

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**NEW YORK** -- The United Jewish Appeal's Operation Joshua, a series of overnight tours for American students traveling in Israel, is scheduled to begin this year in Jerusalem on July 14.

**SAN FRANCISCO** -- Representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith testified before the Judiciary Committee of the California State Senate in support of the Berman Anti-Boycott Bill, which would make it illegal in California for a business, state agency, or individual, to enter into contracts which require discrimination on the basis of the customers of said businesses or on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin.

**NEW YORK (LNS)** -- The 49th anniversary of the historic liberation of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Joseph L. Schneersohn (1880-1950), from Soviet prison in 1927, will be marked this year on Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, in Jewish communities around the world.

**CHARLESTON, South Carolina** -- A special military service to observe the 200th anniversary of the first Jew to die for American independence was held July 4th.

**NEW YORK** -- Well over one third of all college degrees awarded in the U.S. in the field of Hebrew and Jewish studies are granted by Yeshiva University.

**GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y.** -- Jewish Federation executives from many cities gathered here for the annual Intermediate Cities Executive Institute conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations.

**NEW YORK** -- Absorption Ministry mortgage ceilings for Jerusalem apartments purchased by new immigrants on the private market has recently increased considerably according to the Israel Aliyah Center.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- Dr. William Perl, leader of the Washington area Jewish Defense League has been arrested by the FBI on charges of conspiracy to shoot into the apartments of two Soviet Embassy officials.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Two new settlement sites on the eastern fringe of the Samaria region of the West Bank have been approved by the government.

**ST. LOUIS, Mo. (WNS)** -- A kosher food bill designed to protect observant Jews from fraud in the sale of such foods, including meat, has been approved by the Missouri Legislature and signed by Gov. Christopher Bond to take effect August 13.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- A book printed in English by the Novosti Press Agency in Moscow, "Zionist Falsehoods," is reminiscent of the most notorious Nazi anti-Semitic trash, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Israelis do not speak Hebrew well, according to many members of the Knesset. Shalom Levin, a Labor Alignment MK who is chairman of the National Teachers Association, said the state of the Hebrew language in Israel is poor and suggested that MKs should be provided with special language advisors to correct their usage.

**LONDON (WNS)** -- A consortium of Arab businessmen, mostly from Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states, are buying the Dorchester, a famous London hotel popular with Israeli visitors, for about \$20 million. Israeli President Ephraim Katzir and his wife stayed at the hotel during their recent visit here.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York has been established here, the first organization in modern history to unify the Jewish community's response to community-wide problems.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The end of Christian anti-Semitism and Vatican recognition of the State of Israel has been predicted by the Rev. Edward H. Flannery, executive secretary of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the U.S. Bishops Conference.

## GEN. BROWN RENAMED CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF;

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- The Senate Armed Services Committee voted 13-2 to recommend that the Senate approve President Ford's nomination of Gen. George S. Brown for a second two-year term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The action came after Brown testified that he still believes Jews have an undue influence on Congress, but influence on behalf of Israel was proper. Sen. Robert Taft, Jr. (R, Ohio) and Thomas J. McIntyre (D, NH) voted against confirming Brown. Brown's remarks came when Taft asked him about his statement at a Duke University law seminar on October 10, 1974.

## STILL SAYS JEWS HAVE UNDUPLICATE INFLUENCE

in which he said Israel has too much influence on Congress and Jews "own" the nation's banks and newspapers.

In replying to Taft, Brown said he was wrong about Jews owning the banks and the newspapers, but still feels that "the Jewish community in the U.S. had an undue influence on the Congress of the U.S. But," he added, "I feel it is not unusual. There are other special interests that have influence or seek to achieve influence on the Congress." Later on, being pressed by Sen. Sam Nunn (D, Ga) Brown seemed to back down and said "I don't think there's undue

influence." He said he had never implied that Jewish influence in support of Israel was "sinister, wrong, or illegal."

In Louisville, Ky., the 350 delegates at the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council issued a statement denouncing Brown's remarks to the Senate committee and said they "reflected again his marked insensitivity to a basic aspect of the American system." The NJCRAC said "The fitness of Gen. Brown to hold the high office for which he has been nominated is called into question by his

latest manifestation of lack of judgement and discretion."

Rep. Bella Abzug (D, NY) in a letter to Ford demanding that Brown's nomination be withdrawn, said that "We may forgive erroneous remarks made once, but we should not reward bigotry a second time." After Brown made his remarks in 1974 he was ordered by Ford to make a public apology. The Jewish War Veterans had earlier urged Ford not to reappoint Brown.

Gen. Brown was confirmed by the Senate Thursday 57 to 34.

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**NEW YORK** -- Over three hundred Jewish leaders attended the special program opening a two month exhibit on "Cultural Pluralism -- America's Gift to Jewish History" at which over nine hundred letters, documents, rare books, photographs and other historic memorabilia were displayed in celebration of the United States Bicentennial observance.

**NEW YORK** -- Harold M. Jacobs, President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America expressed his dismay with the recent ruling of the Federal Court in New York City voiding a New York State Law which provides for the reimbursement of religious schools for the costs of State mandated testing and record keeping.

**NEW YORK** -- The American Jewish Committee announced its support for publicly-financed guidance and testing services for all school children, including those in parochial schools, provided such services were administered by public agencies in public facilities.

**NEW YORK** -- An original copy of the first Hebrew grammar published in 1735 is among the over nine hundred letters, documents, rare books, pictures and other memorabilia included in the exhibit on "Cultural Pluralism - America's Gift to Jewish History" at the City Center for Music and Drama, 131 West 55th St. under the auspices of the Tarbut Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture.

**NEW YORK (WNS)** -- The Martin Steinberg Center of the American Jewish Congress, a gathering place for young Jewish writers and artists, was dedicated here by Mr. Betty Ford.

**BONN (WNS)** -- An agreement promoting West German investments in Israel and Israeli exports to the Federal Republic was signed here by Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

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