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**TELL TALES**

"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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civic responsibilities to his new neighbors in his adopted state. He was first to support all religious and worthwhile charities. For higher education in Nevada institutions, he donated more than a half million dollars, which included \$300,000 to get the Reno Medical Center started as the first medical school in the state.

It is appropriate at this time to tell the readers of the Israelite it was Howard Hughes who picked up the tab for Jewish leaders all over to continue receiving this newspaper. Postal regulations make it necessary they be paid subscribers under our 2nd class mailing franchise. Since last October we have been carrying the line: NOW BEING READ WEEKLY BY AN ADDITIONAL 2,000 JEWISH LEADERS ALL OVER THE WORLD, COURTESY OF SANDS, DESERT INN, LANDMARK AND FRONTIER HOTELS. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hughes.

It all started Thanksgiving eve of 1966, when Hughes established headquarters in the pent house of the Desert Inn, which was his first purchase.

He next bought outright the sprawling Sands Hotel and the Castaways, across the Strip. An \$80,000,000 expansion was planned for the Sands, which have has curtailed to date, but will be re-activated, it is reported, when minor frustrations are eliminated.

When the Frontier was on the verge of folding, throwing 2,000 out of work, a three-way phone conversation at midnight to far-spread state gambling commissioners allowed Hughes to make the purchase. The hotel-casino remained open to this day, jobs were secured, obligations were paid and a near economic disaster was averted in Nevada. The Silver Slipper went along with the purchase of the Frontier.

Next was contemplated the purchase of the Stardust, the big-sister hotel of the Desert Inn. Plans were drawn and contracts all set until the question of anti-trust was presented. Immediately, Hughes withdrew his offer to purchase. If he were the mongerer they accused him of being, he could have fought it out in the courts and probably would have won, because at that time there were larger holders of gambling interests in the state.

The Landmark hotel, located one block off the Strip on Convention Center Drive, was a white elephant for years. It had lain dormant, a blight on the Las Vegas scene, with contractors and sub-contractors along with leasees of businesses either bankrupt or on the verge of being wiped out. Hughes could have waited and picked it up for a fraction of what he paid. Not Hughes. It was not his purpose or practice to commence an operation under a cloud. Our senators in Washington cleared anti-trust objections and Hughes paid off in full, in cash. Another economic tragedy in Nevada was averted.

The final purchase, without objection from any source, was Harold's Club in Reno.

After exactly four years to the day, on Thanksgiving Day 1970, Hughes vacated the Desert Inn to establish headquarters in the Bahamas. At the same time his chief of Nevada operations, Robert Maheu, was discharged from his \$10,000-a-week job, in addition to a half million dollar home and unlimited expense account.

Maheu offered to steal silently out of the picture if his future commitments were honored, but the Hughes Tool Company directors, who took over the operation, refused. They wanted no part of the questionable practices that led to the dismissal of Maheu, who promptly sued for \$500,000,000 claiming it was not Hughes, but the directors who wanted him ousted.

Greenspun, who had pocketed more than \$10,000,000 in cash from Hughes, through Maheu, instituted the campaign of vilification and character denunciation.

At first it was directed at any and all  
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*Time For Change*

Reality has its own way of dealing with history. We find that during the recent spate of American primaries, the feelings, frustrations and desires of people are emerging in a way that candidates never suspected, and in the process, felling a few. We also find that there is a groundswell in the Jewish community and it takes time to bubble up; from under the surface.

First, it was the youth who called to task the established order of Jewish society charging it with irrelevance. An effort, whose success is as yet undetermined, was made to deal with that.

Now we find that American Jewish attitudes are changing on the question of women's role in society, general and Jewish, and that questions are being asked. We also find that some Jewish organizations, originally founded for a specific purpose have diversified. In order to "stay in business," they have had to expand their "merchandise," they have to widen their constituents. This perhaps is all to the good but it is expected of the leadership of such organizations that they lead, that events should not catch up and pass them. We are also being informed that attitudes towards Israel are or should be changing.

Perhaps the time has come for a watchdog and grass roots group to be created, composed of people solely in the so-called public sector, people without axes to grind, jobs to preserve and conditions to excuse, to assess the needs of the Jewish community, to anticipate trends and events and to advise both the Jewish organizations, and through a specially devised, single medium, the Jewish population in general. This way perhaps the Jewish community would not be caught off guard, as it frequently has.

*The Gelbers*

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

In all Jewish history few families have been more outstanding than the Canadian Gelbers.

I can't begin to enumerate each Gelber. Suffice it to say that this family excels in business, in learning, in Zionism, public service, and devotion to Judaism.

One Gelber, Lionel, was the first Canadian Jew to get a Rhodes Scholarship. Edward Gelber is an ordained rabbi who is a pillar of Hebrew University. Marvin Gelber, like the rest of the mishpacha, sparkles in many fields.

The Gelber family has everything. It has looks; the Gelber men all look like Anthony Eden in his prime. It has means. It has

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scholarship. It has, most of all, what is called in Yiddish balebatshkeit, an atmosphere which seems to say that what we have should be utilized for the advancement of our people's well-being.

Today I sing of one of the members of this amazing family: Rabbi Sholem Michael Gelber. Dashing and learned, a war hero and a person at home in the stock market, he was ordained at the Academy for Higher Jewish learning, which he served as dean. He has written his own prayerbook, formed his own congregation in Manhattan, written several books, teaches at Columbia University, and not so long ago created a new version of the Biblical Book of Job, which is a knockout.

Gelber not only wrote the play, which uses the actual words of the Biblical book but embellishes it with original music and modern props, but he also played the part of Job along with a professional cast. The production was staged at Manhattan's Temple Israel in conjunction with the congregation's 50th anniversary. It's better than anything now on Broadway.

World Jewry is deeply indebted to the Gelber family. The Gelberized Job is the latest in a series of notable achievements. It should prompt some author to do a book on "The Unbelievable Gelbers of Canada."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved a bill which provides funds for the State Department to be used to help resettle Jews in Israel. A vote by the House is expected by May 15.

EAST ORANGE, N.J. (WNS) -- Mayor William S. Hart, the vice-chairman of the National Black Political Convention which March 12 approved a last minute resolution calling for the dismemberment of Israel, has called upon 27 of its leaders to repudiate the resolution.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Some 200 leftists, students and non-students, ended a 24-hour occupation of Hebrw University's Senate Hall which they had seized to protest police action against a Black Panther demonstration.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun (Orthodox) founded in 1872, launched the celebration of its Centennial year at a convocation of 1,000 members. The Park Avenue Synagogue (Conservative) observed its 90th anniversary with the performance of "L' Daved Mizmor," a Friday evening service by Cantor Charles Davidson.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Maurice Samuel, prize winning author, essayist, and English translator of Yiddish classics died here at the age of 77.

WASHINGTON -- The Jewish community could no longer expect B'nai B'rith "to pay the bill" for the Hillel student program and would have to match its expressions of concern for Jewish students with deeds, the national director of Hillel, Dr. Alfred Jospe said.

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