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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 SUN. DEC 20TH AND LASTS UNTIL THE EVENING OF MON., DEC. 28TH

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

JEWISH SENATOR BAITED

WASH. (WNS) -- Department from Sen. Howard Merzenbaum (D. Ohio) was called the "Senator from B'nai B'rith" during a heated debate on the Senate floor over legislation supporting voluntary prayer in the public schools. The Senate adopted the measure which would prevent the Justice Department from blocking programs of voluntary prayer and meditation in public schools. The remark was made by Sen. Ernest Hollings (D.S.C.) who was speaking in support of the measure when Merzenbaum and several other senators interrupted to challenge him.

FOUR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES JOIN IN SINAI FORCE

PARIS (WNS) -- Israel reacted cautiously while at the same time Washington and Cairo welcomed the joint announcement by four Western European countries -- Britain, France, Italy and The Netherlands -- that they would participate in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which will patrol the Sinai after Israel completes its final withdrawal next April.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem said that the Cabinet would discuss and decide on the complex problems linked to the participation of the four Western European countries in the MFO. The problem from Israel's viewpoint is whether the Camp David accords or some other formula for a Middle East peace settlement constitutes the basis for the European contribution to the Sinai force. Israel has made it clear that it would not approve, by its veto power as part of the Camp David agreement, any country that participates within any framework other than Camp David.

The announcement, released simultaneously in London, Paris, Rome and the Hague, referred to the Camp David agreements, the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. But it was accompanied by a joint statement on behalf of all 10 member states of the European Economic Community (EEC) which stressed that the

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

To Our
Christian Friends

(IN THIS ERA OF ECUMENISM WE BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING COLUMN PREPARED IN 1961 AND REPRINTED ANNUALLY IN THE CHANUKAH EDITION.)

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa. And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innocuous wire service story, datelined Vatican City, and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a monstrous substitution for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domeniche also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib... and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

A strict religious interpretation of the Holy Day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (if attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one-day observance is now a weeks-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less fortunate has developed

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Yahrzeits Tonight At Beth Sholom

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| (Friday, Dec. 11, 1981) | Sholom Singer |
| Eli Cohen | Jack Elgarten |
| Rose Grapel | Rev. Moses Seligman |
| Samuel R. Goldberg | Gus & Bess Greenbaum |
| Max Goot | Abe Louis Padratzick |
| Harry Rebotzky | Jacob Silverman |
| Joseph Stern | Max Adelson |
| Eva Franklin | Emma Price |
| Max Berenkrantz | Max Grapel |
| Gabriel Bergman | Hannah Gopin |
| Pepie Diener | Issie Golberg |
| Robert Blasband | Dora Wexler |
| Eddie Moss | Hyman Thomas Kamin |
| Irving Berman | Fanny Licker |
| Jennie Marcus | Jacob Lubeck |
| Roz Katz | Tihomir Petkovic |
| Eileen A. Mendelson | Joe Rosenberg |



JERUSALEM... IN THE PEDIATRICS DEPARTMENT AT THE HADASSAH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ON MOUNT SCOPUS, SICK CHILDREN CELEBRATE HANUKKAH. NIRIT ZAVDI, A TWO-YEAR-OLD PATIENT FROM MOSHAV FATSUEL, IN THE JORDAN VALLEY, PLAYS WITH A VARIETY OF TOPS, SOME MADE FROM EGG CONTAINERS, NEXT TO THE LIT CANDELABRA. NIRIT'S FATHER WAS BORN IN RUSSIA AND CAME TO ISRAEL TWENTY YEARS AGO; HER MOTHER CAME FROM EGYPT.

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