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He also said that "to our friends and allies in Europe, Asia, the Mideast and Latin America, I say that America will continue its great bipartisan tradition--to stand by our friends and never to desert them." He did not name Israel or any other Mideast country in his speech. Agnew, in his reply to the JTA question, stressed that, as Vice President, he was "the President's man" and that he took part in foreign policy discussions in the Nixon administration. He said he believed in "the business of separating sensitive foreign policy from politics."

#### HIAS REPORTS ARRIVAL OF 21 JEWS IN U.S. FROM RUSSIA, POLAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Six Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union, comprising three family units, arrived at Kennedy International Airport this afternoon, according to the United Hias Service, which aided in their migration. All of the arrivals entered this country under the US Attorney General's parole authority. The migrants will be helped in their resettlement by the New York Association for New Americans. Among those arriving were: Mr. and Mrs. Ignatz Goldglantz and their 16-year-old daughter from Chust, Josef Tzik, 22, also of Chust, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Apeland from Kishinev.

Hias officials previously reported that 15 Jewish immigrants, comprising seven family units from Russia and Poland, arrived at Kennedy Airport yesterday on a flight from Rome. The officials said four of the family units would be resettled in the Greater New York area. The others were flown to Cleveland, Chicago and Philadelphia, where they will make their homes.

The newcomers arriving yesterday, Hias said, included Chaim and Lenke Srułowicz and their son Shimon, 22, and daughter Gizela, 19, from Neresnica in the Soviet Union. They are being reunited with Srułowicz's brother in Cleveland. The family entered the United States through the US Attorney General's parole authority, Hias reported.

Michail Schneider, 23, from Riga is joining his parents and sister Maya, who arrived approximately two weeks ago. Schneider, who worked as an engineer in the Soviet Union, will live in Brooklyn with his family, Hias said.

Among the others who arrived here yesterday, Hias reported, are: Mrs. Franciska Stroz from Poland, who will be reunited with her son and daughter in Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Kalman

Goldberg from the Soviet Union, who will join Goldberg's sister in New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Henryk Winograd from Poland, who were greeted by their two sons from Queens; the Hirszoons, a brother and sister from Poland who will make their new home in Philadelphia; and Mr. and Mrs. Henryk Rozenbaum and their son from Poland, who were reunited with Rozenbaum's cousins in Brooklyn. All these families entered the US under regular visa procedures. United Hias and local Jewish community groups are aiding in the resettlement procedures.

#### Building New Road Too

#### JNF SAYS MOSHAV CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN GOLAN HEIGHTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--A new moshav collective settlement will be founded this year in the southern section of the occupied Golan Heights, the Jewish National Fund reported today. The JNF said the infra-structure has been completed and that it expects the first settlers to move in before the end of this year. The land agency added it had prepared 200 dunams of the 400 dunams to be made available to settlers as a first stage. The initial prospective settlers are members of the Bnei Akiva religious movement.

The JNF also announced completion of 22 kilometers (10 miles) of what is scheduled to become the main road in the Golan Heights, a road from Ramot Hamagshimim running north to south in the region. Currently, the completed portion is being used only by military units but eventually, the JNF said, it will serve the Jewish settlements of the area by opening a route to virgin pasture lands for cattle and sheep in the central heights.

#### SEN. CHURCH IN ISRAEL DISCUSSING U.S.-ISRAEL TIES IF MCGOVERN WINS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Sen. Frank Church, the Idaho Democrat, is in Israel on a five-day visit partly to allay fears among Israeli officials about the possible effects on American-Israel relations if Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic candidate, should become President in November. Sen. Church, considered a close friend and confidant of Sen. McGovern, has been holding talks with Israeli leaders, including Premier Golda Meir.

