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## Answer to a Need

The announcement that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has undertaken an exhaustive, county by county, study of the Jewish population in the United States is one of the most significant developments on the American Jewish scene in recent times.

Many words have flown from the pens of Jewish writers over the years about the Jewish pattern in America, and many more from the lips of our leaders concerned with Jewish living and ongoing, but always it was felt the words faltered because they were hampered by lack of precision. It was as if an artist painted a face, a scene, not from memory but from hearsay.

Verily, the wisdom of the ancient injunction "know thyself" is as applicable to the group as it is for the individual it was meant. Quite obviously we must "know" the community in which we live if we are to function in it purposefully and meaningfully.

How does the American Jewish community look apart from numbers and geography? What makes it tick? What are its concerns, its problems, its outlooks? How does it meet its problems and what adjustments is it making in a changing society which is particularly troubling to the young? What is the cultural, religious and philanthropic climate in our community and are these citadels of Jewish tradition continuing to hold out or are they too feeling the impact of the unrest that is upon the country and the world?

We must have the answers to these and other questions if we are to develop meaningful and effective approaches to the problem of Jewish living in America. Hopefully the study by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will find the key to the pattern.

## A Word About Sin

by Dr. Samuel Silver

I don't know Ann Borowik, but I salute her for the words she wrote about sin in *Cosmopolitan Magazine*. In a world where floating ethics is becoming fashionable, it is refreshing to read her strong words on behalf of decency, to wit:

"Since the dawn of time, man has been drawing the gratuitous assumption that sin was fun.

"Well, sin is stupid.  
"Every time you fudge only your income tax, you let yourself in for subliminal anxiety.

"Every time you make love to a human being when there's no love to make, you earn that someone's contempt or dislike.

"Every time you cheat on an exam, you rob yourself of the privilege of knowing how good you are.

"Every time you break a promise, you tear a piece of the world's fabric so that every promise made to you is worth that much less.

"Even if you don't lose a dime on a broken work, you have lost part of you because 'you' is your word."  
Hear, hear!

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

by Trude B. Feldman  
ISRAELITE'S White House Correspondent

The United States Congress made special note of Israel's 20th anniversary. Exactly on the fifth day of Iyar, which fell on May 2nd this year, the Senate adopted a resolution commemorating Israel's birthday. It was introduced by Majority Leader, Sen. Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.) and Minority Leader, Sen. Everett Dirksen (R. Ill.)

The Resolution stated that the State of Israel was established on the fifth day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, 5708---20 years ago---and that since that time, Israel has defended her right to exist, developed her economy, given sanctuary to more than 1,250,000 refugees and immigrants, cultivated the arts and sciences, established and strengthened democratic institutions and served the cause of freedom and human advancement.

The Resolution also noted that a peace settlement between Israel and her Arab neighbors has not yet been achieved.

The Senate extended congratulations to the people of Israel on their anniversary with the hope, along with best wishes, for "continued progress". It also expressed the hope that the nations of the Near East "may soon meet, as neighbors, in negotiations which will lead to peace and economic and cultural cooperation."

The Resolution was similar to the bipartisan resolution introduced in the House of Representatives by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D. Pa.) and ranking Republican member, Frances P. Bolton (R. Ohio).

To mark the 20th anniversary of Israel's independence, Rabbi Saul I. Wiseman, of Delaware County Jewish Community Center, Springfield, Pa., opened the House session with a prayer; Psalm 118- Verses 23-24. Rabbi Morris A. Landes, of Congregation Adath Yeshurun, of Pittsburg, offered the prayer in the Senate.

The legislative tribute and the lengthy speeches on Israel by members of both Parties were followed by an intimate anniversary luncheon at the Capitol. Sens. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) and Joseph S. Clark (D. Pa.) coshosted the luncheon which was attended by thirty Senators including Sen. Howard W. Cannon (Nev.).

Senator Cannon (D. Nev.) joined this correspondent at the luncheon table and he recalled his recent visit to Israel, where he met with Levi Eshkol, Prime Minister, and explored with him whether the real issues between the Israelis and the Arabs were negotiable.

At the lunch, Sen. Cannon also renewed his acquaintance with Amb. Rabin, who was the guest of honor, and who he had met while in Israel.

As for the administration's policy on the Mideast, Cannon told me that he thinks President Johnson is doing what he can to effect a peaceful solution in that area. . . . and "not abdicate our responsibility to help our friend."

Cannon also said that he returned from Israel more aware of what the problems were and urged that we "provide assistance to the Middle East as long as Russians are re-equipping the Arabs."

He asked that I--through this column--extend his best wishes to the Las Vegas Jewish Community on the anniversary of Israel.

