

1.5 Million Conservative Jews In U.S. Hold Day Of Mourning, Prayer And Fasting As A Protest To President Reagan Going To Bitburg Cemetery

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religious organizations, the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America, constituting the largest branch of Religious Judaism in the United States, we will be compelled to declare the day of your visit at the Bitburg Cemetery a day of mourning, prayer and fasting. We pray that you will heed our petition."

Rabbi Alexander M. Shapiro, South Orange, N.J. President of The Rabbinical Assembly

Marshal Wolke, Chicago President of The United Synagogue of America

Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, N.Y.C. Executive V.P. of The United Synagogue of America

Rabbi Myron M. Fenster, Roslyn, N.Y. Chairman, The Rabbinical Assembly Social Action Committee

(Editor's Note: Countless pleas were made for President Reagan to change his plans. The plea fell on deaf ears.)

Mezuzahs In Space

NEW YORK (WNS) — Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, a crew member aboard the current five-day mission of space shuttle Discovery, is carrying on his personal flight kit four mezuzahs and two atarot, the inscription on the collar of a tallit. The 40-year-old Hoffman, of Clear Lake City, Texas, a suburb of Houston, is the first Jewish male astronaut to go into space. Judith Resnik was the first Jewish woman to go into space when she was a crew member last June aboard the shuttle Discovery. Hoffman, an astro-physicist, plans to present the glass mezuzah to the Israel Museum. One of the ceramic ones will go to the Jewish Museum in New York, another to Congregation Shaar Hasholom in Houston and the fourth he will keep for personal use.

Russian Jewish Family Emigrate From Soviet Union To Las Vegas

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Leonid Shpak Family is one of the few families allowed to leave the Soviet Union. The Shpak family came to Las Vegas to begin a new life and reunite with their relatives.

The Shpak family is being sponsored by the Jewish Family Service Agency of Las Vegas. JFSA is supported by the Jewish Federation and United Way of Southern Nevada. Jewish Family Service coordinates and assists with the integration and settlement of refugees. This has been a traditional service and responsibility of the Jewish community.



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