Sen. Church is being accompanied on his visit by Myer Feldman, an advisor to the late President Kennedy. Feldman coordinated Jewish matters for the late President. Sen. Church and Feldman met yesterday with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He also met with President Zalman Shazar and Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University. He has another meeting scheduled with Premier Meir and one with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. Harman and the visiting Senator attended the Knesset debate on Soviet Jewry yesterday. Later, the Senator was a dinner guest at the home of Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

#### Somebody's Doing Something

#### GROUP FORMED IN ISRAEL TO EASE STRUGGLE OF NEWCOMERS WITH PROBLEMS POSED BY BUREAUCRACY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--It is an old saying here that "Israel likes aliya, but does not like the olim." Some of the new settlers, it now appears, are returning the compliment; they like aliya but do not like Israel. Or rather, says Dr. Miron Sheskin, chairman of the Organization of Newly Arrived Professionals from the Soviet Union, they do not like the two aspects of Israeli life with which they have most contact as newcomers: administrative bureaucracy and public relations.

Bureaucracy is a fact of life in Israel, to the consternation of both immigrants and long-time

residents. But the immigrant faces a greater than normal exposure of bureaucracy during the early stages of his adjustment, when he is new to the mounds of red tape that the veteran Israeli takes for granted. The rudeness of a bank teller drinking coffee and chatting with friends at the customer's expense, or the flippancies of a bus driver or official, can thus make an indelible impression on the new immigrant, Dr. Sheskin declared.

The little irritations of daily life here, not to mention the more serious problems the newcomer faces in adjusting professionally and socially to a new country, are made all the more difficult for the immigrant from Russia or the United States by the image he had of Israel before he came. All too often, the prospective newcomer thinks of Israel as a paradise where all his problems will disappear. No country could live up to such expectations, and the result is that olim, especially those from America, are notorious complainers. This in turn angers many Israelis, who dislike the constant criticism of their country by "greenhorns," and a cycle of mutual resentment and misunderstanding is set up between immigrant and Israeli, Dr. Sheskin reported.

Dr. Sheskin, together with several dozen others, Knesset members, specialists in psychology and sociology, leading professors, statisticians, and newly arrived professionals, hopes to help rectify this situation by setting up a "committee of concern." A first meeting to discuss broad objectives, was held here recently, and a second meeting is now planned. "We are worried about the relations between the new immigrants and the people living in this country," Dr. Sheskin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "Worried means we don't think the relations are as they should be--it doesn't mean we think one side is all white and the other all black. The two groups do not understand each other well, and do not understand the purpose of Israel, which makes no sense without aliya." Dr. Sheskin said the new committee will "try to find ways and means to build a golden bridge between both unsatisfied groups." To do this, the committee will make use of statistics, lobbying in the Knesset, the press, pamphlets, speakers, etc. In addition to fighting bureaucracy, Dr. Sheskin hopes to help correct the distorted image of Israel that stems from the olim's exposure to public relations. "A more realistic approach to the life in this country is needed," Dr. Sheskin said. "We cannot tell people not to come here, but why encourage say a 60-year-old lawyer who has a pension in the Soviet Union to make aliya--what will he be able to do here? The Russian Jews want to find a place under the sun in Israel--not a car or a house." Dr. Sheskin continued, "They want to build this country, to be part of it." The new "committee of concern" hopes to help immigrants from all countries to do just that, Dr. Sheskin declared.

#### GEORGIAN FAMILIES STAGE SIT-IN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--After months of acceptance by newcomers from Russia of designated places of settlement in Israel without turmoil, six Jewish families from Georgia who arrived from Vienna staged a sit-in strike at Lydda Airport over the flats they were offered. The 22 members of the six families said they would not leave the airport until they were given housing where they wanted it. After two days, police were called in and evacuated the six families from the Absorption Ministry offices at the airport.

### COLPA Testifies For It NYC LAW SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN EMPLOYEES' RELIGIOUS JOB RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Approval of an amendment to the New York city administrative code which would permit workers to observe without penalty the requirements of their religion on jobs in both public and private employment in the city was urged today before a City Council committee by a spokesman for the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

Dennis Rapps, executive director of COLPA, testified before the council's labor and welfare committee for the association of Orthodox Jewish attorneys and social scientists. He strongly urged that the council adopt the proposed amendment under which an employer could not refuse to hire a job applicant or fire an employee who refused to comply with general employment policies because they would conflict with the dictates of his religion. Employers would be required, under the proposed amendment, to make reasonable accommodation to employees or prospective employees in connection with their religious needs unless to do so would result in undue hardship to the employer.

