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## **Beverly Hills City Council to Present Proclamation to Israeli War Heroes**

*Founding Members of the Israeli Air Force Fought in the 1948 War of Independence*

**Who:** The Beverly Hills City Council

**What:** Will present a proclamation to two heroes of the Israeli War of Independence. Mitchell Flint and the late Aaron "Red" Finkel, both former Beverly Hills residents, will be honored for their extraordinary contributions to the formation of the State of Israel.

Entertainer Pat Boone will speak about the birth of the Israel Air Force. Mr. Flint will be there to accept his proclamation and Mr. Finkel's family will be in attendance.

Finkel and Flint, both World War II veteran pilots, were founding members of "Machal," a group of non-Israelis who fought in the 1948 War for Independence and whose heroism contributed directly to the creation of the nation of Israel. They also were original members of the Israeli Air Force's first fighter squadron and helped train Israel's first military pilots.

**When:** The Dec. 20 City Council Study Session, 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Beverly Hills City Hall Council Chamber, 455 N. Rexford Dr. Beverly Hills, 90210

Free parking at 454 N. Rexford Drive, next to the Beverly Hills Library. Please RSVP to Therese Kosterman, [tkosterman@beverlyhills.org](mailto:tkosterman@beverlyhills.org).

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