

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Committee expressed its gratitude to the French President Francois Mitterrand for "the courageous and forthright manner" in which he recently conveyed to Soviet leaders "the deep concern" of France over the human rights situation in the Soviet Union. In a letter to the French leader, Howard I. Friedman, AJC President, added: "I sincerely hope that your action will serve as a model for leaders of other Western nations who engage in similar visits to the Soviet Union." He told President Mitterrand also that the Jews in the Soviet Union "were surely heartened" by the inclusion of Thoe Klein, President of the Representative Council of French Jewry (CRIF), in the official French delegation.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — A hornets nest will be Israel's contribution to a scientific investigation aboard an American space flight later this year, Science Minister Yuval Neeman announced. It will be first time an Israeli medical and scientific experiment will be conducted on a U.S. space vehicle at U.S. expense, he said.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The lawyer defending Yona Avrushmi, the alleged grenade slayer of Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig in February, 1983, claimed in Jerusalem District Court that his client was an innocent victim of police and contended that the real killer was Amos Schengalov who turned states evidence and was a key witness against Avrushmi.

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RABAT (WNS) — The head of Morocco's Jewish community, David Amar, was awarded the high decoration of "Officer in the Order of the Throne" by King Hassan at ceremonies held at the Royal Palace here, the World Jewish Congress reported. Amar, a prominent businessman, is secretary-general of the Council of Jewish Communities of Morocco, the central representative body of Moroccan Jewry and the WJC affiliate here.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The Museum of the Diaspora (Beth Hatefutsot) on the Tel Aviv University campus is marking the 70th anniversary of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), with a photographic exhibit showing how it has aided Jews in distress from the early years of the century to the present. The photos display documents JDC assistance to Jews who fled pogroms in Europe before and during World War II; and JDC activities since the war in U.S., Israel and other countries.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The Cabinet decided here July 8 to establish a committee consisting of the directors general of various ministries to coordinate the absorption of Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia. The Committee will also include the heads of the Jewish Agency's aliya and finance departments and youth aliya. Its task will be to eliminate as much as possible of the red tape that clogs the process for Ethiopian newcomers and to coordinate the activities of the ministries and agencies that deal with them.

BUENOS AIRES (WNS) — Carlos Fayt, Minister of the Argentine Supreme Court, a long time foe of anti-Semitism and champion of the rights of Soviet Jews, was presented with the annual Human Rights Award of the Latin American branch of the World Jewish Congress here. The presentation was made by Gregoria Faigan, chairman of the WJC Latin American branch at ceremonies attended by Vice President Victor Martinez of Argentina.

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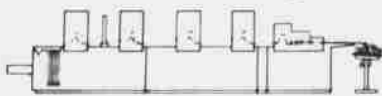


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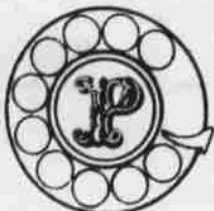
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