

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Lt. Yosef Binyon, a 21-year-old Israeli army officer, was buried in Eliphet, Upper Galilee. He was killed in south Lebanon when a hand grenade was thrown at an IDF convoy in Nabatiya, the first incident of its kind in 10 days. Binyon's death brought to 581 the number of fatal casualties sustained by the IDF in Lebanon since June, 1982.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Democratic Presidential hopeful Walter Mondale met May 10 with Avital Shcharansky, wife of Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky, it was reported by Rabbi Israel Halperin of Tel Aviv who accompanied Mrs. Shcharansky at the meeting in Mondale's Washington office. Anatoly's plight and efforts to release him were discussed during the meeting, which lasted for one hour, Halperin said.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Yisrael Kessar, a 53 year old Yemen born Jew, was appointed by the Histadrut Executive Committee on May 15 as the new Secretary General of the trade union federation. He was also named chairman of the Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, and will head the Lavon Institute, the research institute of Histadrut. Kessar succeeds Yeroham Meshel who is retiring after nearly 10 years as head of Histadrut.

KINDLE THE SHABBAT CANDLES

Friday, May 25	7:29 P.M.
Friday, June 1	7:34 P.M.
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Friday, June 15	7:41 P.M.



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TORONTO (WNS) — Support for the Jewish community's call on the government to declare Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of Canada is growing, it was reported by the League of Human Rights of the B'nai B'rith of Canada which initiated the call. The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Swedish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese-Canadian National Council, and the International Federation for Human Rights have added their voices to the request.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Israel's total population increased by two percent over the past year, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics on the eve of Independence Day, May 7. The population totals 4.170 million, of which 3.452 million (83 percent) are Jews; 552,000 (13 percent) Moslems; 97,000 (2.3 percent) Christians; and 69 (1.7 percent) Druze and others.

WASHINGTON (WNS) — The Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, Ashraf Ghorbal, was among the some 1,000 persons who attended an Independence Day reception at the Israel Embassy here May 7, marking the 36th anniversary of the Jewish State. Several high ranking Administration officials also attended the event, hosted by Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne and his wife, Vera.

NEW YORK (WNS) — United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced here that he plans to go to the Middle East "in the coming weeks" on a "working visit." He outlined his plans in an address to the 78th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, attended by more than 1,000 guests at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel recently. No other plans of the trip were provided.

PARIS (WNS) — A group of prominent French poets has launched an appeal on behalf of a Soviet Jewish scientist, Yuri Tarnapolsky, who was last year sentenced to three years detention in a labor camp in Siberia for having applied for an emigration visa to Israel. The poets include such prominent literary figures as Pierre Emmanuel and Robert Mallet.

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