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Spirit of Resistance

The recent observance of the 31st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising serves to remind Jews everywhere of one of the most courageous and noble chapters in their history. It was also a day to remember and honor the memory of the six million Jews who were the victims of Nazi barbarism.

But most important of all it was a time to renew our vow to be vigilant against any future holocaust. The world was either silent or too passive during the Nazi period and this attitude seems to be burgeoning again today. There was no great outcry by the governments of the world as Jews went to their death when the Arabs attacked Israel on Yom Kippur, when 18 men, women and children were massacred at Kiryat Shemona or to any of the other terrorist atrocities during the last several years.

The holocaust was able to occur in part because Jews were weak, defenseless and disunited, and because some nations surreptitiously supported Hitlerism. But with the creation of Israel these three elements are gone and a new situation exists. Today Jews throughout the world are united around an Israel able to defend itself.

The Nazis, like all of the enemies of the Jews, tried not only to destroy the Jews physically but to break their spirit. When German soldiers entered the Warsaw Ghetto on Passover eve 1943 they thought that spirit was broken and they could easily finish off the Jews. But instead they were met with resistance that lasted for 42 days. The fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto demonstrated that the Jewish spirit could not be broken. The fighters for Israel's existence have and continue to show this same spirit. And we in the American Jewish community must also participate in that spirit of resistance.

Baskin

by RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Should you see Leonard Baskin, ask him, "How come?"

No, Mr. Baskin doesn't make ice cream. He makes pictures. He's one of the leading artists and sculptors of our nation.

His striking paintings are to be found in a new Hagaddah, the one produced by the Reform rabbinate.

So epochal was the appearance of a new Passover book by the Central Conference of American Rabbis that the New York Times did a special write-up about it.

In it, the editor, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, of Glencoe, ILL., was cited as saying that

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YOUR RENEWAL IS APPRECIATED



NEW YORK, APRIL 17..NEW YORKERS OF ALL FAITHS DEMONSTRATED ACROSS FROM THE SYRIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HERE, ON SYRIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY. GOVERNOR WILSON, MAYOR BEAME AND THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL ALL PASSED PROCLAMATIONS CALLING FOR THE RESCUE OF 4,500 SYRIAN JEWS. SPEAKERS ARE WEARING NAMES OF FOUR RECENTLY MURDERED SYRIAN WOMEN AND TWO MEN. THEY ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. AMELIA AUGUSTUS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL; REV. JOSEPH KONRAD, WHO LED A CLERGYMEN'S MISSION TO STUDY THE POW SITUATION; SISTER ANN PATRICK WARE, WOMEN RELIGIOUS (CATHOLIC); REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN (D-NY); HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, CHAIRPERSON, NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS; FAYE L. SCHENK, HADASSAH, AND RABBI ISRAEL MILLER, PRESIDENT, CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS. PEOPLE ARE URGED TO WRITE PRESIDENT NIXON AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO PERSUADE SYRIANS TO ALLOW JEWS TO EMIGRATE.

elements of the new Haggadah reflected a greater deference to traditionalism. The book opens from the right, the plagues have been re-introduced, there's more Hebrew, etc.

The Haggadah also contains some original and quoted literary gems. The spirit of Rabbi Bronstein, an earnest student of his faith, is well distilled in the Haggadah, which reflects also the influence of the rabbi's late father-in-law, Rabbi Samuel Blumenfeld, one of the great Hebreists of our epoch.

The Times reporter, Eleanor Blau, also spoke to the great Baskin. And what did he tell her? He told her that though he was the son of an Orthodox rabbi he wasn't an observant Jew.

Now why in the world would Baskin say a thing like that? Here he has helped produce a tome involved in a Jewish observance, but the readers of the Times learn that he himself is not interested in the faith the book will serve. How condescending, how indifferent can you get?

