

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS GREETINGS FROM JIMMY CARTER

NEW YORK -- "The war in Lebanon has weakened the Palestine Liberation Organization politically and militarily, but it is premature and incautious to pronounce the death knell for the Palestinian Movement," according to Joseph Slaco, former Undersecretary of State, who spoke to ZOA.

NEW YORK -- The melodies of Israel come to the United States in Great Songs of Israel, a new book published by the Jewish Education Press of the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York and Tara Publications, 426 W. 58th Street, N.Y.C., 10019.

NEW YORK -- Leaders of American Reform Judaism have sharply denounced the "Manipulation for votes" of the abortion issue by both President Ford and Governor Carter, charging that their tactics "undermine the decision of the United States Supreme Court."

NEW YORK -- The largest single contingent of people ever to journey to Israel at a single time -- some 4,000 American Jews -- will participate in "This Year in Jerusalem," the 1977 United Jewish Appeal Annual National Conference, October 24 - 31, 1976.

NEW YORK -- Describing economic issues as "a priority agenda item of the intergroup relations community," Alfred H. Moses, Chairman of the Domestic Affairs Commission of the American Jewish Committee, appointed a Task Force on Economics to explore the role that the Committee should play in affecting local, regional and national policy on taxation, employment, health insurance, housing and education.

NEW YORK -- President Ford and Democratic candidate, Jimmy Carter, were criticized for their rejection of the Jackson - Vanik amendment in favor of quiet diplomacy as the approach to achieve free emigration for Jews and others in Eastern European countries, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told members of the UAHC's Executive Committee.

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- Miss Ferne Katleman has been appointed Director of Personal Services for the Council of Jewish Federations.

NEW YORK -- Israel Brigadier General (Res.) Ariel Sharon told ZOA Convention that the interim agreement with Egypt had not brought Israel "one step closer to peace."

NEW YORK -- "The World Zionist Organization has for far too long neglected public information and political activities in support of the State of Israel," according to Jacques Torczyner, member of the WZO Executive and past president of the Zionist Organization of America, who spoke at ZOA 79th Annual Convention.

WASHINGTON -- B'nai B'rith announced the election of Dr. Daniel Thurasz, dean of the University of Maryland's School of Social Work and Community Planning, as executive vice president of the 500,000 - member Jewish service organization.

On the eve of the Jewish New Year, 5737, I extend my greetings to the Jewish people of America, to the State of Israel, and to the Jewish people throughout the world. The Jewish High Holidays represent an adherence to a long-standing tradition of one's relationship to God and one's responsibility to mankind. It is noteworthy that this tradition has persisted in spite of the many persecutions the Jewish people have suffered in the diaspora and in spite of the threat to their well - being in Israel.

This year finds the world anxiously awaiting peace in the Middle East. It is my view that commitment to a viable Israeli State must be a cornerstone of American foreign policy. We must supply Israel, unequivocally and in the full amount necessary, economic and military aid so Israel can pursue peace from a position of strength and be protected against any foreseeable attack.

The road to peace cannot be found by a U.S.-Soviet imposition of a settlement. I would never expect the Prime Minister or the people of Israel to do something I would not do as Prime Minister. Only face-to-face Arab - Israeli negotiations can build trust. There have been far too many secret undertakings, covert assurances and contradictory promises.

Peace in the Middle East depends more than anything else on Arab recognition of the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state. There must be

absolute assurance of Israel's survival and security. While there must also be a humane settlement of the Palestinian situation, the Arabs and the world must understand that the Israelis did not cause the Palestinian problem.

Finally, on the issue of basic human rights, as President of the United States I would do everything possible to encourage the Soviet Union to liberalize its emigration policies for Jewish persons. I believe that violations of human rights are no longer the internal affair of any one nation. One of the preeminent advantages I would hope to secure for our country, therefore, will be the release or freedom of Soviet Jewry.

May the year 5737 bring you a year of life and peace for your people and all mankind.

Sincerely,

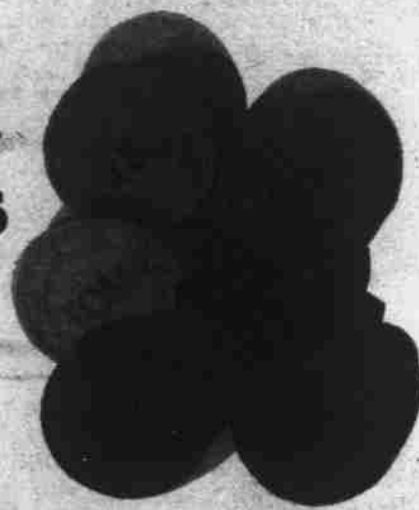
Jimmy Carter

JERUSALEM -- Israel's Education Minister Aharon Yadlin was requested, in an interpolation made to the Knesset by Agudath Israel Knesset deputy Rabbi Yehuda Meyer Abramowitz, to immediately transfer to Jewish homes the group of Israeli high school students currently placed with non-Jewish families in the United States.

NEW YORK -- The American Zionist Foundation, 515 Park Ave., N.Y.C. 10022, has announced that it is accepting applications from college students who wish to spend the Spring Semester at Tel Aviv University.

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