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TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA)--A newly formed group of Druze headed by lawyer Kamal Kassem has called for official Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights to enable the 8,000 Druze villagers in the former Syrian territory to be united with Israel's Druze. "Israel needs new immigrants and pays heavily for their absorption," Kassem declared. "Here we can have 8,000 new immigrants who would cost the state nothing. They are already absorbed with the Druze of Israel." Kassem said the Golan Heights Druze community agreed with him. In the situation that prevails, the Golan Druze cannot join the Army or the police force or get other jobs open to Israeli Druze.

#### Christians, Jews Unite In Dijon FORCE END OF SALE OF DOLL WHICH IS CARICATURE OF A JEW

PARIS, March 7 (JTA)--The combined efforts of Christians and Jews in Dijon forced a local supermarket to remove from sale a doll which was a caricature of a Jew. The Bishop of Dijon, Msgr. Charles de la Brousse, in an official communication today, deplored the sale of an anti-Semitic doll, "the Jew." He branded it a "sad fact and an unqualifiable act." The Bishop said the "Jewish community of Dijon could be assured of the solidarity of the Christian conscience with the protests of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA)."

#### EBAN; CANAL PACT WILL AID TALKS WILL NOT FREEZE DEFENSE LINES

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset this afternoon that Egypt would do well to consider the implications of Israel's readiness to participate in talks toward a Suez Canal agreement under the aegis of the United States. A canal pact, he said, would not freeze defense lines but would open the way for further negotiations and the establishment of new boundaries. Israel does not consider the canal to be the final boundary between Israel and Egypt, Eban said, but he stressed that whoever wants to see Israel withdraw must also see to it that the lines do not remain frozen. Presenting his annual review of the Foreign Ministry's work, Eban said Israel's aim is to strengthen its security while fostering peace.

### LEBANON SEEKS TO RENEW MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--Lebanon has informed the representatives of the five big powers in Beirut that it seeks to renew the Mixed Armistice Commission with Israel, defunct since the 1967 war, Beirut radio reported this morning. Meanwhile, the Premier's office denied flatly today a Time magazine report that Israeli and Soviet officials had met on the possibility of reestablishing diplomatic relations, ruptured during the same war.

The Mixed Armistice Commission was a United Nations-supervised body which dealt mostly with mutual complaints about armed incursions or other violations of the 1949 armistice. Israel holds that the armistice with Lebanon collapsed in 1967 when Lebanon declared war on Israel. That declaration, however, was not followed by Lebanese belligerence, and the two countries have no territorial claims against each other, although there have been physical clashes between Israeli soldiers and terrorists in Lebanon. But the war declaration violated the armistice and killed it, and any Israeli-Lebanese negotiations must now be conducted without UN intermediaries if they are held here.

### Deny Israel-USSR Relations

In denying the Time report, the Premier's office said the USSR has not initiated any moves toward a resumption of relations and no such meetings have taken place in Israel, Switzerland or anywhere else. Informed sources added that talks between Israeli and Soviet diplomats in recent years have resulted from unplanned meetings at cocktail parties and other functions and could not be described as "talks."

In addition, the sources said, the meetings in Israel between Victor Louis, the Soviet Jewish journalist believed to be an unofficial Soviet representative, and delegates to the Congress of Soviet-Israeli friendship did not cover any practical political matters. Louis' visit at that time, ostensibly for medical reasons, was viewed in some quarters as a move by Moscow toward renewing contacts with Israel. He came here on an official Soviet passport and met with Simcha Dinitz, Premier Golda Meir's political secretary.

### No Israel-Jordan Settlement

A spokesman for Premier Golda Meir also denied reports of a political settlement between Israel and Jordan, but did not deny outright that meetings have taken place. The spokesman said the reports, emanating from Cairo, were being spread by Egypt to damage King Hussein's image. The reports had said Hussein was waiting for an Egyptian-Israeli Suez Canal agreement before implementing a Jordanian-Israeli one.

