Samuel G. Freedman, Associate Dean, Columbia University Graduate School Of Journalism said, "...There is no moral equivalency between the accidental death of civilians at the hands of an army and the deliberate death of civilians at the hands of terrorists... More than two years of insurrection and terror have won not a concession from Israel. Instead, they have ruined the Palestinian economy, flouted the first U.S. president to endorse Palestinian statehood, and undermined the prospective peacemakers on all sides. ... Let not American universities provide such madness with aid and comfort."

Concordia: Lunatics Running The Asylum

Nowhere in North America has the campaign of hate and vilification of Israel so infected a campus than Montreal's Concordia University, where the combination of a student union hijacked by extremists and lack of moral leadership by the university's administration has created a climate of intimidation and made a mockery of free speech. During the past few months, university police and RCMP stood by as anti-Israel rioters chanting "Death to the Jews," smashed windows and forced the cancellation of a speech by former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Jewish students were spat at, pennies were thrown at the feet of Jewish students and a Holocaust survivor was thrown to the ground and kicked in the stomach. Action



Benjamin Netanyahu

against the rioters by authorities was delayed by months and the university's moratorium on Middle East debate ended in chaos. The culminating ignominy was the revocation of Concordia Hillel's status and funding by the Concordia Students Union. Hillel is suing...

A delegation from the Wiesenthal Center led by Rabbi Abraham Cooper and Canadian Director of National Affairs, Leo Adler hand delivered a personal protest from Simon Wiesenthal to Frederick Lowy, Rector of Concordia. Mr. Wiesenthal demanded that the university formally invite Netanyahu to return to Concordia, adding that failure to do so will "embolden those who see violence as the only way to achieve results. To allow their violence and intimidation to succeed in silencing an important voice should be unacceptable to a University that promotes the values of freedom of speech and open exchange of ideas."

Mr. Adler, who experienced similar animus when he accompanied Alan Baker, the Israeli Foreign Ministry's top legal expert, for a lecture at Concordia last winter, had already launched a strong protest to the Board of Governors of Concordia deploring "the rampant chaos, racism, intolerance and antisemitism" that had

"The divestment campaign that needs to succeed is the campaign to divest Palestinian society of its self-destructive delusions."

– Samuel G. Freedman
Associate Dean, Columbia University Graduate School Of Journalism.

been observed on the campus. His plea to Chancellor Eric Molson to “do what ever it takes to break the stranglehold of hate that has gripped Concordia” fell on deaf ears. Sadly, just a week after the Netanyahu incident, a Jewish student was severely beaten by an Arab student as he attempted to take down a Palestinian poster, which he felt would incite more violence.



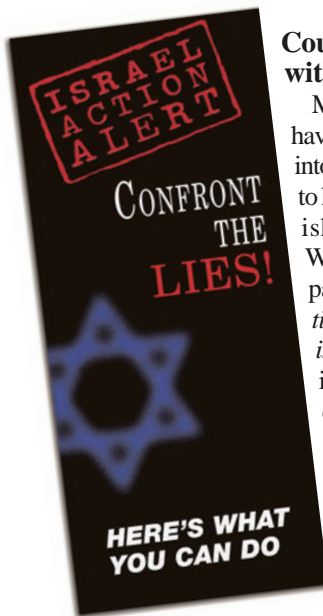
(AP/Wide World Photo)

September 11, 2002: Ashrawi Talks While Netanyahu is Silenced

Even as campus extremists barred Netanyahu in Montreal, Hanan Ashrawi, an original member of Arafat’s Palestinian Authority and apologist for terrorist groups, was invited to deliver the keynote address at a symposium on “September 11: One Year Later” at Colorado College in Colorado Springs (pictured above). Ashrawi asserts that Hamas is not a terrorist group, and that Israeli civilians living on the West Bank are “legitimate targets of Palestinian resistance” – that is, legitimate targets for murder. Over the objections of Colorado Governor Bill Owens and both of the state’s U.S. Senators, Ashrawi’s appearance at Colorado College went without a hitch.

Counter Attacking with the Truth

Many Jewish groups have been galvanized into action, reaching out to help embattled Jewish students. The Wiesenthal Center’s pamphlets, *Israel Action Alert: Confronting the Lies* are helping community and campus activists to better defend Israel in the court of public opinion. There are currently 2.5 million in circulation. Available at www.wiesenthal.com



U.S. ACADEMICS IN SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL – Arriving hours after a bus bombing, seventy American physicians took part in the Combined Jewish Philanthropies/Hadassah Medical Conference. Pictured is Dr. Warren J. Manning, a cardiologist at Beth-Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, who gave blood. “I wanted to leave part of myself in Jerusalem,” he said.

