

## Committee For Soviet Jews Condemns Soviet Union

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The report by the Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union, presented at a heavily attended press conference, noted first of all that the emigration of Jews has been virtually halted by the Soviet authorities even though nearly 400,000 have expressed their wish to leave for Israel.

The sharp decrease in emigration was documented by the number of arrivals in Vienna, the way-station where Soviet Jews continue on to Israel or to Western countries. While in 1980 the average monthly arrivals were well above 1,700, only an average of 64 a month passed through Vienna during the first six months of 1986.

According to the report, 11,000 Jews are known to have been refused permission to leave. Thousands more have been denied even the right to apply for exit permits. These refuseniks live as outcasts from Soviet society. They have no legal redress against harassment and victimization, the report said.

In some cases, it noted, refuseniks have been subjected to long prison terms on false charges. The real reason for their incarceration is their demand for civil rights and the right to uphold their Jewish identity, the report said.

The report noted that Jews are the only recognized nationality among the hundreds of nationalities in the USSR that is not allowed to study its language, Hebrew, or to transmit its cultural heritage and tradition to its children. Soviet Jews are the only religious denomination that has no central organization, no theological seminary and no facilities for

regular contacts with co-religionists elsewhere in the world, the report said.

It charged further that anti-Semitic discrimination and propaganda continues to be part of everyday life in the Soviet Union.

The press conference, held at the Jewish Community Center here, took note of the occasional releases of prominent Soviet Jews to go to Israel or Western countries. While these are welcome, the Committee said, the Soviet Union must not be allowed to confuse world opinion by such gestures.

"We are here to draw public attention to the overall condition of Jews in the USSR to which the Vienna Conference must address itself in its efforts to restore the integrity of the Helsinki accords in all their aspects and assure their effective implementation," a Committee statement said.

Refuseniks at the press conference of the Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union offered personal accounts of their ordeal. Vladimir Brodsky, a medical doctor released from prison only two weeks ago and allowed to emigrate, said he endured repeated beatings, harsh forced labor, hunger and disease. He saw his release as a positive sign, however, because it came about without any trade for a Soviet spy in the West.

Brodsky attributed his freedom to the pressure of Western public opinion, not the intervention by any head of state. "I hope that mine will not remain a singular case," he said.

Alexander Gonorusky, who now lives in Israel, pleaded for the release of his crippled father who has tried in vain to

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READING FROM THE NEWLY-PUBLISHED LARGE-PRINT TORAH produced by the Jewish Braille Institute of America is Naomi R. Adir, a former schoolteacher and a JBI board member. Mrs. Adir, who is legally blind, took part in a news conference in the sukkah at JBI's national headquarters called to announce publication of the first large-print edition of the Five Books of Moses in English translation. A large-print Hebrew edition will be published by JBI next year. Left to right: Mrs. Lillian Finke, former JBI president; Dr. Jane Evans, JBI president; and Irving I. Silverman, JBI board member. Persons with severe vision problems who desire information on obtaining the large-print English translation of the Torah may write to the Jewish Braille Institute of America at 110 East 30th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016; telephone (212) 889-2525.

## 100th Birthday Of David Ben-Gurion Commemorated By Congressional Resolution



Senator Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) (left) outside the Capitol in Washington, D.C., with Jack J. Spitzer, Chairman of the David Ben-Gurion Centennial Committee, after passage of Congressional Resolution commemorating the 100th birthday of David Ben-Gurion, First Prime Minister of Israel, last month. Resolution was sponsored by Senator Boschwitz and Congressman Sidney Yates (D-Ill.) and was passed by both Houses of Congress before adjournment in October.

obtain an exit permit for 13 years.

Vladimir Magarik, also an Israeli citizen, begged for the release of his son, Aleksei, a Hebrew teacher who has been indicted for illegal possession of drugs and put in a cell with murderers who beat and harass him.

Ilana Fridman called attention to her sister,

Ida Nudel, who after imprisonment and exile has once more been exiled to Bendery in Moravia.

Alexander Slepak reminded the world media that his parents, Vladimir and Maria, have been trying for 16 years to obtain permission to leave the USSR, without success.

## Daniel Brothman Promoted To Administrator At Sunrise Hospital

Donald Stewart, Executive Director of Humana Hospital Sunrise, has announced the promotion of Daniel Brothman to the position of Administrator at Sunrise. Brothman came to Las Vegas in March, 1984, as Associate Executive Director of Humana Sunrise from Denver, Colorado, where he had served as Assistant Administrator at National Jewish Hospital.

Brothman received a Bachelors Degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Colorado. Brothman has served as Assistant Administrator at Denver General Hospital and as a Research Assistant at Barnes Hospital, Washington University School of Medicine.

Married and the father of one son, Brothman brings to the position of Administrator vast experience in health care management. During his career he has carried administrative responsibility for virtually every facet of hospital operation.

## Bomb Explodes Outside Antwerp Synagogue

BRUSSELS (WNS) — A powerful bomb exploded outside the main synagogue in Antwerp causing extensive damage but no casualties. The building was unoccupied at the time.

A police spokesman said the explosive was placed outside the main entrance. No messages were found and so far no group claimed responsibility. Two caretakers who live behind the

synagogue said they heard no suspicious noises during the night.

The bomb destroyed the synagogue gate and shattered its windows and those of neighboring buildings. Antwerp has a large Jewish community. Six years ago, terrorists attacked a group of Jewish children waiting to board a bus for a summer camp. One child was killed and a dozen were seriously injured.

## 'Otello' Premiere For Hebrew University



Jerusalem - Personalities from the international film world mingled with leading names in Israeli society at the Israeli premiere of the film "Otello" held in Jerusalem recently as a benefit performance for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem under the auspices of the Jerusalem Friends of the Hebrew University. Shown at a reception held in conjunction with the premiere are (from left) Prof. Amnon Pazy, rector and acting president of the University; Franco Zeffirelli, director of the film; Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres; Placido Domingo, star of "Otello;" and Menahem Golan, who, along with Yoram Globus, produced the film. Proceeds from the premiere went to the creation of the Menahem Golan-Yoram Globus Scholarship Fund at the Hebrew University. Domingo and Zeffirelli were named honorary fellows of the University at a special ceremony preceding the screening of the film.

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