

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- President Shazar has accepted the first scroll containing the Zionist Council's official resolution declaring 1970 as the Keren Hayesod Jubilee Year. Copies of the Scroll are to be sent to Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal Committees in 54 countries as a prelude to their marking the Anniversary with appropriate events. The Israeli Government will issue a special stamp and a commemorative coin to be followed by various public events including a major "Exhibition of Achievements" at the Tel-Aviv International Fair next summer.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- A union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) regional committee for the blind has begun to develop a long-range program to involve blind Jews in community activities, especially religious participation within existing synagogues.

NEW YORK -- Philip E. Hoffman, President of the American Jewish Committee, expressed the hope that "Israel's neighbors may come to share the profound desire of Israel's people for peace" in a message marking the beginning of the Jewish New Year, 5730, which starts Friday evening, September 12. (Full text in Greeting Edition.)

NEW YORK -- The National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy has been officially advised by the Selective Service Commission that all draft boards have been asked to give "favorable consideration, whenever possible" to requests from Jewish registrants for postponement of their physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces during the coming Jewish High Holy Days.

NEW YORK -- Sixty-three young men and women planning careers in Jewish communal service as professional staff members of Jewish Community Centers and YM & YWHAs have registered as graduate students in schools of social work of major universities under 70 scholarship and fellowship grants valued at \$152,210, it is announced by Louis Stern, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB).

NEW YORK -- "In September the schools will reopen and the fourth year of the war will begin." With this terse, bald statement Janina David opens **A TOUCH OF EARTH: A Wartime Childhood** which will be published on September 23, 1969 (An Orion Press Book - \$4.95). The words are spoken by a frightened child, separated from her parents and hiding in the apartment of Christian friends after the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto.

NEW YORK -- Former President Lyndon B. Johnson will be the recipient of the 1969 "America-Israel Friendship Award." It was announced by Mrs. Aaron Lefler, of Brooklyn, N.Y., national president of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

COPENHAGEN (WNS) -- A Troup of Arab and Jewish dancers from Jerusalem is touring Denmark under the auspices of the People-to-People program.

BONN (WNS) -- Israel will participate in West German's seventh international trade fair on the Berlin fair grounds Sept. 19-28.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Army Continental Command has authorized local commanders to grant early release to Jewish Army reservists on active duty next month to enable the soldiers to be home for the Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year) holiday. The last summer group of 1969 will be on duty through Sept. 13, the first day of Rosh Hashana, Jewish personnel will be released a day earlier.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish community is continuing a campaign of applying public pressure on the Soviet Government in an attempt to improve the condition of Russian Jews. Mayor John V. Lindsay called for establishment of an international committee to secure the release of Soviet Jews and told an audience at the rally for Soviet Jewry to continue "to petition the Soviet Government to let its people go - to emigrate to Israel if they wish."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Eight thousand West Bank students from Government and private schools and institutions run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency took high schools entrance examinations and 5,800-75 percent -- passed them, the military governor of the Judea and Samaria districts reported.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A decision by the Israeli Labor Party's central Committee to support only the party's lists in the October general election was viewed by political observers as a sign that the rift with the Rafi faction has not been breached and members of the latter group could defeat from ILP ranks.

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