

# WORLD BEAT

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## Israel Seeks To Scale Fish Market

EILAT (JTA) — Israel is seeking markets in Europe for the gilt head sea bream, a fish it used to breed in the Bardawil Lake in northern Sinai and is now breeding for commercial use, in the waters of the Red Sea near Eilat. About 20 tons already have been exported, mainly to Rome.

A pollution problem arose because every 1,000 tons of fish raised requires 2,500 tons of fish food, 60 percent of which is returned as waste. The Maritime Agricultural Center subsequently built inland sea water ponds to solve the problem. The Center is also breeding shrimp for export.

## Judaica Preserved in Japan

WOODBIDGE, Conn. (JTA) — The largest assortment of Judaica in the Far East has been established amid the Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples in the old Japanese capital of Kyoto by a world-famous calligrapher, Kampo Harada.

Mr. Harada, who is believed of Jewish ancestry, is the driving force behind this expression of intercultural interest in Japan. The museum is in a serene garden and holds 300,000 documents, including 3,000 volumes of Hebrew literature and Judaica and a dozen Torah scrolls housed in a small ark. Famed 17th and 18th century Eastern European Talmuds and artifacts from everyday Jewish life are dispersed among the intercultural exhibit.

## Canadian Jew Earns Degree at 14

TORONTO (JTA) — Jason Levy of Toronto has been graduated from York University with honors and while he is not the first Canadian Jew to be graduated from the University, he is probably the

first to do so at the age of 14. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Honors Mathematics.

Jason's work has been published in the Mathematical Report of the Royal Society of Canada.

## More On The Holocaust

NEW YORK (JTA) — Thirty-nine Jewish and non-Jewish public school teachers from 12 states flew to Israel to study the Holocaust and Jewish resistance to the Nazis, and on their return home, will teach it to their junior high and high school students.

The teachers spent three weeks in Israel attending classes with leading scholars and studying the Holocaust and its implications for all peoples.

PARIS (JTA) — A square in central Paris, on the banks of the Seine, was renamed "Place of the Jewish Martyrs," marking the 44th anniversary of the round-up and deportation of nearly 15,000 Parisian Jews to Nazi death camps.

MONTREAL (JTA) — An international human rights activist has charged that Canada knew of war crimes allegations against Austrian President-elect Kurt Waldheim but still accredited him as Austrian Ambassador to Canada in the late 1950s.

## Japanese Anthropologist Studies Montreal Ghetto

MONTREAL (JTA) — A Japanese anthropologist has spent the past year in Montreal researching the "historical ethnography" of the immigrant Jewish ghetto of the pre-World War II era.

Japanese find it difficult to understand the Jews, especially since they have never experienced dispersion and "have always taken for granted the unbroken link between their land and culture."

## Israeli Banking Firms Listed in Forbes

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three Israeli banking firms are among the 500 largest international companies listed in the annual Forbes Foreign 500 rankings. Tel Aviv is also listed among the cities headquartering some of 500 largest firms. According to the prestigious Forbes listing, appearing in its July 28 issue, the three firms are Bank Hapoalim, ranked 51 in 1985 (17 in 1984); Bank Leumi, ranked 98 in 1985 (49 in 1984); and IDB Bankholding Corp., ranked 235 in 1985 (112 in 1984). Tel Aviv is listed as home to these three banks.

## Scientific Happenings

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A sensitive new technique for detecting radioactivity in rain water has been developed by Hebrew University and Weizmann Institute scientists. Tests using the technique show that radioactive iodine in rainfall rose 30 times more in West Germany following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster than it did in Israel.

The new technique, developed by Dr. Michael Paul of the University's Racah Institute of Physics and his colleagues at the University and at the Weizmann Institute, is able to detect radioactivity in rain water at concentrations one million times less than could be previously measured.

NEW YORK (JTA) — An Israeli expert in tissue typing and bone marrow transplants warned that the West could suffer the same problems in treating victims of radiation exposure as did the Soviet Union in the aftermath of last April's Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The Israeli, Dr. Yair Reisner, urged taking measures that would avoid some of the problems that he encountered when treating pa-

tients in Moscow last May. He urged advanced tissue typing of persons who work in facilities or situations where the danger of radiation exposure exists.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There have been about 27 known cases of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in Israel and only one victim of the fatal disease, a 17-year-old hemophiliac, is alive more than two years after he was diagnosed, according to Dr. Zeev Handzel, head of the immunology unit at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

The patient has been pronounced "free of all signs" of AIDS following 2½ years of treatment at Kaplan Hospital where Handzel is conducting clinical tests involving thymic humoral factor. So far it has proved effective in AIDS treatment if administered in the early stages of the disease.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Liver transplant operations in Israel are at least a year away, as the

Health Ministry has said that none of the three hospitals vying for the necessary license to perform such operations is capable of doing so.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of 19 Egyptian agronomists had a three-week stay in Israel to take part in courses on irrigation methods. The group was housed in Tel Aviv.

## Statistics

(JTA) — Only 55 Jews left the Soviet Union in June, according to a report from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry based in New York. This brings the total for the first six months of 1986 to 386.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The number of tourists arriving in Israel in the first six months of this year was 531,900, as compared with 649,200 in the same period last year — a decline of 19 percent, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

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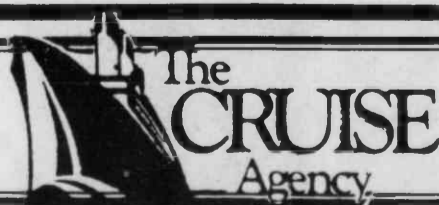
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