

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israel's gross national product (GNP) is estimated between \$22-\$23 billion and one quarter of it goes to defense and defense related needs, according to professor Eitan Berglass, a leading economist, in a report to a joint panel of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee and the Finance Committee. Berglass noted that Israel pays to the U.S. each year about \$1 billion in interest and principal on military aid loans.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Some 900 scholars of Jewish studies, including 400 from countries outside of Israel, gathered here this summer at the Hebrew University for the Ninth World Jewish Congress of Jewish Studies. The congress is convened every four years in Jerusalem by the World Union of Jewish Studies.

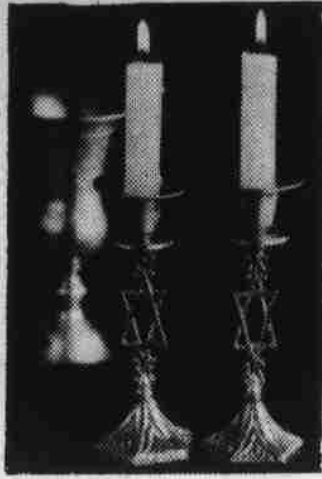
ALBANY, N.Y. (WNS) — An official of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing said he had determined that a Brooklyn distributor of kosher cheese had fraudulently distributed non-kosher cheese as kosher. Ralph Laws, first deputy commissioner of the department, said Harold Gottesman, doing business as Jerusalem Kosher Cheese Co., Jemco Foods and Tenuva, was fined \$4,800.

NEW YORK (WNS) — A new medal from Israel, designed by Yaacov Agam, an innovative Israeli-born artist, features a central holographic glass disk, which bears the inscription: "And there was light," in English on one side and Hebrew on the other. The medal, commissioned by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, appears to be the first use of holography on a government issued coin or medal.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Boys Town Jerusalem has been awarded a \$300,000 U.S. government grant from the Agency for International Development (AID) to acquire new technical equipment for its College of Applied Engineering, it was announced by Joe Nakash, president of the Boys Town Jerusalem Society.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israel has enjoyed a boost in tourism over the past 12 months and leaders of the industry are confident they can repeat the success and do even better in the year ahead. They told a press conference here that a record 865,000 tourists visited Israel in the period January-July 1985, a 19 percent increase over the same period last year. In the last 12 months, 1.5 million tourists came, representing \$1.5 billion in revenue.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — In what is considered a first in Israel, a 27-year-old woman gave birth to sextuplets, five boys and a girl, after receiving infertility treatment. Doctors said four of them, each weighing close to 2.2 pounds, had a good chance of survival. The other two weigh about 14 ounces.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Dr. William Mayer, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, presented a plaque to officials of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Karem, formally recognizing the Center's cooperation in making its medical resources available to the American military last April after the U.S. military installation in Beirut was bombed by terrorists.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — More than 2,000 Israeli Arabs returned from the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. They said they were treated well in Saudi Arabia but were not welcomed in Jordan, the country they had to cross to and from the holiest city of Islam. The pilgrimage, or Haj, is a religious rite which every Moslem is expected to perform at least once in his lifetime. It is the only occasion on which Israel allows its Arab citizens to visit an Arab country. This year 2,160 made the journey.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Some 750 students from 25 countries were enrolled in summer courses this year at the Rothberg School for overseas Students of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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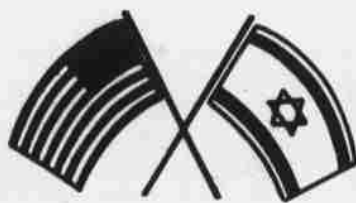
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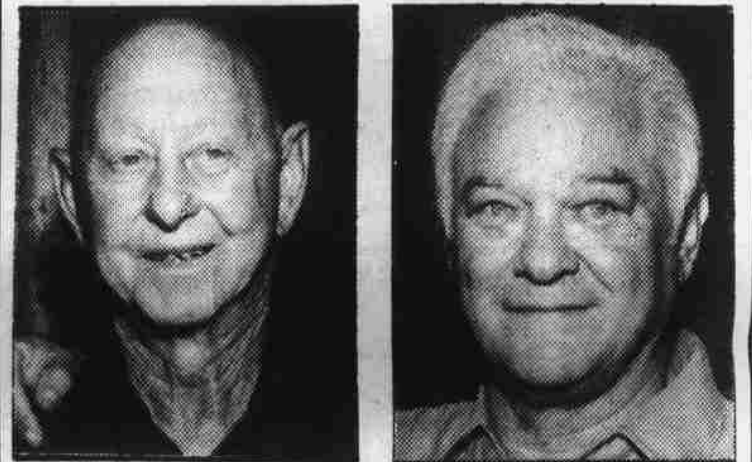
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