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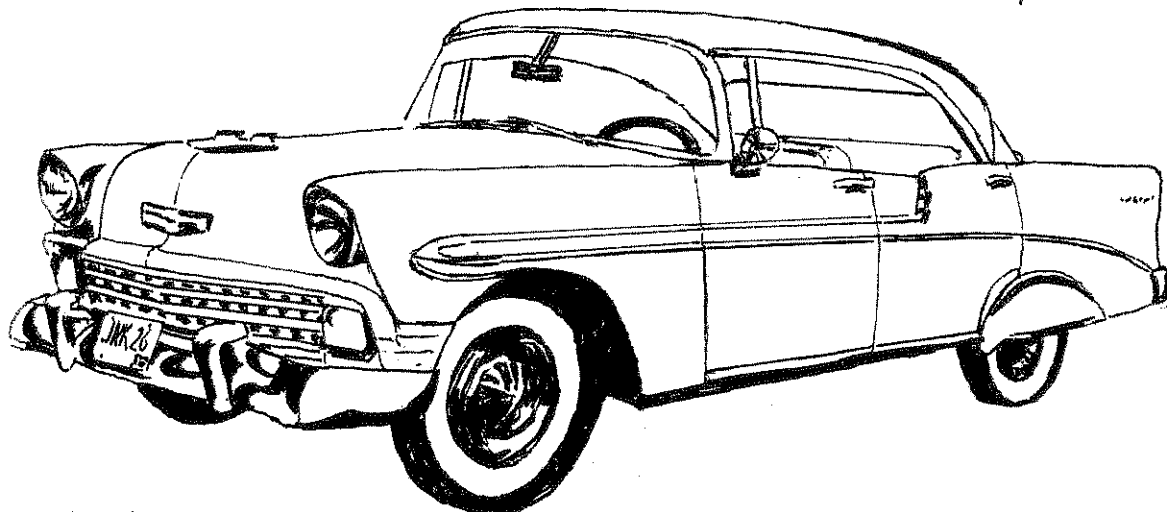
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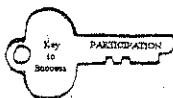
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Dear Friends,

Who knew that Rob Cohen could play a guitar and sing, not me! I thought he could only sing. Ok, I know it was a prop, and thanks to the great craftspeople on the crew for their terrific creations. "The show was terrific except for the nudity". Now that I have your attention let me tell you about those Patio Players. All their months of practice, selflessly giving up time with family and friends, or just plain doing nothing but relaxing, really paid off.

The creator of the show director Mark Lord out did himself. This was no small task, but being the insightful director, actor and teacher that he is, Mark brought to our stage a performance second to none. Together with everyone's help and determination the audience was treated to a creative and entertaining experience. The Patio Players are proud to call Mark Lord "Director and Friend".

The "live" Patio Player performance concept was brought back to the PJC Men's Club under the Presidency of Michael Brooks. We also know that without Rob Cohen's drive and resilience behind the scene, PJC was treated to three years of fabulous performances. Yasher Koach to Michael Brooks for his foresight and to Rob Cohen and to the cast for making every performance worth attending.

A special note of thanks goes to a dear friend of Men's Club, **Steve Rubinfeld**, for the magnificent job he did on creating the Show's PLAYBILL- Yasher Koach Steve and thank you again for all your hard work!

Men's Club produces the Show as a Fund-raiser. If you cannot attend donate your ticket back to Men's Club. Your purchase will raise money for the Temple and will also provide an opportunity for a Hatzilu recipient to enjoy a lovely evening at PJC. As we used to say in the '80s "TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT!".

You will find an **Urgent Notice** on page 7 from the administration of the Hatzilu Rescue Organization. Please do everything you can to meet the needs of this wonderful charity.

Don't miss our Men's Club Classic Cars meeting on May 31st Memorial Day at 12 noon, see cover for more details!

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Morty Gruber

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From the Desk of Robert A. Cohen President PJC Men's Club...



May 2010

Shalom.

