

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The anti-Israel Palm Sunday sermons of three Washington clergymen were criticized by Jewish and Christian leaders.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Soviet Jews reported that Kiev Jews were authorized to attend their synagogue on Passover and the Sabbath preceding it. They were warned that attendance at any other time would be regarded as an illegal political gathering and offenders would be arrested.

BROOKLYN (WNS) -- Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will jointly sponsor a Summer Institute in Jerusalem, permitting students to earn up to nine credits.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Rabbi Eliahe Pardess, Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem died here at the age of 80.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Jewish Agency Agriculture Settlement Department blamed the settlers of Zaryit for the poor economic conditions in that Upper Galilee Village and accused them of making no effort to raise their living standards but demanding instead to be subsidized endlessly.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The settlers of Zaryit, who deserted their village in the upper Galilee for a week to protest against harsh economic conditions and to back their demands for better land to cultivate, returned to their village without having received new lands.

CHICAGO (WNS) -- The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has launched "Operation Chal," a long range program for service to the Jewish poor and near-poor in the Chicago area.

LONDON (WNS) -- Soviet Jewish sources reported that services were held in the Moscow synagogue on Passover eve, but several hundred Jews outside were not permitted to remain and pray and talk as had been permitted in previous years.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared that Israel would retain military control of the West Bank for an indefinite period.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Though there has been no formal break in relations, Israel has begun closing its Embassy in Kampala, Uganda, as requested by that country's President, Idi Amin.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli hospital and port workers were vaccinated against smallpox after outbreaks of the disease were reported in Yugoslavia, Syria and other Middle East countries.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Authoritative sources here reported that the U.S. will sell Jordan some 20 to 22 F-4 jets.

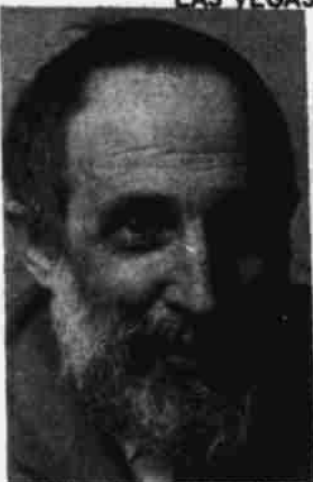
ATHENS (WNS) -- The Athens Jewish community will renovate its Central Synagogue at an expected cost of \$64,000.

NEW YORK -- A "human slaughter" bill, which would have severely curtailed the practice of Shechita, ritually slaughtered meat has now been dropped by its sponsor, Congressman Kenneth J. Gray of Illinois, after the Illinois chapter of Agudath Israel of America explained to him and other legislators the implications of such a measure.

NEW YORK -- Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon of Israel and author Elie Wiesel head the list of speakers at the American Jewish Congress' national biennial convention May 10th to 14th in Cleveland Ohio.

LONDON (WNS) -- Reports reaching here state that a Jewish couple, Valery Anov and Galina Lagadina, both solists with the Kirov Ballet Troupe of Leningrad, have been expelled from the ballet company for having applied for exit visas to go to Israel.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) and four other senators have introduced a Community Employment and Training Act which includes a special provision for providing aid to poor Jews and others who live outside designated poverty areas.



DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, CHANCELLOR OF THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA AND PRESIDENT OF ITS FACULTIES, ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION OF RESIGNING THESE ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS AS OF JUNE 30, 1972. DR. FINKELSTEIN WILL CONTINUE TO TEACH AT THE SEMINARY, WHERE HE ALSO HOLDS THE SOLOMON SCHECHTER CHAIR IN THEOLOGY, AND WILL



THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED DR. GERSON D. COHEN TO SUCCEED DR. LOUIS FINKELSTEIN AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SEMINARY AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTIES, EFFECTIVE NEXT JUNE 30TH. DR. COHEN WILL RETAIN HIS POST AT THE HEAD OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN THE HUMANITIES.

BUENOS AIRES (WNS) -- Minister of Interior Arturo Mor Roig promised Jewish leaders he would investigate the wide-spread anti-Semitic campaign being conducted by right-wing politician Walter Beveraggi Allende.

RABAT (WNS) -- A French Jewish physician, Dr. Albert Abraham Epstein, who had been practicing medicine in Morocco, was sentenced to 18 months in jail and fined \$350,000 when convicted on charges of drug smuggling and foreign currency regulations.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrahel, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has denounced the U.S. government's renewed bombing of North Vietnam saying such actions only "dramatizes the bankruptcy of the Nixon Administration."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A doctor and a nurse were assaulted at an Ashkelon hospital by some 100 Georgian Jewish emigres when they sought to perform a post mortem on a 35-year-old Georgian Jew who was dead on arrival at the hospital.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- With the concurrence of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, the Cabinet reduced the Defense budget for fiscal 1972 by \$33 million. The reduction reflects the continuing quiet on the Suez front.

LONDON (WNS) -- Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal said that the "Comradeship Trust," an organization of former SS members set up to look after the interests of wanted Nazi criminals and their families was responsible for the recent hoax intended to divert attention from the French government's attempt to extradite Klaus Barbie, the "butcher of Lyon," who had been living in Bolivia.

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## Statement

BY RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD  
PRES. OF AMER. JEWISH CONG.

"We are deeply disturbed by the action of the steering committee of the National Black Political Convention in condemning Israel for her alleged expansionist policy and forceful occupation of the sovereign territory of another state. This new declaration comes, we learn in press reports, as a re-statement and 'clarification' of the anti-Israel resolution adopted by voice vote in the closing minutes of the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Ind. last month.

"We denounce and reject the ignorance and bigotry that informs this slanderous resolution.

"The facts of Israel's long and vigorous search for peace, only to be rejected by her Arab neighbors who have sought unremittingly to destroy the Jewish state, have been clearly established. So has Israel's humane and democratic administration of the former Arab territories, an administration that has brought new prosperity and higher standards of living than the area ever knew before. All the world knows that Israel's policy has evoked a positive response among the Arab residents of the Administered territories: they have voted in elections they have come as peaceful sightseers into Israel in huge numbers; they have made the day-to-day life of the territories so normal and so peaceful as to deeply impress all neutral observers of Israel's 'occupation'!

"We are therefore dismayed that the steering committee of the Black Political Convention should have ignored the true facts of the Middle East and, instead, mouthed the propaganda of terrorist groups whose purpose is not to bring peace and prosperity to the Middle East but to bring about the downfall of the Jewish state.

"We take encouragement, however, from the fact that this view does not represent the thinking of the overwhelming majority of Black Americans.

"Our confidence that the Black community rejects this anti-Israel position is reinforced by the action of the Congressional Black Caucus -- representing the 13 Black members of the Senate and House of Representatives -- in repudiating the resolution passed in Gary. The Black Caucus said in part:

"We fully respect the right of the Jewish people to have their own state in their historic national homeland. We vigorously oppose the efforts of any group that would seek to weaken or undermine Israel's right to existence."

"Only last week Representative Louis Stokes of Ohio, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, declared in the Congressional Record: 'I urge my colleagues and my fellow-citizens to join me during the Passover week in remembering Israel and wishing her eternal success and strength as an independent nation.'

"These sentiments represent the genuine attitude of the Black community toward Israel and her courageous effort to build a haven for Jewish victims of oppression, an effort which Black Americans -- who themselves have long suffered from persecution -- sympathize with, understand and appreciate."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Foreign and local experts are meeting in Israel seeking a solution to Israel's severe housing shortage which stems from a shortage of skilled labor, slow construction and soaring costs.

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