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DANCE IN HONOR OF THE TRAVELERS WAS WELL ATTENDED AT DANNY KOLOD YOUTH HOUSE.

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of Judaism. I believe the camp should really be called an "experience in Jewish living." Above the importance of their increasing their knowledge in the Hebrew language, is the high spirit with which they accepted going to services three times a day and observing dietary laws. A lot of credit should be accorded to Rabbi Gold, Abe Schwartz, the teaching staff, and the Board of Directors who have striven to make participation of our youngsters in this great institution a reality. We hope that many more will participate in this vital program next year.

To close the week, the USY Tour on Wheels arrived a little after 6:00 PM on Thursday. The warmth which our local members of USY and their parents accepted the forty young people and their advisors was really something.

To see them go into the main sanctuary and conduct their own services with almost every youngster participating was a pleasure. The enthusiasm with which they took part showed the kind of dedication with which they are imbued. The chairman for the arrangements was Dan Goldfarb, who with the assistance of many did a magnificent job. Seeing these youngsters put on their ya-

makas without their having to be told, saying grace after meals without coercion, gave credence to the famous declaration, "Am Ysrael Chai". But to get up in the morning at 7:15 and see each boy putting on the Tefilin for services really was something. I only wish each member of our Temple could have had a chance to see this. I haven't seen this many young people put on the Tefilin since my seminar days. I hope that sometime in the future we might boast of something like this in our own community.

The tie-in of the two events is the fact that a lot of these USY'ers are products of Camp Ramah programs in the East. All of these young people think that the people of Las Vegas are just great, and they all agreed that the dinner at TBS was the best they had been served since they left home, (there weren't even any bones left). The hospitality with which they were greeted surprised them to such an extent that they were all begging to stay another day. After their "delicious dinner, there was a dance held in the Danny Kolod Youth Center that was enjoyed by the youngsters until 11:30. The curfew hour was generously raised by our local police department for this special dance.

nando Valley State College, during the winter, but presently works in L.A. for an insurance company.

Johnny Carson show at the Sahara Hotel.

Summer attendance of teen-agers at Friday night services is really falling off. Services last only about an hour and a half and during the Rabbi's absence there have been different guest speakers each week.

Several children returned from Camp Ramah last week and were introduced at Friday night services. A group of teenagers from USY will be leaving early in August for a USY incampment.

The Tennis sessions under the direction of Kerry Klegman are proving to be an outstanding success. There are at least a dozen regular members in attendance and due to it's phenomenal progress may continue into the winter months... Equipment for this project is provided by the Danny Kolod Youth House. All the activities taking place in this area are under the competent guidance of Jay Ingerlid, and anyone interested in the above or any other of it's many activities should contact him directly.

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**TELL TALES**  
 "One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"  
 BY JACK TELL

**MODERN BIBLE**

Just when we were going to take a week off in writing this column to prepare for a new series of light, human interest stories titled "OY VEGAS," a couple of world wandering clansmen gifted us with the most fascinating version of the Bible imaginable, and we couldn't wait a single week to tell you all about it.

The book is a bound series of newspapers called "Chronicles" written in modern journalism style, headlines, ads, editorials, depicting the biblical era from Abraham to Ezra. It's a publication of the Reubeni Foundation, Jerusalem, and if we ever get our hands on the American rights, we'll make it available to every man, woman and child, who craves for the stories behind the stories of the Bible, with all the color, background and realism attached to the circumstances.

To begin with, the eye-catching streamer headline proclaims ABRAM COMES OUT OF FURNACE - ALIVE. Mind you, the big news was not that Abram was found guilty of destroying the idols, nor that he was proclaiming a new religion. The big interest was that he emerged from the death chamber unscathed. Remember, this is a newspaper version, written as the incident took place in the city of Haran, on the 6th of Elul in the year 1726, Before Common Era (BCA).

It seems, Abram, the son of Terach, had been speaking of "One God" to whom the sun, the moon, sky and earth, thunder, lightning, wind and rain, all owe their existence, the one creator and all function through his will alone. No one paid any attention to Abram's belief. So Abram destroyed his father's idols, except Anu, the head deity. Thus a doubt was created whether it was Abram or Anu who smashed the divine statuettes.

At the trial, conducted by King Nimur-Adad himself, witnesses paraded to the stand to testify how Abram ridiculed those who came to purchase the idols. When the defendant was cross examined, he did not deny the act. He rested on a categorical denial of the divinity of the clay deities. This is similar to a present day defendant ignoring the charges in the indictment and standing on the unconstitutionality of the law.