Could Boycott of Israeli Scientists Cost Lives?

While European anti-Israel academic activists continue their efforts to ‘punish’ the Jewish State, a leading British scientist voiced a cautionary note that highlights the phenomenal contribution to the sciences made by Israeli citizens.

Baroness Greenfield, neurobiologist and director of the Royal Institution, the oldest independent research body in the country, said that she was becoming increasingly “distressed” by the boycott. “If it continues it will harm people in every sphere, but in medical research lives are potentially at risk. What are they trying to achieve by doing this? It is a situation where everyone loses,” she said.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), which is part of the World Health Organization also said that it would become concerned if the shunning of work by Israeli academics continued.

tested the motion of the Pierre and Marie Curie University (Paris VI) calling on the European Union to abrogate the 2003 renewal of its academic cooperation agreement with Israel.

Enraged protests from the Wiesenthal Center and many others culminated in a January 6th protest of 3,000 people, including philosophers Bernard Henri-Lévy and Alain Finkielkraut, and CRIF President Roger Cukier. Mayor Bertrand Delanoë said the University’s call for boycott was “a shocking act and a tragic error.”

As we go to press Paris VI president and the umbrella board of the 17 Paris universities overruled the decision to boycott Israeli academic institutions, a move that many felt smacked of WWII policies of Vichy. A new statement read in part that “...all acts of terrorism must be condemned and European Union research programs should be expanded to all Israeli and Palestinian “universities...”

THREATS OF BOYCOTTS AND SANCTIONS

Responding to stepped-up efforts in the Arab world to reinforce the boycott of Israel, U.S. President George W. Bush is seeking stiffer penalties for U.S. companies that implement secondary boycotts against Israel under pressure from Arab states. The U.S. Commerce Department issued a statement reminding U.S. firms that they could face fines and possible jail terms if they support foreign boycotts against Israel.

Outside the U.S., the situation could not be more different. The Simon Wiesenthal Center learned that the Swiss furniture company Vitra signed a “certificate of negative origin” in conformity with the Arab boycott of Israel for a large shipment of goods to Bahrain. Dr. Shimon Samuels protested, urging an investigation. The Danish security company, Group4Falck, decided to withdraw security services for kindergartens and schools in the West Bank after a series of articles appeared in the newspaper *Politiken* on the company’s “aid to West Bank settlers.”

Meanwhile, the Center blasted Finland’s refusal to issue export licenses for high-tech gas detector kits to Israel, which are needed to save the lives of her citizens in the event of chemical attack from Saddam Hussein.

In Canada, after a visit to the West Bank and Gaza, members of the Centrale des Syndicats du Quebec – a major union representing teachers, healthcare and social service workers – denounced Israel as an “apartheid regime” and called for a boycott of Israeli products.



America’s war on terrorism and support for Israel has fueled an internet led campaign against American products including McDonald’s and Coca Cola.

BOYCOTT ISRAEL CAMPAIGN
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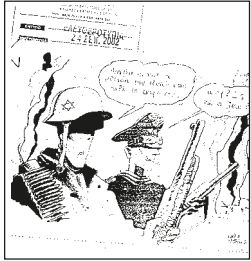
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GREECE

The Wiesenthal Center urged Greek authorities to close down the television station of the extremist Popular Orthodox Rally. The Party's leader, Giorgos Karadzaferis, has attacked the current Greek prime minister for ostensible "Jewish origins, as thus being unable to defend Greek interests." He also propagates the calumny that "the Jews were behind the 9/11 attacks." Some of his broadcasts include excerpts from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.



Leaders of Greece's 5,000-member Jewish community voiced concern over Karadzaferis' strong showing (13.6 percent of the vote) in the first round of the election for Governor of the Athens-Piraeus prefecture. When the ultranationalist Karadzaferis originally founded his party, he had declared, "We rely on true Greeks... Vote for a parliament without masons, without homosexuals, without those dependent on Zionism." His 210,000 votes represented the highest level of support for a far-right candidate in Greece in 20 years, and came in wake of a rise in antisemitism in some of Greece's mainstream media (see also Response, Summer 2002, p. 5).

