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## Israel Is Selling Itself Cheap

By HIRSH GOODMAN

The only way that Israel can keep up with the \$8 billion spent by the Arabs in arms over the past decade is by having a qualitative edge, by maintaining creative ingenuity as an integral part of its weapons system. But what happens when you have the same weapons on both sides of the border, F-15s, F-16s, AWACS? For Israel to maintain the qualitative edge, we have to take the world's most sophisticated weapons and make them more sophisticated. We have to take what the best minds in America are producing and make them better.

That requires a military industrial infrastructure. We don't want to spend \$3 billion making a Lavie fighter; we could probably buy a better, cheaper plane elsewhere. But how are we going to keep 21,000 engineers and technicians working on the edge of the 20th century if we don't have a fighter project that can teach us to integrate systems and radar, aeronautics, avionics and weapons control? The enormous research and development costs are bleeding the country dry. Israel can't make 60 radars, 65 new sets of air control systems — we have to make 6,000 if we're going to make them viable. So we become a major exporter of arms to the outside world.

But I don't feel bad about it. Wherever we sell, we stand in line behind the French, the Italians, the Swedes and the Norwegians. In fact, according to *Business Week*, Israel is number 15 on a list of 17 weapons suppliers.

What I do feel bad about is that they are forcing Israel's economy into an untenable situation because over the past 10 years, there are 30 times more weapons suppliers in an oversaturated market. And we haven't even considered the moral implications.

Israel's total budget is \$21 billion. Of that, \$10 billion goes for the repayment of loans, external and internal. Of the \$11 billion left, real defense costs are \$6 billion a year. How much more can a country spend and maintain a decent standard of life for its citizens?

In order to keep a qualitative weapons edge, we have to get more aid from America. Aid is not given for nothing. With every extra \$100 million we get, there is more dependence on the United States.

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## Ethiopian Jews Home At Last

*Editor's Note: We would like to share with you the following article by William Safire relating to the current Ethiopian Jewry situation when we think that you will find most informative.*

The reason for Israel's existence — as haven for oppressed and desperate Jews anywhere in the world — has been dramatically reaffirmed in the airlift of Jews from drought-stricken Ethiopia. The operation was suspended at midpoint because some nations cannot abide the publicity of appearing to cooperate in the rescue of Jews.

"Funny, you don't look Jewish" is the punch line of some old jokes, but the blacks scorned as



Recently arrived Ethiopian Jewish children (Photo courtesy of ORT. ORT is currently operating schools and training programs for Ethiopian Jews.)

"Falashas" — the Amharic word for "stranger" — claim lineage from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. For more than 2,500 years, their isolated tribe has clung with strict orthodoxy to what they call "Beta Israel," the House of Israel, which makes them more Jewish than many assimilated American Jews and many non-observant Israelis.

For a decade, Israel has been quietly extricating a trickle of refugees from the Russian-backed tyranny in Africa; as famine spread, secret deals were made to permit the removal of thousands from the holocaust of hunger spreading throughout the land.

At a time of its own financial crisis, the government of Israel did what it had to do to save the Jews of Ethiopia. That selfless adoption of responsibility

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Larry Klepner, President, Congregation Beth Shalom.



Irwin Engelson, Chairman, Group Work Services Task Force.

## Federation Outreach Extends To Newark And Lower Delaware

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has been working with the Newark and Lower Delaware Jewish communities to assess the needs of these communities and to develop and implement programs to meet these needs.

In Newark, a demographic study is nearing completion. The study is designed to determine the nature of the greater Newark Jewish community as well as to assess its needs. Results of the study are currently being analyzed by Dr. Vivien Klaff, a demographer at the University of Delaware and an active Jewish community leader. Based on analysis of the community needs, services and programs will be developed. Meetings have already been held between the Newark Jewish community and the Group Work Task Force of the Federation, the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family service.

In Lower Delaware, several committees have been established, and many programs are already well into the planning stages.

The Mature Adults Committee, chaired by Emanuel Barros is planning programs for Lower Delaware's Jewish seniors and anticipates organizing such events as luncheons with speakers, travel programs, movies, entertainment and the like. Their first program will feature a guest speaker on Ethiopia Jewry, lunch and a movie.

A Day Camp Committee, chaired by Becky Halpern and vice-chaired by JoAnne Rosenfeld and Rita Klepner, is investigating the feasibility of a four week, five-day-a-week, day camp program.

Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, will speak on "Jews in Peril Throughout the World" at a community-wide program Feb. 10. The program is sponsored by the Lower Delaware JCRC, Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

1985 Campaign plans are well under way. For the first time ever, Lower Delaware will hold its own Super Sunday telethon at B. Gary Scott Realtors in Dover. JoAnne Rosenfeld and Bobbie Kotler will co-chair this endeavor and handle the follow-up.

Charlotte Zaback and Phyllis Levitt, two energetic and able individuals, have agreed to co-chair the Women's Division for all non-Super Sunday prospects. Sanford Solomon, veteran Federation and Lower Delaware leader and Larry Klepner, president of Congregation Beth Shalom, have agreed to co-chair the Men's Division.

Efforts are also underway to determine the population distribution members of the Lower Delaware community to assist with future program planning.

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## Jews In Peril Is Topic Of Leadership Meeting

The 1984-85 Leadership Chavurah Program will continue its series of educational sessions with a program next month on Jewish conditions around the world. At the Feb. 10 meeting, Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), will focus on Jews in peril, placing particular emphasis on the situation of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry. Earlier in the day, he will be speaking at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover. Zukerman, a dynamic speaker, is a leading authority on Jewish resettlement programs as well as Soviet Jewry.

HIAS is the agency responsible for the transportation and resettlement of Jews from lands of oppression to lands of freedom. Prior to coming to HIAS in Oct. 1982, Zukerman was the director of the Soviet Jewish Resettlement Program at the Council of Jewish Federations where he developed and supervised the operation of the Matching Grant Program for the resettlement of Soviet Jews in the United States.

He has also served as director of government relations and supportive



Karl Zukerman

services of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and the general counsel of the New York City Department of Social Services.

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## Ethiopian Jews -

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for its own people deserves, though it will not get, the admiration of the world.

Instead, controversy now rages in Jerusalem about who led the story of the airlift while thousands of Jews remain unsaved or in half-way camps in the Sudan. The life-is-cheap communists in Addis Ababa, who turned a blind eye to the rescue partly because Israel secretly supplied spare parts for Ethiopia's old American planes, now denounce as "gross interference" Israel's salvation of innocents from starvation and civil war.

The blind eye in Ethiopia, and the secret help of the Sudanese, let the first half of the airlift work quietly. But with the world's eyes on Ethiopia's agony, such a story was bound to come out. The issue now is not who spilled the story, or what were the ethics of printing it, but more urgently, must Arab embarrassment at being "exposed" for permitting the exodus of black Jews mean that those remaining behind are left to the ravages of war and starvation?

The Sudan, which has no relations with Israel, obviously has helped the operation; Libya, which has designs on the Sudan, now wants the Arab League to punish all those who help Jews escape to Israel. The Arab world's dilemma: Should it side with the tacit toleration of the "moderates" or defer to the demands of radicals?

This is the moment for Egypt to step. President Mubarak, eager to court pan-Arab favor, has been disgracefully aloof through this entire rescue. But Cairo is the natural transfer point on this new Underground Railroad; it has relations with the Sudan, which protects from Libya, and relations with Israel.

If Egypt chooses to do its humanitarian duty, and to defy Col. Khadafy at the same time, it will work out an arrangement with the Sudan to receive and transport the refugees.

Perhaps President Mubarak will choose to do nothing. If so, his visit to Washington in two months will meet with disfavor from more than one minority group in America to whom the salvation of thousands of black Jews is nothing to be ashamed of.

Israel's example of conscience demonstrates that certain affinities can transcend bigotry — that religion can be a stronger force than racism.

In America, where the traditional political alliance between blacks and Jews has been strained — partly by a turn toward Israel's enemies by some black leaders — the Israeli rescue of Ethiopia's Jews should come as a reminder of a tie that few of us thought existed.

