

**JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

**NEW YORK** -- A national convocation of Jewish religious leaders of the three branches of American Judaism will be convened September 4, to consider "strategies for synagogue survival," it was announced.

**TEL AVIV** -- Nearly 200 amateur artists and sculptors from throughout Israel are participating in the 13th Annual Art Competition at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv.

**HAIFA** -- A new IBM 370/168 computer, the most sophisticated in Israel, was recently installed and is now in use at the Taub Computer Center of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

**NEW YORK** -- "The barbaric slaughter of another Israeli family, and the death of an Israeli soldier, so soon after the brutal murders at Shamir, Ma'alot and Kiryat Shemona, is an unconscionable act of depravity," Paul Zuckerman, UJA General Chairman, said.

**NEW YORK** -- Six hundred troubled men and women, most of them with marital problems, consulted the Israel Family Counselling Association during 1973, it was reported by Mrs. Leah Fuerst, Director of the clinic, recently at the opening of the Association's new counselling clinic in Tel Aviv.

**NEW YORK** -- For the first time, a delegation from the American Sephardi Federation - the all-embracing organization of Sephardic Jewry in the United States - participated in the recent World Sephardi Federation meeting in Geneva.

**NEW YORK** -- A plaque honoring the Joint Distribution Committee "for 60 years of aid and comfort to Jews throughout the world" was presented to Samuel L. Haber at the 122nd annual convention of District One of B'nai B'rith by the B'nai B'rith women.

**NEW YORK** -- Eliot Bernstein of Milwaukee has been appointed to a two-year term as chairman of the American Association for Jewish Education's National Commission on Community Services.

**NEW YORK** -- A nationwide program to strengthen relationships between Lutherans and Jews in the United States and abroad was announced today by Dr. Paul D. Opsahl, Executive Secretary of the Division of Theological Studies of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey introduced legislation providing for the placement in the U.S. Capitol Building of the likenesses of individuals from minority groups who have contributed significantly to the nation and its history.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Senator Walter F. Mondale introduced a resolution calling on the President "to urge the Syrian leadership" during his trip to the Middle East "to let the Jews in Syria emigrate to the United States."

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- The International Finance Corp., a member of the World Bank group, has announced its first investment in Israel, \$3.5 million to help finance an \$18.4 million expansion of Makhteshim Chemical Works, Ltd.

**BEERSHEBA** - Two Beduin students and two students of oriental origin recently received tuition scholarships at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in memory of Dr. Joseph Shlomo Menschel.

**NEW YORK** -- Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the largest rabbinical organization in the world, has been invited to Izu July 22-25 to address the annual summer conference of Ma'kuya, a Christian sect in Japan that believes that the State of Israel is the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. It marks the first time that an American Jewish religious leader has been invited to appear before this Japanese group whose annual conference attracts some ten thousand members.

**LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE**

**NEW YORK** -- Arthur M. Katz, formerly New Lodge Director for National B'nai Brith New York Region and formerly Long Island Director of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, has been appointed the Director of Special Projects by the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

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