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PROOF TO UN OF EGYPT AND SYRIA'S MURDER, BRUTALITY OF ISRAELI POWs

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.)

U.S. Jewish Education

NEW YORK.--The president of the American Jewish Congress called for a national canvass by the Jewish community to "find every Jewish child and redeem his birthright to a Jewish education" by providing "scholarships and subsidies to those who need them."

Citing rising tuition and institutional costs, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg told a conference of Jewish educators and communal leaders that "economics must be removed from a parent's

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RENALEE SHNAIRSON BAT MITZVAH

Renalee Shnairson, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Philip Shnairson,

who will become a Bat Mitzvah during services at Temple Beth Sholom, on Saturday morning, December 22, 1973.

Rabbi Philip Shnairson, spiritual leader of the Temple, will officiate and conduct the services, which commence at 9:00 A.M. Cantor Joseph Kohn will chant the liturgy. The parents of the Bat Mitzvah will host the congregation to a Kiddush-Reception in the temple Social Hall after the services.



(RENALEE)

Yahrzeits TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

(Friday, Dec. 21, 1973)

Morris A. Carr
David Sirotta
Louis Spiegel
Saul Kaufman
Jacob Norkin
Harry Adelson
Al Ritz
Yicusiel Davidovitz
Samuel Rubenstein
Morris Cobrink
Robert Lewis
Jacob Seidman
Louis Orchow
William Isquith
Albert Steinberg
Sol Solomon
William Heller
Hyman Gorman
Joseph Weiner

Bertha Adler
Leona Brotman
Jennie Mack
Ida Kamm
Mrs. Merkin
Grace Spiegel
Elsa Spindel
Mary Burns

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah has submitted to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim copies of complaints the Israeli government has lodged with the International Red Cross charging crimes of murder, torture, brutality and degradation committed on Israeli soldiers taken prisoner by Egypt and Syria.

The document dealing with Egypt states that the investigation now being conducted by Israeli authorities into the treatment of the Israeli POWs "has already revealed a shocking chronicle of inhuman acts of cruelty perpetrated on the Israeli soldiers who were taken captive by units of the Egyptian army--deeds unimaginable in relations between civilized nations" and the investigation is continuing.

The Israeli government said in the complaint that it "is in the possession of proven evidence indicating that beyond any doubt that a large number of officers and men of the Israel Defense Force taken prisoner by Egyptian troops were deliberately murdered, many of them while lying wounded and helpless." Israel also charges that acts of murder, brutality and calculated humiliation were the result of a planned policy of Egyptian authorities.

The document cited a message to Egyptian soldiers from the Egyptian Chief of Staff, Gen. Saadodin Shazil, contained in a pocket booklet distributed to soldiers which said in part:

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FREE CANTORIAL HANUKAH CONCERT



LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE: CANTOR SAMUEL FORDIS OF VALLEY BETH SHALOM CONGREGATION, ENCINO CA.; CANTOR URI FRANKEL OF JUDEA CONGREGATION, LOS ANGELES; CANTOR ALLAN MICHAELSON OF TEMPLE ADAT ARI EL IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CAL. NOT PICTURED IS CANTOR DAVID KANE, LONG BEACH, CA. THE CANTORS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL CHANUKAH CONCERT WHICH WILL BE GIVEN AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



To Our Christian Friends

(IN THIS ERA OF ECUMENISM WE BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING COLUMN PREPARED IN 1961 AND REPRINTED ANNUALLY IN THE EDITION BEFORE DEC. 25TH.)

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa.

And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innocuous wire service story, datelined Vatican City, and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a "monstrous substitution" for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domenica also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib... and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

A strict religious interpretation of the Holy day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (if attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one-day observance is now a weeks-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less fortunate has developed into the indiscriminate giving and receiving of gifts. The once simple recreation of one's version of the Crib has developed into addenda like trees, holly wreaths, tinsel and lights.

An occasion that was originally celebrated by just those of the Christian faith, now finds other sects, religions and beliefs looking forward to and rejoicing in the spirit of Christmas.

The metamorphosis of Christmas was not a straight, smooth road from the way it was, to what it is. There were bypaths, drawbacks, tangents and obstacles created by the natural course of history through the ages.

While Santa Claus is obviously a result of

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