For America's supporters of Israel, this black exodus comes at a moment when a lift is needed. Just when Israel is at its most exasperating; when its leaders fail abysmally to demand austerity at a time of financial crisis — suddenly, and with the need for soft treading that precludes fanfare, Israel does something to justify the dream of its founders and make us all proud.

For the first time in history, thousands of black people are being brought into a country not in chains but in dignity, not as slaves but as citizens. The full success of this rescue now rests with Arabs who like to be called "moderates."

Israel's quiet acceptance of responsibility should say a great deal to Africa, to American blacks and Jews, and to all who believe that the "Falashas" of the world should be strangers no more.

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## Israeli—

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There is a limit to how much aid we want from America. We have to have a balance between what we consider important for our security and what they, in Washington, 6,000 miles away, consider important.

Furthermore, there is opposition to aid to Israel — not only because of 21 Arab lobbies and the effectiveness of advertising campaigns, but from Americans who ask why their taxpayers' money goes for aid.

I think Israel is selling itself cheap at \$1.4 billion in U.S. aid a year. I will explain why. Greece and Turkey within the NATO alliance are a question mark — who knows how long they can be relied upon? Greece certainly not, and will Turkey stop the Soviet navy from going through the Straits? I doubt it. The fact remains that the Soviet presence in the Mediterranean is something America can not match.

On Oct. 4, 1973, at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, the Soviets had 53 vessels in the Mediterranean. On Oct. 31, they had 95 vessels. There's no way America can match that. If the

U.S. wants to increase its strength in the Mediterranean, it has to withdraw some of its fleet from either the Indian Ocean or the Pacific. Is that what the U.S. wants to do — dilute its forces in other areas of potential conflict? I doubt it very much.

I think it should be borne in mind that when Soviet generals sit down at their tables and look at what they can do in the Mediterranean basin, they have to take into account that the world's best air force — Israel's — is in the area and can sink their navy. And for that, \$1.4 billion is a cheap price.

Furthermore — intelligence. Who can give the Americans better intelligence than Israel can about what is going on in the region? The Israeli air force and navy can cover supply routes to and from the American fleet. We have high tech maintenance that nobody else in the Middle East can offer the Americans; we have a stable regime that nobody else in the region has; we have a democratic government that will be democratic regardless of who's in power in Israel.

We have ports and airfields more sophisticated than anywhere else, including Europe. We have battle know-

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After several months at an absorption center, 12 Ethiopian families were welcomed to their new permanent homes in Netanya at a reception sponsored last week by Na'amat - Pioneer Women, the largest women's organization in Israel.



A COMFORTING ISRAELI HAND...ASHKELON, ISRAEL—

An Israeli puts his hand on the shoulder of an elderly Ethiopian Jew who had been seated alone in the yard of an apartment block in Ashkelon, 50 miles south of Tel Aviv. Although they are unable to speak to each other, the Israeli said he felt the Ethiopian seemed lost. The Ethiopian Jew arrived with thousands of other Ethiopian Jews who have been airlifted to Israel. (RNS Photo)

## I. LEVITT Chairman, JCRC



### The Way We Were

How could so many millions, Jew and non-Jew, living in the third decade of this century of progress abandon so completely the Jews of Europe?

And most of us who were there then did it practically by default. By doing and saying so little, the thumping inevitability of what happened was assured.

The Jews, outsiders everywhere with no sure sanctuary became the victims of mass anti-Semitic irrationality. A number of narratives on the abandonment of the Jews have tried to answer this essential question: Why didn't we do more? Why didn't we kick and scream and march to demand common justice? I don't know.

When Hitler emerged, I was in the first grade living in a mixed neighborhood with only a sprinkling of Jews. I recall that the thirties was an up-tight time. I can see and hear my father reading accounts in Yiddish of the indignities coming from Germany and photographed in rotogravure brown as an insert to the *Sunday Forward*. I can hear the sermons at Knott Terrace Synagogue recounting the degradations of the concentration camps, as we continued to watch the Berlin Olympics courtesy of Fox Movietone. I recall a high school youth who shouted anti-Jewish invectives at my brother and how my mother raged down the steps of our home on Sumner Avenue screaming explosive insults in return. It was dur-

ing this time that someone turned on our garden hose and lowered it through a cellar window flooding our oil burner.

Jews living in non-Jewish areas were especially vulnerable. I was conditioned to be cautious, insecure, and just a little afraid, and I now believe that in the thirties the Jewish community as a whole, facing the continuous horrors reported from Europe, all Jews were to a degree cautious, insecure, immobilized, intensely concerned that what was happening in Germany, could happen here. This hypnotic state of inaction, of freezing in flight like a rabbit in an open field surrounded by hostile hunters, became a reinforced reaction as country after country fell to the Nazis. I believe we were psychologically immobilized, subconsciously feeling that we could be next; and that there was nothing we could do to really change things.

In the thirties, we were scattered, disorganized, without leadership, without a homeland, without the affirmative support of a significant part of the non-Jewish world, without any semblance of security. In that atmosphere, now almost forgotten, is it any wonder that few spoke up?

Hypnotized, like staring at the tongue of a python, we watched the Jews of Europe die, kept to ourselves and soon tried to forget those inert years in the heady exuberance of World War II.

with absolutely no political demands. Israel gave back every square inch of the Sinai. There is no Egyptian ambassador in Tel Aviv, but Egypt is flying American F-4s with 220 technological changes the Israelis made on them.

I believe there will be a dispute in the U.S. over aid to Israel. But if the American public is informed on the issues, there won't be a fight. Aid has to be based on reality, figures and facts, not emotions.

I don't really know how to go about doing this. Perhaps deeper Israeli contact with American defense sources, bringing people to Israel from the Brookings Institution and from the Rand Corporation — and from institutions which make strategic assessments — would be a good idea.

In the final analysis, Israel must concentrate on strategic reality. We cannot ever again afford to be taken by surprise. The enemies facing us have the following: 42 divisions, 13,360 tanks, 12,000 artillery pieces, 2,470 aircraft, 94 sophisticated warships and missiles, and 1.76 million men under arms. And they are minutes flight time away in an environment that is being constantly upgraded in terms of its sophistication.

The Israel Defense Forces have to be able to deter the enemy from attacking, and you can only deter if you

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### On Court Jews And Thinking The Unthinkable

The first chapter of Exodus, which we read earlier this month in our annual Torah cycle, begins with a genealogy of Jacob's sons, and then come those ominous words that have haunted us and racked our lives for three millennia: *Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.* How many Josephs there have been! How many Pharaohs!

For Joseph is the prototypical court Jew. He served his king well, with God's blessing, not only in interpreting Pharaoh's dreams to predict the seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine, but in administering a conservation and storage program which enabled Egypt to survive the lean years. It appears from the biblical text that he was generously rewarded both in position — he was second only to Pharaoh in power — and in worldly goods. Well he might have been, for through his efforts, ownership and control of all the wealth of Egypt was concentrated in the hands of the king. The citizenry, with the exception of the priests, became sharecroppers on Pharaoh's land, yielding one fifth of each harvest to the crown.

Despite all the honor and privilege his service brought to Joseph, the chariots and the men who ran before him, the wearing of Pharaoh's signet ring and the gold chain of office around his neck, there is evidence that Joseph himself, and later his family, were always outsiders in Egypt, never quite accepted, always regarded with suspicion. Some examples:

When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt the second time to buy grain, before he revealed his identity to them, they were invited to dine with him. The scripture tells us that there were separate settings for Joseph, his guests, and his Egyptian staff, *because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.*

And again, after Joseph made himself known to his brothers, he carefully briefed them on what they should say to Pharaoh when they were introduced to him, because, as the text puts it, *every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.*

And, when Jacob died, Joseph approached the king for permission to leave Egypt to go bury his father. The

project an image of strength.

To project that image, Israel needs a strong alliance with the American Jewish community; we need a strong alliance with the American administration. But perhaps most important, we need a strong alliance within Israel, itself.

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issue of his leaving, even temporarily, was apparently sensitive enough so that he didn't choose to approach him directly, but rather through intermediaries. Why? After all, he was the second in power in the land! When he finally did receive permission to go, we are told that he left with a great retinue of chariots and horsemen, but *their little ones* stayed in Egypt. Were the chariots and horsemen sent to make sure the Hebrews returned to Egypt? Were *the little ones* kept as hostages?

