

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- In a letter to President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, Fred Ehrman, Chairman of the Israel Commission and Vice President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, called for the delay of implementation of any further territorial withdrawals by the State of Israel until a comprehensive peace agreement has been reached with all concerned parties in the Middle East.

NEW YORK -- Women synagogue leaders, gathered at a Seminar devoted to the role of Jewish women, heard Milton Himmelfarb, Social Scientist and Research Director of the American Jewish Committee, declare that "birth control practices among Jewish women, rather than intermarriage, are the cause of the decrease in the Jewish population in the United States today." The Seminar was sponsored by the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and held at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

PHILADELPHIA -- Judge Paul Ribner, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A., urged an immediate congressional hearing on the 76.9 million contract given to the Vinnell Corp. to train Saudi Arabian National Guard.

NEW YORK -- High school students wanting to spend seven weeks in Israel contributing directly to the people and the land and not just as tourists, are invited to participate in the ORT Youth Fellowship summer-work program. Applications, and information for this summer's trip can be obtained from the ORT Youth Fellowship, 1250 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10001.

NEW YORK (WUP) -- Moshe Starkman, 68, a former editor of the Yiddish - Day Journal and the director of Yiddish publicity of the UJA and Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Joint Campaign died of a heart attack while handling the press relations for the 37th annual conference of the UJA-Federation's Council of Organizations at Miami, Florida.

JERUSALEM (WUP) -- The Israeli Philatelic Services are planning to issue a postage stamp in honor of former President Harry S. Truman.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Dr. Louis Longarzo, chairman of the Peace Apostolate of the Third Order of St. Francis at the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan, an Apostolate which he was instrumental in creating, chose February 12, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, to make a special appeal for peace in the Middle East. The appeal, closed with the famous Isaiah peace passage inscribed in stone at the UN Plaza, "with malice towards none, with charity for all."

NEW YORK (WUP) -- St. Patrick's Cathedral of renown and the world famous Temple Emanu El exchanged houses of worship in a project initiating a year-long "dialogue" in an effort to seek basic guidelines for closer Catholic-Jewish relations.

TEL AVIV -- Despite the construction slow-down policy in Israel, King David Towers and Hadar Weizman will shortly provide luxury apartment living heretofore not available in the Israeli metropolis.

NEW YORK -- "Any talk about the inevitability of another war in the Middle East is not a reflection of the true situation in Israel today. Any such talk, whether emanating from this country or from other opinion molders, is primarily designed to exercise indirect pressure on Israel to make unilateral concessions. This is malicious on their part," said Dan Pattir, President of the National Federation of Israeli Journalists, at a joint meeting of the American Zionist Federation and the American Jewish Public Relations Society.

TEL AVIV (MDA) -- Orthopaedic surgery was successfully performed on a haemophilia patient for the first time in Israel at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer, in cooperation with the Magen David Adom Central Blood Bank in Jaffa.

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IN BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY, 70 PERSONS -- MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN -- STUDIED JUDAISM AT A TORAH CONVOCATION CONDUCTED BY RABBI JUDAH NADICH (FRONT ROW, IN HAT), MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON JEWISH CHAPLAINCY OF JWB, FOR U.S. JEWISH SERVICEMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE GROUP REFLECTS THE GROWING

NEW YORK -- With the opening of a 32-bed geriatric rehabilitation unit, the 150-acre Sheba Medical Center on the outskirts of Tel Aviv now has one of the world's comparatively few complete hospital-based geriatric services.

NEW YORK -- Rabbi Sanford Seltzer of Boston has been named as the new Director of the Joint Commission on Worship of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

TEL AVIV -- A dynamic turn-around in production and exports of the Israel diamond industry spotlights possibilities of significantly increased exports in 1975, despite slumping world-wide economic conditions.

TORONTO (WNS) -- An arbitrator ruled that a Jewish employer was within his rights when he fired a worker who displayed a picture of Hitler at his workplace.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The "Aliya Month" which will be conducted in the United States and Canada from February 25 through March 25 has goal to double Israel's Jewish population within 25 years, with the hope that 25,000 people will immigrate each year from North America.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Ambassador David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General in New York for four years, has been appointed Israel's Ambassador to Norway.

VIENNA (WNS) -- Simon Wiesenthal, director of the Jewish Documentation Center here, has charged that the showing of the film, "The Odessa File," pro-Jewish, which was to have opened in January, has been delayed because of Arab pressure.

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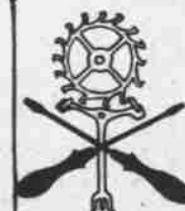
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