

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) - Orthodox rabbis receive a "shockingly low" salary with men who have served in the pulpit for many years often receiving wages hardly more than the \$10,000 that neophytes receive, a study by the Community Service Division of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary revealed. The study of graduates of RIETS, an affiliate of Yeshiva University, noted that rabbinic graduates are often preparing for advanced degrees as a means to gain economic security, and suggested that such efforts often has drained the spiritual manpower of the young rabbis. Congregations were urged to examine their pay scales, extend life tenure to rabbis serving for a long time and grant sabbatical leave for study in Israel after seven years of service.

NEW YORK (WNS) - British Overseas Airways Corp. has apologized to Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, chairman of the International Synagogue, for removing his pre-arranged kosher meal from a Ceylon to Singapore flight last month. The airline said removal of the food from a plane which stopped in Cairo was due to a "purely" mixup and asserted there was no policy restricting meals to avoid an incident with Egypt. Rabbi Mowshowitz had said such a policy statement was shown to him by BOAC personnel when they told him the kosher meal was not on the jet.

SAN FRANCISCO (WNS) - Six leaders of Bay Area Jewish groups failed to engage the captain of a Russian merchant ship in a discussion of the problems of Soviet Jewry and left the vessel after the skipper became incensed over their efforts. A group picketed the ship with signs noting "Russia Is a Prison for Jews," and "Let Them Live as Jews or Leave as Jews."

DETROIT (WNS) - Dr. Judd L. Teller, the Jewish historian and a leader of B'nai B'rith, charged that certain unnamed government officials were supporting a campaign aimed at turning American Jews away from backing Israel via "leaks to the press."

NEW YORK (WNS) - The Zionist Organization of America's National Executive Committee has endorsed Herman L. Weisman for the presidency of the organization to succeed Jacques Torczyner who is completing five years in office.

NEW YORK - A team of Israelis, comprising the staff of Neot Kedumim, has agreed to aid in the planning and programming of the Salute to Israel Parade, scheduled for May 10 in New York. Neot Kedumim is an educational institution under the sponsorship of President Salmaan Shazar of Israel, and is a project of the American-Israeli Cultural Foundation in the United States. Its purpose is the recreation of the Gardens of Israel, on a site between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The lush foliage of the Bible, alive once again in settings inspired by the Prophets and Sages, will emphasize the relationship between man and his land.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Nation Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will have the "Quest for a Jewish Identity in the Midst of Changing Values" as its theme when it holds its 41st annual convention at Grossinger's June 14 - 18. Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York will be the keynote speaker.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Senator Charles H. Percy, Rep.-Ill., urged that Americans listen to "the voices of dissent" in terms of responsiveness rather than repression and said that the "politics of fear" should be rejected. He made his remarks at the inaugural dinner of the Anti-Defamation League Appeal where he was awarded the group's 1970 Human Rights Award.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Cantor Stephen Cassell, blind from birth, has conducted his first service at Union Temple in Brooklyn after receiving religious training through the efforts of the Jewish Braille Institute of America and private cantorial instruction.

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DR. FISHER SPEAKS AT TEMPLE

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., will present two outstanding lectures in its series of Community Lecture Programs.

The honored guest speaker will be Dr. Henry Fisher, Director of the University Institute at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, California. Subject theme of the lectures will be "The Breakdown of Authority in Life Today". Doctor Fisher will first speak in the Temple Social Hall on Thursday evening, April 30, 1970 at 8:00 p.m., on "The Moral Revolution". He will also speak on Friday evening, May 1, 1970 at 8:30 p.m. in the main Sanctuary, on "The Challenge of Authority".

Dr. Jack Hirsh is Chairman of the Adult Education Committee. Admission is free to both lectures and a question-and-answer period will follow each address. The public is cordially invited to attend.

DETROIT...Philip E. Hoffman, President of the American Jewish Committee, reporting on a recent visit by top AJC leaders to Israel and Europe, tonight emphasized Israel's "agonizing desire for peace." At the same time, he pointed out that "Israel no longer expects an early peace. Rather it has become aware of the power, the thrust, the fierceness of Arab nationalism and the inexorable fatalism that supports it. On the other hand, at least some Arabs seem to recognize that Israel is here to stay."



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