Joseph was always an outsider, used when he was needed, but never accepted as a real Egyptian. And that's why we are not surprised when *there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.*

The term *court Jew* actually came into use in the 16th and 17th centuries, when the profligacy and military adventures of the monarchies of Europe led to chronic financial crises. The organizational and entrepreneurial skills of the Jews, as well as their banking acumen and commercial contacts with Jews in other lands, made them much in demand as advisors to the courts. The court Jew became an essential figure in the courts of Europe, and for this he was rewarded with a salary, access to the monarch, and special privileges — until a new sovereign came to power.

In a sense, all the Jews in the countries in which we had our "golden ages" were court Jews, contributing creativity, commercial skill, diplomatic prowess, when it was needed, only to be discarded, driven out, when no longer needed, when there arose a new king.

What greater age of opportunity and freedom for Jews than the Golden Age in Spain, lasting over 200 years, only to be followed by Inquisition and expulsion! What more secure, more assimilated, more loyal Jewish community than that of Germany in the first decades of the 20th century, preeminent in the professions, academia, commerce!

In our darker moments we are driven to think the unthinkable. Can it really happen here in this great America of ours, this beloved land that has given such great opportunity, such great freedom, to all peoples of all faiths, of all origins? We come up with all the reasons why it can't happen: we are a nation of laws, of a great Constitution and Bill of Rights, and then we remember that all that happened in Nazi Germany was done under law, always neatly legal and proper. There is, unfortunately, nothing we can say today to bolster our feelings of security that was not said before, in other lands, at other times, before disaster struck. And yet.

And yet we remember. We remember the story of the *zaydeh* who came to America but always kept one bag packed. "I'm not paranoid," he used to say, "just experienced — 2000 years experienced."

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how that saves America hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development. We have hospital beds and medical backup. There are no limits to what the Soviets have to take into account.

However, it's not only the Mediterranean that is of concern to America. It's the Gulf, too. The Soviets have 22 divisions 900 miles away from the Gulf. The nearest U.S. forces, the Rapid Deployment Forces, are 8,000 miles away. In the time that it would take the Soviet Union to deliver three divisions, America could respond with one brigade. Therefore Israel is important as a staging area for the projection of American power — and that is worth more than \$1.4 billion.

But the \$1.4 billion price tag is not the issue. The problem is that aid to Israel is a separate budgetary item. The 30,000 men America has deployed in Korea are an integral part of the defense budget. The American people don't know what it costs, don't feel it, and it is not an issue. Does the average American know that the U.S. spends \$150 billion a year with NATO?

The world's richest nation spends four percent of its Gross National Product on defense. Israel spends twenty-nine percent of its GNP on defense.

Egypt gets \$2 billion from the U.S.

# Soviet Jewry: The Legacy Of Andropov

## Tracing The History Of Soviet Anti-Semitism

## Highlights Of 1984 Developments

PARIS, — the Soviet Union, one of the forces behind the infamous United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism, has excused, permitted and promoted anti-Semitism for more than a century, a study by Dr. William Korey, director of international policy research for B'nai B'rith International, discloses.

Issued last week at a meeting in New York of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, the study comes at a time when the Soviets are making outrageous charges that Jews were in collusion with the Nazis in implementing Hitler's "Final Solution."

Korey, a Kremlinologist, traces blatant anti-Semitic acts by government officials, leaders, and writers from Tsarist days to the present time. They include the publication of the notorious fabrication *The Protocol of the Elders of Zion*. The impact of this "vicious stereotyping" of Jews was first felt during the 1918-20 civil war in the Ukraine, when some 30,000 Jews were massacred, says Korey. The *Protocols* later were used to advance Hitler's "final Solution."

The B'nai B'rith executive says that "Judeophobia" was already a part of official Kremlin policy by the late 1930s. "According to Hitler, (Soviet leader Josef) Stalin told Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop in the fall of 1939 that he would oust Soviet Jews from leading positions the moment he had a sufficient number of qualified non-Jews with whom to replace them," the study says. "In 1942, one year after the Nazi invasion of Russia, Soviet authorities handed down a secret order establishing quotas for Jews in particularly prominent posts." Even before then, according to Igor Gouzenko, a former Soviet diplomat who defected, the Communist Party Central Committee ordered all educational institutions to establish quotas for admission of Jews.

Korey states that in a totalitarian structure such as the Soviet Union, Jews were particularly suspect. "They were a unique minority which history provided with an international tradition and which drew upon the sources of an ancient, world-wide religion," he says. "For Jews everywhere there were cultural, emotional and even family ties that transcended national boundaries."

Another factor, he says, was the character of the top party executives, almost half of whom had peasant fathers and another quarter proletarian origins. The "personality" of such persons — rigid, obedient, disciplined — combined with adoration of one's own nationality and inherent suspicion of "outsiders" made the Jew, especially a cosmopolitan Zionist, prone to anti-Semitism.

Korey says that official Soviet anti-Semitism assumed especially virulent form after the Six-Day War and the Czech reformist "socialism with a human face" movement of 1967-68. "A massive propaganda assault against Jews was launched in August 1967, a reaction to the Israeli victory in the Six-Day War. Thinly masked as anti-Zionist, the drive was directed against Judaism, Jewish tradition and Jewry. The Torah and the Talmud were presented as preaching racism, hatred and violence," Korey writes.

He notes that a typical comment on the Torah is in the book *Invasion Without Arms* by Vladimir Begun, published in 1979: "...it proves to be an unsurpassed textbook of bloodthirstiness, hypocrisy, treachery, perfidy and degradation...."

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With the coming to power of Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko, there were high hopes in the West for a positive change in the policy of Yuri Andropov that would see increased Jewish emigration to Israel. Optimism in this area was based in part upon Chernenko's close association with former Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, during the era when Jewish emigration peaked.

These expectations, however, were not met. On the contrary, 1984 was a bleak year dominated by harassment and a new wave of arrests and persecution. At the same time the movement for a renewed Jewish religious and cultural life grew, indicating that Soviet Jews are continuing to draw strength and hope from their Jewish heritage, despite tremendous adversity.

### WAVE OF NEW ANTI-JEWISH TRIALS

The most notable and serious development affecting Soviet Jewry in 1984 was a concentrated and systematic attack on Hebrew teachers. Since mid-July, continuing harassment against Hebrew teachers and cultural activists culminated in a wave of searches, threats and arrests, suggesting a blatant attempt to crush the determination of a younger generation of Jewish activists. Four of those arrested were sentenced to prison and labor camps on trumped-up charges. Their real "crime" was their active struggle to secure the right to emigrate to Israel or to live as Jews, without discrimination, in the USSR.

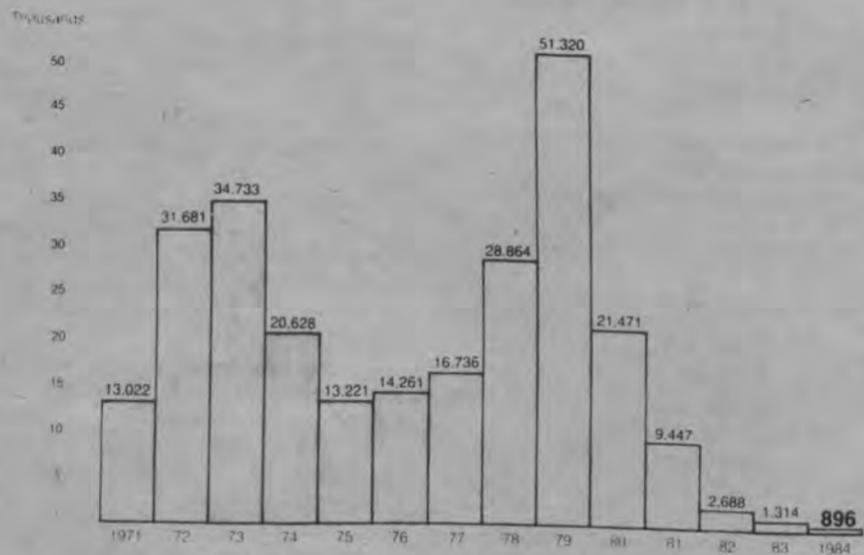
On Nov. 19, Yakov Levin, a Hebrew teacher from Odessa, was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for allegedly "circulating false materials which defame the Soviet State and social system." As evidence, the court was informed that Levin possessed copies of Leon Uris' novel, *Exodus* and writings by the Zionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky, which predated the 1917 Revolution and the creation of the Soviet State.

