

United Synagogue Youth News

Far West On Wheels rolled through Las Vegas, recently, winding their way through the Midbar Desert Region, picking up five Temple Beth Sholom delegates on their way. CORY WELT, JENNIFER WEINBERG, HILARY MEHR, DANIELLE SEGAL and FAYE GREENSPON made their way to Sedona, Tucson and Phoenix before finding the shores of San Diego and Beth El La Jolla. While in Las Vegas the Wheelies were greeted at a reception at UNLV's Natural History Museum by Dr. Robert Maxson, president of UNLV. He spoke to the teens on setting goals for success, which was followed by a tour of the campus. They talked Nuclear Energy with Nevada State Senator Dina Titus and expressed their concerns for Soviet Jews with U.S. Senator Richard Bryan. The bus group toured Nellis Air Force Base, went to Wet n Wild, had dinner and Las Vegas Night with the TBS chapter and visited Hoover Dam before crossing into Arizona. In between time they saw a Las Vegas Show, held workshops and were addressed by Temple Beth Sholom's Rabbi Louis Lederman.

Temple Beth Sholom USY Senior President CORY WELT spoke to the teens on his recent trip to the Soviet Union with the People to People Science Exchange Program. While this was not a Jewish oriented trip, Welt did have the opportunity to visit the Moscow Synagogue. He told the teens of his travels and then introduced Senator Richard Bryan. Welt told those assembled that last year 19,000 Jews came to the United States and this year we are almost expecting 60,000, which is the

largest number of emigres from the Soviet Union in a decade. Welt also told the students that cities across the country have pledged to raise \$75,000,000.00 by December 1989 in order to relocate and resettle the Soviet Jews. "As we have fought to bring Soviet Jews the religious freedom they desire, we must now face reality and provide the funds needed to help them settle in their new lives," Welt said.

United Synagogue Youth Far West Regional President JEREMY WIEDERHORN presented Senator Bryan with a petition demanding immediate release of Refuseniks, Jews who to date have not been allowed to freely immigrate, and encouraging the Soviet Union to raise their standards of human rights for all of their citizens. The delegation unfurled the petition that is 10 feet by 40 feet. Senator Bryan accepted the petition and responded.

United Synagogue Youth is a teenaged Jewish

organization that emphasizes the values and morals of Judaism through the spirit and spirituality of our faith. The teens are taught to be in touch with their Jewish heritage and history while pursuing the highest ideals of human rights and human dignity for ourselves and for others.

Local, regional and international programming includes leadership training, education, religious training, and social action and the teens are encouraged to take the responsibility of "building a better world". USYers raise funds to not only help feed and clothe others, but to teach those in need how to plant seeds, how to fish and how to sew, taking care of not only the immediate needs of others but the long term needs as well.

Temple Beth Sholom provides programming for United Synagogue Youth with a full staff for teens 7th through 12th grade. For more information call (702) 384-5070.

Germans Deny Dragging Effort To Bring Brunner To Justice

BONN (JTA) — West Germany has denied allegations that it is dragging efforts to have Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner extradited from Syria.

The Justice Ministry is intensively seeking Brunner's extradition, a spokesman for the ministry maintained.

Brunner, 77, was a top deputy to Adolph Eichmann and is believed to live in Damascus under the pseudonym George Fischer.

Brunner has been held responsible for the deportation of more than 120,000 Jews to death camps. According to testimony by survivors, he personally murdered at least one Jew on a transport from Vienna to Riga. He was sentenced to death in absentia by a French military court in 1954.

The West Berlin-based daily newspaper Taz reported recently that Chancellor Helmut Kohl was not interested in Brunner's extradition and deliberately dragged his feet on efforts to convince Syria to cooperate. Taz also reported that Brunner acted as an agent for West German intelligence until about 1965. The government

here denied the report, which was not supported by documentation.

The Syrian government has rebuffed previous requests for Brunner's extradition by West Germany, Austria and France. The Syrians say that they know nothing about Brunner's whereabouts.

But two years ago, German and American newspapers published interviews with Brunner in Syria. In the interview, he was unrepentant about his Nazi past.

North Las Vegas Building Boom Continues

The building boom in North Las Vegas continues to set new records in the values of new construction, according to North Las Vegas City Councilmember Mary Kincaid.

From January through July, 1988, 429 permits were issued with a total valuation of \$14,514,000.

This year, while only 398 permits have been issued through the end of July, the total value of projects constructed has soared to almost \$38 million.

"This is a new record for North Las Vegas," stated Kincaid. "Even though we have issued fewer permits this year compared to last year, the value of this year's new construction has more than doubled — almost tripled!"

While industrial and commercial projects accounted for the lion's share of the boom, new housing starts in the northwest area of the city accounted for over 14% of the growth.

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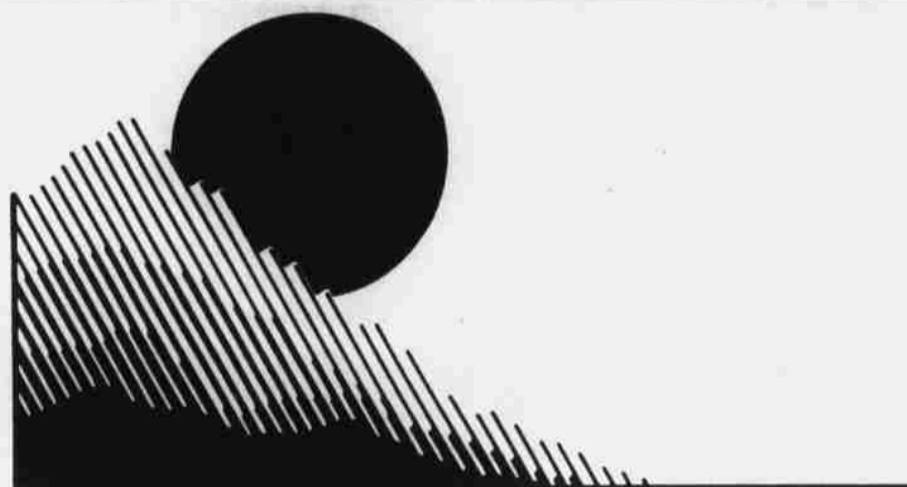
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