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Brooklyn Synagogue Torched, Torahs Destroyed By Vandals

NEW YORK (JTA) — Shock waves rippled through the community here during the Yom Kippur holiday as Jews mourned the loss of six Torah scrolls at a synagogue desecrated and burned in the Midwood section of Brooklyn.

Orthodox Congregation Rabbinical Institute Sharai Torah was broken into by two youngsters, one 12 and the other 15 years old, who set a series of fires inside the building and spraypainted 15 swastikas and obscenities on the walls. They were later apprehended.

Nearly 10,000 grieving Jews attended an emotionally charged funeral procession that packed Brooklyn streets, creating major traffic jams.

The incident was denounced by national and local Jewish community leaders and city officials, including Mayor Edward Koch, Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward, and New York Cardinal John O'Connor.

The 500 to 600 congregants of the synagogue were given the use of a nearby yeshiva for worship on Yom Kippur, but the synagogue's rabbi has no idea when the charred building can be repaired. The attack on the synagogue was ferocious, according to police and others at the scene. The charred remains of the Torah scrolls indicate they were pulled out of the cedar-paneled Ark, their ornamented velvet coverings ripped off and the scrolls unrolled on the floor, stamped on and set afire.

Fires were set on the main floor and spread to the second floor of the two attached buildings, once private residences which contain the sanctuary, classrooms and other facilities of the congregation.

According to some members of the congregation the destroyed Torah scrolls represent a loss of \$25,000 each.

Because a house of worship was the target, the attack was declared a bias incident, and a special police and fire department task force was set up to conduct the investigation.

A group of New York's public school pupils, on a trip organized by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, were taken to the building later in the week to learn a lesson about bigotry. (See box on page 4.)

A second synagogue in Brooklyn was gutted by fire

a week later, but fire and police officials say there is no evidence of arson, though the possibility is being investigated.

Rabbi Solomon Friedman, 82, of Congregation Chuna David and his wife, Gizella, 80, were hospitalized for foot burns. They fled in their nightclothes from the living quarters on the second floor of the building that housed the synagogue. The blaze was caused either by a short circuit, candles or a gas stove that was left burning overnight, according to Fire Marshall Denis Guardiano.

The 70-family Orthodox congregation is located on Ocean Parkway. It is about half a mile from Orthodox Congregation Rabbinical Institute Sharai Torah.

Unlike the case in Sharai Torah, there was no

evidence of break-in and no anti-Semitic graffiti at Chuna David. But some local Hasidim and other Orthodox Jews in the area refuse to believe the two fires were coincidental. City Councilman Noach Dear, who represents the district and is himself Orthodox, tried to reassure the doubters.

"Believe me, this was not a deliberate act. There was no forced entry into the building. There was nothing thrown into the building," said Dear, who is spearheading a rebuilding drive.

Rabbi Friedman and his wife were reported in stable condition Sunday at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Friedman, a Holocaust survivor, heads a rabbinical dynasty that originated in Romania.

Israel In Technological Race With Launching Of Satellite

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Israel's successful launch of a small test satellite on September 19 made it the eighth country in the world capable of sending an object into orbit. The satellite, dubbed "Ofek (Horizon) One," was lofted in space by an Israeli-made rocket at 11:32 a.m. local time. The launch site was not disclosed. The satellite entered into what was described as a "low elliptical orbit, circling the globe from east to west once every 90 minutes," at distances ranging from 155 to 620 miles.

Ofek is expected to have a life span of about one month. The time will be used to test its solar energy power plant, its ability to transmit data and its responses to orders from earth, officials here said. They stressed that it was not a "spy satellite," contrary to reports in the foreign news media that have been predicting that Israel would soon launch one.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir praised the scientific and technological community for designing, building and launching the satellite. He stressed that the satellite would have no effect on the regional arms race, but

that it does put Israel into the "technological race." With the launching, Israel has gained an important prestige advantage, he said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres agreed that the Ofek launching was not a military move. He observed that



Israel's first satellite takes off on September 19 from a location south of Tel Aviv.

"the problem is not one of borders or the level of our technological prowess, but of the tension and hatred in this region."

The launching cast a spotlight on another political figure, Professor Yuval Ne'eman of Tel Aviv University, an internationally prominent physicist who is leader of the ultranationalist party Tehiya. Ne'eman, who also heads Israel's space agency, described the launch as "very clean," without any problems. Ne'eman said the test satellite will be followed by a scientific satellite. He said decisions will be made about which of a series of proposed scientific experiments will be carried out by future satellites.

"This is an important step which takes Israel into the world of tomorrow," Ne'eman said. He noted that satellites are now a multibillion-dollar business serving global communications and a wide variety of other purposes. "Till now, we have had to buy satellite time — to pick up TV pictures from the Seoul Olympics every night. We may soon be able to sell it," the scientist said.

Ne'eman also referred to media rumors of an Israeli spy satellite. He said they were a likely conclusion. Considering "that we have defense and security problems, they put two and two together." He admitted that there is a "defense aspect" to the satellite launching. That is a matter to be discussed in the future by the competent authorities, Ne'eman said.

The spy satellite rumors were fueled by the secrecy that surrounded the launch. Until Ofek was successfully on the way to orbit, officials here refused to com-

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Schultz Reports Progress In Soviet Human Rights Record

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Secretary of State George Shultz, concluding two days of talks here late last month with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, indicated that further progress on human rights has been made.

"I think that the situation is reasonably promising, but we are not quite there yet," Shultz said. He spoke to reporters after President Reagan met with Shevardnadze, at the conclusion of the meetings between the two foreign ministers. The talks were expected to be the last major meeting between the two superpowers during the Reagan administration.

But Shultz stressed that the administration will continue working with the Soviets "to accomplish as much as can be accomplished" in the four areas that all their discussions have focused on: arms control,

human rights, regional issues and bilateral issues. The secretary said that over the past three years, these meetings have become routine and the Soviets have acknowledged that such issues as human rights are part of the regular agenda between the two countries.

He said he believes this pattern will continue in the next administration, regardless of whether Vice President George Bush or Gov. Michael Dukakis is elected president.

The human rights issue focused on the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe now being held in Vienna as a follow-up to the 1975 Helsinki Accords. The United States and other Western nations are maintaining that the conference must conclude additional written guarantees on human rights before talks on reducing conventional arms can begin.

Stressing that "deeds are more important than words," Shultz said that in assessing the Soviet Union's human rights record, the United States looks at emigration figures, political and religious prisoners, and the cases of divided families. "We've seen quite a bit of change in Soviet behavior and in the behavior of other Eastern European countries," he said.

But he added that in addition to changes in behavior, there must be changes in language produced in Vienna about human rights. He noted, in particular, that the United States wants the Soviets to allow groups to monitor compliance with the Helsinki Accords. Shultz said that the United States had received assurances that the Soviets are drafting new legislation on religious freedom, emigration and changes in the criminal code.

The secretary has long sought, for example, to get

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OPINION

Editorial:

Torah Is Our Foundation

This week, with the holiday of Simchat Torah (Tuesday, October 4), the reading of the Torah was finished and begun again. And, although this book is the very foundation of Judaism, the fact is that only a small percentage of us have actually read it. An even smaller percentage of us have studied it.

There are a number of well-known copies and commentaries of the best-seller that has been called "The Greatest Book Ever Written." (For a description of several easy-to-find versions, see article on page 6.)

There are also a number of local Bible study groups from which to choose, for those who would want to go beyond just reading. Most synagogues have study sessions and lessons led by both rabbis and Torah-educated lay people. A weekly study group also meets at the JCC.

Considering the range of Bibles and study groups available to us, maybe a resolution for the New Year could be to find out a little more about our "roots". . . maybe if we understand where we came from we'll have a better idea of where we're going.

Voter Participation Important

The Jewish community has long prided itself on its voting record in national and local elections, consistently turning out in disproportionately high numbers on election day. But, as reported in these pages a few months ago, a study by the Synagogue Council of America suggests that as many as one million eligible Jews are not registered to vote in the upcoming presidential elections, with the weakest groupings being in the 18- to 25-year-old and above-60 categories.

Needless to say, a reduction of Jewish voter strength could be a serious blow to the Jewish community and its interests. But, our interests do not end

with the Jewish community. As American citizens, we are affected by a gamut of issues: the economy, the environment, international affairs, the American educational system . . . the list goes on.

Our right to vote is a privilege as well as a responsibility. Only by voting do we take part in the selection process that determines who will make decisions on our behalf. Only by voting are we able to protect our community and its interests. Only by voting do we have any influence over the quality of our futures and our children's. Only by voting can we take advantage of our rights as citizens in this democracy.



Letters to the Editor

Another Look At University's Judaic Studies

I have just read the exchange between Lawrence Perlman and two faculty members about Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware. I am the chairperson of the Philosophy Department about whom Dr. Perlman had some nice things to say.

As is usually the case, no one is completely correct. Dr. Perlman neglected to mention that we regularly teach a course in world religions to probably 700 or so students per year. That course includes Judaism as well as Christianity, Islam and major eastern religions. He is correct in stating that our Contemporary Moral Problems course is not taught in such a way as to include the perspectives of the various world religions on ethical issues. What he does not say is that the course does not do much with religious approaches in general, let

alone deal adequately with particular religions. It generally deals with types of ethical theory, and religious approaches usually do not constitute distinctive types. Perhaps we *should* offer a course in religious approaches to ethics, however it should be remembered that our department is a Philosophy Department not a religion department and that we are badly understaffed (in my opinion). We were delighted to have him here to teach this course from the Jewish perspective.

The position Dr. Perlman had was just a one-year position and that was clearly stated from the outset. It is not quite fair to say that he was not renewed since no renewal was anticipated. I had hoped that a way might be found to extend the position but extension was not a part of

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Oct. Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Wilmington Section, takes this opportunity during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to express our commitment to the eradication of domestic violence. We are working toward the day when domestic violence is no longer tolerated.

Our society, at all levels, needs continuous education on domestic violence. Legislators need to be aware of shelter funding and warrantless arrest laws; batterers need to be aware that they will be punished for the crime of domestic violence; and victims need to be aware that they do not deserve nor cause battering. Law enforcement agencies and courts must treat domestic violence

assault as seriously as non-family assault.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that one out of four women will be abused in a relationship; that a woman is beaten every 18 seconds in America; that one-fourth of these women require treatment by a doctor or hospital; one out of four suicide attempts by women is due to battering; and 40 percent of female homicide victims are killed by a boyfriend or family member, usually a spouse. In one-third of spouse abuse cases, children are also abused. Experts repeatedly confirm that battering abuses women in many ways — psychologically, physically, and

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Response To N. Even Or On Eban

Among my contacts in the Wilmington area, one of my favorite people is Nisson Finkelstein. I admire his considerable knowledge of Judaism, his love of Israel, and his basic fairness and decency, which can be seen in his personal relationships and his excellent column, "On the Other Hand." His recent column, sub-titled "Abba Eban: Sophistry in a Cambridge Accent," is not up to his usual high standard.

I have always believed in the old canard that honorable men can disagree and not be bitter or offensive. American politics to the contrary, Nisson must have had a fit of pique while attending the recent lecture by Abba Eban at the Grand Opera House, which I did not attend. The column does

not consider available information, the logic of Eban's argument and is a personal attack on an apparently very decent man.

Quibbling over a verb, the column gives us (and Mr. Eban) a lesson on Israeli history. Excluding Eban's recent popular writing, "My Country, The Story of Modern Israel" and "The New Diplomacy: International Affairs in the Modern Age" proves Eban's qualifications as a professional historian. More importantly, Eban was a major figure in Israeli history, with his courageous and eloquent defense of Israel in the United Nations and his years as ambassador to the U.N. and foreign minister of Israel.

Nisson also judges Eban's not making

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'Fear No Evil'

A remarkable book by a remarkable man. *Fear No Evil* is Natan (Anatoly) Sharansky's account of his nine year ordeal in Soviet prisons and camps. It is a testimony to a man's extraordinary faith and intelligence; and to the dark evil of a system about which we know very little.

Sharansky was arrested in March, 1977, and charged with treason and serving as a spy for the United States. His real "crime" in Soviet eyes was that he had been seeking since 1973 to obtain permission to emigrate to Israel, and that he had become an outspoken representative of Soviet Jews attempting to emigrate, as well as a spokesman for human rights advocates in the Soviet Union. Articulate in English, he had been too popular as a contact for Western newsmen in Moscow and the government was determined to get him out of circulation. After 16 months of interrogation by the KGB he was tried by a kangaroo court and sentenced to 13 years.

During his long interrogation and the trial that followed the KGB had two objectives: a confession, at least partial, of guilt; and implication of others in his alleged illegal activities. Despite continuing threats that he would be shot if convicted, coupled with promises that he would be allowed to emigrate if he would "cooperate," Sharansky prevented the KGB from obtaining either objective. Throughout his nine

year ordeal, he stubbornly stuck with his commitment to in no way cooperate with his captors, no matter what the price in personal suffering and loss:

"Sitting in my cell, I asked myself the obvious question: Why not recant and then repudiate it after I was released? But I already knew the answer. First, any confession I made would mean betraying my friends. — I had no desire to undermine the movements I believed in, or to do anything that would leave my fellow refuseniks and dissidents with an even greater feeling of hopelessness, or of the KGB's omnipotence.

Second, I knew that the only reason the world paid any attention to a small group of Soviet dissidents and Jewish activists was our strong moral position. While collaborating with the KGB might be understandable, it would severely compromise that stance. The moral righteousness of our struggle was our greatest asset, perhaps our only asset. To cooperate with the KGB would mean letting down our growing number of supporters in the free world and undermining their continued determination to help us.

Finally, on a more practical level, I knew that each time the KGB made a political arrest, it required permission from the political leadership. If I recanted, it would only make it easier for the KGB to receive permission to in-

itiate new repressions and another round of arrests.

Recalling these arguments in my cell, I found them as compelling as ever. But even if none of them were true, and I could somehow surrender to the KGB without any damage to my friends and our supporters, I still couldn't confess to crimes I hadn't committed. For behind all these valid and rational arguments was a barrier of the spirit that blocked all roads to surrender."

Sharansky's book is hard to put down, not only because of the story it tells of one human being's struggle against a huge system with almost limitless power over him, but because of the extraordinary nature of this human being. Endowed with a computer-like analytical mind that enables him to pass the hours in a solitary punishment cell by playing chess games in his head, he applies that skill to playing a deadly game with his captors, one in which they hold virtually all the pieces. That he won his game after nine long years of suffering, is a tribute not only to him but to the tireless efforts of his wife, Avital, and the pressure of world opinion that she helped organize on his behalf.

