

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Robert Strauss, President Carter's newly appointed Ambassador - at - Large for Israeli - Egyptian negotiations, cited "negative trends" in the Middle East as the reason he will join the talks in late June rather than in August as originally planned.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- State Department spokesman denied May 18 reports that the United States will send troops to the Sinai if the United Nations Security Council refuses to renew the mandate for the UN Emergency Force (UNEF) when it expires July 24.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Two women and child of one of them were killed May 23 when a bomb exploded on top of a bus stop shelter in Petach Tikvah.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- An end to a "syndrome of pride and prejudice against Sephardi Jews" in Israel was urged here May 20 by Nessim Gaon, president of the World Sephardi Federation.

GENEVA (WNS) -- An Arab move to suspend Israel from the World Health Organization has failed. The WHO decided to shelve for one year the Arab - sponsored resolution.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Philip Klutznick, president of the World Jewish Congress, said here that there are 1.7 to 1.9 million Jews still in the Soviet Union, not the 2.5 million that has been estimated.

AMSTERDAM (WNS) -- The Netherlands Supreme Court has ordered that Pieter Menten, a Dutch millionaire art dealer convicted of war crimes, be put on trial again. Menten was sentenced by an Amsterdam court in December, 1977, to 15 years imprisonment for the murders of at least 30 Polish Jewish deportees while he was in the service of the Nazi SS.

OTTAWA (WNS) -- Four Jews were elected to Parliament in the Canadian election in which Joe Clark's Progressive - Conservative Party ousted the 11 - year - old Liberal Party government of Pierre - Elliott Trudeau May 22.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- It is too early for Senegal to resume relations with Israel, President Leopold Senghor told Maariv's African correspondent, Tamar Golan.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) -- The Jewish Sports Hall of Fame was inaugurated at a dinner here May 20 with the induction of 18 athletes.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel refused to admit a United Nations commission that was in the Middle East to examine the situation of Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

ROME (WNS) -- The American television series "Holocaust" which was shown on NBC-TV in four parts is being shown in eight installments on national television's Channel One here.

NEW YORK CITY -- Harold Friedman, who recently completed four years of service as President of the American ORT Federation, has been elected Chairman of the organization's National Organization Committee.

NEW YORK CITY -- Henry O. Shor, prominent Baltimore life insurance broker and communal leader, has been named national Chairman of the Jewish National Fund Foundation, and a member of JNF's Administrative Committee.

ROME (WNS) -- Israel and Italy have signed an agreement which allows El Al and Alitalia to carry passengers to and from the two countries plus "two points beyond."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The coalition majority easily struck off the Knesset agenda May 16 a demand that Israel allow civil marriages.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- State memorial services will be held from now on at the gravesites of Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, and Zeev Jabotinsky -- as well as David Ben Gurion, the Cabinet decided May 20.



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NEW YORK -- Soviet Jewish emigration hit an all - time high in March, with 4,418 arriving in Vienna. That eclipsed the old mark set in October, 1973, when 4,408 left the country.

NEW YORK -- More than 300 delegates from throughout the United States and Canada will attend the forthcoming 19th annual convention of the Reconstructionist Federation of Congregations and Fellowships in Philadelphia from June 7 to June 10, 1979.

NEW YORK CITY -- The nation's rising divorce rate makes it "imperative" to give home-makers Social Security credit for their household work, according to the American Jewish Congress.

NEW YORK -- The American Jewish Committee, supporting President Carter's proposal for gradual deregulation of domestic oil prices, today urged Congress to pass legislation to ensure that "increased revenues permitted to the beneficiary companies are indeed used by them for investment in the various means available to increase domestic energy supplies."

NEW YORK -- On May 27th, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat made his first visit to Israel since the signing of a peace treaty to meet with Prime Minister Begin at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. -- Israel - Egypt Cruise Lines, Ltd. is proud to announce that for the first time since the outbreak of war in the Middle East in 1948, a luxury cruise liner will be putting in at Israeli and Egyptian ports of call.

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