

# 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.

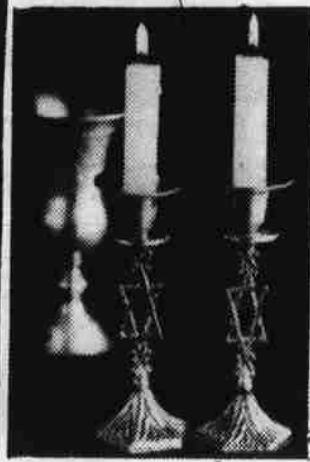
His spokesman, Avi Pazner, said the operation was "not serious."

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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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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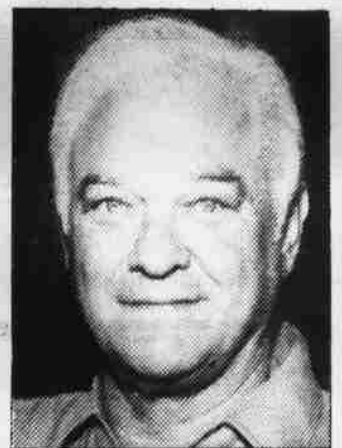
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