GERMANY

More than a quarter of Germans surveyed in a recent poll said they believe Jewish influence is too great, 17 percent said they believe Hitler would be viewed as a great statesman if not for the Holocaust, and 53 percent overall either agreed or partially agreed with the statement, "More than others, Jews cheat and use tricks in their work in order to get what they want." Another poll conducted by the Institute Of Conflict Research at Bielefeld University revealed that 17% said Jews are partly responsible for antisemitism, and 52% said Jews take advantage of Germany's guilt over WWII.

These findings came on the heels of the worst



Members of the far-right NPD march in Berlin. (AP/Wide World Photo)



A demonstrator in an anti-war rally in Vienna carries a sign that reads "Anyone Who is Against Terrorism Must Also be Against Israel."

antisemitic attacks in Germany in years. Neo-Nazis firebombed the Belower Forest Museum and painted swastikas and "SS" on the memorial commemorating victims of the Nazi death march through Belower Woods, northwest of Berlin in eastern Germany. The fire destroyed the main exhibition describing the march of the spring of 1945 in which some 800 prisoners died. Just a few days later, in Grevesmuehlen, a Jewish memorial stone was painted over with Nazi symbols, and a Jewish cemetery was vandalized in the town of Buetzow in northeastern Germany. Gravestones were overturned and damaged with a hammer and spray painted with swastikas.

Meanwhile antisemitism continued to impact on German power politics. Deputy party leader Juergen Moellemann was forced to quit Germany's free democrats after FDP leaders blamed his repeated antisemitic remarks about Israel and German Jewish leader Michel Friedman – followed by a leaflet campaign reiterating those antisemitic remarks – for the party's poor performance in the September 2002 general elections.



Pictured at the opening are Dr. Efraim Zuroff and Croatian President Mesic.

CROATIA

In an historic development, the Wiesenthal Center's acclaimed international exhibition on the Holocaust, "The Courage to Remember," opened for the first time in post-Communist Eastern Europe, at the prestigious Mimara Museum in Zagreb, Croatia. Croatian President Stipe Mesic spoke to a standing-room only crowd. In his speech, the President stressed the importance of learning historic lessons from the Holocaust and the responsibility to fight against Holocaust denial. The exhibit, which has been shown in 17 countries on six continents, was coordinated in Croatia by the Civic Committee for Human Rights, headed by noted human rights activist Zoran Pusic, with financial support from the Heinrich Boell Foundation.

The Center's Israel Director, Dr. Efraim Zuroff, has developed a close relationship with President Mesic and was instrumental in arranging for the exhibit to be shown in Croatia. "With antisemitism once again raising its ugly head in Europe and with Islamic terror poised to attempt to destroy Western civilization, it is particularly important that we all heed and remember the lessons of the Holocaust so that freedom and democracy will be defended," said Dr. Zuroff.

RUSSIA



At the International Holocaust Forum in Moscow, from left are Dr. Shimon Samuels, who spoke at the conference, Yitzchak Arad, Director Emeritus of Yad Vashem, Mrs. Arad and Dr. Ilya Altman.

"The Jews were behind the 9/11 attacks and, for that reason, 4,000 Jews were warned not to go to work that morning at the World Trade Center."

– Giorgos Karadzaferis, Greek Popular Orthodox Rally Party



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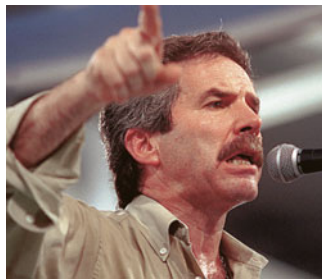
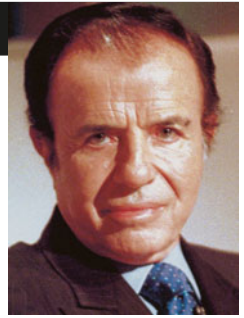
The Wiesenthal Center has placed advertisements in several newspapers in Lithuania offering a \$10,000 reward for evidence leading to prosecution and punishment of anyone who participated in crimes against humanity during the Holocaust. Many thousands of collaborators helped murder Jews in Lithuania, which had one of eastern Europe's largest and most culturally active Jewish communities before WWII. Over 90 percent of Lithuania's 220,000 Jews perished at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators. In announcing the ad campaign, Dr. Efraim Zuroff said the Center would be running similar ads in Latvia and Estonia. The effort is part of the Center's "Operation Last Chance" coordinated by the Wiesenthal Center and the Miami-based Targum Shlishi Foundation.



LATIN AMERICA

AMIA BOMBING – NO JUSTICE; NEW SMOKE SCREENS?

