

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Vladimir Tsukerman and Osip Lokshin, two Soviet refusenik activists, have each been convicted and sentenced to three year terms in a labor camp, it was reported by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The trial, which began Sept. 22 in the Moldavian Supreme Court stemmed from charges contending that the Kishinev activists defamed the Soviet state and participated in actions that violated the public order. Neither Tsukerman nor Lokshin will be granted appeals, the National Conference reported.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Foreign Minister Josef Zeyrek of Poland and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel met for an hour at the Consulate General of Poland. The two diplomats discussed Polish - Israeli relations and each government's foreign policy. Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel after the Six-Day - War.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel said that Ismat Kittani of Iraq, General Assembly President, should temporarily hand over his duties to an Assembly vice president on any matters affecting Israel. Blum reacted to a statement by Kittani that he would refuse to deal with the Israeli or Iranian delegates after both criticized his election as Assembly President.

PARIS (WNS) -- Several hundred persons including representatives of President Francois Mitterand and municipal officials, gathered outside the Rue Copernic synagogue in memory of the four victims of the bomb attack that occurred during Friday evening services. It was a solemn occasion at which speakers reminded France and all other European countries to be constantly on the alert for manifestations of revived anti - Semitism.

Kindle the Shabbat Candles
OCT. 23RD
5:37 P.M.

NEXT WEEK
4:29 P.M.
 Temple Services:
BETH SHOLOM
 (1600 East Oakey)
Fri. Nite: 8 PM
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Daily: 7:30 AM

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- For the first time, Israel is cultivating land along the Western Bank of the Jordan River, it was learned here. The Jewish National Fund cultivated more than 350 acres recently because of the shortage of agricultural land in the region. Crops will soon be planted in the area between Merola and Argaman in the Jordan Valley.

BONN (WNS) -- The 200 - year - old synagogue in Freudental, one of the oldest in South Germany, has been saved from destruction by a group which has purchased the building for 110,000 Marks and plans to restore it. The synagogue has been used as a stockroom for an industrial firm since the Nazi era and was slated to be razed.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The population of Israel at the beginning of the New Year stood at 3,968,000 the Central Bureau of Statistics reported. Of this number, 3,315,000 are Jews and 653,000 non - Jews. The Bureau reported that the population increased by 68,000 in the past year, an increase of 1.8 percent compared to 2.1 percent during the previous year.

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