I hope you all had a wonderful Pesach and Seders. As I write this article I the middle of the week between the four performances of "Don't Judge A Play by Its Title". I hope you had enjoyed the production which will have been am in finished at the time of this Hakol printing. This year's production marked the third consecutive year that the PJC Men's Club has revived its standard staged performance with our own Temple and community members. I am proud to say that the efforts made to bring you this production represent much research, planning and creation. There are people in this Temple that step up when there is a need to accomplish goals. There are many individuals that actually do things that are way beyond the expectations of regular community theater. The lighting and sound are at a professional scale. We owe gratitude to Scott Haimes for his long distance planning, Mark Klayman for his professional contacts and Lenny Marks for his skills and artistry in theater and photography. Thank you also to our Theater Manager Mark Hochberg. This is his first year in this position and he has done his best, without complaint. He is what you think when you say team player. He is dedicated to the whole Men's Club and this is just a sample of what he can do. Of course thanks again to the Stage Manager Steven Adelman for doing what he does best and more.

As President of Men's Club and Executive Producer of this play, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all involved, without which this show would not have been, a reality. I would also like to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed their time and effort to this wonderful endeavor. My special thanks to the Associate Producers: Alan Hodes, Michael Brooks and Mark Klayman. Thank you to Michael Prospect for managing the tickets I also would like to express my deep gratitude to the production grip staff including but not limited to Joe Schinz, Dr. Craig Herman, Mike Greenberg, Stu Haimes our cast, stage crew, set construction, lighting and audio crews, and to Jeff Miller who diligently works to print the Playbill each year. Special thanks to Arnie Cooper for his fantastic artwork and to Sir Ruby aka Steve Rubinfeld for using his expertise and talent on the computer to produce Playbill this year. Thanks to my wife Roberta Cohen for the cast refreshments and costume planning. Also appreciation to Shea Lerner, for his press releases, enabling us to get the word out to our community and beyond. Special recognition also, to the PJC President Barbara Greenberg and the whole Temple Board for their concern and support of this important Men's Club function.

Last month we sent out the Yom Hashoa Candles and thank you to Tom Atlas for chairing this program and providing the personal touch he is known to put forward. The Temple's Yom Hashoah program was very interesting and our sanctuary was the filled to capacity. I hope you did not miss it.

With grateful appreciation and satisfaction I ask you to please patronize our sponsors in Hakol and if you have a copy of our Playbill visit the advertisers and tell them you saw their ad and thanks for their support. Without their support we could not have made the show happen. They have financially given to Men's Club to help us help us support Plainview Jewish Center.

Watch for the new program "Hearing Men's Voices". It is another great Men's Club program that is coming soon to PJC. Come down and help out. Let me know some of your programming suggestions. Men's Club will try to accommodate you. These programs are for you, our congregation.

Please remember or Job Network Corner. Men's Club will do all it can to help put people and potential employers together. Whatever your field or specialty contact us if you are in the job search market or even better if you have a position to offer. If you have secure employment and want to help out, just let me know if you are interested in networking. We need contacts in all fields of employment. We will do our best to create the network needed to bring you together.

For information on any and all of the programs of our Men's Club you can reach me through my email address: coneheads1@optonline.net or speak with any Men's Club member.

Thanks again to all my Executive Board for making this job easier to serve you.

Robert

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

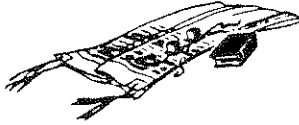
— Winston Churchill

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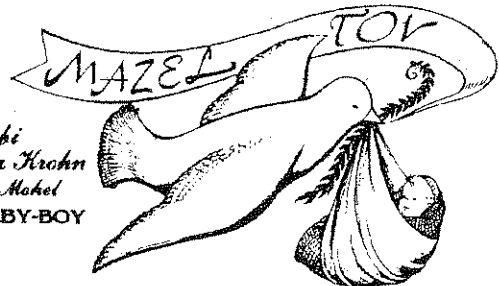
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Although Pop and you are gone we still talk and reminisce. Remember the time you gave Richie my baseball glove because he was crying and he didn't have one. It was the only one I had, and Mom nobody can make the potted meat the way you did or the potatoe things with the chopped liver packed on the inside. You couldn't give anyone the recipe because you made them by eye testing and taste.

I didn't know that my kids visit you and Pop at the cemetery because they also still talk to you. It came out at dinner at the house the other day.

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My Friend the President and Avie

Author: Murray Weintraub

Preface – Al Baker

Since I started writing articles for Hakol I've had several people approach me with their own fascinating stories. I encouraged one friend to write his story, which was based on true facts and history so that I could submit it to Hakol. When he hesitated I offered my services to put his story into words and he accepted. However, in consideration for the privacy of the individuals concerned I agreed that all names and places would be changed. ----- I found his story worthy of sharing with persons having similar backgrounds to my own and my friend Murray Weintraub.

