

Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino To Hold Springtime Blackjack Tournament April 24-26, 1987

The Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino will hold their 1987 Springtime Blackjack Tournament April 24 - 26, 1987. This exciting tournament will include \$97,500 in total prize money.

The Blackjack Tournament will be conducted in four rounds, pyramid fashion, over the two days of play. Registration will take place Friday, April 24th in Royal Hall A from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a rules meeting immediately following in Royal Hall A.

The first rounds will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th and will include approximately seven sessions. The two highest money winners from each table from each session will advance to the second round on Sunday. One winner from each of these sessions will progress to the third round. The final round is expected to commence at 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Sessions will last approximately one hour. Participants keep their table winnings. Prize money will be paid as follows: 1st Place - \$50,000; 2nd place \$25,000; 3rd place \$12,000; 4th place \$6,000; 5th place \$3,000; and 6th place \$1,500.

Tournament entry fee is \$250, with buy-ins of \$500 for each of the first three rounds and \$1,000 for the final round.

Anyone interested in entering the Tournament should call the Imperial Palace casino office at (800) 351-7400 or (702) 794-3160.

Music World Prepares For Annual Spring Recital



Students of the Music World Learning Center are busy preparing for their Annual Spring Recital to be presented Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m. at the Temple Beth Shalom, 1600 E. Oakey. This year's theme, "A Salute to Walt Disney," recognizes the important role Disney has played in bringing delight and enjoyment to child and adult alike for the past 50 years.

Pre-schoolers to seniors will participate in a fun-filled evening of music from Walt Disney movies and cartoons. Over 100 students of teachers Susan Tuzzo, Mike Pistiner, Arden Makins, Frank White, Janet Anthony and Maia



will perform on piano, organ, harp and guitar, complete with costumes and novelty acts.

The public is invited to attend and share in this program. Refreshments will be served.

Pictured are students from last year's recital which featured "Music From Around the World." Other learning Center activities of the year have included a harp recital for St. Patrick's Day, the October Halloween Talent Show and the Holiday Open-House Recital.

A Summer Music Festival is being planned for July, with classes for all ages. Watch for more information about this unique music "camp."

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AJWS Launches Anti-Hunger Passover Campaign

BOSTON, MA — "Let all who are hungry come and eat! Let all who are in need share in the hope of Passover!" These are the words of the Haggadah which will soon be read at Seders around the country.

These words from the Haggadah also appear inside a small brochure which looks like a matzah and is the centerpiece of the Afikoman Pledge campaign of the American Jewish World Service. Through the Afikoman Pledge, which has been mailed to thousands of rabbis and AJWS supporters around the country, AJWS is raising funds for its programs which fight hunger in the developing world.

The Afikoman Pledge asks Jews to remember the significance of matzah, "the bread of affliction," and the Passover message of freedom from hunger and want.

The American Jewish World Service, the relief and development organization of the American Jewish community, has received the endorsement of organizations of the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements for

the Afikoman Pledge campaign.

"The Afikoman Pledge is an original and creative educational tool, teaching children and adults alike about Passover and Tzedakah. I urge your congregation to enthusiastically participate," wrote Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, Executive Vice President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in a mailing to the Reform rabbis of the U.S.

Funds raised through the Afikoman Pledge will primarily be used to fund AJWS's work in solving critical problems of grain storage. In the developing world, 20-40% of all grain is lost after harvesting due to rot, insect and rodent damage. A new grain silo, developed in Israel, has proven its ability to virtually eliminate post-harvest grain loss in arid areas.

"In Sahelian Africa, where drought is a recurring disaster and emergency food aid often takes four to six months to arrive from abroad," says Laurence R. Simon, AJWS President, "the Israeli silo could offer secure, affordable reserves. It is an appropriate, affordable technology for storing grain. Such technologies have not existed in the past."

In semi-tropical regions of the developing world, lack of inexpensive, secure grain storage forces small farmers to sell their crops when prices are lowest, often barely above production costs. The inventors of the silo are confident that the silo can be adapted for use in semi-tropical environments where, once proven, they promise enormous benefits for farmer cooperatives. AJWS has begun field tests of the silos in Asia and plans to place additional silos in Africa for the purpose of testing and adapting them for use in semi-tropical environments.

Mailings of the Afikoman Pledge to rabbis have resulted in requests for over 44,000 pledge brochures.

"We have received requests from thirty states and Canada -- the majority, of course, from states with larger Jewish populations, like New York and New Jersey, but we have also received requests from South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Washington, Minnesota and Missouri," said Simon.

For copies of the Afikoman Pledge or more information, call or write: American Jewish World Service, 29 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02116, 617-267-6656.

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