There are many lessons to be learned from *Fear No Evil*. One is a lesson of awe and admiration for Natan Sharansky and for the great power of faith and decency when combined with courage and intelligence. Another lesson is in

the glimpse the book gives us into the ugly honeycomb of evil that lies under the attractive new coating of Gorbachev's charm and the blandishments of *glasnost*. It may no longer be popular to use Ronald Reagan's phrase, "the evil empire," but it will come to the mind of anyone reading this book. One is left with the feeling that it will take more than Gorbachev and more than a little time to bring light and humanity into the dark cellars of the Soviet structure. There are just too many layers of horror to be cleared away with the broom of reorganization.

And there is another lesson, perhaps the most important of all, for those in the comfortable freedom of America: We must never slacken in the fight for those men and women in the Soviet Union who are victimized by their own government because they have the temerity to seek humanity and freedom. Despite Natan Sharansky's brilliance, courage and faith, he would be the first to agree that he would not be free in Israel today if it were not for the continual pressure of world opinion on his behalf. And there are still thousands in Soviet prisons and camps guilty of no more than Sharansky, and tens of thousands more who yearn to leave a country that discriminates against them.

It is true that we must fear no evil, but we must act and fight against that evil, and we must never retreat from that battle!

Strength In Community

By ELIE WIESEL

In Jewish tradition, defamation is one of the worst sins that can be committed — almost equivalent to murder.

The Talmud says one can be in Rome and kill someone thousands of miles away by defamation. Simply by defamation, one can destroy individuals or communities. What is anti-Semitism if not defamation?

Theoreticians, philosophers and

ENDOWMENT

During the past year a series of seminars brought together leading social scientists, communal leaders and practitioners to analyze changes in Jewish philanthropy in contemporary America. From the turn of the century to the nineteen-sixties Jewish philanthropy consisted of affluent Jewish leaders providing services for masses of penniless immigrants arriving on these shores. They built agencies such as Jewish Family Service, Jewish hospitals, Jewish Community centers, and Jewish Vocational Services to provide health, educational, recreational, vocational, and other services needed to integrate Jews into American life. Since the sixties the focus of Jewish philanthropy has shifted from mainly serving the poor to building and strengthening the Jewish community. Today donors are providing funds for services to ensure the Jewish identity of their own children and grandchildren. Informal Jewish education, college campus programs, and community relations are but a few of the services which benefit the entire community. Your gift to the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund can fund the important programs that build a Jewish future for you and your family. For information on endowment opportunities, please call Connie Kreshool, Endowment Director, 478-6200.

psychologists have all been involved in finding theories to defame and therefore destroy the idea, the image, the psyche and the eternity of the Jew. Living in all kinds of countries were people who hated Jews they had never met. They hated Jews who were dead, Jews who were alive, Jews who would still be born. Why? Because of defamation.

For 40 years or more, I have tried to find answers to the innumerable questions that deal with the ultimate defamation — the Holocaust. None have been answered. The more I learn, the less I know. The more I study, the less I understand. I do not understand the killer, nor the victim, nor the bystander. And I do not understand God.

Yet I try. I cannot understand, for instance, the silence during the war. I cannot understand the *St. Louis* episode. In 1939, after Kristallnacht, after people had read about Hitler and his pogroms, a ship, the *St. Louis*, with 1,000 Jewish refugees — men, women and children — came to the shores of the United States. Somehow the ship was sent back to Germany with the refugees still on board.

How was that possible? Why didn't the American Jewish community send 100,000 people to Washington to proclaim a hunger strike?

Today it would not happen. Today the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith would mobilize the population and see to it that the ship would not leave our shores. The Jewish community has become involved in a more militant fashion.

In France, until 30 years ago, Jews were timid, bashful, frightened. They would never dare to speak out against the government. That was true in the United States, too, but it is not the case any longer. Now we dare. We speak up when we do not like what is happening in Washington. Not just a person or an organization, but the entire community speaks up.

Still, the basic question remains. How was the Holocaust possible? We are concerned when we read literature that

tries to deprive this tragedy of its uniqueness. I am outraged — and we all must be — when we read that in Germany today, there is a movement to de-Judaize the tragedy. I was convinced that Germany — at least — would have the decency to be in the forefront of the fight for memory and remembrance.

Not at all. There is a battle among historians, and the prevailing opinion is that the Holocaust was just one tragedy among others. One said that Josef Stalin was worse than Adolf Hitler because he created a system of oppression worse than Hitler's. That leaves a very bitter taste in my mouth.

No Jew is guilty for what happened then. But if we allow the memory of the tragedy to be trivialized, cheapened and devalued, that will be our guilt.

Israel, which is the center of our lives whether we admit it openly or not, is still in danger. It is in danger because of internal struggles, because of religious-secular conflicts, because of Israeli-Diaspora divisions and, above all, because Israel is a small country and needs more strength to feel secure. We must always be sensitive to Israel's needs and be there when we are needed.

Russian Jewry. If anyone had told me in 1965 that I would see Russian Jews leaving for Israel, I would not have believed it. Yet 250,000 Jews have left the Soviet Union. Why? Because they themselves had the courage and the intensity to fight.

Before Alexander Solzhenitsyn, before Andrei Sakharov, before all the dissidents, young Jews were the first to defy the secret police. They came out and sang and shouted their Jewishness and their allegiance to the Jewish people, to Jewish history.

I saw them, and I could not convince myself that one day they would be free. However, I am also convinced that once the high-visibility refuseniks are gone, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will close the door. What will we do then? There are still 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union. I think this is a bat-

tleground where we will have to be vigilant and show strength and wisdom.

In the past, every Jewish parent told his or her child: Do not forget that you are Jewish wherever you go. Do not forget that you are Jewish, whatever happens. You must belong to the community; you must claim kinship with Jewish destiny.

We must perpetuate that attitude. Whatever we do, we must never forget that we must do it as Jews. That does not mean that we must concern ourselves only with Jewish issues. There must be room in our hearts to think of other people who suffer.

When I think of the Jewish people, I have nothing but gratitude. At times, I even despair. I think civilization betrayed itself. I think culture abdicated.

But when I think of the Jewish people, it gives me an impetus to smile. I cannot teach anything Jewish to my students without smiling. I cannot study the Talmud without smiling. There is something very beautiful and moving that is rooted in our tradition.

Jews everywhere today want to learn. The children I teach want to learn. When they read about the Inquisition, they learn the dignity that our ancestors manifested. The state was against us; the world was against us. And we simply said, "We are Jews," and with a few words we resisted the mightiest nation in the world. This is what we must teach our children.

I believe in the community of Israel. I could never imagine Jews other than surrounded by Jews. In joy as in sorrow, a Jew is never alone. Just as man needs other men to be human, a Jew needs other Jews to be Jewish. We choose to define ourselves not in relation to the hate we elicit from strangers, but rather by the faith we inspire in our own people.

A Jew alone is in danger. His security lies within the community, which helps him survive and obtain fulfillment. Community is the key word. It indicates what paths to follow; it opens hidden gates; it

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Taba Arbitration Panel Rules For Egypt

On September 29 an international arbitration panel told Israel to return the Taba strip to Egypt. Taba is the remote strip of the Sinai Peninsula which has been claimed by both countries for six years.

Israel held onto Taba after it returned the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt in 1982 under the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The panel, consisting of legal experts from France, Sweden, Switzerland, Israel and Egypt, has been investigating the Taba case (and 13 other Israeli-Egyptian border disputes) for two years. The panel voted 4 to 1, with Israel dissenting, to return the 1,000-yard strip of

mostly desert land at Taba to Egyptian sovereignty. (Nine of the other border disputes were also decided in Egypt's favor.)

The 60-page document produced by the panel, said that the panel was "not authorized" to decide on the line between a key boundary marker and the shore. That is the area, now controlled by Israel, where private developers have built the \$20 million Aviya Sonesta Hotel and the adjacent Rafi Nelson tourist village.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told reporters that the verdict did not settle the dispute. "What we heard from Geneva is that the arbiters'



decision is not in our favor," he said. "According to the arbitration document, they were not requested to determine the border but to determine where the border markers have to be."

"On this they accepted mainly Egypt's standpoint," Shamir explained, "but now we have to set up border arrangements and this we will have to discuss and negotiate with the Egyptians."

Shamir said that Israel would accept the panel's verdict, which is binding, and that the inner cabinet would meet to decide on the next step.

Nabil Elaraby, Egyptian ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, said that from the Egyptian point of view "it is finished. The dispute has been finally resolved once and for all."

Israel has already turned down an Egyptian offer to buy the Aviya Sonesta Hotel and run it jointly in line with Egyptian laws specifying that majority ownership and 90 percent of the labor must be Egyptian.

N.Y. School Children Get Lesson In Bigotry

By WILLIAM SAPHIRE

NEW YORK (JTA) — A group of New York's public school pupils, reflecting this city's broad ethnic mix, stood on the charred floorboards of a burned-out shul in Brooklyn to learn a lesson about bigotry.

"Bigotry, hate, the words are abstractions. Here you see the pain and ugliness bigotry can cause," the youngsters were told by Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

He spoke in the fire-gutted interior of Orthodox Congregation Rabbinal Institute Sharai Torah in the Midwood section of Brooklyn, the target of arson, desecration and vandalism in the early hours of Saturday, Sept. 17. His audience was solemn and attentive under the bright lights of television camera crews.

They stood in a rough circle amid the charred debris of scorched woodwork and waterlogged furnishings in what had been a classroom, with a small pulpit for worship in the center. The distinctive mildew stench of fire damage was all pervasive. More than a dozen of the visitors were teen-agers from three high schools in the district — Midwood, Edward R. Murrow and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. About twice that number were sixth graders from P.S. 99, a neighborhood elementary school within walking distance of Sharai Torah.

They were brought together with the consent of the New York City Board of Education, and the personal blessings of school Chancellor Richard Green, to view a disaster that sent shock waves through the city. The unusual trip, barely two weeks into the new school year, was proposed by the ADL.

All of these youngsters were aware of the outrage perpetrated in their borough. Foxman and Carol Lister, ADL's New York regional director who escorted them, believe that seeing the havoc would have a greater impact — and be remembered longer — than fleeting images on a TV newscast. Moreover, the students, all of whom volunteered after their teachers explained the nature of the trip, were of roughly the same age as the suspected perpetrators.

Because the arsonists are juveniles, their identities have been withheld. But Dionne Boissiere, an articulate 16-year-old from Midwood High, found it hard to believe that the two could have planned and carried out the destruction. "Where did it come from? All of that hatred?" the black teen-ager asked, in a conversation with a reporter. Boissiere, who is president of her junior class, is convinced there was adult instruction.

Adam Friedman, a husky junior from Midwood, repeatedly shook his head in disbelief. The 16-year-old said he couldn't imagine "anybody doing this." The younger onlookers from P.S. 99 exhibited a healthy curiosity. Most of them were Asian — Chinese, Korean, Indian and Pakistani.

"What will happen to the kids?" one asked referring to the suspects in custody. "How will they be punished?" asked another. "Will they go to jail?" "Will you forgive them?" The last question came from one of the few white youngsters.

Foxman explained that there are sins against God which only God can forgive, and also sins against fellow men. He said that yes, the perpetrators would be forgiven eventually, but they must earn their forgiveness. If found guilty, they must be punished, Foxman said.

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Americans Show Support For Israel, Sympathy For Arabs

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — While Americans continue to maintain "a bedrock" of support toward Israel, there is nevertheless an increasing sympathy for the Palestinians, according to the heads of three national polling organizations.

The three organizations, which conducted surveys in recent months on American attitudes toward Israel in view of the Palestinian uprising, said that the American public would like to see the United States and the parties to the conflict — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization — open negotiations for a settlement. The three pollsters spoke at a discussion panel sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in September.

Representatives of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which commissioned the surveys, also participated in the discussion.

John Marttila, of the Boston public opinion firm Marttila and Kiley, who conducted a poll last April for the AJCongress, said that Israel's relations with the United States are "strong and secure" and that Israel is considered by the American public as an ally. Nevertheless, his survey found that higher-educated and upper-income Americans are more critical of Israel's policies, and, while sympathetic to Israel, they also favor a Palestinian homeland.

The AJCongress' major find-

ing was that despite the continued violence and clashes in the territories, American support for Israel has grown between Dec. 9, 1987, when the uprising began, and April. Furthermore, it showed that Americans by a large margin are more sympathetic to Israel than to either the Palestinians or the Arab states.

Douglas Schoen, from Penn and Schoen Associates, which conducted a survey for the

ADL last January, and David Singer, director of the AJCommittee's Information and Research Services Department, who commissioned a poll from the Roger Organization last March, shared the view that basically the American public "as a group" supports Israel.

But Singer sharply disagreed with the contention that the more educated, or the American elite, tend to be less sympathetic to Israel.

The major finding of the AJCommittee poll was that American sympathy for Israel has declined since the beginning of the Palestinian uprising.

Schoen, whose poll for the ADL showed that there had been little erosion of support for Israel among Americans by the end of January, noted that while Israel is considered an ally, the PLO "has an extraordinary negative rating." According to Schoen, most

Americans are against the establishment of a Palestinian state. Robert Lifton, president of the AJCongress, suggested that Americans who support a Palestinian state are not necessarily against Israel.

Marc Tanenbaum, the AJCommittee's director of international affairs, said that "against the background of all these surveys, it is virtually a miracle that there is still such strong support for Israel."

UN Peacekeeping Forces Win 1988 Nobel Peace Prize

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel hailed the announcement last week that the United Nations peacekeeping forces were awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize. "Even more than a prize for existing achievements, this is a testimony of the yearning for peace and understanding," the Israeli Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The Nobel committee said in Oslo that the 10,000-troop peacekeeping forces were chosen for voluntarily taking on "a demanding and hazardous service in the cause of peace."

U.N. forces are now on patrol in seven trouble spots worldwide, including Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf and Lebanon. The multinational United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, or UNIFIL, is headquartered at Nakoura on the Lebanese side of the frontier.

UNIFIL consists of 5,700 soldiers drawn from nearly a

dozen countries, including 850 from Norway, where the Peace Prize was announced. UNIFIL was established following the first major Israeli incursion into southern Lebanon, known as the "Litani Campaign," in 1978. Its mission was to separate the contending forces in Lebanon and prevent terrorist infiltration into Israel.