Levin's intended father-in-law, Mark Nepomniashchy, was himself subsequently arrested in connection with Levin's investigation and charged with the same crime. The net was further tightened when Yakov Mesh, a longtime friend of Levin's, was charged with "refusing to give testimony" and resisting arrest." Mesh was hospitalized, pending his trial, as the result of abdominal and liver injuries sustained during a brutal beating received at the prison where he was originally held.

On Dec. 10, Iosif Berenshtein of Kiev was sentenced to four years for allegedly "resisting arrest." He was arrested on Nov. 12, while in nearby Novograd Vilinsky to answer allegations of economic crimes made against his aunt, in connection with the purchase of a gravestone. That complaint was weak and was dropped, but Berenshtein remained incarcerated. Upon his arrival at the prison, Berenshtein was placed in an isolation cell with two hard-core criminals. The move was seen by friends as a way of stigmatizing Jewish activists, and to cloak the ar-

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## Jewish Emigration from the USSR



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rest as one on criminal rather than political or religious grounds. The inmates attacked him and, using broken glass, inflicted serious injury to his eyes. As a result, he may be permanently blinded in one eye.

Leningrad activist Nadezhda Fradkova was sentenced to two years on the charge of "parasitism." Fradkova had been periodically confined to a psychiatric hospital since April 1983, because authorities insisted that "she must be suffering from hallucinations since she insists on receiving an exit visa for Israel."

Yuli Edelshtein of Moscow was sentenced on Dec. 19 to three years in a labor camp, on a charge of "drug possession," stemming from a search of his apartment in which officials claim to have found opium. The arrest was the forerunner of a series of libelous allegations in the press linking Judaism with drug use. During several house searches, local authorities confiscated and defaced religious artifacts under the guise of a drug investigation.

Commenting on one such search another Jewish cultural activist, Dan Shapira, declared that "these provocations are extremely primitive and are probably an exercise to see how much pressure can be exerted on us. Even Hitler did not start to destroy the Jews immediately; only when he began to understand that no one in the free world would protect them."

Prior to these new attacks, three other Jewish activists, Aleksandr Cherniak, Aleksandr Yakir and Zakhar Zunshain, had been jailed. Fourteen other Prisoners of Conscience (POCs) remained incarcerated, including Anatoly Shcharansky, who was transferred to Perm Labor Camp to serve the remainder of his 13-year term (to 1990) and was reported hospitalized in December. Iosif Begun's wife, Inna, was notified that her husband, a founder of the Hebrew language effort who had already served two terms of internal exile in Siberia and is now in a labor camp, will be refused visitors until the end of 1985.

While nine Jewish Prisoners of Conscience were released upon completion of their terms in 1984, none received their exit visas for Israel. The total number of Jewish Prisoners of Conscience now stands at 22.

### EMIGRATION

The rate of Jewish emigration reached a nadir, for the 1984 total of 896 was the lowest recorded in a single year since 1970. The monthly rate declined to fewer than 100 Jews. This reflects the Soviet policy shift begun in 1980, when newly-imposed restrictions sharply limited the number of Jews able to apply for family reunification. The 1984 total, which is less than two percent of the 1979 peak year emigration figure of 51,320, suggests that the Soviets have now effectively closed the gates. These gates had previously been opened for over 260,000 Soviet Jews who were allowed to emigrate in the last 14 years.

Jews categorized as refuseniks were increasingly treated as outcasts from Soviet society. Separated from their families and from Israel, they have been forced to wait indefinitely for permission to leave with no assurance that they will, in fact, ever

receive it. Over 120 families are known to have waited more than 10 years.

To counter Western criticism of its emigration policies, Moscow claimed that "all the Jews who wanted to leave have already done so." With the formation of a public "Anti-Zionist Committee" in 1983, the Soviet Union created a convenient mouthpiece for promoting this fiction and defending official policies.

According to the Committee, Jews are no longer interested in emigrating, although available statistics indicate that more than 350,000 have begun the emigration process.

### ANTI-SEMITISM

The tight policies aimed at Jewish emigration were accompanied by an escalation of efforts to isolate and intimidate Jewish activists. At the same time that it was becoming impossible to leave, it was also becoming virtually impossible to live as a Jew within the Soviet Union.

Scores of private Hebrew teachers were warned by the police and the KGB to stop teaching Hebrew or be severely punished, although the private teaching of other languages is permitted. In many cases the homes of teachers were systematically raided and Hebrew materials confiscated. Private seminars on Jewish history and culture were also repressed and forcibly dispersed. In general, the authorities seemed bent on pursuing policies aimed at the total obliteration of any vestiges of Jewish religious and cultural identity, and the forced assimilation of Soviet Jews.

The public Anti-Zionist Committee continued to spearhead a virulent anti-Semitic campaign in the Soviet media. This campaign, thinly disguised as anti-Zionism, featured scurrilous attacks on individual Jews, Judaism, the Jewish people and the State of Israel. In October, Committee Chariman David Dragunsky held a press conference to reiterate propagandist claims that Zionists and Nazis collaborated during World War II. He alluded to a "deal between the Zionists and Hitler" and, in a bizarre turnabout, blamed them for "launching the war and the policy of genocide." Ignoring the annihilation of six million Jews, and the arrests of known Zionists by the Nazis and by the Stalinist regime, Dragunsky charged that the motivation for the alleged conspiracy was the "removal of capital belonging to the big Jewish bourgeoisie from Germany to Palestine."

Within a month, an hour-long documentary on Leningrad television equated refuseniks with anti-Soviet behavior, alleging they are coerced by "outsiders" to continue their emigration activities.

Several well-known Leningrad Jews, including Lev Shapiro, Yakov Gorodetsky, Iosif Radomyslsky, and Aba Taratuta, were publicly identified as "Zionists who are nurtured by gifts they receive from the West." Ignoring the fact that they, as well as others, were fired from their jobs after applying for exit visas to Israel, it was alleged that they "refuse to do productive work, preferring to do manual labor and live on gifts." The broadcast, aimed at dissuading Jews from seeking repatriation to Israel, concluded that life in Israel is terrible. It interspersed footage of demonstrations by Jews and Arabs, and warned the Soviet people to "beware of the dangers of Zionism."

## Dateline

### Law Of Return Amendment Defeated

By HUGH ORGEL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) - The controversial amendment to the Law of Return demanded by Israel's Orthodox religious establishment, was defeated by a vote of 62-51 on its first reading in the Knesset last week.

The voting was largely along party lines. Labor MKs opposed it, following the lead of Premier Shimon Peres who called the measure divisive. Likud joined the religious bloc in support of the amendment. But three Likud Liberals broke ranks to vote against it. Another Likud MK abstained and five were absent from the chamber.

The voting was preceded and followed by acrimonious debate that spilled into the Knesset corridors after the balloting. Members of the different Orthodox factions not only denounced the non-religious MKs but traded insults with each other over the defeat.

The Law of return, defines a Jew as a person born of a Jewish mother or converted. The proposed amendment would have added the words "according to *halacha*" which would invalidate conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis in Israel and abroad. The converts and their offspring would not be recognized as Jews in Israel.

### Jordan Gets Soviet Arms

The Amman *Al Dostar* (Jan. 6) reports that Jordan has signed an agreement with the Soviet Union for new air defense equipment. Jordanian Air Force Commander Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker said the deal was one of several for "sophisticated weapons from various sources," including France and Great Britain, and that deliveries will begin this year.

Shaker said the continuing arms purchases represent a "qualitative leap in preparation and training" by the Jordanian armed forces.

### Reagan Urges Disclosure Of Wallenberg's Whereabouts

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON, (JTA) - President Reagan last week urged the Soviet Union to make known the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who helped save some 100,000 Jews from the Nazis in Hungary during World War II.

The State Department, which along with the White House released the President's statement, noted that Jan. 17 was the 40th anniversary of Wallenberg's disappearance.