If by President you think I'm talking about Obama, you're absolutely wrong, it's someone much more important, to me! For as far back as I can remember he was there. We were childhood friends. We knew each other's families almost as well as we knew our own. Most of our friends understood Yiddish and spoke a few words but he was unique. He spoke the mama-lushion as though he was brought up in the old country and had just got off the boat from Poland. Like a politician, he understood how to impress our parents with the spoken "Yiddish" word – for a seven year old they found that very amusing.

His mother resembled Molly Goldberg in many ways but instead of yoo hoo from the fourth floor window it was " Benny you forgot to take your lunch or its raining come up and take your rubbers", of course it was all said in Yiddish. His brother, who I knew as Avie, was tall, well built and athletic. He was even more fluent in Yiddish than Ben and in addition he also spoke Polish and Hebrew. He was an ardent Zionist and was preparing with a group of friends to go to Palestine. On weekends they frequently would go to a camp in Hightstown, NJ to develop a better understanding of what pioneering in Palestine would be like. These plans were interrupted in December 1941 when Pearl Harbor was attacked. In a short time he and many of the neighborhood boys were drafted and off to different parts of the world. His girlfriend, who I knew as JoAnn was also a Zionist and was preparing to go to Palestine. These plans were interrupted and it was to be a long time before they saw each other again.

In the meantime we were in our early teens and were too busy playing stickball in the streets to understand the implications of what was going on in Europe and Palestine. I followed every letter from Avie and we worried when they suddenly stopped. We watched the news as the Allies landed on the coast of France and it was some time until a letter was again received to tell us that Avie was a part of the landing near Normandy and was now safe and with part of an Allied expedition moving swiftly across France into Germany. He was now on the border of Austria and Italy and because of his linguistic skills he had been assigned to a special group administering services to refugees. Many were fearful of returning to their former homes in eastern Europe and had been guided by partisans toward the small town of Tarvisio, Italy where there were rumors of Jewish soldiers from Palestine as well as international agencies offering alternatives to the desperation they were now experiencing. Because of his knowledge of Yiddish and Polish, Avie had been assigned to establish contact with the refugees and insure that proper policy was established.

Time passed and back in the US our boys were arriving home every day but there was no sign of Avie and no letters. His family inquired with the military authorities to establish the whereabouts of their son but there was no immediate response and then that dreaded letter. "We are sorry to inform you that your son Abraham Ratner is missing in action" It did not make sense.

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Urgent Message!

Hatzilu Means Rescue, and they need our help now!

Hatzilu is reaching out to our community for help. This worthy organization has been assisting impoverished and needy Jews throughout Nassau County for many years. Volunteer social workers help elderly Jews obtain the government benefits to which they are entitled and food is provided to the hungry. Hatzilu maintains the largest kosher food warehouse in Nassau County and volunteers deliver food to people who need it desperately. The warehouse is in dire need of canned goods and nonperishable foods. Donations of these products would help restock the shelves that are almost bare. Hatzilu appreciates all money donations as well. For your convenience we will place a food collection box by the main entrance of our Synagogue. Thanks in advance for helping those in need. For further information about Hatzilu, please go to:

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As a reminder, besides your dropping off nonperishable foods at the Synagogue and making monetary donations to Hatzilu please remember to send a **Hatzilu Certificate** in place of a store bought greeting card to friends and neighbors. This is an ideal way to express a "Simcha" or "Sympathy" and to help our fellow Jews, the elderly and those in need. You can contact Manny Rubin at Ejrimr@aol.com or call him at 822-2388 to send out these certificates. Additional information can also be found in the Hakol on page 18.

Our PJC Men's Club has been actively involved with Hatzilu for over 30 years and our mission has always been to help Hatzilu in any way possible. Cans of tuna and donations are collected at every PJC Men's Club meeting so we can help meet the needs of the **Hatzilu Rescue Organization**. We are counting on your help. Thank You!

