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## FRIDAY SERVICES AT BETH SHOLOM:

# TEMPLE JUNIOR CHOIR

*And A Little Child Shall Lead Them*

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



TO BE CERTAIN THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, THE OBSERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY JACK TELL ARE HIS AND HIS ALONE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS THE OPINIONS OF TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

## TO OUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa.

And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innocuous wire service story, datelined Vatican City, and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a "monstrous substitution" for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domenica also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib . . . and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

A strict religious interpretation of the Holy day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (if attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one day observance is now a weeks-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less for-

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### HANUKKAH FEATURE

IN HONOR OF HANUKKAH, JEWISH TRADITION OF SACRED CANDLE LIGHTING, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF STORIES TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAY WHICH COMMENCES SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18 AND LASTS UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING, DEC. 26.

### Spanish Girl Speaks

By Ben G. Frank  
BLANES, Spain--Rosa Guarro, 21 is intelligent, probably more sophisticated and educated than most Spanish young women and even

knows something about world events.

She has the following concept of a Jew:

"He is rich, withdrawn and closed-in; antipatico (disagreeable) and very proud."

Miss Guarro only knew two Jewish boys who lived in Barcelona, her home city, which is about 50 miles from Blanes, a resort town on the Costa Brava.

Besides holding other traditional ideas of Jews, such as they killed Christ, Miss Guarro also is an example of a true phenomenon am-

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YAHREZITS  
TONIGHT AT  
BETH SHOLOM

Dec. 24, 1965

Jacob Marcus  
Moe Sedway  
Isaac Diamondstone  
Minnie Friedman  
Mollie Weiner



YOUNGSTERS, AGES 7 TO 12-1/2, WHO WERE HEARD FROM THE BEMAH IN APRIL.

The Junior Choir will make its debut for the 1965-1966 season by participating in the Adult Friday night services, tonight, December 24th. After the services they will also sing a few appropriate Chanukah songs. These youngsters work hard to contribute to the enhancement of our services and

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### School Prayer Ban Extended

NEW YORK (WNS) Jewish parents went into the Chanukah-Yule season of goodwill amply instructed on how to deal with the problem of holiday observances in the public schools.

The American Jewish Congress took a public stand, on the eve of Chanukah week, that Yule and Chanukah programs in public schools were

WASHINGTON (WNS) The Supreme Court extended its ban on prayer in public schools to include voluntary recitation of prayers in nursery classes.

The High Court did so by allowing a lower federal court ban to stand. The Supreme Court stand was hailed by the United Parents Association, the Public Education Association and the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The Supreme Court ruling was considered the furthest extension of the school prayer ban since the Court held in 1962 that state-composed prayers were unconstitutional. A year later, the High Court banned state requirement for class room recitation of the Lord's Prayer and devotional Bible readings.

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER JAN. 12 WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO MAX GOOT

A testimonial dinner tribute to Max Goot, Men's Club president, who spearheaded a campaign that raised \$150,000 to build six new

Hebrew School classrooms at Temple Beth Sholom, will be held Jan. 12, in the International Room of the Stardust Hotel. Cocktails will commence at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8. Donation will be \$3.75 per person.

Due to an expected capacity of 1,500 attending, it is suggested reservations be made immediately if you anticipate being on hand to honor Max. Tickets are available at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey, 384-5070.

Dinner chairmen promise an excellent meal, very few speeches and short ones at that, and positively no appeal for funds. Strip entertainment will be on hand and a full evening of unadulterated fun will be on tap.



MAX

We'll be reminding you again of this occasion paying homage to an outstanding member of our community, but set the date in your mind and arrange plans to attend. SEE YOU THERE

LONDON (WNS) President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia spelled out in a little more detail this week his proposals for talks between the Arab states and Israel which rocked Arab rulers last spring.

### Cantorial Notes

by Cantor Joseph Kohn

#### CHASSIDIC SERVICE

In order to give our congregants some idea of the infinite variety of Jewish Music available for Temple Services, a Chassidic Service is being planned to be chanted at the Friday Night Service on January 8.

The Service consists of compositions by Isadore Freed and by Eleazer Elimelech Gold as well as adaptations by Cantor Kohn of Chassidic melodies to the Friday Night liturgy, arrangements by Eugene Feher and conducted by Morry King. An explanation of the Chassidic movement by Rabbi Gold will introduce the Service. The Choir will sing Sabbath songs at the Oneg Shabbat.

The membership is cordially invited to attend these Services and hear melodies which we hope will bring back nostalgic memories for many, and yet, also inspire you to prayer.

Temple Services  
This Week-End In  
Las Vegas

BETH SHOLOM  
(1600 East Oakey)  
Friday Night . . . 8:30  
Sat. Morning . . . 9:00  
Rabbi Aaron S. Gold  
Cantor Joseph Kohn