

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israel's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Jacob Doron, denied that Israel had committed "war crimes" in the administered territories as charged by the UN Commission on Human Rights by a vote of 12-8 with 10 abstentions. He told the UN's Economic and Social Committee that about 100,000 persons from the administered areas have visited Israel, Jordan and other countries and then "returned to the areas." How he asked, can "allegations of war crimes, supposedly being committed in the areas against these very same people, stand up against these simple facts?"

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Nine of the 10 Jewish activists arrested in Moscow before Pres. Nixon's visit have been released since the President left the USSR the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

WARSAW (WNS) -- U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers visited the monument marking the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. He was accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Martin J. Hillenbrand, Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., Ambassador to Poland, and Peter Johnson, special assistant to Rogers.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Sally Priesand, 25 the first woman to be ordained a rabbi, has been appointed assistant rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, a congregation of 750 families.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee has published for American readers major sections of a report entitled "Important Aspects of Human Rights in the Soviet Union," by V.n. Chalidze.

MIAMI BEACH -- Max M. Goldberg, an attorney of Washington, D.C., was re-elected president of the 375 club National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

NEW YORK -- The Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights has joined with the Faculty of Law of the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and the International Institute of Human Rights (Foundation Rene Cassin), in sponsoring a three-day international colloquium, June 19 to 21, on the right of an individual to leave any country, including his own, permanently or temporarily.

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Lubavitcher Chasidim have invited Jewish intellectuals to spend a weekend at Lubavitch world headquarters in New York, from Friday, June 9, through Sunday June 11.

NEW YORK -- The man in the street in Israel has a higher opinion of President Nixon today than ever before reported the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK -- David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, will attend the 75th National Jubilee Convention of the Zionist Organization of America this summer in Israel.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress asked the Federal Communications Commission to clarify a radio station's responsibility to make available transcripts of controversial programs in connection with a WBAI-FM BROADCAST IN WHICH Presidential Advisor Kissinger was allegedly characterized as "a Jewish mass murderer."

NEW YORK -- Degrees in course were conferred upon 122 graduates at the 78th annual commencement of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

NEW YORK -- Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon president of the Rabbinical Council of America which represents almost 1,000 orthodox rabbis, serving two million congregants in the U.S. and Canada, announced that eminent leaders in world Jewry will address the annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of American.

MOSCOW (WNS) -- Dr. Henry Kissinger, national security advisor to Pres. Nixon, told newsmen that the "Middle East was thoroughly discussed" but gave no details.

## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM 1972 CONFIRMATION CLASS



L. TO R., SEATED: BARBARA EISENBERG, ELLEN MERKIN, LEE KAPLAN, JOAN STEIN, AMY WEINSTEIN; STANDING: CANTOR JOSEPH KOHN, BRUCE KIRSCH, ANN LEVIN-

SON, UDELLE ZIVOT, LYNN NEWMAN, TERRI SPEISER, MICHELLE DAVID, JOEL BERGER, AND RABBI AARON S. GOLD.

Twelve young people participated in special confirmation exercises at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 East Oakey Blvd., recently during the second evening of the Jewish festival of Shavuoth. Holiday services were held in the main Sanctuary, and the confirmation program followed. Those confirmed

included:

Joel Berger, Michelle David, Barbara Eisenberg, Lee Kaplan, Bruce Kirsch, Ann Levinson, Ellen Merkin, Lynn Newman, Terri Speiser, Joan Stein, Amy Weinstein, Udelle Zivot.

Rabbi Aaron S. Gold, spiritual leader of the congregation delivered a special address for the

occasion. Cantor Joseph Kohn chanted the liturgy, accompanied by the Temple Adult Choir, Gail Peterson at organ.

Both the Rabbi and the Cantor participated in the traditional blessing of the Confirmands. Appropriate gifts and certificates were presented to the class by Mel Exber, President of Tem-

ple Beth Sholom, and Dr. Leon Steinberg, Chairman of the Board of Education Committee.

After the conclusion of the exercises, the congregation assembled for refreshments in the Temple Social Hall where they were hosted by the parents of the 1972 Confirmation Class.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Some 5,000 Israelis observed a night of prayer for Jews imprisoned in Arab lands.

MEXICO (WNS) -- Fernando Jenó was elected president, and Sergio Nudelstecher, secretary general, of the Council of the Central Jewish Committee, which represents Mexican Jewry.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Western diplomats here say that the Soviet Union refused to discuss plans for a partial settlement to permit the reopening of the Suez Canal during the Moscow summit discussion of the Middle East.

PORTLAND, ORE (WNS) -- City Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt, who received 57 percent of the vote, became this city's first Jewish mayor in more than 50 years.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Dr. Gerson D. Cohen 47, historian and scholar, was elected chancellor and president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of American effective July 1.



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TUCSON (WNS) -- Mayor Lewish Murphy proclaimed Sunday, May 28 "Walk With Israel Day," to honor all those who walked 10 miles to raise \$3,555 for the Israel Emergency Fund. The walk was organized by the Tucson Jewish Community Youth Council.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finance, have signed an agreement under which JDC/Malben's institutions, with 2,000 beds for the aged, will be transferred by April 1, 1973 to the Association for the Planning and Development of services for the aged.

TEL AVIV (WNS)--Thousands of Israelis in the Tel Aviv area were without challah for the sabbath because of a bakery strike.

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