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But the delegates put aside their differences when Israel's former Premier, David Ben-Gurion addressed the closing session. Speak-ing in Hebrew he de-clared "this conference bears witness to the devotion of the Jewish people to Russian Jews." He continued, "we fight for the right of Soviet Jews by clean means. The Russians themselves -- and there are millions and millions of decent Russians -- will understand our struggle.'

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Conference, in his address declared "we cannot and shall not moderate our insistence on the right of our brothers to leave the

Soviet Union. The 800 delegates unanimously adopted a resolution affirming their solidarity "with our Jewish brothers in the Soviet Union" and urging the Soviet authorities "to recognize the right of Jews who so desire to return to Israel" and to let those who stay "exercise fully their right to live in accord with their Jewish cultural and religious heritage.

ACTIVE JEWISH CHAPLAINS HONORED

to charter members of of the United States. the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces and a symposium led by two featured events of the program greatly sim-Association's Jubilee, March 16. Founded in that has been growing 1946, the Association in strength in recent advances the common interests of active Jew-nounced by the Israel ish military chaplains Ministry of Tourism and and those who formerly EL AL Israel Airlines. served as rabbis in uniform.

rech, president of the reception, "Aliyah L' Association, who is dir- Tora" at a Tel Aviv or ector of alumni activi- Jerusalem Synagogue or ties at Yeshiva Uni- at the Western Wall, a versity, New York City, Kiddush, a ceremony on and a Lieutenant Colo- Mount Zion including nel in the U.S. Army the presentation of a the 25th anniversary special certificate from celebration will be the President of the high-lighted at the As- State of Israel, and a sociation's meeting, when an after- Israeli mily with a noon session will be son of Sar Mitzvah age. held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and an evening session at the is contained in a bro-Esplanade Hotel.

Friday night, March 12 and Saturday, March 13, have been designated as "Chaplaincy Sab-bath," when services in commemoration of the Association's 25th anniversary will be ob-

NEW YORK- The served at many synagopresentation of citations gues in various parts

> BAR MITZVAH IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK -- A new of the plifying the arrange-Silver ments for Bar Mitzvah Tuesday, in Israel, a tradition

Included in the Bar Rabbi Abraham Av- Mitzvah program are a ch, president of the reception, "Aliyah L" Reserve, announced that silk Talith and a annual visit to the home of an

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TED CUMMINGS

LOS ANGELES --The Election of Theodore E. Cummings of Beverly Hills to the University of Southern California board of trustees was announced today by chairman Justin Dart.

Mr. Cummings, who is a trustee of Jewish Community Foundation, will attend his first board meeting as a USC trustee in April.

offices of EL AL Ischure that has been rael Airlines and the Government

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek deplored the fact that ethnic minorities residing here do not take full advantage of the rights offered them, such as municipal employment. He said "when we have succeeded in creating a climate of mutual adjustment between Jew and Arab, the day will come when they will do so.'

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Major General William A. Knowlton, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, announced that plans for the first formal Jewish Chapel and Religious Center in the Academy's 169 year-old history, had been submitted to Army Headquarters in Washington for approval.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Efraim Dovrat, Assistant Director General of the Finance Ministry said in Haifa that peace in the Middle East will not lead to mass unemployment or economic dislocation in Israel.

TORAH SCROLLS FOR ISRAEL

By ZVI CASPI (CONSUL)

The Consulate General's office received an urgent communique from the Minister for Religious Affairs in Jerusalem advising us that a growing number of new communities, border villages, kibbutzim, army outposts, schools and institutions have submitted a request to the Ministry for Torah Scrolls. (The supply of Scrolls which were brought from Rumania has now been exhausted.)

In the last three years, 4,694 Torah Scrolls have been requested. Thus far 1300 have been distributed including 220 to Zahal and thirty to the Kotel Hamaaravi. There is an immediate need now 800 Scrolls for for places that have none at all.

The Consulate General of Israel in New York and all Israel Consulates throughout the United States are prepared to receive Scrolls which communities or individuals might wish to donate

for shipment to the Ministry for Religious Affairs in Jerusalem.

The Minister is hopeful that to the extent that there are congregations which are on the verge of closing down, they will consider transferring as many Scrolls as they can spare to Israel. He also recommends the initiation of a special project (which I feel merits your sincerest endeavor) whereby synagogues in the United establish States direct link with communities in Israel by donating to them one more of their or scrolls.

A special emissary from the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Joseph Ralbag, has been dispatched to this country explicitly for this purpose and he will be prepared to meet with interested parties to discuss this project in more detail.

We would appreciate it if you would give the matter your fullest attention and widest coverage and circulation through your media.

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