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## In England

### New Award Created for Holocaust Bravery

ENGLAND (BBC)— A new award is to be created to recognize the efforts of people who helped Jews and others escape the horrors of the holocaust.

The Prime Minister has approved calls from Dumfries and Galloway MP Russell Brown for a symbol of recognition.

UK ministers rejected the idea of reforming the honors system to allow posthumous awards but are open to discussions on setting up a new award.

A potential beneficiary is Jane Haining from Dunscore in southern Scotland.

Mr Brown led a debate at Westminster on changing the current system in order to allow posthumous awards.

He wants greater recognition for people like Miss Haining who refused to abandon Jewish children in her care in Hungary after German forces invaded in 1944.

She subsequently died in Auschwitz.

Mr Brown also cited two other individuals he believes have not received sufficient recognition.

Major Frank Foley, from Somerset, was an MI6 agent who is credited with helping to save thousands of Jews in the 1930s.

Warwickshire-born June Ravenhall risked her life by sheltering a Jewish child in occupied Holland.

UK ministers declined to reform the current honors system but will now look at creating some type of new award.

## In Brazil

### Brazilian Jews rally against intolerance

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) —Thousands of Brazilian Jews rallied to protest next month's scheduled visit to their country by Iran's president and to remember the Holocaust.

Some 2,500 people participated Sunday in the ninth annual Regional March of the Living in Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city and home to half of the country's 120,000-member Jewish community.

Dressed in white, demonstrators took a silent walk through the streets and held a ceremony to honor the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Several Jewish and non-Jewish officials attended, including Sao Paulo Mayor Gilberto Kassab.

"Besides honoring the memory of those who died in the Holocaust, this event aims at speaking out against the visit of the Iranian president," said Claudio Lottenberg, president of the Brazilian Israelite Confederation. "With the presence of [Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad, the United Nations became a stage for second-class citizens who preach hatred and intolerance."

Ahmadinejad, speaking last week at the U.N.-sponsored Durban Review Conference in Geneva, called Israel "a racist government."



*A swastika spray-painted on a newspaper kiosk at Jardins Neighborhood in Sao Paulo last summer. The graffiti is near some Jewish institutions, including an orthodox synagogue and one school.*

### Jewish death camp boxer dead at 86

Salamo Arouch, a Jewish boxer who survived the Auschwitz death camp by fighting exhibition bouts for Nazi officers and inspired a Hollywood movie about his life, has died in Israel, the Haaretz newspaper reported Thursday. He was 86. Born in the Greek town of Saloniki, Arouch became middleweight champion of the Balkans, but his professional career was cut short by World War II and the German invasion of his homeland. Like thousands of other Saloniki Jews, he and his family and friends were deported to Auschwitz. Arouch, ordered by the Nazis to fight other prisoners for their entertainment, survived the camp. At the end of the war he immigrated to British-ruled Palestine and saw the foundation of the state of Israel in 1948.



In the U.S.

## Cornell Orthodox Jewish Community Proposes Ehruv on Campus

By Alexei Adan

Plans to establish an ehruv around the Cornell campus and its periphery may soon give observant Jews living on campus extended freedom during Shabbat.

According to Rabbi Jason Leib, the Jewish Learning Initiative Director at Cornell Hillel, Jews are not

permitted to carry items during Shabbat when traveling between what he called private and public “domains,” or areas.

“An ehruv is some sort of enclosure or wall that will create private domains,” Leib stated. “Of course, it’s not feasible to enclose large places by physical walls, which is where the concept of a virtual wall comes in.”

The ehruv that the Cornell Orthodox Jewish community has proposed will utilize current utility poles surrounding the specified area. They are already connected at the top by wires to designate the Cornell campus and nearby surrounding areas as a private domain, should the proposal pass officially. This will permit observant Jews to carry items such as books around campus during Shabbat without violating Jewish law.

The proposed ehruv has a three-mile radius enclosing the entire campus, in addition to residential areas just outside the campus in Ithaca, including Gun Hill and parts of Collegetown.

Leib, who first arrived at Cornell last fall, suggested that this could be more beneficial than the average person might suspect.

“Observant Jews who are in wheelchairs would be liberated since a wheelchair would technically be considered an item. This ehruv would make life much easier for the approximately 75 orthodox Jews on campus,” Leib added.

Approval for the installation of the ehruv has already passed through two of the three municipalities affected — Cayuga Heights and the Town of Ithaca — with the City of Ithaca still reviewing the proposal.

Approval of the ehruv has been delayed over the past couple of years, but is finally making progress, according to Common Council member Svante Myrick ‘09 (D-4th ward).



In Israel

## Israel deems 'swine flu' kosher after all

JERUSALEM (AFP) — Swine flu hasn’t skipped the Jewish state. And despite some attempts, neither has its non-kosher name.

Deputy health minister, Yakov Litzman, a member of an ultra-religious party, said earlier this week that the name “swine flu” should not be used as it contains the name of the animal banned by Judaism.

Instead he said the authorities should call the virus sweeping the globe “Mexican flu.”

That, however, did not sit well with either Mexico’s ambassador to Israel nor the Jewish state’s envoy to Mexico.

Mexico’s ambassador Frederico Salas and the Israeli envoy to Mexico Yosef Livne both lodged official complaints at the foreign ministry on Tuesday protesting at the new term.

“The ambassador (Salas) said he was offended when the deputy health minister called it the Mexican flu,” a foreign ministry official told AFP.

“Israel has no intention of giving the flu any new names. It was nothing more than a slip of the tongue,” the official said.

Eating of pork is prohibited by Judaism, the religion practiced by the majority of Israelis. Islam, adhered to by most of Israel’s Arab minority, likewise bans consumption of pork.

Israel confirmed on Tuesday that two nationals who recently returned from Mexico had contracted swine flu in the first such cases in the Middle East.

US officials also said on Tuesday they were reviewing whether to change the name of the outbreak, complaining that a slew of countries were misguidedly banning pork exports from North America.

“This is not a food-borne crisis. It’s important to not refer to swine flu. It’s important to convey the message that consuming pork will not cause this illness,” Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told reporters.

The World Organization for Animal Health said on Monday that the name swine flu is a misnomer as the deadly virus has origins among birds and humans as well as pigs.

