

**Major Buttons, to You**  
European Jews currently face many challenges because of the situation in Israel. **Serge Cwajgenbaum**, the secretary general of the **European Jewish Congress** told The Circuit on his visit to



(From left) Hanns Donig, Red Buttons and Serge Cwajgenbaum, secretary general of the European Jewish Congress.

Los Angeles last week.  
"Israel is in the middle of the heart of a new battle, and the Jews of Europe are concerned; we consider the fate of the State of Israel — parallel with the fate of the Jews," he said, noting that since the beginning of the intifada, anti-Semitic

attacks have increased in Europe, and in his home country, France.  
With more than 700,000 Jews in France compared to 5 million Arabs, French Jews have an uphill battle to fight in the media, "much worse than America," Cwajgenbaum said.

The head of the EJC, a branch of the World Jewish Congress, was speaking from the Bel Air home of **Hanns Donig**, who hosted a small dinner party with esteemed guests such as comedian **Red Buttons**.

Buttons was recently awarded the title of Major in the U.S. Army reserves by Veterans for America. "It was a great honor," Buttons told the dinner guests over pasta and champagne.

Cwajgenbaum then told Buttons his name in French (Rouge Boutons) and in Hebrew (Kaftor Adom). "No one's ever told me that one before," Buttons said, pleased.

**Plenty of Good Sports**  
**Cedars-Sinai Medical Center** threw its 16th Annual Sports Spectacular at the Century Plaza Hotel, with proceeds



(Center) L.A. Laker **Kobe Bryant** with (from left) Sports Spectacular Executive Committee members **John Kissick**, **Beth Moskowitz** and **Bernard Briskin**, and **Cedars-Sinai's** Board of Governors Chair **John Bendheim**. Photo by **Alex Berliner**

supporting the hospital's Birth Defects Center. Honorees were **Shaquille O'Neal**, who received his award from fellow Laker **Kobe Bryant**; **Sugar Ray Leonard**; **Dave Winfield** and **Katarina Witt**. Among the nearly 2,000 guests were **Samuel L. Jackson**, **Bruce Jenner**, **Carl Lewis**, **Lenny Kravitz**, **Shane Mosley**, and honorary chairs **Larry King** and **Al Michaels**.

**Munich 11 Remembrance**  
**Noreen Green**, founder and conductor of the **Los Angeles Jewish Symphony**, collaborated with composer **Andrea Clearfield** and choreographer **Manfred Fischbeck** to pay tribute to the Munich 11 at the opening ceremonies of the **Jewish Community Center Maccabi Games** at the Liacouras Center of Philadelphia's **Temple University**.



**Rehovot Reception**  
Southern California Region of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and State of Israel Bonds teamed up to host a reception for Joshua "Shuki" Forer, mayor of Rehovot, the Weizmann Institute's home. (From left) **Drs. Jerry and Theima Estrin**, **Dr. Ilian Tamir**, **Nomi Urman**, and **Roni and Joshua Forer**.

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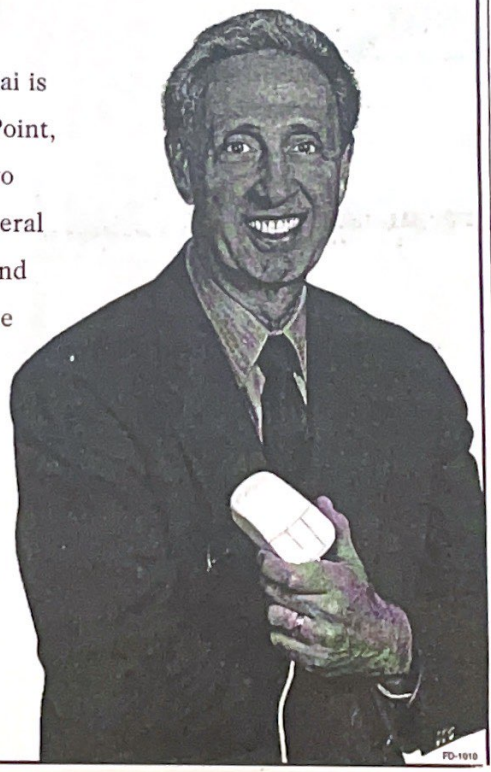
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**Angel's Flight**  
**Angel Harvest** has appointed **Chuck Scarpa** as its executive director. Angel Harvest serves as a telephone and transportation link among various businesses and agencies that help feed the hungry in Los Angeles with donations of free food.

**FIG Wins**



**Fashion Industry Guild (FIG)** held its Seventh Annual Manufacturers Clothing Sale at the CaliforniaMart Exhibition Hall in downtown Los Angeles, raising \$86,000 for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. (From left) **Steve Marienhoff**, FIG vice president; **Alan Perlestein**, charity sale chair; **Stuart Berman**, FIG vice president; and **Kenneth Weinbaum**, FIG president. Photo by **Thomas Neerken**.

**Big Double Mitzvah**  
Rabbi **Sheryl Nosan** has become the new rabbi of **Temple Beth Torah** in Granada Hills, making the synagogue the only Reform congregation in the Valley to have both a senior female rabbi and a female cantor (**Sharone Rosen**).