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HAPPY CHANUKAH

HANUKAH FEATURE

IN HONOR OF HANUKAH, JEWISH 8-DAY TRADITION OF SACRED CANDLE LIGHTING, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF STORIES TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAY WHICH COMMENCES AT SUNDOWN WED. DEC. 19. AND LASTS UNTIL THE EVENING OF THURS. DEC. 27.

(NO MATTER HOW YOU SPELL IT - CHANUKAH, HANUKKAH, HANUKA, HANUKAH - IT ALL ADDS UP TO HAPPY HOLY DAYS WITH SUCCESSIVE CANDLES ON THE MENORAH.)

1973 Maccabees

21 CENTURIES LATER

by ROBERT E. SEGAL

With the Yom Kippur war, so costly in blood and defensive resources, weighing on our hearts in the Chanukah season, we can profit by recalling how much we owe to the Maccabean uprising with which the Festival of Lights is associated.

In the more than 21 centuries since Judah Maccabee and his valiant brothers stood up to the overwhelming forces of Antiochus Epiphanes, might has often triumphed over right, smaller nations have been crushed without mercy, and millions of innocent people have felt the tyrant's sting and lash unto death. But for Jews immemorally and fortunately, the successful Maccabean fight for freedom has always lighted the skies of hope even when defeat seemed inevitable.

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US-SOVIET FORCES IN MIDEAST

WASHINGTON (WNS) Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a press conference he was "somewhat dubious"

about the "permanent stationing" of American or Soviet troops in the Middle East.

Kissinger said he was not ruling it out but noted that the U.S. told the UN Security Council in October, when it was establishing the United Nations Emergency Force, that it opposed the participation in that force of any of the Council's five permanent members, "all of which incidentally have nuclear weapon capability."

Meanwhile 28 American officers arrived in Israel to join the truce observer teams on the Israeli side of the cease-fire lines and Soviet officers were seen for the first time with UN observers on the Suez-Cairo road.



PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE BALTIMORE JCC HAVE FUN IN SPINNING A GIANT DREIDEL IN ANTICIPATION OF HANUKKAH.

TENSIONS INCREASE ON BORDERS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- As tension increased on Israel's borders Israeli planes shot down an Egyptian MIG -21 over the Gulf of the Suez in the first air battle since hostilities ended on the Egyptian front Oct. 25.

Meanwhile the Israeli army is maintaining a high state of alert as a result of massive movements and deployment of forces and equipment by the Egyptian and Syrian forces on their side of the cease-fire lines.

The Israeli army is also on alert on the eastern frontier with Jordan since there is a belief here that if hostilities are resumed by Egypt and Syria, this time Jordan might join in and open a third front.

Earlier two Israeli soldiers were killed and a third injured when their vehicle hit a land mine near the Kilometer 101 checkpoint on the Suez-Cairo Road while escorting a UN car. The

Israeli military spokesman has declared that Israeli forces are prepared to hold their present positions indefinitely.

Meanwhile in Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told a press conference that despite the outbreaks of fighting at the cease-fire lines and the break-off of Egyptian-Israeli talks at Kilometer 101, it is "extremely probable", that the Middle East peace conference will begin on schedule Dec. 18.

He said that the conference will deal first with military matters and then with settlement aspects in accordance with UN Secretary Council Resolution 242. He said he did not believe that the cease-fire "will come apart."

Earlier it was announced that before the conference opens Kissinger will visit Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Israel.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



A Lighter Ben Gurion

Much of this edition is devoted to the life and background of David Ben-Gurion, and rightly so. Here are some human interest items from Bob Considine on David and his beloved wife, Paula.

None of the obituaries on David Ben-Gurion got around to mentioning that he was a tough little guy who was as rough as a cob, except in the presence of his beloved and colorful wife, Paula. Paula could silence anybody. The Ben-Gurions once received a group of New Yorkers attending the opening of a Tel Aviv hotel. One, a well-known couturiere made the mistake of asking Paula, "Do you recognize me?" Paula looked at her and said, "Well, I might, if you scraped that paint off your face." Another time, Paula came out of the modest house they lived in while her husband was Prime Minister and gave a grocery list to the armed sentry on duty.

"Run to the store and get these things for me," she said. "I cannot leave me post," he protested, standing at attention.

"Nonsense," Paula said, taking his machine gun away from him. "Go, I'll protect him while you're gone."

Ben-Gurion was ill enough some years ago to be confined to a hospital. Paula visited him every day in his room, bringing him flowers or some other gift. It made him happy. What he didn't know was that shortly after he entered the hospital she, too, was confined there with a serious lament of her own. With all hands sworn to secrecy, she would rise from her sick bed each day, dress, round up her gifts, and take them to her husband on another floor. Then go back to bed.

One of the mind-scrambling coincidences of history is the Ben-Gurion and Ho Chi Minh were friends in their youth, when the former had been exiled by the Ottoman Empire and the latter by the French. They met in Paris as fellow revolutionaries, and it was there that Ho made an interesting offer to his young Jewish friend. He told him that if his plans succeeded and the Indochinese were ever able to throw off the colonial yoke of France, he would personally see to it that enough land was set aside for Ben-Gurion to set up a Jewish state in Vietnam.

Gives one pause, wot?

Ben-Gurion was a moral man. After the establishment of the State of Israel he learned to his distress that some of his most trusted young military commanders were living it up in a manner hardly becoming their roles as liberators of the Holy Land. He called them to a meeting and lectured them at length, especially on the matter of their women.

"I'm not mentioning any names," the old man stormed, "but if I catch him again at this kind of thing I'll knock out his other eye!"

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