

JEWISH WOMEN BEAT KARATE RAP

Federal District Court judges in New York and Boston have ruled that two top women Karate experts were denied a change to try out for the U.S. Amateur Karate Team because selection of squad members was held on

Rosh Hashonah, the Jewish New Year, when such activity is forbidden.

The judges, Robert Carter in New York and Rya Zobel in Boston, ordered that Lea Sukenik, a 26-year-old Manhattan resident and Pameal Glaser,

of Newton, Mass. be named as full participating members of the team, which will go to Taiwan later this month to take part in the sixth World Karate Championship. Sukenik and Glaser are both black belts in Shotokan Karate

and are ranked among the top four female amateur Karate athletes in the U.S.

Both are observant Jews who refused to participate in a squad selection tournament Sept. 18 and 19, during the Jewish holiday.

When the National Amateur Athletic Union Karate Committee, Inc., which is responsible for selecting the squad refused to give them a "make up" chance, the American Jewish Congress asked lawyers in New York and Boston to file suit, charging religious discrimination.

An AJCongress official, Nathan Z. Dershowitz, head of the organization's commission on law and social action, likened the case to that of the clergyman in the film "Chariots of Fire," who refused to run on Sunday. "Miss Sukenik and Miss Glaser were only following their conscience," he said. "They should not be penalized for it."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Former Prisoner of Conscience Amner Zavurov has received a visa to emigrate to Israel, it was reported here by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The long-term refusenik, who first applied for an exit permit in April 1974, has been harassed by the KGB since his initial application.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, is virtually assured of re-election to the post at the forthcoming Zionist Congress here in December.

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