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By MIKE COHEN

LAS VEGAS – Would you believe that Las Vegas (www.lasvegastourism.com) is the fastest growing Jewish community in the United States? There are over 70,000 Jews and 19 synagogues and many Jewish organizations in the area, as well as Jewish delis and kosher restaurants. Many larger markets feature kosher fresh meats and kosher food sections. There are also two Las Vegas Jewish newspapers. Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman is Jewish. She succeeded her husband, Oscar. Thousands of Jews reportedly relocate to Las Vegas every year. There are many Jewish activities and social events that bind the Las Vegas Jewish com-

munity together. Last January, the 14th annual Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival took place, providing insight into Jewish identity, history, and culture, and promoting solidarity with Israel and the remembrance of the Holocaust.

EIFFEL TOWER EXPERIENCE: The Paris Hotel, right next to Planet Hollywood, is also a Caesar's property. Two members of our party had been to Paris, France and went to the top of the real Eiffel Tower. We just had to do the same in Las Vegas. An icon of the city skyline, the high-altitude Paris Hotel Eiffel Tower Experience attraction is located 46 stories up and is a half scale replica of the world-famous Paris landmark. The observation deck features 360 degree city views and knowledgeable ambassadors point out Las Vegas landmarks. Admission prices range from \$10 to \$19 depending on the day and time you visit. You can call 1-888- 266-5687 for more information or log on to <http://www.parislasvegas.com/things-to-do/eiffel-tower>.

HELICOPTER JUST MAVERICK: Here is an experience we strongly recommend. The Eiffel Tower is one way to see Las Vegas. Climbing aboard a helicopter is another. Maverick Helicopters (www.maverick-aviationgroup.com) offer an unforgettable 12 to 15 minute ride, departing from

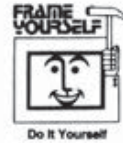
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the Las Vegas terminal. A complimentary shuttle provides transportation and from hotels within five miles of the Strip so that was incredibly convenient for our party. Make sure to bring a camera, photo ID (for anyone 18 years or older). The helicopters are equipped with seven leather passenger seats plus one for the pilot. The seating arrangement is determined by the pilot based on the passengers' weights. Maverick's VIP check-in lounges are located on the Strip, only minutes away from the hotels, and at the Henderson Executive Airport, just 15 minutes from the city. The cost is \$124 a person. Upon arrival you will enjoy a fabulous glass of champagne. Their big draws are trips to the Grand Canyon, something which is at the top of our "to do" list for any future visit. Our contact was Bryan Kroten, vice-president of marketing and a proud member of the Las Vegas Jewish community.

BODIES AND TITANIC EXHIBITIONS: We strongly recommend you take the time to visit two spectacular visits at the

Luxor in Las Vegas: Bodies and the Titanic. Experienced by more than 15 million people worldwide, Bodies...The Exhibition offers an intimate and informative view into the human body. Using an innovative preservation process, the Exhibition allows visitors to see the human body's inner beauty in educational and awe-inspiring ways. The Exhibition features over 200 actual human bodies and specimens meticulously dissected and respectfully displayed, offering an unprecedented and wholly unique view into the amazing body. Meanwhile, if you loved the 1997 movie "Titanic," then the Titanic exhibit at the Luxor will blow you away. Featuring more than 300 artifacts, as well as breathtaking replicas from the famous ship, the Titanic exhibit truly brings history to life. The exhibit features 20 never-before-seen artifacts including gaming chips, passenger papers and even decorative sections from Titanic's famous Grand Staircase. In addition to artifacts, the exhibit also features amazing replicas from the

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Titanic. Hours of operation for both exhibits are daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$32 per person. The last admission is sold at 9 p.m.

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Gaza-based Association of Muslim Scholars, says the ruling actually shows the strength of Hamas.

ruling has provided a free advertising campaign on behalf of Hamas, as those who have not yet learned

"The recent court's

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HAMAS OUTRAGED

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serves the interests of the Zionist entity (Israel)," Yehya Alabdsa, a local leading figure of Hamas told The Media Line. "The Zionists are surely happy for such a ruling and I believe that they now consider the leader of the coup in Egypt, Egyptian president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, as a national hero."

the two left at least 2100 Palestinians dead, along with 72 Israelis, mostly soldiers.

"Our enemy remains the Zionist occupation and once the Zionists attempt to attack us, we will point our guns against the Zionists, themselves," he said. "I do believe that the Egyptian society cannot be misled by the court ruling and that the people there understand that our party is a national Palestinian movement that is only dedicated for the liberation of Palestine."

Alabdsa believed that though the ruling is "quite dangerous", Egypt's military will not take any action against Hamas. He said Hamas' main enemy remains Israel, after last summer's fighting between

A leading imam in Gaza, Younis Alastal, of the

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