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# DAYENU BY HENRY LEONARD



**"And it shall come to pass in the end of days — Oh Daughters of Moab — that among all the animals of the field, thou shalt choose the lowly mink."**

strongly against this one in Vietnam, the ambiguous but honest point of view expressed by the GI reflects our times. History has superceded the Holocaust and gives way to Haunt and Hesitation. It is also of a piece with the revelations being made by the men of they spy-ship Pueblo. It also means, and we all had a taste of this during the McCarthy era, that Americans are also subject, and behave according, to the intent of pressure, both physical and psychic.

Yet it behooves us, with our American and Jewish traditions, to act differently, to support independence, freedom and self-determination, even to back up a simplistic philosophy of live and let live. Obviously, one way is to express sharp displeasure, in the variety of forms open to us as citizens, with the leisurely pace of the Paris peace negotiations so that we can stop the cutting off of young people in the prime of life, bring them back to where the home fires are burning fiercely, and to place their youth, energy and creativity in the service of the problems we face here. Mr. Nixon may claim he inherited this mess from Mr. Johnson, but as a loud supporter and backer of the Vietnam War, he had a part in shaping it, as far back as 1956. Therefore he has a stake in disposing of it.

What was most interesting about the GI on rest in Japan, by the way, was that he is Jewish. Until one hundred and twenty!

## LAS VEGAS AZA

By GARY SCHNITZER

Elections for Las Vegas AZA are over and the term has started in fine fashion. Bob Katz has taken charge and the chapter is moving.

For the second straight year our chapter has participated in the Brotherhood service held at Temple Beth Shalom. On February 20, Morley Bartnof, Marc Gordon, Ed Herch, Greg Penny, and Ira Spector represented Las Vegas AZA by playing and singing to the delight of everyone.

On March 2, Las Vegas held their annual bowling tournament. Bob Schiffman, newly appointed athletic

chairman, had three exceptionally fine games. He bowled a 197, 187, 192 for a 576 series.

LVAZA is now in the planning stage. Upcoming events are a Death Valley Field Trip, Snow Trip, 15th Anniversary Celebration, and a Conclave in Salt Lake City.

In our last article, Morley Bartnof unintentionally excluded the name of Ron Pollak as Maskir (Secretary).

For more information about events or meetings call Bob Katz at 735-8065 or Ira Spector at 735-1428.

MIAMI BEACH, (WNS) -- An unprecedented initial sale totaling \$61,124,000 started the 1969 Israel Bond campaign as more than 2,500 delegates from the United States and Canada at the international inaugural conference adopted a \$200 million worldwide Bond quote as tribute to Israel's late Premier Levi Eshkol.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Rabbinical Assembly, international organization of Conservative Rabbis, has become the first rabbinical group to join the World Jewish Congress.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Jewish Federations across the nation are reporting record initial gifts as they begin their 1969 fund-raising campaign.

## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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readers up to date on a few of the measures under consideration.

Eileen encourages us with news that for the first time in 17 years of her efforts in behalf of "human and civil rights" there hasn't been one word of dissent on the new Fair Housing bills introduced. She says she and Woodrow Wilson, chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee are in the minority, but they constitute a "majority" of two.

The legalized abortion bill seems doomed, and the new dog and horse track measure is so fowled up with provisions of handling offstate mutual race bets, that it probably will be kicked around without disposition.

While school campus demonstrations are taking place all over the nation, a group of 30 students attended recent sessions of the legislature and came away with methods of procedure and decorum that can only be helpful the state in future generations.

The chorus gals and guys have issued an ultimatum to stake (this morning at 12:01 a.m.) unless their salaries are hiked and they get a six-day week. They met between shows on Tuesday evening at the Convention Center, where they were advised to wear slacks for the meeting. This made them practically in disguise, because who could recognize them with their clothes on?

Sen. Chec Hecht urged for a three-man commission to regulate the taxicab industry in Clark County, now under the control of the Public Service Commission. The PSC don't seem to be adequate because scabs are working and union men are sitting it out.

We've got our share of crime, and some think the book is thrown at offenders here in Las Vegas, which is as it should be for a resort city that is bound to attract all sorts of unwelcome visitors. But we are also a city with a heart and for the next item we doff our hat to District Judge Clarence Sundean.