The measure for which Rapps testified was initially prepared by COLPA which then assisted the counsel of the New York City Commission on Human Rights in preparing the final draft which was presented to the council committee today by Rapps. The COLPA representative said the amendment would strike "a reasonable balance between the needs of a significant number of New Yorkers and the legitimate interests of the employers in this city."

He said COLPA had for many years "been involved on the federal, state and local levels in drafting and enactment as well as in helping to enforce this type of protection." He said COLPA had "assisted hundreds of people with this problem." He added he could state "categorically that it is a rare case that an accommodation could not be accomplished with a good faith effort." He said it was "ludicrous on the one hand for us to claim we have religious freedom in this country while at the same time deny the right to observe our religion free from economic coercion."

Rapps noted that COLPA had recently obtained passage of an amendment to the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 which provides such protection on a nation-wide basis. However, he added, its provisions cover only firms in interstate commerce. The proposed amendment, he pointed out, would "extend this basic protection to all New York City citizens."

He cited the greater enforcement powers of the city Human Rights Commission, which would administer the provisions of the amendment, over those of the federal human rights agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He added that "from an enforcement standpoint, it is imperative that the city commission on human rights be clearly authorized to deal with this problem."

Howard Rhine, COLPA president, said an adopted amendment "would strengthen the effectiveness of COLPA's already substantial enforcement aid program in this area." He said COLPA provides free representation to observant Jews who are either fired or denied employment because of their religious observances. He said COLPA had increased the number of volunteer attorneys who will be available to help deal with such problems.

There is now a New York state law which pro-

vides such protection in the field of Sabbath observance and which covers New York City. However, COLPA officials noted, the proposed city amendment would also cover such matters as the right to wear skullcaps and other religious garb, as well as holy days other than the Sabbath. COLPA officials said that if the council committee reports the amendment out favorably to the whole City Council, early passage is likely, with approval by the Mayor a matter of form.

### AGENCY REPORTED SITTING ON U.S.-PREPARED REPORT ON HANDLING OF AMERICAN OLIM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Informed sources reported here today that the Jewish Agency is withholding a 280-page report on American aliya prepared by the Dichter Institute of Deep Motivational Research, allegedly because the report is severely critical of the agency's aliya and absorption practices. The report, for which the agency paid a reported fee of \$100,000, undertook a psychological analysis of aspects of American Jewry pertaining to aliya problems, as well as case studies of American settlers in Israel.

The Jewish Agency, however, contends that a series of illnesses and absences from Israel of key agency personnel has held up evaluation of the study. Officials denied any intent to hush up the report and said that they are satisfied that the investment in the study was "money well spent."

The Dichter Institute's recommendations reportedly include psychology courses for prospective aliya emissaries to make them better equipped to handle olim's personal problems. Another suggestion is for more efficient feedback of absorption information from Israel to America. The Jewish Agency has already begun placing professional social workers in its absorption centers in Israel, as a result of another Dichter Institute recommendation, officials said.

### TRUDEAU GETS GIFT SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Representatives of the Canadian Jewish community presented Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau with a 16-volume set of the newly published "Encyclopedia Judaica" at the Prime Minister's office here today. Trudeau is the third world figure to receive this specially prepared, leather-bound edition as a gift from Israel and the encyclopedia's publishers in Jerusalem. The other two leaders have been Pope Paul VI and President Nixon, who received theirs earlier this year.

Alan Bronfman, national president of the Friends of the Hebrew University and Saul Hayes, executive vice president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, were present at the ceremony. The Bronfman family, through grants from the Bronfman Foundation, has supported the encyclopedia during its critical periods of compilation.

### SYNAGOGUE TO BE BUILT AT LYDDA AIRPORT, SAYS PERES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Lydda Airport will get a modern synagogue, opposite its terminal building, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. The synagogue, which will cost about 250,000 pounds (about \$60,000) will be financed by government and private contributions, he said. Planning for the structure has been started. Zerah Warhaftig, Religious Affairs Minister, initially proposed the idea. Thousands of the tourists from all parts of the world who visit Israel each year are Orthodox. The synagogue is expected to be a great boon for them, officials said.





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fer provision, the Republican plank on the Middle East strongly supports Israel on lines similar to those in the Democratic party's platform. But the Democratic plank incorporates a recommendation for transfer of the US Embassy to Jerusalem, which would require only an order from the President to go into effect.