But there was friction from the outset, with the Israel Defense Force charging that UNIFIL was not stopping Palestine Liberation Organization infiltrators, but merely taking weapons away from suspected terrorists headed toward the Israeli border and returning them soon afterwards.

Since its establishment by the U.N. Security Council 10 years ago, 156 UNIFIL soldiers have been killed there, most of them in drunk driving accidents rather than in peacekeeping-related incidents. U.N. peacekeeping and observer forces are also stationed in the Golan Heights, Cyprus and Kashmir.

Israel And Czech Diplomats Raise Glasses In Toast

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — An exhibition titled "Marvels of the Ghetto," which opened in the northern Italian town of Ferrara in September, became the background for an unexpected show of cordiality and good will between Israel and Czechoslovakia. The opening of the exhibit, devoted to Jewish culture and art, including a seg-

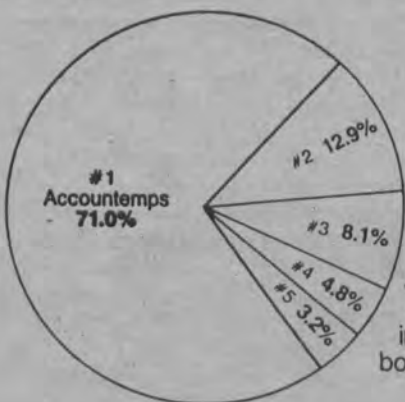
ment from Czechoslovakia, was attended by the deputy prime minister of Czechoslovakia, Matei Lucan. He and Israel's ambassador to Italy, Mordechai Drory, joined in a toast, in Hebrew.

Czechoslovakia severed diplomatic ties with Israel following the 1967 Six-Day War and they have not been restored. Later, the Czech am-

bassador to Italy, Norbert Zudek, was quoted in the newspaper *La Repubblica* as saying the will exists in his country to improve relations with Israel.

The exhibit, which was formally opened by President Francesco Cossiga of Italy, is devoted to Jewish art and culture from the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy.

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Campaigns Trade Charges

In September, seven members of Vice President Bush's Coalition of American Nationalities, including co-chair Jerome Brentar, resigned or were dismissed for alleged involvement with fascist or anti-Semitic organizations.

According to one top Bush supporter, there had been no prior screening of the volunteers. What was important, the sources said, was that the Coalition members left the campaign when their backgrounds were questioned.

Brentar was fired after the Bush campaign learned that he spent years defending John Demjanjuk, who Israel recently sentenced to death for his role as "Ivan the Terrible" in the Nazis' Treblinka death camp. Brentar has been linked to the Institute for Historical Review and other groups which claim the Holocaust did not happen.

"Let them prove that I belong" to the Institute, Brentar stated, adding that he once gave a speech to its members. During a telephone interview with *NER*, he said, "We should respect all those who perished in the Holocaust," not just the six million Jews but also Croats and all other nationalities.

One of the other members of the Coalition, which a Bush spokesman described as largely "ceremonial," was Philip Guarino. He allegedly was a member of P-2, a fascist Italian group; Guarino also is the Republican National Committee's (RNC) paid senior citizen liaison.

Earlier, Frederic Malek, vice chairman of the RNC and former personnel chief for President Richard Nixon, resigned after the *Washington Post* reported he had compiled a list of Jews in key positions at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1971 on orders from Nixon. Two of the men Malek named were demoted.

Meanwhile, Republican Reps. Norman Lent (N.Y.), Benjamin Gilman (N.Y.), John Miller (Wash.) and Vin Weber (Minn.) recently criticized Massachusetts Governor Dukakis for three "Anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian" appointees to the Democratic National Committee (DNC). The members include:

Los Angeles Councilman Robert Farrell, who reportedly refused to join his fellow council members in signing a newspaper advertisement condemning Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam who has made anti-Semitic and anti-Israel statements; Rev. Willie Barrow, director of Jesse Jackson's Operation Push and allegedly a Farrakhan supporter; and Ruth Ann Skaff, who supports Palestinian Arab self-determination for Palestinian Arabs and heads the Arab-American Institute in Houston. All three were Jackson delegates at the Democratic National Convention in July.

Last week Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) called for Barrow's resignation from Operation Push as a result of her 1985 statement that "I love my brother Louis Farrakhan" and for the resignation of Barrow, Skaff and Farrell from the DNC. Reps. Larry Smith (D.Fla.) and Gary Ackerman (D.N.Y.), endorsed Frank's move. (From the *Near East Report*.)

Do-It-Yourself Guide: Study Torah!



By MARGA HIRSCH

When the Torah was given at Sinai, it was a hand-chiseled, single-copy, limited edition. One person read it; all the others could only hear the words. Today the Torah is available in many editions. We can each own a copy and study the words ourselves. (For many of the references which follow, I thank my friend Rabbi Richard J. Israel of Boston for permission to borrow from his article "How to Give A D'var Torah: A Beginner's Guide" in *New Traditions* No. 2, Spring 1985.)

The Pentateuch and Haftorahs (Soncino, \$27.50) edited by J.H. Hertz, the late Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, is a familiar sight in many congregations. Popularly known as "The Hertz Chumash," the book has copious interpretive and historical notes in addition to the text in Hebrew and in Hertz's English translation. Hertz's comments often seem excessively apologetic; in reading them, it helps to keep in mind that this work first appeared in the late 1930's, as Nazi anti-Semitism was on the rise.

A more recent presentation of the text with notes is *The Torah: A Modern Commentary*, published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in 1981 (\$30.00). The English in this volume is the old (1917) Jewish Publication Society translation; the commentaries, are by Rabbi Gunther Plaut assisted by other scholars.

If your Torah study gets mired in archaic language, you may want to read *Tanakh*, the new (1962-82) JPS translation. Modern, but not colloquial, this elegant text is the product of decades of collaboration among rabbis and scholars. The Torah (Five Books of Moses), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Kethubim (Writings) are available in a single volume (\$21.95) or in separate volumes. These books are in English only, but you can of course read them side-by-side with any Hebrew text.

If you can't read Torah in Hebrew, but you want to experience the cadences of the original, consider reading *In the Beginning: A New English Rendition of the Book of Genesis* by Everett Fox (Schocken, \$14.95). Fox has tried to represent the rhythms and alliterations of the Hebrew in English. He is currently working on a similar translation of Exodus.

Our tradition is rich in commentaries which expand and expound on the text of the Torah. To explore this literature, you might begin with *Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts*, edited by Barry W. Holst (Summit, \$12.95). This book contains chapters by outstanding teachers introducing Talmud, Midrash, medieval philosophy, and other sources, as well as Biblical texts.

Perhaps you wish you could study Torah with a teacher: fortunately, some teachers are available in print. For guidance in reading the Chumash, consider Nahum Sarna's *Understanding Genesis* (Schocken, \$7.50) and the same author's *Exploring Exodus* (Schocken, \$17.95). Another guide is *Studies in the Bible* by Nehama Leibowitz, professor of Bible at Tel Aviv University (W.Z.O., Jerusalem). The six volumes are based on Leibowitz's study guides to the weekly *parashot*. (The set costs \$89.95, so you may prefer to read it in your synagogue library.) Sarna approaches the text from the point-of-view of contemporary scholarship and comparative Near-Eastern studies, while Leibowitz synthesizes and elaborates on material from the traditional commentaries.

Don't be discouraged if the commentaries daunt you. Just start reading, and anything you have a question about, you can look up in the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

If you're not sure what Torah version you want to study, you can look for these books in your synagogue library. If you are ready to purchase one, the South Bay Bookstore, 814 Market Street Mall (642-1747) will usually order any book that they don't have in stock. You can also write or phone either the Israel Bookstore, 410 Harvard St., Brookline, MA 02146 (617-566-7113), or J. Levine Co., 58 Eldridge St., New York, NY 10002 (212-966-4460). Finally, most of these books are available at discounted prices from The Jonathan David Co., 68-22 Eliot Ave., Middle Village, NY 11379 (718-456-8611). Write or phone for a catalog.

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Time Running Out On Passage Of Genocide Bill

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Chances are growing slim that the Senate will approve legislation to make genocide a crime in the United States, before Congress adjourns this month. But a spokesman for Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), one of the leading advocates of the bill to implement the United Nations Convention against Genocide, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "we still have hopes" that the bill will come to the Senate floor this year.

Jewish organizations are actively pressing for the Senate to pass the implementing legislation, which would make genocide a crime under the U.S. Criminal Code.

The Senate ratified the U.N. convention on Feb. 19, 1986, 37 years after it was first submitted by President Harry Truman. The bill has the support of President Reagan and both candidates for the presidency, Vice President George Bush and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

The major obstacle is the announced intention of Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) to seek an amendment on the Senate floor which would add the death penalty to the punishments for those guilty of genocide. The bill, which was adopted by the House last April, imposes a fine of up to \$1 million and/or 20 years in

prison if the act of genocide results in a death; and a fine of up to \$500,000 and/or five years in prison for "incitement to genocide."

Supporters of the bill fear that bringing up the death penalty would cause some senators to back off from the legislation. Reva Price, of the international council of B'nai B'rith, said that although the bill has 57 co-sponsors, Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) will not bring it to the floor as long as there is an obstacle to its adoption.

Metzenbaum's spokesman said that Thurmond, the ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and other Republican conservatives are blocking this legislation as well as other committee bills in order to force the Democratic leadership to vote on 19 Republican judges nominated by Reagan. The Democrats hope to name Democrats to those posts if Dukakis is elected to the presidency.

Metzenbaum's spokesman said the judicial nominations is a separate issue and should not be linked with the genocide legislation. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) and Metzenbaum. If it is not adopted before Congress adjourns, the legislation would have to go through the whole process again in both the House and Senate.

Kurdish Orphans 'Adopted' By Israel

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel, in a humanitarian gesture, will admit more than 200 Kurdish orphans from Iraq who are presently refugees in eastern Turkey. The Foreign Ministry already has instructed the Israeli Mission in Ankara to determine the most practical means of transferring the group as quickly as possible.

The plans were announced after Foreign Minister Shimon Peres obtained Premier Yitzhak Shamir's approval of the project.

The Kurds have long been a persecuted minority in Iraq. They came under fierce attack by the Iraqi army immediately after the cease-fire in the Per-

sian Gulf war, allegedly with chemical weapons. Large numbers fled to Turkey.

The youngsters will be educated at Youth Aliyah facilities run by the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency for Israel. Presumably they will not be brought up as Jews or converted to Judaism.

Anne Pollard To Be Moved

NEW YORK (JTA) — Anne Henderson Pollard is to be transferred from the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., to a minimum security women's prison in Danbury, Conn., according to her lawyer, Nathan Dershowitz.

But while her father, Bernard Henderson, said the change would be a "tremendous improvement," he repeated a call for a nationwide campaign among Jewish and interfaith organizations to demand her parole. Pollard, 28, is serving two concurrent five-year prison terms for acting as an accessory to the espionage activities of her husband, Jonathan Jay Pollard.

Public concern for Anne Pollard's incarceration has forced on her medical condition. She reportedly suffers from biliary dyskinesia.

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state's Insurance Commissioner since 1984) who is the member of our community who has set his sights on the governor's office?

Kreshtool graduated in 1935 from Wilmington High School and in 1939 from the University of Delaware. After graduation, he joined the Navy and served in both World War II and the Korean War. Between the wars, Kreshtool was self-employed in Wilmington as a leather craftsman, operating a mail-order business.

He received his law degree in 1957 from the University of



Jake Kreshtool

Miami at the age of 39, and immediately returned to Delaware where, in addition to beginning a private practice of law, he served as a part-time attorney for the state's Unemployment Compensation Commission and a part-time general counsel for the newly created state Department of Labor.

Following his admission to the state bar, Kreshtool has concentrated his practice largely in the areas of labor relations and employment law. He has numbered many unions among

his clients and, where there was no conflict, also represented corporate management. It seems a tribute to his sense of fair play that Kreshtool has frequently been chosen to serve as an impartial arbitrator in labor disputes — accepted by both sides — although actively practicing law as an advocate in unrelated, but similar, cases.

Among the general public, Kreshtool is best known as a staunch advocate for causes in which he strongly believes — civil rights, environmental protection and personal liberties are his principal causes.

In some instances, he has been found on the unpopular side of an issue. Kreshtool once argued, for example, against a common practice in Delaware of holding a person who had been arrested for several days before beginning proceedings before a judge. The state Supreme Court agreed with him and halted the practice.

Kreshtool also fought for the right of Black Muslims to have the same freedom of worship others had in Delaware prisons

and successfully argued that a public school student newspaper had the right to be critical of U.S. foreign policy. In another case, he secured the right of an unpopular political party to be listed on the ballot, even though its ultraconservative platform was very different from his own.

During his 20 professional years in Delaware, Kreshtool became closely associated with environmental concerns and maintains that concern today. He became volunteer president of Delaware Citizens for Clean Air and claims a victory. "The state's air is measurably cleaner now than it was," he claims.

Kreshtool's affiliations include membership in Amnesty International, board membership in the American Civil Liberties Union and past presidency of the Delaware Trial Lawyers Association.

Kreshtool and his wife, Elizabeth reside in Wilmington and have two grown children. His personal interests include sailing and kite flying. He is currently studying Spanish.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baker announce the forthcoming marriage of Mrs. Baker's grandson, Dr. Steven A. Feinstein, to Marjorie Schlanger. A November 5 wedding is planned. Dr. Feinstein is the son of the former Rosaline Seltzer of Wilmington.

Chalpin

Pat and Bob Chalpin announce the births of two grandchildren. Joshua, son of Cindy and Mark Chalpin of Norristown, Pa., was born on September 21. Natalie Sarah, daughter of Nancy and Carl Rosenstock of Ellenville, N.Y., was born on September 27.

Wagman

Sylvia and Mark Wagman announce the birth of a daughter, Rina Esther, on September 10. Grandparents are Mania and Ralph Perel of Philadelphia and Betty and Jack Wagman of Raleigh, North Carolina.

George Weiner

George J. Weiner, RHU, President of George J. Weiner Associates, Inc., an insurance brokerage firm, was honored by his family, friends and colleagues with a surprise luncheon on Friday, September 23, at the University and Whist Club, Wilmington, to celebrate his 50th anniversary in the insurance industry.