Some nine years after the bombing of the AMIA Jewish community center, the Argentine government has announced plans to issue indictments against members of Hizbollah in connection with the terror attack that killed 85 people in 1994. Intelligence sources have now said they have identified the suicide bomber. The announcement came just a few months after former President Carlos Menem (right) was accused of receiving a \$10 million bribe to cover up Iran's role in the bombing. Voicing skepticism, the Center's Latin American representative, Sergio Widder said, "We hope that this is not another smokescreen in the case instead of credible investigation." None of those currently on trial who were implicated in planning the attack have been brought to justice.



(Photos courtesy Pagina/12)

Grenade Found at JCC; Center Protests Desecration of Islamic Cemetery

The Center urged the Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires, Felipe Solá (left), to personally lead the investigation of the antisemitic attack against the Max Nordeau Jewish Community Center in the city of La Plata near Buenos Aires, where a grenade was found last November. The Center also urged Argentine authorities to investigate the desecration of 150 graves at the Islamic Cemetery of La Matanza, in the suburbs of Buenos Aires.

SLOVAKIA

The Wiesenthal Center urged Slovakian authorities to act against the antisemitic book, Why Are There Killings In Israel? – A Palestinian Memento, which uses Holocaust denial and Nazi-Stuerner type caricatures to demonize Jews. The Center's Director for International Liaison, Dr. Shimon Samuels wrote, "This volume violates key conventions of the European Union, a community to which Slovakia aspires to accede in 2004."



The desecration of Slovakia's largest Jewish cemetery stunned the eastern city of Kosice. Rabbi Jossi Steiner is pictured surveying the damage. (AP/Wide World Photo)

many or Europe. That's why he fried six million of those guys, you know. Jews would have owned the goddamned world. And look what they're doing. They're killing people in Arab countries." Ahenakew said he lived in Germany during the late 1950s, where he agreed with his German friends who blamed Jews for starting WWII. When asked how he could justify the Holocaust, he said: "How do you get rid of a disease like that, that's going to take over, that's going to dominate?"

Meanwhile, in the U.S., Governor James E. McGreevey demanded that New Jersey's poet laureate, Amiri Baraka, resign because a poem he read at a festival promoted the 'big lie' that Israel had advance knowledge of the 9/11 attacks. The unrepentant Baraka said, "Obviously they knew about it, like Bush knew about it." Baraka was named laureate by a committee that maintained, "His strengths outweighed some past reputation for being slightly outrageous..."

ISRAEL



Wiesenthal Center delegation recently visited Israel in conjunction with the unveiling of plans for the new Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem. They were briefed by top Israeli leadership, including former Prime Ministers Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak (above), President Moshe Katsav, and Israel's Minister for Internal Security and domestic terrorism expert, Uzi Landau (right). Landau has traveled to Washington to consult with officials of the Office of Homeland Security.



CANADA

CANADIAN INDIAN LEADER: HITLER WAS RIGHT WHEN HE "FRIED" SIX MILLION JEWS

The Center's Director of National Affairs, Leo Adler, urged Canada's Chief Justice to strip Indian leader, David Ahenakew of the coveted Order of Canada after he said that Hitler was trying to clean up the world during the war, and that is why he "fried six million" Jews. "That's how Hitler came in," he asserted. "He was going to make damn sure that the Jews didn't take over Ger-

NEW YORK



Pictured left to right, Doug Morris, Dinner Chairman and CEO, Universal Music Group; Bono; Rabbi Marvin Hier and Ira Lipman, Dinner Co-Chairman, SWC Trustee, and President and Chairman of the Board, Guardsmark.

The Center honored Bono, lead singer of the Irish rock band U2, with its Humanitarian Laureate Award at its Annual Dinner in New York.

“Bono’s keen sense of social justice and his tireless efforts on behalf of the underprivileged and disenfranchised of the world mirror the efforts of the Wiesenthal Center,” said Rhonda Barad, Eastern Director. Since 1998, Bono has been an active supporter of the Jubilee 2000 Drop the Debt campaign, and has met with the world’s most powerful leaders and politicians to discuss the issues of poverty and AIDS in Africa.



Clark University Holocaust Professor, Deborah Dwork, lectured for the Wiesenthal Center at the Harmonie Club in New York.

LOS ANGELES



Rabbi Abraham Cooper was among the community leaders present at the dedication of a bronze statue of Chiune Sugihara, the late Japanese diplomat who rescued thousands of Jews during the Holocaust by issuing them exit visas from his post in Lithuania. “I could disobey the government, but I could not disobey God,” Sugihara recalled. “Sugihara was a great hero for the ages,” said Rabbi Cooper. The statue was made possible by community leaders Shaoul J. Levy and Neman Brothers, Neman Foundation.

