

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- More than 5,800,000 lbs. of United States - donated Food for Peace supplies were distributed by the Joint Distribution Committee during 1971, it was reported this week by Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman.

NEW YORK -- Masada, the national youth movement of the Zionist Organization of America, has inaugurated a program that will enable 15 American Jewish youths to spend a full year in Israel for intensive Zionist leadership training. For information: 145 E. 32 St. N.Y.C., 10016.

NEW YORK -- Over 150 teen-agers from 55 districts in the United States and Canada will compete Sunday, April 30th, in the finals of the thirteenth annual Bible Contest sponsored by the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Bible Society.

NEW YORK -- Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee has hailed the recent National Interreligious Consultation on Soviet Jewry at the University of Chicago as having had "national and international importance" including, as it did, an Administration commitment "to press the Soviet Government to let emigrate all those Jews who seek to leave of fair and human terms."

PHILADELPHIA -- Encouraged by the success of its college program, the Jewish Free University has embarked on a similar pilot high school program in Philadelphia's western suburbs.

SAN FRANCISCO -- The first Passover seder given by Catholics for Catholics was held here this year with the help of the American Jewish Congress.

JERUSALEM -- The increased enrollment of Soviet Jews at Israeli Universities is reflected in this year's awards to five Russians Jewish students by the Yehuda Shoval Memorial Fund of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in Jerusalem.

WALTHAM, MASS. -- Brandeis University President Charles I. Schottland has created a Commission on the Status of Women at the University.

WALTHAM, MASS. -- Harry B. Helmsley, president of Helmsley-Spear, Inc., New York, will be honored by Brandeis University and by his friends and colleagues at a dinner in New York, May 9, at which the University will also celebrate the 15th anniversary of the lecture series established by Mr. Helmsley at Brandeis in 1958.

SARATOGA, CAL. -- Michael Zeldin, holder of a degree in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California at Berkeley, will head Solel, the program for Hebrew-speaking students at Swig Camp for Living Judaism.

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Despite the continued necessity of large defense spending for survival Israel continues to spend a substantial part of its gross national income for social service programs, "placing it ahead of most countries in the world, and close to such affluent countries as the United States," according to a study just released by the Israel Office of the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK -- Mr. Benny Cohen, President of "Destination Jerusalem" (D.J.) promises exciting possibilities for young people planning a trip to Israel with daily departures and returns throughout the summer at the lowest possible rates, and special features as: the "kibbutz live-in" a "Camping your-way-through Israel" plan, youth hostels, apartment and room rentals.

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- A resolution opposing the anti-busing amendment was unanimously passed by B'nai B'rith Women at its International Executive Board meeting here.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Dis- Allah el Fattel counsellor of the Syrian Mission to the United Nations, cancelled a scheduled discussion on the situation of Syrian Jewry with members of the World Union of Jewish Students, when he learned that one of three was an Israeli.



MRS. EVA BUTMAN, LEFT, AND MRS. SIMA KAMINSKY, WIVES OF SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS HILLEL BUTMAN AND LASSAL KAMINSKY, SORROWFULLY PONDER THEIR FUTURES. MRS. KAMINSKY HAS BEEN RECENTLY RELEASED TO ISRAEL, BUT MRS. BUTMAN WAS SAVAGELY BEATEN AND ABUSED FOR SIX HOURS BY TWO KGB OFFICERS MARCH 20TH AFTER SHE VISITED HER HUSBAND AT THE POTMA LABOR CAMP.

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NEW YORK (WNS) -- The New York City Council by a vote of 35-2 approved a ban on Sabbath elections for official and quasi-official posts.

JERUSALEM -- Writers who will arise from among the young people who have come to Israel seeking Jewishness and its values will make Jewish themes fashionable in literature again, predicted American Jewish author Meyer Levin at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- In a specially organized operation, 500 immigrants from all over the world were brought to Israel just before the holiday, so that they could be settled in the Holy Land in time for Passover.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Chief of Staff David Elazar announced that the three senior army officers face disciplinary action because of their handling of the evacuation of some 6,000 Bedouins from the Raffah area in the Gaza Strip to make room for new Israeli settlements.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Central Bureau of Statistics reported that some 126,600 tourists visited Israel from December 1971 to February 1972.

DUSSELDORF (WNS) -- Franz Joseph Swidewski, 50, former SS guard at Treblinka, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for helping murder 371 Jewish inmates.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Despite the opposition expressed, and the threats voiced by Jordanian officials and terrorist spokesmen, 85 percent of the eligible voters turned out for the first municipal elections held in 24 towns in the occupied West Bank, since the Six Day War.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The World Zionist Organization adopted a \$29 million budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

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PHILADELPHIA (WNS) -- A resolution adopted by the City Council requests Secretary of State William P. Rogers to help inaugurate direct Philadelphia-to-Israel in-flight service by El Al Airlines.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- All Israeli military personnel and their families have been evacuated from Uganda, after Uganda President Gen. Idi Amin implied that they constituted a fifth column.

PARIS (WNS) -- The weekly "L' Express" has published the texts of three letters reported to have been written by Jordanian officials in October, 1967, which the magazine said established that Israel and Jordan entered into "secret agreements" following the Six Day War.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Minister without Portfolio Israel Galili told the Knesset that Israel will never be separated from the Gaza Strip.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Valery Korblit, 32, Moscow Jewish activist, had been ordered to report for a medical examination in connection with his possible induction into the army, to stifle Jewish dissent in the Soviet Union.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- In an interview distributed by the Soviet Novosti feature service through TASS, the Soviet news agency, Deputy Minister Boris T. Shumlin of the Soviet Interior Ministry said there were only an "insignificant" number of applications for emigration on file at this time, only 258 in Moscow, 119 in Kiev and 50 in Leningrad.

PERPIGNAN (WNS) -- Police are investigating the attempt to burn down this French city's synagogue after Sabbath services on March 24, and the desecration of the Jewish cemetery that same evening.

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