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JEWS ABSOLVED

ROME WNS) A revised declaration on Jews, clearing the Jewish people of collective guilt in the death of Christ and deploring anti-Semitism was adopted here at the fourth session of the Ecumenical Council following an effort by liberal prelates to restore the word "deicide" in the text. The vote was 1,763 to 250.

The original text, exculpating the Jewish people of guilt in the death of Christ, used the word "deicide." The amended text omits that identification. Instead it says that "although the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ, nevertheless what happened to Christ in the Passion cannot be attributed to all Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor to the Jews of today."

Deletion of the word "deicide" and the use of the word "deplore" instead of "condemn" in connection with anti-Semitism was deemed by many liberal churchmen as a serious weakening of the intent of the declaration. However, the original draft did not include the word anti-Semitism and many felt its inclusion in the amendment was a strengthening element. Church officials explained the use of the word deplore on the ground that major Vatican statements do not employ the word "condemn."

Earlier, before the voting, Augustian Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, and one of the leading advocates of a strong Vatican declaration on Jews, said that deletion of the word "deicide" did not weaken the original text, declaring that the "substance of what we wished to express in the prior text by this word is found exactly and completely expressed in the new text." "It is known," he declared, "that difficulties and controversies—for example, that the schema could contradict the Gospel—have in fact arisen especially because of the use of this word." He also defended the use of the word "deplore" on the ground that the word "condemn" in the Catholic Church is reserved for "formal heresy."

Jewish circles who stood close to developments in Rome during the four sessions of the Ecumenical Council were concerned about the amended draft, especially over the omission of the word "deicide." It had long been rumored that an amended draft would be submitted to the current session of the Council, but whenever the rumors cropped up Church officials were reluctant to either confirm or deny them.

Now that the matter is a closed chapter, it is felt that the effectiveness of the declaration, historic by all measures, will depend on its implementation on all levels of the Church structure.

Meet Justice of Peace



JUDGE JIM BRENNAN

by Claire Dase

If you have ever had cause to sit in the Justice Court that deals with the so-called minor cases, you will have listened to the sharp, crisp

sentences handed down by it's judge. You wonder how one can deal with so many at a time, and all with a fair verdict. Then you start to pondering about the man handing the decisions out and you look long and hard at the dark-haired, dark-eyed, pale-faced young jurist, who observes shrewdly from behind his horn rimmed glasses. You wonder if he ever smiles, and what it would do for his placid features. Suddenly he removes his "specs" breaks into the

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JCSC Party

Saturday Evening, October 30th, at Tule Springs, is the date set for the "Haunted House" Halloween Party of the Jewish Center Social Club.

The affair, commencing at 8:30 P.M., will feature music and dancing plus a late buffet supper for those in attendance. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the affair promises to be one of the more entertaining of the Club's Fall Program.

Reservations can be made through Florence Pollak, 735-8065. \$2.50 per person for Members and \$4.00 per person for Non-Members. Membership is available at the door.

YAHREZEITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

Friday Oct. 22

Milton Solomon
Peter Pearlman
Harris Wollman
Blume Lewine
Luois Mottus
Lewis Wietzman
Joseph Smith

\$125,000 Hebrew Classroom Fund At

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The \$125,000 goal for six new, Hebrew classrooms at Temple Beth Shalom, is assured, with announcement by Max Goot, Men's Club President and chairman of the fund raising campaign, that more than \$65,000 has been pledged in contributions from prominent local individuals and businesses.

This does not include an additional \$40,000 to \$60,000 which will be raised Sunday, Nov. 14th by an auction of more than \$50,000 in merchandise from stuffed animals to full length mink coats. Among items to go on the auction block are color TV sets, cases of liquor, 150 pounds of steaks, a French telephone, toasters, box springs and mattresses and many other brand new pieces of merchandise, including appliances, wearing apparel and a Comet automobile.