CANADA



Edward Greenspan, Q.C. discussed issues concerning the International Criminal Court at the home of Sandra and Lionel Waldman. From left to right are, Lionel and Sandra Waldman, Avi Benlolo, Canadian Director, Edward Greenspan, Q.C., Elana Waldman, Leo Adler, Director of National Affairs and Mark Waldman.

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FLORIDA

The Annual South Palm Beach County Tribute Dinner honors Jane and Alan Cornell and Ann and Dr. Charles Kelman on February 9. The keynote speaker is retired General Wesley Clark, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Europe who retired as one of the nation’s most highly decorated military officers since Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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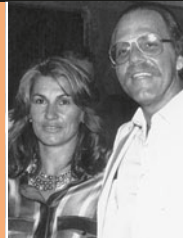


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Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and The Children Of Terezin: An Exhibition Of Art And Hope

The MOT inaugurated its new temporary exhibit space with the highly anticipated showing of “Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and the Children of Terezin: Vienna 1898 - Auschwitz 1944 - An Exhibition of Art and Hope.” Organized by the Wiesenthal Center, co-sponsored by the government of Austria, and presented by Westfield Shopping Towns, the internationally acclaimed exhibit will run through September 1, 2003 in the MOT’s Sohacheski Exhibition Gallery.

Born in 1898, Friedl Dicker-Brandeis was one of the most versatile and dedicated graduates of the Bauhaus School. In 1942, she was deported to Terezin where she transformed her art instruction into art therapy for the children, helping them to cope with the horrors that they had to face on a daily basis. In 1944, she was deported to Auschwitz where she died along with some 15,000 children from Terezin. Bauhaus founder and famed architect Walter Gropius said that had she lived, Friedl Dicker-Brandeis would have been the most important female artist of the twentieth century.

Since opening in Vienna, Austria in 1999, the exhibition has traveled throughout Europe and the Far East. Project Director Regina Seidman reports that over 60 paintings by the children of Terezin, as well as some 165 works by Friedl are on display, including many on loan from private collectors and institutions from around the world. The MOT has also made available student and teacher guides and after school programs. The new book, *Art as Therapy with Children*, by Dr. Edith Kramer, artist, art therapist and Friedl’s devoted student, is also available at the MOT.

The MOT is proud to present its new Teachers’ Guide, which includes a description of the Museum tour, lesson plans that are aligned to California State Academic standards, vocabulary and concepts, extensive resource materials and general information. The Teachers’ Guide was made possible by grants from the California Community Foundation (see photo) and Bank of America, whose generosity has also enabled the MOT to launch a companion Teachers’ Guide website which will offer extensive expanded resources.



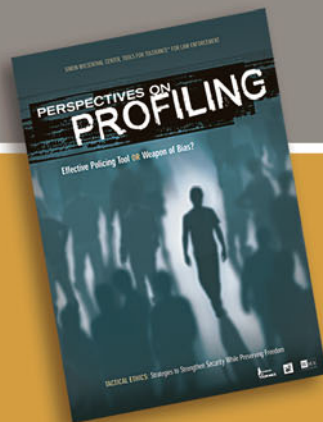
Pictured, left to right, Rabbi Meyer H. May, Wiesenthal Center Executive Director; Liebe Geft, MOT Director; Nathalie Guttman, Director, Corporate and Foundation Giving, and Pamela Rubin, Program Officer, California Community Foundation.



The MOT was honored to welcome Her Excellency Dagmar Havlova, the First Lady of the Czech Republic, to the MOT. Left to right, MOT Associate Director Elana Samuels and Director Liebe Geft, First Lady Havlova, and Czech Consul General Margita Fuchsova.



MOT Director, Liebe Geft, visited with children at an earlier showing of the exhibition in Sapporo, Japan.



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The Museum participated in a World Music Day honoring Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by terrorists in Pakistan because he was a Jew. Pearl’s grandfather, a Chassidic Jew, was a Zionist pioneer in Israel.



Author Deborah Wiles (left) and illustrator Jerome Lagarrigue (pictured with Library and Archives Director Adaire Klein) received the 7th annual Once Upon A World Children’s Book Award for their book, *Freedom Summer*. Endowed in perpetuity by Sonia Levitin and her family, the award is presented by the Library and Archives in recognition of works that foster tolerance, diversity, human understanding and social justice in children’s literature. For information go to www.wiesenthal.com/library.

