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Jews and Congress

The 93rd Congress will convene in less than two months. The House and Senate will begin to concentrate on trying to carry out the mandate given it by the electorate. The committees in both chambers will be reorganized to reflect the shifts in the elected officials - those who were returned and those newly elected. The Cabinet, too, will undergo changes in line with new domestic undertakings and expanding international relations and activities.

The more than six million American Jews will be watching these changes in the nation's capital. So will Israel. So will the Jews in the Soviet Union.

Many programs initiated by the 92nd Congress and by President Nixon will require concerted action to implement them. The most pressing for the Jewish community - those having the most basic and far-reaching international implications - will continue to be the safety and security of Israel and the easing of emigration rights for Soviet and Syrian Jewry.

These will involve approving the Vanik and Jackson Amendments to the East-West Trade Act, continued sale of needed military equipment to Israel, expanding and improving the Voice of America's Yiddish broadcasts to the Soviet Union, increases in appropriations for the resettling of Soviet Jewish refugees, maintaining a sharp vigilance and positive stance in the United Nations against anti-Israel resolutions, implementing anti-terrorist and anti-hijacking legislation, and applying the Attorney General's parole authority to help Syrian Jews to come to this country.

Nothing in history, however, happens automatically even with the best of intentions and with the greatest assurances from the White House and Congress. Action was required to launch many of these programs in the last Congress and further action will be required to make certain that they continue with this one.

The Jewish community - its leadership and grass roots organizations - must continue to conduct its ongoing activities to prod Congress and the White House - when necessary - to make certain that the concerns of the Jewish community are not lost in a welter of other considerations. Apathy-based on the feeling that the new Congress will act judiciously-would be self-defeating.

Unhurrying

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

There's a magazine produced by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

Called Guideposts, the magazine contains

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YOUR RENEWAL IS APPRECIATED -



The renowned lecturer from Israel, Colonel Itzhaki, addressed the Nate Mack B'Nai B'rith Lodge at the Temple Beth Sholom.

Colonel Itzhaki has recently completed 21 years of service with the Israel Defense Forces, where he served as the Educational Branch in charge of its famed Yediat Haaretz (knowledge of the land). He is presently serving as educational consultant to many institutions in Israel and in South Africa.

A Bible scholar of note, graduated from the Hebrew University, Colonel Itzhaki is a sabra, firmly rooted in the soil of Israel. He took part in the War of Independence in besieged Jerusalem as a platoon commander. After the war, in 1949, he was appointed as an education officer of a brigade, and from 1960 to 1963 he was the commander of the Central Military School of Education.

The Topic of his lecture was "Israel as Living Geography and History of the Jewish People," articles with inspiration.

Most of the articles are by Christians testifying to the power they receive from their religion.

But in the August, 1972 issue one article contains a testimonial by a Jew, who credits his rabbi with most helpful advice.

The Jew is a baseball player, Ron Bloomberg, who plays for the Yankees now.

But he almost lost his baseball career when he grew tired of being held in the minor leagues.

In the article Bloomberg says that he had virtually given up baseball because he was fretful over the fact that the Yankees didn't put him on their roster.

Straining to prove how good he could be, Bloomberg did poorly for the minor league outfit he played for.

Then what happened? Well, he went back to Atlanta and chatted with his rabbi, the noted Dr. Harry Epstein, who's been in that Southern city for 45 years and has imparted his wisdom to thousands.

"Ron", said the rabbi, "Unhurry yourself. Be calm. Take it easy. Don't be so impatient." That was the burden of the rabbinical advice the young slugger received.

Bloomberg took the advice. He changed his pace. He relaxed. The result? He was called up to the Yankees. He continued to respect his faith. He has blossomed into a formidable hitter and may some day fill the bill as "the Jewish Babe Ruth."

Give Dr. Peale credit for finding a good story. Give Rabbi Epstein credit for saving another soul. And give Bloomberg credit for accepting good counsel.

NEW YORK -- Was Hitler a completely unpredictable accident of history? Or can his rise to power be understood in terms of social conditions that we failed to interpret correctly -- in time? A young historian, Professor Ismar Schorsch, had undertaken to explore this problem in a new book, JEWISH REACTIONS TO GERMAN ANTI-SEMITISM, 1870-1914, published by Columbia University Press in association with the Jewish Publication Society.

