## **JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS**

WASHINGTON (JTA) - A \$5 million grant for the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance, approved by the Senate last month, now faces an uphill battle in the House of Representatives.

The grant, earmarked for "education programs concerning the Holocaust," is contained in the Senate version of the Mildred and Claude Pepper Scholarship Act.

The House version of the same bill contains just \$500,000, all earmarked for scholarships to help the hearing-impaired learn about government.

But in passing its version of the bill, the Senate added \$25.2 million for various other projects, including the grant for the Museum of Tolerance.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was admitted to Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Ein Kerem, where he will undergo surgery for a hernia.

His spokesman, Avi Pazner, said the operation was "not serious."

A hospital official said it had been planned for some time and that Shamir was expected to remain in the hospital for several days after surgery.

He will continue his duties even while hospitalized, the Prime Minister's Office said. A spokesman explained that the prime minister delegates his powers only when he is out of the country or is incapacitated.

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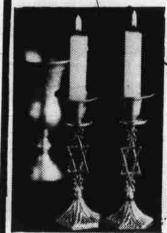
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NEW YORK (JTA) - The tiny Jewish community in Zimbabwe has donated 5,000 blankets valued at \$60,000 for distribution to leprosy patients this winter.

The donation, assisted by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, was made to the Child Survival Fund in response to an appeal by the fund's patron, Sally Mugabe, wife of Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

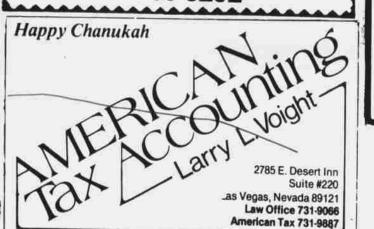
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NEW YORK (JTA) - Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz said recently that his Moscow yeshiva is open, and that the whole controversy over its being closed was no more than bureaucratic jockeying.

"It was true that they tried to push the people out," he said, but "the whole thing took three days."

Steinsaltz said there was no termination of the lease on the building the yeshiva was housed in. and that he expects the yeshiva to continue in its location. He said he hopes to visit it next month.

Steinsaltz, who was in New York to herald the publication of the first two volumes of his English translation of the Talmud, acknowledged that the building housing the yeshiva had been virtually closed down with the shutting off of heat and electricity.

But he said that situation was corrected with the return to Moscow of the yeshiva's patron. Professor Yevgeny Velikhov, chairman of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

JERUSALEM (JTA) - An unarmed Egyptian civilian was arrested recently, after entering Israel illegally by fording the Jordan River in the Beit She'an Valley.

The man was spotted by an Israel Defense Force patrol south of Kibbutz Maoz Haim, where the river is narrow.

Soldiers seized him before he reached the security fence that parallels the border. He was held for questioning.

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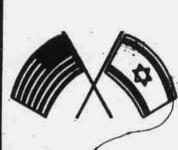


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