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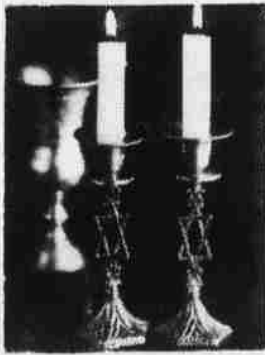
JERUSALEM (WNS) — Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban withdrew his candidacy for the office of Knesset speaker after Labor Party support swung to his rival, Shlomo Hillel. Eban has served in recent weeks as acting speaker and indicated that he would seek the job permanently. But he explained that it became clear that he would have to compete with Hillel, a contest that would hurt Labor's chances to win the post against the Likud candidate who has not yet been named.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Two new Hebrew day high schools will be opened for the coming school year, bringing the total number of day schools in the United States to 491, according to Torah Umesorah, the national society for Hebrew day schools. An additional 57 day schools in Canada will bring the total of Jewish day schools in North America to 548, according to the report. Enrollment was expected to reach a total of 96,000 students, 11,500 of them in Canada.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Only 83 Soviet Jews were permitted to emigrate in August, according to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. This brings the total for the first eight months of 1984 to 652.

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TEL AVIV (WNS) — Two Israeli Arabs, condemned to death for the murder of a Jewish hitchhiker in 1980, had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment, recently. A five-judge military court of appeals in Lod ruled that the sentences imposed on Maher and Karim Yunis, both 26, should be amended because the death penalty has never been carried out in Israel — with the sole exception of Adolf Eichmann.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Eighteen women made Jewish history when they entered the rabbinical school of the Jewish Theological Seminary to begin studies to qualify them for ordination as the first women Conservative rabbis. The 19th woman chose to begin her studies at the movement's school in Jerusalem.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) — Syrian Ambassador Dia Allah el-Fattal said here in response to a letter from Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, that Syria supports the concept of an international peace conference on the Middle East. The conference calls for the participation of all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, the United States and the Soviet Union "on an equal footing." Israel has rejected the conference.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, has asked the Israel Tennis Association to postpone the tennis match between Israel and the Soviet Union because the match is scheduled for September 28, the second day of Rosh Hashanah. The match is to take place in Switzerland, as part of the regional finals of the Davis Cup tournament. Hammer said it was unheard of that Israeli tennis players would play on the holiday. The Israel Tennis association has reportedly already asked the International Tennis Association to check whether the match can be postponed.

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