

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**WALTHAM, MASS --** Former Chief Justice of the United States, Earl Warren, under whose stewardship the Supreme Court in 1954 issued its historic unanimous decision on school integration, has been selected as the first recipient of Brandeis University's Samuel C. and Minna Dretzin Prize.

**NEW YORK --** Arnold Hyman, a graduate of Queens College and now a graduate student at Baruch College in New York City, was elected on April 26th as Chairman of the North American Jewish Youth Council.

**NEW YORK --** A major program to serve the special religious needs of Russian Jews now arriving in increased numbers in Israel has been readied for launching in early summer under the joint sponsorship of the leading American orthodox Jewish organizations, it was announced by Rabbi Joseph Karasick, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregation of America.

**NEW YORK --** Five awards with prizes totaling \$2,500 will be given to authors of outstanding books of Jewish interest published during 1971 on Sunday afternoon, May 21, at the annual meeting of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board, at the Park Avenue Synagogue, N.Y.

**NEW YORK --** Thirty Two Jewish youth leaders from ten states are participating in the American Jewish Congress national biennial convention in Cleveland.

**NEW YORK --** Being unable because of ailing health to attend the S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal Award Dinner, David Ben-Gurion has filmed at his desert home in S'DE BOKER a personal tribute to his friend, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, American oil magnate, philanthropist and patron of the arts who, through his daring support of the embattled Yishuv of Palestine in the pre-Statehood years, became a legendary figure in the annals of Israel.

**NEW YORK --** "No matter what the criticism regarding the so-called 'Judaizing' of the Holy City -- Jerusalem is truly a Jewish city," Sister Rose Thering of Seton Hall University told 500 American Jewish Congress women.

**NEW YORK --** Increasing concern for improved Jewish Christian relations by major Christian church groups, as evidenced by dramatic support for Soviet Jewry and changing attitudes toward Israel, is reflected in an analysis of recent Christian statements and actions, just published by the American Jewish Committee.

**NEW YORK --** The Jewish religion and social structure, which has been male-dominated for more than five thousand years, needs a dose of Women's Lib philosophy, according to a young woman who expects to be ordained as a Rabbi.

**NEW YORK --** The first report on Arab education in Israel has shown that a sharp increase in the number of Arab students attending government-supported elementary and high schools has helped to reduce significantly the tension between Arabs and Jews in the Jewish State, according to a report of the American Jewish Committee.

**NEW YORK --** Jacques Torczyner of New York, a past president of the Zionist Organization of America, has been named chairman of the ZOA's 75th National Jubilee Convention July 12-19, 1972, in Israel.

**NEW YORK --** Students from the Soviet Union are now the second largest immigrant group in Youth Aliyah facilities in Israel, next to the Moroccans, a recent educational survey reveals.

**NEW YORK --** The Conservative movement in American Judaism supports the liberalized abortion law now in effect in New York State as completely within the Halacha, Jewish religious law.

**LONDON (WNS) --** Vladimir Markman, a Soviet Jewish activist who has applied for a visa to Israel, was arrested in Sverdlovsk and jailed, Soviet Jewish sources reported.

## LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

**NEW YORK --** The American Jewish Committee and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have established the Simon Segal Memorial Fund for the awarding of an annual prize for the best doctoral thesis in the fields of Jewish history, Jewish culture, human rights, or an aspect of international relations of Jewish concern at the Jerusalem university. The fund honors the memory of the late director of the Committee's Foreign Affairs Department who died December 3, 1970.

**NEW YORK --** Jews in Eastern Europe face a decade of continued decline, with "the Jewish communities of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria in the last stages of their existence as organized entities," the American Jewish Committee was told by Dr. Zvi Y. Gitelman, assistant professor of political science, University of Michigan.

**NEW YORK --** Four major American Jewish organizations joined in a statement supporting today's nationwide Moratorium protest against the war in Vietnam.

**NEW YORK --** An intensive effort to help Christian leaders deepen their understanding of the land and the people of Israel has been undertaken by the American Jewish Committee with the establishment of a Service Center for Christian Visitors in the City of Jerusalem.

**NEW YORK --** Ten Jewish activists in Moscow, ordered to active duty in the Soviet army have transmitted a letter via the American Jewish Congress to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and other international leaders charging the call-up "a direct act to take away our freedom."

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1972

**NEW YORK --** Elie Wiesel, best selling author and chronicler of the Nazi Holocaust, urged President Nixon to make his forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union "not only a political one but an historic one" by urging to Soviet leaders to grant exit visas to more Jews. Wiesel issued his call to the President at the 66th annual dinner of the American Jewish Committee as he accepted the organization's highest award, the American Liberties Medallion.

**NEW YORK --** Betram H. Gold, executive head of the American Jewish Committee, urged creation of "voluntary Israeli organizations" as a way of creating new kinds of dialogues to address themselves to differences between Israel and Jewish communities in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world.



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