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President's Message

In this issue we have a continuation of Scott Widitor's Search & Seizure article of last issue dealing with the Automobile exception to Arizona v. Gant. In the future Scott will deal with the other exceptions.

Congratulations to our 2009 Honoree Alan Skobin who was recently honored by the Armenian National Peace Officers Association.

It's not too late to join other members of IAJPSE's at the Agro-Terrorism Conference and fellow members of National Shomrim on the National Convention at Sea. Information on both are in this issue.

As we approach the end of 2009 Hanukkah is rapidly approaching. Our party this year will again be held at Pizza World. I hope to see you there enjoying the Mini Latkes and Pizza, etc.

In April, at our annual Dinner, we will bestow an honorary membership, and honor Michael Chiklis, Actor Extraordinaire, and honor our member LASD Captain Buddy Goldman, for their contributions to law enforcement.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon, and my wishes to you and yours for a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marvin Goldsmith, President

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SHOMRIMSOCAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
and the Membership
Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30 PM
King David Grill
6118 West Pico Blvd
(Just East of La Cienega)

HANUKKAH PARTY

Wednesday, December 16th, 6:30 P.M.
Pizza World
365 South Fairfax Ave., L.A.
(Just South of Third St.)

February Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
Golan Restaurant
13075 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood

March Meeting

March 17, 2010
Elat Burger
9340 West Pico Blvd
(Just East of Beverly Drive)

ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, April 22, 2010
Cocktail Hour: 5:30 P.M.
Dinner: 7:00 P.M.
Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd. @ Beverly Glen
Los Angeles

EIGHT DAYS OF CHANUKAH

December 11-19, 2009

*Jews observe a holiday for eight days in honor
of the historic
victory of the Maccabees and the miracle of
the oil.*

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Chanukah in a Nutshell

Chanukah -- the eight-day festival of light that begins on the eve of Kislev 25 -- celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over adulteration, of spirituality over materiality.

More than twenty-one centuries ago, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who sought to forcefully Hellenize the people of Israel. Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d.

When they sought to light the Temple's menorah, they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks; miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah. At the heart of the festival is the nightly menorah lighting: a single flame on the first night, two on the second evening, and so on till the eighth night of Chanukah, when all eight lights are kindled.

On Chanukah we also recite Hallel and the Al HaNissim prayer to offer praise and thanksgiving to G-d for "delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few... the wicked into the hands of the righteous."

Chanukah customs include eating foods fried in oil -- latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiot (doughnuts); playing with the dreidel (a spinning top on which are inscribed the Hebrew letters nun, gimmel, hei and shin, an acronym for Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, "a great miracle happened there"); and the giving of Chanukah gelt, gifts of money, to children.

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The Miracle

Courtesy of MeaningfulLife.com

What is Chanukah? ... When the royal Hasmonean family overpowered and was victorious over [the Greeks], they searched and found only a single cruse of pure oil... enough to light the menorah for a single day.

A miracle occurred, and they lit the menorah with this oil for eight days.

On the following year, they established these [eight days] as days of festivity and praise and thanksgiving to G-d.

Talmud, Shabbat 21b

Many miracles, great and small, accompanied the liberation of Israel from Hellenic dominance and the reclaiming of the Holy Temple as the lighthouse of G-d. But there is one particular miracle, the Talmud is saying, that is the sum and substance of Chanukah: the miracle of the small cruse of pure oil that burned for eight days.

The challenge faced by the Jewish people at that time was unlike any that had confronted them before. Hellenism, a noxious blend of hedonism and philosophy, could not be resisted by the conventional tools of Jewish learning and tradition. Only the cruse of pure oil--the supra-rational, supra-egotistical essence of the Jewish soul, from which stems the Jews intrinsic self-sacrificial loyalty to G-d could illuminate the way out of the mud swamps of Hella. Only by evoking this inner reserve of uncontaminable oil were we able to banish the pagan invader from G-d's home and rekindle the torch of Israel as a light unto the nations.

But this was oil sufficient for only a single day. By nature, man's highest powers flare brightly and fleetingly, soon receding to the supra-conscious, supra-behavioral place from which

they have come. When a person's deepest self is challenged, the essential oil of his soul is stimulated, and no force on earth can still its flame; but then the moment passes, the cataclysmic levels off into the routine, and the person is left with his ordinary, mortal self.

