

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The late scholar of mysticism Gershom Scholem possessed the world's largest and most comprehensive library of kabbalah and mysticism -- 19,000 volumes -- according to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Now the volumes are part of the Gershom Scholem Library at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The library was donated to the university by Scholem, the mysticism scholar and Hebrew University professor who died five years ago.

RICHMOND, Va. (JTA) — A report just released by the Office of the Governor recommends a broad series of economic, cultural and educational exchanges between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Israel over the next 12 months.

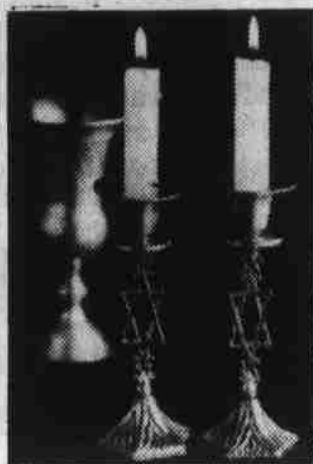
Baliles announced the creation of the Virginia-Israel Commission in May 1986, at which time he asked it to prepare a plan for a year-long series of exchanges.

KANSAS CITY (JTA) — Missouri Republican Senators Christopher Bond and John Danforth have joined about 60 local Jewish and interfaith organizations and Jewish families in recently "adopting" Soviet Jewish families, The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle reports. Adoption means a commitment to keep in touch with the family.

The Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Kansas City reports 144 such adoptions, with 57 more individuals and families expressing interest. Bureau associate executive director Judy Hellman estimates that this program may be the largest of its kind in the United States.

KINDLE THE SHABBAT CANDLES

Friday, May 22..... 7:27 P.M.
 Friday, May 29..... 7:32 P.M.
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WASHINGTON (JTA) — The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will include eighth graders as full members, the organization announced here.

In about 15 cities, seventh and eighth graders may belong to another new BBYO-sponsored program, Teen Connection. Affiliated with Jewish community centers, Teen Connection provides social and Jewish cultural programs. It has about 200 members.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Twenty-five North American nondenominational Jewish community day schools have created the Jewish Community Day School Network (JCDSN), their first unifying organization.

The network will seek to clarify and advocate common areas of interest among the schools; facilitate the professional growth of administrators and staff as well as provide them personal and professional support; and facilitate the development of lay leadership. Co-chairmen are Ilana Sebo of the Jewish Day School of Metropolitan Seattle and Dan Bennett of the Herzl School of Denver. For more information, contact Shluker at JESNA, (212) 529-2000.

MANCHESTER, England (JTA) — The Board of Deputies of British Jews is seeking participation of Jewish institutions here in a study of the local Jewish community, the second largest in Great Britain. The study is the first joint project by a major provincial community and a national agency, the Jewish Telegraph reports. The study, based on personal interviews, will seek to determine service and religious needs.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Several dozen Jewish settlers led by Gush Emunim activists rampaged through the Arab town of Kalkilya in the West Bank before dawn Wednesday in reaction to a gasoline bomb attack on an Israeli vehicle Tuesday afternoon which caused no injuries or damage.

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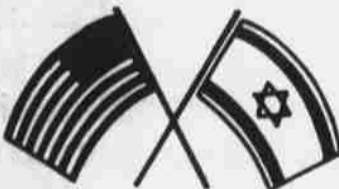
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