

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Secretary of State Henry A Kissinger warned Congress that if it does not eliminate barriers to U.S. Soviet trade because of Russia's restrictive policies toward Jewish emigration it could mean the collapse of detente and the increased possibility of a nuclear holocaust.

BRUSSELS (WNS) --- The Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) has decided to open "a formal dialogue" with the Arab nations to discuss economic, technical and energy cooperation.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israeli prisoners of war in Syria camps and hospitals were reported to be in satisfactory condition by the Red Cross representatives in Damascus who visited them.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A "new worldwide anti-Semitism" exists which is based on insensitivity and indifference to Jewish concerns, Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, charged at a press conference.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The ending of Israel's Cabinet crisis may result in a decision soon by President Nixon on how to apportion the \$2.2 billion Emergency Assistance Program for Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Any settlement with Syria must include a prior commitment from the Syrian government to end the persecution of Jews in that country, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- More than 200 Jewish leaders and Federation executives will assess the major areas of communal responsibility at the quarterly national board and committee meetings of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The abrupt decline in the number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union is no cause for alarm, according to Jewish Agency officials. Only 1600 arrived during February as compared to 2500 in January.

LOS ANGELES: --- The use of criminal prosecutions to discourage the free exercise of religion in the Soviet Union was the subject of a colloquium held at the University of Southern California Law Center. USC law professor Edward Dauer of Reseda, who coordinated the colloquium, said that the trial of Alexander Feldman, convicted for "hooliganism, has concerned many American lawyers and jurists because it appears to represent a deliberate Soviet policy of punishing Jews who seek to exercise religious freedom or who seek to emigrate to Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, told the group's National Council Assembly, that the Jackson Amendment should be included in the Trade Reform Act despite Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's contention it would harm detente.

JERUSALEM' (WNS) --Israel will have a full Ambassador to South Africa instead of just a Charge d'Affaires.

NEW YORK (WNS)--The KGB has warned Dr. Isaac Poltinnkov of Novosibirsk and his family that they are guilty of anti-Soviet activity and that if they didn't find work in 15 days they would be charged with parasitism.

PHILADELPHIA;--Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, president of The Dropsio University here, will deliver the keynote address on "The Living Tongue of the Prophets" at the Western Regional Conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, in Santa Barbara, March 27.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- For the fourth consecutive year, a group of veterans leaders, representing all major American veterans organizations has accepted an invitation March 25, from the Israeli foreign office for a fact-finding mission to Israel.



NEW YORK -- DR. DAVID HYATT, RIGHT, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, RECEIVES THE 1974 JOHN F. KENNEDY BROTHERHOOD AWARD OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S., NEW YORK COUNTY COUNCIL, "FOR HIS DEDICATION AND IDEALISM IN INTER-FAITH WORK AND IN IMPROVING THE LOT OF MAN." M. SHEPARD MAHLER, COMMANDER OF THE NEW YORK COUNTY COUNCIL, PRESENTS THE AWARD.

JERUSALEM,--The president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, has called for an end to debates between the Israeli and Diaspora Jewish communities regarding centrality and urged that all Jews should consider themselves as part of a family unit.

NEW YORK -- Chaplain Captain David M. Sobel, 28, Jewish Chaplain in Thailand, was killed March 7, in an automobile accident on a road from Bangkok to the airport, the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board reported.

NEW YORK -- The American Association for Jewish Education and the American Jewish Committee will co-sponsor a national workshop March 24 on trends and developments in communal Jewish education.

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NEW YORK...A group of 30 leaders of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., are on a 10-day tour to Israel in order to examine Jewish-Christian-Moslem relations there in light of the tensions resulting from the Oct. 1973 War. The tour was arranged in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee.

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