

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Leading Talmudic Authority, Dead At 91

NEW YORK (WNS) — of the world's outstanding authorities on Jewish law and author of multi-volume texts of responsa and talmudic

commentary, who died at the age of 91.

At least 50,000 mourners packed the streets on New York's lower East Side outside Tifereth Jerusalem, the yeshiva where Feinstein served as dean since he came to the United States in 1937. Afterwards, a long cortege followed his casket to JFK International Airport. His body was flown to Israel for burial at Har Menuchot cemetery in Jerusalem.

Leading rabbis spoke of Feinstein's prodigious scholarship and stressed as well his piety, humility and sense of mission. He made himself accessible to all people with problems, seeking his counsel and blessings; to young scholars who needed clarification of difficult Talmudic passages; and to seasoned rabbis who sought his advice and opinion on complicated halachic issues.

Associates recalled Feinstein's "hasmada" (diligence). He structured every minute of the day for some scholarly pursuit, such as a review of two chap-

ters of Mishnayos while folding his tefillin straps. He reviewed the Shulchan Aruch, the code of Jewish law, more than 300 times

during his life. Feinstein served as president of Agudas Israel of America from 1966-1980 and had headed its presidium

since the early 1950s. He also headed the organization's Moetzes Gadolei HaTorah (council of Torah Sages).

AJCongress Leaders Arrested



Six leaders of the American Jewish Congress are arrested during protest at Soviet Embassy in Washington during AJCongress Biennial National Convention. The protest was directed against Soviet treatment of Jews and its refusal to relax emigration policy. AJCongress leaders who were arrested for violating Washington law against demonstrations within 500 feet of an embassy included Theodore R. Mann, president; Henry Siegman, executive director; Theodore Bikel, and Jacqueline Levine, honorary chairs of the Governing Council; Martin J. Raffel, director of the Pennsylvania Region; and Steve Israel, director of the Suffolk Office of the Long Island Region. The six arrested pleaded no contest and received 15-day suspended sentences and \$50 fines.

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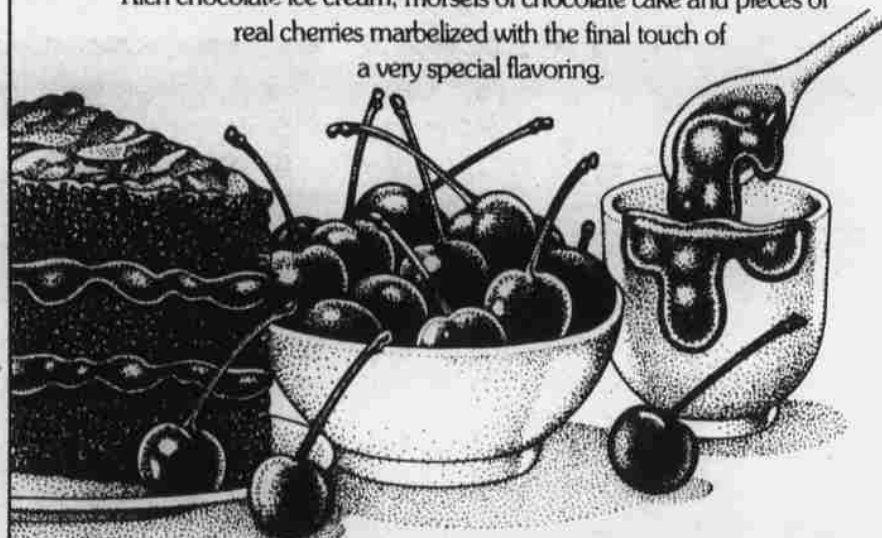
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