He was captured by the Red Army in Budapest on Jan. 17, 1945, and although reports have come out of the Soviet Union that he has been seen alive in prison camps, the only Soviet statement so far was in 1957 claiming that he had died in a Soviet prison 10 years earlier. If he is alive, he would be 72 years old.

### U.N. Chief Condemns Saudi Diatribe

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar told senior officials of the World Jewish Congress last week that the anti-Semitic diatribe of the Saudi representative at a U.N. seminar in Geneva was "racist, shameful, and totally unacceptable."

At a private meeting last week at the U.N., Israel Singer, WJC executive director, and Elan Steinberg, WJC U.N. representative, told the secretary-general of their outrage over the remarks of Dr. Maouf Dawalibi, the Saudi representative at the U.N. Seminar on Religious Tolerance held in Geneva from Dec. 3-14. At the seminar, Dawalibi had asserted that the Talmud says that "if a Jew does not drink every year the blood of a non-Jewish man, then he will be damned to eternity."

The secretary-general asked the two Jewish officials to convey his assurances to WJC president, Edgar M. Bronfman, that he would personally make the strongest representations to the Saudi U.N. ambassador in New York regarding this "shameless statement." Last May the secretary-general met with Bronfman and asked that he be advised of any incident of an anti-Semitic nature at the world body so that he might vigorously act to oppose it.

"Perez de Cuellar made clear that the Office of the Secretary-General not only dissociates itself from this heinous statement, but is determined that all delegations be made aware of his abhorrence to it," Singer said.

### Italian Judge Wants To Arrest Arafat

Venice Examining Magistrate Carlo Mastelloni has renewed attempts to charge PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat and one of his top aides, Salah Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad, with providing weapons to Italy's Red Brigades, according to the *Washington Post* (Jan. 2). Mastelloni first issued an arrest warrant for the pair in September 1983 which was revoked by a higher ranking judge. However, the Venice magistrate won an appeal which allowed him to reissue the warrant last fall.

### Britain Had Plans To Invade Israel

LONDON, (JTA) - The British army had a plan to invade Israel 30 years ago in defense of Jordan but Prime Minister Winston Churchill insisted it be kept secret. This emerged from British Cabinet papers of 1954 released recently for scrutiny by journalists and historians.

British chiefs of staff also had plans to invade Egypt and Iraq in 1954, a year dominated by discussions on the future of the 80,000 British troops in the Suez Canal zone. At the time, Britain also had troops stationed in Cyprus, Libya, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait and the Trucial sheikhdoms on the Persian Gulf.

The plan to invade Israel has to be seen in the light of Britain's contractual obligations to defend members of the Arab League and that Israel's borders were then the scene of frequent attacks by Arab infiltrators and Israeli retaliation raids.

## New Book For Kosher Diabetics By Medical Writer

"If you ask your grandmother for a recipe, you may hear 'a *bissle* of this, a *bissle* of that.' The *bissle* system is fine for many people, but not for those on controlled diets."

### DIABETES CONTROL AND THE KOSHER DIET

by Ada P. Kahn, M.P.H.

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 American Diabetes Association  
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 Chicago Rabbinical Council



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says Ada P. Kahn, M.P.H., in *Diabetes Control and the Kosher Diet*, which will be published in February by Wordscope Associates, Skokie, IL.

*Diabetes Control and the Kosher Diet*, written for diabetics and their families, as well as physicians, nurses and dietitians, provides basic information about the medical and dietary aspects of diabetes control. Is insulin kosher? How can anything derived from hogs be used by a religious Jew? Should diabetics fast on Yom Kippur? How can an observant Jew carry important diabetic snacks on the Sabbath? These and other questions are discussed in practical terms.

Diabetics and others on controlled diets frequently are implored by friends and relatives at social functions to "take a little something." *Diabetes Control and the Kosher Diet* will help others understand the necessity for careful maintenance of the controlled diet at all times," says Rabbi Dr. Norman Berlat, vice-president, Chicago Rabbinical Council, in a foreword to the book.

Readers will learn why and how to modify traditional kosher cooking for holidays, Sabbath and everyday meals to conform to the needs of the

kosher diabetic on a controlled diet. Kahn's Exchange Lists for diabetic meal planning include chopped liver, borscht, kippered herring, lukshen, kichel, knishes, gefilte, fish, lox, matzo and pastrami. Thirty-two recipes appropriate for diabetics include *tzimmes* with carrots and apples, cauliflower latkes, stuffed eggplant, Mid-

Eastern style, and meatless *cholent*.

*Diabetes Control and the Kosher Diet* (170 pages, \$9.95) may be ordered by sending a check for \$11.30 (\$9.95 — \$1.35 handling and mailing) to: WORDSCOPE Associates, P.O. Box 1594, Skokie, IL 60076. It will also be available in local bookstores and libraries.

### Soviet Anti-Semitism -

(Continued from Page 4)

Korey asserts that the Soviet campaign is centrally coordinated and directed, with the number of articles critical of Zionism up sixfold since 1967. Zionism, he says, has been the main topic in as much as two-thirds of space devoted to stories on Jewish subjects. Moreover, a study indicates that 112 anti-Semitic books — all receiving enthusiastic reviews in the Soviet press — were published in the 1960s and '70s.

Especially disturbing, writes Korey, is the anti-Zionist campaign in the Soviet military. One major military journal, *Sovietskii voin*, several years ago described alleged "Masonic-Zionist strategy" to subvert Soviet society and the War-

saw Pact structure and to gain world domination. Free Masonry is termed an instrument for promoting the interests of "international Zionism," writes Korey, adding that the most recent expression of this strategy is the Polish Solidarity Movement, whose leaders are allegedly directed secretly from Masonic lodges.

Several years ago a refusenik document to the Soviet Communist Party Congress declared that "the Jews of the USSR are facing the threat of a national catastrophe." Says Korey, "The Cassandra-like cry from Soviet Jews must shatter the complacency of the West. A century of pogromist mentality has reached a critical turning point."

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— **People In The News** —

# John Oppenheimer Is Appointed Assistant Administrator At Cokesbury Village

John S. Oppenheimer has been chosen as the assistant administrator at Cokesbury Village retirement community, effective Jan. 21.

Oppenheimer comes to Cokesbury with a strong background in geriatric care. Over the past 10 years he has worked in program development with the Jewish Community Center of Tidewater, Va. and has been assistant director of the Milton and Hattie Kitz Home in Wilmington and executive director of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Most recently Oppenheimer performed professional case management services with Supportive Care Services, Inc., of Wilmington for elderly, handicapped and disabled clients. He has a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a master of social work degree - both from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Oppenheimer is a licensed nursing home administrator in the states of Delaware and Pennsylvania.



John Oppenheimer

Dianne L. Moran, Cokesbury's administrator, noted in making the announcement of John Oppenheimer's appointment: "Although new to the area of life care retirement living, John is very experienced in geriatric care for both the direct service and administrative standpoints. He has a good ability for

relating to others, especially older citizens. Initially he will be responsible for matters related to the health care center and Cokesbury personnel. I believe he will provide the creativity and sensitivity required to expand the quality of care and service already provided at Cokesbury."

Cokesbury Village, located in the rolling hills of Hockessin, provides life care retirement living for nearly 400 men and women in a variety of living accommodations. It operates under the auspices of Peninsula United Methodist Homes, Inc., whose president is Reverend Richard C. Stazesky. Cokesbury Village has an active program aimed at making retirement an adventure in living.

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In "Fiddler on the Roof," when the rabbi is asked if there is a prayer for the Czar, without hesitating he nods and chants, "May the Good Lord bless and keep the Czar.... far away from us."

These are all stories we have heard before but.... they age well:

Max was being slandered and berated at some length by one person. "How do you know so much about him?" the man answers, "We've been best friends for years."

"Darling, please close the

window — it's cold outside."

"And if I get out of my warm bed and close the window it'll be warm outside?"

As the ladies were leaving their luncheon meeting one lady complimented the hostess "Your cookies, they were delicious, I ate four of them." "You ate five," answered the hostess, "but who's counting?"