The publisher of "Chronicles" did a thorough job, not only covering the trial, but assigning researchers to delve into the background and family of Abram. It was disclosed that Abram's dad, a descendant of a great-grandson of Noah, had moved from the town of Ur to Haran.

Sensing that Abram may be the start of something big, a full page was devoted to Ur, which had seen better days, prior to its destruction two centuries previously, by the armies of Elam, but was striving to retain its status as an industrial and commercial metropolis, according to the Ur Chamber of Commerce.

The stark, naked description of Abram's "execution," does not explain what caused the fire to be extinguished as Abram stepped boldly into the burning flames. The reporter said, "his lips moved in secret prayer to an even more secret god (note the God at that time is not capitalized) when suddenly, miraculously, the fire went out and, to the utter consternation of the onlookers, Abram stepped out of the furnace, very much alive."

When the king recovered from the shock, he revoked the death sentence but stipulated that Abram must leave the domain.

A stop-press item at the bottom of the page indicates that Abram left town and was moving towards Canaan at the head of a large caravan.

A sidelight story explains that Hebrews were members of the Eber family, great grandson of Shem, son of Noah. The Hebrews were widely dispersed from Euphrates in the east to the Nile in the west, and from Midian in the south to the land of the Hittites in the north. They are wandering herdsmen, also found in big cities where varied talents qualified them for posts of the greatest distinction, including top aide to King Hammurabi. The Hebrews are noted for two diametrically opposed fields--(construction) there is hardly a temple in which the Hebrews did not have a hand, and (destruction) the prowess of the Hebrew on the battlefield was too well known to bear repetition. The Hebrews have also made a name for themselves in education with the famous Shem-Eber Schools under their direction.

Among the fascinating departments of the "Chronicles" are the editorials and the ads. The editorial describes the Abram story as A Man - An Idea - A Deed, which is not fully understood, and whose significance has not yet been determined. At the time it is not known whether the dedication of a new shrine to the moon-god Nannar in Babylon will have more lasting effect than the Abram's tearing down of the image of Nannar in Haran.

The ads are delightful, from the one asking the ladies not to miss the big bargain of a complete vanity case for only four grains of silver, to the one urging your child be sent to the Ziggurat Secondary School with the quote: "He who excels in the art of writing will shine like the sun." The one we like best is: NEED SILVER? Borrow it from Tan-Dublal, the merchant. I lend you 5 shekel - You pay back 6. Sound familiar?

There'll be more on "Chronicles" from time to time.

**Editorial**  
**Ambassador Goldberg**

President Johnson's appointment of Associate Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations has triggered some press speculation about the wisdom of naming a Jew -- particularly one with an open record of profound sympathy for Israel -- to so sensitive a position.

We have no pipeline to the White House and are naturally lacking in knowledge of the motivation behind the appointment except what the President told the nation when he announced his decision to name Justice Goldberg as successor to the post held by the late Adlai Stevenson. This however we do know -- Justice Goldberg has acquitted himself excellently in his public career and is equipped by virtue of dedication and love of country to serve as chief U.S. spokesman on the international arena.

The President, we are sure, did not name Justice Goldberg to the U.N. because he is a Jew nor, we are equally sure, would he have been deterred from naming him if he were not a Jew. However, we would be less than honest if we did not admit that the Jewish community has reason to be proud over the appointment.

The Jewish community today is in the mainstream of American life and Justice Goldberg's appointment is but an affirmation of that fact. And that is why we are baffled why the question of the appointee's Jewishness has been raised by some political columnists. We know the Arabs may not be pleased, but they were not too pleased with Stevenson either, nor will they be satisfied with anyone who does not toe their line. Moscow too may not like Goldberg as U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. because he has spoken out courageously on a number of occasions against Soviet discrimination against its Jewish nationals. But those are not the criteria by which a man's competence for a post is judged in a democracy.

We are sure Justice Goldberg will acquit himself as creditably in the halls of the United Nations as he has on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States.



**TEEN SCENE**

By **Vickie Grafman**

her parents and younger sister as her father has been transferred. The Sugarman have been in Las Vegas about one year and will be leaving many friends.

Marilyn Tobman and three friends had an accident at Lee's Canyon this past week. Their car went off a cliff, but miraculously all of them suffered only bruises.

Candy Sugarman, a valued member of USY will be moving back to California with

Merle Grafman will be in from Los Angeles this weekend. Merle attends San Fer-

Sharon Kersch and her parents went out on the town this week. They saw the

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