

**Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino Hosts Newcomers Club Luncheon**



The Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino recently hosted a luncheon given by the Newcomers Club of Las Vegas. Susan Griffiths, who portrays Marilyn Monroe in the award-winning production of "Legends in Concert" and Production Manager Nelson Foster were guests at the luncheon. Ms. Griffiths signed autographs and posed for pictures with the newcomers to help welcome them to Las Vegas and Foster was the guest speaker for the event. Pictured from (L-R) are: Kay Astarita, past president of the Newcomers Club, Susan Griffiths as Marilyn Monroe, and the current president of the organization, Thelma Laning.

The group enjoyed Ms. Griffiths and Mr. Foster so much that an outing is soon planned for the entire Newcomers Club of Las Vegas to see "Legends in Concert," voted 1985 "Show of the Year."

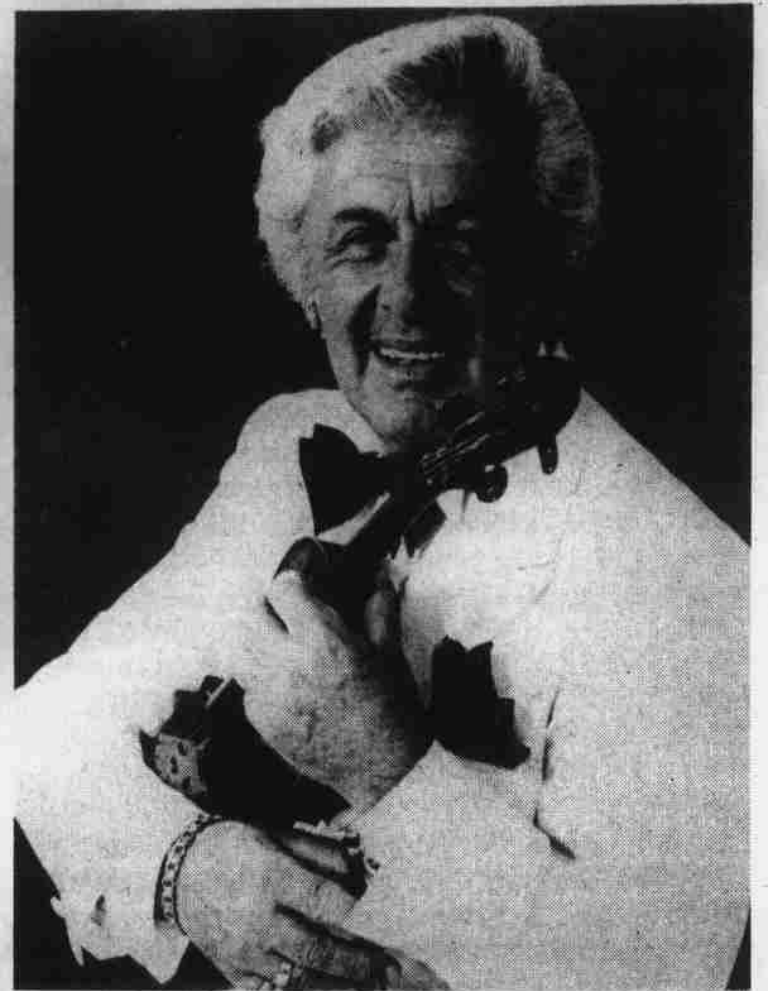
Showtimes are 8 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. nightly (except Sundays).

**Sammy And Jerry At The Desert Inn**



It was fun and games backstage at the Desert Inn when Jerry Lewis (right) stopped by to see Sammy Davis, who was appearing in the D.I.'s Crystal Room. The pair have known each other for 30 years. Lewis and Davis also spent some time talking about the upcoming Muscular Dystrophy Telethon in September which Lewis hosts. Davis will be appearing at the Desert Inn during that time and will assist Lewis during portions of the telethon.

**Sasha Semenovoff At State Street**



Don't miss Sasha Semenovoff at State Street nightly from 7 P.M. until midnight.

**20 Soviet Jewish Couples Remarried In New Jersey**

TEANECK, N.J. (WNS) — Twenty Soviet Jewish couples walked

down the aisle to a religious Jewish wedding here recently. Surrounded by family members, they made their way to 20 separate chuppahs for the largest mass remarriage of Soviet Jews who, denied a traditional religious ceremony in the Soviet Union, were wed according to Jewish law and their own fondest desire.

The ceremony was arranged by Bris Avraham, a Jersey City-based Lubavitch affiliate organization, and by friends of Bris

Avraham, the sponsor who enabled the extraordinary project to be realized.

"This is a real celebration of freedom, the heritage they were never permitted to have," said Shirley Gralla, chairperson of the Friends at the celebration following the ceremony, as dancers waved around, lifting the 20 brides and grooms high above on chairs in the separate male and female circles traditional among Orthodox Jews. "We've made a lot of people happy. We hope this will go on in many other areas of the country and the world," she

said. The oldest couple married were David Pilmenstein, aged 80, and his wife Nina, 70, of Moscow, who were married in a civil ceremony in 1946 in the Area Office of Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages. There, they simply signed the registry and were married. The Pilmensteins had been refused a visa twice, but made it to freedom in 1981. Their oldest son, Iosif, remains in Moscow, a refusenik.

The Itskovs -- Dobrusya, 70, and her husband, Isaac, 72 -- were married in 1936 in Gomel, Byelorussia, in

a civil ceremony. This, their second wedding, was a joyous golden anniversary of their 50 years together.

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