

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON (JTA) Mordechai Yitzhakyam, a 28-year-old Iranian Jew from Israel, is spending the Purim holiday in the Coast Guard detention barracks here. His Iranian passport was seized when he landed at Logan Airport Friday, though it contained a valid U.S. visa, because it was illegally altered, according to U.S. immigration authorities.

He retained his Iranian passport in hope of returning there some day to retrieve property. He mailed it to Iran for renewal before coming to the U.S. and it was apparently altered there deliberately according to Yellin.

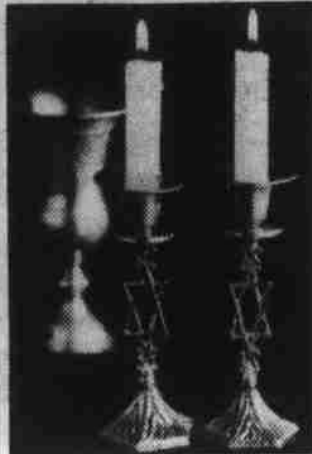
NEW YORK (JTA) — Boris Begun, son of freed Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Begun, was nabbed by Soviet police after demonstrating in downtown Moscow for the freedom of other refuseniks, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ). Begun was detained along with Ella and Theodore Finkel, brother and sister refuseniks.

Boris Begun was threatened with a 15-day jail sentence last month for demonstrating on behalf of his father, who was then in prison. At the last minute, the Soviet authorities changed their tactics and refrained from incarcerating the younger Begun, and freed Iosif Begun from Chistopol Prison.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two men on bicycles tossed a suspicious-looking package into the garden of the Israeli diplomatic mission in Athens Monday morning and escaped. The incident was reported to the police who removed the parcel. There were no injuries or damage to Israeli personnel or property.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — The United States Navy has launched an educational program designed to help Navy chaplains to learn and teach others about the Holocaust.

The project came in response to a request by U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger to the heads of all military branches requesting they initiate programs to commemorate the Holocaust.

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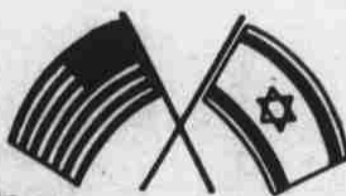
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TEL AVIV (JTA) A five-hour radio call-in program offering information about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) reflected widespread and growing concern in Israel over the fatal disease.

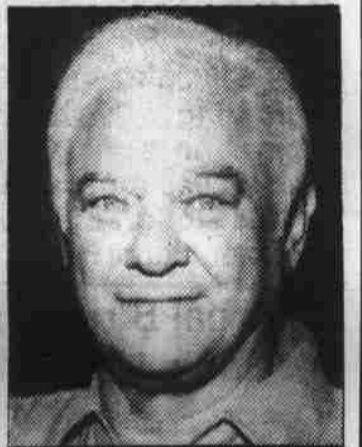
Only 35 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in Israel to date. There have been 12 fatalities. The purpose of the program, which followed a television documentary on the subject a week earlier, was to inform the public of the AIDS diagnostic centers that have been set up at a number of hospitals where blood tests are conducted anonymously.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (JTA) — A superior court has cleared the way for the extradition to the Soviet Union of Bohdan Koziy, a native of the Ukraine who fled the United States for Costa Rica after being accused of war crimes, the World Jewish Congress reported.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel's tennis fantasy continued to come true this weekend with its national team's 3-2 victory over the favored and highly rated Czech team in Hradec, Czechoslovakia, in Davis Cup international competition.

Israel has thus qualified for the quarterfinals for the 1987 cup, and will play India in July. Before this year's match with the Czechs, Israel had never before made the final round of 16 teams.

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