Cairo claimed that Hussein had reached an agreement with Israel under which the latter would be entitled to set up a security belt of 27 settlements along the Jordan River; Jordan would get the West Bank back but would be allowed to send only police forces into the area, and Jordan would be allowed to raise its flag over the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

### CUNY'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY TO INCLUDE STATEMENT BANNING EMPLOYMENT QUOTA SYSTEM

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The City Board of Higher Education has accepted a proposal by the Metropolitan Council of the American Jewish Congress that the City University "affirmative action" policy include a statement banning any "employment quota system based on race, religion, gender or eth-

nic origin," it was disclosed today.

In a letter to Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the AJCongress Metropolitan Council, board chairman Luis Quero-Chiesa said the BHE had voted to "clarify" its affirmative action program for increasing CUNY employment of minorities, including women, by endorsing a memorandum from CUNY Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee that opposed "hiring or promotion on the basis of criteria other than merit." Kolish had requested acceptance of the Chancellor's position in a letter to the board on Jan. 24. At its meeting of Feb. 28, the board endorsed the memorandum "as part of CUNY policy on affirmative action," Mr. Quero-Chiesa reported.

### Professional Competence For Hiring

In the memorandum Kibbee wrote that the board, the Affirmative Action Committee and the CUNY administration had tried "to develop a policy statement that would meet the criteria of the federal executive orders but would not be erroneously interpreted to mean that the university was attempting to establish an employment quota system based upon race, religion, gender or ethnic origin."

He added: "Employment selection is to be based primarily upon vocational or professional competence within the framework of those constraints set by civil service law, the board's bylaws and those professional standards duly established by constituent faculty." Kibbee's memorandum came after the Congress' Metropolitan Council testified in opposition to an earlier draft of the CUNY affirmative action plan. In opposing the original plan, the AJCongress had warned that the draft proposal would "set a pattern of reverse discrimination."

### EXODUS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO GREENLAND DIALECT

COPENHAGEN, March 7 (JTA)--The Israel Ambassador to Denmark, Moshe Leshem, has written to the Danish Minister of Culture, Niels Mathiasen, requesting the government's help in the matter of publishing a book in the Lapp dialect in Greenland. The book is Leon Urís's best-seller, Exodus. Not long ago a Catholic priest, who is known here as a particularly warm friend of Israel, finished the translation of Exodus into the dialect spoken by the inhabitants of the Arctic Greenland, which belongs to Denmark.

The priest, Fin Linde, was also the organizer of the first trip of Greenlanders and Lapps to Israel some six months ago. Leshem's request was "well met" by Mathiasen, sources close to the Minister reported today. The Israeli ambassador, who is also a personal friend of Urís, has asked the author to facilitate the project by giving up his authors' rights and fees - something which Urís will find easy to do, since there are no more than a few thousand who read and write the Lapp dialect spoken in Greenland.

### JEWISH FAMILIES FROM U.S. WANT TO SETTLE IN ARAB CHRISTIAN TOWNSHIP

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA)--A group of about 50 Jewish families from the US would like to settle in the Arab Christian township of Shafaram in Western Galilee and as far as the townsfolk are concerned they will be warmly welcomed. The first of the Americans are expected to arrive in Israel in June. Mayor Ibrahim Nimer of Shafaram has written to the group that the town council welcomes their initiative to settle there and renew the Jewish community that ceased to exist in 1914.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE  
ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO CONTROVERSIAL  
HOUSING PROJECT, AJCONGRESS TOLD**

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress has disclosed that it has gotten "a firm commitment from the City Housing Authority" to provide essential police, transportation, educational and recreational facilities to the Forest Hills community in connection with the controversial low-income housing project now being built there. The AJCongress called on the Lindsay administration to appoint a "coordinator of services" assigned to make sure that these facilities are actually provided.

Mrs. Sylvia Deutsch, director of the AJCongress' New York Metropolitan Council said the commitment was the outcome of a "lengthy" meeting held about a week ago between the Jewish group and Housing Authority Chairman Simeon Golar who agreed to seek implementation of the proposal by City Hall. Mrs. Deutsch said agreement was reached on five major issues, the first of which is crime prevention.