Mr. Weiner became a life insurance agent with the New York Life Insurance Company on September 20, 1938. His professional achievements are numerous. He is a Register Health Underwriter, and a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, the Life Underwriters Association of New Castle County and the National Association of Health Underwriters. He has been a member of the Million Dollar Round Table continuously since 1953,



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A life-long resident of the City of Wilmington, he is Past President of such organizations as the Jewish Community Center, the B'nai B'rith Lodge and the Avoda Club, a men's service organization. He was a Co-founder and Past President of Independent Living, Inc., and has served as a board member for the Delaware Association for the Blind and Interfaith Clinic, Inc. He is currently a member of the Access Wilmington Committee.

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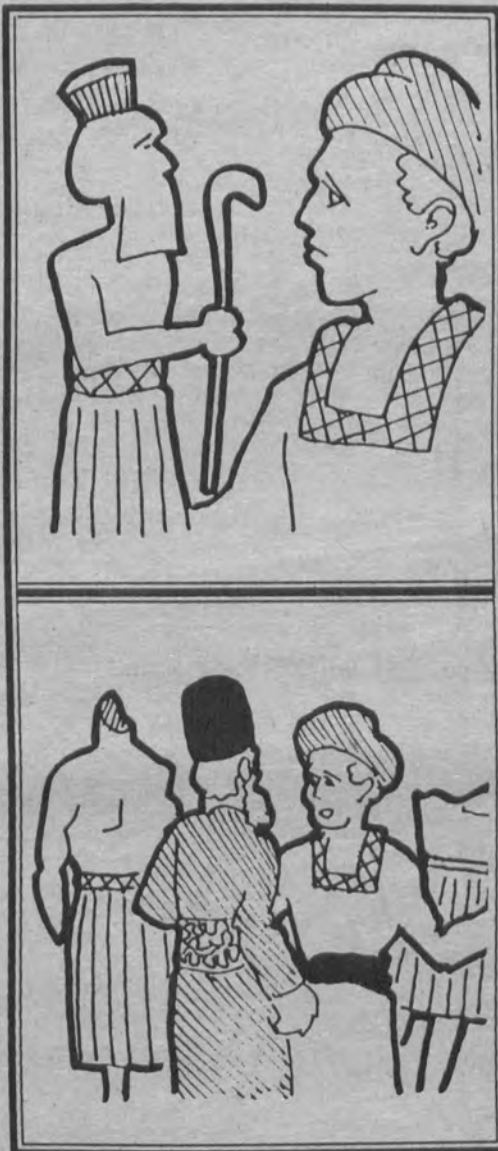
Abram's father, Terah, owned a shop which was filled with idols. He sold these idols to people in the village. One day, when Abram was 13-years-old, his father said, "My son, I must leave my shop for awhile. I will leave you in charge. Take care and do this job well!"

Soon after Terah left, Abram became curious about the idols. He watched them and studied them, but they did nothing. Soon a woman came into the shop. "I have brought this special gift for the idols," the woman said. "It is a bowl of flour. I have brought it so that the idols will look favorably upon me and bring me good fortune."

After the woman left, Abram thought, "How can these idols bring good fortune?" He took a stick and broke all the idols into small pieces.

Soon Terah returned home. When he saw the idols broken to bits, he cried, "Abram, who did this terrible thing?"

"Father, listen to this amazing story. I wouldn't have believed it if I had not seen it with my own eyes!" Abram said. "A woman brought a special gift of flour for the idols. I did not know which idol



to give it to, so I put it in the middle of the room."

Abram continued, "The idols began to argue, this one shouting, 'The flour is mine!' and that one shouting, 'No! The flour is mine!' Soon, they began to fight one another. Before I knew it, each idol had broken the other until no idol was left!"

"But, Abram! That's not possible!" Terah shouted. "These idols are made of clay! They can't argue! They can't fight!"

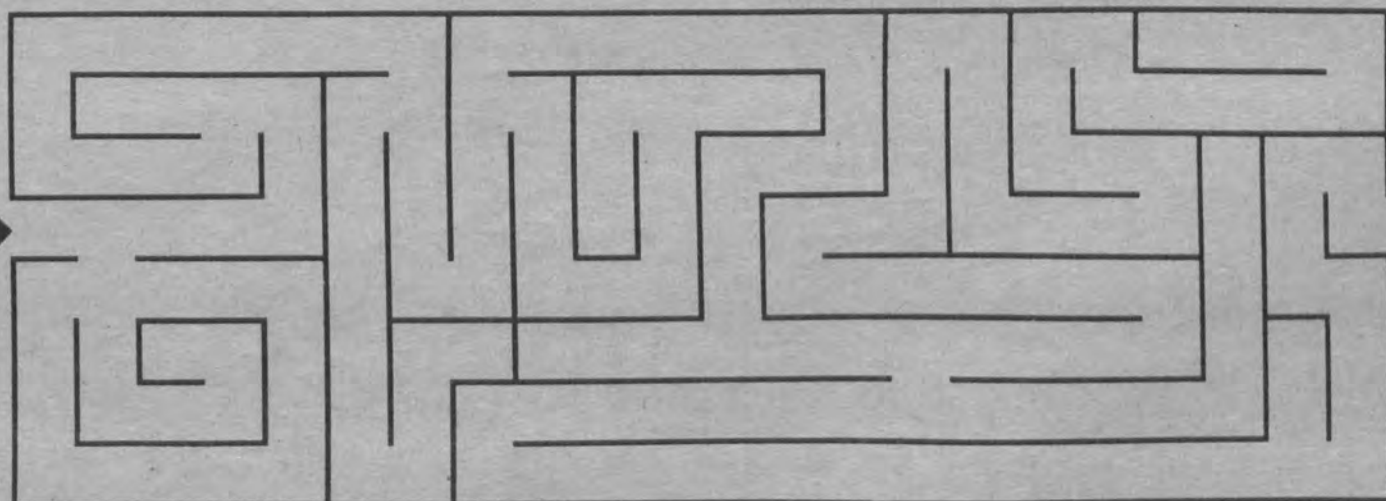
"Yes, my father, but if that is so, why do you worship them as gods?" Abram asked. "There is only one God who created Heaven and Earth."

It is said that, because this happened when Abram was only 13-years-old, the Rabbis later decided 13 would be the age that a child would be ready to follow the commandments and become a bar or bat mitzvah.

(When Abram grew up, God told him to change his name to Abraham. He became the father of the Jewish people.)

- Adapted from a story in the Talmud
Illustrations by Nachman

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בְּתֵאֵבוֹן

(B'teh-ah-vone) – Good Appetite

Usually, when Jews celebrate events such as a wedding, birth, bar or bat mitzvah, a meal is served. This joyful meal is called a seudat (seh-oo-dat), mitzvah (mitzvah meal). At these meals, there are some special foods that are usually served.

One of these is a noodle kugel, a favorite traditional food. You don't need a celebration to make it. It's good anytime! Kugel is delicious, either hot or cold. Also, it's easy to prepare, but be sure an adult is with you whenever you use the oven.

What You Need:

- 8 ounces wide noodles
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1 cup raisins
- 2 small apples
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons soft parev margarine
- sugar-cinnamon mixture (1 tablespoon sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon)

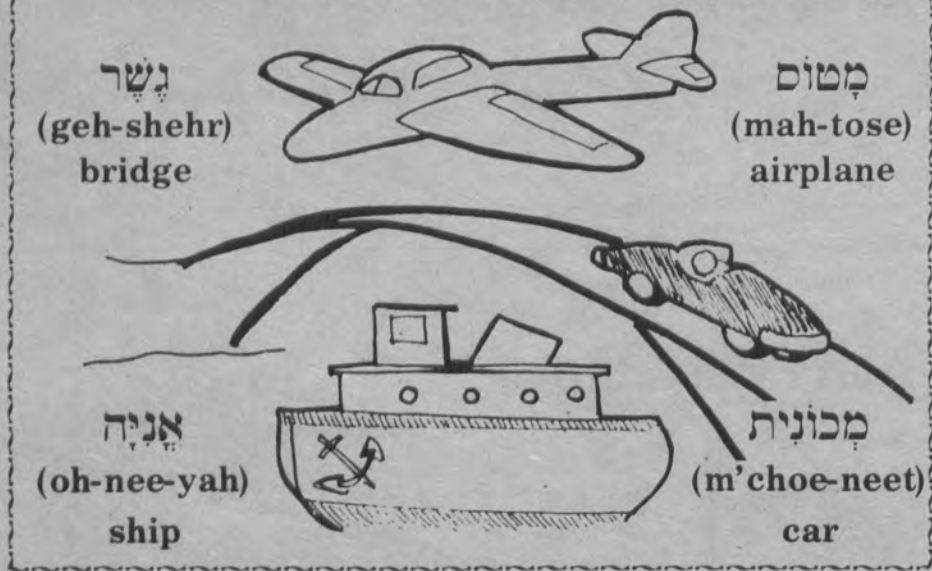


What You Do:

1. Cook the noodles in boiling water for about 10 minutes. Drain them with an adult's help.
2. While the noodles are cooking, peel and chop the apples.
3. Make the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Put aside for later.
4. Mix the noodles with all of the rest of the ingredients except the cinnamon-sugar mixture.
5. Grease an 8 inch by 8 inch baking dish.
6. Now pour the noodle mixture into the dish.
7. Sprinkle the cinnamon-sugar mixture over the top.
8. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to one hour, or until nicely browned.

מְלוּנִי

(Me-lo-nee) – My Dictionary



תַּחְרוּת

(Tah-chah-root) – Contest!

What You Do: Solve these rhyming riddles and write your answers on the form below. All of the correct entries will be included in a special drawing. All entries become the property of NOAH'S ARK and cannot be returned. (These riddles were written by O. J. Robertson, Copyright 1988.)

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| <p>1. Once when I was lost
In the foaming sea,
A great fish came swimming by
And safely swallowed me.
Who am I?
What do people call this
fish today?</p> | <p>3. Six days outside a city's wall
My army marched around.
On the seventh day the city's
wall
Crumbled and fell down.
Who am I?
What was the name of the
city?</p> |
| <p>2. I put a stone into a sling,
I whirled my sling around.
The stone hit a giant
And knocked him to the
ground.
Who am I?
What was the giant's name?</p> | <p>4. While I slept, a woman
Shaved off my long hair.
From that day on I lost
My strength and great power.
Who am I?
Who was the woman?</p> |

Clip and Mail

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Answers To Riddles:

1: _____ 3: _____

2: _____ 4: _____

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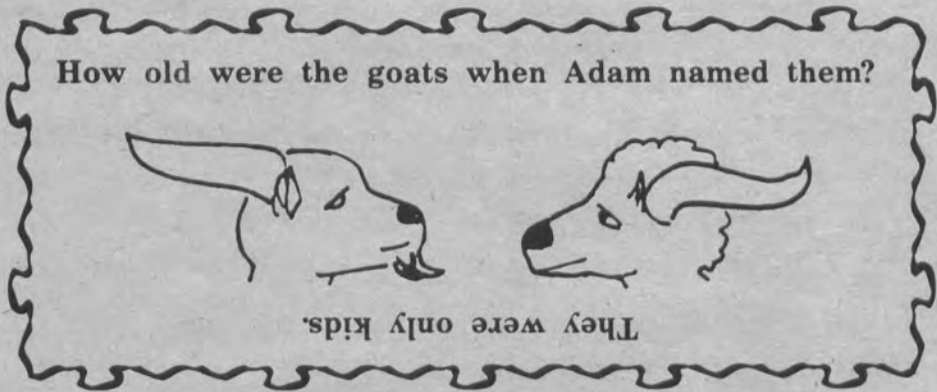
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חברים לעט

(Chah-veh-reem L'et) - Pen Pals

Dear Readers:

Here are some readers who would like to hear from you! If you are 6-12-years-old and want a pen pal, you may write to one of these names or fill out the form below. We are sorry that we cannot print every letter we receive. - Kanga

Jonathan Astmann
11 Mansfield Rd.
North Haven, Connecticut 06473
Age: 8 Grade: 3rd
Likes finger puppets, frisbees, stuffed animals, Construx, cactus, and playing inside and outside.
Wants a boy pen pal, same age or older.

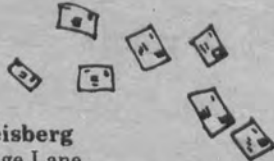
Aviva Grinbaum
15018 Pleasant Valley
Houston, Texas 77062
Age: 8½ Grade: 3rd
Likes swimming, creative writing, piano, tennis, science, TV, and talking on the phone.
Wants a pen pal, aged 7-12.

Stacy Butler
2612 Aimee Dr.
Montgomery, Alabama 36106
Age: 8½ Grade: 3rd
Likes TV, reading, swimming, computers, and playing with friends.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8½-9.

Maia Lustgarten
105 Beacon Hill Dr.
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10502
Age: 8½ Grade: 4th
Likes math, reading, writing, art, ice cream, TV, relaxing, weekends, getting mail, talking on the telephone, and collecting buttons.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 7-10.

Emily Hoffman
3804 Lands End
Ft. Worth, Texas 76109
Age: 9
Likes to read, play the piano, and collect erasers. Loves ballet.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8½-9.

Tovah Segelman
48 Harwich Rd.
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167
Grade: 4th
Likes TV, food, friends, sports, and boys.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8-11.



Jody Weisberg
10 Heneage Lane
Hanover, New Hampshire 03755
Age: 10 Grade: 4th
Likes playing the piano, watching TV, reading, roller skating, getting mail, and talking on the telephone.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 9-11.

Peter Kadens
2457 Brookview Dr.
Ottawa Hills, Ohio 43615
Grade: 5th
Likes basketball, tennis, parties, and rock music.

Jolyn Jukofsky Kramberg
1457 East 93rd St.
Brooklyn, New York 11236
Age: 10 Grade: 6th
Likes dancing, singing, writing, computers, soccer, TV, and reading.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Leslie Brown
18208 Nall
Stilwell, Kansas 66085
Age: 11 Grade: 5th
Likes horseback riding, board games, mail, and school.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 10-11.

Emilana Aronson
Stadionaya 19/20
Kharkov Ukrainian SSR/USSR
Age: 9
Emilana and her family are refuseniks (Jews who ask for permission to leave the Soviet Union and are refused.) They need letters to know you care about them. When you write, write like you would write to any pen pal. Do not write anything about them being refuseniks or anything bad about the Soviet Union. Send a picture if you have one. (Needs an overseas, air mail stamp.)