The miracle of Chanukah was that they lit the menorah with this oil for eight days--that the flame of selfless sacrifice blazed beyond a moment of truth, beyond a day of reckoning. That the small pure cruse of oil burned beyond its one-day lifespan for an additional week, illuminating the seven chambers of the soul (Kabalistic teaching enumerates seven middot or basic character traits--love, restraint, harmony, ambition, devotion, bonding and receptiveness--from which stem all feelings and motivations of the heart). This was no mere flash of light in a sea of darkness, but a flame destined to shed purity and light for all generations, under all conditions.

Thus the Talmud relates that it was only on the following year that these eight days were established as the festival of Chanukah. A year is a microcosm of time, embodying all of times seasons and transmutations. So it was only on the following year, after it had weathered all fluctuations of the annual cycle, that the victory of Chanukah could be installed as a permanent fixture in our lives.

The Miracle of Bubbie's Menorah

By Eli Hecht

My sweet grandmother is a small woman, barely five feet tall. Her two feet tall candelabra was more than just a candle-holder. It was a family symbol, a magnet that brought us all together.

On Shabbat evenings Bubbie would don a special Shabbat kerchief. With great fanfare she would light each candle. When she finished lighting the last candle, she stood in front of the candelabra and closed her eyes. Tears ran down

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her cheeks. She prayed for her husband, her married children and her grandchildren. She spoke in Yiddish, "Her mein tier tata, hiet oif mein man, kinder un di eyniklach...." (Dearest Father in Heaven, watch and protect my husband, children and grandchildren. May it be your will that they grow up to be good people who are loyal to our religion. Please grant my dear husband a livelihood and patience. Watch over us all.)

We all stood by the Shabbat table in awe. Bubbie looked like a queen speaking to the King of Kings, the Almighty G-d. When she finished her prayer, we began our Shabbat.

As our family grew, Bubbie spent more time with her candles. By the time she reached her 94th birthday, she had many married grandchildren, who also had children of their own. There were five generations in Bubbie's family. When lighting the candles, Bubbie prayed for each family member.

Her candelabra was made of solid silver with a heavy silver base. All year-round it had three branches of two candlesticks. In the middle was a stem for another candle. The traditional custom for Shabbat eve is to light one candle each for the father, mother and children. As each child is born, another candle is added to the Shabbat lighting. Throughout the year Bubbie's candelabra was fitted for five candles.

During the week of Chanukah, she added another branch of two candlesticks each, making a total of nine candles. The candelabra was built in such a way that the candle holders could be removed and oil cups could be inserted for the special lighting on Chanukah. Our Shabbat candelabra became a Menorah.

During the week of Chanukah she gave her prized candelabra to my grandfather to light candles for the holiday. Chanukah was our happiest time. All the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to Bubbie and

Zaydie to receive Chanukah gelt and join in the Menorah lighting.

Imagine the two-foot menorah with nine candles shining in all its glory. Zaydie stood proudly like a Kohain, the high priest in the temple, when he lit the menorah.

When Zaydie died, Bubbie would spend her winters in Miami Beach. She took her candelabra with her. Every Shabbats Bubbie would shine the silver candelabra and pray, "May my mazel (luck) always shine!"

All this came to an end when someone stole her menorah. Bubbie was livid. Her small body shook like a willow in the storm as she spoke about her most prized possession, her candelabra. How could anyone steal it? Her only concern was how she would light her candles.

She believed the menorah would return. "I have prayed that the menorah would protect us, and I'm sure that the menorah has done just that. Now I pray that the menorah protect itself and be returned to me."

With silent determination she prayed and prayed. The family did not know what to do. Unexpectedly a childhood friend from Austria, Bubbie's birthplace, once visited us and announced, "I never saw another menorah like yours until today. Surprisingly I saw a replica of your menorah, in the window of a gift store."

We were dumbfounded. Could it be that our guest had seen the stolen menorah? Bubbie jumped back and said, "Let's get my menorah back! It soon will be Chanukah and I need the menorah back."

Bubbie, my parents, Bubbie's girlfriend, and a policeman made their way to the gift shop. With a gleam in her eyes and a shout of joy Bubbie pointed to her menorah and said to it, "Yes, you have done well. You have protected us and now

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you have protected yourself. Come back home with me."

Before anyone could say anything, Bubbie grabbed the menorah off the shelf and held it close to her heart. Nobody could stop her. Neighbors, Jewish and non-Jewish, joined Bubbie in her triumphant walk home. The closer she neared home, more and more people joined her. Bubbie, dressed in the European manner, with her slight frame carrying a menorah almost as big as her, followed by a procession of excited family and friends, was a sight to see. It truly was a grand Chanukah parade.

