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includes Ford Pintos, millions of Blue Chip stamps and airline trips to Mexico. The Wheel of Fortune spins 15 times each day and there is a winner every time.

The Topless Follies at the HACIENDA, is a show that if you don't blush, you're blazee. Currently at the LAS VEGAS HILTON (INTERNATIONAL) Bill Cosby and Diahann Carroll are the attractions, followed by Liberace on June 22 and Charlie Pride on July 6.

You'll find Johnny Carson at the SAHARA until June 24, followed by Rowan and Martin until July 17 and Doc Severinsen until Aug. 18, when Johnny Carson comes back until Sept. 1.

At the RIVIERA there's Engelbert Humperdinck, followed by Shecky Greene on June 21, Don Rickles on June 28, Dionne Warwick on July 19 and Totie Fields on Aug. 2.

At the THUNDERBIRD, Latin Fire '73' is the attraction.

CIRCUS CIRCUS, with the world's top circus acts performing around the clock, right over the heads of the casino players, offers Best of Burlesque in the Hippodrome Theatre.

That's it for the STRIP. Downtown, starting with the newest addition to Fremont Street, the UNION PLAZA Hotel, there is continuous entertainment in the Omaha and Plaza Theatre lounges.

At the LAS VEGAS CLUB, you can get the 49 cents breakfast. The GOLDEN GATE, and the PIONEER have snack lunches at popular prices. The MINT Features Expression and Eddie Cash; the GOLDEN NUGGET, the Hot Pants Revue; and the FREMONT, with Rouvaun, followed by Hokus Pokus Musical Revue on the June 23. There's continuous entertainment at the FOUR QUEENS, and the EL CORTEZ, where the biggest attraction is the Social Security contest. If your numbers are tabbed you can go home with big payoffs. The EL CORTEZ has the loosest slots in town. Benny Binion's HORSESHOE displays a million dollars in cash and sports the highest limit in craps in the entire world \$2,000. That Benny's a real sport.

Back of the MINT is the SINABAR, with very loose slots, tv giveaways and the only restaurant in mid-town serving Kosher style food, real good.

Over on Boulder Highway the SHOWBOAT, with Paul Gilbert's Merry Go Round until June 25, when the Upstarts come in until July 16. Up in North Las Vegas, Obie Oberfelder's SILVER NUGGET has real home cooking and continuous giveaway prizes.

That's Las Vegas for you. Come and get it.

J.D.C. New Services

BY EDWARD GINSBERG
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I had the pleasure of seeing the Jerusalem Center in action and to confer with its director, Professor Alex Russell. To listen to this former London pediatrician with 35 years of experience behind him is to hear a man inspired.

"It took us seven years to set up a center like this in London," Prof. Russell told me. "Here, we've done it in a year and a half.

Thus, the understanding and desire on the part of the Israelis are there, as is the professional know-how. But Prof. Russell and his fine staff need more money to enlarge their facilities and for more research. An interesting point raised by them was the request that instead of planning our projects on a three-year basis, we extend the period to five years. It is worth considering.

Dr. Bernard Cohen, who heads a similar Center at the Haim Sheba Medical Center (Tel Hashomer), was equally eloquent. Utilizing all of his 6 feet 5 inch frame to drive home his point, this dedicated former South African specialist described the importance of assessing the child's health at infancy. "If we can determine that the baby is retarded," he said, "we can set up a way of life for it and the family so as to help all to them avoid the shock and emotional disturbances that develop if the discovery is made at a later stage. And many a retardate can be taught some trade to help him support himself instead of becoming a public charge."

It was particularly interesting to hear of the phenyl-ke-tonuria (PKU) test carried out at the Center. A blood specimen of every newborn child is sent to the Center to test the infants for this metabolic error which causes mental retardation. Happily, the number of these cases is low. Babies with this problem are placed on special diets which overcome the threat of retardation.

The visit to the Haim Sheba Medical Center was particularly inspiring because of its rich history of association with JDC/Malben. Soon after it was created in 1949, JDC/Malben was asked to care for large number of the tubercular and chronically ill among the immigrants.

The brand new agency had no beds or institutions as yet, and so it sought outside help. Tel Hashomer Hospital, as it was then known, immediately offered 500 beds. These remained at JDC/Malben's disposal until it could build its own facilities. The close cooperation continued through the years with the late Dr. Haim Sheba and continues today with dynamic new director, Dr. Mordechai Shani, who showed me around the expanding institution.

The School of Communicative Disorders of Tel Aviv University, set up with the active help of JDC/Malben in 1967 and which continues to receive its financial and technical support, is the country's only facility for the training of badly needed speech clinicians. The School, located at the Haim Sheba Medical Center where most of the University's Medical School installations are located, is training the world's first Hebrew speaking speech clinicians. Until the School opened the clinicians had to be trained abroad, and then retrained in Israel so as to be able to employ the Hebrew language. The third group of about 30 students will be graduated in June. It was a fascinating experience.

Work is also underway on the JDC/Malben supported projects at the Haim Sheba Center, including the Weizmann Rehabilitation Institute for the physically disabled, at the Weinberg Child Development Center where certain services for handicapped children, now scattered about, will be concentrated, and at the 66-bed Bier Geriatrics Department.

Wherever I went I naturally was interested in hearing about how JDC could help fill in the gaps in the country's health and welfare services. In view of their previous fruitful experience, all institutions are anxious to develop new projects with us. Minister of Welfare, Michael Hazani, and his able Director-General, Dr. Moshe Kurz, for instance, cited a few of their top priorities:

1. An institution and services to assist the rising number of 13 to 17 year old girls who "get into trouble."
2. An institution for chronically ill young people.
3. A training program and closed workshop for groups of socially handicapped people who for various reasons have no work habits and are unemployable in the private market.
4. Additional professional training programs to overcome the chronic shortage of staff.

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