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He also said that "to our friends and allies in Europe, Asia, the Mideast and Latin America, I say that America will continue its great bipartisan tradition--to stand by our friends and never to desert them." He did not name Israel or any other Mideast country in his speech. Agnew, in his reply to the JTA question, stressed that, as Vice President, he was "the President's man" and that he took part in foreign policy discussions in the Nixon administration. He said he believed in "the business of separating sensitive foreign policy from politics."

#### HIAS REPORTS ARRIVAL OF 21 JEWS IN U.S. FROM RUSSIA, POLAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Six Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union, comprising three family units, arrived at Kennedy International Airport this afternoon, according to the United Hias Service, which aided in their migration. All of the arrivals entered this country under the US Attorney General's parole authority. The migrants will be helped in their resettlement by the New York Association for New Americans. Among those arriving were: Mr. and Mrs. Ignatz Goldglantz and their 16-year-old daughter from Chust, Josef Tzik, 22, also of Chust, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Apelrand from Kishinev.

Hias officials previously reported that 15 Jewish immigrants, comprising seven family units from Russia and Poland, arrived at Kennedy Airport yesterday on a flight from Rome. The officials said four of the family units would be resettled in the Greater New York area. The others were flown to Cleveland, Chicago and Philadelphia, where they will make their homes.

The newcomers arriving yesterday, Hias said, included Chaim and Lenke Srułowicz and their son Shimon, 22, and daughter Gizela, 19, from Neresnica in the Soviet Union. They are being reunited with Srułowicz's brother in Cleveland. The family entered the United States through the US Attorney General's parole authority, Hias reported.

Michail Schneider, 23, from Riga is joining his parents and sister Maya, who arrived approximately two weeks ago. Schneider, who worked as an engineer in the Soviet Union, will live in Brooklyn with his family, Hias said.

Among the others who arrived here yesterday, Hias reported, are: Mrs. Franciska Stroz from Poland, who will be reunited with her son and daughter in Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Kalman

Goldberg from the Soviet Union, who will join Goldberg's sister in New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Henryk Winograd from Poland, who were greeted by their two sons from Queens; the Hirszoons, a brother and sister from Poland who will make their new home in Philadelphia; and Mr. and Mrs. Henryk Rozenbaum and their son from Poland, who were reunited with Rozenbaum's cousins in Brooklyn. All these families entered the US under regular visa procedures. United Hias and local Jewish community groups are aiding in the resettlement procedures.

#### Building New Road Too

#### JNF SAYS MOSHAV CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN GOLAN HEIGHTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--A new moshav collective settlement will be founded this year in the southern section of the occupied Golan Heights, the Jewish National Fund reported today. The JNF said the infra-structure has been completed and that it expects the first settlers to move in before the end of this year. The land agency added it had prepared 200 dunams of the 400 dunams to be made available to settlers as a first stage. The initial prospective settlers are members of the Bnei Akiva religious movement.

The JNF also announced completion of 22 kilometers (10 miles) of what is scheduled to become the main road in the Golan Heights, a road from Ramot Hamagshimim running north to south in the region. Currently, the completed portion is being used only by military units but eventually, the JNF said, it will serve the Jewish settlements of the area by opening a route to virgin pasture lands for cattle and sheep in the central heights.

#### SEN. CHURCH IN ISRAEL DISCUSSING U.S.-ISRAEL TIES IF MCGOVERN WINS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Sen. Frank Church, the Idaho Democrat, is in Israel on a five-day visit partly to allay fears among Israeli officials about the possible effects on American-Israel relations if Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic candidate, should become President in November. Sen. Church, considered a close friend and confidant of Sen. McGovern, has been holding talks with Israeli leaders, including Premier Golda Meir.

