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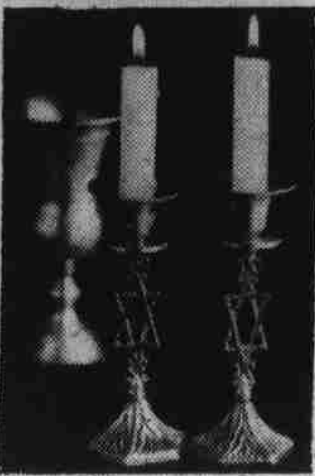
**JERUSALEM (WNS)** — Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir ordered a police investigation of possible violations of currency laws by the Labor-affiliated Bank Hapoalim. He said the nature of the offenses attributed to the bank justified a full-scale investigation by the police rather than an inquiry by the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, which could be satisfied with fines and administrative sanctions should the charges be proven correct.

**MADRID (WNS)** — The Foreign Minister of Spain said his country was waiting for an appropriate moment to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. Speaking on the state radio, Francisco Fernandez Ordonez said that Spain had pledged to establish relations with Israel before elections due by October 1986. Spain which together with Portugal joined the European Economic Community on January 1, is the only West European country not to have formal relations with Israel.

**TEL AVIV (WNS)** — The consumer price index rose by 0.5 per cent during November -- the lowest monthly cost of living increase in nine years, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced. The increase was due to higher costs of clothing and footwear, health costs, and house-keep, including municipal rates, offset by seasonal reductions in the price of fruit and vegetables. Since the start of the latest phase in the new economic plan, annual inflation is now running at 45 percent -- the lowest rate of inflation for some eight years.

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**TEL AVIV (WNS)** — The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot has concluded an agreement with the Argentinian Institute of Biochemical Research-Foundation Campomar - one of Argentina's leading scientific centers associated with the University of Buenos Aires, for an exchange of scientists and students, collaborative research projects in all areas of the natural sciences and the sharing of scientific information and publications by the two institutions.

**JERUSALEM (WNS)** — El Salvador has named Enrike Gutfreund, a senior economist in the Salvadoran government, to be its new Ambassador to Israel. He will reopen the El Salvador Embassy in Jerusalem. The Central American country, which moved its Embassy from Tel Aviv, has not had a resident Ambassador in Israel for the past year.

**BRUSSELS (WNS)** — Two Arabs are being held by Belgian police here as terrorist suspects. The Belgian radio said the men had planned an attack on the Brussels airport. They arrived here a day after the attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports. The two men were arrested together with the owner of a radio shop where the police discovered a cache of arms.

**LONDON (WNS)** — Sudanese officials have called for increased vigilance in order to thwart attempts by Ethiopian Jews in Sudanese refugee camps to escape to Israel, the World Jewish Congress reported. According to monitoring sources of the WJC here, the official Sudanese radio last week aired demands by local officials for tighter surveillance of voluntary relief organizations working in the refugee camps, "to prevent the departure of more Falasha Jews" from camps in the Awa, Aru and Wad Sherifi areas. The broadcast also reported that "large groups of Falasha Jews are still coming" to eastern Sudan in order to escape the devastating famine and civil war in Ethiopia.

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