

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) — Mayor John W. Lindsay promised that the city would conduct an intensive probe of the fire bombing of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Center which heavily damaged the storefront community operation in the racially mixed neighborhood of Brooklyn.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The Knesset had adopted a resolution affirming its "solidarity with the Jews of Soviet Russia and their struggle to live as Jews and to come to Israel." It also noted that the Jewish people will not be silent until "innocent Jews recently arrested in the Soviet Union shall have been released and every Jew wishing to come to Israel shall be permitted to leave."

TEL AVIV (WNS) — A Tel Aviv district court has sentenced a Jewish scientist, Jean Pierre Selan, to 18 years imprisonment on charges of espionage.

LONDON (WNS) — The United Synagogue of Great Britain, the central religious organization in England which has the Chief Rabbi as its head officer, marked its 100th anniversary in formal ceremonies in St. John's Wood Synagogue.

BOSTON (WNS) — The Executive Board of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, called on the United States to "allow Israel to purchase the necessary warplanes and weapons from us for her defense and survival."

STARLIGHT, PENN. (WNS) — B'nai B'rith Young Adults, at its conference here, has called on the decision making bodies of Jewish organizations to include young Jewish adults as representatives on their boards.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told a special session of the Knesset devoted to the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Keren Hayesod of the organization's aid to Israel. Keren Hayesod has raised \$2 billion for Israel with two-thirds of this money coming from the United States and 90 percent of the total fund raised after the establishment of the State.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Actress Hanna Meron, who lost a leg in a terrorist attack on an El Al plane in February at the Munich Airport, was named "mother of the year" at a ceremony in the President's residence.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) — Gen. Odd Bull, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in the Mideast will retire from that post at the end of the month. He will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo of Finland who has been acting chief of staff.

NEW YORK — Samuel Rothberg, of Peoria, Illinois, a leading midwest business executive and nationally prominent communal figure, has been elected as a non-party member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency.

NEW YORK — Israel tourism officials report an exceptional increase in tourism, with 28,500 tourists in the first eleven days of July and 222,000 tourists since January.

NEW YORK — Fifty Mexican-Jewish teenagers visited with Mayor John V. Lindsay at City Hall at the start of a three-day tour of New York City. They attended a reception given for them by the New York City and Westchester Chapters of the American Jewish Committee, who are serving as hosts to the group during their New York stay.

NEW YORK — The first Metal Industries Week, to be held in Tel Aviv, Israel, from November 15 to 21, will have leading economists and industrialists heading the program, it was announced by Mel Dubin, chairman of the American Metal Industry Committee of the Council for Israel's Economic Development.

NEW YORK — The World Youth Assembly, which concluded last week at United Nations headquarters, was "a political circus," Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, declared calling the meeting of nearly 650 participants from more than 100 countries "a disillusioning and regressive development."

NEW YORK — Mr. Maurice Plesser, Chairman, and Mr. Jesse Eisen, Co-Chairman of the Religious Department of the Jewish National Fund, announced the appointment of Rabbi Ascher Yager as Chairman of the 1970 National Tisha B'Av Appeal for the Jewish National Fund.

NEW YORK (LNS) — For the 22nd consecutive summer more than 100 senior Rabbinical students of the Lubavitcher Yeshiva in New York will visit hundreds of Jewish communities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Latin America, to bring the message to Jews that Torah-true Judaism should be their way of life.

STARLIGHT, PENNA. — Characterizing present-day Jewish community leadership as "mostly middle-aged," the B'nai B'rith Young Adults' international convention called for "more balanced and more democratic representation on Jewish decision-making bodies in the United States and Canada."

NEW YORK — The Israel Consul General in New York, Mr. Rehavam Amir, participated at a meeting of over a thousand youngsters from Jewish youth camps at Camp Tel Yehuda, the national camp of Young Judaea.

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