If you would like a pen pal, send this form to Kanga, NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Age: _____ Grade: _____
Likes: _____

Wants a pen pal who is: (check) a boy a girl aged _____

הקוד המסתורי
(Ha-Code Ha-meess-toe-ree)
Mystery Code

During October, we begin reading the story of Abraham. Early in the story, God made a promise to Abraham after God told him to leave his country. What was God's promise?

To find out, match the symbols to the letters and write the letters in the blanks. When you are through, you'll know the answer to the question.

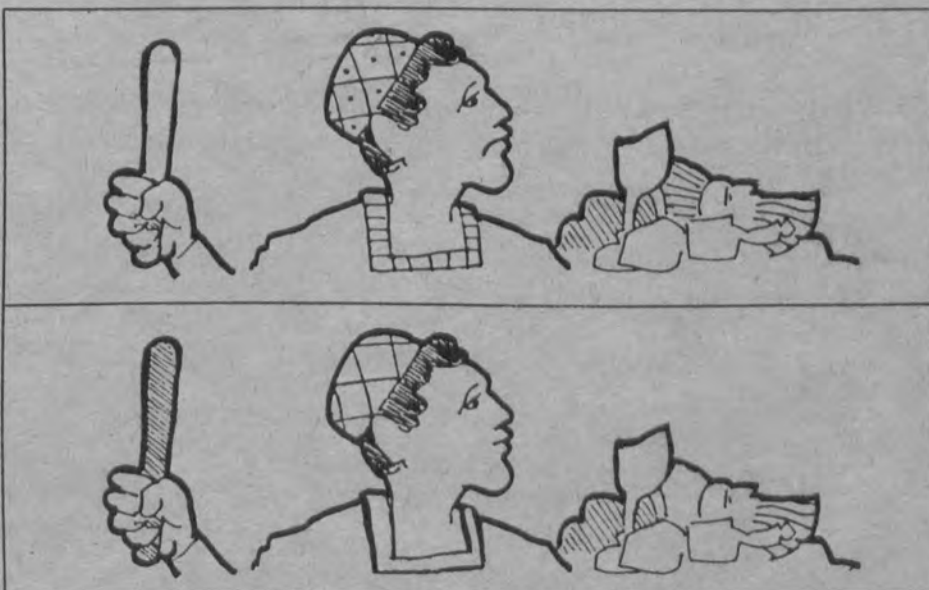
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מה ההבדלים?
(Mah Hah-hehv-deh-leem)
What Are The Differences?

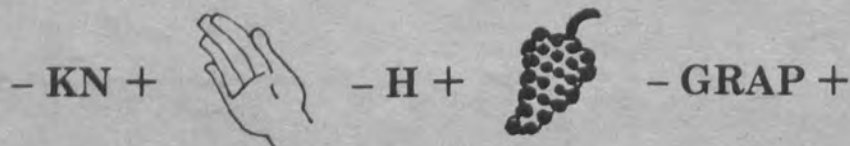
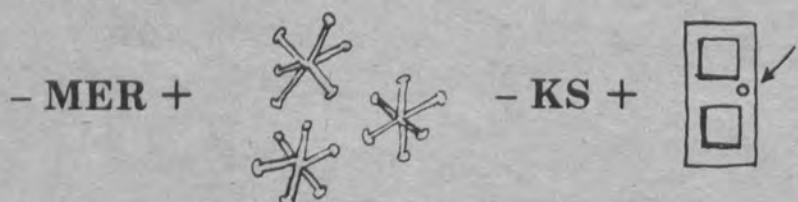
There are at least six differences between the two pictures below. Can you find them?



- Answer on next page.

Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוס

Who were the first, second, and third people to become a Bar Mitzvah?



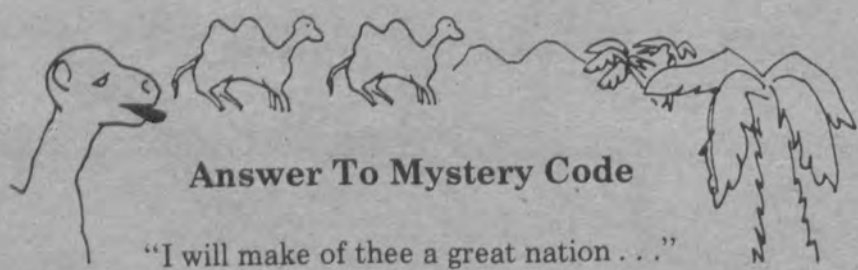
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מה חדש בספרייה? (Mah Chah-dahsh Bah-seef-ree-yah) What's New In the Library?



JEWISH HOLIDAY FUN. By David A. Adler. Kar-Ben Copies, 1987. \$3.95. Suggested for elementary ages.

David A. Adler is one of the best children's authors. When he's not writing stories, especially detective stories, he makes up rebuses, puzzles, jokes, and games. If you can't find this book in your bookstore, order it from Kar-Ben Copies, 6800 Tildenwood Lane, Rockville, MD 20852. Add \$1.50 for postage and handling.



מעשים טובים

(Mah-ah-seem Toe-veem) - Doing Good Deeds



When Ari Vernon was 12-years-old, he was busy making plans and studying for his bar mitzvah. He had many friends who had "twinned" with Soviet Jewish youngsters who are unable to celebrate a bar or bat mitzvah in the Soviet Union.

However, Ari likes to be different. His dad hinted to him about "adopting" an entire class of Jewish teenagers from Ethiopia who are living in Israel. Their parents have not been allowed to leave Ethiopia yet. Ari thought that "twinning" with the class would be a great idea! The North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry sent Ari all of the information he needed.

Because of Ari's bar mitzvah in August, two important things happened. First, Ari sent some of the money he received as bar mitzvah gifts to the Ethiopian class. "That money covers extra items that their parents might have bought had they been with them," explained Ari.

Also, Ari was able to make the community realize the Jews living in Ethiopia still need our help. "There are still thousands of Jews left in Ethiopia," he added.

About two weeks before Ari's bar mitzvah, his Ethiopian class began writing to him in English. Ari writes back to his new friends in Hebrew. He plans on meeting them in person when he and his family go to Israel next summer.

Ari is an eighth grade student at the Hebrew Academy in Houston, Texas. He's also a Boy Scout at Congregation Beth Yeshurun.

Kol hakavod ("all the honor", congratulations) to Ari for performing an important mitzvah!

If you or any child you know, aged 6-12, has done a mitzvah that could be featured in NOAH'S ARK Newspaper, just write about him or her and send it to: NOAH'S ARK Mitzvah, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. Be sure to include the child's age, complete address, phone number, and a picture if you have one.



Answers To Rebus

Table - tle + rake - ke + hammer - mer + jacks - ks + knob - kn + hand - h + grapes - grap + hat - ht + duck - dck = **Abraham, Jacob, and Esau.**

Actually, the bar mitzvah as we know it today was first celebrated during the Middle Ages. The bat mitzvah ceremony began in the 1920's.

Abraham is said to be the first bar mitzvah because he was 13-years-old when he decided he did not believe in idols (see the story on page 1). Jacob and Esau supposedly were 13 when they went their separate ways. Jacob became a shepherd and Esau became a hunter.



Answers To What Are The Differences

Skullcap, collar, mouth, club, and idol's head are different.



Announcements/Events

Kristallnacht Program Panel Announced

Max S. Bell, Esq., will be one of three participants in a panel discussion which is part of the program, *Reflections on Kristallnacht: Gathering the Fragments* at Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, on Sunday, November 13, 1:45-5:30 p.m. The program is a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht of November 9-10, 1938. The terror and destruction of that night marked a turning point in the Nazi treatment of German and Austrian Jewry and ushered in the Holocaust.

Bell who will discuss the legal implications of Kristallnacht, is a director and officer of the law firm Richards, Layton and Finger. He is a member and former chairperson of the State Human Relations Commission. An active Episcopalian layman, he currently serves as president of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The panel will be moderated by Helen Foss, Educational Advisor to the Governor, and includes Dr. Sara R. Horowitz and Dr. Lucie Palmer, both pro-

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast

The community is invited to attend Congregation Beth Emeth's Brotherhood Breakfast program featuring Thomas Carper, Delaware's Representative to the United States House of Representatives and Democratic candidate for re-election, on Sunday, October 16.

On Sunday, October 23, the Breakfast program will feature Dennis Greenhouse, State Auditor and Democratic candidate for New Castle County Executive.

On both mornings a short service in the Chapel will begin at 9:15 a.m., followed by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The candidates' presentations will start at about 10 a.m.

AEA Celebrates Chai Year

The 1988-89 school year is a special one for Albert Einstein as it begins its celebration of the life of the school. Eighteen years ago the Academy opened as the first Hebrew Day School in Delaware.

Dr. Avrene Brandt, President of the Academy stated, "We expect a successful year. The students, staff and members of the Board of Directors are lifted by our theme. We continue to grow, strengthen and improve and plant ourselves firmly in the community and in our purpose like a tree with its roots planted in the ground spreading up and out."

In line with the theme of life, the school's weekly newspaper

Jewish Singles 21-31

There will be a cocktail party for Jewish singles 21-31 on Tuesday, October 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Waterworks Cafe, 16th and French Streets, Wilmington. The cost is \$6 at the door. For more information call Mike Cook at 695-0392.

fessors at the University of Delaware, who will discuss the literary and philosophical aspects of Kristallnacht. The panel will follow keynote speaker Raul Hilberg, author of *Destruction of European Jewry*, and one of the foremost authorities on the Holocaust.

The program is partly funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum and sponsored by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee.

If transportation to Clayton Hall is necessary, a bus will be available at the Jewish Community Center. For bus reservations, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200. In Dover, call Congregation Beth Shalom.



Max S. Bell, Esq.

NCJW Luncheon Planned

October 12 is the date of the annual Public Affairs Luncheon of the Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women. At 11:30 a.m., the invocation will be given by Rabbi David Kaplan, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El in Newark, Delaware, followed by a luncheon at the DuBarry Room of the Hotel Du Pont in Wilmington. *Challenge for Community Action* puts NCJW's concern for the well-being of children into action.

Panelists participating in this program are as follows: Paula M. Breen, Executive Director, Child Care Connection; The Hon. Harris B. McDowell, III, Chairman, Children, Youth & Families Comm., Senate, General Assembly; The Hon. Margo E. Bane, Member, Children, Youth & Families Comm., Senate, General Assembly. Moderator of this panel will be The Hon. Jane Maroney, Chairwoman, Human Resources & Aging Comm., House of Representatives, General Assembly.

Cost of Public Affairs Luncheon is \$35 & up, for members of Council and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call Ceil Ehrich at 478-2329. Margaret May is the Chairwoman of this community event.

Clearance Sale

The Garage Sale of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will take place on October 19 and 20 (Wednesday and Thursday) in the Temple auditorium, (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) The Sisterhood is collecting toys, books, games, records, furniture, costume jewelry, as well as clothing and household goods.

The profit derived from this semi-annual sale is used for Sisterhood projects for Congregation Beth Emeth, for the community and for Israel. For further information, call Mrs. Pauline Rosenthal, Chairwoman of this sale, at 358-3257.

has been renamed "Chailights." Science and Judaic classes will study ecology towards understanding the need to preserve life, and the annual fundraiser scheduled for November 20 at the Jewish Community Center will honor individuals who, throughout the past eighteen years, have committed their time and effort to the life of the Academy.

Dr. Brandt continued, "The goal of the Albert Einstein Academy is to continue to reach out, not only to the children, but to be a source of education and Judaic enlightenment to all the community. It is committed to the teachings of Jewish values and education which enhances the life of each child and, ultimately, the life of the Jewish community."

Record Attendance At University Services

A record number of students at the University of Delaware attended High Holiday services at the Student Center last month. The services, which were sponsored by Hillel and led by its new director, Brant Rosen, attracted twice the number of students expected. More than 150 students were in attendance on Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, and more than 300 attended Kol Nidre

services. In the past, religious services have never attracted more than 150.

Rosen feels that the significance in this record attendance is "an increasing Jewish presence at the University." He explained that there are not only more Jewish students on campus, but that those who are there are seeking active Jewish participation.

Date Change Announced For Yale Archive Training

The dates for training volunteers to interview Delaware Holocaust survivors have been changed. Trainees from the Yale Archive for Holocaust Testimonies will be in Wilmington the evening of January 7 and all day January 8. The initial historical briefing by Professor Willard A. Fletcher will be held December 11, 1:30-5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Those who have volunteered will receive phone calls to ascertain whether the new dates fit into their schedules. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is still seeking volunteers for this project which will be conducted with the cooperation of Channel 12. If you are interested, please call Carol Sue Rudnick at 478-6200.

'Introduction' Class Offered For Potential Jews-By-Choice

Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen, Peter H. Grumbacher and David B. Kaplan announce that the first session of the 1988-1989 "Introduction to Judaism" classes will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Topkis Library of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington.

These classes, which are held weekly for approximately six months, are designed for people interested in conversion to Judaism and for those in a relationship with a Jewish person who would like to learn about

Jewish history, customs, ceremonies and rituals.

It is necessary to have a rabbinic sponsor, preferably before the classes begin; those interested should contact one of the rabbis at their respective synagogues: Rabbi Cohen (Beth Shalom, 654-4462); Rabbi Grumbacher (Beth Emeth, 764-2393); Rabbi Kaplan (Beth El, 366-8330). These rabbis will also be available to answer any questions related to the "Introduction to Judaism" program.

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Countdown To Election '88:



Jewish Advisors To The Presidential Candidates Square Off

With this issue, *The Jewish Voice* brings its readers a new feature — a debate between the presidential campaigns of Vice President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis. Gordon Zacks will speak for the Republicans; Hyman Bookbinder for the Democrats.

THE REPUBLICAN:

By GORDON ZACKS

Old loyalties die hard — Jews continue to vote for Franklin Delano Roosevelt decades after the man and his policies are gone. To this day, many in our community vote Democrat because they assume that the Democratic Party of today is the one they and their fathers voted for years ago.

But things are changing. The party of FDR is no longer a comfortable home for our community, and Jews are beginning to realize that the Democrats have little to offer them. Dukakis has made some reassuring-sounding statements on Israel, but that's not enough.

The Jewish community should know that the Reagan-Bush administration has an impressive record of support for Israel and support for Soviet Jewry.

That's in addition to the Reagan-Bush foreign policy program, which stopped a wave of Libyan terrorism; convinced the Soviets to agree to serious arms reductions as well as get out of Afghanistan; and kept the Persian Gulf open for international shipping.

