Shavuot in Jerusalem SIG CELEBRATES DECADE IN

BY DR. DAVID GEFFEN

Jerusalem is the city perfectly suited for the Shavuot tikkun (study session). No matter where you live - within the city - you can find a tikkun in your neighborhood at anytime between 10 at night and 3 in the morning on Shavuot. Then, if the spirit moves you, as it does thousands of other Jerusalemites - you can make your way through the streets of Jerusalem down to the Kotel, the Western Wall. As the dawn breaks and the birds begin to fly, the prayers reverberate throughout the totality of the open area. Turn your head from the Kotel but for a moment and you can see waves of people pouring down the steps, coming through the gateways as they enter the Wall compound to link themselves with the past of their people on this traditional day marking the giving of the Torah.

Shavuot is the shortest of the pilgrimage festivals, but it has the most names. Hag Hakatzir - feast of the harvest and of Bikkurim, first fruits, reflect the agricultural aspects. Hag Hashavuot - the Feast of Weeks, Atzeret - the concluding festival, relate to the counting of the Omer. Zeman matan Toratenu season of the giving of the Torah, gives a spiritual aspect to the holiday. In Italy the holiday has become known as the Feast of Roses and in Persia - the Feast of Flowers. This brief festival certainly packs a lot of meaning into its annual celebration.

As a holiday, Shavuot has the most symbolism connected to it because it is associated with the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. While Passover the festival of freedom and Sukkot is the harvest celebration, Shavuot marks the giving of the Law, an event which has key theological implications for the existence of Judaism and the Jewish people.

The word Shavuot means weeks, and falls on the fiftieth day, concluding the seven week count begun on the second night of Passover. The count, which starts in the spring, at the time of the initial planting, concludes with the heat of early summer and the bringing of first fruits of the summer harvest.



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Sig Sakowicz, internationally recognized as one of the finest entertainment journalists in radio, television and newspapers, celebrates his tenth year in Las Vegas this week. Sig has been on radio and vision in Las Vegas, the Entertainment Capitol of the World, for his tenth consecutive year.

It was over thirty years ago that Sig started in the business in the windy city of Chicago. He fast became known as an important factor in the field of show business reporting. After establishing himself in the Chicago area, decided to relocate his base operations closer to the two major entertainment centers, Hollywood and Las Vegas.

cold Chicago The winters also played a in his major factor decision. HOTLINE," Sig's radio show has been on the air ever since he settled in Las Ve-It is, aired locally over KLAV radio and is syndicated to stations all

over the country. Sig's SUPERSTAR SHOW, his long running television show is twice a week seen in Las Vegas the airwaves of the local CBS affiliate, KLAS-TV. Every major name in every field of show business, sports politics, have been guests.

Cardiology Department of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center Jerusalem has reintroduced into Israel a new technique known as angioplasty. This involves

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> "It is a direct method of a blockage or narrowing in the coronary artery and provided the narrowing reasonably accessible and not too hardened, the incidence of complications is . low. Our success rate is high."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Hebrew University has set up a "Center of the Study of anti - Semitism." The center which will be chaired by Holocaust Prof. Yehuda Bauer will be directed by Shmuel Almog, longtime director general of the Israel Broadcasting Auth-

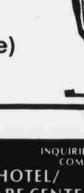
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