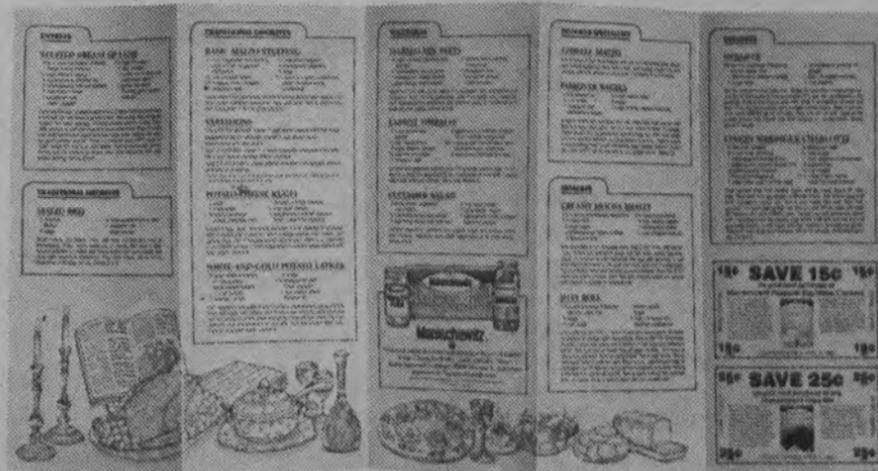
A Mr. Cohen lost his way while skiing. A search party is sent out and after a long time Cohen hears his name being called out "Cohen...Cohen...where are you?"

A feeble voice is heard by the search party: "If this is the UJA I gave at the office."

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# Tel Aviv In New England

Reprinted from the *Near East Report*

In late December, I attended a wedding in Massachusetts which might have taken place in Israel. From the marriage ceremony right down to the last hora, the entire event was suffused with Jewish tradition, culture, and love for Israel.

The music, which helps establish the atmosphere at any event, was Israeli. The lead singer spoke English in a heavy Hebrew accent. He ex-

horted the crowd to sing along in Yiddish (which few could do) and in Hebrew (which, it seemed, everyone could do). Every 20 minutes or so, the musicians would strike up another hora and chains of dancers would fill the floor. At several points, the bride and groom were hoisted aloft in their chairs and their relatives and friends danced around them.

These friends — in their twenties and educated at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Michigan,

the University of Chicago, Harvard, and law and graduate schools everywhere — seemed totally at home in the atmosphere. Sure they could (and did) dance up a rock-and-roll storm, but they could also do it "Jewishly." The bride and groom's respect for tradition, love for their families, and sheer joy in being Jewish — and in loving Israel — filled the synagogue.

The style of that wedding in Worcester is one that is becoming increasingly prevalent among American Jews today, young and old. More and more Jews are determined not to permit Judaism to become a burden, a mere set of responsibilities and worries. For them, it is joy and it fills their lives.

At our table, one young mother was talking about how she handled Christmas with her small children. She said that Christmas "doesn't trouble me at all. Our kids are so steeped in their own religion and their own Jewish culture that they can simply enjoy Christmas as our neighbors' holiday. It's a beautiful holiday. Why should we be defensive about it, especially when we have our own traditions that are just as beautiful."

This lack of defensiveness about being Jews stems, I think, from a sense of being at home with Jewish culture and ritual and, at the same time, feeling at home in America. It extends to feelings about the State of Israel.

The Jews I saw in Worcester, and in other places throughout the country, refuse to view Israel as a source of anxiety. Certainly, they are concerned when things are not going well in the Jewish state. They grieve when tragedy strikes there. But their day-to-day response to Israel is to derive joy from its existence. They appreciate its people, its culture, its language, its music. They enjoy visiting Israel and make it to Jerusalem whenever they

can. Many of them consider *aliyah*, an option they do not regard as far-fetched. But they are no less American for all this. They are merely capable of being at home and being devoted to two cultures, two nations.

I cannot help but contrast these feelings with the attitudes of those whose sole approach to Israel and to Judaism is to anguish over them. For these people, Israel is always at the brink of destruction, the Jews always being victimized. I heard of one woman who is consumed by her love for Israel but has never visited there. Her children want her to go — they have — but she refuses because she "knows" that seeing Israel would just make her too sad. She is convinced that Israel — a country she loves — is essentially a tragic place.

That is an extreme case but, to a lesser extent, this attitude is all too common. The

sad thing is when these people, who treat Israel and Judaism as sources of grief and anxiety, wonder why their children have so little interest in them? Why do their children avoid Jewish things? Why do they travel to Greece or Spain rather than to Israel?

The answer is simple. For their children, Israel and *Yiddishkeit* are anything but fun. They reject the joyless Judaism of their parents as they reject most dismal things. They think that the Jews are still "wailing" at the "Wailing Wall."

The Jews I saw in Worcester know better. That Jewish wedding 6,000 miles from Israel was colored a beautiful Mediterranean blue. Or perhaps it was Jerusalem gold. In any case, it was a reminder that fundamentally Judaism and Israel are about one joyous thing: life. □

—M.J.R.

## ADL Raps Crete Court

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has called the Greek government to "repudiate and disassociate" itself from a ruling by a court in Candia, Crete, last month that the Jehovah's Witnesses, a Christian sect, is "an organization close to Judaism aiming at its center."

dreou, Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of its International Affairs Division, said it is "vital" that the government of Greece make clear that it "rejects this ruling and the attitude it reflects."

Foxman added: "Not only is it an absurd distortion of reality to suggest that the Jehovah's Witnesses bear a resemblance to Judaism — there are no similarities — but the court has articulated a major anti-Semitic canard, embodied in the *Protocols of Zion*, that the Jews are seeking world domination. This kind of thinking produced the programs and Holocaust that have marked the 20th century."

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## ART OPENING

### Rebecca Raubacher

Rebecca Raubacher's works will open at the Art Gallery of the Jewish Community Center, Sunday, Feb. 3. The opening, which will be held from 2-4 p.m., is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Rebecca Raubacher's resist works consist of gesture figures, in which activity is accentuated by the surface developed with resist media. Resist is created through the use of oil stick with water base paint, providing a surface which is drawn upon, carved into, and built on to project an emotional, aesthetic and technical tension.

Raubacher was just named as one of the "85 People to Watch in '85" by *Delaware Today*, Jan. 1985. The magazine called her art "tres moderne-large, neo-expressionistic, highly figurative paintings."

## SNOWBALL RUN

Preparations are beginning for the Second Annual Snowball Run to be held at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The five mile snowball run is sponsored by the JCC in cooperation with Marathon Sports and the Delaware Sports Club. This year a one mile "fun run" has been added. The snowball run was voted the best new road race of 1984. In addition, the course is now certified by the Athletic Congress.

Prizes are awarded to the first, second and third place winners in all 10 age categories. Prizes and hospitality are provided through donations made by the JCC board of directors, The Health and Fitness Committee, the membership and staff of the Jewish Community Center. Registration forms are available at the Health and Fitness Department. Pre-registration is \$6 and includes a snowball run t-shirt to the first 300 runners.

Post-registration on race day is \$8 and \$4 when t-shirts run out. The fun run begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. and the five mile run at 1 p.m. The race will be held regardless of weather conditions. If you would like to help in anyway, please contact Susan Dowdell, health and fitness director at 478-5660.

## Racquetball

Free courts for youths under 16 years old are available Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling 478-5660 (Health and Fitness Department).

## Fitness Center Policies

The following rules have been instituted to ensure maximum enjoyment and safety for all our members:

- No children under 14 years of age are permitted in the fitness center.
- Proper exercise attire is required, no wet bathing suits, no bare feet.
- No food, beverages, gum or radios are permitted.
- Anyone under 18 years old, using the fitness center, must receive weight instruction by the health and fitness staff.
- Youth 14-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- No one under 18 years old is permitted in the free weight room.
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Instructor: Lynda Friemark

## Arthritis Aquatic Program

The arthritis aquatic program involves a complete range of motion exercises designed to improve flexibility, mobility and to strengthen muscles. The Jewish Community Center pool is accessible and barrier-free. Facilities include toilet and changing rooms, specially designed entry steps and a Hoyer-Lift for wheel chair clients. This program is endorsed by the Arthritis Foundation. The program is offered on Monday and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for 10 sessions.

For more information regarding this special program, please contact the Health and Fitness Department at 478-5660.

