JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet that Israel has poverty but it was not characterized by hunger. He said the government was spending more this year on social services than defense.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, newly-elected president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, has announced the foundation is launching new educational programs as a means of acquainting Americans with "Israel's incredibly rich cultural creativity."

GENEVA (WNS) -- Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Executive, told the Conference of Jewish Organizations' (COJO) commission on education that "Israel must do more for diaspora Jewish education and it is our experience that Israel is prepared to do

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has approved cutting Army service for men from 36 to 33 months.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Karen Hayesod hopes to raise some \$120 million this year, the largest amount since the Six-Day War.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The United States continued to lead the Ninth Maccabiah Games with Israel second, Sweden third, Great Britain fourth and South Africa fifth.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Two terrorists convicted of murdering Israeli soldiers and two American tourists have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The cost-of-living rose only 0.3 percent in June, according to government figures.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who has been meeting with the Israeli and Egyptian Ambassadors to the United Nations, said the results of the consultations could lead to his going to the Middle East.

GENEVA (WNS) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, re-elected president of the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany, told the group's board of directors meeting that he was "not very optimistic" about his current negotiations with West Germany to extend reparation payments to Jewish victims of Nazism from Eastern Europe who filed their claims after the 1965 deadline on paymens.

GENEVA (WNS) -- The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture has ear-marked \$1, 807,912 for grants and allocations in fiscal 1973-74.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Gen. Ariel Sharon, commander of Southern Command, has retired from the Israeli Army after more than 28 years of service.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Sheikh Rashid Khatib, prominent Arab from Hebron who was deported to Jordan four years ago for anti-israel activities, returned to the West Bank for a visit and said there was little chance of a separate peace between Jordan and Is-rael because King Hussein is committed to the other Arab states.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A special committee appointed by Labor Minister Yosef Almogi has predicted a relatively high surplus of college graduates in the Israeli labor market within the next five years.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Forty paintings in oils and watercolors by Soviet Jewish activist Natan Feingold, an unemployed Moscow aeronautical engineer, and 22 watercolors by his 10-year-old daughter, Leah, are being exhibited in Baltimore.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Israeli Consul General in New York David Rivlin charged in a radio interview that the Arab states are using the energy crisis as a form of extortion against the United Coares, Western Europe, and Japan.

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