

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Members of the New York State Assembly were called upon to vote against ratification of the women's equal right amendment to the Constitution, in a message from the Presidium of Agudath Israel of America.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Jewish groups throughout the country were busily preparing for National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry on April 30. Rallies are planned for more than 100 cities and more than one million signatures are being sought on petition that will urge Pres. Nixon, when he visits Moscow in May, to raise the question of Soviet Jewry's right to live as Jews in the Soviet Union or to emigrate to Israel or elsewhere.

JERUSALEM(WNS) -- Letters from Israel bearing a special stamp depicting the plight of East European Jews have been refused by Rumanian postal authorities.

GAZA (WNS) -- One hundred Arab prisoners and detainees were released under an amnesty granted on Independence Day. Another 20 are expected to be released soon.

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y. (WNS) -- Prof. Leonard J. Fein of Brandeis University told 500 Labor Zionist leaders attending a three-day leadership conference that with the rise of ethnic pluralism in the U.S. more Jews are asking "Is it good for the Jews?"

WESTFIELD, N.J. (WNS) -- The State Republican Party cancelled a scheduled social gathering honoring Vice President Spiro Agnew at Temple Emanu-El when its spiritual leader, Rabbi Charles Kroloff approved the holding of a silent anti-war vigil at the synagogue at the same time.

BROOKLYN (WNS) -- Twelve stained glass windows at the Chevra Kaddisha synagogue in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn were smashed Friday afternoon April 21.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Eighty blind persons--black and white, Christian and Jews--have signed a Braille petition asking President Nixon to equal rights for Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow in May.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Soviet diplomats in Bucharest have been questioning the Rumanian government on why it invited Israeli Premier Golda Meir to visit that Communist country.

WASHINGTON -- Relations between Israel and the United States have reached "the highest peak of understanding" in five years and have been an effective deterrent to both the Soviet Union and the Arab states from renewing the conflict in the Middle East, Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin of Israel declared.

TEL AVIV -- Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, President of Tel Aviv University, is scheduled to lecture at two international schools in Sicily this summer whose participants include the world's most renowned physicists and astrophysicists.

NEW YORK -- A week-long conference on the Bible and Black Africa at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has been hailed by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of American Jewish Committee, as "one of the more promising developments between the black and Jewish people in recent months."

NEW YORK -- Four new books have been published this Spring by the Herzl Press, it was announced by its editor, Marie Syrkin. The books are: "Arthur Ruppin Memoirs, Diaries, Letters"; "Hannah Senesh: Her Life & Diary," with an introduction by Abba Eban; "True/ False About Israel," by Jacob A. Rubin; "Fulfillment: The Epic Story of Zionism," by Rufus Learsli.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Tefahot, Israel's Central Mortgage Bank, revealed that the U.S. Agency for International Development has agreed in principle to underwrite an additional \$100 million for housing loans in Israel. The Agency had guaranteed \$50 million in housing loans in February.

9 OF 10 SOVIET IMMIGRANTS WORK

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, told the presidium of the Zionist Actions Committee that more than 90 percent of soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel found jobs and housing during 1971.

He also said that based on figures for the first three months of this year, Israel can expect 70,000 immigrants during 1972.

He warned, however, that an anti-immigration backlash has developed based on privileges accorded new immigrants and this has had an effect on all immigration, including Soviet Jewish immigration.

He added that Israel was still the "preferred destination" of most Soviet Jews with only 170 Jews who were granted exit visas going to the U.S. Only one family that reached Israel from the USSR later left for the U.S., Pincus said, and that was one year ago.

The first Jewish family that migrated to Israel from Soviet Georgia and returned,

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Miknail and Zina Magloshvilli, left Israel saying life here was "too hard." Neighbors said the Magloshvillis were chronic complainers.

Another Georgian Jew, Joseph Modjgarvishvilli, returned to the Soviet Union leaving his wife and two children behind. She refused to return, telling him "I want my children to grow up in a free country."

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WASHINGTON -- Israel will not withdraw from any of the occupied territories until there is peace, and then not to the borders which existed before the Six Day War, Abba Eban, Foreign Minister of Israel, declared at a dinner honoring Isaiah L. Kenen, Executive Vice Chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, for his thirty years of service to the American Jewish community on behalf of Israeli-American friendship.

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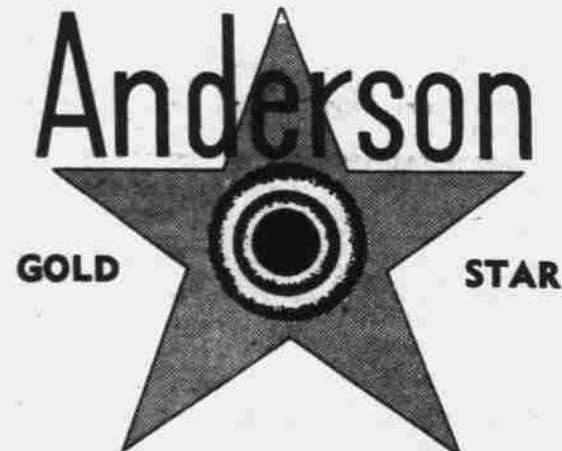


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