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Violence Erupts in Gaza

News Briefs:

- 100,000 march in the Salute to Israel Parade in NYC on May 6th.
- PM Olmert confirms he is willing to negotiate a peace plan between Israel and the Arab world.
- King Herod's tomb is found near Jerusalem. King Herod, appointed by the Romans, reigned over Judea in the 1st Century BCE.
- Olmert urges Attorney General Menachem Mazuz to open a criminal investigation of State Comptroller Micha Lindenstrauss.
- The Shekel-Dollar conversion rate falls below NIS 4 to US\$1

- Starting Monday, May 14, violence between Fatah and Hamas, the two largest political parties in the Palestinian Authority (PA), escalates. This is in violation of the Mecca Agreement, brokered by Saudi Arabia, which arranged a cease fire in the beginning of 2007.
- The Interior Ministry building, the headquarters of PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and the home of Fatah Security Chief Rashid Abu Shbak have all been attacked by Hamas gunmen.
- Hamas also fired dozens Qas-

sam rockets into the southern Negev, injuring 31 and damaging structures in the town of Sderot. The Israeli Air Force targeted the gunmen, firing rockets at the Hamas operations centers in Gaza.



Rescue workers evacuate a woman, injured by a rocket in the southern town of Sderot Tuesday May 15, 2007

Source: Washington Post

A United Jerusalem Celebrates 40 Years

- Wednesday, May 16, 2007 marks the fortieth anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification.
- During the Six Day War, in June 1967, Israeli paratroopers and infantry successfully defeated the Jordanian occupiers of East Jerusalem, plac-

ing the entire city in Israeli hands.

- Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) is celebrated with parades, concerts and other events. The celebration will continue for the rest of the year.

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