The raffle for the 1966 Lincoln-Continental will be the highlight of the evening



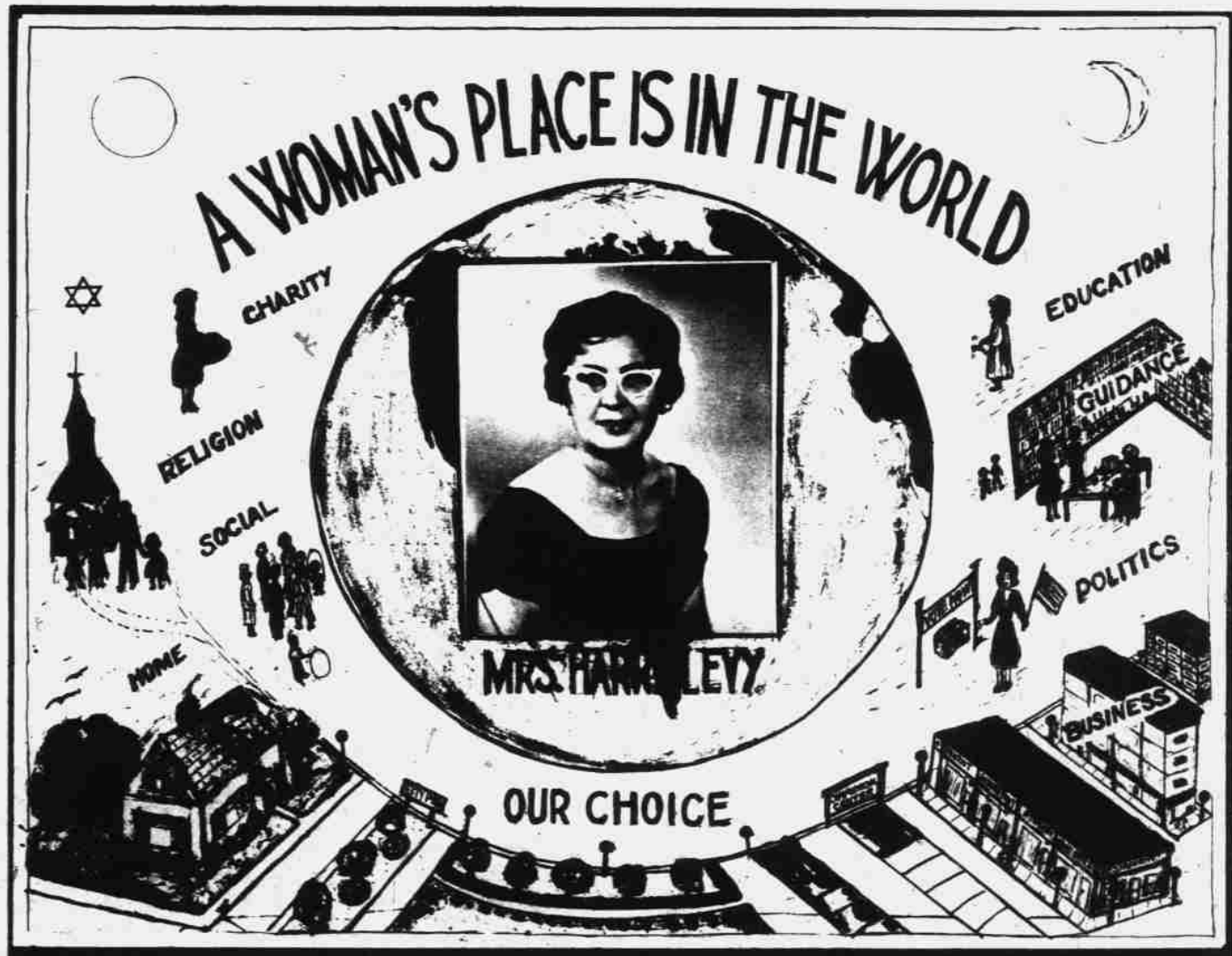
RUBY KOLOD, RIGHT, HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF AUCTION, ACCEPTS KEY FOR LINCOLN CONTINENTAL FROM BURT TODKILL, LEFT, WHILE AL BENEDICT, SECOND FROM LEFT, CO-CHAIRMAN OF CAMPAIGN AND MAX GOOT, CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF MEN'S CLUB, LOOK ON.

of the auction, and the lucky winner will drive home a \$6,700 car for his \$50 donation. Incidentally, of the 400 tickets printed, there still are some 40 left. See Max Goot.

The raffle drawing and the auction are but a part of the program planned for Nov. 14 in the Social Hall of Temple Beth Shalom. One of the most lavish sit-down dinners will

be served to more than 700 invited guests and holders of raffle tickets.

Full list of all pledges and donors of merchandise will be announced



ORIGINAL POSTER FOR NCJW AFFAIR

The National Council of Jewish Women, Las Vegas Chapter, which is also an international organization, is initiating an award to a deserving woman. The first will go to Mrs. Harry

(Jeanne) Levy, as the recipient of "A Woman's Place is in the World". This group which has taken its part in the many philanthropic works of the community, e.g.: The Mental Health, Tu-

berculosis, and Operation Independence, chose Mrs. Levy for her service and contributions, both physically and otherwise, much of which is not generally known. In her honor, they are

holding a tea, October 25th, at 1 p.m. in the social hall of Temple Beth Shalom. Entertainment will be provided by Dave Burton. The NCJW extends a cordial invitation to anyone to attend.