

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL: Mrs. Morris L. Schaver of Detroit Michigan was reelected president of the International Committee for the Zimriya. The seventh Zimriya, World Assembly of Choruses will open in Israel on July 12, 1970.

NEW YORK -- The appointment of Zvi Assael as director of the Torah Education and Culture Department of the Jewish Agency-American Section was announced by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Torah Education and Culture Department.

NEW YORK: - The American Jewish Congress called on Catholic authorities in Germany to reverse a decision by officials of the 1970 Oberammergau Passion Play rejecting an alternative to the pageant's "notoriously anti-Semitic text."

BOSTON, MASS. -- Declaring that "even the great courage of the people of Israel is insufficient to guarantee its survival," Louis A. Pincus, of Jerusalem, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, told the delegates attending the 38th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at the Sheraton Boston Hotel that the country's hope for peace and survival is dependent upon three interlinking factors: 1. - political and military; 2.-economic and financial; 3.-social and human.

NEW YORK: - "Voluntary" school prayers have been prohibited in Massachusetts under an opinion by State Attorney General Robert H. Quinn that won praise from the American Jewish Congress.

NEW YORK: -- Distinctive woolen and worsted fabrics made in Israel will soon be seen in American stores in women's high-fashion coats and suits. The designs are the creation of a young Israeli, Levita Tadmor, who is now the head of Levita Ltd., a textile manufacturing plant in Tel Aviv.

BOSTON (WNS) -- The belief of a growing number of American Jews that the community's finances should be directed to Jewish needs such as education rather than nationally-supported efforts such as hospitals was presented to communal leaders at a meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Jewish National Fund of America plans to plant an 80,000 tree forest near Jerusalem to honor Israeli President Zalman Shazar on his 80th birthday.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Yivo Institute for Jewish Research has named its new Center for Advanced Jewish Research after the late Max Weinreich, a Yivo founder and head of its research activities for many years.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Soviet officials were extremely annoyed by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's fire-eating speech which indicated that the Arab leader had foreclosed all options short of war as the way to settle the Mideast crisis, political analysts in Jerusalem said.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- An Arab summit conference has been scheduled by 13 of the 14 members of the Arab League for Dec. 20 in Rabat, Morocco, to plan additional efforts -- particularly military ones -- against Israel.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The State Department, reacting to continued "misapprehension" of United States policy in the Mideast, has issued a statement noting Washington's strong opposition to the "involvement by private Americans" in the armed forces of other nations and declared such service was "contrary to the foreign policy interests of the U. S." One spokesman said that American Jews were doing a disservice to their country by bearing arms for Israel because they offended the Arabs.

NEW YORK: - William Wasserman & Associates, a banking and financial concern in New York City, has joined with Efron Zwi, an Israeli industrialist, in the construction of a new 136 room hotel in Eilat on the shore of the Red Sea in Israel. The total investment, including land costs, will amount to \$1,600,000.

NEW YORK: - Galel Zohar Hotel ("Bright Waves" in English) opened for tourists at Ein Bokek, near the mineral springs of the Dead Sea. The new hotel offers more than 100 air-conditioned double rooms, along with dining and recreation facilities.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will mark the 75th anniversary of the Jewish Federation movement in America at its 38th General Assembly to be held in Boston Nov. 12-17.

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