

### Passover Message

By Frank R. Lautenberg  
UJA Gen. Chairman

As a major event in the Jewish calendar, Passover marks the very birth of justice and freedom in the civilized world. Thus, it is imperative that every Jew "in every generation regard himself as having been personally freed from bondage." Passover is not merely an occasion, but a memory; not merely remembrance, but reliving.

As Jews, we have nurtured justice and personal freedom through the generations. Today the threat to the Jewish people is a manifestation of the potential destruction of all of humanity. There are forces at work that threaten our human value system. Those forces must be contained; those values must be upheld. That has always been our mission on earth, our overriding responsibility to our fellow man...and to ourselves.

This Passover, we of the American Jewish community must carry out that responsibility more resolutely than ever. We must give our full measure of aid, comfort and support to all Jews everywhere who need our help...

To thousands of Israel's immigrants still struggling for a meaningful, productive future...

To Soviet Jews as they continue their courageous modern Exodus...

To the Jews of Syria and others around the globe still living in conditions of oppression, bound to lives of fear, want, poverty and denial.

This Passover, as we set aside the fifth cup - the cup of Elijah - symbolizing hope and fulfillment, let us devote all our energies, strength and resources to the future of the Jewish people for the betterment of life for the Jewish people and all mankind.

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By Harold M. Jacobs

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This Passover, Jews throughout the world will again join together around the Seder table to re-enact the miraculous saga of our birth as a nation, and to re-affirm despite our differences, our common identity and destiny. In these troubled times, instead of struggling to find hid-



CHARLOTTE HILL WITH MAYOR ORAN GRAGSON AFTER SHE RECEIVED THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD.

den meanings and subtle strategies in the Seder or the season, perhaps we would do better to consider the simple, fundamental lesson of the Haggadah itself: We should not look at the Passover story as Jewish history, but rather as an ongoing experience, in which the entire Jewish people still participates.

The Haggadah teaches us that we are one, not only with all living Jews, but with all Jews who ever lived. They did not suffer alone; it is we who are suffering with them. The Almighty did not bring miracles and wonders for them alone; He is still doing so today. The basic facts of Jewish living and faith have not changed.

This Passover, let us drink deeply of the four cups of freedom. Let us take their message to heart, and, in fact, re-enact the triumph of our ancient, yet new-found freedom. And, in so doing, let us hasten the day when Elijah's fifth cup of freedom will be fulfilled, when the Messiah will lead us at our Seder table in a rebuilt Jerusalem.

### This Week in Carson City

BY  
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(Fifth term Assemblyman Zel Lowman, who served as Majority Floor Leader, is a member of Judiciary, Education and Health & Welfare committees. As President of Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council, he is considered a hard-liner on law enforcement.)

County Commissioner Thalia Dondero and Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Trustee Jack Close urged the Clark County delegation to make sure of some relief for the County Hospital. Among their suggestions were the enactment of 1/2¢ local sales tax.

A discussion before the Clark County delegation was a Vegas Valley Transit Authority. Charles Brechler, Managing Engineer for the Regional State Highway Board, said that Las Vegas Transit Company which presently runs the buses in Las Vegas has financial problems which will mean that by the end of 1975 no further bus service will be available in Las Vegas except possibly along the Strip to Downtown.

Booster Clubs from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Reno took the Legislative delegation to lunch on Wednesday to urge members to support \$200,000 more in appropriations for athletics at the two University branches than Governor O'Callaghan had requested in his budget message.

The controversy on marijuana raged on as the Clark County District Attorney George Holt appeared before the Assembly Judiciary Committee considering a bill to lower penalties for possession by minors. He cited new findings about marijuana indicating damage to cells by long-term Pot smokers, damaged chromosomes, indications of male sterility and increased risk of cancer among those who have been regular users. He said that among scientists working in this field there now seems to be a general consensus that marijuana research is proving the drug to be dangerous.

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