

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

(DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH EXTRA COLUMNS OF IMPORTANT NEWS BRIEFS WHICH ARE ACCUMULATING. HOPE YOU LIKE.)

WALTHAM, MASS.--A new and significant chapter in Brandeis University history began when a Brookline girl, Susan Rose, became the first child of a Brandeis graduate to enter the University.

NEW YORK--Close to 2,000 pre-school-age Jewish children in Morocco have obtained at least an elementary knowledge of Hebrew over the past decade since the Joint Distribution Committee introduced the program into the two day care centers it supports in Casablanca.

NEW YORK--The American Jewish Congress asked Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird to explain what measures the Defense Department was taking to prevent the Army's "shielding" soldiers guilty of war atrocities in the field and punishing those who report such acts.

NEW YORK--Zeirel Agudath Israel of America, the largest Orthodox youth movement charged that the recently held conference of the World Union of Jewish Students in Zieglerville, Pa. was a "search for Jewishness without Torah which could only result in spiritual chaos." Zeirel Agudath Israel, which is affiliated with Agudath Israel of America, had been invited to the Israeli government sponsored conference, but did not participate because "it cannot join any youth conference in which Torah is not the central theme and is not guided by recognized Torah personalities."

NEW YORK--The leaders of nine national Jewish women's organizations, representing more than one million members, will meet at the State Department with Richard Davies, deputy assistant secretary for European affairs, to ask U.S. intercession with Soviet authorities on behalf of Jewish women prisoners in the U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK--Six hundred seven rabbis have signed a declaration calling on American Jewry to become members of the Zionist Organization of America as "an affirmation of their commitment to help insure the progress of Israel, the freedom of Soviet Jews and the creative future of the American Jewish community."

NEW YORK--The U.S. State Department is considering proposals by the American Jewish Congress to broadcast Jewish news programs over the Voice of America to the USSR at regularly-programmed time periods, the Congress said after a meeting with State and U.S. Information Agency officials.

NEW YORK--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel, Samuel Neaman of New York and Benjamin S. Kalnick of Kings Point, N.Y., will receive the 1971 Stephen S. Wise Awards of the American Jewish Congress at a dinner Sunday evening, October 17, at the New York Hilton.

NEW YORK--The Yad Avi Hayishu (Rothschild Foundation of Great Britain) has pledged \$5 million to Jerusalem's new Shaare Zedek Community Medical Center.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (LNS)--Chassidic music, singing, dancing and a candlelight procession marked the opening here of the Chabad House, a religious and educational center run by Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitcher movement, for the students of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

BUENOS AIRES (WNS)--A four-volume bilingual Spanish-Hebrew Old Testament has been published here, the first such publication in the history of Latin America.

ATLANTA (WNS)--In a move to express their "devotion to Israel" officers and members of Beth Jacob Congregation, a 27-year-old Orthodox synagogue, have mortgaged the synagogue for \$500,000 to purchase Israel Bonds. They called upon other American Jewish institutions to follow their example in order to help Israel.

SEN. BAYH WANTS JETS FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nixon Administration.
--Indiana Senator Birch Bayh called for immediate resumption of Phantom aircraft deliveries to Israel and castigated the Nixon Administration for attempting to regain American influence with the Arabs at the expense of Israeli security.

In a speech on the Senate floor, Bayh noted that no Phantom jets have been delivered to Israel since June and that despite the recent trip of Assistant Secretary of State Sisco to Israel, there has been no public announcement regarding new arrangements about the Phantoms. In addition, Bayh said, recent news reports indicate that the Nixon Administration has decided not to sell any more Phantoms to Israel for the time being, in the belief that further shipments would destroy all United States credibility with the Arabs and end all chance of getting them to agree to an interim settlement mediated by the

"I hope these reports are unfounded," Bayh said. "I hope that the Administration is not the captive of so unbalanced and single-focused a view. I sincerely hope that it is not ignoring Israel's vital national interests and security needs in a vain attempt to regain the position the United States had in the Arab states before 1955."

The key to Israeli acceptance of a settlement also acceptable to the Arabs is not Israeli insecurity, Bayh said, but Israeli confidence --in both herself and her American ally.

"It is precisely because we know that any settlement will give neither side all it hopes for, that we must not act in a way that erodes Israel's confidence in us," Bayh said. "If we now give the Israelis cause to question our reliability, we make the path to that settlement much more difficult."

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Golda Meir's Message

JERUSALEM (WNS)--Prime Minister Golda Meir, in her 5732 New Year's message to World Jewry said: "In the outgoing year, despite all threats and premonitions, the cease-fire has been maintained de facto on all Israel frontiers... On the international plane, the attempt to bismirch our position and to lay at Israel's door the lack of progress towards peace have, I believe, not succeeded in making deep inroads in world opinion. Since August 1970, we have made concession after concession both for an overall settlement and for a partial settlement..."

"Despite the external pressures, Israel has continued in the past year to make great strides in the central task of rebuilding and buttressing the homeland... On the eve of the New Year, let us pray and hope that the unity, common identification and historical involvement of the entire Jewish people will enable us to face up successfully to the challenges which are the burden and the privilege of our generation to redemption."

NEW YORK (WNS)--Rabbi Jacob H. Hecht, executive vice chairman of the National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education announced the opening of a campaign to encourage the 3,000 Jewish public school children participating in the "released time" program to enroll in Yeshivas.

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