If the man isn't devout, couldn't he have kept that to himself? Why, of all the facts he could have told the reporter did he have to choose that thing, which brings embarrassment to Jews, to the Central Conference, and not only to the memory of his father but to his very much living brother, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, a Reform rabbi of Hamilton, Ontario, whom the Times article doesn't mention? And a sweeter person than Rabbi Baskin you'll not find.

If you see Leonard Baskin, tell him for me, please: talented you are, but smart you're not.

WEST HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.-- The majority of this nation's Jews today favor congressional impeachment proceedings against President Nixon to resolve the crisis of Watergate, although national Jewish institutions, anxious about American-Israel relations, still move cautiously on the issue, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told delegates from 109 Reform synagogues.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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Showband, A Bare Touch of Vegas, Vincent and Tommy Deering are in the Starlight Lounge.

Down Convention Center Drive there's the Royal Inn with Frank Link in the lounge.

A little further we come to the Landmark where Chandler Conspiracy entertains in the Supper Club and Charlie Shaffer Trio with Diane Elliott and Rich Bono in the Skytop Rendezvous.

Around Paradise Road there's the Hilton with Glen Campbell and McLean Stevenson in the showroom, with Louis Prima, Sweet Inspirations and John McNulty in the lounge and Mort Sahl, Jimmy Interval and Pir Marini in the Vestal Virgin Room.

Back to the Strip, we come to the Riviera with Joel Grey and the Supremes in the Versailles Theatre.

Cross over to Circus Circus with the continuous circus acts overhead while "Bottoms Up '74" is in the Hippodrome Theatre.

Once more to the East side of the Strip there's the Thunderbird with Keely Smith and Morey Amsterdam in the Continental Theatre and Dianne Eddington with Dave Burton in the lounge.

A couple of hundred feet north is the Sahara with Johnny Mathis and Ted Knight in the Cong Room while Peter Anthony, Key Howard, Four Aces and The Mob are in the Casbar Theatre.

If you ride up Main Street, the first hotel you come to on Fremont Street is the Union Plaza the Broadway play, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" is presented for daily matinee and dinner shows in the main room, while Kimberly Diamonds, Seven Faces of Eve and Jimmy "Hot" Snyder are in the Omaha Lounge.

Traveling East on Fremont, there's the Mint with Jim Ware Duo and Moore & Kane in the Merri-Mint Lounge.

Across the street is Golden Nugget with Geary Handley, Kenny Vernon and Dick Dale in the Gold Room lounge.

Back on the north side of Fremont Street, after you pass Benny Binion's Horseshoe where gamblers get the world's highest limit, you come to the Fremont Hotel with "Minsky's '74" in the Fiesta Room.

Then on Fremont Street there's the Bingo Club with, naturally Bingo, and the Best penny slots; the Las Vegas Club with good food at reasonable prices; the Pioneer Club with its Western flavor; the Carousel, with good food; the Golden Gate with the tastiest hot dogs; and the high-rise Four Queens with the 50¢ shrimp cocktail.

Keep going East, past the El Cortez with the loosest slot machines anywhere, and out on to Boulder Highway, there's the Showboat with Williams and Ree in the Mardi Gras Room.

There you have it, and that's only this week's attractions. Apart from the extravaganzas the acts change about every two or three weeks.

Within the next month, the names of Frank Sinatra, Danny Thomas, Buddy Hackett, and many others including the biggest and best entertainers of Broadway, the films and television will adorn the hotel billboards, which, by the way are being lighted three hours nightly during weekends.

See you in town.

WALTHAM, MASS.....Honorary degrees will be conferred upon nine distinguished persons, and 759 undergraduate and graduate academic degrees will be awarded during Brandeis University's 23rd Commencement Sunday, May 19.

NEW YORK, --- William C. Bowen, President and Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University; the Honorable Malcolm Wilson, Governor of New York State, and Frances Krasnow Thau, Seminary alumna and distinguished chemist, will receive honorary degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, at its 80th annual commencement on May 19.