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### 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 MONDAY, APRIL 16, AND ENDS AT SUNDOWN, APRIL 24.

### Season of Our Freedom

Passover is called "the season of our freedom" in Jewish tradition. Freedom for our ancestors had to have some purpose and that is why faith and a body of moral law were reconfirmed at Sinai following the unshackling from Egyptian bondage. The first Passover set the mood of hope for a people destined to develop a religion and culture and way of life. This sense of hopefulness has been characteristic of the Jew throughout his history. It generates his faith and made possible his determination to survive meaningfully throughout the ages.

We are familiar today with the erosion of faith. It reflects the times. It is understandable in the light of the vast changes which are taking place before our eyes. But even more serious is a loss of hope. When the Jew sits down at the Seder table and reads the Haggadah it is not so much to philosophize about his past. It is an expression of trust that in time "all men will be free," that no one (not just the Jew) will be kept in chains, that Israel will be free and rebuilt, that American Jewry has a future. He can express these thoughts even in the midst of challenge and struggle not because he is a foolish optimist but because refreshed by hope, he anticipates a better world.

Healing starts when the patient begins to hope in the possibility of becoming whole again. The Jew at Passover does not know all that lies ahead. He only knows that there is a good chance for peace and justice and freedom. Between slavery and liberty, between stagnation and growth, the difference is hope.

#### YAHREZITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The government easily defeated two no-confidence motions, by the Gahal opposition and the Rakah Communist faction, in the Knesset over this week's sharp increase in the prices of meat, sugar, fuel and other basic commodities, but faced scathing criticism by labor leaders and editorial writers and the angers of consumers.

The price of frozen meat rose by nearly 50 per cent and the price of sugar by 38 per cent. Finance Minister Sapir, the architect of the government's price policies, said the government could not increase price supports on those commodities and the consumer would have to pay part of the bill.

Sapir, replying to the motions for the government cited masses of statistics to show that inflation in Israel was no worse than in many other countries and that prices here are still cheaper than elsewhere. The average price increase amounted to 6 per cent. He said he raised the prices of meat, sugar and flour, rather than a wider range of foods including fish, bread and dairy products, to protect the poorer sections of the population. He noted that the poor would be compensated in the form of increased welfare payments.

But Yitzhak Ben Aharon, Histadrut secretary-general, denounced the government for decreeing the price rises without consulting the trade union leadership. The Histadrut Central Committee said it would insist that the total income from the price hikes not exceed IL 120 million and that poverty families and pensioners receive immediate compensation for the food price rises. A public opinion poll commissioned by Haaretz before the latest round of increases and published March 29 showed that 40 per cent of the population was dissatisfied with the government's economic policies. Meanwhile, there was a rush on supermarkets and groceries to buy sugar, flour and other items before the increase takes effect.

JERUSALEM (WNS)--The Cabinet has backed Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's price increases last week on meat, sugar and other basic commodities, but urged that the joint government-labor-management-committee on inflation be reconvened at the earliest possible date to consider measures to combat the rising cost of living.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov said he would propose a three month wage-price freeze aimed at preventing a chain reaction of soaring prices likely to result from the price hikes.

At the April 1 Cabinet session, Sapir noted the average Israeli's burden would be further eased by income tax reductions that went into effect.

### MIDEAST PEACE OUTLOOK GOOD

CHICAGO (WNS) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world Jewish Congress president, says he is more optimistic about the possibility of peace in the Middle East than at any time since Israel

achieved statehood 25 years ago. Because the defeats suffered by the Arabs in 1948, 1956 and 1967, have also caused them to realize "there is no chance to des troy Israel.

### TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



### Israel's 25th



OFFICIAL EMBLEM OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
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THE ISRAELITE does not plan a special edition to honor Israel's quarter century anniversary being celebrated throughout 1973, specifically on May 7, but we will make every effort to pay full tribute to this milestone in the life of so valiant and courageous a nation.

The three million inhabitants of Israel, along with tens of thousands of visitors, will be joined  
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### Publisher's Message

This week an advance issue of a new RENO - ISRAELITE is appearing to service Northern Nevada with an English-Jewish newspaper.

It is a most gratifying opportunity for this publisher, a former resident and member of the Reno Synagogue, and indeed a pleasure to renew acquaintanceships and make new friends.

The purpose of the new publication is a centralized means of communication for Northern Nevada residents, of Jewish news of interest on the foreign and national scenes, supplemented by all circumstances brought to our attention affecting local residents.

We welcome the participation of all interested citizens and look forward to a mutually beneficial, pleasant and long-enduring relationship.  
JACK TELL