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NEW YORK - Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) heralded an International Day of Concern for Soviet Jews, to be observed on March 15, in communities across the nation. Abram also noted that a Special Order will take place in the House of Representatives. In connection with the day of concern Abram issued the following statement:

"Events affecting the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union have taken a turn which demands the attention of people of good will throughout the world. That is why we have agreed to organize this nation's participation in an International Day of Concern for Soviet Jews, on March 15.

"That same day, Anatoly Shcharansky will begin his eighth year of imprisonment. The enduring strength of this man has become a symbol to people in the Soviet Union and abroad the globe: a Jew, imprisoned for wanting to live as a Jew in his homeland, Israel. There are now nearly twenty other Jewish Prisoners of Conscience.

"Thousands more are in limbo: denied their right to practice their religion, to study Hebrew, to pass their heritage on to their children, and yet refused the right to leave. Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has been virtually halted, dropping to about 1,300 individuals for 1983, the lowest number since the late sixties.

'Just one year ago the Third World Conference on Soviet Jewry was held in Jerusalem. It was attended by thousands of people from thirty nations, and over 500 delegates from the United

States. The event rekindled the spirit of each Jew imprisoned, of each family refused permission to leave from the Soviet Union. As we stand in solidarity with Jews in the Soviet Union, we are pledged to carry that spirit forward, and to demonstrate our concern.

"The handling of Yuri Andropov's death, and the decision making process in choosing a successor, bears out the view of a collective Soviet leadership. Kremlin policy, in other words, is not necessarily molded by the personality of an individual, but proceeds, glacier-like, toward its goals. Nevertheless, Andropov's successor, Konstantin Chernenko, presents a possibility of change in the attitude of the collective leadership.

"There now is an opportunity to make significant gestures. If the Kremlin wishes to use this opportunity, I know it will find a positive response. In the meantime, pressure from the West may be more important than ever.

"I hope that communities throughout this nation will participate fully in the International Day of Concern. We must reaffirm our commitment to the freedom of the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union. In so doing, we reaffirm our commitment to the value of human life.'

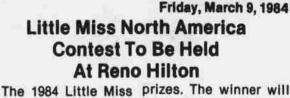
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Hadassah Queen Esther Ball

The Las Vegas Chapter of Hadassah will hold their Queen Esther Ball on Saturday, March 17, at the Dunes Hotel and Country Club, Regency Tower. The 72nd birthday of Hadassah will also be celebrated.

Fannie Foreman will be the reigning queen in honor of her 94th birthday. Her son, movie producer-writer-director Carl Foreman, his wife Eve, their son Jonathan, and Fannie's daughter Sherri Sobel with her daughter Janet will be in attendance.

The selection of Queen Esther will be made by balloting at the door. Candidates are the following Hadassah members

Hortense Alper	Gloria Anzalone
Shelly Berkley	Manetta Braunstein
Clair Bycel	Naomi Cherry
J. J. Cowles	Betty Goldmann
Etta Harmell	Patti Hoganson
Adele Kadans	Nancy Lamb
Irene Lane	Lynn Rush
Kami Schreibman	Helen Snure
Faye Steinberg	Helen Waterman
Shirley Kirsch	President of the Southern

Kirsch, President of the Southern Pacific Coast Region of Hadassah, will place the crown on the chosen queen's head, and Assemblyman Charles Perry will escort the queen to her throne. All candidates will receive flowers. Associate Hadassah members will be given gold Mt. Scopus keys.

Donation is \$25 per person. There will be nohost cocktails from 7 to 8 p.m. and a sit-down dinner from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Sandy Warren and Jerry Tiffe will entertain with their songs, and Dick Saxe's orchestra will furnish music for dancing from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Stan Colton will be Master of Ceremonies. Alice Goldberg will give the invocation and say the hamotzi. David Atwell will sing the national anthem.

For reservations and information, phone Alberta Stern, Chairman, at 739-9693, Renee Schreibman at 454-2436, or Helen Snure at 734-8951.





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