## **JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Prominent Jewish leaders from communities across the nation pledged a record total of \$15,821,500 to the regular 1982 United Jewish Appeal/community campaign as UJA's annual Prime Minister's Mission came to a close in Jerusalem. The 1982 total represents a 25.1 percent increase over the 1981 pledged by the same donors of \$12,652,000, UJA national chairman Herschel Blumberg announced. The American Jewish leaders also pledged an additional \$980,000 for Project Renewal.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. N.Y.) predicted in a radio interview here that there wil! be a close vote in Congress of the Reagan Administration's proposed weapons sale to Saudi Arabia. He added that the United States should have learned a lesson from the arms sales to the Shah of Iran. D'Amato noted that the threat to Saudi Arabia is internal rather than from an outside threat and said that this cannot be controlled by providing the Saudi regime with more fire power.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Soviet authorities in the city of Kharkov broke into the homes of several refuseniks, the National Conference of Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) has reported Sept. l. Among the homes entered by the KGB were those of activists Evgeny Chudnofsky and Aleksandr Paritsky. Paritsky was taken from his apartment and remains under arrest. Having first applied to emigrate to Israel in 1976, Paritsky has often been singled for harassment by Soviet authorities and has been arrested on several occasions for his emigration-related activities.

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