

Drama Workshop Schedules Annual Showcase



Joe Behar's Community Drama Workshop will present their 10th Annual Talent Showcase, Sunday, November 20th at 2 P.M., Flamingo Library Theatre. It's free and the public is invited.

Award winning scenes will be presented by the students plus various specialty acts. Ms. Sunday Todd, exciting and talented actress will be showcasing her wide range of talent in a scene from "The Graduate." Ms. Todd was cast in the Anne Bancroft part because of her ability to capture the character of Mrs. Robinson, stated Behar.

Joe Behar's Community Drama Workshop meets every Monday night at the Las Vegas Press Club at 8:00 P.M. The Workshop is free and the community is invited. For further information call: 731-4291.

Charo Is Captivating At The Las Vegas Hilton



Lovely and talented Charo stars in the Las Vegas Hilton production of Bal du Moulin Rouge." Appearing with an international cast of 80, Charo delights audiences Tuesday through Sunday, at an 8 P.M. dinner show and a midnight cocktail performance.

Thanksgiving 1983

By Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum

The images of Thanksgiving are historic and heartwarming. Pilgrim founders, turkey and stuffing, the festive board. For the Pilgrims themselves, the origins of Thanksgiving traced back to the Bible on which they constructed their actual identities, their covenanted community, their very Exodus to the New Zion in America.

As Bible-believers, the Pilgrims knew that the rituals of Thanksgiving began with the ancient Israelites who regarded the offering of thanks to God for their daily blessings of life and good health as the supreme expression of their humanness. In the Messianic age, the Pharisaic Rabbis later taught, all sacrifices in the Jerusalem Temple will come to an end, except for that which trains the entire people in the duty of gratitude. That obligation is to continue forever. The Prophets ranged ingratitude -- that is, taking for granted the Divine daily gifts of food, clothing, shelter, and taking other people for granted -- as the supreme sin, one that reduces people below the level of dumb animals.

We need only to look about us to see how pervasive and humanly destructive that decline of elemental gratitude, taking everything for granted, has become -- between husbands and wives, parents and children, bosses and employees, and between people and public servants.

Thanksgiving has become too frequently a matter of heartburn over gorging oneself, rather than heartache over narcissistic ingratitude. The condition can be relieved only by a rebirth of plain, old-fashioned thanksgiving for everyday gifts of life and love.

Gilman Calls On Soviets To Release Begun

WASH, D.C. — At a rally attended by more than 200 concerned citizens at the Soviet Embassy in downtown Washington, Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (N.Y. - 22nd District) condemned "the actions of the Soviet authorities for their having sentenced an innocent man."

Congressman Gilman was referring to Iosef Begun, a leader of

the Jewish community in the U.S.S.R whose only crime, said Gilman, "has been the desire to freely practice his faith and emigrate to Israel."

After delivering his brief remarks to the rally, Gilman delivered a letter on the Begun case to a Mr. Mikitiem, fourth Secretary at the U.S.S.R. Embassy, and the correspondence

was accepted.

In the correspondence addressed to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and to Soviet Procurator General Aleksandr Rekunkov, Gilman demanded Begun's release, noting that the Jewish leader had previously spent two lengthy periods of exile in Siberia.


"Subjecting Begun again to the rigors of

the Soviet prison system is a harsh sentence for any individual -- especially if that individual is innocent," said Gilman.

Gilman, the only Member of either House of Congress to participate in the rally, stated that he was "doubtful that Ambassador Dobrynin read any of our letters," but noted that "the terms under which Iosef Begun has been arrested and kept are in violation of the agreements our governments are signatory to -- both the old human rights agreements as well as the new have specified the treatment individuals are to receive."

"Accordingly," Gilman concluded, "I urge you to do everything in your power as Ambassador to see that Iosef Begun is released quickly and allowed to emigrate to Israel."

Rep Gilman urged the participants in the rally to continue their efforts to communicate with dissidents in the Soviet Union, despite interruption of international mail into the U.S.S.R., an issue which Gilman has recently brought to public light as a Member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.



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