

JNF Presents Certificate For 13 Trees



At the Jewish National Fund's Laromme Jerusalem Forest, Littlesun Bordeaux, the 13-year-old hereditary chief of the Teton Sioux Indian nation, recently received a certificate for 13 trees, planted in honor of his bar mitzvah. Littlesun, who divides his life between the Jewish and Indian cultures, is the offspring of three generations of Jewish women who married Sioux Indians but raised their children as Jews. Though he is shown wearing his traditional Indian dress, he switches over to a yarmulke and prayer shawl when attending services at Temple Beth Shalom in Spokane, Washington, where he receives his Jewish education. On his father's side, Littlesun is a direct descendant of Chief Crazy Horse, who led his nation in the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876. During his week-long visit to Israel, Littlesun celebrated his bar mitzvah at Jerusalem's Western Wall, toured other holy sites and met various Israeli dignitaries. Presenting him with the certificate is Yoram Gordon, general manager of the Laromme Jerusalem Hotel, which hosted Littlesun's family and held a special bar mitzvah party for him. JNF is the organization responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel.

Israel And China Agree To Cooperate In Agriculture And Energy

TEL AVIV (WNS) — An Israeli delegation headed by a senior government official will go to China shortly to sign an agreement for cooperation in agriculture and energy between Israel and the People's Republic of China, Israel Television reported.

It would be the first official accord between the two countries, although agreements already exist between Israeli and Chinese companies. Israel Radio also reported that Avraham Tamir, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, is presently in Paris for talks with unidentified Chinese officials.

Chinese scholars and scientists are interested in developing technical and scientific cooperation with Israel, according to Prof. Josef Singer, president of the Haifa Technion, who returned from an 11-day visit to China last week at the invitation of the Chinese authorities. Singer, who is president of the In-

ternational Council of Aeronautical Science (ICAS), said that Chinese academicians and engineers will attend the next ICAS convention to be held in Israel in August, 1988. But according to Singer, while China wants to develop ties with Israel in various technical fields, the Beijing government is not prepared to establish formal diplomatic relations with Israel at this time.

Beijing is moving cautiously even with respect to non-official contracts. A Chinese delegation scheduled to attend the Agritech-86 agricultural machinery and technology fair taking place in Tel Aviv now, cancelled at the last minute.

A Rosh Hashanah Message

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Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed this year on Saturday, October 4.

This holiday which falls on the first of the Hebrew month Tishri, commemorates the start of the new year 5747 and the High Holy Days, as well as the two-day autumnal festival, when we give praise for the season's harvest. Rosh Hashanah can thus be seen as a time of regeneration, a time when we face life's tasks with a renewed sense of purpose.

One of the most important tasks faced by the entire Jewish people is the continued redemption of the land of Israel, which was allowed to deteriorate for centuries.

For 85 years, the Jewish National Fund has been transforming Israel into a thriving nation. JNF is now developing the infrastructure of rural villages; providing urban areas with forests and parks; supporting agricultural research that has helped farmers to grow cash crops in the desert, and meeting the critical needs of the citizens of Israel by preparing the land for housing, industry and recreation. This is our task: the never-ending renewal of our ancient homeland.

During Rosh Hashanah, we thus celebrate now only the beginning of the new year, but the beginning of a great future for the land and the people of Israel.

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