

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- President Ford sent President Ephraim Katzir a message on Israel's 27th Independence Day expressing "warm greetings and best wishes for the peace and prosperity of Israel."

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Jews in Miami and Philadelphia and Jews and non-Jews in Chicago are conducting a hunger strike in sympathy with a fast by three Moscow Jewish activists and their families, Vladimir Slepak, Aleksandr Lunts and Vladimir Prestin.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon arrived in New York after a whirlwind tour of four American cities in which he met with some 1500 American Jewish leaders in an "Operation Israel" effort of the United Jewish Appeal.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- World Jewry must help Israel explain to the world the justice of its political position, Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the World Zionist Organization, said in his Independence Day message.

**UNITED NATIONS (WNS)** -- The Security Council by a 13-0 vote has extended the mandate of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Sinai buffer zone between Egyptian and Israeli troops for three months.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** -- The beaches at Netanya and vicinity have been closed to the public because of thousands of lethal bomb detonators which have been washed ashore.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, who was sentenced last month to a one-year term in federal prison, is being allowed to leave a Manhattan half-way house for prisoners for seven hours a day in order to go to prayers and eat kosher food.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** -- A soviet civilian jet airliner, which violated Israeli air space over the Sinai, was permitted to return to Cairo airport by the Israeli Air Force.

**LIBERTY, N.Y.** -- Predicting that women will be admitted to membership in the Rabbinical Assembly within the foreseeable future, Rabbi Mordecai Waxman in his presidential address opening the 75th anniversary convention of the Conservative rabbinate cited it as an example of the organization's flexibility and its policy of adapting traditional Judaism to changing times.

**NEW YORK** -- Russia's top Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak, his wife Maria and son Alexander began the second week of their hunger strike, which commenced April 13th, the fifth anniversary of their application to leave.

**NEW YORK** -- The Institute for Jewish Life, 315 Park Avenue, N.Y.C., 10010, will provide communities with a series of manuals defining major program models developed in other cities, for more widespread use and benefits.

**NEW YORK** -- Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon will be joining United Jewish Appeal national officers for the opening phase of a UJA emergency drive to collect \$100 million in cash before the end of May, Frank R. Lautenberg, UJA General Chairman announced.

**NEW YORK** -- Rabbi Seymour H. Brickman, a consultant for the Board of Jewish Education in New York, has been elected president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains in the Armed Forces.

**LIBERTY, N.Y.** -- A new pattern of a "more personalized, less centralized and less authoritarian synagogue" that may eventually be supported by local Jewish federations is emerging in the United States and Canada, according to Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly.

**NEW YORK** -- Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, announced appointment of Mr. George M. Levine, as the new chairman of the Seminary ambassadors group.

## LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

### FORD ADMINISTRATION NO "VILLAIN"

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, warned that a Jewish policy which made a "villain" of the Ford Administration for allegedly pressuring Israel was "wrong and self-defeating."

In a statement, Rabbi Hertzberg charged that Jewish protests against President Ford's Middle East approach were "not so much reactions of the moment as a continuation of Jewish hard-line politics."

Noting that the government of Israel

was committed to a policy of "accommodation and negotiation," Rabbi Hertzberg declared:

"The longstanding practice and principle of American Jewish organizations is not to oppose Israeli policies that affect the security of the Jewish state. It is Israeli blood that will have to defend these policies, not ours," Rabbi Hertzberg said, adding:

"Therefore it is Israel's democratically-elected leaders who must make the decisions."

The current Israeli position, he said, was one of "cooperation with the United States. To seek to break this relationship and move our country into an adversary position toward Israel is in effect to try to achieve in the United States-- by antagonizing the American govern-

ment -- what hard-liners did not have the votes to achieve in Israel.

"Such an action has to be called by the right name: meddling in the political processes of Israel through undercutting here in the United States the majority policy of moderation."

**NEW YORK** -- Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of Union of American Hebrew Congregations lauded Attorney General Levi's proposed hand gun-control program and stated that America must eliminate the "epidemic of gun craziness which stains American life."

**NEW YORK** -- Louis Broido, a leader in commerce, politics and Jewish communal life, died Saturday, April 5, at the age of 79, in New York.

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