The menorah was given a special cleaning, and that Chanukah was the brightest in Bubbie's home. Who says that miracles don't happen anymore?

SEARCHING VEHICLES PART II: THE AUTOMOBILE EXCEPTION

By Scott S. Widitor

Introduction:

In my last article I covered the recent case of *Arizona v. Gant*, 556 U.S. ___ (April 21, 2009) which established the new rule that a search of a motor vehicle incident to the arrest of a recent occupant is limited to the area accessible to an arrestee at the time of the search. The case also established that police may search the vehicle in question if they reasonably believe that it contains evidence of the offense which led to the arrest. Any other search of the vehicle requires either a search warrant or an exception permitting a warrantless search.

This article is a discussion of one of those exceptions and, in keeping with our recent "automotive" theme; I'd like to focus on the "automobile exception."

Probable Cause to Search a Vehicle v. Searches Incident to an Arrest of the Occupants

As I noted, previously *Gant* represents a logical extension of the Fourth Amendment principles governing searches incident to an arrest.. In contrast, the automobile or "motor vehicle exception" involves circumstances where an officer has probable cause to believe that a motor vehicle contains evidence of an offense or contraband. This is an independent basis for the search unrelated to an arrest of the occupants. The current rules governing searches of automobiles and their contents are governed by *Carroll v. United States*, 267 U.S. 132 (1925). *California v. Acevedo*, 500 U.S. 565 (1991) (warrantless search of containers within vehicles upheld).

There will, naturally be situations where the law overlaps. For example, *New York v. Belton*, 453 U.S. 454 (1981) which I discussed in my previous article, involved such a "mixed" situation.

In *Belton*, New York State Trooper Douglas Nicot, overtook a speeding vehicle, and ordered its driver to stop. While he was near the car Nicot smelled burnt marijuana and noticed an envelope marked "Supergold" on the floor of the automobile. 453 U. S. 455- 456. He then searched the passenger compartment of the car. On the back seat, he found a black leather jacket belonging to Belton. He unzipped one of the pockets of the jacket and discovered cocaine.

The *Belton* court's justification for the search was that the search of a jacket located inside the passenger compartment was proper because it was "within the arrestee's immediate control" as defined by *Chimel v. California*, 395 U. S. 752. The Court further found that not only could the police search the passenger compartment of the car, they could also examine the contents of any open or closed containers found in the passenger compartment.. 453 U. S. at 460. *Belton* Court simply declared that the lawful custodial arrest justified any infringement of an arrestee's privacy rights. *Id.* at 460. This was the subject of my analysis of the *Gant* case.

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There was another aspect of the *Belton* case which the justices virtually ignored. They expressly declined to apply the “automobile exception.” In *Belton*, Trooper Nicot **smelled and then saw marijuana** in the suspects’ automobile. Thus, in *Belton* there was **probable cause to search the automobile** in question as well as its occupants.

The Automobile Exception Defined

The automobile exception basically states that warrantless searches of an automobile may be conducted where an officer has probable cause to believe that the vehicle contains evidence of an offense or contraband. *Carroll v. United States*, 267 U.S. 132 (1925) (whisky concealed behind a rumble seat). This is an independent basis for the search unrelated to an arrest of the occupants.

The *Carroll* Court explained that the warrantless search of an automobile is justified by the mobility of the vehicle which often made it impracticable to get a search warrant. Further decisions have also noted that, not only is an automobile more mobile than a stationary structure, there is also less of an expectation of privacy in automobiles.

“Mobile” and Motor Homes

The automobile exception also applies to other types of vehicles. For example, motor homes are motor vehicles if they can be moved easily. *California v. Carney* 471 U.S. 386 (1985). Large “mobile homes” that are constructed of segments and placed on foundations are likely not really mobile. A number of other factors are also relevant, including whether the vehicle is licensed, and whether it is connected to utilities. Searches of “static mobile” homes would clearly require a warrant, while searches of campers or Winnebagos clearly fall within the automobile exception.

