

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TORONTO (WNS) -- For the first time since 1965 Canadian postal authorities have banned anti - Semitic material from the mail. Among publications banned is that distributed by Ernst Zundel alias Christoff Friedrich of Toronto, it was learned here. Zundel has been mailing material throughout the country denying that the Holocaust ever took place and has sold records of Nazi marching songs. He was identified in the Bundestag of West Germany as the major source of neo - Nazi material in West Germany.


PARIS (WNS) -- Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, in an interview with Le Monde called for direct talks between all those concerned by the Middle East crisis, "including by those who represent the Palestinian people. "There will be no peace in the area (the Mid-east) as long as the rights of all nations are not recognized," Cheysson said. "Who can imagine that the Palestinian people will ever live in peace as long as it does not have a state of its own?"

Kindle the Shabbat Candles
DEC. 18TH
4:11 P.M.

NEXT WEEK
4:14 P.M.
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Sat. & Sun.: 9 AM
Daily: 7:30 AM

TIBERIAS -- With the Sinai soon to be returned to Egypt, Israelis will be forced to find vacation spots in other regions of the country. As a result, there is a new IS 15 million plan (more than \$1 million) to develop the coast of Lake Kinneret, especially the northern and eastern parts. The plan is a joint venture of the Ministry of Tourism, the Jewish Agency, and the JNF. The first phase calls for the improvement of roads leading to the shores, improvement of the shores themselves, and increasing tourist services.

JERUSALEM -- In the near future, a green belt of trees will surround Israel's capital. Afforestation activities are taking place on all sides of the city, involving tens of thousands of trees. Recently, the total of trees planted by the Jewish National Fund has reached 8,000 dunams, according to Mordechai Ruach, the director of afforestation for the country's central region, which includes Jerusalem and its environs. Recent emphasis has been placed on planting trees near the new suburbs north of the city, especially Ramot and Neve Ua'akov. Afforestation is also continuing apace near suburban Patt and Gilo, as well as in the Etzion Bloc and Sha'ar Hagay. Eventually even the eastern side of Jerusalem, which borders the desert will be hooked into Israel's longest belt.





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