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ARAB JETS TRIPLE ISRAEL'S

JUDITH NOVAK
BAT MITZVAH



JUDITH

Judith Novak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Novak of 521 Parkway East, will become a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd. on Friday evening, March 27, 1970. Rabbi Aaron S. Gold, spiritual leader of the Temple, will officiate and conduct the services which will commence at 8:30 p.m. Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the liturgy, assisted by the Temple Choir.

Parents of the Bat Mitzvah will host the Congregation to a special Oneg Shabbat refreshment period in the Social Hall immediately after the conclusion of the services.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Welfare Board has voted to streamline itself in order to help meet existing and emerging needs of Jewish individuals and groups and Jewish communities more effectively.

Delegates to the 1970 Biennial Convention of JWB adopted the recommendations of a study committee.

YAHREITZ
TONIGHT AT
BETH SHOLOM

Friday, March 27, 1970

Nathan Feld
Adolph Rosenstok
Jack Rubin
Isaac Satovsky
Simon Sedway
David Burns
Aron Kronberg

Ann Kronberg
Anna Spiegel
Sarah Goldman Norkin

TO MY PRESIDENT FROM MY HEART

DEAR PRESIDENT NIXON:

AS ONE OF THE 200 MILLION AMERICANS WHO LOOK TO YOU FOR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE, I HAVE TOTAL RESPECT FOR YOUR OFFICE AND COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR DEDICATION AND SINCERITY TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT YOU ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE TURBULENCE IN THE MID-EAST. I HAVE UTMOST FAITH IN YOUR HONEST DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT THE ULTIMATE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE BETWEEN THE JEWS AND THE ARABS.

I AM POSITIVE YOU HAVE GIVEN LONG AND DEEP CONCENTRATION OF ALL FACTORS BEFORE YOUR DECISION NOT TO SELL JETS TO ISRAEL AT THIS TIME. IN ARRIVING AT THE DECISION, YOU UNDOUBTEDLY HAD ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM MANY SOURCES OF HIGH AUTHORITY. YOU HAVE HELD RECENT, PERSONAL MEETINGS WITH ISRAEL'S PREMIER GOLDA MEIR AND FRANCE'S PRESIDENT GEORGES POMPIDOU, WHOSE VIEWS ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED ON THE NECESSITY OF PLANE AID TO ISRAEL.

THERE IS NOTHING THIS WRITER CAN ADD TO THE FACTS AND FIGURES AT YOUR COMMAND, AND CERTAINLY WE CANNOT MATCH THE RHETORIC OF MRS. MEIR IN HER ELOQUENT PLEA.

BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN CONVEY TO YOU, IT IS NOT TANGIBLE. IT CANNOT BE TABULATED ON A BALANCE SHEET. THERE IS NO WAY TO MEASURE IT IN THE PRO AND CON REASONING AT THE DIPLOMATIC LEVEL.

THERE IS A TREPIDATION IN MY HEART, WHICH MUST BE REFLECTED IN THE HEARTS OF COUNTLESS OTHER AMERICANS, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, THE MILLIONS OF AMERICAN JEWS, WHO FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF A POSSIBLE MISTAKE IN YOUR JUDGEMENT. THE RESULT WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC.

YOU MUST BELIEVE THE JEWS TRULY DESIRE PEACE. EVEN THE ARABS MUST SURELY KNOW THIS, BY NOW. ON THE OTHER HAND THE ARABS HAVE PUBLICLY VOWED, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THEIR GOAL IS COMPLETE ANNIHILATION OF ISRAEL. THEY DO NOT SEEK TO MERELY CONQUER, THEY INTEND TO DRIVE EVERY JEW INTO THE SEA.

IN YOUR HONEST DESIRE, MR. PRESIDENT, TO KEEP A BALANCE OF MILITARY ARMS IN THE MID-EAST, I PLEAD WITH YOU TO MEASURE THE HOLOCAUST OF AN ARAB VICTORY. EVEN THE MERE POSSIBILITY OF THIS IS CAUSING TREMORS IN MILLIONS OF AMERICAN HEARTS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION, MR. PRESIDENT, ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE YOUR JUDGEMENT IS CORRECT? THE SLIGHTEST MISCALCULATION AT THIS TIME, ON YOUR PART, COULD BE THE END FOR ISRAEL AT SOME DATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HISTORY IS FRAUGHT WITH MISTAKES BY GREAT LEADERS.
RESPECTFULLY,
JACK TELL

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli leaders, hard on the heels of the Nixon Administration's refusal to sell more jet fighters to Jerusalem, have begun a review of the nation's defense needs and have also stepped up diplomatic efforts to have Washington reverse its decision.

The defense review is designed to plot the nation's military options against various contingencies, including the extreme case of no further jets even if this should become a necessity acknowledge by the United

States.

The diplomatic effort started with a statement by Israeli officials that the instruction of Russian-made SAM-3 missiles designed to shoot-down low-flying jets has changed the arms balance in the Mideast. Officials also noted that if Israel received no new jets, the fighter plane ratio in favor of the Arab states would rise from the present three-to-one to four-to-one by the summer.

The official American statement turning down Israel's request for jets was (Continued on Page 2)

Passover Feature

IN HONOR OF PASSOVER, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPTIAN BONDAGE, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF FEATURES. THIS YEAR THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL IS INAUGURATED AT SUNDOWN ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY, APRIL 20, AND ENDS ON APRIL 28.

Explaining Passover

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Passover is history's first freedom festival. Ordained in the Bible it celebrates the exodus from Egyptian slavery.

It is also an opportunity to welcome the advent of Spring. As such it is one of the three agricultural festivals dating back to Biblical days. The others are Tabernacles (Sukkos) connected with the autumn harvest, and Pentecost (Shavuot) identified with the first fruits of the Spring planting.

Passover is observed with worship services, including special prayers glorifying liberty, the miracle of nature reborn and the inspiration which we receive from leaders who respond to the divine message about human equality.

A unique observance associated with Passover is the Seder (pronounced Sayder), which is home worship service around the dinner table held on the first two nights of the holiday (by the Orthodox and Conservative) and on the first night (by some Reform).

The Seder is a family or communal gathering at which the events of the Exodus are remembered and during which each individual attempts to recapture the anguish of servitude and the joy of deliverance.

From a special Passover book called the Haggadah ("The Narrative") the breakaway from Pharaoh is retold. Blessings are recited. Songs are sung. Even table games are played and an atmosphere of jubilation and reverence is created. Ceremonial foods are held up and their symbolism explained: the matzah, or dried cracker, is eaten to get an idea of the meager food which the disadvantaged eat; a sprig of parsley betokens the Spring-time; wine is an emblem of human sweetness; a bitter herb stands for the bitterness of slavery.

The New Testament Last Supper was a Seder (which is Hebrew word meaning Order or Procedure). At that time a new significance was given to the matzah and the wine; thus originated communion or the Eucharist.

Some of the Biblical references to Passover are Exodus 12, 3, Leviticus 23, 4, Numbers 9, and Deuteronomy 16. Among the New Testament references are Matthew 26, 19, Mark 14, 12, Luke 22, 7 and John 13.



A RED CROSS BOAT RETURNS BODY OF EDWARD SASSON, 22, WHO STRAYED ACROSS JORDANIAN BORDER BY MISTAKE. (ISRAEL SUN PHOTO).