The good judge listened to the plea of an impoverished Texas father of eight who was picked up for hitchhiking (an offence here) and then was discovered to be in possession of marijuana. The man said he picked up the cigarettes, along with others as he made his way up the road. The judge believed him. So did the deputy district attorney, Dick Weisbart, and the charges were dismissed. That's not all. The jury got into the act and took up a collection, amounting to \$14, for eating money, while the man thumbed his way to a job in Salt Lake City. See, we're not all bad.

We're still looking for a candidate to support in the upcoming city commissioner elections who will come out flatly and state he will pay the firemen the raise ordered by the voters last November. There'll be more on this, right here, in the next few months.

Hotels are changing hands so fast you can hardly keep up with the headlines. We all know that Howard Hughes bought the Landmark Tower, set to open in July. Kirk Kerkorian, who operates the Flamingo and the new International (set for September opening), recently purchased the closed Bonanza. Now we hear that Nathan Jacobson resigned as chairman of the board of Caesars Palace to head a group that is purchasing the Bonanza. Parvan Dohrmann, which operates the Fremont, Aladdin and Riviera, is about to take over the Stardust. We asked Moe Dalitz, colorful casino man from the beginning, where he will go when the hotel changes hands and he answered: "I'll be right here." Good!

They lowered the driving speed permissible on the Strip, which was proper, because there were too many fatalities. It seemed that elated winners and dejected losers had one thing in common. When they got behind the wheel their distracted minds eliminated all thoughts of pedestrians.

Some of our foremost citizens accepted appointment to a commission to beautify the Strip. This was good. Newcomers to our town deserved to see us as the prosperous and fun-loving community we are. So the commission met to determine what improvements to recommend. THIS WAS BAD. Commissions are appointed for the publicity attached, not to meet and decide things. The commission proposed water spouts in center lanes to give us class. This was good. Critics rose in arms claiming trees were prettier than water spouts. So we don't get water spots or trees. That's the way they do things in Vegas.

That's enough of this trivia for the nonce, but we'll be back with more of the unusual and unsophistication in the most sophisticated city of the world.

## Nixon???

According to a recent poll, about sixty percent of the American people are satisfied with Mr. Nixon's performance as President. Although there were no special statistics taken, a large percentage, possibly larger than the 40 percent which elected him, was satisfied with his performance in Europe. Most evaluations are concerned with his demeanor rather than his dissertations. But the fact is, as some competent observers have said, Mr. Nixon sets the criterion for his performance and then acts within its circumference. So how can he fail?

During his TV performance the past week, he ranged far and wide on many questions. On the Middle East, he tread on eggs, indicating he believed a four-power peace could not be imposed on Israel and the Arabs. But a JTA story out of Washington the following day indicated that Mr. Nixon already has plans other than those he mentioned in his TV performance. His policy, according to competent observers, is for a "phased-roll-back of Israeli forces." Whatever phrasology follows that, about security points and four power guarantees is poison in Israel.

Pretty soon, the ordinary American will need a whole compass to find the true North of Nixon's "performance."

## Of War and Peace

By JACK SIEGEL

The U. S. Government announced a loss of 453 dead in the Vietnam War during the past week. It is one of the highest casualty totals for a single week during the whole war and it occurred at a time when apparent peace negotiations are taking place in Paris. During that same week, a happening occurred in Tokyo, according to Philip Shabecoff, the New York Times correspondent. He tells of a "crowded, straw-matted room" where an international organization convenes and either spirits American GPs out of combat zones to foreign countries or tries to convince them to go.

The happening centers around one soldier who had dropped in and identified himself as a combat GI in Vietnam. There is a many-sided dialogue and the soldier says he will not go to Sweden, that he has three months more in Vietnam, and then home, if he is still alive. He admits the alternatives to not going into the Army, jail or Canada, were not palatable and that the while military effort in Vietnam is unlike other colonial wars but nevertheless a big mistake. To a German in the International Committee, the young GI says, "I used to hate the Germans... all Germans were animals because they helped Hitler run the gas chambers. But I've changed my mind since... Vietnam. Now I know that ordinary, decent human beings can be made to kill when they don't know why they're doing it." He refers to his buddies as wonderful guys who just obey orders. But he doesn't "hate the Germans anymore." And the same GI has a younger brother soon eligible for the draft.

For a former soldier, to whom the nostalgic galmor of a war survived is beginning to fade, but who served willingly in that war against the Germans and who is

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