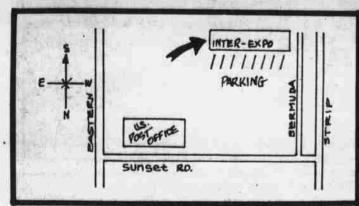
Israel Independence Day Unites Community In Support Of Israel



By Maria Gerecht

The Council of Jewish Organizations of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas has planned a community-wide celebration in recognition of Israel's fortieth birthday. The day promises fun for the entire family.

The festival will be on Sunday, Apr. 24, at Inter-Expo, from 12-5 p.m. Located on the corner of Sunset and Bermuda Road at the Hughes Airport Center (refer to map), Inter-Expo offers merchandise and handi-crafts from Israel and the Middle East, Latin America, The Orient and Europe.

Israel Independence Day is actually Thursday, April 21. However, the celebration in Las Vegas will be on Sunday to allow for total community involvement.

Las Vegans will be able to "shop the world"

and at the same time enjoy entertainment, refreshments, a walk-a-thon and booths with displays and cultural items for sale.

The day will start with "Las Vegas Walk for Israel '88," the walk-a-thon. Walkers will begin the one-mile walk at 10:30 a.m. from Inter-Expo. Stop 'N Go stores and 7-Up will provide refreshments and walkers will be given a tee-shirt as well as other items. There is no charge to walk; but, walkers and non-walkers alike are encouraged to purchase raffle tickets at \$2 each to assist in defraying the cost of the walk-a-thon. A drawing will be held at 11:30 a.m. following the conclusion of the walk.

The headline entertainment for the day will be Avshalom Katz from Los Angeles. Additional entertainment will be provided by "Limelight Music & Entertainment" from Scottsdale. Israeli songs and music for Israeli Folk Dancing will be featured.

Those of you who enjoy good Israeli and Jewish food must attend this celebration. Several of the items offered on the day's menu are: falafel, hummus, pita bread, bourekas (pastry filled with spinach or cheese), gefilte fish and challah.

If you have been wanting to join or find out more information about any of the Jewish organizations or temples in town, this is the day to have your questions answered. There will be (Continued on page 7)

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Combining voice and neshuma to create an original sound, Avshalom Katz will be the headline entertainer for the community-wide celebration of Israel Independence Day on Sunday, April 24th from 12-5 p.m. at the Inter-Expo. For more information call: 732-0556.

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