JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (WNS) - Over 100 Jewish leaders from more than 30 communities throughout the United States raised \$22.1 million to kick-off the 1987 UJA/Federation Campaign, plus an additional \$2.3 million in new money for Project Renewal, on the three-day 1987 United Jewish Appeal Prime Minister's Mission.

TEL AVIV (WNS) - The number of university graduates in Israel more than doubled in the decade between 1974 and 1984 and the over 200,000 holders of university degrees now account for some eight percent of the population over the age of 20, according to a recent survey by The Central Bureau of Statistics.

BOSTON (WNS) - One hundred and one cancer specialists have signed letters to President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev urging that five refuseniks, dying of cancer, be given permission to leave the Soviet Union to secure treatment and join their families in the West.

PARIS (WNS) — Prime Minister Jacques Chirac has issued a new warning that France will pull its soldiers out of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) unless new guarantees for their safety are given by the United Nations.

LAS VEGAS (WNS) - New York attorney Seymour Reich was elected president of B'nai B'rith International, He succeeds Geral Kraft of Indianapolis who completed his second two-year term.

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NEW YORK (WNS) - Drug abuse in Israeli prisons is at a higher proportion than in the general population, according to Raphael Suissa, the Commissioner of Israel Prison Services, who is on his first visit to prisons outside Israel. While in the U.S., he visited local prisons in New York, Pennsylvania and San Francisco and federal facilities in Danbury, Conn., and Holtsville, Ala.

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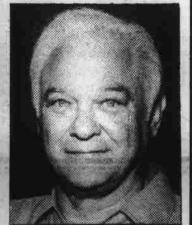
NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has welcomed Cameroon's decision to restore diplomatic relations with Israel and expressed the hope that other African nations will follow suit "and return to the positive ties enjoyed with Israel 13 years ago." In a cable to Cameroon President Paul Biya, ADL's national chairman Burton S. Levinson and its associate national director Abraham H. Foxman said the warm greeting extended to Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres "bodes well for future relations between the two countries." The League also expressed its sympathy to Cameroon for the tragedy that resulted from the gas eruption at Lake Nios.

NEW YORK (WNS) - Leonid Vainstein, 39, a Kishinev refusenik since 1973, has received an exit visa for Israel, and is expected to leave the USSR on September 15, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Vainstein, a mechanical engineer was refused a visa because of "army service." His military service was completed more than seven years ago. However, his wife Klara and daughter Rozalia were given permission and arrived in Israel in 1977.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Eighty-eight Jews left the Soviet Union in August, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the highest monthly total in 1986.

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