The Housing Authority will permanently station about seven Housing Authority policemen at the 840-family project and will establish close contact with the local precinct captain. In the area of transportation, another major concern of the Forest Hills community, the Housing Authority agreed to initiate discussions with the Metropolitan Transit Authority to establish express bus service from Forest Hills to Manhattan. The Housing Authority will also press the State Legislature to restore funds for the construction of a new high school in nearby Corona.

**JASA, Ys To Be Involved**

Recreational facilities are to be established for project tenants and others in the immediate vicinity with the Housing Authority providing staff and equipment. The Authority will work in this connection with the United Neighborhood Houses and the Associated YM-YWHAs to establish recreational programs at the project. It will also explore with the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA) sponsorship of special facilities for elderly persons living in and outside of the project.

The delivery of these and other services promised by the city to the Forest Hills project would be the responsibility of the coordinator of services proposed by the AJCongress, Mrs. Deutsch said. The coordinator would be named by the Mayor's Urban Action Task Force and would work directly with the chairman of the local Forest Hills task force and with community groups.

Mrs. Deutsch said the AJCongress supports both the principle of low-income scatter-site housing and the specific project under construction in Forest Hills. "At the same time, we recognize the legitimate concern that a project of this size and scope could place a severe strain on the already burdened community facilities available to the area," she said.

**JEWS IN KIEV WARNED NOT TO  
RELEASE NEWS TO OUTSIDE WORLD**

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The authorities in the Ukrainian city of Kiev are "very frightened of world public opinion," according to a Jewish activist there. "They do not want the world to know what is happening to the Jews in Kiev," Mikhail Radomylski reported to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry here by telephone. The report came in the wake of a series of detentions of Jews outside the Kiev synagogue and in a new report that a KGB (secret police)

agent told Radomylski and other Jewish activist, Boris Krasny:

"Do not struggle for rights to depart for Israel. Do not give out any events of Kiev to anyone else." Jews will be allowed to go to Israel, the KGB man reportedly said, "when you behave well." In another development, the SSSJ said 49 Moscow Jews asked the Municipal Department for People's Education to initiate general courses in Hebrew, which has "wide cultural significance" and is "the language of our people." The writers criticized the government's "artificial obstacles" in the way of this end.

**YIDDISH THEATER RETURNS TO PHILA.**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 7 (JTA)--Ida Kaminska, world-renowned Yiddish actress, and a troupe of 12 actors will revive Yiddish Art theater in Philadelphia. Six performances of "Mirele Efros" March 20 to 26 will be brought here through the efforts of the YM/YWHA branch of the Jewish Ys and Centers.

Philadelphia, once home base for three professional Yiddish theaters, in recent years has not hosted a single professional company of Yiddish actors. "The Y is delighted to be able to aid in the revival of Yiddish theater," said Philip M. Shekman, president of the Y branch. "The theater is designed for people of all ages and those attending don't have to worry about being conversant in Yiddish, for a synopsis will be provided. It really won't be any different from watching an opera and following the action with a libretto," he said.

Miss Kaminska, the lead, is the Grand Lady of Yiddish Theater in the world today. An actress for 55 years, she managed and directed the Jewish State Theater of Poland from 1946 until she emigrated in 1969. Her portrayal of the old woman in the film "The Shop on Main Street" was a world success and brought her a nomination for the Best Actress Academy Award in 1967.

**JTS RECEIVES \$750,000 FROM  
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NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The Jewish Theological Seminary has received a check for \$750,000 from the attorneys and executors of the estate of Morris J. Bernstein to help maintain in perpetuity the Seminary's Morris J. and Ethel Bernstein Pastoral Psychiatry Center. Bernstein supported the center from 1964 until his death last November. It provides psychiatric counseling to the poor at no charge and to those of reasonable means at low cost, and trains rabbis and Seminary students in pastoral psychiatry, and finances research and articles. Bernstein, who died at age 87, was a Wall Street financier who later served as executive director of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

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TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA)--A newly formed group of Druze headed by lawyer Kamal Kassem has called for official Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights to enable the 8,000 Druze villagers in the former Syrian territory to be united with Israel's Druze. "Israel needs new immigrants and pays heavily for their absorption," Kassem declared. "Here we can have 8,000 new immigrants who would cost the state nothing. They are already absorbed with the Druze of Israel." Kassem said the Golan Heights Druze community agreed with him. In the situation that prevails, the Golan Druze cannot join the Army or the police force or get other jobs open to Israeli Druze.

