

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- A plan to ensure that there will be a melding of the tenants of the proposed Forest Hills housing project and the residents of the surrounding community, to the maximum benefit of both, has been offered to Mayor Lindsay and appropriate city agencies by the New York City chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

NEW YORK -- The Weinus Assessment and Rehabilitation Pavillon, opened in June at the Neve Avot Village for the Aged, will offer its services to the indigenous and long-settled population in Israel as well as to newcomers, it was reported by Samuel L. Haber, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

WASHINGTON -- An exhibit of 15 first-say covers on American Judaica is available for loan from the B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N. W. Wash. D. C. 20036.

WASHINGTON -- Edwin Simon of New York has been elected president of the National Staff Association of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

NEW YORK (LNS) -- More than 5,000 Jewish youngsters are enrolled in more than a dozen Lubavitcher camps located in North and South America, Israel, Europe, Africa and Australia.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israeli Ambassador to the UN has called the Security Council's second resolution calling for the release of Six Lebanese and Syrian intelligence officers captured by Israel during a raid into Lebanon on June 21 an "unbalanced text."

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- Norbert Schmeltzer, Dutch Foreign Minister, has warned that Israel's refusal to grant the Dutch airline KLM additional charter flight landings has "already inconvenienced hundreds of tourists" and can cause ill-will towards Israel. Israel is refusing the landing rights until El Al is granted landing rights at Curacao in the Netherlands West Indies.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The United Hias Service helped 3,174 Jewish immigrants from Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Latin America settle in the U.S. in 1971 Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice president reported. More than 45,000 other Jews with problems related to immigration and resettlement, were also helped.

ROME (WNS) -- The General Assembly of Italian Rabbis has accused unnamed non-Italian rabbis of violating "the Jewish principle that imposes respect for the competence of each local rabbinical authority."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has approved a bill that would double welfare grants to poor families with more than three children at a cost to the government of \$24 million annually.

ROME (WNS) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities, meeting to discuss international Jewish cooperation at the institutional and service level, were told less than 10 percent of the Jewish population votes in community elections here.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The City government announced the appointment of Prof. Nathan Lichfield, 56, a teacher in town planning a London University, to head the Jerusalem Planning Authority for the next 18 months.

NEW YORK -- Jacob Stein, Chairman of the American Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration, announced the appointment of Raphael Levy as Co-ordinator. Mr. Levy, Director of Special Services for the United Jewish Appeal, is on loan from his organization to serve with the Committee.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Golda Meir and Pres. Nixon exchanged greetings as Israel linked-up with the world-wide satellite communications system that will permit direct telephone dialing overseas and allow Israelis to view live television shows from abroad.

U.S. MD TO ELDERLY POOR GOOD BEGINNING, CRUEL HOAX

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress praised a new government project to identify and locate elderly persons eligible for Federal aid as an "excellent beginning," but at the same time criticized U.S. funding of programs for senior citizens as "a cruel hoax."

In a letter to Arthur S. Fleming, Special Consultant to President Nixon on the Aged, the American Jewish Congress noted that at least three-quarters of poor Jews in the U.S. today were over 65 and "most receive little or no governmental assistance."

The Congress said the U.S. had "fallen far short of its obligations to the elderly," and urged revisions in the Federal budget to include "more extensive funding" of programs benefitting them. "To date, such funding has been sorely lacking," wrote Naomi Levine, executive director-designate of the Congress.

The new government project, FIND -- announced by Mr. Fleming -- will attempt to locate

TULKAREM (WNS) -- The house of Hamil Goumaah, 25, the terrorist who attempted plant a bomb in the Nathanya bus terminal early in July, was demolished by police authorities.

BONN (WNS) -- The Supreme Court has rejected the appeal of former SS officer Fritz Gebauer who was sentenced to life in 1971 when convicted of murdering three Jews employed in a German munitions plant in Lwow between 1941-43.

TORONTO (WNS) -- Kalmen Berger, a leader in the Farband Labor Zionist Order and the Canadian Jewish Congress, died here at the age of 73.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Funeral services were held for Boris Gaponov, the prize-winning Jewish poet who died at the age of 38.

NAZARETH (WNS) -- Inspector Jaber J. barin, 39, a 20-year veteran of the Israel police force, has been given jurisdiction over a Jewish community in this area. He is the first Arab law enforcement official in a Jewish district.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The U.S., which has not had formal diplomatic ties with Iraq since the Six Day War, is sending two foreign service officers to Baghdad to establish an American interest section at the Belgium Embassy which represents American interests in Iraq.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Jewish Agency is providing financial aid --- \$223 per student --- for 32 Jewish students who have emigrated from Cochin, India, where there has been a Jewish community for more than 400 years.

elderly persons eligible for food stamps, surplus food and other Federal programs through leaflets describing eligibility requirements, which will be mailed out Thursday (August 3) with 19 million Social Security Checks addressed to persons 65 or older.

Prepaid postcards will be enclosed for needy persons to mail back. These elderly poor will receive a personal visit by a volunteer of the American Red Cross, who will also attempt to identify other needs that can be met by existing services, according to Mr. Fleming.

Mrs. Levin said, however, that meaningful help for the nation's elderly would only come through adequately-funded programs.

She noted that in fiscal 1971 the Senior Opportunities and Services Program of the Economic Opportunity Act received only \$7.8 million to identify and meet the needs of persons over 60, a figure only "1/50 of the money allocated to Head Start.

"We point this out not to urge any reduction in Head Start allocation, but rather to demonstrate the enormous disparity between this government's protestations about the needs of the elderly and its actual financial commitments," Mrs. Levine wrote Mr. Fleming.

The AJ Congress spokesman noted that in the light of data showing seven million poor Americans to be over 60, "the amount of Federal money available for the aged is nothing less than a cruel hoax on this too frequently forgotten segment of our population."

The 21 page "Directory of Aids" published by the American Jewish Congress is targeted to the Jewish aged, but includes information applicable to the non-Jewish aged as well.

For example, sections on Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare, food stamps, entertainment discounts, housing and rent assistance employment homemaker services and counseling apply to all senior citizens, either because such programs are sponsored by public agencies, or because they are non-sectarian programs run by private organizations.

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