

B.B. Bar Mitzvah Exhibit

WASHINGTON — The High Holy Days this year mark the "bar mitzvah" of one of the nation's most distinguished and popular Jewish collections.

Since its doors opened in the fall of 1957, nearly 123,000 persons from all parts of the world have visited the Philip M. Klutznick Exhibit Hall of the B'nai B'rith Building here, named for B'nai B'rith's 13th president. This year alone, visitors have come from 25 countries.

Housing the second largest collection of Judaica in the United States, after New York City, the Klutznick Exhibit Hall's displays have ranged from painting, the graphic arts and sculpture, to ceremonial art and objects, to historic photographs, manuscripts and documents.

Among its permanent exhibits: The Joseph and Olyn Horwitz Collection of more than 550 ceremonial and folk art pieces, manuscripts and prints, some dating back to the 15th century. Included are kiddush cups, menorahs, spice boxes, seder plates and candlesticks

from various countries and eras.

The Morris Morgenstern Collection on George Washington, consisting of a letter of welcome to the First President from Moses Seixas of the Touro Congregation in Newport, R.I. and Washington's famous response in which he vowed "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." Also, the Spanish-Hebrew prayer book and Bible which the President is said to have used when he visited the Newport synagogue in 1790.

The "Memorial Scroll," one of 1,564 Torahs recovered from the Nazis at the close of World War II and repaired and cleaned by the Westminster Synagogue in London for distribution throughout the world.

The Abram Kanof Collection of 42 modern ceremonial objects, designed and produced in the Pascher Workshop of New York's Jewish Museum.

The Francis Salvador Diorama, a new acquisition depicting the ambush of the first Jew to die in the American Revolution, and the first to serve in a Colonial legislature.

"B'nai B'rith and American Presidents." Documents and photographs tracing B'nai B'rith's relations with every president since Lincoln. Includes a letter from President Hayes' secretary to B'nai B'rith leader Simon Wolf accepting the latter's invitation to attend a B'nai B'rith gathering that evening.

The Klutznick Exhibit Hall, located at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., open weekdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (it is closed Saturdays), has been under the direction of Robert Shostek since its inception.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WNS) -- The Selective Service Commission has advised all draft boards that Jewish draftees were to receive deferments during the High Holy Days "when-ever possible". The holidays include Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

JERUSALME (WNS) -- Israel planned to set up five more settlements in the administered areas, Deputy Premier Yigal Allan disclosed. There are already 24 settlements in the occupied territory -- 12 on the Golan Heights, five in Jordan Valley, three in the Hebron area and in the Sinai and one near Latroun on the outskirts of Jerusalem.



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