#### Christians, Jews Unite In Dijon FORCE END OF SALE OF DOLL WHICH IS CARICATURE OF A JEW

PARIS, March 7 (JTA)--The combined efforts of Christians and Jews in Dijon forced a local supermarket to remove from sale a doll which was a caricature of a Jew. The Bishop of Dijon, Msgr. Charles de la Brousse, in an official communication today, deplored the sale of an anti-Semitic doll, "the Jew." He branded it a "sad fact and an unqualifiable act." The Bishop said the "Jewish community of Dijon could be assured of the solidarity of the Christian conscience with the protests of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA)."

#### EBAN; CANAL PACT WILL AID TALKS WILL NOT FREEZE DEFENSE LINES

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset this afternoon that Egypt would do well to consider the implications of Israel's readiness to participate in talks toward a Suez Canal agreement under the aegis of the United States. A canal pact, he said, would not freeze defense lines but would open the way for further negotiations and the establishment of new boundaries. Israel does not consider the canal to be the final boundary between Israel and Egypt, Eban said, but he stressed that whoever wants to see Israel withdraw must also see to it that the lines do not remain frozen. Presenting his annual review of the Foreign Ministry's work, Eban said Israel's aim is to strengthen its security while fostering peace.

### LEBANON SEEKS TO RENEW MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA)--Lebanon has informed the representatives of the five big powers in Beirut that it seeks to renew the Mixed Armistice Commission with Israel, defunct since the 1967 war, Beirut radio reported this morning. Meanwhile, the Premier's office denied flatly today a Time magazine report that Israeli and Soviet officials had met on the possibility of reestablishing diplomatic relations, ruptured during the same war.

The Mixed Armistice Commission was a United Nations-supervised body which dealt mostly with mutual complaints about armed incursions or other violations of the 1949 armistice. Israel holds that the armistice with Lebanon collapsed in 1967 when Lebanon declared war on Israel. That declaration, however, was not followed by Lebanese belligerence, and the two countries have no territorial claims against each other, although there have been physical clashes between Israeli soldiers and terrorists in Lebanon. But the war declaration violated the armistice and killed it, and any Israeli-Lebanese negotiations must now be conducted without UN intermediaries if they are held here.

### Deny Israel-USSR Relations

In denying the Time report, the Premier's office said the USSR has not initiated any moves toward a resumption of relations and no such meetings have taken place in Israel, Switzerland or anywhere else. Informed sources added that talks between Israeli and Soviet diplomats in recent years have resulted from unplanned meetings at cocktail parties and other functions and could not be described as "talks."

In addition, the sources said, the meetings in Israel between Victor Louis, the Soviet Jewish journalist believed to be an unofficial Soviet representative, and delegates to the Congress of Soviet-Israeli friendship did not cover any practical political matters. Louis' visit at that time, ostensibly for medical reasons, was viewed in some quarters as a move by Moscow toward renewing contacts with Israel. He came here on an official Soviet passport and met with Simcha Dinitz, Premier Golda Meir's political secretary.

### No Israel-Jordan Settlement

A spokesman for Premier Golda Meir also denied reports of a political settlement between Israel and Jordan, but did not deny outright that meetings have taken place. The spokesman said the reports, emanating from Cairo, were being spread by Egypt to damage King Hussein's image. The reports had said Hussein was waiting for an Egyptian-Israeli Suez Canal agreement before implementing a Jordanian-Israeli one.

Cairo claimed that Hussein had reached an agreement with Israel under which the latter would be entitled to set up a security belt of 27 settlements along the Jordan River; Jordan would get the West Bank back but would be allowed to send only police forces into the area, and Jordan would be allowed to raise its flag over the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

### CU'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY TO INCLUDE STATEMENT BANNING EMPLOYMENT QUOTA SYSTEM

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The City Board of Higher Education has accepted a proposal by the Metropolitan Council of the American Jewish Congress that the City University "affirmative action" policy include a statement banning any "employment quota system based on race, religion, gender or eth-

nic origin," it was disclosed today.

