

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The price of gasoline and cooking oil dropped by four percent — the first decline in fuel prices in 34 years, since 1951. The government decision to decrease fuel prices followed a lowering of crude oil in the world markets. A similar four percent decline in August in the price of fuel oil, used in the production of electricity, led to a decrease in power prices, and the current reduction will lead to a drop in the price of items using large amounts of fuel in their production.

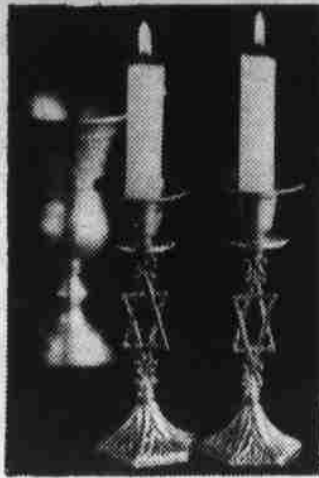
TEL AVIV (WNS) — Israel's population at the end of the Jewish year 5745 was 4.255 million, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced. Of the total, 82.5 percent were Jews, 13.5 percent Moslems, 2.3 percent Christians, and 1.7 percent Druze and others. During the past year, the total population increased by about 1.8 percent, with the Jewish population growing by 1.6 percent and the Moslems by about 3.2 percent.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — A team of top officials flew to Cairo to map out the schedule for a new round of talks on Taba. The team, led by Gen. (Res.) Avraham Tamir, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, expects to hold three or four lengthy meetings with Egyptian and American aides over the weeks ahead.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The cost of living index rose by 3.9 percent during August, one of the lowest increases in recent years, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced on the eve of Rosh Hashanah. Since the beginning of 1985, inflation has amounted to 160 percent.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) — A manuscript with the musical notation of the Sabbath table melody "Zur Mishelo Achalnu" as sung by Jews in Germany about 500 years ago has been discovered at the Bavarian National and University Library in Munich by Prof. Israel Adler, director of the Jewish Music Center at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This is one of the oldest musical notations of Jewish music traditions ever found.

PARIS (WNS) — France and Iraq have concluded an agreement for the sale of 24 Mirage F-1's, equipped for in-flight refuelling and capable of firing air-to-sea Exocet missiles. The plane's manufacturer, Marcel Dassault, 93, personally announced the sale, saying that Iraq had agreed to pay for the planes in cash, some 15 billion francs (\$2 billion). The planes will be delivered over an 18-month period.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — The interim cost of living index for the first two weeks of September rose by 2.2 percent, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced. The increase was largely influenced by an increase of up to 30 percent in the prices for fruit and especially vegetables during the first half of the month. Finance Ministry sources expressed satisfaction with the results, saying it indicated the general stability of prices.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — A home-made bomb slightly injured a woman in the main street of Arce, north of Haifa. Police detained about 20 suspects. They said it was reasonable to assume the device was planted by terrorists though they could not rule out entirely a feud between criminal elements. The bomb consisted of a pipe packed with nails, bolts and an explosive charge activated by a timing mechanism from a watch. It was concealed near a refrigerator at the entrance to a cafe in Ben Ami Street.

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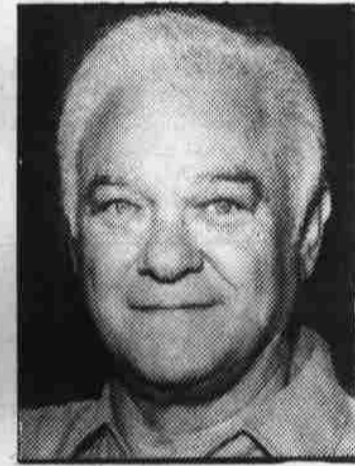
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