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Palestínian Defense Forces Shoot Down Cívilian El Al Jet Flying Low Over Palestínian Terrítory - All 461 Passengers and Crew are Dead

A Palestinian Government spokesman announced that the military was given authority to shoot down the plane because it was believed that the Zionist entity wanted to duplicate the Zionist terrorist attack on the NY World Trade Center on the tenth anniversary of the attack. Palestinians rejoiced that the possibility of mass casualties in the Palestinian population was quickly averted.

A spokesman for Air Traffic Control at Ben-Gurion Airport said that they received a communication from the pilot shortly before the attack requesting emergency landing privileges because of low



fuel. Because of air traffic, the pilot had to modify his landing pattern and strayed over Palestinian territory. However, this story could not be confirmed because the cockpit black box has not been found yet.

Jewish New Year Services at Western Wall are Canceled

Local Residents Objected to Excessive Noise

Jewish New Year Services scheduled for next week at the Western Wall were abruptly canceled by the Palestinian Government. Complaints from local Arabs were cited as the primary reason.

According to the agreement which established the independent Palestinian State in November, 2008, Jews were given access to the Western Wall on Saturday and Jewish holidays from 8 am to 12 pm. On the Jewish New Year, this was extended to 3 pm because of the longer services. However, last year there were widespread complaints from the local Arabs that the noise from blowing the Ram's Horn disturbed their lunch and and afternoon naps. Consequently, the services, were canceled for this year.

Though the Western Wall is a revered Muslim Holy site, the agreement of November 2008, allowed Jews limited access to hold services. However, the behavior of Jewish worshippers over the last few years have forced the Palestinian Government to curtail these privileges.



The Israeli-Palestinian Coordinating Committee has agreed to discuss the issue at it's next meeting in October. The September meeting has already been held.

The Palestinian Government has graciously offered an alternative site for holding the services.

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Among the dead were 46 entire families from America who were immigrating to Israel with the Nefesh B'Nefesh organization. Also found among the dead were 79 college students traveling with the Birthright program.. Names of the dead have not been released pending notification of next of kin.

The Palestinian Government spokesman said that he regrets the loss of civilian life but the action was necessary to prevent the possibility of Palestinian casualties. He promised that in the future, there will be better communication with Ben-Gurion *continued on page 3*

Excavations at Shiloh Yield Antiquities Believed to be From Tabernacle Period

Israeli archaeologists are denied access to site

Construction workers laying fiber optics cable in the city of Shiloh have uncovered ceramics believed to be over 3000 years old.

Preliminary investigation by the Palestinian Archaeological Society estimated the artifacts to be from the 12th Century BCE, roughly the period of the Tabernacle in Shiloh.

Israeli archaeologists from Hebrew University immediately requested permission to examine the site but were denied access. The Israelis were informed that they would first have to follow the standard application procedures. They must first submit their credentials to the Archaeological Society. Upon approval, they will then be examined by the Interior Ministry to ensure that they are not Zionist spies. Because of the shortage of staff, the process is expected to take three to six months. In the meantime, Muslim and Christian scholars will be examining the site.

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