

# JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The Supreme Court has ordered Finance Minister Yoram Aridor to show cause why Israeli Arab families should not receive the same child care allowances as the rest of the population. He has 45 days to reply. The court acted May 1, on a petition filed by two Arab Knesset members Mohammad Wattad and Homman Halaili, both of the Labor Alignment. Protesting against a recent decision by the Knesset Finance Committee to increase the allowances to families with three or more children, the complainants said the decision was discriminatory because the increase is to apply for children of Yeshiva students or army veterans. There are no Arabs in either category.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- The Labor Party said that Premier Menachem Begin erred when he claimed several days earlier in a closed meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that the opposition was fully supportive of the Likud government's policies in Lebanon. "On ten things we do not agree and there is maybe one or half a thing on which we do agree, and around this to build it up as a national consensus is out of proportion," Labor Party Secretary General Haim Barlev observed. He also said the "government has maneuvered itself and with it all of Israel, into a real blunder" in Lebanon.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- A total of 13,176 new immigrants arrived in Israel during 1982, a 14 percent increase over the previous year. But most were from Western countries. The Soviet Union, the largest reservoir of potential olim remained virtually dry, the Knesset was told as its opened its summer session with a debate on aliya. The immigration figures were provided by Aharon Uzan, the Minister of Absorption. It was reported that of the 114 Jews allowed to leave the Soviet Union in April, only 11 came to Israel. This was the lowest monthly figure since the mid-1960's when the Soviets first allowed Jews to emigrate.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Prof. Dan Patinkin, one of Israel's top economists, has been elected president of Hebrew University. He succeeds Avraham Harman, who served in that post since 1968. Patinkin, 61, served as rector of the university since last October. He will now hold both titles. Harman will now serve as chancellor of the university. Patinkin was born in Chicago and has been a member of the Hebrew University faculty since 1949. He is the author of numerous books and articles on monetary and price theory.

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**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- Israel's entry in the annual Eurovision song contest won second place behind Luxembourg. The audience in Munich, where the contest was held, was visibly moved and applauded boisterously as Ofra Haza sang "Chai" (Life). The Israeli song proclaims: "Listen, brother, I'm still alive and my eyes turn to the light/My grandfather dreamt it, my father sang it and today I say it/Israel is alive, the people of Israel live." An estimated 500 million viewers here and in 25 other countries watched the proceedings of the song contest that were televised via satellite.

**WASHINGTON (WNS)** -- A group of 83 Congressmen has appealed to Postmaster General William Bolger to urge "that our U.S. delegation bring up the problem of non-delivery of United States mail to Soviet Jews and other with the Soviet postal authorities" at the forthcoming Universal Postal Union meeting in Bern, Switzerland, according to the Washington office of the National Conference of Soviet Jewry.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** -- The Israeli Bat Dor Dance Company has started what appears to be a highly successful series of performances in Kenya, despite efforts by the PLO and their supporters to have their appearance banned. While still in Zaire, on their way to Kenya, the company was told that there was firm opposition to their appearances in Nairobi, ostensibly because publicity material referred to their visit to the "Dark Continent," which was said to be regarded as an insult to Africa and Africans. Nevertheless, the Bat Dor company played to a full house at its first appearance in Nairobi, receiving a standing ovation.



**RAMAT GAN:** -- "The world price cuts in oil could solve some of Israel's economic problems. Such a price cut would not only reduce our energy import bill, but would also promote economic activity and trade with the West, which would substantially improve our export turnover." This statement was made by Professor Eliyahu Kanovsky, Head of the Bar-Ilan Economics Department and a leading expert on Middle East and World economy.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** -- For the first time since the June 1981 election, a leading public opinion poll gives the Labor Alignment a lead over the ruling Likud coalition. According to a poll by "Pori," published in Haaretz, 41.4 percent of those polled favored Labor, while 37.3 percent favored Likud. The poll was taken during the second half of April and covered 1,200 people nation wide.

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