

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**NEW YORK (WNS)** — Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that a meeting between Jewish leaders and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will take place in Washington at the end of April.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** — The families of the 65 Israeli POWs in Syria received their first letters. Each prisoner stated that his condition was satisfactory, written in Hebrew on Red Cross forms.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** — The 13-member Socialist International delegation headed by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said here that they support the existence of Israel within secure borders and "will never lend a hand to any attempt to undermine the existence of Israel in any way or form."

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** — The unity of the Jewish people is paramount in finding a solution to the Who Is A Jew issue, Premier Golda Meir told the delegates to the 85th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinic organization.

**NEW YORK** — The National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal raised \$2½ million at two internationally-attended luncheons in Palm Beach, Florida.

**NEW YORK** — Six black educators, clergymen and administrators, specialists in the development of low-income rural cooperatives in America's southern states, left for Israel for intensive study of Israel's "Moshav" system, coordinated by the American Jewish Committee's Christian Visitors to Israel Program, and was arranged in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry of the Israel Government.

**NEW YORK** — The Committee of Concern, a non-sectarian group seeking to alleviate the plight of minorities in Arab countries, expressed fear that the arrest of two Jewish activists in connection with the recent murder of four young Syrian Jewish women was an attempt to distract attention from Syrian persecution of Jews.

**LAWRENCE, N.Y.** — Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Israel has composed a special prayer for the safety of the Israeli POW's in Syrian captivity. In time for Passover, the traditional Festival of Freedom, the prayer will be distributed free by the American Action Committee For the Release of Israeli POW's. Requests, accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be addressed to Rabbi Dobin, Post Office Box 11, Lawrence, New York 11559.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. applauded the actions of a retired, much decorated Soviet Army Colonel, Naum M. Alshansky, for returning his medals and renouncing his citizenship in the Soviet Union in protest of official refusals for a visa to emigrate to Israel.

**DALLAS** — One thousand women from twenty-two countries gave a standing ovation to Dr. Estelle Ramey, president of Association of Women in Science, as she told the delegates to the B'nai B'rith Women International Triennial Convention that "in terms of Darwin, you — the Jewish women of today — are the strongest women in the world...the strongest because you are the survivors in the scheme of natural selection."

**HAIFA** — The 1974 academic year opened at Technion — Israel Institute of Technology with addresses by Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, Technion President, Major General (Res.) Amos Horev, and Students' Association Chairman Ilan Moses. The opening of the academic year was postponed by the decision of the Technion Senate as a consequence of the Yom Kippur War.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** — More than 3000 men and women have participated in United Jewish Appeal "People-to-People" missions to Israel since the Yom Kippur War, according to Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** — Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is expected here early April to seek new financial help from the United States to meet the burden created by the Yom Kippur War.

**NEW YORK** — Harold M. Jacobs, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, announced that Mr. Joseph Segal of Vancouver, British Columbia, will be honored with the UOJCA's Distinguished Service Award at the 76th Annual National Dinner on May 19th, 1974 at the New York Hilton.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** — Artillery and tank duels between Syria and Israel continued unabated during the week. By the end of the week one Israeli soldier was killed, one Druze resident from Harfa village was killed and two Israeli soldiers were wounded.

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