

Lamb Makes Medical History

TEL AVIV (WNS) — A little lamb made history at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital when a 10-hour operation was carried out on it to insert a new prosthetic heart valve designed by an American team and manufactured in Israel.

Parallel experiments are being carried out at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, on calves.

The research teams from Israel and the U.S. hope to begin clinic testing of the new valve on humans in about six months, after the number of operations on animals determined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are completed and analyzed. The new valve was designed by an

American team led by Dr. David Lederman, with the support of the National Institute of Health, and will be manufactured in Israel by Omikron Scientific, of Rehovot.

The valve, which has no moving parts, is made from a new material based on poly-etherurethane, which has advantages over both the present steel and plastic valves used (which are long-lasting but can cause thromboembolism) and biological valves made from pig valves, which have limited life when transplanted. A pulse duplicator test has shown the new valve should last for at least 10 years.

Hadassah Sponsors New Team: Burstyn And Brand Noted Performers Join For First Time In New York



New York...Mike Burstyn, American-Israeli performer who replaced Jim Dale in "Barnum," will star in Hadassah's 50th Jubilee Celebration of Youth Aliyah at the Park Synagogue, Sunday, February 26.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — A British-born Swedish architect has won the first Wolf Foundation Prize for architecture, it was announced here. Ralph Erskine, born in Britain in 1914 and now a Swedish citizen, won the \$100,000 prize for his "fundamental contribution to contemporary architecture based on his creative spirit, solving human problems in a highly original formal language."

NEW YORK...American Israeli stage and screen star Mike Burstyn, known to Broadway theatergoers for stepping magnificently into Jim Dale's shoes as the star of Barnum, and one of America's favorite folksingers, Oscar Brand, will join forces in Hadassah's jubilee program celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Youth Aliyah.

The program is sponsored by Hadassah, which has been the principle partner in the U.S. of the youth rescue movement since it was founded to rescue children from the Nazis.

"We felt that the story of Youth Aliyah is so dramatic," Youth Aliyah chairman Sylvia Doppelt said, "that we asked Oscar Brand to write a script with music, which would be presented like a mini-pageant. Trude Lash, a close associate of Eleanor Roosevelt, Youth Aliyah's World Patron from 1952-62, will participate -- as will others who have been involved with the movement."

Frieda S. Lewis, national president of Hadassah, announced that Uri Gordon, World Head of Youth Aliyah; Zena Harman, president of the Israel Committee for Unicef; and noted child psychologist Dr. Reuben Feuerstein, are coming from Israel to join Hadassah in the celebration on February 26 from 2 to 4 P.M. at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Co-sponsors of the Anniversary Committee with Hadassah in the United States are U.S. Committee for Unicef; headed by James Sheffield and National Organizations Advisory Council for Children (NOAC) whose president is Norma Levitt.

First Ladies Nancy Reagan and Aura Herzog of Israel and Matilda N. Cuomo of New York State are the Honorary Anniversary Co-chairmen.

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