## Tu B'shvat Seder

The New Year for Trees, Tu B'shvat will be celebrated at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Once again in characteristically Jewish fashion we will have an ancient institution transmuted and reinterpreted in terms of contemporary life. It is customary at this celebration to partake of such fruits as are grown in the Holy Land e.g. apples, almonds, carob, figs, and nuts signifying the fertility of the earth.

A special Tu B'shvat *haggadah* will be used, and everyone present will join in the reading of the beautiful passages. The ceremony of this day includes the asking for blessings for the many people on earth who are suffering from famine, remembering especially the Ethiopians this year. A collection is made for the benefit of the reforestation program in Israel and sent to the Jewish National Fund.

All older adults in our community are welcome to attend the Senior Center noontime lunch, after which the Tu B'shvat Seder will be held. The suggested luncheon contribution is \$1.50 to \$2, and a reservation must be placed with Sara Berman, the Senior Center outreach worker by Feb. 1.



478-5660

## 'the Center of Life'

The JCC is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

## JCC/Gratz Adult Education

The Jewish Community Center and Delaware Gratz present two college level courses, beginning Monday, Feb. 4. The instructor for both classes will be Dr. Edward Levenson, an instructor at Villanova University and Gratz College.

COMPARATIVE RELIGION, held from 7-8:20 p.m., will be devoted to a study of major world religions in their diversity and uniqueness, considering both shared values with, and differences in outlook from Judaism. The text, *The Religious Experience of Mankind*, by Ninian Smart (\$20), will be available the first night of class.

SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY II, from 8:40-10 p.m., will be devoted to topics in Jewish history from the rise of Islam until the Enlightenment. The text, *Jewish People, Jewish Thought*, by Robert Seltzer (\$20), will be available the first night of class.

Fee for each class is:

\$25 - Center Member &/or parents of Gratz students.

\$40 - Non-Members

Advance registration is now being accepted at the front desk of the Jewish Community Center.

## Wardrobe Planning Tues., Feb. 5, 7-10 p.m.

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## "Bubbalonian Encounter"

Child abuse, and more specifically sexual abuse, has never been a pleasant topic. Even when statistics show an alarming rise in the incidence of this type of abuse, some people would rather ignore it and hope it will just go away.

But child abuse never just goes away. Every child has the right to grow up free from sexual exploitation. Abuse may be preventable if children are shown how to protect themselves in possibly dangerous and ambiguous situations.

The "Bubbalonian Encounter" is a lively, sensitive, and humorous film about touch - both good and bad. It is an ideal vehicle for presenting accurate and important information to children and their parents in a delightful and non-threatening manner in order to prevent sexual abuse. A short question and answer session will follow the film presentation.

The program is FREE and open to the public. It is presented by the JCC in cooperation with the Division of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families. For more information, please contact Susan Dowdell, health and fitness director at 478-5660.

## Israel's Economy

# Israel's Trade Deficit Declined; Exports Rose; Imports Fell

Israel reduced its trade deficit last year by a record amount — \$1.02 billion, or 29 percent — while exports of goods rose 13 percent to a record \$5.54 billion, it was reported this week by Uri Oren, an Israeli consul and spokesman in New York.

At the same time, Israeli imports — mainly oil and raw materials for industry — declined 4.33 percent, from \$8.44 billion in 1983 to \$8.07 billion last year, Oren said.

During the same period, he disclosed, imports of goods for private consumption fell sharply — by 34 percent —

and the proportion of consumer goods in Israel's total imports dropped from 11.6 percent to 7.7 percent.

The greatest increase in Israeli exports last year was in science-based, hightech products such as electronics, metals and medical equipment, which rose 21 percent to their highest level ever, Oren said. The export figures for all industrial goods showed a rise of 16.5 percent last year, he said.

## Highly Encouraging News

"The rise in exports and decline in imports, coupled with an inflation rate of only 3.7 percent in December, is highly encouraging news — a positive result of austerity measures Israel is taking," Mr. Oren said.

He also reported a decline in Israel's balance-of-trade deficit of \$600 million or 12 percent, compared with 1983. Another record cited by Mr.

Oren was a drop in per-capita consumption, which fell by 7 percent compared with 1983. This decline, he said, was the greatest year-to-year decrease in private consumption since 1950, a year of large-scale immigration to Israel.

The Israeli government spokesman called the decline in consumption "the direct effect of a conscious government policy to discourage private spending."

## Government Cutbacks Listed

Mr. Oren listed 10 major steps taken by the Israel government to solve its economic problems of inflation and budget deficits:

1) All wages and prices were frozen for three months under the terms of an agreement with the Histadrut trade union federation and the Israel Manufacturers Association, representing employers. A renewal of the freeze for another three months beginning February 3 is now being worked out, he said.

2) The monthly cost-of-living adjustment paid to

workers to compensate for inflation — the "indexation" or "linkage" of wages to prices — has been reduced by one-third. As a result, Mr. Oren said, the linkage payments now cover only about half of the rise in the cost of living.

3) Subsidies for basic commodities such as food and fuel have been cut.

4) Government support of education has been sharply curtailed.

5) Government hiring has been frozen and some 15,000 government jobs are being eliminated.

6) A six-month freeze on new government purchases of goods and services has been imposed.

7) Israel's currency — the shekel — has been substantially devalued, raising the cost of imports and lower the price of Israeli exports.

8) A six-month ban has been imposed on imports of some 50 luxury items.

9) The foreign currency allowance for Israelis traveling abroad has been slashed by two-thirds and the use of credit cards by Israeli tourists overseas has been prohibited.

10) Out of a total of \$650

million cut from the national budget thus far, \$300 million has come from Israel's defense budget. At the same time, all military construction has been frozen.

## Problems In Budget Cutting

Mr. Oren noted that approximately \$10 billion of Israel's annual \$22 billion budget is used to repay and service existing debt and that another \$5.5 billion is spent on the country's defense. "We cannot stop repayments and interest on our debt, and we can cut back on defense only with the greatest difficulty," the Israeli spokesman explained, adding: "Thus, budget reductions must come mainly from the remaining \$6.5 billion."

"The Government has declared the goal of cutting \$1.4 billion from its budget, amounting to more than 21 percent of the sum available for budget-cutting," he said. "To ease the adverse effect on vital public services of such a sharp reduction in spending," he said, "these cuts will have to be spread over a period of time."

## Israeli Scientist Unveils Unique Generator

BEERSHEVA, (JTA) — A Soviet-born Israeli scientist at Ben Gurion University of the Negev has demonstrated the wonders of converting heat to electricity from a power plant with no moving parts. Prof. Herman Branover and his team unveiled the "Etgar 3" (Challenge 3), the first semi-industrial liquid metal MHD (magnetohydrodynamic) generator, last week on the campus of the university.

Branover said his heat-to-electricity process, the result of seven years of scientific research, is "ahead of both the United States and the Soviet Union, who have been working on this principle for 20 years. 'Magnet-

ohydrodynamics is the science behind Branover's unique power plant that can run on any heat source and can save up to one-third on conventional fuel usage.

Branover said he sees "Etgar 3", which generates 10 kilowatts of power, as the final stage before the construction of industrial power plants capable of generating as much as 10,000 kilowatts of electricity.

According to Branover, "The main advantage of the method is its efficiency. Under optimal conditions, it can create a specific quantity of electricity from two-thirds the quantity of fuel required in other methods." Branover

pointed out that power stations already in operation make huge investments to increase efficiency by only a fraction of a percent for vast savings in fuel. In a small country like Israel, saving just one percent in fuel means saving hundreds of millions of dollars.

