

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An American plant pathologist, Dr. Theofore Diener, will be this year's recipient of the Wolf Foundation's \$100,000 prize for agriculture, the Education Ministry announced. Diener will be cited "for his discovery and pioneering fundamental research on viroids, the smallest subviral pathogens, and his applied work on viroid detection in crops." Diener was born in Zurich in 1921 and educated in Switzerland. He has been a pathologist at the Plant Protection Institute of the U.S. Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Md., since 1959.

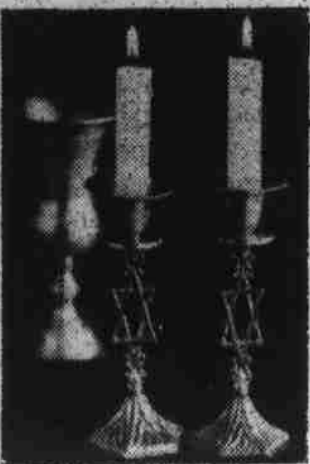
TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel Air Force planes attacked terrorist targets in Lebanon Tuesday, for the second time in two days. All the aircraft returned safely to their base. The latest action came hours after an attack by Lebanese terrorists on a position staffed by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army east of Sidon in which three people were reported killed and 10 wounded.

An Israel Defense Force spokesman described the targets hit Tuesday as stone houses and a tented area used by a pro-Syrian terrorist group in the Bekaa Valley not far from the Syrian border and in an area protected by Syrian missiles.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Lebanese sources reported that an Israel Navy patrol seized three Lebanese fishermen and their trawler in waters near the port of Tyre. Israel refused immediate comment. The Lebanese sources told news agencies that the men were innocent fishermen who lived in Tyre. Israel has recently stepped up naval activity to prevent the infiltration of terrorists into Lebanon by sea.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Finance Minister Moshe Nissim announced a 320 million Shekel cut in his proposed budget for the next fiscal year, apparently ending the month-long debate on the issue. He made the announcement at the end of a meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee at the Finance Ministry Sunday. The new budget retains an education tax and subsidy cuts. But a car tax in effect for the past two years will not be extended.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A number of suspects were detained Thursday after a small explosive device detonated in Kiryat Malachi, about 60 kilometers southwest of Jerusalem. A car was damaged but there were no casualties. Police suspect a terrorist act.

Security forces, meanwhile, continued to take anti-terrorist measures in the West Bank and acted to prevent possible rioting by students in Nablus.

The homes of three suspected terrorists in the Shuafat refugee camp near Jerusalem were cordoned off Thursday. The occupants were accused of throwing grenades and Molotov cocktails at Jewish targets last year.

The West Bank civil administration closed A-Rawda College and A-Najah University, both in Nablus, until the end of the week on the basis of "information" that the students intended to riot.

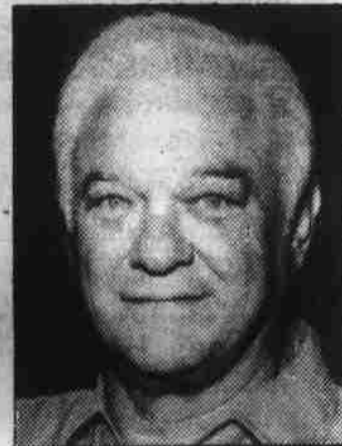
GENEVA (JTA) — The Swiss Air Force plans to buy 48 Scout teleguided military aircraft from Israel at a cost of 50 million Swiss Francs, the Lausanne daily Le Matin reported last week.

Air Force chief Gen. Walter Duerig said Scouts purchased in 1985 were tested and found acceptable under local conditions. Hans Rudolf Strasser, a Defense Ministry spokesman, confirmed the Le Matin report. He said Switzerland wants to reach a licensing agreement with Israel so that local enterprise can have a hand in manufacturing the aircraft.

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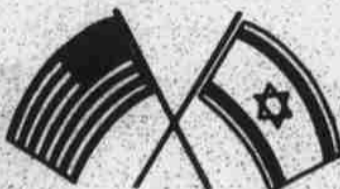
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