

"REVITALIZED" SPERTUS COLLEGE

Chicago's Spertus College of Judaica is the subject of a feature story in Newsweek Magazine. The June 12 issue of the weekly news magazine, said in part: "Nine years ago, the College of Jewish Studies was living on borrowed time in a dingy building on East 11th Street in Chicago. Unaccredited and financially hard-pressed, the obscure little private college had just six faculty members who taught their 148 students 30-odd courses leading to a highly specialized bachelor's degree in Hebrew literature. Today, renamed and revitalized, the Spertus College of Judaica has 600 students and a well paid faculty of 23. It also boasts full accreditation and soon will move into a gleaming ten-story office building purchased earlier this year for cold cash.

"Behind this remarkable turnabout lies a novel application of an old concept; the consortium, or inter-school cooperative. In effect, Spertus now serves as a department of Judaic studies for eleven colleges and universities in the greater Chicago area -- institutions ranging from the Chicago Theological Seminary to the giant Northwestern University."

Spertus College, 11 E. 72nd Street, specializes in degree programs in Hebraic and Judaic studies. It recently acquired the former IBM building on Michigan Avenue and expects to begin holding some classes in the new facility (named The Ratner Center) this fall.

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NEW YORK -- Hadassah's Department of Tourism was launched in 1948, with the founding of the State of Israel.

For 25 years Hadassah has offered this non-profit travel service to its members and has won plaudits for the quality of its trips -- from the fine hotel accommodations through the special events, all under the personal supervision of a Hadassah leader.

Mrs. Saul Katz, national Tourism Department chairman, has announced that in addition to the usual sightseeing and receptions, tour members will be invited to special anniversary events.

Plans are also underway for each tour member to plant a tree on Mount Scopus -- the famed hill of healing and of leaning -- which was returned to Hadassah and the Hebrew Uni-

versity after the Six Day War.

"We want every visitor to Israel to personally celebrate the rededication of this historic site, much of which had been laid waste by mortar shells and is once more being rebuilt as a citadel of education and medicine," Mrs. Katz said.

This year Hadassah is sponsoring (from October - March) Winter Holiday Tours of from 10 to 22 days; (some with stopovers in Europe) extended Spring and Summer Tours (March-October); a special annual Medical Tour in November; a Bible Study Tour in February; an annual Round - the - World Tour; and Spring and Fall Steamer Tour.

Social events include -- Shabbat Dinner in Jerusalem; guest luncheon either at the Hadassah Seligsberg - Brandeis School or Medical Center; high tea as guests of the Tel Aviv Tourist Club; special farewell dinner; and an in-depth

behind-the-scenes visit to Hadassah - Hebrew University Medical Center and other Hadassah facilities in Israel as given to visiting dignitaries.

All trips include air fare, hotels, transportation and sightseeing (in air conditioned buses), Israeli buffet breakfasts and dinners.

Traveling from Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel

Aviv, the tourist visit all the famous historic, Biblical and archeological sites, and see the Golan Heights, the West Bank and other areas appearing in the day's headlines.

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