

LEE HUDSON FOLLOWS TRADITION



KEEPING THE TRADITION -- THE LATE SID HUDSON WAS KNOWN AS "MR. CHARITY" IN SOUTHERN NEVADA. FOLLOWING IN HIS TRADITION, MRS. LEE HUDSON (IN HIS MEMORY) PRESENTS A \$2,000 CHECK TO MYRA GREENSPUN (RIGHT) TO AID NEEDY YOUNGSTERS THROUGH THE SUN CAMP FUND. THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE SALUTES YOU, LEE.

PROBE ARAFAT INTERVIEW

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A police investigation which could lead to criminal charges being brought against Uri Avnery, the Israeli journalist and former leader of the Sheli faction who interviewed PLO chief Yasir Arafat in Beirut has begun at the request of acting attorney General Meir Gabbai. Following consultations with State Attorney Yona Blatman, Gabbai decided to turn the file on Avnery over to the police. Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir is abroad. Avnery, editor and publisher of the weekly Haolam Haze, and two staff journalists who

accompanied him to Beirut, could be tried for having contact with the enemy. Avnery's lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, charged that the decision to launch a police investigation was a politically motivated attempt to discredit the "peace camp" in Israel. According to Avnery, his meeting with Arafat was conducted in his capacity as a journalist. Meanwhile, the Defense Ministry angrily denied Zichroni's allegation published in the Jerusalem Post July 12, that Defense Minister Ariel Sharon had once encouraged Avnery to contact PLO leaders and even wanted to meet with Arafat himself. The Ministry called the story "utterly unfounded."

DEFACING A SYNAGOGUE IS A FELONY

NEW YORK (WNS) -- A measure making it a felony to deface a synagogue, church or other facility used for religious purposes in New York state has been approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Hugh Carey. It will take effect Sept. 1, according to the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. The measure also raised the penalty for theft from such religious institutions. Peggy Tishman, chairperson of the JCRC Commission on Jewish Security, said the new law "will make it a class E felony to deface or damage a religious institution with the intent to harass or threaten another per-

son or class of persons on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin." The measure also makes theft from religious institutions a class E felony, which is punishable up to four years in prison. The law adds a new element to the crime of aggravated harassment in the second degree. It makes it a class E felony for a second conviction within a ten year period, of anyone who physically harassed a person on the basis of "race, color, religion and national origin," Tishman said. This clause was taken from a State civil rights act, passed in 1981, because prosecutors indicated it would be easier to enforce as a part of the State Criminal Code, it was reported.



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WALLENBERG BIRTHDAY, AUG. 4

LOS ANGELES--The Simon Wiesenthal Center, North America's largest Holocaust center, at the request of the Swedish Raoul Wallenberg Committee, calls upon Christians and Jews to commemorate the former Swedish diplomat's 70th birthday on Wednesday, August 4. Wallenberg, a Swedish national and member of a prominent Scandinavian Christian family, volunteered -- at the request of the American War Refugee Board -- to journey to Hungary during World War II to try to save as many members of the endangered Jewish population as possible

from certain death at the Auschwitz concentration camp. The American-educated Wallenberg is credited by historians with being responsible for saving approximately 100,000 Jews during the final months of World War II. He was arrested by Soviet liberating forces in 1945, presumably as a spy and has never been heard from since in the West. For more information about the Wallenberg case and educational materials, contact the Simon Wiesenthal Center's National Headquarters, located at 9760 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90035 or call (213) 553-9036.

ARREST PALESTINIAN STUDENTS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Police arrested 50 Palestinian students on the West Bank when they staged a rally protesting the closing of Bir Zeit University. Israeli authorities closed down the University, located 10 miles north of Ramallah, after students staged violent demonstrations against Israel's military actions in Lebanon. The University is considered an intellectual stronghold of support for the Palestine Liberation Organization and has been closed down in the past after anti-Israel demonstrations by the student body. Meanwhile, another West Bank mayor was dismissed from his post, the eighth such dismissal since March. An Israeli spokesman announced that Rashid Hijazi of Dir Dibwan was replaced by three Arab officials because he has "staged a work slowdown in the municipality for the past month and a half."

ARGOV IMPROVING

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