Other Vehicles

Logically enough, the “automobile exception” has also been applied to trucks, *United States v. Johns*, 469 U.S. 478 (1985); trailers pulled by trucks, *United States v. Forrest*, 620 F.2d 446 (5th Cir. 1980); boats, *United States v. Lee*, 274 U.S. 559 (1927); house boats, *United States v. Hill*, 855 F.2d 664 (10th Cir. 1988); airplanes, *United States v. Nigro*, 727 F.2d 100, 106-07 (6th Cir. 1984) and *United States v. Montgomery*, 620 F.2d 753 (10th Cir. 1980); and the sleeping compartments of trains, *United States v. Tartaglia*, 864 F.2d 837, 841-43 (D.C. Cir. 1989) and *United States v. Whitehead*, 849 F.2d 849, 854 (4th Cir. 1988). See, “The Motor Vehicle Exception,” By Edward Hendrie, J.D. in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, August 2005, Volume 74, Number 8, published by the United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, DC 20535-0001

Closed Containers in Vehicles

Despite this rather straightforward analysis, some difficulties developed in applying the automobile exception particularly with regard to searching closed containers within motor vehicles.

In both *United States v. Chadwick*, 433 U.S. 1 (1977) and *Arkansas v. Sanders*, 442 U.S. 753 (1979), the Supreme Court held that, in the absence of exigent circumstances, police were required to obtain a warrant before searching luggage taken from an automobile properly stopped and searched for contraband.

The situation was somewhat different in *United States v. Ross*, 456 U.S. 798, 822-824 (1982) where police detectives had information that a man known as “Bandit” who was selling illegal narcotics stored in the trunk of his car. The informant gave the location of the car and a description of both car and driver. The detectives discovered the parked car, and called

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for a computer check on the car, which confirmed that the car's owner matched the description and used the alias "Bandit".

They then observed the car being driven by a man matching Bandit's description. They stopped the car and ordered the driver out. After noticing a bullet on the front seat, they searched the glove compartment and discovered a pistol, at which point they arrested Ross. A detective then opened the trunk and discovered a closed brown paper bag. Despite the *Chadwick* and *Sanders* cases, detectives opened the bag and found numerous bags containing heroin. During a later search, they also found and opened a zippered red leather pouch, which contained \$3,200 in cash. No warrant was obtained for any of these searches.

Examining the circumstances, the *Ross* Court found that previous precedent did not entirely apply to the situation at hand. In *Ross* there was no suitcase or "target container" that had been observed being placed in the car. Rather there was probable cause to believe that contraband was located somewhere in the car. Therefore, the Court reasoned that there was probable cause to search Ross' car and any containers within it.

In *California v. Acevedo*, 500 U.S. 565 (1991) The U.S. Supreme Court confronted the issue of whether warrantless search of **identified containers** within vehicles were valid under the Fourth Amendment. In *Acevedo*, police observed the suspect leave an apartment, known to contain marijuana, with a brown paper bag the size of marijuana packages they had seen earlier. The suspect placed the bag in his car's trunk. As he drove away, police officers stopped the car, opened the trunk and the bag, and found the marijuana. Acevedo's motion to suppress the marijuana was denied, and he pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana for sale.

Acevedo appealed on the basis that *Chadwick, Sanders* and related cases, prohibited the warrantless search of closed containers and that the evidence obtained as a result of the search of the paper bag should have been suppressed. The case eventually made its way to the Supreme Court which basically overturned *Chadwick and Sanders*, holding that a warrant was no longer required to search a container in a motor vehicle. Probable cause alone could support such a search.

Limitations Imposed by Acevedo

While it is well settled that a warrantless search of a motor vehicle is permitted under the Fourth Amendment, it is important to remember that probable cause to believe that a container placed in the trunk of a automobile contains contraband or evidence will not justify a search of the entire vehicle. *California v. Acevedo*, 500 U.S. 565 at 580 (1991) quoting, *United States v. Ross*, 456 U.S. 798 at 824 (1982).

Conclusion:

Thus, while probable cause to search a vehicle will support the search of a container within that vehicle, probable cause to search a container will not support a warrantless search of the entire vehicle. Despite this limitation an officer still has the right to search the vehicle under any other applicable exception to the warrant requirement. Finally, as in the *Gant* case, officers may search automobiles where issues of officer safety and the preservation of evidence are involved.

