

### Hebrew U. Archaeological Dig Finds Largest Stone Figurine

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Archaeological excavations in the area of Kibbutz Sha'ar Hagolan this past season have added considerable information about the people who inhabited that part of northern Israel approximately 7,000 to 8,000 years ago.

For one thing, remnants were found of two rectangular stone structures, giving evidence of a stable, permanent dwelling site.

Previous discoveries in the area testified to a nomadic way of life.

The most exotic find was the largest stone figurine that can be attributed to the neolithic people who lived in the area between 5,000 and 6,000 BCE.

About 100 figurines

have been found at Sha'ar Hagolan over the years, most of them 2 to 2.5 inches high.

The latest find, however, is almost 12.5 inches high. It has an elongated head, diagonal eyes and a rounded hole for a nose or mouth.

The largest stone figure previously found in the region was only 8 inches high.

The profusion of figurines, more than at any other site from the same period, suggests that Sha'ar Hagolan may have been an important spiritual or cultural center.

It is just southeast of the Sea of Galilee, on the bank of the Yarmuk River, where it forms the border between Israel

### Tony Bennett Stars At Riviera



American singing legend Tony Bennett, famous for such hits as "Stranger in Paradise," "How Do You Keep the Music Playing?" "Why Do People Fall in Love?" and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," will star in the Riviera Hotel & Casino's SuperStar Center on New Year's Eve. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the Riviera Box Office at (702) 794-9433.

and Jordan.

This year's digs were carried out under the auspices of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Institute of Archaeology. They were directed by

Yosef Garfinkle, a researcher and doctoral degree candidate, who was assisted by 10 volunteers from England, West Germany and Canada.



The Riviera Hotel & Casino is gearing up for the opening of its casino expansion in March 1990. The addition of 70,000 square feet of casino space will give the resort the world's largest casino at 125,000 square feet. Dov Odents, vice president of construction, planning and development (right) and Sequoia Construction representative Robert Thorniley review blueprints of the underground parking garage. The garage will be one floor below the huge casino and patrons will enter off the Strip to a world of bright neon. One floor above the casino will be a promenade deck with a second swimming pool, three new restaurants, a state-of-the-art health spa and a Japanese garden.

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