

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK -- Paul Kedar, newly designated Consul General of Israel in New York, will help to initiate the 100th Anniversary ORT Celebration when he addresses the National Conference Dinner of American ORT January 20.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Jewish National Fund plans to plant more than 2.5 million new trees this year on an area covering some 18,000 dunams.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Former President Gerald Ford is scheduled to arrive in Israel for a three - day visit January 21.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet has agreed to discuss a proposal that Israel provide refuge for Vietnamese refugees now stuck on boats in international water.

BOSTON (WNS) -- The Jewish Community of Metropolitan Boston has received a request for witnesses, survivors or anyone who may have first hand information about crimes and action against Jews in Europe during World War II. Anyone having information should contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service: Martin Mendelsohn, Chief, Special Litigation Unit, 4251 I Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20536.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D. Mass.) revealed Jan. 3 that he had written a letter to Pope John II requesting Papal intervention on behalf of imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky. Drinan, a Catholic priest, said his letter was presented to the Pope by Robert F. Wagner, President Carter's personal envoy to the Vatican.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- The last remaining kosher restaurant closed here due to economic difficulties. Only a kosher sandwich shop remains.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Cabinet by a 13 - 1 vote approved the IL 304 billion budget proposed by the Ministry of Finance for the 1979 - 80 fiscal year.

BUDAPEST (WNS) -- The 30th anniversary of the official designation of the Jewish community, with its rights and obligations, was celebrated Dec. 30 by the Hungarian Jewish community and the Government of Hungary.

PARIS (WNS) -- The Egyptian press has launched an attack against Club Mediterranee, the travel organization owned by two French Jewish businessmen, Baron Edmond de Rothschild and Gilbert Trigano.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The West German Social Democratic Party opposes ending the statute of limitations on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals when it expires at the end of 1979, West German Justice Minister Hans Jochen Vogel said here.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A rash of phone vandalism in Israel is costing the Communications Ministry about IL 8 million a year.

NEW YORK -- Rabbi David Teutsch, Program Director of the National Jewish Conference Center, and Michael Strassfeld, Chairperson of the Haburah Conference Steering Committee, announced that the first National Havurah Conference will take place July 4-8, 1979 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Charges that the Jewish Agency was indifferent to the plight of Falashas, the Jews of Ethiopia, were denied by the Jewish Agency.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- MK Charles Biton, the representative of the Democratic List for Peace and Equality (Communist), has been suspended for five consecutive sessions for creating a disturbance in the Knesset chamber.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A special committee has recommended that an agricultural village be set up in the Negev for the Black Hebrews who now live in Dimona.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Likud MK Shmuel Rechtman is expected to retain his Knesset seat although he was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison.



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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Two young men were killed late Jan. 1 while allegedly preparing explosive devices for terrorist attacks.

Five major promotions were announced at the Desert Inn and Country Club by Burton M. Cohen, President of the Desert Inn. Promoted were George Deverell to the position of Senior Vice - President and casino manager; John Alderfer to Vice - President/financial; Mike Bonfiglio to Vice President/casino; Monte Levine to Vice - President/casino; and Russ Scott to assistant casino manager.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Gen Mordechai Gur, the former Chief of Staff, is angered over the Ministry of Defense's refusal to assign him to a specific reserve unit or post as is the case with most soldiers and officers when they end their military service.

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