

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Yavneh, the National Religious Students Association, held a memorial service at the Syrian Mission to the U.N., in memory of the three Israeli rabbinical students, who were brutally murdered at the Rabbinical Seminary in Ramat Hamagshimim in Israel by P.L.O. terrorists.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Congress announced today suspension of its 1976 travel program to Mexico.

NEW YORK -- Groups of teenagers, members of Masada of ZOA, the national youth movement of the Zionist Organization of America, carried a Chanukah Torch, running 15 miles from the John F. Kennedy Airport to the ZOA House, 4 East 34th Street in Manhattan.

PHILADELPHIA -- The Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A. urged all American citizens to discontinue travel to any foreign country which voted in favor of the United Nations' Anti-Zionist resolutions.

LOS ANGELES -- A week-long "winter encampment" for youths between the ages of eight and fifteen will be held from December 23rd through 29th at Camp Ramah, on the Max and Pauline Zimmer Camp Grounds in Ojai, California. To register, contact Camp Ramah office, 6525 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90028.

MIAMI BEACH, Florida -- A continued and marked increase in the appropriations to Jewish education by local Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds both in 1974 and in the past eight years was reported to the 44th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Thirty-seven Senators, stressing Soviet obligations under the Helsinki accords, have cabled Secretary Brezhnev urging him to honor Dr. Andrei Sakharov's request to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in person in Oslo next month.

NEW YORK -- The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded more than a million dollars to Committee for Archives and Research Libraries in Jewish Studies. It was announced by Theological Seminary of America's library director, Dr. Menahem Schmelzer, who is president of the Committee.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Tourism Minister Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberal Party argued in the Cabinet that a decision to build four new settlements on the Golan Heights would be the appropriate reaction to the Ramat Magshimim tragedy, where three students were murdered by Arab terrorists.

RIO DE JANEIRO (WNS) -- More than 20,000 persons, including 140 leading non-Jewish personalities participated in Israel Week here, as an implicit expression of protest against Brazil's vote in favor of the anti-Zionist resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Declaring that "nothing the United Nations has done so far in its inglorious history is so shameful as its adoption of the anti-Zionism resolution, The Observer of the United Kingdom has called upon "all those countries which believe the anti-Jewish draft to be profoundly mistaken and a stigma on the UN's record to commit themselves to getting it reversed at next year's session of the General Assembly."

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) Abraham Weinstein, a well-known figure in the Secretariat here, winds up 30 years of faithful service as a stenotype reporter on the UN staff.

MIAMI BEACH (WNS) -- Ten journalists, a newspaper and a news service were named winners of the 1975 Smolar Awards "for excellence in North American Jewish Journalism."

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Evangelist Billy Graham said here that the United Nations General Assembly made a serious mistake in equating Zionism with racism since it could backfire against the world organization.

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

NEW YORK -- Dr. Jules Backman of Scarsdale, an N.Y.U. professor, was elected Chairman of the Board at the fall meeting of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Twenty Israeli soldiers and air crew members were killed when an Israeli Air Force Hercules transport plane crashed into the fog-shrouded 2700-foot peak of a mountain south of El Arish in the Sinai.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries was founded at a meeting in Paris to act on behalf of the humanitarian, moral and material rights of the more than 600,000 Jews forced to flee from Arab countries after the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Israel Pound has been reduced by 1.5 percent in the fourth "creeping devaluation" to be conducted by the government this year in its efforts to conserve the

nation's dwindling foreign currency reserves and stimulate exports.

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