Sen. Church is being accompanied on his visit by Myer Feldman, an advisor to the late President Kennedy. Feldman coordinated Jewish matters for the late President. Sen. Church and Feldman met yesterday with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. He also met with President Zalman Shazar and Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University. He has another meeting scheduled with Premier Meir and one with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. Harman and the visiting Senator attended the Knesset debate on Soviet Jewry yesterday. Later, the Senator was a dinner guest at the home of Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

#### Somebody's Doing Something

#### GROUP FORMED IN ISRAEL TO EASE STRUGGLE OF NEWCOMERS WITH PROBLEMS POSED BY BUREAUCRACY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--It is an old saying here that "Israel likes aliya, but does not like the olim." Some of the new settlers, it now appears, are returning the compliment; they like aliya but do not like Israel. Or rather, says Dr. Miron Sheskin, chairman of the Organization of Newly Arrived Professionals from the Soviet Union, they do not like the two aspects of Israeli life with which they have most contact as newcomers: administrative bureaucracy and public relations.

Bureaucracy is a fact of life in Israel, to the consternation of both immigrants and long-time

residents. But the immigrant faces a greater than normal exposure of bureaucracy during the early stages of his adjustment, when he is new to the mounds of red tape that the veteran Israeli takes for granted. The rudeness of a bank teller drinking coffee and chatting with friends at the customer's expense, or the flippancies of a bus driver or official, can thus make an indelible impression on the new immigrant, Dr. Sheskin declared.

The little irritations of daily life here, not to mention the more serious problems the newcomer faces in adjusting professionally and socially to a new country, are made all the more difficult for the immigrant from Russia or the United States by the image he had of Israel before he came. All too often, the prospective newcomer thinks of Israel as a paradise where all his problems will disappear. No country could live up to such expectations, and the result is that olim, especially those from America, are notorious complainers. This in turn angers many Israelis, who dislike the constant criticism of their country by "greenhorns," and a cycle of mutual resentment and misunderstanding is set up between immigrant and Israeli, Dr. Sheskin reported.

Dr. Sheskin, together with several dozen others, Knesset members, specialists in psychology and sociology, leading professors, statisticians, and newly arrived professionals, hopes to help rectify this situation by setting up a "committee of concern." A first meeting to discuss broad objectives, was held here recently, and a second meeting is now planned. "We are worried about the relations between the new immigrants and the people living in this country," Dr. Sheskin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "Worried means we don't think the relations are as they should be--it doesn't mean we think one side is all white and the other all black. The two groups do not understand each other well, and do not understand the purpose of Israel, which makes no sense without aliya." Dr. Sheskin said the new committee will "try to find ways and means to build a golden bridge between both unsatisfied groups." To do this, the committee will make use of statistics, lobbying in the Knesset, the press, pamphlets, speakers, etc. In addition to fighting bureaucracy, Dr. Sheskin hopes to help correct the distorted image of Israel that stems from the olim's exposure to public relations. "A more realistic approach to the life in this country is needed," Dr. Sheskin said. "We cannot tell people not to come here, but why encourage say a 60-year-old lawyer who has a pension in the Soviet Union to make aliya--what will he be able to do here? The Russian Jews want to find a place under the sun in Israel--not a car or a house." Dr. Sheskin continued, "They want to build this country, to be part of it." The new "committee of concern" hopes to help immigrants from all countries to do just that, Dr. Sheskin declared.

#### GEORGIAN FAMILIES STAGE SIT-IN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--After months of acceptance by newcomers from Russia of designated places of settlement in Israel without turmoil, six Jewish families from Georgia who arrived from Vienna staged a sit-in strike at Lydda Airport over the flats they were offered. The 22 members of the six families said they would not leave the airport until they were given housing where they wanted it. After two days, police were called in and evacuated the six families from the Absorption Ministry offices at the airport.

### COLPA Testifies For It NYC LAW SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN EMPLOYEES' RELIGIOUS JOB RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Approval of an amendment to the New York city administrative code which would permit workers to observe without penalty the requirements of their religion on jobs in both public and private employment in the city was urged today before a City Council committee by a spokesman for the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

Dennis Rapps, executive director of COLPA, testified before the council's labor and welfare committee for the association of Orthodox Jewish attorneys and social scientists. He strongly urged that the council adopt the proposed amendment under which an employer could not refuse to hire a job applicant or fire an employee who refused to comply with general employment policies because they would conflict with the dictates of his religion. Employers would be required, under the proposed amendment, to make reasonable accommodation to employees or prospective employees in connection with their religious needs unless to do so would result in undue hardship to the employer.

