

Fourth Annual Lecture Series Opens Sunday, January 5

Members of the Jewish community of southern Nevada are being asked to mark their calendars for the fourth annual lecture series which will bring four nationally-known persons during the winter/spring of 1986. Current, substantive and of popular-appeal subjects will be offered, plus a cultural evening of and about Hasidic music.

Community-involved individuals and organizations, and all five congregations, are the financial sponsors making the four monthly evenings available to the general public at no charge. As in the past, all lectures and the cultural evening will be held on Sundays at 7:30 P.M., with Temple Beth Sholom the host-facility this year.

WOLF BLITZER opens the series on Sunday, January 5th, speaking on "U. S. Policy in the Middle East." As Washington Bureau Chief of the daily English-language Jerusalem Post, his remarks will be "up-to-the-minute."

RABBI REUVEN KIMELMAN, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University and Chief Program Associate of CLAL: The National Jewish Center of Learning and Leadership (formerly known as the National Jewish Resource Center). His topic on Sunday, February 9th is "Will Our Grandchildren Be Jewish?"

DAVID A. LEHRER is the Western States Counsel and Fact-Finding Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. For March 16th, he has chosen the subject "ADL Today: Changing Goals and Changing Times."

On April 20th, VEVEL PASTERNAK "speaks/sings/makes music," enlightening and entertaining with a cultural evening of Hasidic music.

This again will be a banner year for our community; one should attend all four evenings, with family members and friends. Please mark your calendars!

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 Micklethum, 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!

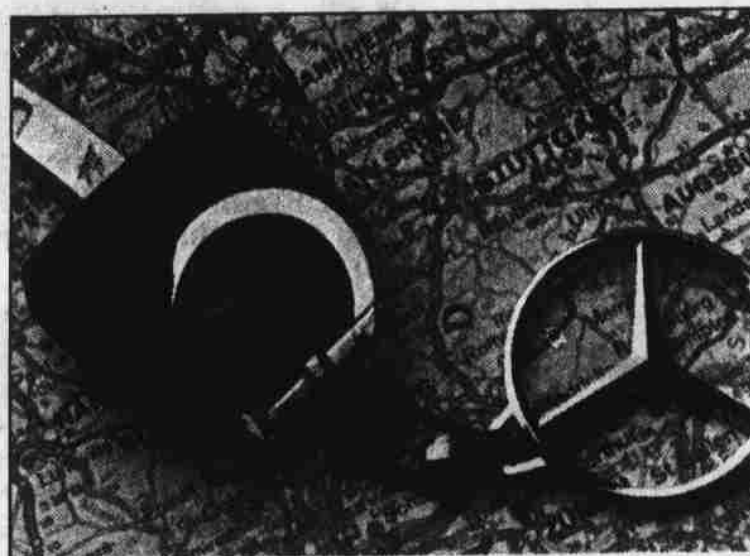
Persons interested in volunteering are encouraged to call Joan Abbatiello for more information at 734-1232.

NCJW Plans Hanukkah Party

Come join in the fun. The Las Vegas Section of National Council of Jewish Women is having a Hanukkah party on Wednesday evening, December 18th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Marilyn Lehrner. Please bring a gift valued from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for our Grab Bag Gift-Exchange.

Our Jewish Life Children's Group is also planning a Hanukkah party for children (age 2-5) and their parents on Saturday, December 7th at Congregation Ner Tamid at 10:00 A.M. Please bring a child's gift (unisex) valued at \$5.00 for a gift-exchange.

For more information about either Hanukkah party, call Cindy at 361-5028 or Cheryl at 458-7251.



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Israeli Hospitals Face Shut Down

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prompt payment by the Histadrut Kupat Holim and other sick-funds, for patients' services for which the funds have been billed. But the funds counter-claim that they have not received their promised subventions from the Finance Ministry. The situation is not helped by personal animosity between Labor Party Health Minister Mordechai Gur and Liberal-Likud Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai, who have been feuding in public, trading insults and blaming each other for mismanagement.

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world there is diversity, pluralism, and co-existence, but it is only in the Middle East where the lesson of Maccabean freedom to be one's-self was first taught that it will have to be relearned all over again.

Much of the Western world has still not realized that the massacres and agonies of Lebanon are directly linked to Arab-Islamic rejection of the Maccabean principle of religious freedom. Arab fanaticism will not tolerate an autonomous, strong Christian presence in Lebanon just as it struggles against a powerful, independent Jewish State in the Middle East.

When the Western Christian world -- including the Vatican -- realizes that the future security of Arab Christians ultimately depends on supporting Israel's struggle for pluralism, they will know that the Maccabees' message is as much their message today as it is the Jewish message.

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