

Remarks Of Interior Secretary Hodel At White House Ceremony Honoring Elie Wiesel

At today's ceremony at the White House at which President Reagan presented the Congressional Gold Medal to Elie Wiesel, Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel delivered the following remarks in tribute to Professor Wiesel:

"I stood in the rotunda of the Capitol yesterday. It was part of this Nation's somber observance of the Days of Remembrance. Speaker after speaker, regardless of his faith, implored us to remember the Holocaust.

"We free people of the world do remember -- in many ways.,

"In Israel, there is Yad Vashem. I was there not quite a year and a half ago, and was privileged to lay a wreath at the flame which will flicker eternally in that dark and stone-cold room. It was a gripping, moving experience. No civilized man or woman could fail to be moved.

"In the United States, we have the Days of Remembrance Commemoration. And, thanks to the efforts of many men and women -- from all walks of life and of many religious faiths -- this country will have its own Holocaust Memorial and Museum.

"As you well know, Elie Wiesel, the man honored today by this Nation, has honored all of

us -- not to mention the 6 million Jews who died in Europe -- by his prodigious efforts as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. There is a working relationship between the Council and the Department of the Interior. Professor Wiesel, I want to assure you I personally am committed to seeing to it that such a relationship will be strong and vibrant so we can achieve the goal to which you have given so much of yourself.

"But, you ask, why do we have need for these museums and memorials? Why do we seek to remember such a painful episode in history? The short answer is that if we dare let ourselves forget, we may not be sufficiently vigilant when other Hitlers take those first, almost unnoticeable steps toward tyranny.

"We must be vigilant to incipient tyranny wherever it occurs, because, as it is etched on front of our National Archives, 'Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty.'" But that merely is a political or societal reason for remembering the Holocaust.

"I submit, however, that there is an even more important reason for remembering: We serve God by remembering.

"If remembering the Holocaust can help us -- or our brothers and sisters in the world -- avoid the physical and emotional pain of terror and barbarism, we and they are obviously better off for it. But, crucial as that is to our general well-

being, I am more concerned about the well-being of our souls.

"When Hitler destroyed men, women and children, he sinned against them; but he quite surely also sinned against God. And when the rest of mankind tolerates that happening, we just as surely sin against God. I firmly believe the Lord did not put man and woman on earth with indifference as to how they treated each other.

"I have faith that we are commanded by God not merely to be kind to one another; but to stand tall and to take those steps that are within our God-given abilities when we sense that evil has reared its ugly head.

"We therefore must remember the Holocaust -- now and forever -- if we are to remain able as vigilant children of God to serve him. If I am correct in this respect, then let it be said, Professor Wiesel, that you truly are doing the work of the Lord."

Torah Sessions In Capitol For Jewish Representatives

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- For the past year-and-a-half, Jewish Democratic and Republican Representatives have been meeting twice a month in the Capitol to

discuss Jewish life, tradition and literature, according to the program's sponsor, Rep. Charles Schumer (D. N.Y.).

Schumer said that Christian legislators have sponsored prayer breakfasts in the Capitol for years. He added the Torah sessions have given Jewish Representatives "a chance to take advantage of a unique opportunity to share their common heritage and explore how the lessons of the Torah can be applied to our work here in Congress." The sessions are led by Rabbi Jay Marcus of the Young Israel of Staten Island.

A kosher meal is served and then Marcus leads the legislators in a discussion of the Torah portion of the week and how it relates to Congressional activities.

In addition to Schumer, eight other House members attend the classes regularly. They are Gary Ackerman (D. N.Y.); Phillip Burton (D. Cal.); Sam Gejdenson (D. Conn.); Benjamin Gilman (R. N.Y.); Mel Levine (D. Cal.); John Miller (R. Wash.); Henry Waxman (D. Cal.); and Theodore Weiss (D. N.Y.). The classes are also attended by many Jewish House staff members, Schumer said. Schumer declared "that "by providing us a chance to explore issues in depth, and a chance to reflect -- something Members of Congress rarely have time for."

Temple Emanu-El
Conservative Congregation
4241 - W. Charleston Blvd.
870-1217
Fri. Nite Services - 8:00 P.M.



LAS VEGAS' NEWEST CONVENTIONEER MOTEL

\$850 PER PERSON
Based on Double Occupancy
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM

735 Desert Inn Road

FREE \$100.00 FUN PACK

DIRECT DIAL PHONES • COLOR TV
ALL ROOMS REFRIGERATED INDIVIDUALLY
COIN LAUNDRY • BABYSITTERS • CRIBS
SHOW TICKETS • TOURS ARRANGED
WEDDINGS ARRANGED

Also Available -- Kings & Twin Doubles

WALK TO: Landmark Desert Inn • Riviera Stardust • Hilton Frontier • Sahara Circus Circus Silver Slipper

FOR RESERVATIONS
Call 702-737-1003

Add \$7.00 per person Weekends, Holidays

OSCAR'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.
362-0882 or 873-9472
Complete Body Repair & Painting
ALL Domestic & Foreign Cars
Guaranteed Work • Insurance
Free Estimates

OSCAR MOSCA
President

Se Habla Espanol

OSCAR'S MARINE SERVICE
Complete Fiberglass & Mechanical Repairs
Custom Gel Coating
Insured -- Lake Service Available
3480 Spring Mtn. Rd. #7
Las Vegas, NV. 89102

Smith's FOOD KING

22 E. OAKY AT LAS VEGAS BLVD. LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	3681 MARYLAND AT TWAIN LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	574 N. EASTERN AT BONANZA LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	
4962 S. EASTERN AT TROPICANA LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	3830 W. SAHARA AT VALLEY VIEW LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	3459 S. JONES AT SPRING MOUNTAIN LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	2710 NO. GREEN VALLEY PARKWAY HENDERSON OPEN 24 HOURS
4910 E. TROPICANA AT NELLIS LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	832 N. JONES AT FREMONT LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	2021 CIVIC CTR. NEAR LAKE MEAD LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	6115 W. TROPICANA AT JONES LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS
350 N. NELLIS AT STEWART LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	850 S. RANCHO AT CHARLESTON LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	3750 FLAMINGO AT SANDHILL LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS	1941 N. DECATUR AT LAKE MEAD LAS VEGAS OPEN 24 HOURS

OPEN 24 HOURS