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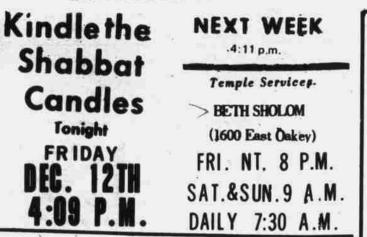
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JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- The Soviet Union "is still fanning the flames of anti-Jewish hatred," Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum charged in a sharply - worded speech before the General Assembly's Social and Cultural Committee. He charged that the Soviets are encouraging anti - Semitism under the guise of "anti - Zionism." The Israeli envoy also charged that the more than two million Jews in the USSR are being deprived of their culture. Blum also denounced the restriction on Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and outlined the plight of Jews in Syria and Iran:

PARIS (WNS) -- West European nations reportedly will postpone a new Middle East diplomatic initiative until after President - elect Ronald Reagan takes office Jan. 20. French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing is reportedly the only one of the nine members of the European Economic Community (EEC) still pressing for European action early next year. But the EEC's foreign ministers recommended the continuation of exploratory talks with Israel, the Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization.





LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee and B'nai B'rith International have announced they are making contributions to the victims of the earthquakes in Italy. JDC president Donald Robinson announced a contribution of \$30,000 as part of JDC's traditional role as representative of the American Jewish community for overseas relief. B'nai B'rith president Jack Spitzer said his organization was donating \$1000 and additional funds will come from B'nai B'rith branches.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- U.S. Air Force Undersecretary Antonia Handler Chayes, declared here that the construction by the United States of Israel Air Force bases in the Negev to replace the bases Israel gave up in the Sinai under the peace agreement with Egypt is a "tangible sign of the permanence of the U.S. commitment to Israel's security."



