

## Hadassah Nursing Graduates Include Singles, Parents, Sabras, New Immigrants, Arabs And A Man



Jane, from Australia

Asnot, from Poland

Enam, from Nazareth

Twenty-seven women and one man received B.A.'s in Nursing from the Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine at the Henrietta Szold-Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing. This is the fifth year of pioneering degree course in Israel.

Dean Rahamimoff and Ednam from Galilee

JERUSALEM — Twenty-seven young women and one man obtained their Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from The Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine at the annual graduation ceremony of the Henrietta Szold-Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Nursing. This is the fifth graduating class to receive the baccalaureate degree in a program pioneered by Hadassah in Israel.

Among the graduates ten are married; seven of whom already have children. Seven are immigrants: one from the United States, and the

others from Russia, Poland, Norway, Australia, and South America. One man and two women are Arabs from the Galilee.

Despite their varied backgrounds, the students have in common a sincere dedication to their newly acquired profession.

One of them, Enam, lives in Nazareth. Many members of her family, including an aunt who is a nun in East Jerusalem attended the ceremony. Enam's mother says: "My daughter made a great number of friends at Hadassah." Enam is now

working nearer home, at the Carmel Hospital in Haifa.

Debbie, from the U.S., said: "I am proud that even with my duties at home and as a mother, I managed to keep up with my studies. But it's just as well to learn from the beginning how to have a family life and a profession simultaneously."

Yoren from Norway said that the demanding routine was less burdensome because "The class formed a cohesive group and we all helped each other through the difficult phases of adjustment."

Ednam, an Arab from the Galilee, and the only man in the course, says: "The studies were very absorbing and I enjoyed subjects like Psychology and Sociology, which should be useful to me in the future."

### The Ceremony

The Dean of the Medical School, Professor Rami Rehamimoff, said that "The creation of this School of Nursing has successfully linked academic disciplines and nursing, a practical profession."

Dr. Samuel Penchas, director general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, warned the graduates that they were starting during a very difficult period. "There is a limit to the resources that can be allocated to the healing of the sick," he said, "and in Israel we feel this particularly because of the economic crunch. Cuts in budgets will throw added responsibilities on your shoulders and will make demands on your professionalism. Despite these problems, I know that you will enjoy your profession, because there are not many vocations that give such great satisfaction."

Dr. Yael Kremer, the Associate Dean of the Nursing School, described nursing as a "...triangle of theoretic knowledge, practical skills and spiritual inspiration that are to be integrated into the art of nursing."

Judith Steiner, the former dean, who helped to bring about the baccalaureate program, expressed her joy at seeing yet another class graduate with academic degrees.

Speaking for the Class of '84, Timna Tal responded: "We are all determined to be good nurses in every sense of the term. We don't consider nursing as an eight-hour job but as a profession that requires complete dedication to the care of the sick."

## Pioneer Women/Na'Amat Leader Rebuts Former President Nixon On Jerusalem

In a letter to The New York Times last week, former President Richard M. Nixon said he opposed moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem because it would "jeopardize" Israel's security.

The United States, Mr. Nixon wrote, was "the only major nation which can play a positive role in building a structure of peace in the Mideast." Therefore, he argued, "if the U.S. moves its embassy to Jerusalem, the situation would be dangerously exacerbated," and American influence would be diminished.

In a reply published by The Times exactly a week later, Mrs. Phyllis Sutker of Skokie, Ill. national president of Pioneer Women/Na'amat -- the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America -- rebutted the former President's arguments with this letter:

"Former President Nixon's letter against moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem (May 29) reiterates the fundamental flaw of American policy in the Middle East: the belief that we can

'influence' the Arab world to make peace with Israel.

"After 36 years of U.S. pleading, cajoling, entreating, bribing and begging Arab countries to recognize Israel's rightful nationhood, only one has done so, Egypt. And that happened because the brave and farseeing Anwar el-Sadat came to the realization that peace with Israel was in his country's best interest.

"Mr. Nixon warns that 'the ability of the United States to influence Israel's neighbors is at a low point.' If the embassy is moved, he asserts, 'the U.S. would lose whatever influence it has today to play a constructive role in the area.'

"But neither economic aid nor military sales nor anything else offered by Uncle Sam has persuaded the Arab world to accept Israel, or even to come to the peace table. On this essential point, U.S. influence -- even at the height of our power -- has been non-existent, and remains so today.

"It is time to stop pandering to the Arabs. Moving the embassy to Jerusalem will serve notice that our country will no longer countenance incessant hostility to Israel and condone the unremitting Arab 'no' to negotiation, 'no' to peace. Such notice might even persuade the Arabs that we are serious about their coming to terms with the Jewish state.

"After more than three decades of appeasing Arabs, it is time to try something else. Let us begin by acknowledging Israel's right to designate its own capital -- and by putting our embassy there."

NEW YORK (WNS) — The outstanding work of American volunteers in IDF warehouses has prompted the Israeli army to ask for the services of 50 civilian volunteers each month on an ongoing basis, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Aharon David, director of the volunteer program, reported here.