

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS)--The official Soviet news agency Tass reported that a 12th century Hebrew Grammar has been found in the depository of the Leningrad Public Library.

NEW YORK-- The National Board of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, the largest Jewish women's organization in the country, is asking its chapters to work with local Job Corps Centers, Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen, American Affairs chairman, announced at the national Mid-Winter Conference.

TEL AVIV--"We are treading a line right now between one war and, heaven forbid, another one," said Mrs. Miriam Eshkol, wife of the late Prime Minister. "War is not yet over and peace is not yet here."

NEW YORK--As long as Jews are forbidden to leave the Soviet Union, the freedom of all men is imperilled and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is flouted, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, stated.

NEW YORK--Fifty Jewish college and high school students who are leading Soviet Jewry activists in the New York metropolitan area, demonstrated outside the offices of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in Manhattan. The protest was organized by the Ad Hoc Committee to Revitalize the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry.

JERUSALEM--"I am convinced that we will have large Russian Jewish immigration," stated Israel's Prime Minister Golda Meir in conference, with the United Jewish Appeal's 1971 women's mission. "This does not mean that this will happen tomorrow. This does not mean that the road is not going to be paved with a lot of sorrow and a lot of suffering. Why am I convinced? Because that is what Russian Jews want. And no jails and no trials have broken their spirits."

PHILADELPHIA -- Joseph Brandes, Professor of History at Paterson State College and Research Associate at the American Jewish History Center, has brought to light an almost unknown chapter in American history. His book, IMMIGRANTS TO FREEDOM, (just published by the University of Pennsylvania Press), describes the first Jewish rural settlements in the New World.

NEW YORK--A play widely acclaimed in Israel, "The Man Behind the Legend," is being scheduled by the Lecture Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board to tour the United States and will have its premiere in this country at the Jewish Community Center of Baltimore, Md. Based on the life of Theodor Herzl, founder and first leader of the Zionist movement, the performance of the play at the Center has been arranged to coincide with its celebration of Israel Independence Day.

NEW YORK--A series of new, exciting Israel programs, in cooperation with the leading educational institutions of higher learning in Israel, have been projected for this coming summer. It was announced here by William Levine, Executive Director of the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

LOS ANGELES--Several packages containing signatures on petitions collected during the L.A. County Christmas Music Festival have been mailed to Prime Minister Kosygin in Moscow.

WASHINGTON, D.C., (Jan. 25, 1971)-- A new student organization, composed of American and Israeli students, has opened-up national headquarters in Washington, D.C., in order to promote student tourism to Israel. This organization, named Destination Jerusalem (D.J.), will help all interested students planning a trip to Israel. Services directed toward the "free-lance" traveller will be stressed. For further information, write: DESTINATION JERUSALEM, P.O. Box 11001, Washington, D.C. 20008, or call (301) 588-3663.

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ISRAEL WOULD BATTLE USSR

LONDON (WNS)--In London, Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Haim Bar Lev said that the intervention of Soviet forces on the side of Egypt if fighting broke out when the Suez cease-fire expired, would not deter Israeli forces from carrying out their objectives.

He said those objectives were to prove to the Egyptians that they can gain nothing by force and to hold on to Israel's positions on the Suez Canal's east bank. Gen. Bar Lev was interviewed on the BBC television program "Panorama."

"We may have to combat the forces that might interfere with our objectives," he said. When the interviewer mentioned the Russians specifically, he replied, "if they will be there, it might be. If they are not, it will not be."

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