

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WUP) -- A large audience, composed mostly of non-Jews sat enthralled as they listened intently to the reading of nine original Yiddish poems as they were dramatically presented by their author, the prize-winning Yiddish poet Wolf Pasmanik, author of the volume on poetry entitled "Meine Leider."

TEL AVIV (WUP) -- Major-General Ariel Sharon, who had saved the day for Israel during the Yom Kippur War by his bold move in breaking through into Egypt proper and thus entrapping the Egyptian Third Army -- was highly praised by Likud leader Menachem Begin for his decision to resign from the Knesset to rejoin the Army reserves in the face of the critical situation currently facing the Jewish State.

UNITED NATIONS. (WUP) -- Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim plans to visit six Arab States this month. Israel was not included in the announcement.

NEW YORK -- The acquisition of property for the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall, a residence for women studying at the Seminary, was announced by Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

NEW YORK -- The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,150,000, according to the American Jewish Year Book, whose 1974-75 edition has just been published. There are approximately 5,732,000 Jews in the United States, more than in any other country.

BEERSHEBA -- Israel's United Nations Ambassador Yosef Tekoah was unanimously named by a Special Nominating Committee as the sole candidate for the presidency of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

JERUSALEM -- M. K. Chaika Grossman, Chairman of the Knesset's Public Services Committee, proposed that Magen David Adom, Israel's Emergency Medical Health & Disaster Service, be exempted of customs duty taxes.

LOS ANGELES -- Dr. Abraham Rimom of Beverly Hills, an Israeli citizen, has been appointed a visiting associate professor of medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

NEW YORK -- A prominent American Zionist leader, former ZOA president Jacques Torczyner, has suggested that the World Jewish Congress become the major international Jewish forum for Israelis and Diaspora Jews to exchange views, develop common approaches to problems and serve as an idea laboratory for the benefit of all Jews.

NEW YORK -- A new Megillat Esther, with introduction, new translation and commentary by Rabbi Robert Gordis, has been published by the Rabbinical Assembly for use in connection with the celebration of Purim, which this year falls on Monday evening, February 24.

NEW YORK -- "The present state of the economy may have a far-reaching effect on the work and the membership of Hadassah -- and of other voluntary organizations as well," Rose E. Matzkin, national president of Hadassah warned.

LOS ANGELES -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has added a new dimension to its 62-year history of fighting discrimination - women's rights as a separate issue.

NEW YORK -- The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the National Council of Young Israel announced the formation of an Orthodox Aliyah Department to co-ordinate the activities in this area for both organizations.

NEW YORK -- THE FORGING OF AN AMERICAN JEW; THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK, by Harry Barnard, has just been issued by the Herzl Press in its ongoing program of publications dealing with the history and philosophy of the Zionist Movement.

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JERUSALEM ...LEFT TO RIGHT... ROSE E. MATZKIN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH; FAYE L. SCHENK, HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN; AND CHARLOTTE JACOBSON, BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN, VISIT QUINTUPLETS BORN AT HADASSAH-HEBREW UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER. INCUBATOR AT RIGHT HOLDS TWO INFANTS. PREMATURE BABY UNIT IS GIFT OF U. S. GOVERNMENT. HADASSAH DONATED \$1,000 TO PARENTS.

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JOINS SANDS -- Milton Frank, long-time casino executive, has joined the Sands Hotel. Frank has been affiliated with the Nevada gaming industry for the past 12 years. Born in Portchester, N.Y. he came to Las Vegas in 1962. He was an executive at the Stardust prior to his association with the Sands.

ALLOIN OPTIMISTIC AFTER KISSINGER TALK

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon emerged from a 90-minute meeting with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in an optimistic mood saying the time has come to move from the preliminary stage to the practical stage in the negotiations for a settlement in the Middle East. Kissinger said he and Allon conducted a detailed review of the situation. "We didn't attempt to reach any conclusions but rather to assess the views and possibilities that exist." Both sides have been stressing the warmth of relations between the U.S. and Israel. An Israeli Embassy spokesman described the talks as "very good, cordial."

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