



Cops yell at members of Neturei Karta to get back after scuffle broke out between sect and protesters yesterday in front of group's headquarters in Rockland County. Neturei Karta's rabbi provoked anger by embracing Iran's president at Holocaust denial meeting. Photo by Robert Sabo/Daily News

# Jews rally vs. Jews

## Hundreds protest against sect of Holocaust deniers

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SEVERAL HUNDRED Jewish demonstrators taunted members of a small Hasidic sect yesterday for attending a recent Holocaust denial conference in Iran.

"Nazi traitors! Go back to Iran! You are killing Jews!" the protesters yelled at members of Neturei Karta in the Rockland County community of Monsey.

About a dozen cops stood between the two groups and generally kept them from approaching one another. There were a few hand-to-hand skirmishes but no arrests, police said.

The protestors, mostly members of the Jewish Defense Or-

ganization, brandished bullhorns and waved signs, as did members of Neturei Karta.

"Your children should get cancer and die!" one demonstrator screamed across yellow police tape to members of the sect.

Neturei Karta's Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss outraged Jews worldwide by embracing Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has called for Israel's destruction, at the conference. Ahmadinejad has also called the Holocaust "a myth."

About 250 people, many bused up from New York City, crowded in front of the dilapidated Neturei Karta headquarters. Some waved Israeli flags as they sang the Israeli national anthem.

"We would like to talk to people and explain that all we want is peace," Weiss said.

Weiss believes that the Zionist State of Israel is to blame for much Middle East bloodshed.

But enraged protesters had no time for dialogue.

"Go Back to Iran! Nuclear Karta!"

Surrounded by about 50 Hasidim, Weiss countered with the chant: "Judaism — peace. Zionism — bloodshed!"

Monsey resident Zev Nudel, who came to observe the protest, sided with the demonstrators.

"It's as if an American went to a conference that said 911 didn't happen," he said. "That's how we feel about these guys."



Dovid Weiss

# Skip embryo cells & stem debate, say docs

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SCIENTISTS HAVE HIT on an alternate and less-contentious source of stem cells that could one day treat deadly diseases — the fluid that protects a developing fetus in the womb.

The discovery, published yesterday in the journal *Nature Biotechnology*, offers a technique for studying the cells that's less controversial than taking them directly from human

liver tissues, said study author Dr. Anthony Atala.

"The ability to have a large source of these cells for both research and eventually, potential therapy, is greater" than the current supply, said Atala, director of the Institute for Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest University.

Scientists believe that embryonic stem cells could one day provide "replacement cells" for those lost because of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, as well as chronic

and President Bush has tightly restricted the supply of the cells.

But Atala and doctors from Harvard Medical School got around that. They harvested amniotic stem cells from fluid taken during amniocentesis, a common test given to pregnant women to screen for genetic disorders.

"It's very exciting. These cells are safe and relatively easy to obtain," said Dr. Asa Abelovich, a stem-cell researcher at Columbia University who was not part of the study.

But he noted that embryonic cells are easi-