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HAPPY HANUKKAH

HANUKAH FEATURE

IN HONOR OF HANUKAH, JEWISH 8-DAY TRADITION OF SACRED CANDLE LIGHTING, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF STORIES TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAY WHICH COMMENCES AT SUNDOWN TUESDAY, DEC. 26 AND LASTS UNTIL THE EVENING OF JAN. 3, 1968.

(NO MATTER HOW YOU SPELL IT - CHANUKAH, HANUKKAH, HANUKA, HANUKAH - IT ALL ADDS UP TO HAPPY HOLY DAYS WITH SUCCESSIVE CANDLES ON THE MENORAH.)

The Tale is Eternal

Tales of Sendebor, translated, edited, and with an introduction by Morris Epstein, Jewish Publication Society of America.

Reviewed by
Moses Eskolsky

Once upon a time, in a distant land in Central or Western Asia, there lived a gifted story-teller who wove his gifts into a long tale about a royal family and seven wise men. To hold his hearers' interest from one story-telling to the next, he artfully spun a series of shorter tales into the main story.

Because the wisest of the wise men of the story was one Sandebor (or Sindibad or Sindban or Sondbad or Syntipas, (Continued on Page 7)

DUAL BAR MITZVAH

Jeffrey Dacks Barry Harvey



JEFFREY

Jeffrey Dacks, son of Sgt. and Mrs. Monroe Dacks and Barry Harvey, son of Mrs.



BARRY

Sylvia Harvey, each of whom will become a Bar Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Shalom, on Saturday morning, December 23, 1967.

Rabbi Aaron S. Gold, spiritual leader of the Temple will officiate and conduct the services, which will commence at 9:00 A.M. The parents of the Bar Mitzvah boys will host the congregation to a Kiddish which will be held in the Temple's Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of the services.

YAHREITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

Friday, December 22, 1967

Jacob Lubeck
Herman Bock
Louis Spiegel
Saul Kaufman

Fannie Diener
Esther Dvorak
Bertha Adler



MILITARY HANUKAH

CANDLE-LIGHTING during Hanukkah is a family event at military installations where wives and children live with Jewish men in uniform. Festival of Lights observances such as this one conducted by a Jewish chaplain take place through arrangements made by the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Meet Our Lieut. Gov.



ED

by JACK TELL

Ed Fike is a happy man because he has always known where he wanted to go. He sets his sights carefully, never aiming higher than the next step, and with utmost preparation and fullness of reason, proceeds to accomplish his mission. On the way he garners support-

ers who respect his integrity. Why? Because every capacity in which he served public or private, has received all of his effort. So it is with his present office of Lieutenant Governor. So it was from his childhood.

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



(In this era of ecumenism, and with Hanukkah and Christmas this year appearing days apart, we bring you the following column prepared in 1961 and reprinted annually in the edition before Dec. 25th.)

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 fortunate has developed into the indiscriminate giving and receiving of gifts. The once simple recreation of one's version of the Crib has developed into addenda like trees, holly wreaths, tinsel and lights.

An occasion that was originally celebrated by just those of the Christian faith, now finds other sects, religious and beliefs looking forward to and rejoicing in the spirit of Christmas.

The metamorphosis of Christmas was not a straight, smooth road from the way it was, to what it is. There were bypaths, drawbacks, tangents and obstacles created by the

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Israel Offers 5-Year Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (WNS) -- Israel proposed to the United Nations that the UN initiate negotiations on a five year plan for the economic development of the

entire Middle East, which would rehabilitate the Arab refugees and integrate them into the economic life of the entire region. The act-

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