

## Don't Miss Lecture Sunday, February 10th



John F. Rothmann, ardent Zionist, political analyst and consultant, will bring the community up-to-date on the present status of affairs in the Middle East as second speaker in the Jewish Community Lecture series of Las Vegas for 1985. His subject is "Mid East Update: Levels of Conflict." A frequent visitor to Israel, confidante of many of the most important members of the government, and a widely known lecturer

throughout the United States, Rothmann's political acumen draws on the best in both countries to help him explain the intricate relationship of that complex area. He has frequently led missions to Israel on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America and his extraordinary knowledge of American history, past and present, makes him a unique resource for many political savants in Israel. This symbiotic relationship adds flavor and interest to his analysis. Mr. Rothmann will speak Sunday, February 10th at 7:30 P.M. at this year's host-facility, Congregation Ner Tamid's new temple, 2761 Emerson Avenue, one block south and one block east of Desert Inn Road and Eastern Avenue. The series is again made possible to the general public at no charge by community-spirited individuals and organizations.

For more than a decade, Mr. Rothmann has lectured on American Foreign Policy, Middle East and Soviet politics, and on The American Presidency on more than 100 college and university campuses that include Harvard, University of Michigan, Stanford and University of California at Berkeley.

Mr. Rothmann has been honored in Outstanding Young Men Award (1973) and Who's Who in California (1981); he is a member of Scholarship and Leadership Honor Society, Political Science Honor Society, Speech and Forensic Honor Society, and the National Forensic League.

Among many other honored positions, he is president of the San Francisco District of the Zionist Organization of America, vice-president of the Board of Jewish Education in that city, serves on the Community Relations Committee and Committee on Soviet Jewry, American Zionist Youth Foundation and was a delegate to the latest World Zionist Congress. In 1982, he was invited to deliver the Baccalaureate address at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Popular demand and his availability bring Mr. Rothmann back again this year.

## The ADL's Annual Survey Of Anti-Semitism

Merely one month into the new year, reports can be found with alarming frequency in newspapers across the United States of incidents that can be described as anti-Semitic in design and intent, perhaps a swastika scrawled along a synagogue wall or several tombstones in a Jewish cemetery overturned. The rise in the number of reported incidents over the past year, and warnings expressed by some Jewish community leaders of a rising trend in this behavior, was borne out in the annual survey of anti-Semitic incidents conducted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. It remains the definitive study in monitoring hate in the country.

Unfortunately, Nathan Perlmutter, the ADL national director, had disturbing news when releasing the report in early January. It showed an increase, however moderate, in anti-Semitic vandalism and other assaults or threats directed at Jews, Jewish institutions or property, after a two-year decline. The audit says there was a noticeable increase in such serious crimes as arson and bombings.

A trend is difficult to sort out among the 715 incidents of vandalism reported by the survey. But one is clear: the largest group of offenders and those arrested for alleged acts against Jewish institutions and other incidents remains the nation's youth -- 20 years old or younger. It is a disturbing trend.

Perlmutter has warned in previous years, when the survey indicated a downward trend in the total number of reported incidents, that the American Jewish community should remain vigilant and watchful of the changes in attitudes in American society. He was right then and he is right now when he issues a renewed challenge to America's educational system to emphasize greater understanding and tolerance among the many peoples who live in the United States as the first step in reducing anti-Semitism.

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