But voters do not look only at the past when they make their choices; they also look to the future, and the policies the candidates support.

At their convention in New Orleans, the Republicans adopted a platform which stands in marked contrast to the short and non-committal document to the Democrats produced in July.

The Republican platform calls for a continuing close alliance between the U.S. and Israel. It outlined a comprehensive plan for strategic cooperation, including the pre-positioning of American equipment in Israel, for Israel's use in case of another war.

The Democrats' platform gave only two lines to the "special relationship" with Israel and to Camp David, but said nothing about strategic cooperation.

The Republicans decisively opposed creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. The Democrats allowed Jesse Jackson's supporters to bring the question of a Palestinian state up for a floor debate. During the debate, delegates booed and jeered Rep. Charles Schumer, a Jewish congressman from New York, as he spoke against the resolution.

A Cable News Network/Los Angeles Times poll, by the way, showed that over two-thirds of the delegates at the Democratic convention support the establishment of a Palestinian state in the territories.

The Republicans' 1988 platform, like the 1984 edition, condemned anti-Semitism by name. The Democrats said nothing about anti-Semitism.

The Republican platform called on the Soviet government to allow free emigration for Soviet Jews and to end persecution of Jews and other religious groups. The Democrats said nothing about Soviet Jews.

In New Orleans, the Republican reiterated their promise that if Israel is

ever kicked out of the United Nations, the U.S. will walk out too.

The platform also called for the repeal of the infamous U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism, and said that failure to repeal that resolution would justify cutting our support to the U.N.

Tom Dine, the executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, was so impressed with the Republican platform that he called it "the best statement of America's interests in that part of the world that has been produced by either party in history."

I am surprised by the vaguely threatening statements of my friend Hyman Bookbinder, that AIPAC, as a non-partisan group, needs to be more prudent about praising one party rather than the other.

Dine's statement is the simple truth. And for years, the Democrats were delighted when the pro-Israel lobby praised their party.

Now when the shoe is on the other foot, and the Republicans are clearly more supportive of Israel and well deserving of Tom Dine's praise, the Democrats are crying foul.

In the past ten years, the Republicans have shown a sincere commitment not only to programs that benefit all Americans, but to policies which are vitally important to Israel and to American Jews.

Max Fisher, the Detroit philanthropist and former chairman of the Jewish Agency who has been active in Republican politics for some 40 years, addressed the Republican convention as a representative of the Jewish community.

He said, "Over the last 40 years, we have seen the Republican Party reach out to American Jews in many ways... this great political party shares your values, and... has labored steadily to earn your trust. The Republican Party's interests are your interests; its goals are your goals."

The platforms and the records of the two parties are the clearest illustrations of the change in the Democratic Party and of how much the Republicans today share our concerns and values.

In addition, George Bush has selected as his running mate a man who has a deep commitment to strengthening the strategic cooperation between Israel and the United States, and who is in full support of all of the planks in the Republican platform. George Bush has earned the support of our community this November.

Gordon Zacks is chairman of the Jewish Campaign Committee for Bush and a co-chairman of the National Jewish Coalition.

THE DEMOCRAT:

By HYMAN BOOKBINDER

Should Jewish voters prefer Michael Dukakis or George Bush? If the pattern of the last 50 years holds, the Democratic candidate will be the overwhelming choice again of Jewish voters.

They will vote that way both for "Jewish" reasons (Israel, Soviet Jewry, church-state separation), and for the broader purposes valued by most Jews as to the kind of society America should be, and what its proper role in the world should be.

What Jewish voters — and all voters — need in order to make a responsible choice is an intelligent, rational, honest debate on the many critical issues crying out for understanding and resolution.

I admit to some chauvinism in believing that Jewish voters are among the most sophisticated and responsible voters in the nation. So I am persuaded that they are particularly dismayed, even outraged, over the campaign being waged thus far on behalf of George Bush.

I have known and respected Mr. Bush for over 20 years as a very decent human being, even when we disagreed over specific issues.

So I am particularly disturbed that he seeks to win the presidency by such shoddy tactics as:

- Impugning the patriotism and love of country of Gov. Dukakis with a phony "pledge of allegiance" issue;
- Accusing him of being soft on crime because of a tragic, isolated incident in a prison furlough program approved by most experts and basically similar to one employed by the federal government and most states;
- Invoking a McCarthy-like, albeit ludicrous, accusation of Dukakis being a "card-carrying member" of the American Civil Liberties Union;
- Doing nothing to stop the outrageous peddling of manufactured rumors about Dukakis' health.

If Jewish voters join other voters in resenting this kind of gutter politics, they particularly resent the specific "dirty trick" directed at the Jewish community.

I refer to the reckless, demagogic campaign of fear about who would determine and direct Middle East policy in a Dukakis administration.

It is a tactic of desperation, needed by Jewish Bush supporters because they dare not deal directly with the facts about the Dukakis record on Israel as well as the full Republican record on the subject.

Michael Dukakis has always been intimately associated with, and fully supportive, of Israel's struggle for security. He was the first governor, for example, to order state authorities not

to deal with any company honoring the Arab boycott against Israel.

As early as 1976, he issued a state proclamation calling upon the U.N. to rescind its hateful Zionism-equals-racism resolution. (Contrast this with the co-chairman of the national Bush campaign, New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, the only governor out of 50 who has refused to issue such a proclamation!)

• After being assured of the nomination, Dukakis directed all his associates to develop and work for a solid, pro-Israel plank for the Democratic platform.

He soundly defeated efforts by Jesse Jackson delegates to dilute his strong pro-Israel plan, at platform-writing sessions in Mackinaw Island and in Denver. (These policies are contained in Dukakis's B'nai B'rith speech, and will be discussed in future articles in this series.)

• Within days after the Republican convention, the Reagan-Bush administration demonstrated the tremendous gap between their soothing platform words on Israel and their deeds.

On Aug. 16, the administration used unprecedented language in scolding and threatening Israel after its expulsion of several Palestinians responsible for the continued violence.

Two days later, the administration again shocked Israel and American Jews when it knuckled under Arab-American pressures and cited Israel for violations of workers' rights, announcing an October hearing which could deprive Israel of important trade privileges.

And then it gave the Palestine Liberation Organization another political victory by failing to appeal a court decision rejecting the government's earlier decision to close the PLO's mission in New York.

I hope that in future articles, it will not be necessary again to rebut distortions and cheap shots.

American Jews deserve a serious debate on the issues. How do we most effectively implement the national consensus on a strategically and morally based U.S.-Israel special relationship? What kind of foreign and defense policy will best assure freedom and security for all people — and specifically for Jews beleaguered anywhere?

Which candidate is more likely to protect the precious wall of separation between church and state? How can we best develop federal-state-private partnerships to stimulate the economy, strengthen family life, and provide social justice for all? How do we resume the stalled battles to eliminate discrimination and poverty in America?

Let's debate the real issues. Let's look at the real record.

Hyman Bookbinder, former Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, is presently serving as special adviser to the Dukakis campaign on the Middle East, human rights and the underprivileged.

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Israel Defends Plastic Bullets In Spite Of Growing Criticism

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In the face of growing international criticism, Israel defended its use of plastic bullets against rioting Palestinians in the territories and explained why they were adopted by the Israel Defense Force a month ago.

A spokesman for Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week clarified a statement attributed to Rabin regarding the use of the bullets. Rabin was quoted as saying, "If more rioters are hurt, that is our intention."

But his communications adviser, Eitan Haber, denied that this meant the IDF is under orders to shoot as many Arabs as possible. "The shooting of plastic bullets is intended to cause more injuries, but only among the rioters," Haber said.

He insisted they are intended actually to avoid the damage caused by live bullets, and are supposed to be aimed only at the leaders of violent demonstrations, who are usually found at the rear of the demonstrators.

Unit commanders had hoped the plastic bullets would reduce the incidence of stonethrowing. So far, they have not. The plastic bullets are substitutes for rubber bullets and live ammunition, but have been found to inflict severe wounds and in some cases have been fatal. Their use has been officially protested to Israel by the United States and Britain.

"We believe that measures must be taken to reduce rather than to increase casualties among Palestinian demonstrators," U.S. State

Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said Wednesday.

According to military regulations, plastic bullets may be fired only from distance of at least 230 feet. They must be

aimed at the legs, below the knees. But doctors at Ahali hospital in Gaza testified that eight Palestinians have been killed by plastic bullets in the month since they were first employed.

28 Parties Set To Compete In Israel

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — No fewer than 28 political parties will compete for the 120 Knesset seats in Israel's general elections on Nov. 1. All had duly registered and paid their \$7,660 deposit by the time the lists closed at midnight on September 28.

But the number of competing parties could be reduced by two. Lawsuits have been filed to bar Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach party and the Progressive List for Peace, from participating in the race. The Progressive List is an Arab-Jewish faction at the far left of

the political spectrum. Israel's High Court of Justice will have to decide those cases before Election Day.

The proliferation of parties is due in large measure to the unprecedented fragmentation of the religious block into six rival factions. It was caused by 11th-hour splits in the Agudat Yisrael and Shas parties. The National Religious Party split in half several months ago. And a new middle-of-the-road religious party, Meimad, was launched recently by Rabbi Yehuda Amital.

An Agudah breakaway list was set up at the urging of the

party's Bnei Brak sage, Rabbi Eliezer Schach. It is headed by Rabbi Avraham Ravitz, a well known Jerusalem yeshiva head, and represents the Lithuanian element in the Agudah camp. Schach has been feuding with the party's Hasidic faction.

The Shas party broke apart when one of its Knesset members, Shimon Ben-Sholomo, discovered he had not been given a safe spot on the party's election list. Ben-Sholomo is allied with Baruch Abuhatzera, son of the late holy man, Baba Sali. This is the Moroccan "Baba" branch of the party, which has challenged the Shas establishment.

Apart from the ferment in the religious ranks, little other drama has developed. Likud has managed to resolve its internal dispute over the one-man Ometz faction of former Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz. Pressed by Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the party agreed to place Hurvitz in the sixth spot and his lieutenant, Zalman Shoval, in the 40th, which is considered realistic under Israel's proportional representation system.

Fear Of Polio Subsiding

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Fear of a polio epidemic seems to be subsiding even though an eighth case has been confirmed and the Israel Defense Force has begun vaccinating all regulars and reservists. The police department is also vaccinating members of the force from the two areas of the country where the polio virus has been found in sewage — the Hadera region and the Lod-Ramla region.

The Health Ministry completed a mass vaccination pro-

gram of residents of those areas last week. More than 150,000 children and adults were inoculated. But the health authorities decided a national vaccination campaign was not necessary because most of the population is immune.

The outbreak of the disease threatened to cause panic though it was hardly an epidemic. Until last week, there were only seven confirmed cases in the country and three suspected cases.

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Flag Football

An afternoon of flag football is planned at our Family Campus on Sunday, October 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost for participating is \$3 and registration must be made by Tuesday, October 18. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with us after the game.

Philadelphia Eagles vs. Atlanta

See the Eagles cream the Falcon's in Veterans Stadium on Sunday, October 30, at 12:15 p.m. A fee of \$35 must be in by Friday, October 21. We will return to the JCC after the game. Remember to dress warmly.

Jr. Teen Hayride

Enjoy a hayride through Bellevue Park on Saturday, October 22, from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

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Theatre Workshop

Our very own Teen Show Director is back! John Minor will lead a workshop concentrating on motivation, physical action, vocal expression and improvisation. There will be eight sessions beginning Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$75 and registration must be made by Thursday, October 20. Bring a notebook and pencil. Students will be working in pairs and will do a specialty on auditioning.

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'A Sign And A Witness: 2,000 Years Of Hebrew Books And Illuminated Manuscripts'

Major International Exhibit Of Hebrew Books At N.Y. Library

The history of the Hebrew book from ancient times to the present will be explored, beginning on October 15, in an unprecedented international exhibition at The New York Public Library. "A Sign and a Witness: 2,000 Years of Hebrew Books and Illuminated Manuscripts" will bring together 185 of the most historically significant and beautiful books in the Hebrew language from thirty of the world's greatest repositories of Judaica in the United States, Eastern and Western Europe, and Israel. Many of these rare and sumptuous volumes include religious texts used during Jewish holidays, Bibles, and works devoted to law, mysticism, philosophy, literature and science. They range from a Dead Sea Scroll (circa 63 B.C.E.) to a present-day Haggadah illustrated by Leonard Baskin. The exhibition title "A Sign and a Witness,"

inspired by a phrase from the Book of Isaiah (19:20) suggests that Hebrew books are a sign (or symbol) of Jewish culture, and a witness to 2,000 years of history.

The exhibition underscores the importance of the Hebrew book as an integral part of world literature and a vehicle for exchanging ideas among the Jewish, Moslem, and Christian civilizations. Library President Vartan Gregorian said, "The Hebrew book is an important communicator of human knowledge and a record of civilizations. The Library is particularly proud to close the 40th anniversary celebration of Israel with an exhibition of such historical significance and international scope."

A Sign and a Witness is the result of four years of research and negotiation by its curator, Dr. Leonard Singer Gold, the Dorot Chief Librarian of the Jewish Division at The NYPL. Dr. Gold notes, "Our goal was to offer an exhibition of great breadth — 2,000 years of a people's world view — while showing the range of subjects in the Hebrew language, and the rich variety of printing and illumination in bookmaking. The exhibit will also demonstrate, contrary to a widely held misconception, that the making of religious art was permitted among medieval Jewry. The many beautiful images and significant works in the exhibition serve as testimony to this artistry."

The NYPL's Jewish Division, established in 1897, continues



The Dead Sea Scrolls, unearthed between 1947 and 1956 at Qumran on the Dead Sea, reveal the religious rituals and daily life of the Essenes, an ancient Jewish sect that believed an apocalyptic event would end the world and deliver Israel from Roman rule. One of the scrolls, the Nahum Commentary (ca. 63 B.C.E.), pictured above, discusses a struggle between the Pharisees and the King of Judea. The scroll is on view at the N.Y. Public Library's exhibit.

in the tradition of the oldest Jewish libraries in Europe. The scope of its holdings rests on a foundation of early rarities, many of which have been selected for this exhibition. They include Bibles, illuminated mahzors (festival prayer books), and richly detailed haggadahs. Treasures from the Library's Spencer Collection will also be on view, including a 17th-century parchment scroll of the Book of Esther.

