

AJCongress Caribbean Cruise Offers Elegant And Cultural Winter Holiday

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Excursions to the Jewish communities of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Curacao, Venezuela, and Panama will highlight a 14-day American Jewish Congress Caribbean Cruise departing March 7 from San Juan, Puerto Rico. It returns March 20.

The cruise entitled "Caribbean and Panama Canal Odyssey," includes on-board seminars on Jewish life and history in the Caribbean, as well as features of general interest, such as the trans-Canal passage through the Panama Locks, two

days in Mexico, and shore excursions at St. Thomas, Caracas, and Curacao.

The ship for the cruise is the British-registered "Royal Princess" of television's "Loveboat" fame -- rated by specialists as the most luxurious, modern and amenity-filled oceanliner of the century. All staterooms are "outside" and some include private verandas.

The special seminars on Jewish history and culture in the Caribbean and Mexico will be conducted by an AJCongress staff member.

Jewish history in the Caribbean began around the time of the Inquisition. August 2, 1492, the date that Christopher Columbus set sail for what he thought was India, was also the deadline set for Jews who were expelled by the Spanish Inquisition to leave Spain. A number of Marranos, Spanish Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity but continued to practice

Judaism in secret, were part of Columbus' crew. Many Marranos settled in the New World and became the first Caribbean Jews.

The last port of call before returning to the United States is Acapulco, Mexico.

Low cost round trip flights from 50 U.S. cities to San Juan, and home from Acapulco, are available to cruise passengers.

The Caribbean Cruise is one of many tours sponsored by the AJCongress International Travel Program, the world's largest Jewish travel program, to further Jewish education and cultural identity. Participation in the travel program requires membership in AJCongress.

For information on the Caribbean and Panama Canal Odyssey, or other AJCongress tours, call 212-879-4500 in New York City, 516-752-1186 in Long Island, 914-328-0018 in Westchester/Rockland, or toll free, 1-800-221-4694.

Golda's Restaurant A Taste Of The Old Country



Yiddish actors Shemuel Rodensky and Lea Duliskya welcoming those present at the festive opening of Golda's Restaurant with "Golda" from Fiddler On The Roof.

Golda's Restaurant opened at the newly-expanded Moriah Jerusalem Hotel. Now, Israelis and tourists from all over finally have a place to eat traditionally Jewish cooking notably missing from Israel for too long. Delicacies such as fresh gefilte fish, with Jewish "Dristan" horseradish that brings tears to the eyes, kugel, p'tcha and chicken soup with kneidlach or kreplach -- like mother's milk except it is "fleishich" -- are now served six nights a week.

The menu specializes in nostalgic Jewish cooking. Yet, it even offers choices for those who do not yearn for kishke with cholent. "Golda's typifies the style and approach of the entire hotel," says Gabriel Katz, Moriah Jerusalem's General Manager. "We enjoy tradition in the comforts of modern life."

Golda's opened up to rave reviews by discriminating food critics and hearty congratulations from the Foreign Office and Ministry of Tourism. Golda's Restaurant is open to guests of the hotel and anyone craving such gastronomical fare. Golda's is just one of the restaurants at the newly renovated and expanded Moriah Jerusalem Hotel.

For more information on the special facilities at the Moriah Jerusalem Hotel, or at any of the Moriah hotels throughout Israel, contact Moriah, 212-541-5009 or 1-800-221-0203.

Call For Arrest Of Nazi War Criminal

Living In Syria

PARIS (WNS) — Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld has called for Alois Brunner's arrest and deportation to West Germany. Klarsfeld, whose wife Beate had twice already gone to Damascus to try and obtain Brunner's expulsion from Syria, said that the time seems "now ripe" to obtain Brunner's expulsion from Syria.

Brunner, now 73, is considered to be the highest-ranking former Nazi still alive. As an aide to Adolf Eichmann, he is believed to have been personally responsible for the deportation of 150,000 Jews who had been put to death in Nazi death camps. Brunner has been living under the name of Georg Fischer in Syria for the last 20 years.

Klarsfeld told a press conference that he is convinced that Brunner gave an interview earlier that week to the German weekly, Bunte, not only with the knowledge but, probably, at the request of the Syrian authorities. For Klarsfeld, the 12-page interview in which Brunner said he was prepared to leave Damascus and go to Germany to stand trial, was a clear indication that Damascus now wants him to go.

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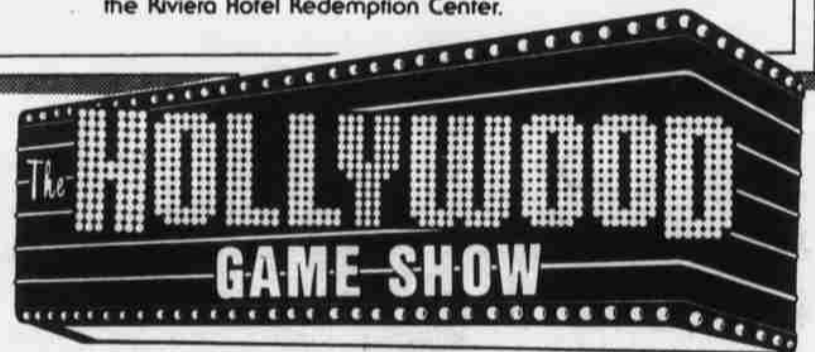
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