

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- In his report on the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on the Golan, submitted to the Security Council last week and in which he announced that Syria had agreed to extend its mandate for another six months to the surprise of everyone here, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim voiced some dismay that "the present quiet is a precarious one" and that "until further progress can be made towards the achievement of a just and durable peace, the situation in the Israel-Syria sector, and indeed in the Middle East as a whole, will remain unstable and potentially dangerous."

HAIFA -- A total of 211 graduates, including 29 girls, of the Bosmat Junior Technical College of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology received their certificates.

HAIFA -- The forty-sixth graduating class of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology received B.Sc. degrees in a ceremony in the Sherman Forum at the Technion City campus. The 1,130 graduates formed the largest graduating class ever at the Technion.

LOS ANGELES -- Featuring a Ben Shahn illustration on its cover, in celebration of the Bicentennial Observance of the United States of America, the popular, widely-used ADL Memo and Date Book is now available for purchase for \$1.00 at 590 N. Vermont Ave., Suite 217, Los Angeles, California 90004.

NEW YORK -- The Supreme Court decision striking down as unconstitutional the Pennsylvania state aid law for non-public schools "smashes the hopes of children in religious schools to be treated as equals in society," Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America declared.

NEW YORK -- The appointment of Rabbi Wayne D. Dosick as Assistant Director of the Synagogue Council of America has been announced by Rabbi Henry Stegman, Executive Vice President of the Council.

NEW YORK -- Jacques Torczyner, a past President of the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization Executive, assumed the Chairmanship of the Theodor Herzl Institute.

NEW YORK -- One hundred key leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish communities are expected to attend a three-day National Conference in St. Louis June 1-3, on the subject of "Faith Without Prejudice: Religion and the Teaching of Human Relations," sponsored by the American Jewish Committee in cooperation with St. Louis University.

RAMAT-GAN -- Bar Ilan, Israel's only religiously-oriented university, will be humming with overseas visitors who will be coming in organized study groups.

WALTHAM, MASS. -- Honorary degrees will be conferred on nine leading figures in the worlds of education and public service at Brandeis University's 24th annual commencement exercises, Sunday, June 1, when 630 undergraduates and 225 graduate students will receive their degrees.

PHILADELPHIA -- Judge Paul Ribner, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, will be the principal speaker at both the Pennsylvania State convention in Pittsburgh and the Illinois State session in Chicago on Saturday, May 31, before flying to Colorado Springs to address the Air Force Academy's graduating Jewish cadets at services on Sunday, June 1.

NEW YORK -- A huge Torah demonstration to mark the completion (Siyum HaShas) of the entire Talmud by the Daf Yomi study groups throughout the world, will take place Sunday afternoon, June 15th, 2:00 P.M. in Manhattan Center, New York City, sponsored by Agudath Israel of America and the International Daf Yomi Commission, with the participation of the foremost Torah scholars in the country.

2 RUSSIAN JEWS SENT TO SIBERIA

NEW YORK -- Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsitlionok, the two Moscow Jewish activists who were sentenced to five years in exile after demonstrating near the Kremlin, have been sent to Siberia, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry has learned.

Nashpitz, 27, was sent to Cita, near the Chinese border, and Tsitlionok, 31, was sent to Krasnoyarsk. Meanwhile there have been reports of stepped up activities against Jewish activists. A report reached London that Col. Yefim Davidovich of Minsk has been stripped of his military rank and pension following his address at a commemorative gathering at the site of the former Minsk ghetto.

It was also learned that Victor Stern, son of Dr. Mikhail Stern who is currently serving an eight-year prison term, has been told by Soviet authori-

BEERSHEBA -- 570 Degrees were awarded to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev students in the largest graduation ceremony to take place since the founding of the University.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Michael Tzur, the one-time financial star of Israel's business world, was sentenced to 15 years in jail on a variety of charges growing out of his international financial operations.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Premier Yitzhak Rabin officially launched a special cash collection program of the Israel Bond campaign with a telephone talk to Jewish leaders in 48 communities across the country and Canada.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Security forces have arrested 60 suspected terrorists in the Jenin area of the West Bank.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- A group of rabbis, representing boards of rabbis in Eastern cities, held a prayer vigil on the steps of the Capitol invoking blessings on American governmental leaders and urging them to maintain America's "historic commitments to support the democratic State of Israel."



DINA ROITKOP PODRIACHIK, SEPARATED FROM HER SON FOR FOUR YEARS BECAUSE HE WAS DENIED A VISA, HAS ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY FOR A BRIEF VISIT TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR REUNIFYING HER FAMILY.

ties that he must leave the USSR by June 15.

In New York, scores of protestors demonstrated outside the Bijou Theater which was holding a Soviet Film Festival to denounce the Soviet Union's "stepped-up campaign of persecution against Soviet Jews." Malcolm Hoenlein,

executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, said "it is quite fitting that the demonstration was held during the showing of 'Crime and Punishment,' since

JEWISH CEMETARY IN RUSSIA DESTROYED

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Jewish cemetery in Sarin in the Ukraine has been destroyed, according to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Malcolm Hoenlein, Conference executive director, said the cemetery has been turned into a garbage dump with few grave-stones still standing. Hoenlein said nearby the cemetery are three mass graves where 12,000 Sarini Jews, murdered by the Nazis, are buried.

The fences put around the graves after World War II have been removed and the only marker, a large gravestone in the center, has been destroyed.

"crime and punishment are the watchwords as far as the Soviets' attitude toward Jews is concerned."

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