

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**NEW YORK** -- Julia Aronson Dushkin, noted American nutritionist and Hadassah leader, died in Israel, December 10, after a long illness.

**NEW YORK** -- Urging American Jewry to be strong and not to forget the past, noted author and poet Elie Wiesel received the United Jewish Appeal's first annual David Ben Gurion Award saying "What distinguishes a Jew is not the color of his skin, but his memory."

**NEW YORK** -- Shimon Peres, Israel's Minister of Defense, said last night that the supreme hope motivating Jews was to "continue the spiritual Jewish tradition of maintaining self-reliance and to foster a Jewish personality faithful to contributing to the betterment of humanity." He spoke to an audience of 1,500 American Jewish leaders at the United Jewish Appeal's National Conference.

**NEW YORK** -- Congressional support for Soviet Jews is still strong as evidenced by a recent statement signed by 105 members of the House of Representatives and issued by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry in conjunction with the 1975 Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry.

**PHILADELPHIA:** The Jewish Publication Society of America, 1528 Walnut Street, Suite 800, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102, presents a collection of ten books, plus an introduction with detailed commentary of the religious, communal, cultural and political life of American Jewry from 1761 to 1845. This contribution of early American Judaica to the Bicentennial celebration sells for \$20.00.

**NEW YORK** -- Dore Schary, motion picture executive and Academy Award-winning screenwriter, has announced that leading personalities from the world of culture and entertainment -- three of them Pulitzer Prize winners -- will take part in a National Conference on the Jewish Cultural Arts which JWB will conduct in behalf of its constituent Jewish Community Centers and YM & YWHAs on January 10, 11 and 12 in New York City in connection with the American Revolution Bicentennial.

**NEW YORK** -- In 1975 Stephen Wise Awards for distinguished service to Israel will be presented December 20 to Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Simcha Dinitz; Israel's Ambassador to the U.N., Chaim Herzog; and El Al Israel Airlines, it was announced by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress.

**NEW YORK** -- An open invitation to all Jewish university and college students and to all Jewish youth of college age has been extended by the Lubavitch Youth Organization, to attend a unique series of weekend seminars December 25 to 28 on matters of Jewish concern which will be held at Lubavitch world headquarters, 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213.

**NEW YORK** -- A leading Evangelical Christian scholar urged his fellow Christians to become "Hebrewphiles," to develop "Hebrew attitudes toward life, and see life through Hebrew eyes." A Christian, he said, should become aware that the "Biblical sense of reality is profoundly Hebrew." Speaking to a national conference of Evangelical Christians and Jews co-sponsored by the American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, Israel and the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Marvin R. Wilson, Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies and Chairman of Department, Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., recalled that "modern religious history pain fully indicates that Evangelical Protestants and American Jews have largely remained aloof from one another."

**NEW YORK** -- In response to the recent United Nation's resolution branding Zionism as a form of racism, the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York has prepared a series of "Fact Sheets on Zionism." The "Fact Sheets," geared to the junior and senior high school levels, provide students, parents, and teachers with information concerning the historical roots of Zionism, and its relationship to modern Israel, and the Jewish people.

## LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

### U.S. JET FIGHTERS TO ISRAEL

**WASH. (WNS)** -- The Defense Department has notified Congress it plans to sell Israel 25 of the advanced F-15 jet fighters that Israel has been seeking for more than a year.

The Pentagon also said that Saudi Arabia has contracted for a \$1.8 billion modernization program of its air force including 100 F-5 jet fighters. Congress has 20 days to oppose the deals. While no opposition is expected on the sale to Israel, the Saudi contract may be opposed on

the issue of that country's discrimination against American companies hiring Jews to work in Saudi Arabia. The Pentagon announcement is seen as a show of support for Israel. The sale of the planes had been held up during President Ford's re-assessment of American Mideast policy.

Delivery of the first F-15s is not expected until 1977. Meanwhile, the U.S. announcement may mean that France, whose President, Valery Giscard d'Estaing is visiting Cairo,

may now agree to provide Egypt with the new Mirage F-1 warplane.

Meanwhile the House International Relations Committee has approved \$755 million in economic support assistance for Israel, \$15 million more than the Administration recommended. The House

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committee also approved \$1.5 billion in military aid for Israel half of which will be a grant.

The committee also approved the Administration's requests for \$750 million in economic assistance to Egypt; \$90 million for Syria and \$77.5 million for Jordan.

**UNITED NATIONS (WUP)** -- The United States spoke up most strongly against the anti-Israeli, pro-PLO resolution which had been tabled in the General Assembly debating agenda item number 124 headed "the Situation in the Middle East."

**HAIFA** - Professor Elisha Netanyahu, a member of the Mathematics Department at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, has been awarded the 1975 Kurt Mahler Prize for Mathematical Research.

### AJC'S RABBI TANENBAUM ASKS JEWS AND CHRISTIANS TO PROMOTE HUMANISM

**NEW YORK** -- A prominent leader in the Jewish-Christian dialogue movement called on Jews and Christians to promote a "new humanism that seeks to restore the Biblical value of life in the face of growing callousness to human suffering throughout the globe."

Speaking to an audience of scholars, theologians, clergymen and religious educators from all parts of the United States, at a conference of Evangelical Christians and Jews, co-sponsored by the American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, and the American Jewish Committee, held at Calvary Baptist Church, Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, National Director of the American Jewish Committee's Inter-religious Affairs Department, and one of the conference's co-chairmen, said:

"Mankind is living increasingly in an age of violence and terror. There is not a continent on the earth today that is not despoiled by religious and ethnic conflict and massacres, as in Ireland, Cyprus, Lebanon, Uganda, Ethiopia, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Crime has risen astronomically in the United States as a result of the pervasive availability of 40 million guns, and the growing destruction of human life. On the international scene, the nations of the world spend \$240 billion on non-nuclear weapons and support of military forces. In 39 countries, there are some 445 nuclear installations established in 'Atoms for Peace' programs, but which are easily

convertible into weapons for nuclear destruction." He added:

"This age, which has such a capacity for lethal destruction, can no longer tolerate, if it ever could, the luxury of religious, racial or ethnic hatred. It is therefore absolutely essential -- indeed, urgent and mandatory -- that we begin together to promote an attitude of scorn and contempt for

those who advocate the use of violence, who preach verbal violence through inflammatory propaganda such as that

which flows almost daily from the United Nations, and who act out violence through kidnapping and terrorism."

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