

1500 AMERICANS TO VISIT ISRAEL

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- More than 1,500 American Jews between the ages of 25 - 40 will visit Israel April 10-20, 1983, as participants in "Yachad," the United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Mission, David S. Greene, Chairman of the UJA National Young Leadership Cabinet, and Nita Levy, Young Women's Leadership Cabinet Chairperson, have announced.

Carl Kaplan, Young Leadership Cabinet Missions Chairman, and Karen Adler, Mission Chairperson of the Young Women's Leadership Cabinet, both of Washington, D.C., will lead the Mission, which is jointly sponsored by the two Cabinets.

"Yachad is the Hebrew word meaning together," Greene and Levy said in their announcement, "and we look upon this Mission as a time for young American Jews to stand together with the young Jews of Israel, an historic opportunity to express their solidarity with them."

"Together," they continued, "Americans and Israelis will share their pride in our history and proclaim the readiness of the next generation of Jewish leadership to assume its place in the long and proud continuity of Jewish life as we celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Jewish State."

The joint announcement said that this is the only National Young Leadership mission UJA is offering this year and that it is being designed for those who have never been to Israel before or who have never been on a UJA mission to the Jewish homeland.

The Yachad Mission itinerary will begin on April 10 -- with special Holocaust

Day remembrance ceremonies at each of the gateway airports throughout the U.S. from which participants will depart for Israel.

Highlights of the Mission include a celebration of Israel's thirty-fifth anniversary on April 18, Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day; participation in Israel's commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising on April 19, and home hospitality with the next generation of Is-

raeli leadership.

Also planned are a torchlight ceremony atop Masada and intensive Project Renewal programming.

Further information on costs and extensions in Israel and Europe is available from local federation offices or from Carl Kaplan and Karen Adler at the Young Leadership Cabinet and Young Women's Leadership Cabinet, UJA, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10104.

BOMBS ROCK JEWISH COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia (WNS) -- An elite anti-terrorist squad has been mobilized to coordinate police action to find those responsible for the bombing of the Israel Consulate.

Two persons were injured in the blast in the stairwell of the multistory structure housing the Consulate. At the same time, a car bomb exploded in the parking lot of a Jewish social club in the suburb of Bondi. No one was injured in the latter incident. A group calling itself

the Organization for the Liberation of Lebanon from foreigners, believed to be an extreme right wing group, called a local news agency and claimed responsibility and warned that similar attacks would occur against Jewish and Israeli installations unless Israel withdraws its forces from Lebanon. There are large Jewish and Lebanese communities living in separate parts of the city and there have been no previous reports of serious violence between them.

SHARON PREDICTS "YEAR OF PEACE" BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON

WASH. (WNS) -- Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon declared in an appearance on the ABC-TV "David Brinkley Journal" program that 1983 "will be a year of peace between Israel and Lebanon." With negotiations between the two countries beginning Sharon devoted most of his remarks to the negotiations issue. "I believe we have good news for all peace loving people in the world from Jerusalem and Beirut," he said.

According to Sharon, "The negotiations will be on normalization of relations between Lebanon and Israel, about security arrangements and about withdrawal of Israeli forces in Lebanon. I believe that the new year of 1983 will be a year of peace between Israel and Lebanon which will move forward all the peace

processes in the Middle East."

Asked whether Israel would demand that Lebanon sign a peace treaty before it withdraws its forces from that country, Sharon replied, "We do not insist on a direct or immediate peace agreement between Israel and Lebanon...But Israel, in order to move forward, and understanding the difficulties....decided not to insist on an immediate peace treaty now. What we are doing now is a kind of 'corridor' to a peace treaty in the future."

Also appearing on the television interview program was Egyptian Ambassador to the U.S. Ashraf Ghorbal who said Egypt "would like to see everyone in the Arab world at peace with Israel." But he thought Le-

banon should sign a treaty with Israel through "free will" and not while the Israeli army is in the country as an "occupying force." With respect to the West Bank settlements, the Egyptian envoy said, "All of us in the area feel that we are in a race and that a fait accompli is being established by Israel in a way." Egypt and other Arab states must find a solution before the fait accompli becomes "the order of the day," he said.



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