JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES (WNS) - A revolving emergency fund of \$50,000 to help Los Angeles residents who have made aliya has been approved by the Jewish Federation-Council's Board of Directors. President Bruce Hochman said the fund will make interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 to settlers who have lived in Los Angeles for at least five years before going to Israel.

NEW YORK (WNS) — A donation of medicine and medical sujpplies totalling \$750,000 has been provided by the American Jewish World Service for use in Mozambique, one of six African nations most seriously threatened by famine and disease. Announcement of the donation to Live Aid was made by Laurence Simon, president of the organization.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir cabled his "warmest felicitations" to Cairo on the occasion of Egypt's National Day which marks the military coup that ousted the Farouk monarchy 33 years ago. Shamir's message was addressed to his Egyptian counterpart, Foreign Minister Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid.

WASHINGTON (WNS) - The House passed by voice vote a bill requiring the Department of Justice to collect data annually on crimes motivated by hate. The hate crimes statistics act requires the attorney-general, starting in 1986, to accumulate and publish data "about crimes which manifest racial, ethnic or religious prejudice..." The bill now goes to the Senate.

TEL AVIV (WNS) - An American military delegation began talks with Israeli officials here on the scope of U.S. military aid to Israel in the calendar year 1987. The talks take place annually.

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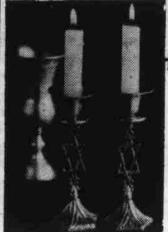
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UNITED NATIONS (WNS) - Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres will come to New York to address the 40th session of the United Nations General Assembly, a high-ranking Israeli diplomat said. Peres is scheduled to arrive in New York at the beginning of October. The General Assembly session begins on Tuesday, September 17.

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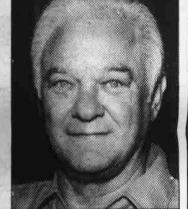
TEL AVIV (WNS) Health authorities concerned over a possible outbreak of hepatitis, a contagious disease of the liver, announced that more than 7,000 children aged 5-10 in the Haifa Bay area, have been innoculated. The concern stems from the discovery of the hepatitis virus in the Haifa Bay water supply which was contaminated recently by leaking sewage.

LOS ANGELES (WNS) - A recently completed arms deal with the People's Republic of China has boosted Israel's international arms trade to \$1.2 billion per year, reportedly making it the world's 10th largest weapons' exporter, according to Jane's Defense Weekly. Jane's, a recognized authority on international military sales, said Israel's military exports increased by more than 20 percent during the last two years, the Los Angeles Times reported. No details on the deals with China were provided.

JERUSALEM (WNS) - Energy Minister Moshe Shahal disclosed to the Knesset that negotiations are in an advance stage for the purchase of oil from a member of the Arabdominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). He would not name the country. There has been a long standing boycott against Israel by OPEC. He also noted that Israel's economy could save more than \$250 million as a result of declining oil prices.

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