Mark Tan  
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**LAS VEGAS**

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT... a brand new act still in the making that'll star former "Vive Les Girls" comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL and new Vegas resident, Greek singer BILLY "DEMITRIUS" DARE (just back from Greece and a year long stint at the swank Club Oggi). Elmarie and Billy are combining their musical comedy talents in a hilarious new concept in entertainment. Elmarie, aside from her proven comedic talents, was also a former band and jazz singer in clubs throughout the East... the upcoming "FIESTA DE SANTA BARBARA" on December 3-4 at the Thunderbird Hotel. Hosts of the yearly all-night gala are producers-stars of the T-bird's "Latin Fire '73", MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON. This year's not to be missed fiesta will also feature gueststar CELIA CRUZ, the Queen of Afro-Cuban music. Miss Cruz will also star in a special One Night Only performance with the Latin Fire show on December 2, open to the public of course. Invitations to the Santa Barbara Fiesta go out this week to more than 500 friends, performers, etc. of the Latin Fire company... the new act at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater, MICKEY, LARRY & THE EXCITERS. The 10-man group, from Farrell, Pennsylvania originally, have been causing a minor sensation in all their appearances this past year. They just closed a headline stand at the Persian Room in New York...

OUR FAIR LADIES... ABBE LANE, now at the Desert Inn with MILTON BERLE, will open the brand new Hyatt Hotel in Acapulco on December 19. Abbe's also being scouted for her own tv special by the same team of producers who made the Ann-Margret and Raquel Welch productions... JOAN RIVERS, co-headlining next at the Sahara with Frank Gorshin (opening Nov. 28), is currently breaking in new material at the Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills. The multi-talented Miss Rivers also recently completed her baby book, and just got word that the television series she co-authored has been sold to a major network... Popular funny lady KAY BALLARD, who hasn't played the Strip in sometime, is FINALLY getting 'round to firming up a return date. Kay's waiting to hear word on her upcoming Broadway musical based on the life of Mollie Goldberg, tentatively set for a January opening. In the meantime, Kay's manager and Hughes Hotel entertainment director WALTER KANE are huddling to schedule an early date at either the Sands or Desert Inn. Kay was in town visiting last week to see her good pals STEVE LAWRENCE & FYDIE GORME (at Caesars) and LIZA MINNELLI (at the Riviera) and JERRY LEWIS (at the Sahara), and was quite literally mobbed by the fans wherever she went... TOTIE FIELDS, now at the Riviera, has a two month "TOTIE LOOK-ALIKE" contest now underway via the Merv Griffin tv shows. Entrants are sending in photos to Merv to be judged by a panel of celebrities; winner gets a ton of prizes including a weekend at the Riviera. Contest closes in early January... MISS PEGGY LEE, a legend in her own time, and now special guest-starring with Alan King at Caesars Palace, has a brand new album in release called "Norma Dilores Egstrom from Jamestown, North Dakota"... ANN-MARGRET makes her first public appearance since her near fatal fall, at the Hilton opening Nov. 28... Tv's "Brady Bunch" star FLORENCE HENDERSON makes her second Strip appearance, opening with Don Adams, at the Sands on Nov. 29. Miss Henderson just completed a smash engagement at the Fairmont in San Francisco... PHYLLIS DILLER who broke all sorts of attendance records in her last two appearances here at the Frontier and the Sands, tries it again with her opening at the Desert Inn on Nov. 21...

STRIP CHATTER... Singer-composer ED WHITING (set to be one of the featured stars of the Aladdin's "Nymphs of the Nile" opening in December) heads next to Japan and the International Music Fest. Whiting's new LP with JEAN LECCIA for MGM is the U.S. rep at the Festival. Whiting is one of the featured singers on the album as well as the composer of some of the tunes... THE KIM BROTHERS just back from a long tour of their second home, Hawaii, are celebrating their fifth year as one of the Flamingo Casino Theater's most consistent top attractions... FRANK SINATRA JR. headlines at the Rainbow Grill (in New York) opening later this month. Frank returns to the Frontier with PHIL HARRIS & HARRY JAMES on Dec. 21, replacing ailing Jimmy Durante who cancelled out of his scheduled Christmas engagement... Another Frank, FRANKIE AVALON is also making news in New York with his Nov. 23 opening at the Copa. Bigger things are in store for Avalon; he's being groomed for his own television series next year... Speaking of tv series, BOBBY DARIN's summer replacement show "Bobby Darin's Amusement Company" has been picked up for airing as a regular series starting in January. One of Bobby's regulars will be Sahara Casbar favorite RIP TAYLOR... Congratulations to THE BERNARD BROTHERS, stars of the Stardust's "Bare Touch of Vegas", who just celebrated their 800th performance in the popular revue. The Bernards - BERT BERNARD, LES JONES BERNARD & AL BROWN - have enough bookings to take them into 1975!... Exotic newcomer LILY "THE LIONESS" LANGTRY and her femme manager A.V. Brockman, in town to see shows and huddle about a Strip debut for the statuesque and beautiful dancer.