

Barney Glazer's "HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE"

I asked Charlton Heston, "Why don't you run for President? You'd make a very distinguished looking Chief Executive," Heston laughed and replied, "Not for me but I may run for Pope." Photographer Nate Cutler interjected, "One thing for sure you could never be a rabbi." "Don't bet on that," said the handsome star. "Don't forget I was circumcized for 'The Ten Commandments'."

Attention, Lakeside Golf Club of Hollywood, in Toluca Lake, Calif. Your membership includes Andy Williams, Bob Hope, Andy Griffith, et al, but do you have any Jewish members? If so, please name a few. Phil Silvers recently followed, Negro comedian Godfrey, Cambridge at the Friars testimonial for George Jessel and said, "Godfrey, if you think you have trouble, try being a Jew and joining Lakeside."

The same Cambridge told how he dressed immaculately in his soup and fish for a formal party, left his apartment and stepped into the elevator. A smiling, elderly Jewish man asked, "Tell

me, sonny, did you fix the faucet in 1027?"

Milton Berle calls Phil Harris "the American Trevor Howard." Harris calls Berle "sweet lips."

Recently, Berle asked Dodger Maury Wills, "Where did you learn to run so fast?" Wills replied, "I was born in Little Rock."

JAN MURRAY said he had heard so much about Hollywood's glamour he could hardly wait to settle here. "I was thrilled when I finally got a part in 'Tarzan' and made the big movie," said Jan.

"Excitement in Hollywood? You must be kidding! A man can die here of loneliness. For excitement we go to Tony Curtis' house to see his hairnet."

"I bought a house here. Gott in himmel! I paid \$80,000. For \$80,000 you can buy Yonkers!"

ASKED for his biggest showbiz thrill and disappointment.

Murray replied, "It happened at the same time - getting Frank Sinatra's dressing room at the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas. I thought

it would be enormous and lavish but it was small, humble, and consisted only of a morror, a throne and some toys."

GEORGE BURNS, who sings with rheumatic a go-go, revealed that his father was a substitute cantor. "A prominent congregation once signed him," said George, "but when the elders heard him at the audition they decided it was better to close the synagogue on Rosh Hashona."

MEET Audrie Magee, George Jessel's new, young, blonde girl friend. She plays his wife in "The Busybodies," starring Sid Caesar. In the film, Jessel does what comes naturally. He recites funeral eulogies for racketeers.

George soon goes Down Under to go over his bond sales top for Israel. He visits Australia Jan. 29 through Feb. 28.

FRANCO NERO, young, Italian actor, starring with Richard Harris in the making of "Camelot" at Warner Bros., said, "I love Jack Warner. He may be 74 but he acts like a young man, always joking." Warner is personally producing this film.

HARRY KARL taught his wife, Debbie Reynolds, how to say goodbye when leaving Jewish friends so think nothing of it when Debbie says, "Zei gezuhndt."

Bess, You Is Our Woman

By Fred A. Stern
Anywhere between forty and eighty million people a week see Bess Myerson on the several television shows in which she appears. She is best known as one of the permanent panelists of "I've Got a Secret." She is one of the experts at ferreting out the secrets of others, but she has her own secret too.

Maybe you can guess it. Here are a few hints that may help you.

She will play a central part in the coming Chanuka Festival of Israel Bonds at Madison Square Garden.

She is Chairman of the Women's Division of Israel Bonds in New York.

She has made three trips to Israel.

You give up? Well, it's very simple. She has a deep interest in Israel.

The roots go back to her childhood. She was reared in a very good Jewish home. Bess Myerson is her real name, not just her stage name. She amusingly recalls that once, speaking before a youth group in the Middle West, she was asked why she has chosen the stage name of Bess Myerson.

Jewish thinkers and writers were respected in her home and talked about. Jewish newspapers came into

her home and she learned to read and speak Yiddish. She was sent to one of the Sholom Aleichem schools to help her perfect her Yiddish and knowledge of Jewish life.

There were three Myerson girls. Her two sisters are in the educational field. She studied the piano but when someone entered her name in the beauty contest at Atlantic City and Bess emerged as Miss America, she found herself projected in the public eye. She was something of a phenomenon. Beauty with brains. No one expects Miss America to be able to quize Shakespeare or even to know that he existed. When there is a fusion of beauty with brains, history is due for an explosion. If Cleopatra's nose had been a little longer, Pascal wrote, the course of history would have been changed. The Megillah tells the story of how a beauty contest winner of ancient times, Esther, saved her people from the sinister designs of the anti-Semite.

Miss Myerson was greatly interested in the establishment of the State of Israel, but when she made her first visit, she expected it only to be routine. She planned a ten day visit. But after ten days, she couldn't let go. She stayed for two months.

On one of her visits, she took her daughter, Barbara, now at Bryn Mawr. There was a special reason for this.

Both her daughter and the new state of Israel were born in the same year and when Israel celebrated her 13th anniversary she wanted her daughter and Israel to celebrate the bar mitzvah together. Her daughter too is very fond of Israel.

"I guess," Miss Myerson said, "I have seen Israel from one end to the other." "From Dan to Beersheba," we said.

"No," she corrected, "you know the border today is not Beersheba but further down in the Negev, Eilat. You know," she went on, "I spent quite a bit of time at Eilat. One day we arose there at four in the morning to go on a kind of scouting expedition of the desert."

Miss Myerson has a profound respect for Ben Gurion. "There is an aura about him that one feels when you come into his presence."

When it was first proposed that she become Chairman of the New York Women's Division of Israel Bonds, she was reluctant, asking time to think it over. She didn't want to take the job, she said, unless she felt she could be really effective at it.

She has been very effective. "It's intriguing," she says. "The quotas are generally increased every year, but somehow we manage to attain them!"

She enjoys too her part in the annual Chanuka festival at Madison Square Garden when leading personalities of Hollywood, Broadway and the concert world raise the torch of the Maccabees and help sell Israel Bonds.

Miss Myerson is also on the Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League. "I guess," she says, "I am at least an honorary member of about every Jewish organization. I don't see how in the world of today, anyone can remain unaffiliated."

But despite the many irons in the fire, she finds spare time for a weekly French lesson, and she is now busy preparing for another visit to Israel.

Shortly after New Year, she hopes to be calling out again to her friends in Israel. "Shalom."

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