The measure for which Rapps testified was initially prepared by COLPA which then assisted the counsel of the New York City Commission on Human Rights in preparing the final draft which was presented to the council committee today by Rapps. The COLPA representative said the amendment would strike "a reasonable balance between the needs of a significant number of New Yorkers and the legitimate interests of the employers in this city."

He said COLPA had for many years "been involved on the federal, state and local levels in drafting and enactment as well as in helping to enforce this type of protection." He said COLPA had "assisted hundreds of people with this problem." He added he could state "categorically that it is a rare case that an accommodation could not be accomplished with a good faith effort." He said it was "ludicrous on the one hand for us to claim we have religious freedom in this country while at the same time deny the right to observe our religion free from economic coercion."

Rapps noted that COLPA had recently obtained passage of an amendment to the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 which provides such protection on a nation-wide basis. However, he added, its provisions cover only firms in interstate commerce. The proposed amendment, he pointed out, would "extend this basic protection to all New York City citizens."

He cited the greater enforcement powers of the city Human Rights Commission, which would administer the provisions of the amendment, over those of the federal human rights agency, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He added that "from an enforcement standpoint, it is imperative that the city commission on human rights be clearly authorized to deal with this problem."

Howard Rhine, COLPA president, said an adopted amendment "would strengthen the effectiveness of COLPA's already substantial enforcement aid program in this area." He said COLPA provides free representation to observant Jews who are either fired or denied employment because of their religious observances. He said COLPA had increased the number of volunteer attorneys who will be available to help deal with such problems.

There is now a New York state law which pro-

vides such protection in the field of Sabbath observance and which covers New York City. However, COLPA officials noted, the proposed city amendment would also cover such matters as the right to wear skullcaps and other religious garb, as well as holy days other than the Sabbath. COLPA officials said that if the council committee reports the amendment out favorably to the whole City Council, early passage is likely, with approval by the Mayor a matter of form.

### AGENCY REPORTED SITTING ON U.S.-PREPARED REPORT ON HANDLING OF AMERICAN OLIM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Informed sources reported here today that the Jewish Agency is withholding a 280-page report on American aliya prepared by the Dichter Institute of Deep Motivational Research, allegedly because the report is severely critical of the agency's aliya and absorption practices. The report, for which the agency paid a reported fee of \$100,000, undertook a psychological analysis of aspects of American Jewry pertaining to aliya problems, as well as case studies of American settlers in Israel.

The Jewish Agency, however, contends that a series of illnesses and absences from Israel of key agency personnel has held up evaluation of the study. Officials denied any intent to hush up the report and said that they are satisfied that the investment in the study was "money well spent."

The Dichter Institute's recommendations reportedly include psychology courses for prospective aliya emissaries to make them better equipped to handle olim's personal problems. Another suggestion is for more efficient feedback of absorption information from Israel to America. The Jewish Agency has already begun placing professional social workers in its absorption centers in Israel, as a result of another Dichter Institute recommendation, officials said.

### TRUDEAU GETS GIFT SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Representatives of the Canadian Jewish community presented Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau with a 16-volume set of the newly published "Encyclopedia Judaica" at the Prime Minister's office here today. Trudeau is the third world figure to receive this specially prepared, leather-bound edition as a gift from Israel and the encyclopedia's publishers in Jerusalem. The other two leaders have been Pope Paul VI and President Nixon, who received theirs earlier this year.

Alan Bronfman, national president of the Friends of the Hebrew University and Saul Hayes, executive vice president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, were present at the ceremony. The Bronfman family, through grants from the Bronfman Foundation, has supported the encyclopedia during its critical periods of compilation.

### SYNAGOGUE TO BE BUILT AT LYDDA AIRPORT, SAYS PERES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Lydda Airport will get a modern synagogue, opposite its terminal building, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. The synagogue, which will cost about 250,000 pounds (about \$60,000) will be financed by government and private contributions, he said. Planning for the structure has been started. Zerach Warhaftig, Religious Affairs Minister, initially proposed the idea. Thousands of the tourists from all parts of the world who visit Israel each year are Orthodox. The synagogue is expected to be a great boon for them, officials said.