My Friend the President and Avie

You may be wondering about the title of my story "My Friend the President" so bear with me if I jump a few years into the future to approximately 1954. My friend Ben surprised me by becoming an outstanding student, graduating from LIU and then on to UCLA, graduating with honors. Of all things, he had become an intellectual. I found it hard to believe, he was now a Professor of English and an author and then the books started to arrive, I was still high on his list to shepherd and receive the first copies of his latest books - the "Complete Tales of Alexander Olevetsky", the "The Golden Era of Russian Literature", the "Modern Library Series of the Life of Anna Pinurovitch" ----- It was all far beyond my limited intellect, after all I was just a mere engineer. Ben, I said to him, "If I ever thought you would become a famous author it would have been in the style of Saul Bellow or Philip Roth". But no he said, "that is not my style". The boy from Brooklyn had graduated to a new level of intellectualism but he was still my best buddy.

Suddenly one day in 1947 a young man came to visit Ben's parents. He represented an organization in Palestine and related the following story. Avie had been working with Jewish refugees in the town of Tarvisio, Italy when he met with a group of soldiers from the Palestinian Jewish Brigade who had been fighting alongside the British army. Many of the soldiers were Yiddish speaking eastern European Jews. Avie became very friendly with this group who coincidentally, he was responsible for monitoring. He conveniently looked the other way while units of the Brigade moved freely across the borders into Austria and Romania searching for Jewish refugees and transported them to the boot of Italy, where boats were ready to run the British blockade into Palestine.

He experienced an epiphany one day when he observed a commander of the Brigade speaking to a large number of refugees in a pasture. For the first time they saw within own eyes Jewish soldiers in the uniforms of the Jewish Brigade and the British and US Armies. They stared at the blue and white shoulder flash and the Star of David emblems and they wept. The commander of the Jewish Brigade exclaimed, "There is a life ahead of you and a home awaiting you in Palestine"

It was shortly after this experience that he freely decided to change his clothes to that of the refugee wardrobe and since he spoke both Polish and Yiddish was able to blend easily within their midst. Once he was on the boat it was easy for him to change into the uniform of the Palestinian Jewish Brigade. He was unable to write or communicate without revealing his whereabouts and expose himself to the authorities. It may have been in bad judgment but he now had to live with his decisions.

Avie was now a member of the Palestinian Jewish Brigade and participated throughout 1948 in the war of Independence and the creation of Israel. In 1949 the war of independence had ended and Avie sent a message through visitors that it was safe for the family to visit him in Israel. It was a heart-wrenching visit to again see their son after having accepted the belief that they never would see him again. It was an extraordinary visit seeing the new state of Israel for the first time as the family of Colonel Avraham Ben Tzvi (his new name) and hearing the unbelievable stories that Avie related to them. ---- But that yet is another story. Avie had a new identity and I can only tell you that Jo-Anna had joined him but because of her father's illness and family pressure in 1946 she left Palestine and returned to Brooklyn without being able to return again. Heartbroken, Avie had no choice but to remain in Eretz Yisroel.

Now back to the future in 1972 and "my friend - the President". Yes, I said President. He was now being inaugurated as the President of a college in California. It's the day of his inauguration and we are all there, my wife Hilda and myself and the whole mishpucha. Ben now proceeds to the podium and he starts to speak, "This is a wonderful day for myself, my family, colleagues and good friends. In particular my best childhood friend from Brooklyn who has shared every moment of my career with me is here today. I shocked him when he saw me become an English Professor and now the President of a college. - Moishe, will you please come up to the platform and sit next to me." All eyes were suddenly focused upon me. I rose sheepishly and proceeded to the front of the room and took a seat on the platform, apparently set aside for me next to where Ben would sit after his inauguration speech. To say the least, Ben was unusual; he did what he wanted, when he wanted, no matter what anybody thought.

