

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

**NEW YORK (LNS)** - For the twenty first consecutive year, Merkos L'Inyonel Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitcher movement, will send more than 100 Lubavitcher students to visit hundreds of Jewish communities throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

**NEW YORK CITY** -- Fifty American youngsters between the ages of fifteen and seventeen left for Israel to take a year of high school study in Israel as members of the America-Israel Secondary School Program of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Twenty-eight of them are enrolled for second year high school studies, and twenty-two for third year studies. An additional twenty-five will leave for Israel late in August to take their senior year at an Israel school.

**NEW YORK** -- Seventeen new Jewish military chaplains have entered the U. S. Armed Forces in time to plan Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) services which they will conduct for Jewish military personnel, it was announced by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy and spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N. Y. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown, September 12, and continues through sundown Sept. 14.

**BELGRADE (WNS)** -- The 26th anniversary of the deportation of Jews from the Hungarian-occupied regions of Yugoslavia during World War II was marked by memorial services in the synagogues at Subotica.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** -- Premier Golda Meir angrily stalked out of a rally of members of the Rafi faction of the Israel Labor Party after one delegate accused her of bias against Rafi followers. The rally was attended by several thousand supporters of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. Mrs. Meir appeared at her own request to appeal for Labor Party unity and urged the Rafi members not to break away from its ranks.

**LOS ANGELES (WNS)** -- A 10-year campaign of "moral persuasion" by the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, has resulted in three Los Angeles social clubs dropping their policy of excluding Jews from membership. The clubs are the Stock Exchange Club, the University Club and the Chancery Club.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The United Jewish Appeal plans to run a record 14 fact-finding missions to Israel between November 1969 and February, 1970.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Israel has signed an agreement with the Arabian-American Oil Co. to allow repairs on a section of the Trans-Arabian Pipeline sabotaged by Arab terrorists on the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights last month.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The American Jewish Committee has reported that Arab propaganda efforts in the United States, especially since the Six-Day War has become more professional and is making "substantial headway" particularly among some Protestant church leaders.

**MOSCOW (WNS)** -- Joseph J. Sisco, United States Assistant Secretary of State of Near Eastern Affairs has arrived in Moscow for what the State Department described as a "brief round" in the U. S.-Soviet dialogue on the Middle East.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Jewish Groups and non-Jewish volunteers are holding a two-week vigil outside the Soviet Embassy to demand freedom for Boris Kochubiyevsky, a Russian-Jewish engineer imprisoned last May for demanding the right to emigrate to Israel.

**GENEVA (WNS)** -- A conference of non-governmental organizations affiliated with the United Nations has protested the Economic and Social Council's handling of Soviet and Arab attacks against B'nai B'rith when the Jewish organization's status was reviewed by the U.N. body. The Soviet Union and a number of Arab states have demanded that the accreditation of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations which represents B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Board of Deputies in Britain and the Jewish Board of Deputies in South Africa, be cancelled. A decision by the Council is expected in January.

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**SYRIA MASSES 9 BRIGADES**

**LONDON (WNS)** -- Arab diplomatic sources here reported that Syria has massed large numbers of troops along the cease-fire line with Israel and has given guerrilla groups a free hand to strike at Israel from Syrian territory.

The sources claimed that a majority of Syria's nine

brigades have been moved to the 40-mile cease-fire line in the Golan Heights. The Syrian Army numbers about 40,000 men but there is a so-called peoples' army of about 300,000. On June 26, Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said Syria had increased its forces "three-fold" along the cease-fire line.

**WAR NEWS**

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** ---- While Jordanian Army regulars, guerrillas and Iraqi troops stationed in Jordan continue to attack Israel almost daily, the authorities in Amman are making use of Israel's "open bridges" policy which permits the free communication by civilians between Jordan and the Israeli-held West Bank. The life of at least one Arab child was saved by the open bridges.

A six-year old boy from Zarka township in Jordan, left Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem completely recovered from open heart surgery. The youngster and his mother crossed into Israel more than three weeks ago for medical treatment. The mother stayed with her child in the hospital for the entire period of surgery and post-surgical treatment.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** -- Israel and Egypt gave conflicting accounts of fighting along the Suez Canal and in the waters south of it. An Israeli spokesman said a helicopter braved Egyptian fire to rescue an injured soldier from an Israel Navy patrol boat that had come under fire from Egyptian shore batteries in the Gulf of Suez. The Israelis said the patrol craft then resumed its mission.

But according to Cairo, the rescue helicopter was shot down and one patrol boat was destroyed by Egyptian gunners who damaged another.

Israeli reports confirmed that a second Egyptian commando force landed on the east bank of the Suez Canal after an earlier force was driven off leaving

nine Egyptian dead behind. Cairo, which claimed that its raid on an Israeli position opposite Ismailia left 30 Israeli dead, reported that a second "patrol" had crossed the waterway during the height of the battle and destroyed an Israeli rocket-launching site. The patrol was said to have suffered four casualties. Earlier Egypt admitted losing five men, killed or wounded, in the main commando assault. The overall figure coincided with Israel's claim that nine Egyptians were killed.

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded when a patrol was attacked with bazooka and small arms fire near Umm Sadra pass in the Jordan Valley.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** --- Seven Syrian Migs were shot down in a 30-minute air battle over the Golan Heights, an Israeli military spokesman said. No Israeli losses were reported. The air clash brought to 38 the number of Arab planes shot down since 1967. Syrians admitted the loss of three and said Israel lost four in the battle.

Israeli Jet fighters shot down two Egyptian MIG-21 jets in a new battle over the Sharm el Sheikh strongpoint at the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba.

**POLISH TORAH SENT TO ISRAEL**



**ABE WEISSMAN DISCUSSES ANCIENT TORAH WITH HARRIET CARLSON, SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES PASSENGER SERVICE SUPERVISOR.**

An ancient Torah rescued from the ashes of war torn Poland has reached its final resting place in Israel thanks to the efforts of a Toronto businessman, Abe Weissman.

The manuscript scroll of the Five Books of Moses was carried to Israel by Mr. Weissman, president of the Tzosmerer Friendly Society, composed of former Jewish residents of Sandomierz and its vicinity in southern Poland and their descendants who now live in the United States and Canada.

Rescued from the destruction of the Jewish community of Sandomierz early in World War II, the Torah is

the only surviving one of approximately 100 such scrolls in the synagogues of the town. It is still stained by the blood of a man who died attempting to save it.

Mr. Weissman lodged the scroll in the synagogue chapel of a home in Israel which has been endowed by the Tzosmerer Society.

As the most venerated object of Judaism, the Torah bears a crown, in this case a contemporary Israeli work.

Mr. Weissman carried the Torah with him during his entire journey with Scandinavian Airlines from New York to Copenhagen and on to Israel.

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