Vegans in Israel

(Roz & Sidney Brown, employed in the Keno branch Post Office, spent their vacation in Israel. Here is their report)

Visiting Israel is a spiritual experience unequaled anywhere. A mountain, where 960 Jews held out 3 years at great odds, against the Romans in 100 A.D., finally committing mass suicide rather than be captured by them.

We saw Old Jeru-salem, where Jesus salem, Jesus Christ was crucified; the ten stops he made in which he carried the heavy cross to his cru-cifixion. We visited the tombs of Abraham. Isaac, Jacob and their wives Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah. This experience brought back the memories of my Hebrew School days, when we learned about the beginning of the Jewish religion.

Next, Bethlehem, briefly at the gates, to see Rachel's tomb and continued on to where the Nativity is located. Everything was in tact, nothing had changed in 2 thousand In the manger years. the guide showed us where the child Jesus was born.

King David's tomb was quite fascinating. People of all religion's came there to pray, bringing their bed bringing often staying rolls, They several days. prayed, sang and danced at this site. It was indeed a very exciting experience.

The Wailing Wall in old Jeruslaem is the last remains of King Solomon's second temple, where Jews from all over the world come to cry and pray. They place messages into the crevices of the wall. We drove down to the lowest point in Israel. where we had the uniexperience swimming in the Dead A big attraction was seeing the Dead Sea which were



SID & ROZ At Wailing Wall

found in the Caves by two Bedouin boys, just a few years ago.

We cruised on the sea of Galilee to the city of Tiberus where we saw we drove to the ruins of churches stopping thousands of years old. Incidently, a little known fact is that King Herod's temple, located inside the fortress of the Masada is the oldest place of worship in the world. It is still being used, on speical occasions, for weddings

and confirmations. Yes, the Bible really

came alive on our tour of Israel.

Our bus transported us to Golan Heights the battle lines of the present war, where Israeli soldiers killed 8 Palestinian guerrillas just a few days after our departure from Israel.

We stopped at an openair Auditorium, architectural masterpiece, located in the city of Caesaria, built in 600 A.D. by the Romans, where they put on plays. It is still used occasionally for symphonies and concerts. The acoustics are unbelievable, one can hear a pin drop from anywhere in the auditorium. Seeing and hearing a concert here is a sheer delight.

(ED. NOTE: Browns visited Weitzman Institute, the J.F. Kennedy Foundation, a memorial to 6 million Jews murdered by Hitler, the 1948 battlefield near Tel Aviv and the beautiful city of Haifa.

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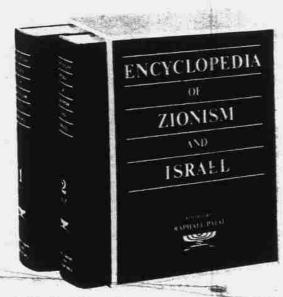
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