The treasures on loan from other repositories, including the Israel Museum, Jerusalem; the Biblioteca Nacional, Lisbon; ; The British Library, London; and the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris; span many centuries and encompass diverse artistic styles, including German Medieval, Italian Renaissance, and Judeo-Persian. Represented are manuscript Bibles, vibrantly il-

luminated pentateuchs, and rare haggadahs. Of particular interest is the Tripartite Mahzor (southern Germany, ca. 1320), whose three parts will be brought together from Budapest, London, and Oxford, and displayed side by side for the first time.

The exhibition is organized into five sections, the titles of which are drawn from passages in the Bible and the Talmud. The first section, In The Beginning (Genesis 1:1) The Bible, comprises the major components of the Hebrew Bible: the Torah or Five Books of Moses, the Prophets, and the Writings, which are the source of all Jewish teachings. The second section, A Fence Around the Law (Avot 1:1) examines the Oral Tradition, recorded centuries ago, the main text of which is the Talmud.

The third section Remember This Day (Exodus 13:3) in-

cludes books about prayer and celebration. Featured are mahzors, haggadahs, and Siddurs, which contain daily and Sabbath prayers. The fourth group, The Tongue of the Wise (Proverbs 15:2) pertains to language and literature and includes grammars and dictionaries, and volumes of poetry; while the fifth section, The World and the Fulness Thereof (after Psalm 24:1) embraces writings about the universe, astronomy, philosophy, the calendar, and medicine.

"A Sign and a Witness" will be on view in Gottesman Exhibition Hall at The New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street from October 15 through January 14, 1989. Open from Monday through Saturday, 10 to 6 p.m. Viewing hours will be extended Tuesday evenings until 8:45 p.m. especially for this exhibition.

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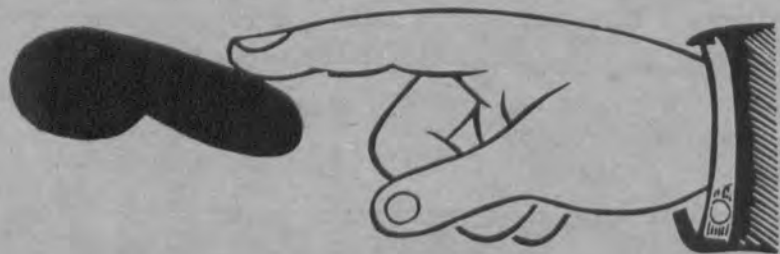
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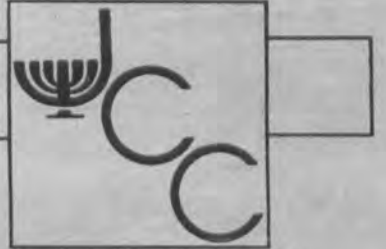
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'Profiles In Courage' Lecture

A discussion of President John F. Kennedy's Profiles In Courage will take place on Thursday, October 20, at 1 p.m. Sig Ettinger, an instructor at the Academy of Lifelong Learning, will lead a discussion of the politically courageous people described in the book, several of whom are comparatively unknown and, Ettinger feels, are deserving of publicity.

This program is being sponsored by the Academy of Lifelong Learning's Outreach Program and is open to the public, free of charge. For additional information, contact Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator, at 478-5660.

Massage Therapy

The JCC now has two massage therapists on staff. They are available every weekday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., every evening from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. and every Wednesday and Friday from noon - 3 p.m. Appointments may be made for a half hour at a fee of \$25 or for one full hour for a fee of \$40. Call the Control Desk at 478-5660 to schedule an appointment.

Lynn Greenfield Is New Adult Division Director

The Jewish Community Center has named Lynn Greenfield as its new Adult Division Director. Lynn is a graduate of Jamestown Community College and Fredonia State University. Previously, she was the Program Director for the West Chester Community Center and an Administrative Assistant in an investment corporation located in Jamestown.

Lynn is very interested in expanding and broadening programming in the adult division

with emphasis placed on seniors and singles of all ages. She would like to develop a solid program base and make the Center a place where people will want to come and participate, in a comfortable atmosphere. Her interests and hobbies include photography, traveling, foreign culture and history and arts and theatre.

Lynn currently resides in West Chester with her husband Dennis, daughter Tracey, 18 and her son Todd, 13.

Wellness Program

The JCC's Wellness Program provides a comprehensive assessment of the members present health profile and designs an individualized program of exercise. Total body fitness, dietary practices and mental fitness are incorporated into each specially designed program. All evaluations are performed by a registered physical therapist.

Wellness enables individuals to concentrate on nutritional balance, improve their flexibility and utilize stress coping

skills, along with special relaxation exercises. There is a one time fee of \$50 which entitled the member to full usage of the Wellness Center for one year. Equipment and facilities include a Fitron Isokinetic Ergometer, Nordic Track Skier, Computerized Rowing Machine and a Tunturi Ergometer.

For more information on the JCC's Wellness Program, contact the Health and Fitness Control Desk at 478-5660.

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Children's Choice

"Children's Choice on Sunday is a day of kite-flying fun, swimming and sports for children, grades 1 through 6. Children's Choice provides an opportunity for children to make their own decisions, by allowing them to choose their own activities. The cost for the program is \$2 for members and the deadline for registration is November 13. Contact the Child and Family Division at 478-5660 for additional information.

Kidspace Program

Kidspace is a school vacation program for children enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade which provides children with a space to play, opportunities to make friends and experience new activities in an informal, yet structured environment. There is a Kidspace scheduled for Tuesday, November 8 from 8:30 to 4

p.m. The fee for Kidspace is \$12.50 per day and childcare is available from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. for an additional fee. Registration is currently being accepted in the Child and Family Division Business Office and must be made one week prior to program date.

Philistine Palace Uncovered

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A building of monumental stature, possibly a Philistine palace, is currently being excavated in one of the largest biblical-period archaeological sites uncovered in Israel. The site, known as Tel Migne, is located on the sight of the former city of Ekron, one of the

five city-kingdoms of the Philistines.

The Philistines controlled the south-central coastal area of Israel from about the 12th century BCE until their cities were destroyed some 600 years later by the Babylonians.

Archaeologists from the Hebrew University of

Jerusalem and the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research located Tel Migne working in the fields of Kibbutz Revadim, which is near Ashdod.

The Philistine building, with some 300 square yards in size uncovered so far, lies in what is believed to have been the city-center, spanning some 25 acres. It has been dated back to the 11th century BCE. Inside the building, diggers found an intact iron knife with bronze rivets and an ivory handle. Archaeologists believe the knife, not an ordinary utensil, may have been in the possession of

an important person or perhaps was used in cult practices.

During this year's excavations, the 103rd olive oil production building was uncovered in the former city of Ekron, making it, according to archaeologists, the largest food industrial processing operation in the ancient world. This number of installations would have been able to produce over 1,000 tons of olive oil per year, it is estimated.

The excavations were headed, as they have for the past five years, by Professor Trude Dothan of the Hebrew

University Institute of Archaeology, and Professor Seymour Gitin of the Albright Institute.

Funding for the project at Tel Migne for the 1988 season came from the two universities involved in the digs, as well as Boston College, Brown University, the Lehigh Valley Center for Jewish Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Lethbridge.

Hammer: Gorbachev To Free Jews

TUCSON, Ariz. (JTA) — Mikhail Gorbachev will eventually let every refusenik leave the Soviet Union, according to Armand Hammer, a personal friend of the Soviet leader. "Even more than that, every Jew who wants to leave the Soviet Union will be allowed to do so. That is what Mr. Gorbachev told me and I believe him," Hammer said in an interview with Patricia Golan of the Arizona Post, the Jewish weekly published here.

The 90-year-old industrialist, the first American to develop commercial contacts with Soviet Russia in the early 1920s, was in Tucson for a meeting of the President's Cancer Panel, a blue-ribbon

group that advises the government on the latest developments in cancer research.

Hammer, who has known every Soviet leader since Lenin, said he has faith in Gorbachev. "I believe him. I think he is a man of his word, and he certainly should be tested on this. We should give him a chance." He added, "Gorbachev might make conditions so pleasant in Russia, some of those Jews might not want to leave."

Hammer, known in international business circles as the "Russian Connection," helped organize American assistance after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.

Judaic Center In Shanghai

MELBOURNE, Australia (JTA) — The first Judaic Studies Center in China has been established in Shanghai under the presidency of Professor Zhu Weile. The announcement was contained in a letter to Isi Leibler here, chairman of the World Jewish Congress Asia Pacific branch. It came from Jin Yinzong, vice secretary general of the Shanghai International Relations Studies Society.

According to Jin, the center is an outgrowth of a seminar on

Jewish history and culture held last August in Liu Zhang, Hangzhou, Zhejiang province. The seminar was sponsored by the Shanghai International Relations Studies Society.

Leibler said, "The strengthening of Jewish cultural and academic contacts with Asia through the Asia-Jewish colloquia, and more recently, through our dialogue with senior Chinese academics, has served to bring our two ancient civilizations closer and to forge links of understanding."

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Obituaries

Sylvia Davis

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Sylvia Davis, formerly Sylvia Klein, 76, of 2777 S. W. 15th Court, formerly of Wilmington, died September 22 of cancer in University Hospital Hospice, Fort Lauderdale.

Mrs. Davis was a former member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

Her first husband, Philip Klein, died in 1962. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Davis; a son, Donald R. Klein of Newark, Del.; a sister, Rita Tepper of Long Island, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

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Nathan Rosbrow

Nathan Rosbrow, former chief attorney in the Veterans Administration regional office, died September 23 of heart failure in Riverside Hospital.

Mr. Rosbrow, 81, of 5 Colony Blvd., joined the Veterans Administration as adjudicator in 1946. He was named rating board legal specialist in 1955, and in 1959 he was appointed chief attorney. He retired in 1982.

He was a former Family Court master.

He was a member of Temple

Beth Shalom and Delaware Post 1, American Legion. He was a Shriner, Mason and member of Du Pont Lodge 29 and Jewish War Veterans.

He received a bachelor's degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

He served with the 63rd Army Infantry Division during World War II.

His wife, Sara K., died in 1969. He is survived by a daughter, Rosalind Rand of Long Island, N.Y.; a brother, Edward of Wilmington; a sister, Jean Zetlin of Wilmington, and three grandchildren.

Celia Bader

Celia Bader, 59, of 508 Windley Road, Oak Lane Manor, died September 25, of a heart attack at home.

Mrs. Brader, a home economics teacher for nine years, taught at Claymont High School. She also taught courses in Chinese cooking from her home.

She received a bachelor's and a master's degree in home economics from New York University and moved to Wilmington from New York City in 1973.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin S.; two sons, Robert of Voorhees, N.J., and

Douglas of Charlottesville, Va.; a daughter, Ruthie Bader of Wilmington; two brothers, Martin Corwin of Livingston, N.J., and Barney Corwin of Smithtown, N.Y.

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Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association, Wilmington.

Richard Miller

Richard Miller of 211 Hawthorne Drive, Brandywine Hills, former president and chairman of the board of Miller's Furniture Industries, died September 25 of heart failure in Leader Nursing Home, Foulk Road. He was 80.

The well-known retailer was active in community affairs and was a national winner of the "Brand Name Retailer of the Year" award sponsored by Life Magazine in 1955.

Mr. Miller attended Wilmington High School, where he was sports editor of the student newspaper.

He attended the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and later the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He joined his father's furniture store business, Miller Brothers Co., in 1931.

Mr. Miller worked as the firm's advertising manager and treasurer and become president in 1968. For 60 years, the main store was located at Ninth

and King streets, Wilmington, now the site of the Family Court Building. The firm has stores on Concord Pike, Newark, Seaford, Rehoboth Beach, New Castle and Pennsylvania, N.J.

Upon the death of Martin Luther King in 1968, Mr. Miller proposed the founding of a memorial scholarship fund to help deserving Delaware high school graduates attend the University of Delaware. He gave \$1,000 to start the fund.

Mr. Miller retired in 1975, passing the business on to his children.

He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and B'Nai B'rith. He was a former treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

His wife, Leona, died in 1973. He is survived by a son, Andrew L. of Wilmington; a daughter, Danna M. Levy of Wilmington; a brother, Howard A. of Wilmington; two sisters, Rosalie Goldman of Wilmington and Sara Leah Miller of Rising Sun, Md.; and seven grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Leona Miller Scholarship Fund, in care of Kutz Home, Wilmington.

Solomon Rizen

Solomon "Sol" Rizen, 75, of 404 Irving Drive, Brandywine Hills, died September 30 of circulatory failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Rizen retired in 1968 as

owner and operator of 301 Cafe at Third and Madison streets. Before that, he owned Duffy's Tavern at 617 Orange St. He was a member of Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, the former Mary Cohen; two sons, Harold of Philadelphia and Dr. Brian of Feasterville, Pa.; a daughter, Lynne Lew of Maplewood Lane; a brother, Hyman of Claymont; a sister, Anna Helfinstein of Philadelphia; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, Wilmington Chapter, Wilmington.

Sadie Levy

Sadie Levy, 83, of 704 River Road, Kutz Home, died September 30 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Levy, formerly of Wilmington, was a homemaker and a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

She is survived by her husband, Israel; two sons, Alfred of Philadelphia and Melvin of New Castle; two sisters, Ida Rosen of Boca Raton, Fla., and Mary Cohen of Silver Spring, Md.; and four grandchildren.

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1500 Pay Respects To Writer Cowan

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — "My father was a klutz... He never wore matching socks... and he put ice cream in the refrigerator instead of the freezer," laughed Lisa Cowan through tears at the funeral for her father, journalist Paul Cowan.

Cowan, who was a central figure at Anshe Chesed synagogue, on New York's Upper West Side, received a very special farewell there Wednesday from 1,500 people whose lives he had touched.

Cowan's friends, including fellow worshippers, nationally known reporters, an attorney general, a councilwoman and an Orthodox rabbi, alternately laughed, cried and rocked gently together as homage was paid to the writer, who died Monday of leukemia at the age of 48.

"Forgive me, but I cannot call him Paul, I called him Saul," said Rabbi Joseph Singer, an Orthodox rabbi from New York's Lower East Side who came to know Cowan in the mid-1970s.

It was at that time that Cowan, an assimilated Jew who attended Choate and Har-

vard, wrote a story about poor Jews on the Lower East Side.

With that story, he unwittingly began to write a storyline for the lives of countless Jews unsure of how they could simultaneously express their ancient faith and their modern liberalism.

Singer, who still works with impoverished Jews, was unable to keep himself from crying at the funeral, even as he delivered a long eulogy in mixed Yiddish and heavily accented English.

