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**Editorial**

Rosh Hashana, the first day of the Hebrew year 5725, falls on the English calendar date of Monday, September 27, 1965.

In Jewish tradition, aside from being New Year Day, the first of the Jewish month of Tishri ushers in the Days of Awe, known in Hebrew as the "Yammim Noroim." It is a solemn occasion on which every Jew must strive to reconcile himself with the Almighty and with his fellowmen. This is the purpose for the blowing of the Shofar.

As is customary the Jewish New Year is an occasion also, when greetings are sent from members of the Congregation to each other, from organizations affiliated with the Jewish community to all the members of the community at large and from business firms large and small to the Jewish community as a whole.

It is traditional in most communities for all concerned to acknowledge the New Year by placing paid notices in the local community newspaper.

For this purpose the Las Vegas Israelite is preparing a special Rosh Hashana, New Year's edition, Friday, September 24th.

Those of you who would like to participate are requested to get the announcements in early so as to be sure to be included. On a previous occasion, some persons delayed until it was too late and then made every effort to get their ad in after the paper had gone to press. Don't let this happen to you.

Please fill in the order blank below and mail it off this week.

Individual and organizational ads are from \$5 to \$45, depending on space desired and business ads are from \$8 to \$100. It is suggested firms consider the quarter page allotment, which measures three columns by eight inches deep, at the rate price of \$45. This has been the most popular size used in a past greeting edition.

You may have any wording you desire, or if you prefer, leave the exact announcement to us and we'll see that the greeting conforms with your own individual personality or type of business. Whatever you decide, do it early, and, of course, we'd appreciate a check with the order.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

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**"MARRIAGE CAPITAL"**

Nevada no longer has any claim to the title of "divorce capital" of the nation, and could more properly be termed the "marriage capital." This information will be included in a national survey on divorce this fall on "CBS Reports," an hour-long documentary. The network film crew completed several days on location in Nevada last week with an interview in my office.

A research paper was prepared by the governor's office, with cooperation from the Nevada State Library and the Nevada State Board of Health, as background for that interview. The information it contains shows clearly why the state no longer considers divorce a prime factor in its economy.

Over the last decade the annual number of divorces granted by Nevada courts rose by only 4 percent, from 9,586 in 1954-55 to 9,985 in 1963-64. The annual number of marriages increased by about 50 percent in the same period, from 50,553 to 75,713. Thus, Nevada is now registering more than seven marriages for every divorce.

While the divorce business has remained static, almost every other sector of business activity has soared.

During one five-year period in the last decade, 1957 to 1961, the number of divorces actually declined. While the national divorce total was climbing from 381,000 in 1957 to 414,000 in 1961 (a gain of about 9 percent) the number of divorces and annulments in Nevada declined from 9,249 to 8,223 (a loss of 11 percent).

While the national divorce rate was climbing, Nevada's was dropping. Although we continued to lead the country on a per capita basis, our decrease from 1957 to 1961 was the largest in the country. Only eight other states showed a decline.

The 8,233 divorces and annulments granted in Nev-

ada in 1961 were exceeded by 14 other states. They were:

1. California 51,644
2. Texas 35,340
3. Illinois 25,973
4. Ohio 22,429
5. Florida 21,682
6. Alabama 17,715
7. Michigan 16,219
8. Indiana 15,973
9. Pennsylvania 13,606
10. Missouri 11,633
11. Oklahoma 11,305
12. Georgia 9,539
13. Washington 9,355
14. Tennessee 9,323

On the other hand, Nevada's 63,967 marriages in 1961 earned it seventh ranking in the country. Its marriage rate was 201.8, by far the highest in the nation and nearly 40 times the national rate. Nationally, Nevada accounted for one out of every 24 marriages and one out of every 50 divorces.

Nevada has been the object of much criticism because of its requirement for six weeks' residence before a court will assume jurisdiction over the divorce proceedings. However, there are many states which have a provision of six months or less. Idaho also has a six-week provision; Wyoming has a 60-day minimum; Arkansas requires 90 days; Utah sets three months; and Florida, Georgia, Maine and Oklahoma have a six-month residence requirement.

The most liberal jurisdiction, approved by the New York Court Of Appeals in July, is the State of Chihuahua in the Republic of Mexico. There "residence" is acquired by the simple act of signing the Municipal Register of Residence and it is possible to secure a divorce" states and the "hard divorce" states. Many of the "hard divorce" states are now being accused of allowing annulment to replace divorce. Supporting the contention that annulment is becoming an escape hatch from strict divorce laws is the fact that annulments jumped 40 percent between 1957 and 1961, four times the rate of divorce increase. Nevada had only 24 annulments in 1961 and one of the lowest annulment rates in the nation.