GIGGLES

Santa Claus Converts to Judaism
MIAMI BEACH, FLA - [TheKnish.com]

Exhausted and overworked from a frantic 2008, and not looking forward to a more frantic 2009, Santa Claus has decided to convert to Judaism to lessen his workload and decrease his stress. Mr. Claus's first inkling that Judaism was his new intended path was when he was unloading one particularly heavy bag

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of gifts and muttered "Oy Oy Oy!" instead of "Ho Ho Ho!" Santa took this as divine inspiration and began some serious reflection on the matter. Mr. Claus sat down at his desk in the North Pole and itemized the benefits of bringing toys to Jewish children. Most obvious was that there were much less children to service, approximately 3,000,000 Jewish children, as opposed to almost 500,000,000 Christian children. The next obvious benefit was that he had eight days of Hanukah to deliver all of these gifts instead of jamming the entire shipment into one night, which constantly required the already weary Santa to travel at the speed of light to accomplish the task. Finally, the straw that broke the reindeer's back was the realization that Jewish households had far more delicious cuisine to offer. Pastrami, Corned Beef, knishes and the like are more palatable than the milk and cookies he got bored of after the second century. Circumcision won't be necessary for Santa, because that's already been taken of in a freak accident involving frostbite after getting stuck in a tight chimney. Santa has left the frigid, brutal confines of the North Pole and has begun his toy shop anew in the sunny climes of Miami Beach, Florida. He has fired all of those annoying elves and replaced them with nice Jewish retirees from New York. The last piece of the puzzle is legally changing his name to something more in line with his new ethnic atmosphere. Beginning this Hanukkah 5770, Santa Claus will heretofore be known as the Clausenburger Rebbe.

Chanukah

Dear Family & Friends:

In our egalitarian society it is important to make and understand distinctions.

To help us in this endeavor, especially at this time of the year, it seems that it is most apropos for this oldie to make the rounds.

Please read and become enlightened.

1. Christmas is one day, same day every year, December 25. Jews also love December 25th. It's another paid day off work. We go to movies and out for Chinese food and Israeli dancing. Chanukah is 8 days. It starts the evening of the 24th of Kislev, whenever that falls. No one is ever sure. Jews never know until a non-Jewish friend asks when Chanukah

starts, forcing us to consult a calendar so we don't look like idiots. We all have the same calendar, provided free with a donation from either the World Jewish Congress, the kosher butcher, or the local Sinai Memorial Chapel (especially in Florida) or other Jewish funeral home.

2. Christmas is a major holiday. Chanukah is a minor holiday with the same theme as most Jewish holidays. They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat.

3. Christians get wonderful presents such as jewelry, perfume, stereos...Jews get practical presents such as underwear, socks, or the collected works of the Rambam, which looks impressive on the bookshelf.

4. There is only one way to spell Christmas. No one can decide how to spell Chanukah, Chanukkah, Chanukka, Channukah, Hanukah, Hannukah, etc.

5. Christmas is a time of great pressure for husbands and boyfriends. Their partners expect special gifts. Jewish men are relieved of that burden. No one expects a diamond ring on Chanukah.

6. Christmas brings enormous electric bills. Candles are used for Chanukah. Not only are we spared enormous electric bills, but we get to feel good about not contributing to the energy crisis.

7. Christmas carols are beautiful...Silent Night, Come All Ye Faithful....Chanukah songs are about dreidels made from clay or having a party and dancing the hora. Of course, we are secretly pleased that many of the beautiful carols were composed and written by our tribal brethren. And don't Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond sing them beautifully?

8. A home preparing for Christmas smells wonderful. The sweet smell of cookies and cakes baking. Happy people are gathered around in festive moods. A home preparing for Chanukah smells of oil, potatoes, and onions. The home, as always, is full of loud people all talking at once.

9. Women have fun baking Christmas cookies. Women burn their eyes and cut their hands grating potatoes and onions for latkas on Chanukah. Another reminder of our suffering through the ages.

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10. Parents deliver gifts to their children during Christmas. Jewish parents have no qualms about withholding a gift on any of the eight nights.

11. The players in the Christmas story have easy to pronounce names such as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. The players in the Chanukah story are Antiochus, Judah Maccabee, and Matta whatever. No one can spell it or pronounce it. On the plus side, we can tell our friends anything and they believe we are wonderfully versed in our history.

12. Many Christians believe in the virgin birth. Jews think, "Joseph, Bubela, snap out of it. Your woman is pregnant, you didn't sleep with her, and now you want to blame G-d. Here's the number of my shrink."

13. In recent years, Christmas has become more and more commercialized. The same holds true for Chanukah, even though it is a minor holiday. It makes sense. How could we market a major holiday such as Yom Kippur? Forget about celebrating. Think observing. Come to synagogue, starve yourself for 27 hours, become one with your dehydrated soul, beat your chest, confess your sins, a guaranteed good time for you and your family. Tickets a mere \$200 per person.

Better stick with Chanukah!

Some news you may have missed!

Continuing the current trend of large-scale mergers and acquisitions, it was announced today at a press conference that Christmas and Hanukkah will merge. An industry source said that the deal had been in the works about 1300 years.

