

### Sands Hosts Purim Festival



**FAMOUS ISRAELI PERFORMERS** - Direct from Israel (left to right), the famous Yaffa Yarkoni visits with Menashe Gadish of Gadish Productions, Art Liebert, Sands Hotel Casino Programs Manager, and talented Danny Latani, also from Israel during the Purim Festival held at the Sands Hotel & Casino.

### Dimitri Gurevich Wins U.S. Chess Open At Imperial Palace



Dimitri Gurevich of Brooklyn, N.Y., took first place by a tie-breaker in the 1986 National Open Chess Tournament at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, recently. Others who placed first were, from left, standing: Joe Bradford of Austin, TX., Sergey Kudrin of Stanford, CT., and Walter Browne of Berkeley, CA.

More than 700 chess players including Grandmasters packed the convention area of the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, recently, for the 1986 National Open Chess Tournament. The National Open was co-sponsored by the United States Chess Federation and Imperial Palace.

Play began Friday at 12:30 and continued past midnight all three days. The final round ended at 2:00 a.m. Only one player, Grandmaster Kamran

Shirazi, had won every game in the first five rounds for a score of 5. Four players had accumulated 4-1/2 points each (four wins and a draw). When Dimitri Gurevich defeated Shirazi, and the other three players with 4-1/2 points also won their matches, it was a four way tie for first place. The U.S. Chess Federation broke the tie by looking over those four players' records, awarding the trophy to Gurevich, a Grandmaster from Brooklyn, N.Y. (formerly of the U.S.S.R). GM Sergey Kudrin is also a Soviet emigre, now a Stanford, CT. resident. The other two winners were International Master (IM) Joe Bradford of Austin, TX. and GM Walter Browne of Berkeley, CA. Browne has been the national champion six times.

Thursday evening, a "Blitz" was held as a preliminary to the actual tournament. Twenty-four players played games lasting ten minutes total, five minutes for each player. After many elimination matches, IM Joel Benjamin of Brooklyn was the winner. Benjamin, who is 22 years old, won the Masters Invitational in Chicago one week before the National Open at the Imperial Palace.

This is the second year the National Open has been at the Imperial Palace, and the tournament is returning in March, 1987. Total prize money was \$17,000, a record for the event.

### Palace Station Repeats Car A Day In May Celebrity Giveaway

Palace Station executives think the Car A Day in May giveaway last year was so enthusiastically received by the public they are going to repeat the popular promotion this year May 1-31.

This year's version of the daily car offering, which drew thousands to the Sahara based casino last year, will

feature new 1986 Chevrolet Celebrities from Las Vegas dealer, Fairway Chevrolet.

Thirty-one cars in thirty-one days will be given away to lucky Palace Station slot players who accumulate tickets playing slot and video poker machines during the month. Slot players will receive a drawing ticket for every \$25.00 payout. Everyone 21 years and older will receive a ticket each day by simply registering at the Car A Day registration booth and showing proper identification. Drawings will be held at 6 p.m. every day.

Frank Fertitta, Palace Station owner said, "The Car A Day in May was one of the most popular promotions in Las Vegas in recent years. Our customers enjoyed the promotion because they all had a chance to win a new car or cash -- both of which are very desired items. We had many inquiries concerning repeating the promotion again this year so we decided to give the public what they want. The enthusiasm for the promotion is already starting to build."

Cash drawings amounting to \$1,000.00 will be held after the daily drawings for the Chevrolet Celebrities.

For complete drawing rules and registration information visit the registration booth at Palace Station beginning April 30.

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