

BETH SHOLOM DELEGATION AT UNITED SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION

The United Synagogue Convention which will be held at the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha Lake, New York No-

vember 7th through the 11th will include a delegation from Beth Sholom to be headed by Rabbi Gold who will

participate in a few panel discussions, and hopes to bring back a full report of the proceedings.

30 Community Leaders Named to Boy Scout Board

Thirty Las Vegas area community leaders have been elected to the Executive Board of the Boulder Dam Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Zelvin D. Lowman, Council President, announced that the new members were elected at the October and November meeting. This brings the current Board Membership to seventy-four men.

Included among the new members are:

Kenneth Austin, Austin Drugs; William R. Ball, General Manager, Sears-Roebuck; R. Norrison Beatty, Gen. Mgr. & Pres., Credit Bureau/So. Nev.; Jack E. Cason, President, Safeway Super Service, Inc.; John B. Damron, General Manager, Montgomery Ward; Dr. Samuel M. Davis, Optometrist; Rulon E. Earl, Earl & Earl, Attorneys-at-law; Raymond C. Ear, General Manager, Community Chevrolet; Brig. Gen. Frank K. Everest, Jr., U.S.A.F.; M. Edward Fike, President, Lawyers Title of Las Vegas; Capt. LeRoy B. Fraser, U.S.N. Commanding Officer, Lake Mead Base; F.O. Gardner, General Manager, American Linen Supply; James I. Gibson, Chief Engineer, Pacific Engineering & Prod. Co. of Nev.; Oran K. Gragson, Mayor of Las Vegas; and Harley E. Harmon, President, Harley E. Harmon Insurance Co.

OTHERS NAMED WERE: Rev. August E. Harris, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Edward B. Hendricks, Architect, Edward B. Hendricks & Associates; Herbert M. Jones, Jones, Wiener and Jones, Attorneys-at-Law; Charles C. King, Vice-President & Advertising Mgr., Golden Nugget; Leo E. Kuykendall; Gerald N. Leavitt, Leavitt Realty Co.; Paul D. McDermott, Partner, Cragin & Pike Insurance Co.; Dr. Donald C. Moyer, Chancellor, Nevada Southern University; Dr. L. B. Newcomer, Superintendent, Clark County School

District; Arthur M. Smith, President, Bank of Nevada; Fred W. Smith, Managing Director, Las Vegas Review Journal; Daryl C. Spargue, District Manager, Prudential Life Insurance Co.; S. Grant Stewart, Western Construction Co.; William L. Taylor, Mayor of North Las Vegas; and Frank W. Young, Senior Scientific Executive E.G. & G.

"The Council Executive

Board has a challenging opportunity before them," said Lowman. The immediate plans include an increased professional staff to serve the 7250 boys and 2750 leaders. A new "Scout Service Center" is planned and building will be started in January. The development of Camp Potosi as a short-term camp is high on the priority list.

ISRAELITE ADS PAY

The Convention will be concerned with several crucial problems of American Jewry: These include inter-marriage, synagogue involvement and commitment, values and standards of Jewish practice in the home, the synagogue and the community, and the position of the Conservative movement in the ongoing ferment involving inter-racial and inter-religious relationships. Workshops on each of these questions will explore in depth all aspects raised by the particular problem under consideration, will seek to determine the viewpoint of the Jewish tradition upon the subject and will aim to recommend a plan of action for congregational committees, the Jewish home and the Jewish community. Thus, for example, the session on inter-marriage will seek to answer the following questions:

To what extent is the increase in inter-marriage a result of environmental pressures in American society, and to what extent is it the result of internal deficiencies within the Jewish community?

How can we teach that the doctrine of democratic equality does not necessarily have to lead to assimilation?

What should parents and Jewish institutions do about inter-dating? If we oppose it, do we retreat into the ghetto?

When in our religious schools should education on inter-marriage begin?

Some of the questions to be raised at the session on synagogue commitment are as follows:

How can we determine the effectiveness of the congregation's program in reaching the member?

How can the men's Club and Sisterhood serve as a source for new members?

How can we properly orient new members to the Conservative movement as well as to the goals and program of the congregation? What is the most effective size congregation? Should membership ever be limited?

How can members be motivated to

participate in synagogue services and education?

The session on standards of Jewish practice will consider the following questions:

Should the synagogue permit a Bar Mitzvah if the reception will violate the laws of kashruth or laws of Sabbath?

Is it feasible to insist that parents of Bnai Mitzvah attend special classes?

What can be done to guarantee the continuation of Hebrew School studies beyond Bar Mitzvah?

Should the Bar Mitzvah ceremony be postponed to age 16?

At the session concerned with the synagogue's involvement in inter-racial and inter-religious matters, the following questions will be considered:

What is the meaning and significance of the recent moves to create better Christian-Jewish relations?

Are Jews ready and prepared for a "dialogue" with Christians? Is such a "dialogue" valuable and necessary to Jewish existence in a pluralistic America?

Catholic and Protestant church agencies have become increasingly involved in social problems such as urban renewal, anti-poverty programs, de facto school segregation, etc. Should Jewish religious groups increase their activities in these areas?

Jewish intellectuals have been leading champions of Negro rights. Why? What is the special Jewish concern in this matter?

Why should a synagogue be involved in social action? Why is the United Synagogue unhappy with some of the provisions of the new Education and Anti-Poverty laws?

It will be seen that the United Synagogue Convention will be concerned with some of the more momentous problems of our day, both within and without the Jewish arena. It is expected that the sessions will be productive and constructive guidelines to the 800-member congregations of the United Synagogue and to the better than one million Jews affiliated with it.

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