

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.)

US Maccabis Reborn

The spirit of Maccabi has been reborn in the United States. As America's Jewish community participates in Maccabi-Israel Bond Month, November 18th--December 20th, we note with pleasure the activities of the United States Maccabi Association.

Originally organized in New York City in 1935, and lying dormant ever since, the Maccabi movement, dedicated to the concept of "a sound mind in a sound body," is once again alive and aggressively pushing itself into the forefront as the leading Jewish sports, cultural and educational advocate for Jewish youth and adults.

The U. S. Maccabi Association has its roots in a great Maccabi heritage. The Maccabi movement began in the late 1800's when anti-semitism spread its ugliness in European countries. A group of German Jews in Berlin decided to do something to stop the physical abuses against Jewish youngsters. They organized a Maccabi Club and taught youngsters the act of physical defense. Jewish children learned to box, lift weights and to develop other prowess in sports. They were taught to speak out against their tormentors.

The movement was soon to get a name. Thus was chosen the name, Maccabi, patterned after the world's first recorded battle for religious freedom in 168 B.C.E., when the great Judas Maccabeus, son of the Pries Mattathias of the town of Modiin, drove the Syrian hordes from Jerusalem and freed the Jews from tyranny and oppression.

The Maccabi World Union in Tel Aviv, Israel, the parent body of the World Maccabi movement, celebrates this victory each year during Chanukah, when the Maccabi Torch is lit in ceremonies at Modiin, the gravesite of the original Maccabees.

The torch is run throughout Israel to the home of the President of the State of Israel who symbolically lights the Chanukah Menorah. Maccabi Tzair (youth) from around the world are invited to attend the ceremony to be held this year on December 20th.

Today there are Maccabi territorial organizations in 37 countries. Organizing a new Maccabi movement in America is a tough assignment and the road has not been a smooth one.

President Young concluded, "The USMA meets the second Monday of each month at their national headquarters, in the America-Israel Friendship House, 134 East 39th Street, New York City, New York.

"The facilities have been donated to the USMA by the B'nai Zion Organization, the leading national Jewish organization in support of the State of Israel."



THIRTY-TWO YEAR OLD LEONID ZABELISHENSKY OF SVERDLOVSK, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND COMPUTER SPECIALIST, IS VICTIM OF THE MOST RECENT SOVIET CRACKDOWN OF JEWISH ACTIVISTS. ZABELISHENSKY WAS ARRESTED IN OCTOBER 1973, ON CHARGES OF "PARASITISM." ZABELISHENSKY'S TRIAL IS EXPECTED ON DECEMBER 17: HE FACES A YEAR IN A LABOR CAMP.

From Sen. Henry Jackson

I am immensely gratified at the overwhelming vote (319-80) of the House in adopting the Jackson-Mills-Vanik amendment withholding government credits and most-favored-nation tariff treatment from countries that deny their citizens the right or the opportunity to emigrate. In acting as it did despite a massive lobbying effort by the Administration the Congress has reaffirmed its commitment to our deepest values of individual liberty.

I hope the loud and clear message of the House will be heard in Moscow and that the Soviet Government will come to realize that the American people, above all, are committed to a human detente -- to the free movement of men and ideas on which a more stable and lasting peace must be based.

At the holiday season, and with the New Year approaching, I hope that the genuine good will out of which a more peaceful world can be born will be reflected in a reconsideration by the Soviet authorities of their emigration practices.

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