The problem of divorce laws is one that threatens to be with us for a long time. Many support a Uniform Divorce Law, but acceptable proposals have not been forthcoming.

It appears there is no national consensus on divorce, and each state must continue to handle the matter according to its own conscience.

**HAVE THEY?**

Your children have seen you light a cigarette; Have they seen you light the Sabbath candles?

Your children have seen you lift a cocktail glass; Have they seen you lift the Kiddush cup?

Your children have seen you read the latest novel; Have they seen you read the Bible?

Your children have seen you ride by the Temple; Have they seen you go into it?

**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



(The August 9th issue of Newsweek contained this delightful rendition of a marital affair in Israel)

**The Rabbi's Shiksa**



RABBI BLAU



RUTH BEN-DAVID

To the rabbinical court, the proposed marriage was a "liaison that would only be grist for the mills of scoffers and gossipmongers." And certainly the yentas in Jerusalem had a lot to gossip about last week. Rabbi Amram Blau, the fiery, 72-year-old leader of Judaism's small, ultra-Orthodox Hasidic sect, the Neturei Karta, was remarrying. His bride? A 45-year-old French divorcee and convert from Roman Catholicism named Ruth Ben-David.

It was not the sort of marriage that the sect had envisioned for its bearded, ascetic leader. So adamant, in fact, were the elders of Neturei Karta that their rabbinical court said that under no circumstances would it recognize the marriage. But so determined was Rabbi Blau to wed the woman he had met only once -- at their engagement ceremony last year -- that last week he packed his meager belongings into a small bag and left for Tel Aviv, affirming: "I shall wed, but I shall also then leave the Holy City, and not return."

GHETTO: Blau had been first citizen of Jerusalem's cobblestoned quarter of the Mea She'arim (Hundred Gates), where the Neturei Karta maintain their tiny ghetto, complete with their own rabbinical, religious courts, schools and shops. Their men wear beards with peyot (long side-curls) and dress in ankle-length catans; their married women shave their heads and wear sheitels (wigs) according to Orthodox custom. The sect believes that the mass return of Jews to Israel must be initiated not by man but by God himself with the coming of the Messiah. Therefore, they argue, Zionism is a heresy that impedes salvation. Indeed, during the Arab-Israeli war in 1948, several zealots tried to surrender to the Jordanians, insisting they would rather live under "gentile-gentiles than Jewish-gentiles."

The Neturei Karta (Aramaic for "Guardians of the City") prefer to keep to their own quarter, but their watch on the city has nevertheless precipitated frequent -- and occasionally bloody -- battles with Israeli police. Jerusalem's citizens have long been accustomed to finding the stately Blau, dressed in white with a prayer shawl covering his head, sitting in the middle of the city's main street conducting CORE-like

prayers against "sinners" who drive their cars on the Sabbath. When a pool for mixed swimming opened in Jerusalem, Blau called it a "monstrous brothel" and personally "excommunicated" its owners and those who used it. In another impassioned defense of public modesty, Blau once spent an evening defacing movie posters picturing a scantily dressed Gina Lollobrigida.

When not warring on the sons of the city, "Reb" Blau lived a quiet, scholarly life in a cell-like apartment he shared with his first wife, whom the people of Mea She'arim called "Hinda the Righteous." Hinda was so righteous she earned most of the family income by sewing catans for the students of the sect's religious schools. After her death in 1963, Blau became withdrawn and lived on a \$35-a-month pension. But last year, the sect's shadchans, or professional marriage brokers, found him a second wife, and Blau became engaged to Ruth Ben-David, whom the zealots call "The Converted One."

The former Madeline Ferraille had worked with the French Resistance during the second world war, hiding Jews from the Nazis. After the war, she became converted to Judaism and adopted ultra-Orthodoxy because, she explained, "if I do something, I do it 100 per cent."

FATHER: When the court heard of the engagement, the judges immediately ordered Blau to end it, arguing that such a marriage would "not benefit a man of his stature." But in an eighteen-page defense, Blau argued that he has a Biblical mandate to remarry and perhaps add of his progeny, who now include nine children and 50 grandchildren.

The court persisted in its refusal to sanction the wedding, thus splitting the sect into factions. Many young zealots charged that the former shiksa (gentile woman) knew "too much of the ways of the world" to be a rabbi's wife. But many of the older men sympathized with the lonely Blau desire to remarry.

In her tiny, whitewashed apartment just outside Mea She'arim, Ruth waited patiently last week for word of the wedding date. Despite the city's intense summer heat, she was dressed in a long-sleeved, high-necked

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