

## JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- A special Dutch Tribunal formally indicted Pieter Menten, a 77-year-old multimillionaire art dealer, April 4 for "crimes against humanity."

LONG BEACH, N.Y. (WNS) -- The City Council of Long Beach, just outside the New York City limits, has approved the creation of separate sections for men and women on its public beach beginning in May.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- "Israel expects one million tourists in 1978, the year of Israel's 30th anniversary," Tourism Minister Moshe Kol said.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israel will not consider any discussion of Middle East refugees valid if the problem of Jewish refugees from Arab countries "is ignored," Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog said.

LONDON (WNS) -- President Leopold Senghor of Senegal sent a message to Premier Yitzhak Rabin March 31 in which he said Palestine Liberation Organization chieftan Yasser Arafat has become more moderate and favors a settlement with Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Jewish Congress announced March 28 that five public employee pension funds with stock portfolios totalling \$2.5 billion have agreed to support its resolution opposing the Arab boycott at corporate meetings this year. They are: The New York City Teacher's Retirement Board; the San Francisco City & County Employees' Pension Fund; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Schools Employees' Retirement Board; the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System and the Massachusetts State Teachers Retirement System.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who had announced he was leaving the Labor Party ticket, said April 3 that he agreed to run again after receiving a promise that a referendum would be held before Israel would agree to withdraw from any territory on the West Bank.

NEW YORK -- Memorial Day Weekend (May 26 - 30) has been designated for a National Youth Convention, which will take place at the Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles, it was announced by Mrs. Lillian Winn, President of the American Sephardi Federation.

BROOKLINE, MASS. -- The Israel Government recently presented to the American Physicians Fellowship at its Midwinter Florida Assembly an award of honor for its aid to Israel during the Yom Kippur War.

PHILADELPHIA -- A fascinating but little known chapter in the history of America's westward expansion will be revealed to the public as the Museum of American Jewish History opens a major new exhibit of national significance, "Pioneers and Adventurers: Jews Across the Plains and the Rockies."

NEW YORK -- Unknown works by the great masters of medieval Hebrew poetry are being discovered in a 17th century manuscript at the Schocken Institute of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee hailed the latest recommendation of the Committee on the Liturgy of the American Catholic Bishops that the "Reproaches" -- a hymn that has been considered offensive to Jews -- be omitted from the Good Friday ritual this year.

LAWRENCE, N.Y. -- A specially prepared Israel Freedom Wall Poster will be distributed without charge to all who request it from the Israel International Information Council, POB 11, Lawrence, New York 11559.

NEW YORK -- Operation Joshua - a 1977 summer program in Israel combining organized learning experiences and free travel time -- is being offered to college students by the United Jewish Appeal's University Programs Department.

## LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Some 20,000 members of the ultra-nationalistic Gush Emunim marched through Samaria April 5 to mark 10 years of Israeli occupation.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Reports that Syrian forces are involved in the fighting in Southern Lebanon between Palestinian Moslems and right-wing Christians were called untrue by well-informed Israel sources. Wounded Christian soldiers have been coming through the border fence to Israel for treatment.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Yisrael Galili, Minister-Without - Portfolio since 1964, and Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu were dropped from the Labor Party's election list.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Bayard Rustin, the civil rights leader and founder of Black Americans for Support of Israel (BASIS), told an Israel Bonds dinner in Sacramento, California, that "we have an obligation to defend democracy and Israel is the only democracy left in the Middle East."

SHNAIRSON HONORED (Continued from Page 1) and, through exemplary service to the Seminary and their communities, have earned the right to this distinction. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Seminary, will confer the degrees.

Two other west coast rabbis will receive their degrees at the commencement exercise of the University of Judaism on June 2: William Z. Dalin of the National Jewish Welfare Board in San Francisco and Mika Weiss of Temple

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Beth Hayim of Sherman Oaks, California.

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