

### PLO ATROCITIES IN LEBANON

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- A new 120-minute film, depicting the atrocities committed by the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon during its participation in the seven years of civil war there, has been produced by the Israel Film Service, a department of the Ministry of Education and Culture said.

Yigal Ephrati, the film service director, said the Foreign Ministry, the Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod have already purchased 200 copies of the film "The Meaning of Liberation" and ex-

pressed the hope that the total number of sales will reach 500. He expressed confidence that Jewish Federations in North America and Christian supporters of Israel also would buy the film.

The film was put together in response to strong anti-Israel criticism touched off by Israel's move into Lebanon. The film, which describes in a low-key style the history of the takeover by the PLO of large parts of Lebanon, has been prepared in English, French, Spanish and German language versions. Its price is 200.

### LEBANON-ISRAEL TRADE IS UP

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Trade by Lebanese merchants with Israeli firms in July reached a volume for the month of \$4 million and a delegation of Lebanese tradesmen who visited Israel last week placed orders totalling a similar amount, it was reported here.

Lebanese commerce with Israelis has been going on for the past five years, since the

opening of the "good fence" on the Israel-Lebanese border, a wide-open crossover point. Before Israel sent its forces into Lebanon on June 6, most of the Lebanese traders came from the south Lebanese sector controlled by Maj. Saad Haddad and his Christian militia. Since then, officials said, the number of merchants from other parts of Lebanon has increased.



### IMPERIAL PALACE NAMES SALES MANAGER

Inez Rambeau has joined the staff of the Imperial Palace Hotel Casino as Sales Manager. She accepts the position just as the Imperial Palace opens its new 650 room tower, making the hotel the sixth largest property on the Strip. Ms. Rambeau brings a wealth of experience to the Imperial Palace including 15 years at the Riviera when she was the first woman Director of

Sales in Las Vegas. She was also the first woman member of the Southern Nevada Chapter of HSMA, the Hotel Sales Management Assn. Since 1977 she has been a real estate broker, first for Jessie Emmett Realty, then as Owner/Broker of Inez Rambeau Realty. A member of Women's Council of Realtors, she is currently membership chairman.

### THE OLD SYNAGOGUE IN CAIRO

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

Ezra Shahatah of Cairo, Egypt, deserves a medal from world Jewry.

When Gamal Nasser was president of Egypt, he shut down the ancient and venerated Ben Ezra Synagogue and forbade anyone to enter it. During that bleak and fanatic anti-Israel period in Egypt, Shahatah became a self-appointed Shamash (sexton), and managed surreptitiously to care for the precious Torah scrolls and the historic Genizah (hidden collection of sacred documents) located in the upper attic of the Synagogue. He did that entirely on his own as a labor of love, without any financial support from outside sources. Under President Sadat, Ben Ezra Synagogue was reopened and it is now visited mainly by Jewish tourists.

Last month, when I visited the Synagogue in Old Cairo, Shahatah guided me through the awesome treasures of the holy place. First, he showed me the underground canal which is believed to be the spot in the Nile River where Pharaoh's daughter had the infant Moses lifted from the churning waters. Tradition holds that Moses later prayed here before he led the Israelites out of Egypt.

It is also believed that the Prophet Jeremiah fled here in the sixth century BCE from Babylonia and prayed here.

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