

### PROMISLOW, Mordchai (Morry) Wolfe

After a hard fight, Morry, died Thursday March 29, 2001. His love of life and brave spirit during this struggle were inspiring to all who knew him.



Morry was born February 18, 1937, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and lived most of his life in Edmonton. He established many friendships through his business, Central Dry Goods Promislow Ltd., and through his volunteer work with the Kidney Foundation, Friends of the University of Alberta, and the Alberta Hospital Foundation. His father to his daughters and the memory of his love will always be kept by them.

Morry is survived by his wife, Josie; his two daughters, Miri and Janna; his mother, Jennie (Phanold) Katzin of Toronto; his brother, Jennifer (Avri) of Jerusalem, Israel; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. His family is grateful for the care and kindness Morry received at the University of Alberta Hospital Intensive Care and Nephrology units. The funeral will take place on Sunday, April 1 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewish cemetery, 7622-101 Avenue. Memorial donations can be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, the University of Alberta Hospital Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

### Friend of Rabin assassin convicted

RAMLE, ISRAEL / Surrounded by supporters and her weeping parents, a woman convicted of failing to prevent the assassination of former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin began a nine-month jail sentence Wednesday.

Margalit Har-Shefi, 25, a friend of Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, repeated her claim of innocence as she entered a prison for women in central Israel. Har-Shefi said she thought Amir, an ultranationalist, was only boasting and would not actually kill Rabin. But the Supreme Court ruled in a recent appeal that she knew about Amir's two previous, abortive attempts to assassinate the prime minister, and knew he was going to try again.

### Hundreds of Germans flock to Nazi banner

BERLIN / German Nazis are increasing by a factor of 100 in the last year from 9,000 the year before, he said. The numbers are estimates

of new members last year, Germany's interior minister said Thursday. "We have to take especially seriously the growing violence of young offenders," Interior Minister Otto Schily said in presenting the annual report of the federal agency that tracks extremists. The number of far-right extremists ready to use violence grew to 9,700 last year from 9,000 the year before, he said. The numbers are estimates

# Arab leaders stand behind Palestinians

## Israel 'more racist than Nazis' says Syrian leader

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AMMAN, JORDAN

Arab leaders Tuesday solidified their support for the bloody Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, even as two bombs tore through crowded Jerusalem streets and prompted angry calls in Israel for a harsher crackdown on the Palestinian territories.

It was a day on which both sides of the Arab-Israeli conflict seemed to be reverting to enemies hardened over 52 years and steadily mounting tensions in the Middle East.

The gathering of kings, prime ministers, sheiks, and presidents of the 22 Arab states was the first scheduled Arab summit since the 1990-1991 Persian Gulf War, when Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and Arab participation in the American-led coalition that thwarted it, left the Arab world deeply divided.

The two-day meeting, set to conclude today, is focused on trying to build a new consensus among the often fractious states and on healing the bitter divisions that remain between Iraq and the U.S. Gulf War allies of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

In a hall lined with the flags of the 22 nations, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt kicked off the summit by saying, "We are convinced it is time to start active and effective action to achieve reconciliation ... to avert fierce disputes inside the Arab family." The leaders stressed their clear

money. The intensity of the anti-Israeli rhetoric they used had not been heard since the regional peace process began nearly 10 years ago, a process many fear may be irreparably damaged.

Perhaps the most unbridled vitriol came from the newly installed Syrian president, Bashar Assad, who said Israeli society was "more racist than the Nazis." Assad, whose country has had rocky relations with Arafat, voiced strong support for the Palestinians.

King Abdullah II, host of the summit, converted the meeting by asking the leaders to stand for a moment of prayer for "the Palestinian martyrs."

At least 350 Palestinians, 67 Israelis, and 13 Israeli-Arabs have been killed in the violence.

Behind closed doors, Palestinian leaders pleaded for Arab nations to fulfil the promise of \$1 billion in aid pledged at an emergency summit in October in Cairo.

Israel-imposed closures in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which at times amount to a complete siege, have caused severe hardship and crippled the economy.

In perhaps his toughest language against Israel's actions in the current cycle of violence, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan told the summit that Israel's policy amounted to "collective punishment" that has fed Palestinian anger and despair.

Annan urged an early return to peace talks, adding "the world has every right to criticize Israel" for occupying Arab land in violation of UN Security Council resolutions and for its "excessively harsh response" to the uprising. But he told the Arab leaders the world would

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