EWISH NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (WNS) - Preston Robert Tisch, New York Jewish philanthropist and president of Loew's Corporation, was selected by the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors as the new Postmaster. The 60-year-old Postmaster-designate and his family have been major contributors to the United Jewish Appeal and other causes for many years.

NEW YORK (WNS) - The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith protested a decision of the U.S. Chess Federation to participate in the international Chess Olympics in November in Abu Dhabi because of the exclusion of Israel. In an open letter to some 300 delegates who attended the convention in Somerset, N.J., ADL associate national director Abraham H. Foxman called on them to overrule the decision of the chess federation's policy board to send an American team to Abu Dhabi.

NEW YORK (WNS) — More than 500 people attended the 46th annual memorial service for Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the founder of Revisionist Zionism, at the Roosevelt Hotel. Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, underscored the major role of Jabotinsky in the development of the Zionist movement which led to the establishment of the State of Israel.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — An explosive charge went off at a police garage on Omar El Mukhtar Street in Gaza, the main street in the Arab city. Three Arab policemen were wounded. One was hospitalized in Ashkelon with medium wounds, the other two were slightly wounded.

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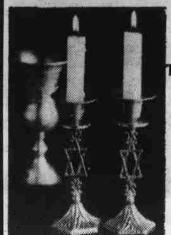
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TOKYO (WNS) — The passing of Sempo Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat who aided in the rescue of thousands of Jews facing annihilation by the Nazis in Lithuania during World War II, was reported here by the WJCongress. Sugihara, who was 86, was the Consul in the Lithuanian city of Kovno in 1940. Acting against Japanese government orders, he issued transit visas to nearly 6,000 Jews, the majority of who were thereby able to escape the Nazis after their invasion the following year.

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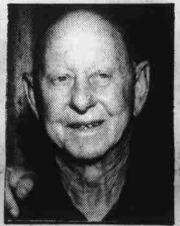
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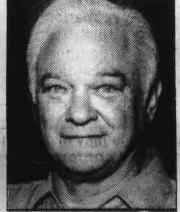
JERUSALEM (WNS) - A scientific breakthrough that can save the lives of millions of people who are affected each year with malaria has been developed by the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology. Hebrew University, Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem. A by-product of the Center's ongoing cancer research, the discovery provides a rapid, simple sensitive immunological diagnostic test that identifies carriers of the disease. It was developed by Prof. Dov Sulitzeanu and his team.

EAST BERLIN (WNS) - Official East German media outlets have publicized restoration efforts for a former synagogue and a Jewish cemetery ravaged by the Nazis in the later 1930's. WJCongress reported here. The East German News Agency said the synagogue on Berlin's Oranienburger Street, which was set on fire by the Nazis during the Kristallnacht anti-Jewish rampage of 1938, is to be rebuilt on the basis of the existing structure.

TORONTO (WNS) - The Supreme Court of Ontario, in a 2-1 vote, has upheld the constitutionality of school prayer. In an historic ruling here recently, the court held that the daily recitation in many Ontario schools of the Lord's Prayer does not violate the religious freedom of non-Christians or non-believers and is not contrary to Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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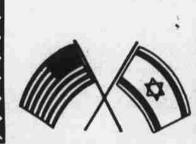
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