

**COUPLE VISITS JERUSALEM**

# Holy Land Tours Reflect Religious Differences

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is another in a series of dispatches to The Eccentric from Donald Dennis and his wife Margaret, as they make a seven-month trip around the world. Dennis teaches art at Bloomfield Hills High School; his wife is a visiting teacher in the same school system. The following letter was written after their visit to the Holy Land.

The Holy Land today is much the same as it is described in the Bible with a few extra thrown in to update it and make it more convenient for the tourist or pilgrim. The visitors to this little kingdom of Jordan are its main industry so they are treated well. In spite of its recent internal difficulties we were given complete freedom. As a matter of fact, there was a 17 hour curfew imposed on everyone except the tourist who was free to move about at any time.

**HEADQUARTERS** for us was the new YMCA building, and it

was one recommendation given that delighted us and facilitated our stay.

Our location was right against the Mandelbaum Gate. From the rooftop we could overlook the Israeli side, and a few meters down the street was the Damascus Gate, main entrance to the old city. Immediately upon arrival Margaret and I went down the road and into the old city. Our heads were swimming with names and places familiar to us from our Sunday school lessons and Bible readings, and we were anxious to see them all.

IT WASN'T long, however, before we realized that a guide was a necessary evil if we were ever to find our way through the twisted, narrow streets.

Not only are the streets narrow, but also the opinions and outlooks of the various sects and religious organizations who lay claim to the most holy shrines to all Christians.

Occasionally there is agreement between groups as to exact locations of the events in Christ's life, but we were disturbed to find two shrines on opposite corners of the city to indicate where the Resurrection took place.

There are several locations for the Shepherd's Cave, one of which was recently discovered, and new claims are being made periodically

on such areas as these.

**THE MONEY** changers of Christ's time have taken on a new look and have converted their tables to cages.

These cages are surrounded by an array of items to appeal to the tourist. The Damascus Gate, past cars, religious relics, banners, junk jewelry, c.o.b.s., foodstuffs, pencils, etc., all combine to make the entrance to the Damascus Gate take on the appearance of the county fair.

The only relief from this first impression is the dress and mannerisms of the inhabitants of Jordan. The donkeys the flocks of sheep, the long headresses and robes familiar to the Arab world, both past and present, veiled women and bearded men were in abundance.

**EVERY NOOK** was occupied by men selling loaves of bread, fruits and nuts or freshly fried local delicacies. When not busy they would relax by smoking their water pipes.

As you go deeper into the city, it becomes more apparent that time has done little to altar the medieval effect of this picturesque city.

Our experience with the guides (YMCA approved and quite capable) was one both to enlighten us and to broaden our outlook as to

the importance of the many shrines.

**OUR FIRST GUIDE** was a Christian and he led us through the 11 stations along the Via Dolorosa from the condemnation to the crucifixion with much reverence in his voice. We were exposed to the whole city as to its importance to Christians and such places as the Aqua Mosque and the Dome of the Rock were of little import.

On our trip out of the city to Jericho, the Dead Sea and the River Jordan we were given the same guide and the same outlook.

**OUR NEXT informant** was a Moslem and on our journey to Hebron and Bethlehem we were told of the importance of these shrines to the Arabs. The Dome of the Rock is second to Mecca as a religious shrine and the tombs of Abraham and Rebecca and subject to all Moslems, as is the location of the birth of the Prophet Jesus at Bethlehem.

After our whirlwind of tours, we took some time to relax and preview on our own, all that we were seeing. We again went into the city and wandered through the various shrines to contemplate the amazing amount of religious activity that had transpired in such a small area.

**HERE IN TINY Jordan** began the tribes of Israel and the Arab world and Christianity. Here the town of Jerusalem has felt the invader (Roman, Turk, Crusader, Moslem, Zionist, etc.) many times and still has survived as the most revered spot in the world.

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## Tour Leads to Studios Of Artists, Sculptors

The Artists and Architecture tour, on the sixth annual Birmingham Arts Festival calendar for June 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., offers a unique opportunity to see and appreciate several distinguished area residences as well as the studios and works in progress of six prominent artists.

Co-chairmen of the tour are Mrs. Robert P. McLean and Mrs. Robert A. Thom.

Mrs. Charles F. Stein, 6887 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Township, is ticket chairman for this event.

**THE COMBINATION** of participants for the tour will guide participants to a contemporary home designed by Meath-Kessler and Associates, which received an Architectural Record magazine citation as one of 20 outstanding houses in the nation for 1960; an elegantly restored 100-year-old home with a secluded garden and

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**ASSISTING WITH** tour arrangements and serving as hostesses at the eleven locations in the tour will be Mrs. Hugh Auch, Mrs. Donald E. Adams, Mrs. James G. Balmer, Mrs. Jack B. Baldwin, Mrs. J. V. Birch, Mrs. Douglas S. Brown, Mrs. George Carmic, Mrs. A. O. Childs, Mrs. J. C. Estor, Mrs. Julius J. Harwood, Mrs. Walter P. Herk, Mrs. Peter L. Jensen, Mrs. William L. Kahn, Mrs. Herma L. Link, Mrs. James M. McHugh, Mrs. Richard L. Munday, Mrs. J. N. Nadeau, Mrs. Larry B. Norton, Mrs. Carl C. Quaimann, Mrs. Eliot Robinson, Mrs. Carl D. Rogers, Mrs. Philip H. Rothwell, Mrs. W. D. Sawyer, Mrs. Leroy Small, Mrs. Willis P. Wagner, Mrs. Frank J. Winton, Miss Sue Winton and Mrs. Ben T. Young.

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3. OBVIOUSLY NOT A "LAST MINUTE" GUESS. HE LIKES SOMETHING USEFUL.
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