Cowan wrote much about Singer in articles and his book, "An Orphan in History."

The testimony to Cowan's success in welding together his passion for social justice and his intense devotion to Judaism was evident at the funeral, which was held in the recently refurbished main sanctuary of Anshe Chesed.

Cowan was personally involved in the renovation project, but never saw its completion, having spent practically

the entire last year in the hospital.

Many strangers, those who met Cowan in the neighborhood and those who came to Anshe Chesed because they had read his book, came together at the writer's funeral.

His "oldest friend," Jack Gorman, who knew Cowan since they were 3, quipped that the reason Cowan wore mismatched socks was because he probably wanted to introduce them to each other.

Jack Newfield, a former colleague at the Village Voice, remarked how Cowan had taught him to be a committed Jew. "For an orphan in history, he sure made a lot of us feel at home."

Cowan was laid to rest in the backyard of the longtime family home in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. His widow, Rachel, asks that any donations in Cowan's name be made to Project Ezra, Anshe Chesed or the Jewish Fund for Justice.

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University Of Delaware Judaic Studies —

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the original deal.

However, we had a stroke of fortune. After Dr. Perlman accepted a position elsewhere, one of our faculty accepted a visiting professorship elsewhere. Dean Gouldner, the Dean of my College, agreed with my request that we hire a one-year replacement who could continue to offer a Judaic Studies course. Dr. Roslyn

Weiss, a Columbia Ph.D. and student of Jewish philosophy and religion will offer an Introduction to Jewish Philosophy both on campus and on Wednesday evenings at Wilcastle this coming Spring. She was hired too late to get a course into the Fall semester schedule.

Her position is one year but I am trying to find ways to keep her here for a longer period of

time but have no assurance at present.

The issue raised by Dr. Perlman is a real one, but is even broader than he indicated. Religion in general, as well as in specific, is under-represented in the University curriculum in my opinion. My own department's effort to support additional work in religion is hampered by the fact that new positions in my area of the Humanities have not been available here. The University administration has decided that other areas than Philosophy (and Religion) have higher priorities for development. New fields like Linguistics and Computer Studies have come along and need to be developed. Also the University has been making great strides in the development of Graduate programs, programs which have great impact on the University's reputation and quality. It is also true to say that perhaps the fault is partly mine that the Philosophy Department does not offer more courses in religious studies, but I do not control who is hired.

I would be happy to talk with anyone who is concerned about this problem. As I say, we have a temporary solution but I do not know whether it

will extend beyond this one year. I regret that we do not offer more Judaic Studies courses and more courses in religion, but the fact is that we do not. Perhaps the fault lies in me and my department for not devoting more time than we do to religious studies, but our primary area of concern has been philosophy as you would expect. I, like Dr. Perlman, wish that other departments on

campus had shown greater concern for Judaic Studies in particular and religious studies in general and had not left the burden to our already over-worked department. Hillel may be thriving but courses on the contribution of religions to our culture are not and are not offered in abundance and there is cause for concern in that regard.

Frank B. Dillery

Elie Wiesel —

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bestows ancient strength on everyday words. What would a Jew be without the Jewish community? A withered branch, a nameless wanderer,

Domestic Violence —

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economically — making it extremely difficult to leave the battering environment.

We all need to be aware that domestic violence crosses all socio-economic lines. Domestic violence doesn't just happen to "them" and not "us." Domestic Violence Awareness Month gives us all a chance for self-education, and education is the first step to eliminating domestic violence.

Jean L. Blumenfeld
President, NCJW
Wilmington Section

buffeted by alien hostile destinies.

Together, Jews represent historical power, a collective consciousness. Alone, we must cope with our own weakness. Together, we are each other's affirmation. Alone, we must disappear.

To be part of a community, to shape it and strengthen it is the most urgent and vital obligation facing the Jewish individual. The gravest sin that a Jew can commit is to cut himself off from the community. The severest punishment that we can receive is to be cut off, to be excommunicated. To be part of a community gives us a sense of beauty and a sense of history that no other people have.

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Israeli Satellite —

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ment. The Cabinet, which met the day before the launch, did not refer to the matter in the public statement issued by Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein.

Ne'eman himself had dismissed the reports as "more like science fiction tales and far from reality."

Israel's space scientists say the theoretical capacity exists to build and launch a high-altitude spy satellite, but the costs may be too much for Israel to bear. A low-altitude orbiter would be cheaper, but of limited military value, the scientists say. It would cover only a narrow path, passing over the Middle East region twice a day, have a short lifetime and need to be replaced frequently.

An intelligence satellite at higher altitudes, set in a stationary orbit, could observe regional developments on a

permanent, "real time" basis and would have a longer life span. But it would cost billions to build. Scientists agree that the problem is financial, not technological. Israel is especially strong on the optical and computer image enhancement technologies required, they say.

According to some observers, Israel's interest in a military satellite to spy on the Arab states may be an outcome of the Jonathan Pollard affair. Pollard, a civilian intelligence analyst employed by the U.S. Navy, is serving a life sentence in an American Federal prison for spying on behalf of Israel.

He sold Israelis material that American intelligence gathered on the Arab countries but did not share with Israel. With Pollard out of business, the Israelis need the means to improve their own intelligence gathering.

Schultz —

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so that Jews and others would no longer be refused exit visas on arbitrary decisions of officials.

While Shultz said that he and Shevardnadze discussed the Middle East, it was apparently not a major part of the talks.

But he said there was a long discussion about the need to ban the production of chemical weapons. U.S. and Soviet experts are to meet on December 16 on ways of halting their proliferation.

Response To N. Even Or —

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the Labor Party's list. This is explained in the Jewish Voice and other publications as Eban's lack of participation in party politics. It certainly was not, as Nissan implies, because of his "land for peace" view, which is supported by the Labor party and half of the Israelis.

I am also surprised at Nissan's use of a "strawman," that negotiation with Arabs meant giving up Israeli's strategic military defenses on the West Bank. No respected Israeli leader would accept that and no one ever has.

The real mischief makers, as Nissan refers to Eban, are the religious extremists. Their influence far exceeds their numbers because of Israel's peculiar political system. Their fanaticism divorces ethics from their Judaism. They don't allow religious freedom to other Jews, and their solution to the West Bank is more heart break and blood without a glimmer of hope. Like Arab extremists they want 100%. They want to incorporate the West Bank into Israel, which would mean the end of a Jewish state or the end of their democracy. They want a restoration of biblical Israel which would also mean the East Bank, but would they be willing to give up Haifa and Tel Aviv which was not part of

biblical Israel?

From what I read of Eban's speech, compromise is the essence of negotiations. Most Israelis would have to agree with that. Sixty percent of the Israelis are cynical about the results of negotiations, but it must be tried. There are a lot of mischief makers in Israel and the U.S.

No one really knows the motives of people, not even the best of psychiatrists. But Nissan believes that Eban is motivated by ego and money. Why not also consider the obvious: that Eban is fearful for the future of Israel. Besides, money is in the grand old Yankee tradition. And, N. Even Or, who doesn't lecture or write for a degree of ego satisfaction?

Mike Lazarus



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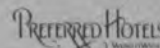
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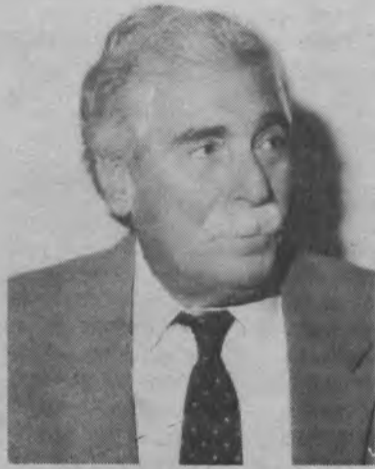
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Let's Face It



By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**
Executive Director
Jewish Family Service

The first week in October has been designated Mental Illness Awareness Week, which appears to be much needed in our state. A recent study indicated that Delaware ranks very low among the states in regard to per capita spending for mental illness treatment.

The low ranking exists despite the activities of two major advocacy groups. Both the Mental Health Association and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Delaware are working to improve our local conditions.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Delaware is part of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, which is a grassroots coalition of the families and friends of those afflicted with chronic mental illness. The obvious fact that when a family member

suffers from mental illness, it can be devastating to the entire family, leads to our agency's concern in this area.

We at Jewish Family Service strongly support the need to reduce the stigma and highlight the unmet needs of mentally ill Delawareans and their families. There is a critical need for increased funding in order to provide the necessary services to decrease the suffering of mentally ill people and their families. Individuals and families cannot carry this burden without the support systems that should be in place.

In addition to advocating in the areas mentioned above, Jewish Family Service can play another key role regarding mental illness. Whether it be

from a lack of information or various resistances, many people are suffering even more than they have to, by not taking advantage of what resources are available. Our staff can be helpful by acquainting people with what is available, and explaining various services. We can also provide direct counseling services to individuals,

depending on the nature of their illness, and to families of mentally ill people.

Awareness of a problem is the first step toward a solution. Admission of its existence, and the willingness to face it, may be the most crucial steps of all. We can help with the entire process. Call us at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

Maybe you can make some sense of what happened to me on Kol Nidre night. I was busy and under some pressure to get everything done on time, but nothing I couldn't handle.

All through dinner, I kept

thinking that I must remember to call my youngest child, who is a college freshman this year.

Afterwards, I lit yahrzeit candles in memory of my parents. Out of nowhere, tears just started to pour down my face. I felt absolutely devastated, but I didn't know why.

My husband tried very hard to understand and comfort me, but how can I explain what I don't understand myself?

We observed Yom Kippur exactly as we always do. I like this stage of life. I am pleased that my husband and I have more quality time together. My parents have been dead three and twelve years respectively, and I adjusted to that a long time ago. I don't see any reason for such an awful feeling. It can't be hormones, because I'm well past menopause. Can you explain it?

Read 'Em and Weep?

Dear Read 'Em,

The question you must answer is not "what happened?" But "why now?" You were overwhelmed by devastating feelings of loss and grief, and tears were an appropriate expression of those feelings.

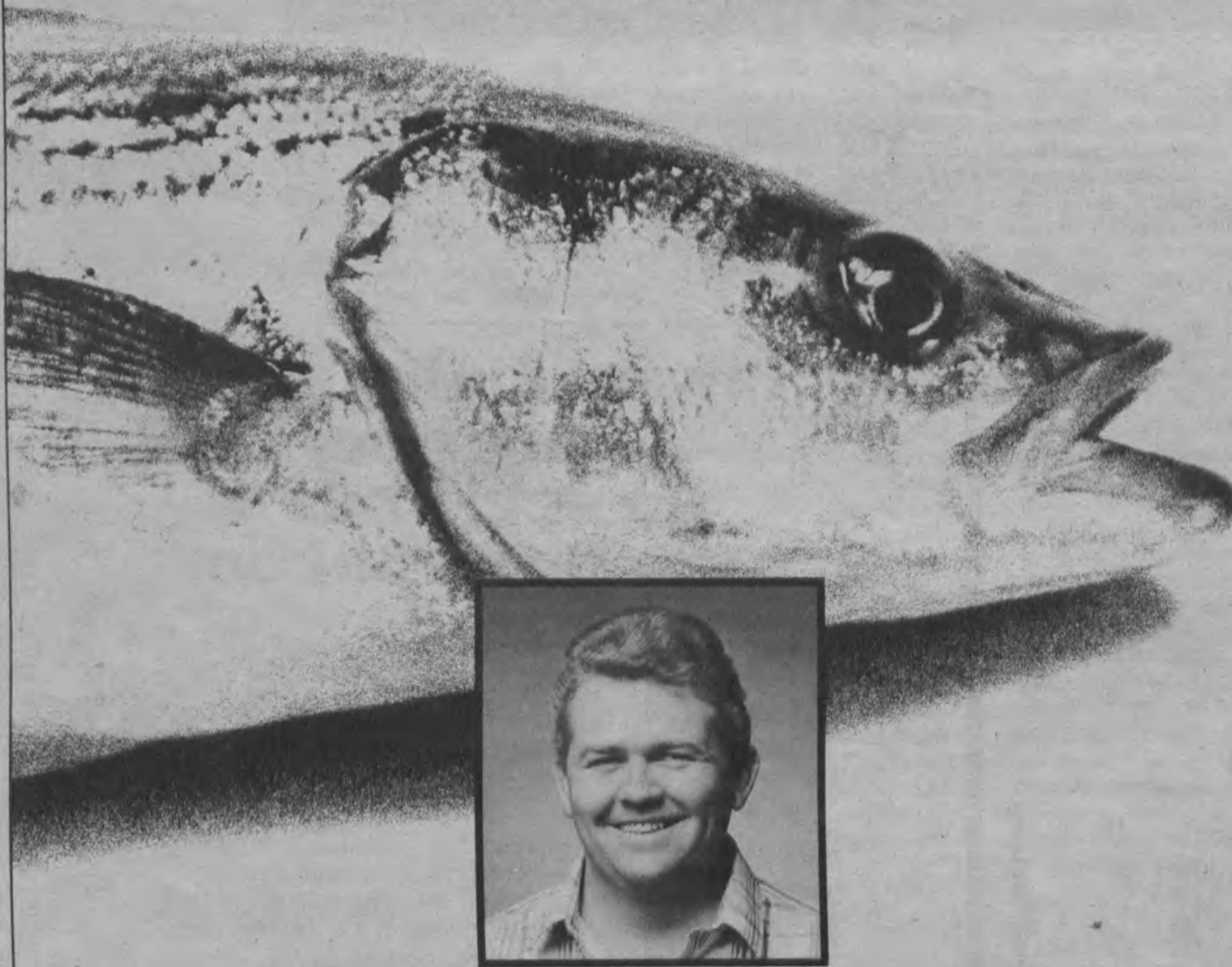
Why now? Yom Kippur brings us face to face with our own vulnerability and mortality. This particular Yom Kippur juxtaposed the ending of two important eras in your life. The yahrzeit candles confronted you with the fact that you have lost the people who cared for you and nurtured you. The absence of your youngest child brought home the ending of your major responsibilities as a mother and nurturer. No matter how sweet your new life, you invested years of your life in those relationships. It's no wonder you mourn their passing or changing.

"Anniversary grief" like yours is usually brief. It may recur occasionally at other emotional times and crossroads. It is a normal, healthy response to change. Stop worrying about it, and concentrate on having a sweet New Year.

Rachel

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