

Las Vegas Jazz

BOB LEONARD



The success of an after hour concert at the Aladdin's Theatre for Performing Arts, for CHICK COREA, was so "groovy," that the hotel has scheduled another after hours jazz bash, 2:00 A.M., July 4th, with the sensational CHUCK MANGIONE, and his 21 piece orchestra, certain to shake up all the music lovers around town, who don't mind hanging out till the wee hours of the morning...It really is "something" nowadays to get people to hang out late to dig shows...There was a time in this town where-by EVERYTHING that was truly worthwhile seeing and listening to, started LATE..... Matter of fact an entertainer's late working shift, was considered the best time slot to appear.

I called Steve Wynn, at the Golden Nugget, to "pitch" him a very exciting world wide attraction, that previously worked Caesars Palace, as the opening act for TOM JONES. The members are considered the "toast of Europe" playing for royalty in Monaco, the French Riviera, and the Jet Set Ski Centers of the Scandinavian countries...I also mentioned that the act is called THE LOVE MACHINE, and that I have a Video cassette, of their appearance on the MERV GRIFFIN SHOW...He said, "come on over and show it to me"....Well, any talent buyer seeing these seven beauty contest winners sing and dance, has got to buy them...Steve's remark was "I didn't know they were Black"... Needless to say he bought them to open July 5th, opposite JERRY VAN DYKE, as the first Black act to ever work the Golden Nugget...Be sure you go out to see them, to prove Mr. Wynn is "right on".... That Gold Strike Lounge is going to be the HOTTEST show lounge in town, with THE LOVE MACHINE.

JON HENDRICKS, just returned from London where he is considered the #1 jazz singer of that country....GEORGE CARLIN'S mgr. Monte Kay, who also happens to own Little David Records, is very excited at the prospects of recording Jon's new act called HENDRICKS, HENDRICKS, HENDRICKS & HENDRICKS, already labeled as better than LAMBERT, HENDRICKS & ROSS....I hope everyong interested in jazz organists got around to seeing JIMMY SMITH at the Trop June 29th...He is a "gas."

TIMI YURO, considered by music peers, to be one of the five greatest female singers in the world, is now preparing to "get it on again" ...Her record producer, WES TWOHEY, famous for working on CAROLE KING'S album Tapesty (on the charts for over ten years) with Lou Adler, came up with a hit song by a hit writer who is now on the radio as a hit singer, PETER McCANN....Rolling Stone Magazine called me from out of the Blue to write a special piece on TIMI YURO....The magazine even helped me secure a booking for Timi in San Francisco, at the Palma Club, which is supposed to be the IN club this year...If you are in the San Francisco area, the dates are July 15-16-17, and it should turn into quite an event...I have never seen it to fail, but people actually come out of the wood-work and closets, to hear this girl sing...and she never fails to receive an honest standing ovation.

If you are in New York, you might want to pick up on one of the all times greats DEXTER GORDON, at the Village Vanguard, June 28 - July 3rd.

Have a happy Fourth.

ISRAELITE ADS PAY



TWENTY-FOUR NUNS, PRIESTS, AND LAY CATHOLICS DEPARTED FOR A THREE WEEK WORK AND STUDY MISSION TO ISRAEL, ORGANIZED BY THE SISTERS OF MERCY IN ALMA, MICHIGAN AND SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, THE GROUP WILL BE STAYING IN THE GALILEE AT KIBBUTZ GESHER HAZIV, ACCORDING

TO RABBI CHAIM PLOTZKER, RIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION ON INTER-RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE AZF HAS SPONSORED A GROUP OF THIS KIND ON A WORK AND STUDY MISSION.

Mass Bar Mitzvah

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

A fine paper is the Jerusalem Post. Copies pile up on my desk, like papers, I'm sure, pile up on yours, and often I read something fascinating which took place some time ago.

Some time ago a Bar Mitzvah ceremony took place at the Western Wall, a recent issue of the Post announced.

Forty - two American adults, one as old as 90 years, were barmitzvahed.

A photo in the Post shows some of the men, smiling and bedecked with tallesim and yarmulkes.

The Post article quotes some of the men as to why they had not been barmitzvahed at 13. David Rosen, now of Miami, explained that he was one of nine children and his parents ran out of money by the time he turned 13.

Ronald Inch of Toronto said his bar mitzvah couldn't take place at 13, because he was in war - ravaged Europe.

Sam Brenner, mayor of Surfside, Fla., said his Bar Mitzvah at the Wall, was one of the happiest events of his life.

The same issue of the Post announced the victory of an Israeli basketball team in Europe. Sixty thousand fans greeted the hoopsters in Tel Aviv. They were jubilant.

But no more so than the 42 new Bar Mitzvah men at the Wall, and their doting wives! Mazal Tov!

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