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HAPPY CHANUKAH

5th Annual Lecture Series Commences Sunday - January 18

Members of the Southern Nevada Jewish community are being advised to mark their calendars for the 5th Annual Lecture Series of the winter/spring of 1987.

Community-spirited individuals, organizations and the five congregations are the sponsors making the four lectures available to the general public at no charge. Congregation Ner Tamid is this year's host-facility, on Sundays at 7:30 P.M., one each month, starting with January.

ZE'EV CHAFETS is the former Director of Israel's Government Press Office (1977-1982). He is an author, and as media critic and political analyst his work has been published around the world. His subject on January 18th: "INSIDE ISRAELI POLITICS."

WILLIAM KOREY, Ph.D., is Director of International Policy Research for the International Council of B'nai B'rith. As a leading world authority on human rights, Soviet Jewry, and the United Nations, he is well-known as a writer, essayist, lecturer, visiting professor, and consultant to the State Department. On February 15th, his subject: "FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL BIGOTRY."

EDWARD SIMON, Ph.D., a full professor teaching virology, microbiology and genetics, is nationally and internationally-known for his research on viruses, with a special interest in interferon. He has been on four sabbaticals at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science and is on the Board of Governors of the International Association of Orthodox Scientists. With an extensive knowledge of the Bible, he has lectured in Jerusalem, London and the United States on

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Yahrzeits Tonight At Beth Shalom

(Friday, Dec. 19, 1986)

Betty Smorack
Eddie Moss
Irving Berman

Jennie Marcus
Joseph Wasserman
Roz Katz

Eileen A. Mendelson
Jack Elgarten
Kittie Wiener

Gus & Bess Greenbaum
Abe Louis Padratzick
Bernard Levovitz

Emma Price

Harry Schachter

Hannah Gopin

Issie Golberg

Hyman Thomas Kamin

Fanny Licker

Jacob Lubeck

Tihomir Petkovic

Joe Rosenberg

Louis Manker

Samuel Reisman

Ida Libby Cieser

Ethel Hornsby

Abe Liebovich

Mass Arrests Of Arabs As Violence Is Renewed In The Old City And West Bank

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A new upsurge of violence in the Old City and in the West Bank over the weekend resulted in mass arrests of Arab youths who took to the streets to mark the 39th anniversary of the November, 1947 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

The unrest erupted as passions continued to run high over the fatal stabbing of yeshiva student Eliahu Amdil in the Old City, which was followed by nine days of attacks on Arabs and their property by local Jews infuriated by the murder. Three Arabs were charged Sunday in Amdil's murder.

While most of the disturbances involved Arabs, a firebomb was thrown early Saturday

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A Unique Hanukkah Menorah



As the Festival of Hanukkah fast approaches, two student body presidents from Yeshiva University -- Stacy Alevy of Long Beach, Ca. and Jerry Barbalatt of Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y., -- inspect the silver Rothschild Menorah (1850-1860), on loan from the Hebrew Union College-Skirball Museum in Los Angeles, Ca, to the Yeshiva University Museum in New York City. The lamp was formerly in the collection of the Frankfurt Jewish museum, established in 1901 as the Rothschild Museum. It was recovered by the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction and given to Hebrew Union College in 1952. In 1972, when the

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TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

To Our Christian Friends

(In this Era of Ecumenism we bring you the following column prepared in 1961 and reprinted annually in the Chanukah Edition.)

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa.

And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innocuous wire service story datelined Vatican City and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a "monstrous substitution" for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domenica also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib...and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

A strict religious interpretation of the Holy Day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (if attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one-day observance is now a weeks-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less fortunate has developed into the indiscriminate giving and receiving of gifts. The once simple recreation of one's version of the Crib had developed into addenda like trees, holly

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