Later in the day, Ambassador and Mrs. Rabin hosted a gala reception for 1300 in the Blue Room of the Shoreham Hotel. Not only was the first diplomatic affair they had given since arriving here, but it was the largest ever held by an Israeli Ambassador. Congressmen, government officials, and Jewish leaders from the Washington and Baltimore areas came to celebrate the gala anniversary in a most 'heimische' atmosphere. Vice President Hubert Humphrey arrived at the affair at its climax in typical good humor and chuckled over an exchange he made with Florence Rupp, Assistant to the manager at the Hotel Willare. Mr. Humphrey gave Miss Rupp his 3-H campaign button and she pinned her 'Israel' button on the Vice President's lapel. And when Paul Haines of Carl's Hair Stylists told him he was planning a trip to Israel, the Vice President quipped: "Say Shalom to the barber at the King David Hotel for me."

Amb. Rabin was asked why Israel proceeded with the parade despite the United Nation Security Council's attitude that it would be detrimental to peace efforts.

"We weren't doing anything illegal," he responded, "and we had the right to celebrate our independence in our capital."

He noted that the parade went on without incident and that there was no justification for the doubts which had been expressed.

TEL AVIV (WNS) Beisan and Jordan valley settlements were again under fire by Jordanians using mortars and other deadly weapons. The attacks were carried out by El Fatah members. Israel returned the fire.

LONDON (WNS) President Nasser of Egypt will pay an official visit next month to the Soviet Union, where he is expected to hold talks with high Moscow officials.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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including Broadway, Paris, Chicago and all the others. The accommodations to go with these superior offerings, including the food and service, is exactly as you've seen them in the movies and on television -- superb. It is all made possible because of the legalized gambling.

That's what we want to bring you up to date on, because that is the most important facet of your visit.

Now, we're not claiming to be any kind of authority on what we are going to explain about the games of chance, but we do feel we may be of some benefit to some neophytes who have the sense to realize and admit they know nothing to start with and are willing to try to help themselves. We certainly are not going to assure anyone they are going to win. That would be stupid. If we knew a profit-making method of gambling, we'd be doing it. Its just that there are right and wrong ways of both playing and manipulating your money, and if you are naive about it you don't have any chance at all.

It is well known that the house has a percentage of every bet that is made in all the games of chance -- that is every bet but one. When we observe a tourist not taking advantage of the only free wager in town, we wince. We refer to the game of craps, where you have made a wager on the pass line and looking for the shooter to hit his number. You are permitted to take the odds up to the amount wagered on the pass line. The odds you receive are the correct percentage for the dice to come up the number desired. A ten or a four returns two to one, a nine or five nets three to two and six and eight gets six to five. Those are the exact odds of each number showing before a seven, which means you lose.

Also in craps there are all kinds of place, lay and buy bets, along with propositions, which you may or may not risk, but shouldn't attempt until you are thoroughly familiar with all the pros and cons. On this point we've seen fortunes won (and lost), depending on the luck of the moment.

The next most popular game is 21, or blackjack.

We've read books with methods of lowering the percentage in favor of the house, and some of the complicated schemes have a modicum of authenticity, but as soon as it becomes evident to the casinos, they cope with the plan by changing the play. One way was to count the number of pictures and tens discarded in a single play, but the dealers now have orders to reshuffle when half the deck is used. The only way to last longer at Blackjact is by not "going over" when the dealer's face card gives some indications he will "break". In retrospect, it does seem unfair to lose your money by breaking, (going over 21), even though the dealer himself, breaks.

We suggest you gird yourself of follow the moves the dealers are instructed to do, hit sixteen and stop at seventeen, except if the dealer has a two to six showing. Then you stop at anything above eleven.

In roulette, the odds against you are apparent. If you bet any of the one to 35 numbers or 0 or 00 (totaling 38), you receive 35-1 as a payoff. Betting any of the propositions, the even-odds, red or black, or any of the columns, you have the 0 and 00 to unbalance the percentage of return.

The slot machines may be fascinating (for years they've kept us away from the more hazardous games of chance), but we suggest you do not remain too long at any one contraption. It could be that just when you decide to move on, the next person's coin will return a jackpot...It happens. But because they are machines and are maneuverable, one that is not paying off will continue tight for some time. And we caution you not to return with too much confidence the next day to a machine that was good to you the day previous, because during the wee hours the computer told the house exactly how much that mechanical agent paid out. We've seen know-it-alls hit a jackpot, then run to another machine. That's silly. A machine that is hitting should be played.

Don't play poker or pan, unless you are most adept or are seeking innocent amusement. You are up against the world's champs. They won't cheat you, but they know the cards better than you know your face when you look in the mirror.

If you favor racing, there are horserooms to make wagers on tracks all over the country. The biggest horseroom in the state, with the most accommodations and best payoffs, is, of course, Sammy Cohen's Santa Anita Race Book on the Las Vegas Strip, between the Sands and Desert Inn hotels. You receive coffee, California papers and the Racing Form, free, and get track odds up to \$5 across the board. You also may wager on quinellas for every race, which mean the horses must run one, two. And you may call off a parlay after the first horse has won. But, if you drop in, make your visit complete by saying hello

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