JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (WMS) - Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago will be honored by Religion in American Life, an interreligious organization, for leadership, service and achievements in working with many faith groups. Religion in American life, a non-profit interreligious group founded in 1949, announced the award at its headquarters in New York. It will be presented to Cardinal Bernardin Nov. 20 in Chicago. The organization's 51 participating member groups include Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish, Protestant and others. Members promote religion and its values and reinforce freedom of religion through advertisements in newspapers and on radio and television.

JERUSALEM (WNS) - Rene Sirat, the Chief Rabbi of France, believed Judaism has more of a common language with Islam than with Christianity. He called here recently for a dialogue between Judaism and Islam, stressing that the issue was religious, not political.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Spain and Israel have concluded an agreement which will further trade contacts between the two countries. The agreement was signed by the heads of the Israeli and Spanish Chambers of Commerce at the end of the first official visit of Spanish businessmen to Israel since diplomatic relations were established earlier this year.

TEL AVIV (WNS) - Maj. Gen. Yosef Peles assumed command of the northern front on June 10, replacing Maj. Gen. Ori Orr who has taken a year's leave of absence from the Israel Defense Force.

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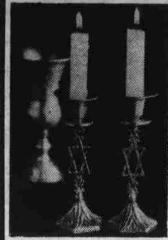
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NEW YORK (WNS) - Helen Suzman, a member of the South African Parliament and a leader in the struggle against apartheid, was awarded the 1986 Roger E. Joseph Prize by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The prize carries a \$10,000 cash award which Mrs. Suzman will use to set up a fund to help young, black women in South Africa with their education.

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ATHENS (WNS) - Forty-one percent of the respondents in an exhaustive survey of public opinion perceived the existence of wide-spread anti-Semitism in Greece. Fifty-five percent believed a persistent anti-Semitic allegation that Jews control the economy and political activity in Europe and America.

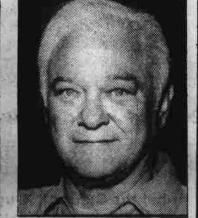
GENEVA (WNS) - A European Medical Congress, organized by the medical faculty of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Department of Jewish Education in the Diaspora of the World Zionist Organization, was held recently in the Swiss city of Basel.

PARIS (WNS) — Six presidents of universities in the French region of Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur recently signed an agreement to create an inter-university institute for Jewish studies and culture, according to the French newspaper Le Monde. The accord brings to fruition six years of work by a team of academics and researchers affiliated with the universities.

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Prof. Leo Sachs, professor of biology and head of the Department of Genetics at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, has been awarded the 1986 Royal Society Welcome Foundation Prize, given by the London-based Royal Society every two years for original contributions to medical science.

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