

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.)

Israel's Thomas Jefferson

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NEW YORK---Calling David Ben Gurion "one of the great world leaders of this generation or of any generation---the Thomas Jefferson of Israel," Mayor John V. Lindsay joined in the tribute to Israel's first Prime Minister at the official New York City Memorial for Ben Gurion held at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue under the auspices of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization.

With Deputy Mayor Edward Morrison representing the city in behalf of the Mayor who at the last minute was personally unable to attend, an overflow audience also heard tributes to Israel's founding father from Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, Chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, who presided; Rabbi Israel Miller, President of the American Zionist Federation; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, veteran American Zionist leader who as a member of the Executives of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel worked closely with Ben Gurion in events leading up to Statehood; Jacob Katzman, Executive Vice-President of the Labor Zionist Alliance; and Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General in New York, who officially represented the Israel government. Cantor Joseph Malovany, of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, an Israeli army officer who recently came to this city, chanted the El Mole Rachamim.

In opening the Memorial rites, Mrs. Jacobson, said that "there is no doubt that Ben Gurion will be remembered for having assumed the leading role in modern Jewish history, a unique example of a Prophet and visionary, a man who turned prophesy into reality and who lived to see a fulfillment of his dream."

Mrs. Jacobson stressed the fact that it was "typical of Ben Gurion's philosophy of life that he chose to live the last years he life that he chose to live the last years of life and be buried in the Negev, that strip of barren land that he visualized as a new frontier of Jewish settlement and creativity."

The World Zionist Organization leader also stressed Ben Gurion's "never-failing interest in the common man, and his emphasis over the years in education for all Israelis. He was one of the first of the leading Israelis to recognize the cultural gap that existed between the Sephardic Jews and the earlier settlers from Europe and the Western world. He felt that there must be on Israel; and that equal educational opportunities for all was an absolute priority along with aliyah."

The President of the American Zionist Federation, Rabbi Miller, stressed the fact that Ben Gurion was "a great man who was always motivated by Zionist impulses. He strove for unity, he believed in Israel as one nation, in Israel as one people, in the common fate and destiny of Jews. He believed that Israel must master its fate, not just submit to it."

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and secure and creative Israel," Rabbi Miller continued, "Ben Gurion cut through the shell and stressed the core; he discarded shadings and nuances. He was forthright and candid, he was stubborn and temperamental. He had little patience with those who disagreed, but he submitted to the democratic process."

Calling Ben Gurion "one of our immortals," the eighty year old American Zionist leader, Dr. Neumann, said that he "was the exponent and personification of the 'activist' policy which led the Zionist Movement to its most hazardous adventures and greatest triumphs."

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