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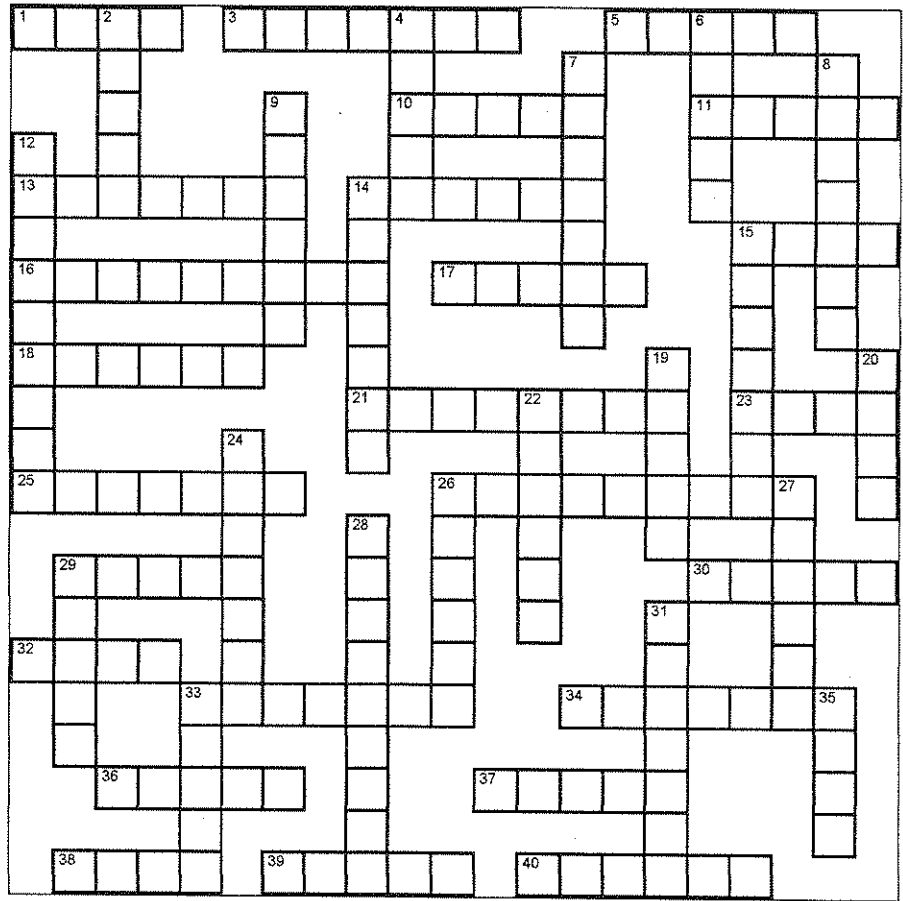
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- 15 Dr. Jonas __, of polio fame
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- 17 Murray Perahia's instrument
- 18 1967 war
- 21 Hank Greenberg sport
- 23 *L'Chaim*: To ___
- 25 Doorpost object
- 26 English *Shoah*
- 29 Psychoanalysis founder
- 30 Israeli resort area
- 32 Israeli dance
- 33 Wedding canopy
- 34 David's Philistine foe
- 36 Synagogue platform
- 37 Holocaust author, ___ Levi
- 38 Dayan's daughter
- 39 Nobel peace prize winner, Shimon
- 40 Genesis dreamer



- 9 Judith of sad *Challenger* fame
- 12 Israeli Holocaust memorial
- 14 Site of Uganda hostage rescue
- 15 Dead Sea ___
- 19 Israeli Hebrew class
- 20 Author Uris
- 22 Saul ___ wrote *Herzog*
- 24 Mourners' prayer
- 26 World War II parachutist, ___ Szenes
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- 28 Conductor Otto
- 29 Noah experienced it
- 31 English *Baruch Habah*
- 33 Negev animal
- 35 *Hatikvah*: The ___

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- 2 Ten Plagues country
- 4 Ethiopian immigration: Operation ___
- 6 *Akeida*, binding of ___
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The rabbi grabbed Moishe by the hand, pulled him aside and whispered these words at him: *"You need to join the Army of God!"*

Moishe replied: *"I'm already in the Army of God, Rabbi."*

The rabbi questioned: *"How come I don't see you except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?"*

Moishe whispered back: *"I'm in the secret service."*

The PJC Men's Club Board & Members wish to extend a

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- To -

Joan Brown

(Wife of Hy Brown)

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It was just a few months ago that I visited with Ben, now retired but still writing books on a daily basis. I visited with my sister, who he knew as a child and we had a grand time. Of course, I asked him about Avie who is now 89 years old. "You want to know, then ask him yourself but be patient he's not exactly the Avie you may remember." Before I knew what was happening he had dialed a phone number in Israel and I was on the phone with Avie. I heard a rather weak voice on the other side of the phone, "This is Moishe speaking " - I said - he also called me by that name. "Do you remember who I am?" He replied, "Its been a long time but Ben speaks of you often -
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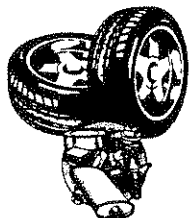

