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Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Allon To Address Mass Sabbath Meeting April 23

Extra

Campaign Chairmen Henry Brezer and Dr. Harold Fayerman have received word from Jerusalem that Yigal Allon, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel will visit Edmonton on Friday, April 23 for a mass public meeting on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal Survival Fund.

Mr. Allon will address a mass Sabbath Meeting at the Beth Shalom Synagogue on Friday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m. which will be open to the entire Jewish community.

The critical importance of this year's United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal Survival Fund is underscored by the visit of Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon who will be making a whirlwind visit to a few selected Canadian communities next week.

In making the announcement of Mr. Allon's visit Campaign Chairmen Henry Brezer and Dr. Harold Fayerman issued the following statement.

"Never before in Israel's history, including those six days in June 1967, have Israel's needs been as great. Faced with a growing economic burden, increasing numbers of immigrants from Eastern Europe and a massive buildup of Soviet arms in the Middle East, only such a grim situation could bring the Deputy Prime Minister of Israel to visit Canadian Jewish communities and brief us on the current Middle East situation.

"Thus far, those who have already contributed to this year's vital campaign, have already recognized the needs and the dangers. This has been reflected in the kinds of gifts and increases that have been received to date."

The entire community is urged to attend on April 23, to hear our distinguished visitor, to respond generously, to give more than ever before.

YIGAL ALLON
Deputy Prime Minister
of Israel

to respond generously, to give more than ever before. In view of the large expected turnout, seating will be on a first come, first seated basis and the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Yigal Allon — General and Statesman

Aluf (Major General) Yigal Allacomes from an old family of early pioneers in Israel. He was educated at the Kaduri Agricultural College, Mount Tabor, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and St. Antony's College, Oxford.

In 1941 he helped found the Palmach, the striking force of the Haganah and, as commander of its first company, which operated behind enemy lines, he took part in the liberation of Vichy-held Syria and Lebanon. In 1945, as commander of the Palmach, he led operation of the Haganah "Illegal" immigrant landings and settlements and other activities against the Mandatory regime between 1945 and 1948.

During Israel's War of Independence, he commanded the major campaigns, including the Southern Front, the campaign which ended in the defeat and expulsion of the Egyptian Army. During the Six Day War of 1967, he was a member of the military advisory committee to the Prime Minister which formulated the strategic and political policies of the war.

Mr. Allon has been a member of the Knesset, the Israel Parliament, since 1954; Minister of Labor in the Israeli government from 1961 until June 1968, and was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Immigrant Absorption in July 1968. He is a member of both cabinet committee on defence and economic affairs. Since November, 1970, he has been Minister of Education and Culture as well as Deputy Prime Minister.

He has travelled extensively on lecture tours and political missions in the Middle East, Africa, India, Australia the Far East the United States and the Soviet Union.

His publications include four books: Curtain of Sand: Arabs and Israelis Between War and Peace; The Palmach Story; The Making of Israel's Army (in English); and Shield of David (in English), He is also known for his articles and reviews on military, political and economic topics.

Mr. Allon is married, with two children.