

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 FRIDAY, APRIL 9, AND ENDS AT SUNDOWN APRIL 17.

Freedom Festival

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When one reads the Passover Hagaddah in New York, the celebration of freedom takes on an historical overtone and meaning, the remembrance of an event which occurred 3200

years ago. In Jerusalem, where I write this, the celebration of freedom, the rejoicing in liberty achieved and maintained, is a personal matter, a meaningful reality to tens of thousands who recall -- not in events of three millennia ago -- but their own release, their jubilation at the knowledge that for them and their children, the wandering has ended.

What a panorama unfolds as one meets Israel's citizens -- the soldier that one picks up for a "tramp" who does not challenge his military service since he knows that he is safeguarding liberty; the Youth Aliyah youngster embarked on a program of work and study, knowing that he is finally free of discrimination and fear; the doctor who after twenty years of divided Jerusalem is handed a frayed identification card by an Arab patient who has cherished it through two decades of war, or semi-war; the delegation at Lydda of Soviet Jews who drink "l'chayim" as they leave for the Brussels Conference.

For all these, the Hagaddah does not have to be rewritten, couched in more current terms or imbued with relevance. For them the Hagaddah does not relate a nostalgic tale but brings home the bitter truth that in so many countries of the world the whim of the majority decides the fate and the character of the Jewish community.

I wander into the Old City of Jerusalem and the Jewish quarter which was destroyed by the Arabs after the 1958 occupation and is now being rebuilt; the four synagogues almost completed, each stone and arch according to the master plan which is serving as a guide. Once again freedom for Jews to worship in their synagogues. Once again Jews defying destruction to re-create and reaffirm.

Near Jerusalem, a group of American "olim" are building a new type of settlement. One might ask "to them surely freedom was not denied -- the right to maintain their cultural heritage, to worship freely was not curtailed." Yet, even for them the Passover story bears a personal intimate legend, for in Israel they find that collective spirit which makes Judaism for themselves and their children a natural guide for daily living, rather than a legacy to be preserved through constant watchfulness.

They bring the know-how of America, the commitment to democracy, the knowledge that each generation must stand on guard lest decay set in. They are the cement to bind Israel and America; theirs is the experience to fuse the love of freedom which each holds dear, to bring together past and present -- to achieve fulfillment of the American dream and the Israel hope.

Everywhere in Israel the thought and concern about Russian Jews is paramount. Here, "Let my people go" is more than a slogan. It is a promise of open doors, of communal welcome, of national responsibility. These are our be-

leaguered brethren and every citizen of Israel feels the sense of personal involvement - I am my brother's keeper.

NEW YORK (WNS)--The Association of Jewish Chaplains in the Armed Forces, at its 25th anniversary meeting, endorsed the retention of compulsory chapel attendance at the nation's service academies. Compulsory chapel attendance has been challenged in the courts by three non-Jewish cadets at West Point.

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