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HAPPY CHANUKAH

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 TUES. DEC. 2ND AND LASTS UNTIL THE EVENING OF TUES., DEC. 9TH.

(NO MATTER HOW YOU SPELL IT - CHANUKAH, HANUKKAH, HANUKA, HANUKAH - IT ALL ADDS UP TO HAPPY HOLY DAYS WITH SUCCESSIVE CANDLES ON THE MENORAH.)

HOPE FOR AUTONOMY TALKS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Sol Linowitz, the U.S. special envoy for Middle East negotiations, declared here that substantial progress has been made for autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and he hoped the Palestinian and Arab countries would join the talks.

"I believe we are now at a point where the Palestinians should look long and hard at our process," Linowitz said in a speech to the Economic Club here. "And I hope they can be persuaded to do so." He said he had urged the leaders of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Morocco to support the autonomy negotiations.

BEGIN GOVERNMENT SURVIVES CONFIDENCE VOTE

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The opposition Labor Party plans to increase efforts to bring down the government of Menachem Begin after narrowly failing in the Knesset. Begin's coalition government survived no-confidence motions on its economic policies by a vote of 57-54, with two abstentions, the narrowest margin of victory since the Likud-led government came to office in May 1977.

Among those voting with the opposition were former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and former Foreign Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, the first time they had voted against the government since leaving the Cabinet. The government was saved by the decision of two members of the three-member Ahava faction of former Democratic Movement MKs not to vote against the government plus a similar move by MK Shmuel Flatto - Sharon who also did not vote against the government as planned.

The vote came after seven hours of debate on the no-confidence motions by the Labor Party, Rakah and Tehiya which followed an announcement that Israel's inflation rate had jumped 11 percent in October to an annual rate of 138 percent, the highest in the world. All three motions were voted on together. Begin,

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

MGM Will Be Grand Again

BY DON TELL

The fire at the MGM Grand Hotel here caused the saddest day in the history of Las Vegas. The combination of smoke and toxic gases created a panic which consumed the lives of 84 people. Some 4,500 persons were suddenly out of work and face more of the same for the next eight months. (MGM officials foresee a July 1, 1981 reopening.) Property damage and insurance liability claims could approach a billion dollars.

The loss of revenue to the MGM corporate complex and to the State of Nevada is hard to comprehend if one is not used to dealing in those figures. The company will have to re-build, re-finance and re-negotiate its plans for building a hotel and casino in New Jersey.

Behind the scenes is MGM's ace in the hole, the financial wizardry of Mr. Kirk Kirkorian. Because of him, there is no doubt in our minds that MGM will rebuild and will be a healthy, viable institution in our town once again.

The public relations and image-building job ahead appears to be staggering. But time is a healer and when the hotel is ready to reopen we know the expertise of the executives behind MGM will find a way to make the resort top rate once again.

What bothers us are the Monday morning quarterbacks who scream about violations of the building code, lack of sprinkling systems, alarm systems, etc. The fact is that the fire could have well happened at any one of the high-rise buildings in Vegas.

Fate chose the MGM.

Only a superb effort by our local fire fighters and police departments, combined with the luck that there were rescue helicopters a short distance away at Nellis Air Base, allowed so many people to be rescued in such a fast spreading, tragic fire.

Certainly it will create an atmosphere where our other hotel complexes will take a long, hard look at their own fire safety standards. Maybe further safeguards will be installed such as an entire inter-com system for each hotel room

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Palm
MORTUARIES AND
MEMORIAL PARKS

Yahrzeits Tonight At Beth Sholom

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| (Friday, Dec. 5, 1980) | Morry Deitch |
| Mildred Berner | Steven M Okin |
| Naomi Yoffe | Joseph Weiner |
| Al Ritz | Usher Diener |
| Yicusi Davidovitz | Bella Ungerleider |
| Jennie Mack | Simon Axler |
| Ida Kamm | Benjamin Katz |
| Goldie Merkin | Harold Spector |
| Robert Lewis | Jacob Ober |
| Ben Wallach | Joseph Haft |
| William Isquith | Charlotte Lebovitz |
| Albert Steinberg | Moe Sedway |
| Beatrice Krivel | Jacob Marcus |



ISRAELITE'S MIKE TELL THANKS REV. BILLY GRAHAM FOR BRINGING COMFORT TO THE MGM FIRE VICTIMS AND THEIR RELATIVES AT THE CONVENTION CENTER WHICH WAS USED AS A REFUGE STATION.