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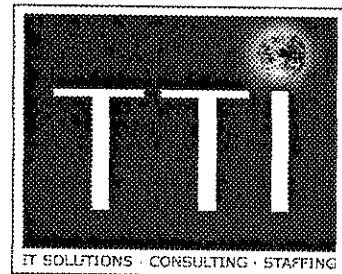
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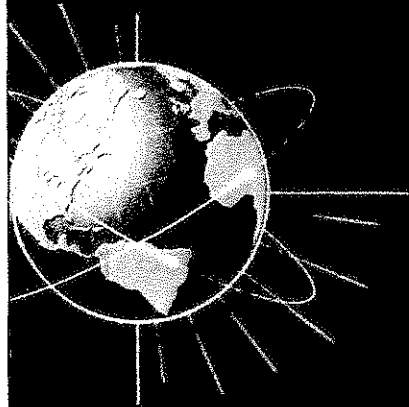
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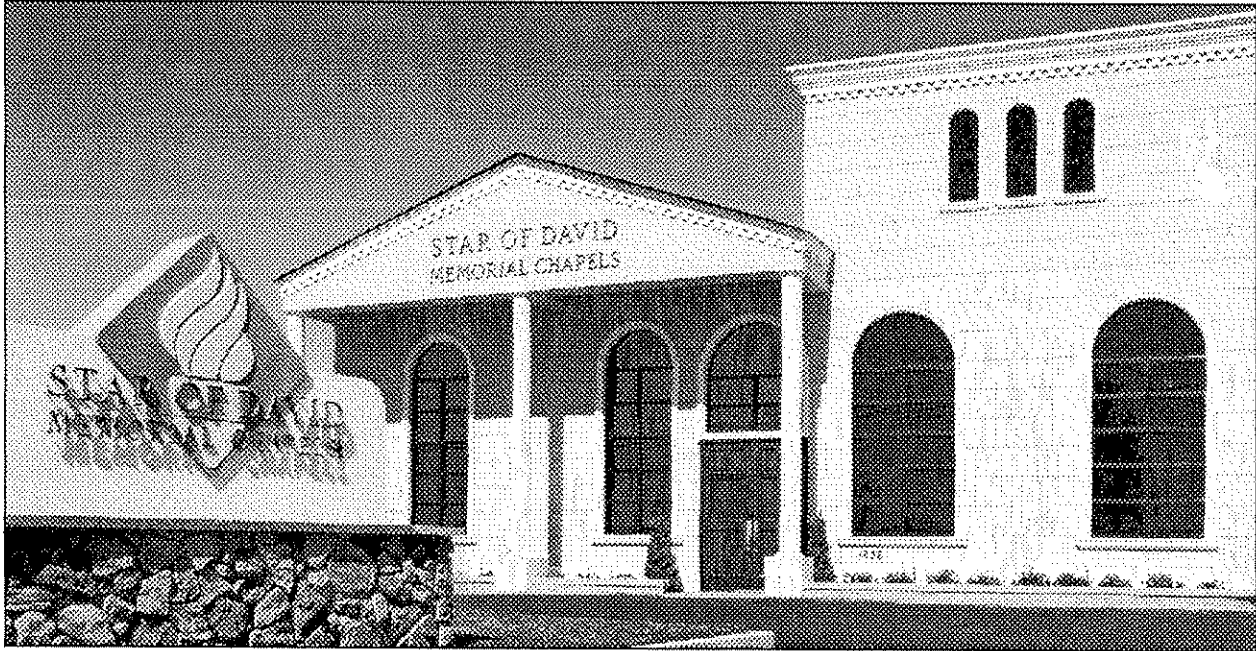
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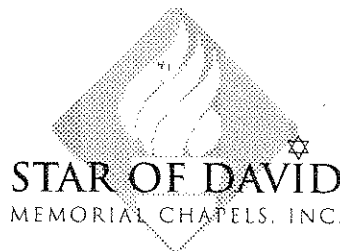
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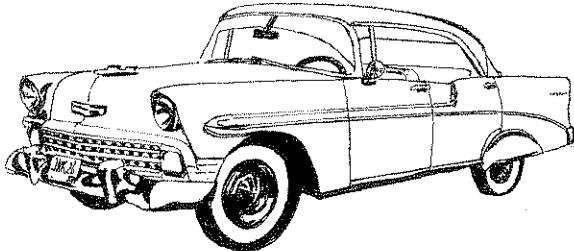
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