

## Year of Decision

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds and the coming of Prime Minister Eshkol for his conference with President Johnson both focus attention on Israel for the year ahead.

Historians sometimes speak of some years as "years of decision." Certainly, 1967 was one such and it is likely that 1968 too will go down as such a year.

How different is the situation which confronted Mr. Eshkol from that of his earlier visit to Washington. Then Israel was regarded benevolently as well meaning, but not too significant, belonging as those in the sports world might say, to the minor league. Today, the picture has changed. The whole world respects Israel. Nevertheless, her problems are not diminished. Though Israel sits on the Suez and will not allow the ships of any nations to pass until her own ships may also sail through the canal, still Nasser and the Arabs continue to refuse to recognize her right of existence and Russia, from all reports, is more involved now with the Arab world than even and said to be not only supplying her arms and thousands of experts, but picking up the tab on general expenses.

Israel has every right to be considered one of the ma-

ior outposts of the free world. We know how much America has been willing to lavish in money and blood to maintain such areas in parts of the world. Israel makes no such demands on America. It did not call on America for support in the Six Day war. If anything, the Six Day war has proven Israel right in preferring to stand on its own feet.

Israel bonds is an instrument of self-help in which American Jewry whose honor and integrity are also involved in Israel's struggle may aid Mr. Eshkol become Minister of Finance shortly after the Israel Bond campaign was first launched. He knew above all others just what a stimulus Bonds gave to the economy of the State of Israel and, during many campaigns, he made it his duty to come to America to emphasize that fact.

"The present situation," as Mr. Louis H. Boyard, Chairman of the Board of Governors has said, "has increased to a much larger degree than ever before Israel's dependence on Israel Bonds."

1967 was a record year for the American response to Israel Bonds.

Let us make 1968 also a banner year.

### B.B.Y.O. - A.Z.A.

by Adrenne Schiff  
The Las Vegas B'nai B'rith Girls are sponsoring a Judaism Institute at the Y.M.C.A. Youth Camp in Lees Canyon on January 26 to 28.

The A.Z.A. and B.B.G.'s will depart after school, Friday, by bus and will return on Sunday afternoon. The A.Z.A. and B.B.G.'s are participating in extensive workshops on Soviet Jewry, modern Jewish problems, interest in other RELIGIONS, films concerning Jewish life in the U.S.S.R. Today, a salute to Israel night consisting of learning Israeli folk songs and dances, guest speakers, special Friday night and Saturday morning services, social activities such as campfires,

sing-a-longs, and a special A.Z.A. - B.B.G. banquet and dance.

Many weeks of planning have gone into making this event a memorable one under the leadership of Carol Andrews, Jewish - Heritage chairman and Cindy Hirschorn, co-chairman.

#### ALEPH OF THE WEEK

By Marc Gordon  
This week's aleph is Marc Wolfsohn. Marc, past Aleph Gadol (president) and now KOhn Gadol is a very active member in good standing. He is also a member of the five man Shiteal team (song-leader), consisting of Larry Brown, Kenny Schnitzer, Bob Sklar and Mel Katz.

Marc constantly is pointing out facts and helping young alephs get a start in AZA.

He goes to Clark High School and is an outstanding athlete in tennis, golf, diving and ping pong.

He is active in the student senate and his views on Vietnam are such: "I think we should stay and fight to help stop the rising communists and prevent the communists from taking over."

Marc Wolfsohn is truly an outstanding and fine aleph of Las Vegas AZA.

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