

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

EAST ORANGE, N.J. (JTA) — A Reform and a Conservative rabbi in South Orange, N.J., have exchanged pulpits and publicly discussed "Unity Among Jews" in an attempt to begin a dialogue about their perspectives on Judaism.

Rabbis Alexander Shapiro of Oheb Shalom Congregation (Conservative) and Harvey Goldman of Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel (Reform) exchanged pulpits for evening services December 12 and met for the dialogue following Sabbath lunch. The Jewish News noted that Shapiro is immediate past president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis.

A similar effort has begun among a Reform, a Conservative and an Orthodox rabbi in the San Francisco area.

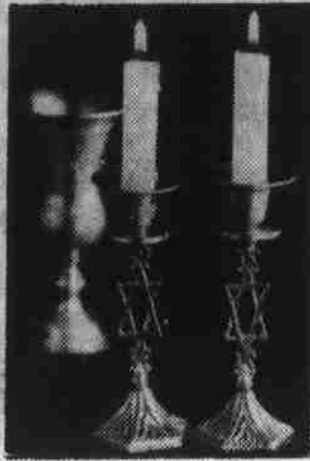
BRUSSELS (JTA) — Foreign Minister Marian Orzechowski of Poland said here that his country cannot re-establish diplomatic relations with Israel under existing conditions, though it was moving in that direction. Israel and Poland recently established mutual interest sections in Warsaw and Tel Aviv, respectively.

Addressing a press conference at the end of a two-day official visit to Belgium, Orzechowski maintained that the causes that led Poland to break ties with Israel after the 1967 Six-Day War still exist. He cited the Middle East conflict and the Palestinian issue.

"The conditions must be created in the future to make possible the renewal of relations with Israel. Our position since we broke off relations has been clear and unequivocal," the Polish diplomat said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jewish and Christian clergymen began an 11-day symposium in the Old City's Jewish quarter aimed at fostering understanding between the two faiths and improving their relations. The seminar was organized by the International Council of Jews and Christians. It is being held at the Sapir Center for Jewish Heritage, named in honor of the late Pinhas Sapir who was Finance Minister in the 1960's.

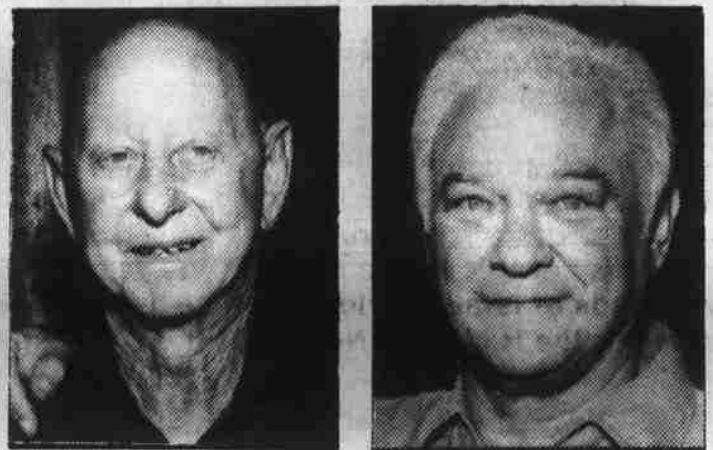
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Michael Shirman, a 31-year-old leukemia victim, will receive a bone-marrow transplant from his sister, Inessa Fierova, at Hadassah Hospital here this week, in a final attempt to save his life.

But doctors said that the prognosis was not good because his condition has deteriorated and it may have been too late to save him when Inessa arrived in Israel November 5 after a nine-month struggle with Soviet authorities to get exit visas for her whole family. According to the doctors, Shirman may have had a chance had his sister, the only possible donor, been allowed to come to Israel when she first applied for a visa last February.

They said the transplant procedure was postponed for more than a month because of Shirman's weakened condition. It has worsened in recent weeks and he is not responding to chemotherapy.

BINGHAMPTON, N.Y. (JTA) — Usually when people protest about hockey games, the issue is fighting by goons. But on December 10, more than 30 people representing the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Broome County protested the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. They carried signs urging freedom for Soviet Jews outside the exhibition game between the Hartford Whalers and Soviet Spartaks.

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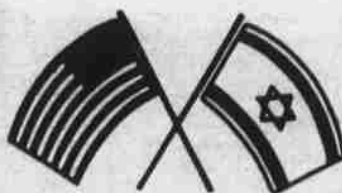
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