

## Chanukah Rituals And Customs

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whereupon she proceeded to stab him to death. In some Sephardic communities the seventh day of Chanukah is observed as a special women's feast honoring Judith. In North Africa women and girls would fill the synagogue where they withdrew the Torah scrolls from the Ark and kissed them. In a special service they then recited prayers and blessings invoking God's protection of women, after which they returned home and ate cheese dishes and engaged in song and dance. The women of Hebron also set aside the seventh day of Chanukah to celebrate and eat dairy delicacies.

### Chanukah Games

Like Chanukah foods, Chanukah games are also deeply symbolic. Although Jewish tradition generally frowns on gambling and games of chance, on Chanukah such games are permitted. The most popular is the spinning top or dreidel game, where even children may be found betting on the turn of the dreidel using nuts or Chanukah gelt as their stakes. Although the game originates from early medieval Europe it is popular with Sephardim as well as Ashkenazim.

The top's Yiddish name, dreidel, comes from the German 'dreihn' or to turn over. The game symbolically recalls the turn of events when Judah Maccabee and his small rag tag army defeated the mighty Greek empire. On the dreidel are carved the Hebrew letters which form an acrostic for the phrase "a great miracle happened there," on in Israel, "here." These letters simultaneously indicate the players next move in the game. So inherent a part of Chanukah was this festival game that concentration camp inmates carved dreidels from their wooden shoes.

Like much else in today's world, dreidels are now made from plastic, there are menorahs which use electric light and supermarkets which stock ready to use frozen latkes. But the spirit remains and the Maccabean story of Jewish revival and victory of the few over the many is as timely today as ever before.

Dula Community Center is offering Co-ed Walleyball for teens and adults beginning Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge for this activity, so bring a friend. For more information stop by the Dula Community Center at 430 E. Bonanza Road or call 386-6307.

## Host Families Sought For International High School Students

1. Host Families are being sought for 25 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, Australia and Japan for the school year 1986-87, in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August 1986, attend a local high school, and return to their home country in June 1987. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

Host Families may deduct \$50 per month for Income Tax purposes.

2. AISE is also seeking American high school students age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain or Australia or participate in a five week summer Host Family stay throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in this program should contact Trisha Murphy, 3631 Summerhill Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701, Tel: (702) 882-7650 or telephone toll free 1-800-SIBLING.

## Morning Accounting Classes Offered At UNLV

An early morning accounting class will be offered next spring by the accounting department of UNLV's College of Business and Economics.

Elementary Accounting (ACC 151) is scheduled Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 to 8:20 a.m.

"This is another attempt by the business college to serve working people in Las Vegas," according to accounting department chairman Ron Milne. "It is kind of like a night class, but it's in the morning, so people who work downtown can come to UNLV early and still make it to work by 9 a.m."

Pre-registration runs through January 8. Regular registration is set for January 22-23. Spring Semester 1986 classes and late registration begin January 27.

For more information, call the accounting department at 739-3619.

## Paul Anka Headlines Sheriff Moran Dinner

Paul Anka headlines a star line-up of entertainment at the City of Hope testimonial dinner honoring Las Vegas Sheriff John Moran, Sunday, December 8, at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.

Also entertaining will be Bobby Berosini's Orangutans, comedian-magician, The Great Tom Soni, and many others.

"Sheriff Moran will be awarded the highest honor of the City of Hope -- the Spirit of Life," says Dave "Butch" Goldstein, general chairman of the event. "Also a research fellowship will be established in his name."

Dinner co-chairmen are Mel Golden and John Chiero. Project chairmen are Harry Weinschenker and Byron A. Smith.

Smith, who is also a member of the national board of directors says, "Las Vegas has always demonstrated great generosity for the City of Hope -- and, we are pleased to be able to honor one of Las Vegas' most distinguished citizens."

Anyone interested in tickets or information should contact the City of Hope headquarters at Caesars Palace.

The City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute provide care at no direct cost to the patient and lifesaving research to those suffering from cancer and leukemia; heart, blood and lung diseases; diabetes and other hereditary and metabolic disorders. Admission is by referral from physicians, hospitals or health agencies.

## Volunteers Are Needed For Mothers March

The March of Dimes needs volunteers for its annual Mothers March against Birth Defects, the March of Dimes oldest fund raiser.

Doris Miklethum, one of the March of Dimes zip code chairmen for the Mothers March, said she anticipates 1000 volunteer marchers throughout Southern Nevada to raise at least \$10,000 during the campaign, January 25-30, 1986.

This year's honorary chairwoman is Nevada's first lady, Bonnie Bryan. Denny's Restaurant is the official sponsor.

Despite its name, Mothers March has become a "Family Tradition." Mothers, fathers, children and grandchildren are carrying on the same spirit started 35 years ago by two men in Phoenix, Arizona, who went door-to-door to raise money for polio research.

Today, contributions from Mothers March are used to prevent birth defects -- our nation's #1 child health problem. National programs of research, medical services, public and professional education are working toward this goal.

Marchers and area leaders (leaders who oversee and direct neighborhood door-to-door marchers) are needed!

Persons interested in volunteering are encouraged to call Joan Abbatiello for more information at 734-1232.

The Las Vegas Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. proudly presents A SONG FOR ALL SEASONS. This time trip through the year will be held December 7, 1985, at the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall on the UNLV campus. Showtime is 8:01 p.m. For ticket information, call 294-0073- or 457-7493.

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