In a letter to Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the AJCongress Metropolitan Council, board chairman Luis Quero-Chiesa said the BHE had voted to "clarify" its affirmative action program for increasing CUNY employment of minorities, including women, by endorsing a memorandum from CUNY Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee that opposed "hiring or promotion on the basis of criteria other than merit." Kolish had requested acceptance of the Chancellor's position in a letter to the board on Jan. 24. At its meeting of Feb. 28, the board endorsed the memorandum "as part of CUNY policy on affirmative action," Mr. Quero-Chiesa reported.

### Professional Competence For Hiring

In the memorandum Kibbee wrote that the board, the Affirmative Action Committee and the CUNY administration had tried "to develop a policy statement that would meet the criteria of the federal executive orders but would not be erroneously interpreted to mean that the university was attempting to establish an employment quota system based upon race, religion, gender or ethnic origin."

He added: "Employment selection is to be based primarily upon vocational or professional competence within the framework of those constraints set by civil service law, the board's bylaws and those professional standards duly established by constituent faculty." Kibbee's memorandum came after the Congress' Metropolitan Council testified in opposition to an earlier draft of the CUNY affirmative action plan. In opposing the original plan, the AJCongress had warned that the draft proposal would "set a pattern of reverse discrimination."

### EXODUS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO GREENLAND DIALECT

COPENHAGEN, March 7 (JTA)--The Israel Ambassador to Denmark, Moshe Leshem, has written to the Danish Minister of Culture, Niels Mathiasen, requesting the government's help in the matter of publishing a book in the Lapp dialect in Greenland. The book is Leon Urís's best-seller, Exodus. Not long ago a Catholic priest, who is known here as a particularly warm friend of Israel, finished the translation of Exodus into the dialect spoken by the inhabitants of the Arctic Greenland, which belongs to Denmark.

The priest, Fin Linde, was also the organizer of the first trip of Greenlanders and Lapps to Israel some six months ago. Leshem's request was "well met" by Mathiasen, sources close to the Minister reported today. The Israeli ambassador, who is also a personal friend of Urís, has asked the author to facilitate the project by giving up his authors' rights and fees - something which Urís will find easy to do, since there are no more than a few thousand who read and write the Lapp dialect spoken in Greenland.

### JEWISH FAMILIES FROM U.S. WANT TO SETTLE IN ARAB CHRISTIAN TOWNSHIP

TEL AVIV, March 7 (JTA)--A group of about 50 Jewish families from the US would like to settle in the Arab Christian township of Shaferam in Western Galilee and as far as the townsfolk are concerned they will be warmly welcomed. The first of the Americans are expected to arrive in Israel in June. Mayor Ibrahim Nimer of Shaferam has written to the group that the town council welcomes their initiative to settle there and renew the Jewish community that ceased to exist in 1914.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE  
ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO CONTROVERSIAL  
HOUSING PROJECT, AJCONGRESS TOLD**

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress has disclosed that it has gotten "a firm commitment from the City Housing Authority" to provide essential police, transportation, educational and recreational facilities to the Forest Hills community in connection with the controversial low-income housing project now being built there. The AJCongress called on the Lindsay administration to appoint a "coordinator of services" assigned to make sure that these facilities are actually provided.

Mrs. Sylvia Deutsch, director of the AJCongress' New York Metropolitan Council said the commitment was the outcome of a "lengthy" meeting held about a week ago between the Jewish group and Housing Authority Chairman Simeon Golar who agreed to seek implementation of the proposal by City Hall. Mrs. Deutsch said agreement was reached on five major issues, the first of which is crime prevention.

The Housing Authority will permanently station about seven Housing Authority policemen at the 840-family project and will establish close contact with the local precinct captain. In the area of transportation, another major concern of the Forest Hills community, the Housing Authority agreed to initiate discussions with the Metropolitan Transit Authority to establish express bus service from Forest Hills to Manhattan. The Housing Authority will also press the State Legislature to restore funds for the construction of a new high school in nearby Corona.

