

Senators Helms, Hecht Special Guests At Hebrew University's Hecht Synagogue



Senator Chic Hecht and Senator Jesse Helms during prayer service in the Hecht Synagogue on the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM — U.S. Senators Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Chic Hecht (R. Nev.) were guests recently at the Hecht Synagogue on the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for a prayer service and breakfast honoring Sen. Hecht's brother, Martin Hecht, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., initiator of the campaign to build the synagogue.

Among those attending were the wives of the senators and Mr. Hecht, friends and acquaintances of the Hechts and Sen. Helms, University faculty members and officials, and students.

A special guest at the breakfast which followed the synagogue service was Minister of Religious Affairs Dr. Yosef Burg. Burg praised the Hechts for building the synagogue, which, he said, serves as a link in the chain of the Jewish tradition that is passed on from generation to generation as well as a link between the Jewish community in Israel and abroad.

Sen. Helms, in his remarks, described his "breathtaking experience" in Israel and expressed his wish that more senators visit the Golan Heights, as he did, in order to gain better insight into Israel's security problems. He said that Israel was "a little country filled with people with big hearts," and he praised Sen. Hecht for his love for Israel.

Sen. Hecht, recalling that his own mother

emigrated to the U.S. from Russia, said he hoped that the synagogue would serve as a beacon of hope for the 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union who cannot leave that country.

University Chancellor Avraham Harman, who presided at the breakfast, said that the event, coming at the end of the University's 60th anniversary celebrations, symbolizes the final rebuilding of the Mount Scopus campus.

Martin Hecht, in his response, recalled how 50 years ago his father, Louis Hecht, his brother, Chic, and a handful of other Jews in Cape Girardeau built a synagogue there, and that 15 years ago his son, Allan -- then a student at the Hebrew University -- had pointed out the need for a synagogue on Mount Scopus. That synagogue has now been built, said Hecht, at the highest point overlooking Jerusalem and the site of the Holy Temple.

He added his hope that "our prayers in this synagogue...will bring shalom (peace) a little sooner to us and the entire world."

TEL AVIV (WNS — The Inner Cabinet voted in favor of continuing development work on the Lavie fighter plane and its subsequent production. The 10-member Cabinet voted 8-2, with Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai and Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman voting against.

Congregation Ner Tamid

Our High Holyday Services will again be held in our own Sanctuary. Erev Rosh Hashanah Services begin at 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 15th. We will all participate in the moving Contemporary Service on Monday morning, September 16th at 10:00 A.M. We will begin Yom Kippur with the Kol Nidre Service Tuesday evening, September 24th at 8:00 P.M. Day of Atonement Services will continue throughout the day, Wednesday beginning at 10:00 A.M. and will conclude with Yizkor Services at 4:00 P.M. Babysitting will be available during the High Holy Day Service.

We are pleased to welcome Cantor Arthur Lincoln back once again to enhance the beauty of our High Holy Days.

There will be a Children's Rosh Hashanah Service open to the entire community at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 15th. Much of it is written in English easy for the youngsters to understand. In addition to the basic Hebrew prayers, there will be guitar music and singing. We encourage children of all ages to attend this special service. No tickets are necessary for this service.

On October 4th our first Family Shabbat Dinner and Service for the year will be held, this one in conjunction with the celebration of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. These are open to the public at a minimal cost. Please call the Temple for more information and to make reservations. We expect this year's series of Family Shabbat dinners to be well attended as in the past.

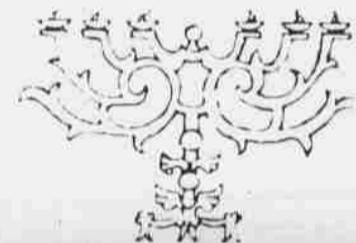
The Congregation and Religious School will be hosting a series of Open House Events. September 3, 4 and 5 from 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. will be the time to pick up tickets, renew memberships and visit with friends. September 8th at 9:30 A.M. the new Religious School year starts. There will be a Bagel Breakfast for returning, new and prospective members and their guests. There will also be an introduction to the Rabbi's monthly Adult Education Series which will meet the first Sunday of each month.

Our Youth Groups will soon return to their active schedules. Over the summer many of our teenagers participated in a variety of activities, including Mitzvah Corps, a camp for disadvantaged children in Arizona, and SWFTY Camp for all our high school students. NTTY (Ner Tamid Temple Youth) continues to be a vital part of our congregation, assisting in many functions, participating in services over the summer, and being invaluable in aiding our faculty for Religious School.

The Sisterhood, Men's Club, Couples Club, and Golden Chai are all preparing their fall schedules at this time. For information, please call the Temple Office. The year 5746 promises to be a year of challenge and development as our congregation begins its twelfth year in a spirit of dedication and enthusiasm.

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