While details were not available at press time, it is believed that the overhead cost of having twelve days of Christmas and eight days of Hanukkah was becoming prohibitive for both sides. By combining forces, we're told, the world will be able to enjoy consistently high-quality service during the Fifteen Days of Chrismukah, as the new holiday is being called.

Massive layoffs are expected, with lords a-leaping and maids a-milking being the hardest hit.

As part of the conditions of the agreement, the letters

on the dreidl, currently in Hebrew, will be replaced by Latin, thus becoming unintelligible to a wider audience. Also, instead of translating to "A great miracle happened there," the message on the dreidl will be the more generic: "Miraculous stuff happens." In exchange, it is believed that Jews will be allowed to use Santa Claus and his vast merchandising resources for buying and delivering their gifts.

One of the sticking points holding up the agreement for at least three hundred years was the question of whether Jewish children could leave milk and cookies for Santa even after having eaten meat for dinner. A breakthrough came last year, when Oreos were finally declared to be Kosher. All sides appeared happy about this.

Fortunately for all concerned, he said, Kwanzaa will help to maintain the competitive balance. He then closed the press conference by leading all present in a rousing rendition of "Oy Vey, All Ye Faithful.

Hanukkah Joke

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Hanukkah cards. She says to the clerk: "May I have 50 Hanukkah stamps?"

"What denomination?" says the clerk.

The woman answers: "Oy vey my G-d, has it come to this? Okay, give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform."

What It Means to be Jewish

As a general principle, Jewish holidays are divided between days on which you must starve and days on which you must overeat.

Many Jews observe no fewer than 16 fasts throughout the Jewish year, based on the time-honored principle that even if you are sure that you are ritually purified, you definitely aren't.

Though there are many feasts and fasts, there are no holidays requiring light snacking.

Note: Unlike Christians, who simply attend church on special days (e.g., Ash Wednesday), on Jewish holidays most Jews take the whole day off. This is

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because Jews, for historical and personal reasons, are more stressed out.

The Diet Guide to the Jewish Holidays:

Rosh Hashanah ----- Feast
Tzom Gedalia ----- Fast
Yom Kippur ----- More fasting
Sukkot ----- Feast for a week +
Hashanah Rabbah ----- More feasting
Simchat Torah ----- Keep right on feasting
Month of Heshvan ----- No feasts or fasts for a whole month. Get a grip on yourself.
Hanukkah ----- Eat potato pancakes
Tenth of Tevet ----- Do not eat potato pancakes
Tu B'Shevat ----- Feast
Fast of Esther ----- Fast
Purim ----- Eat pastry
Passover ----- Do not eat pastry for a week
Shavuot ----- Dairy feast (cheesecake, blintzes, etc.)
17th of Tammuz ----- Fast (definitely no cheesecake or blintzes)
Tish B'Av ----- Serious fast (don't even think about cheesecake or blintzes)
Month of Elul ----- End of cycle. Enroll in Center for Eating Disorders before High Holidays arrive again

Chanukah Songs that Never Quite Caught on:

Oy to the World Schlepping through a Winter Wonderland
Matzo Man (by the Lower East Side Village People)
Come on Baby Light my Menorah
Deck the Halls with Balls of Matzos
Silent Night? I Should Be So Lucky

The Beggars

Two beggars are sitting side by side on a street in Rome. One has a Cross in front of him, the other one the Star of David. Many people go by and look at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the Cross.

A priest comes by, stops and watches throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the Cross, but none give to the beggar behind the Star of David. Finally, the priest goes over to the beggar behind the Star of David and says, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism...People aren't going to give

money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a Cross. In fact, they would probably give to him just out of spite."

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest, turned to the other beggar with the Cross and said: 'Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing!'

Evening Prayers

When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, he realized he didn't have his head covered...so he asked his little brother Henry to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over. Henry grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand. The father said, "This is important...put your hand back on his head!" to which Henry exclaimed, "What, am I my brother's kipah?"

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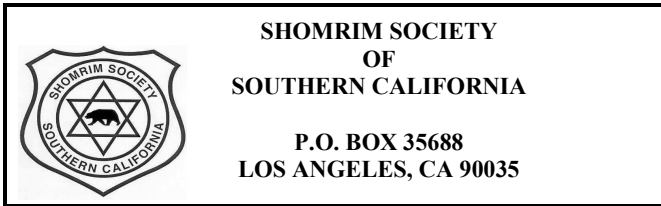
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