**JASA, Ys To Be Involved**

Recreational facilities are to be established for project tenants and others in the immediate vicinity with the Housing Authority providing staff and equipment. The Authority will work in this connection with the United Neighborhood Houses and the Associated YM-YWHAs to establish recreational programs at the project. It will also explore with the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA) sponsorship of special facilities for elderly persons living in and outside of the project.

The delivery of these and other services promised by the city to the Forest Hills project would be the responsibility of the coordinator of services proposed by the AJCongress, Mrs. Deutsch said. The coordinator would be named by the Mayor's Urban Action Task Force and would work directly with the chairman of the local Forest Hills task force and with community groups.

Mrs. Deutsch said the AJCongress supports both the principle of low-income scatter-site housing and the specific project under construction in Forest Hills. "At the same time, we recognize the legitimate concern that a project of this size and scope could place a severe strain on the already burdened community facilities available to the area," she said.

**JEWS IN KIEV WARNED NOT TO  
RELEASE NEWS TO OUTSIDE WORLD**

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The authorities in the Ukrainian city of Kiev are "very frightened of world public opinion," according to a Jewish activist there. "They do not want the world to know what is happening to the Jews in Kiev," Mikhail Radomylski reported to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry here by telephone. The report came in the wake of a series of detentions of Jews outside the Kiev synagogue and in a new report that a KGB (secret police)

agent told Radomylski and other Jewish activist, Boris Krasny:

"Do not struggle for rights to depart for Israel. Do not give out any events of Kiev to anyone else." Jews will be allowed to go to Israel, the KGB man reportedly said, "when you behave well." In another development, the SSSJ said 49 Moscow Jews asked the Municipal Department for People's Education to initiate general courses in Hebrew, which has "wide cultural significance" and is "the language of our people." The writers criticized the government's "artificial obstacles" in the way of this end.

**YIDDISH THEATER RETURNS TO PHILA.**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 7 (JTA)--Ida Kaminska, world-renowned Yiddish actress, and a troupe of 12 actors will revive Yiddish Art theater in Philadelphia. Six performances of "Mirele Efros" March 20 to 26 will be brought here through the efforts of the YM/YWHA branch of the Jewish Ys and Centers.

Philadelphia, once home base for three professional Yiddish theaters, in recent years has not hosted a single professional company of Yiddish actors. "The Y is delighted to be able to aid in the revival of Yiddish theater," said Philip M. Shekman, president of the Y branch. "The theater is designed for people of all ages and those attending don't have to worry about being conversant in Yiddish, for a synopsis will be provided. It really won't be any different from watching an opera and following the action with a libretto," he said.

Miss Kaminska, the lead, is the Grand Lady of Yiddish Theater in the world today. An actress for 55 years, she managed and directed the Jewish State Theater of Poland from 1946 until she emigrated in 1969. Her portrayal of the old woman in the film "The Shop on Main Street" was a world success and brought her a nomination for the Best Actress Academy Award in 1967.

**JTS RECEIVES \$750,000 FROM  
ESTATE OF MORRIS J. BERNSTEIN**

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA)--The Jewish Theological Seminary has received a check for \$750,000 from the attorneys and executors of the estate of Morris J. Bernstein to help maintain in perpetuity the Seminary's Morris J. and Ethel Bernstein Pastoral Psychiatry Center. Bernstein supported the center from 1964 until his death last November. It provides psychiatric counseling to the poor at no charge and to those of reasonable means at low cost, and trains rabbis and Seminary students in pastoral psychiatry, and finances research and articles. Bernstein, who died at age 87, was a Wall Street financier who later served as executive director of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

Walter Eytan, Israel's former Ambassador to France, has been named chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, a quasi-governmental independent body, it was disclosed in Jerusalem. He will assume his new post on March 12, succeeding Dr. Chaim Yahlil who is retiring.

A new clinic was opened today at the Gaza governmental hospital in the presence of Deputy Health Minister Abdul-Aziz Zouabi, an Arab. He stressed the improvement of health conditions in the Gaza Strip and the need to improve its social life.