

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK--Small Jewish communities in various parts of the world are being helped by the Joint Distribution Committee to obtain spiritual leaders, especially from Israel, Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, JDC Director of Religious Activities in Israel, reported at a dinner of the Agudat Israel Orthodox Movement, which awarded him its annual Award of Distinction.

NEW YORK--Every Jew in the Soviet Union must always carry a specially-stamped Identification Card at all times. This Internal Passport, as it is called, has the designation Jew on it, thus making its bearer an immediate target for all the repressive measures undertaken and supported by the Russian regime against the 3-1/2 million Jews residing there. As a measure of respect and admiration for the Jews of Russia, and as a mark of identification with their sad plight, the Far Rockaway, New York Jewish Community Council is prepared to start distribution today of hundreds of thousands of these Internal Passport Identification Cards. Rubin R. Dobin, of Lawrence, New York, Council Chairman stated that the Passports will be distributed without charge to everyone who will send in a request to him at the Council, Box 62, Far Rockaway, New York 11691. Each request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

NEW YORK--The American Jewish Congress disclosed a cablegram it received from four Moscow doctors which the Congress said demonstrated "the Soviet Union's obvious concern" with the effect on world opinion of the World Conference of Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry in Brussels.

BRUSSELS--Nobel Peace laureate Rene Cassin of France called on the Kremlin to recognize the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate from the U.S.S.R.

BRUSSELS--Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the American Jewish Congress, told the World Conference on Soviet Jewry that "whatever the considerations of world politics may be, we cannot and shall not moderate our insistence on the right of our brothers to leave the Soviet Union."

LOS ANGELES--The Southern California Council for Soviet Jews and the California Students for Soviet Jews are compiling a list of travel agencies which continue to sell tours to Russia.

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Reports of new credit courses in Jewish studies continue to arrive at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations from universities throughout the United States and Canada.

SAN FRANCISCO--Graduating high school seniors who are at least partly of Italian ancestry are invited to compete for one of 53 or more non-renewable \$200 and 5 renewable \$500 college entrance scholarships to be awarded by the Grand Lodge of California, Order Sons of Italy in America and its affiliate Sons of Italy Western Foundation. Application blanks may be obtained from the Scholarship Commission of the Lodge at 5051 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94112, or Nina Agento, PO Box 624, Boyes Hot Springs, CA 95416. They must be returned by April 7, 1971.

SAN FRANCISCO--A people to people project sending cards to Jews in Russia from a list of names and addresses supplied by Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry, is meeting with success. Jews in Russia who receive cards from America are treated with respect. Information is available from Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry, 625 Chenery St., San Francisco, Cal. 94131.

BRUSSELS (WNS)--Joel Gang, editor of the news bulletin "Focus on Soviet Jewry" said here that Soviet officials were believed to be tampering with mail sent by Israelis to relatives in the Soviet Union.

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