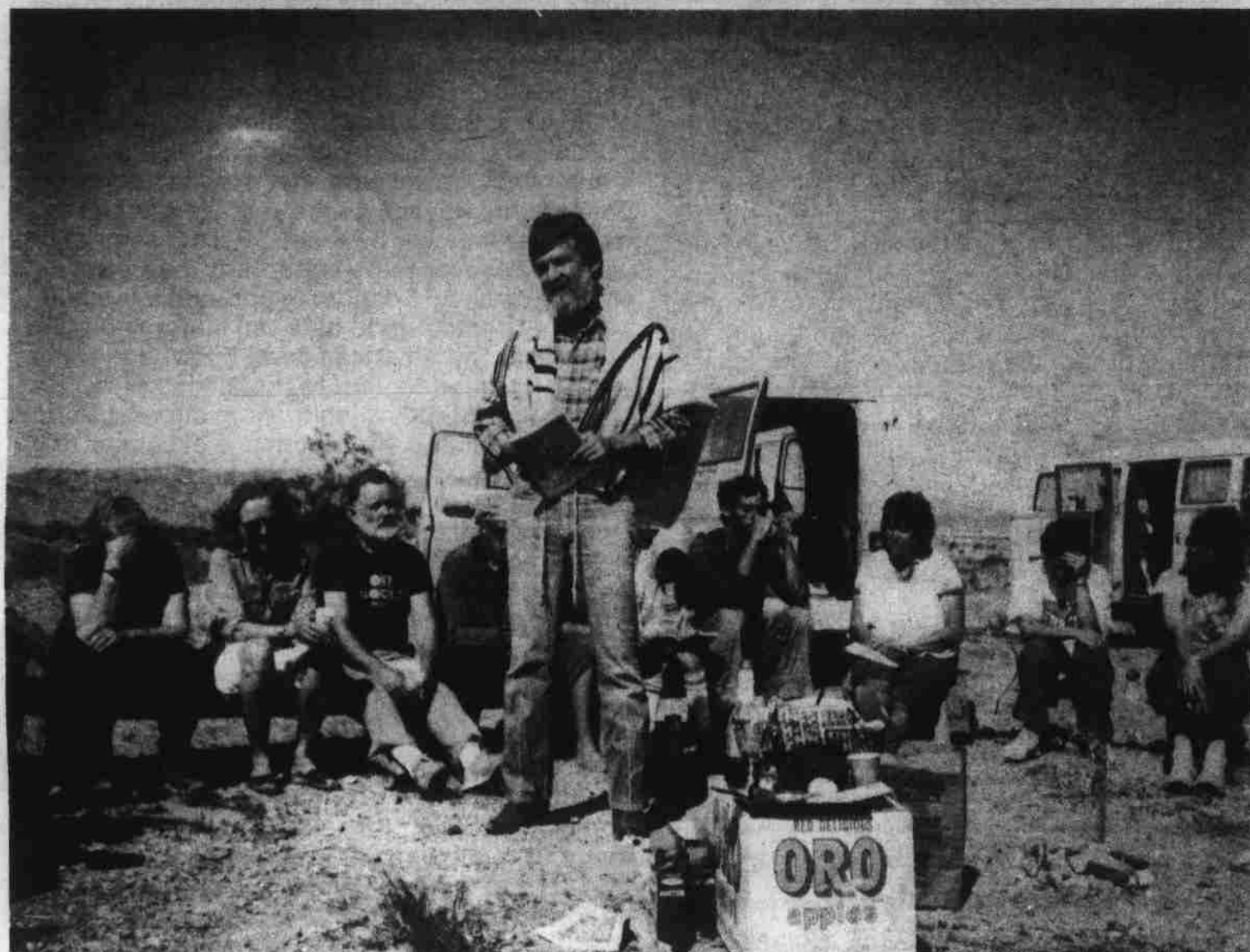


Seder At MGM Grand



This year, Temple Beth Am has moved its Passover Seder to the Grand Ballroom of the MGM Grand Hotel. Last year, the Temple had to refer its overflow to other seders around town because of limited seating. That should be no problem now; at least, not for those who get their reservations confirmed in time for the Wednesday, April 23rd, 6:00 P.M. Seder Ritual and Meal.

The Temple attributes the success of its seders to the fact that its Rabbi, Mel Hecht, has been conducting seders in Las Vegas for some six years. And, he has built a reputation for creating a warm and loving spirit usually associated only with the home - with people returning year after year and telling their friends about it.

For a truly unforgettable experience, call 645-6624, and make your reservations for a seder to remember.

Not all seders enjoy the luxury and atmosphere of an MGM Ballroom -- nor should they, when the cause is peace. Pictured above, we find Rabbi Mel Hecht of Temple Beth Am conducting a "Wilderness Seder" for those who gathered recently at the Mercury entrance to the Nuclear Test Site.

Surrendering To Terrorism

An explosive device rips a gaping hole in a TWA aircraft bound from Rome to Athens, killing four persons. Terrorists open fire with automatic weapons and grenades at the airport in Vienna, killing several persons, and injuring many others. A simultaneous attack occurs at the airport in Rome. The Prime Minister of Sweden, Olaf Palme, is shot dead while walking home with his wife from a late night movie.

Random acts of violence or coordinated acts of terrorism, can no longer be overlooked. All have clearly added to people's fears that the world, if not just the Middle East and Europe, is becoming a lot less safe. This is borne out in media reports on the decline of American tourism overseas. Why go to Austria and be concerned by terrorist threats when the family can visit Disneyland, and have popcorn.

To add to this cautious lifestyle -- whether the fears were justified or not -- was the announcement in Washington that Senator Gary Hart of Colorado and Bennett Johnston of Louisiana had decided to cancel scheduled visits to the Middle East after being urged by the Reagan Administration to "reassess" their travel plans.

The Administration's appeal came shortly after the United States staged a strong demonstration of American military might in the Mediterranean Sea against the leading purveyor of international terrorism, Col. Muammar Qaddafi. He announced shortly thereafter that he would launch a wave of terrorism against Americans in the region.

While it appears clear that the Administration has well-founded concerns about Congressmen taking fact-finding trips to the Middle East at this time, it should be pointed out that this type of caution does play into the hands of terrorists. Terrorists who seek to frighten their opponents into submission, including preventing the free exercise of travel rights, appear to have won a small victory by the decisions of Hart and Johnston.

Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin was extremely critical of the Administration's advisory, and so should most people who are concerned about America's resolve to resist terrorism. The interruption of foreign travel is exactly what the terrorists want and to surrender to terrorists' threats gives them the victory they seek.



TEMPLE BETH AM and the MGM GRAND HOTEL



**cordially invite you to join Rabbi Mel and Micki Hecht for
Passover Seder on Wednesday, April 23rd,
at six o'clock in the evening in the
GRAND BALL ROOM**

Passover celebrates one of the most basic themes of our humanity: a freedom which affirms a commitment of values, ideals and people outside ourselves - to our Faith and Tradition; to our Family, Friends and Community.

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