Barney Glazer's 'HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE"

When Aliza Kashi opened at the Cocoanut Grove, she asked a ringsider, "What is your name?" "McGuire," he replied. "Would you like to sing a song?" asked the Israeli singer. McGuire said he would and it only came naturally that he sang, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Following Aliza's performance, her husband of two months, Daniel Wolfe, escorted McGuire to Aliza and said, "Honey, I want you to meet Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin." The audience had been aware of Rabbi Magnin's kibbitz but went along with the fun. Aliza, of course, screamed with delight.

By the way, Aliza's Cocoanut Grove engagement was one of the initial times when she didn't ask male members of her audience to propose to her. Oddly enough, that wasn't the way Daniel Wolfe, formerly of Baltimore and now of New York, proposed.

"We were introduced at the Club Venus in Baltimore following her final night's performance," said Dan. "I had seen her perform only once, at the Las Vegas Caesars Palace, but our romance didn't really start until later when we met again at Dave Dushof's Camden, N. J., Latin Casino, where Aliza was performing at the time. Shortly thereafter, Dushof gave us a wedding at his Casino second to none." (Following the ceremony at 4:30 in the afternoon, let it be duly recorded, Aliza had to sing for two shows while the honeymoon waited in the wings.)

While Dan and I were talking, Aliza passed. Shaking her husband's hand, she said, true to her pixie image, "Nice meeting you." She's a doll and he's a lucky guy.

Lana Cantrell, one of my favorite singers from Australia, who lopes around the stage like an antelope, asked, "Why don't you ever mention me in your column?" I explained, "Simply because you're not Jewish, Lana." She replied, "But I have shpilkas." Well, that's as good a reason as any, so here's your mention, Lana.

Benn Friedman's story in the Philadelphia Jewish News is making the Hollywood studio rounds. A shamus regularly told his charges at the synagogue, "Haisa donn der." Finally, Sam Porter of the congregation asked what the expression meant. It developed that the shamus was really saying, "Hey, sit down there."

A Skokie, Ill., Italian housewife offered a popular soul singer a fantastic price just to sing one night for her son who idolized the celebrity. The singer explained that he accepts private dates only for bar mitzvahs. The Italian Skokie kid is so determined, he's begging his parents to let get bar mitzvahed!

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When they were kids in Chicago, "Libitz" acted as lookout for Abe's crap games. Libitsky is now fat and sassy Jack E. Leonard. Abe rose to the top of the showbiz mountain as the late Mike Todd.

Leonard recalls that Todd was always a brash kid, a hustler. "A few days after he had his tonsils removed, he charged the rest of us kids five cents each to look down his throat."

Hollywood will make a film version of "Futz," about a man who falls in love with a pig. Jewish actors and actresses have been judiciously skirting offers to audition, and as one star said, "I wouldn't take the lead role if they served it to me on a trayf."

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