

More To Mazlow Than Meets The Eye



There is a lot more to "Beach Blanket Babylon" performer Kenny Mazlow than is seen on the stage of the Sands Hotel & Casino's unique revue.

Mazlow, a Canadian by birth, spent nine years in Las Vegas, as principal singer in the Hacienda's "Ice Fantasy" production and as a featured vocalist in the Stardust's "Lido de Paris" spectacular. Three years ago, Kenny moved to Los Angeles, hoping to expand his horizons and his career. Restricted by the limitations of a structured Las Vegas show, he had never had the opportunity to display his comedic and writing talents to its full potential. Other than some local "roasts" and parties he produced and performed in, only close friends and a few co-workers knew about the more creative side of Kenny Mazlow. In addition to his singing and dancing ability, this versatile entertainer possesses a real flair for comedy writing. He has combined all of these skills and written some very clever music parodies.

Besides special numbers he did to honor retiring "Lido" showgirl Barbara Beverly and birthday girl

Shirley Allen, Mazlow has written an original jingle for Kangaroo footwear as well as the opening production number for Las Vegas producer/choreographer Nick Navarro's latest project, a musical revue for Australia's Melbourne Hilton Hotel.

While living in Los Angeles, Mazlow competed in and won the Rose Tattoo's Stardom Pursuit talent showcase. He took home the top mens prize by performing some of his original material, including "La Tattoo Rose," a song about the well known Southern California club sung to the tune of "La Vie En Rose," and his well received "Judaic Blues." When Kenny auditioned for "Beach Blanket Babylon" in L.A., he had no idea that winning the role would bring him back to Las Vegas. His role in this production gives him the chance to display the hammy, funny side of his personality — much to the delight of the audiences at the Sands. Recently, he had the chance to fill in for Shelly Werk, the FEMALE Miss Vegas in the campy musical comedy. Just another stretch for this multi-talented entertainer.

Since BBB opened at the Sands last May, Mazlow has had few opportunities to perform elsewhere. He recently returned home to Winnipeg where he once again sang for the Lions Telethon, sharing the stage with former Supremes member Mary Wilson and Dunes Casino Lounge regular Don Cherry.

On a recent Saturday night, Mazlow appeared at Bally's "Catch A Rising Starcase" talent night. This gave him the chance to perform some of his "most requested" numbers, including his very unique version of "Night & Day" — a tribute to the Las Vegas production singers and, yes, Kenny Mazlow played all the roles. Can a "one-man-show" be looming on the horizon?

WASHINGTON — A 15-year-old Miami, Fla. girl active in her Reform synagogue's social action program was honored by President Bush at a White House luncheon recently with the President's Volunteer Action Award.

Alison Stieglitz of Temple Beth Am in Miami was one of 18 Americans cited for demonstrating "what can be accomplished through volunteer action." She received a silver medallion from the President.

At the luncheon, President Bush singled out Alison for having asked her parents, when she was 12 years old, "to use the money they had planned to spend on her Bat Mitzvah to provide Thanksgiving baskets for needy families."

"Evita," the popular musical based on the life story of Argentina's Eva Peron, will appear on stage in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre April 20-30.

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Yiddish Internships For College Students



College students Melissa Goodrich, Ethan Seidman, Yigal Schleifer and Andy Ingall studied Yiddish and processed more than 200,000 recently-rescued Yiddish books during their summer internships at the National Yiddish Book Center in 1988. The Center is now accepting applications for its 1989 Internship Programs, scheduled for June 5 - July 28.

AMHERST, MA — The National Yiddish Book Center is looking for a few good students to participate in its fourth annual Internship Program in Yiddish Culture. Successful applicants will spend eight weeks of their summer vacation studying Yiddish language and literature and gaining first-hand knowledge of Yiddish culture by unpacking, sorting and processing hundreds of thousands of recently rescued Yiddish books. Each intern will receive a fellowship of \$1,500, plus books, materials and a generous allowance for room and board.

The Daniel Jay Berg Internship Program has attracted international attention since its inception in 1986. Summer interns are a key component in the Yiddish Book Center's ongoing campaign to rescue unwanted and discarded Yiddish books and return them to active use. The non-profit organization has collected more than 900,000 out-of-print Yiddish volumes since 1980, often rescuing abandoned books at the last minute from basements, attics, and even demolition sites and garbage dumpsters. The interns will help to sort and process these collected books, which will then be listed in a comprehensive computer database and distributed to more than seventy major libraries worldwide.

This year's Summer Internship Program will run from June 5 - July 28. The program is open to all undergraduate students. The only pre-requisites are knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, a willingness to learn and a capacity for hard, physical work; no prior knowledge of Yiddish is required.

For an application form and additional information please contact Pearl-Anne Margalit, Interns Coordinator, National Yiddish Book Center, Old East Street School, Amherst, MA 01004. Ms. Margalit may be reached by phone at 413/256-1241.

Pinchas Peli, Judaic Scholar, Dies In Jerusalem At Age 59

JERUSALEM (JTA) — here recently. "A living, walking Kid-dush Hashem."

This was how the late Rabbi Pinchas Hachohen Peli was described in eulogies at his funeral

Peli, professor of Judaic studies at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and a noted writer and thinker, died after a long illness. He was 59.

Among a congregation of hundreds who came to honor Peli were Rabbi Yisrael Lau, the chief rabbi of Tel Aviv; Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, the chief rabbi of Haifa; members of the Knesset; and other public figures.