

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- More than 100 clergymen of all faiths, including six rabbis and a Jewish lay leader, were invited to a special luncheon at the White House. They heard President Reagan call on the churches, synagogues and voluntary groups to do more for the needy. At the same time, the President maintained that his Administration has a "fundamental commitment to the poor."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Twenty young men and women from the Federal Republic of Germany will spend two weeks in the United States visiting Jewish homes and institutions, meeting with Jewish leaders and young people, and learning about Jewish communal, religious and cultural life, it was announced by the American Jewish Committee. Most of the 20 are non-Jewish and were born after the end of World War II.

**Kindle the Shabbat Candles**  
**MAY 7TH**  
**7:15 P.M.**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**7:21 P.M.**  
 Temple Services:  
**BETH SHOLOM**  
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**Daily: 7:30 AM**

On May 16th, the USYers of Temple Beth Shalom and the youth groups of Congregation Ner Tamid will have a Lag B'Omer picnic with Maccabean games, to be held from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- About 300 members of the Israeli intelligence community have fallen in active service since the establishment of the State in 1948, and plans are now underway to establish a memorial to them, it was reported. The memorial will not be funded by the Defense Ministry and a public appeal is therefore being made, according to reports.

SAN DIEGO (WNS) -- For the first time, scientists from Israel and Egypt will work together to seek ways to make the desert bloom. A five-year, \$5 million project at San Diego State University is uniting researchers from the two countries and the United States to study the use of desert land for food production. The bulk of the research will take place in Israel and Egypt with American scientists serving as consultants. Menahem Perlmutter, who has worked hand in hand with the Jewish National Fund for over thirty years in the Negev, was particularly enthusiastic about the implications for the future afforded by this trilateral project.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- A large deposit of high quality phosphate discovered near Beersheba could give Israel a significant competitive edge in world phosphate markets, according to the Energy Ministry whose geologists discovered the deposit recently. Within 3-4 years some 2.5 tons of phosphate could be extracted per annum, more than doubling Israel's phosphate exports.

LONDON (WNS) -- Britain and other West European countries will be urged to strengthen their legislation to combat the resurgence of neo-Nazism. The Institute of Jewish Affairs, research arm of the World Jewish Congress, said it would press parliaments to introduce legislation with special legal provisions against the denial and whitewashing of Nazi crimes, especially the murder of six million Jews.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Austrian television has undertaken an unprecedented project devoted to the broadcast of daily one-hour programs on the pre-World War II history of the country's Jews, the World Congress reported.

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