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# Jewish Books in Review

## Abandonment of the Jews

*The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust, 1941-1945.* By David S. Wyman. Pantheon, 201 East 50th Street, New York NY 10022. 1984. 444 pages. \$19.95.  
Reviewed by Monty Noam Penkower

In the last few years, a number of books have documented the many-faceted moral bankruptcy of the Christian West during Jewry's most anguished hour—the Holocaust. Aspects of the bystanders' conduct have been rewardingly explored by such specialists as Bernard Wasserstein, Walter Laqueur, and Martin Gilbert with my own *The Jews Were Expendable* offering a first overview of free world diplomacy in the face of Germany's "Final Solution." Yet America's stance, analyzed much earlier in pioneering works by Arthur Morse, Henry Feingold, and Saul Friedman, had eluded comprehensive analysis. David Wyman, author of a formidable critique of U.S. foreign policy between 1938-1941 (*Paper Walls*, 1968) and the significant essay "Why Auschwitz Was Never Bombed" (*Commentary*, May 1978), now provides us with that study.  
A publisher's hyperbole not-

withstanding, dramatic revelations do not suffuse *The Abandonment of the Jews*. Those historians cited above and other scholars have unmasked the initial disbelief, then indifference, anti-Semitism, and political expediency which prevailed in the American State Department and British Foreign Office. Roosevelt's callousness, Allied aid to various nationalities under Nazi domination but not to the only people targeted for death in World War II; regrettable bickering among American Jewish organizations, heroic War Refugee Board activity—all have been well substantiated for the public record.

Wyman's valuable contribution lies in the amount of detail brought to the indictment of the United States within the covers of one book. Scrupulous research damn an entire society for not responding adequately to the ethical imperative of saving innocent human beings. With the exception of the Treasury Department under Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Washington officialdom in particular could have done far more in this regard, and without compromising the war effort. Novel here is Wyman's account of what visa and shipp-

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## Middle East Double Vision

Reprinted from the *Near East Report*.

The news media stand indicted in *Double Vision: How the Press Distorts America's View of the Middle East* (William Morrow, 1984). The prosecutor — an unblinking friend of the accused — presents incontrovertible evidence. But the jury happens to be the media themselves, through their power to review and disparage the book, discount or ignore its author, Ze'ev Chafets.

The American-born Chafets served as director of the Israeli government press office in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He dealt daily with the international press corps, covering Israel and the Middle East. Despite his professed admiration for the ability and professionalism of many journalists, Chafets concludes in *Double Vision* that coverage of Israel and the other countries in the region is seriously flawed.

Lebanon stands as a paradigm of what ails Western media coverage of the Middle East. The author argues that through intimidation, including murder, the PLO factions and the Syrian occupation army herded the media into self-censorship. Only the Lebanese Christians and the Israelis were left as journalistic fair game. It was not without reason. Chafets writes, that the Western press corps in Lebanon, much of it based at the Commodore Hotel in PLO-controlled west Beirut, came to be known as "Arafat's best battalion."

In a particularly telling case-study, Chafets examines the genesis of the 1982 ABC television broadcast dealing with Palestinian Arab life on the West Bank. Entitled "Under the Israeli Thumb," it appeared as a segment of the "20/20" show. The program falsely claimed that Israel's health policy on the West Bank was leading to increased infant mortality and that Israeli officials refused to be interviewed on the subject.

Chafets, whose government press office tried to cooperate with the ABC production crew, charges that "the falseness of ABC's effort was eclipsed only by its evocative ugliness." Apparently ABC aired the segment to compensate the PLO for an earlier report, "The Unholy War." In the previous broadcast a different ABC crew discussed the PLO's links to the Soviet Union and European terrorist groups. The PLO went

How the Press Distorts America's View of the Middle East



"berserk." Soon after, unidentified assassins murdered the ABC radio correspondent in Beirut, Sean Toolan.

ABC got the picture. The picture the American public got was of anchorman Peter Jennings explaining that "Mr. Toolan sadly was killed, largely, we believe, as the result of a personal grudge." And, a few weeks later, Yasir Arafat himself showed up as a guest on ABC's "Issues and Answers."

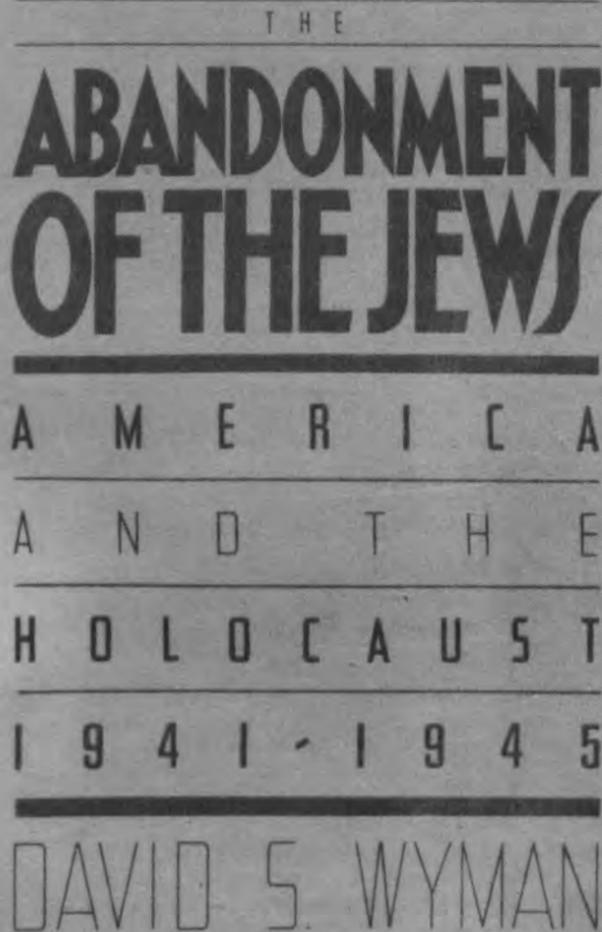
Most of the rest of the leading organs of American journalism — Chafets includes the three commercial television networks, *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines, and the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* — receive similar scrutiny. The author examines the now widely-known failure of the U.S. press to publish the timely story of the Syrian massacre of perhaps 20,000 of its own people in Hama. He exposed the initial silence of the *Times* and the *Post* when their correspondents were kidnapped by the PLO in Lebanon and the *Post's* subsequent misleading explanation.

And Chafets illuminates the overall inability of journalists to move and work freely in the Arab Middle East. This

last problem shackles reporting and inevitably must undermine its quality.

Chafets notes that the BBC, in the fact of PLO threats, "covered" Lebanon from Cyprus. He recalls how the American media not only neglected to report the Iraq-Iran war first-hand but — taking official Washington's view — counted on an early Iraqi win. Without any other than limited official sources, the press offers little real news of feudal Saudi Arabia. The blemished face of the PLO was airbrushed repeatedly by reporters and news organizations with ideological or professional vested interests in transforming terrorists into moderates.

Unfortunately, the media refuse to admit they have a problem. They substitute "evenhandedness" — giving Israel and its adversaries equal play — for accuracy. "This asymmetry leads to a distorted perception — the dictatorship appears to the casual observer to do little wrong, while the democracy seems to do little else. In the case of a small, vulnerable nation like Israel, dependent on support of public opinion in the free world, such an optical illusion is exceptionally dangerous. □—E.R.



## Student Knesset At Gratz

Students at Gratz College Hebrew High School of Delaware have elected their Knesset representatives for the current school year. Officers are Shifra Vega, president; Karen Levin, vice-president and Susan Turnauer, advisor.

Following are class delegates, alternates and the group they represent. Prozdor class: Rachel Deitch and Joel Simon; High School I: Michael Mand and Hope Zucker; High School II: Jonathan Deitch and Natalie Woloshin; High School III & IV: Andrea Jacobs.

The Student Knesset has been planning a variety of activities for the coming year. Gratz members are encouraged to participate in monthly pizza dinners sponsored by the Jewish Community Center. Several of our students will be helping out at Super Sunday. Groups of

students will be going to Philadelphia in February to participate in an inter-Jewish high school conference and to a weekend retreat at Camp Ramah in the Poconos later in the year. The entire school will go to Philadelphia in May to march with the Gratz con-

tingent in the Israel Independence Day Parade.

The closing event of the year will be the second "annual farewell to seniors" picnic which the students enjoyed a great deal last year and are looking forward to once again.



Officers of the Gratz Knesset are l to r, Shifra Vega, Susan Turnauer, Karen Levin



Knesset members from High School II and III from l to r, Andrea Jacobs, Jonathan Deitch and Natalie Woloshin.



Gratz Knesset representatives and alternates from Prozdor and High School I are from l to r, Rachel Deitch, Joel Simon, Hope Zucker and Michael Mand.

## AKSE Religious School

### ALEPH CLASS STUDENTS RECEIVE SIDDURIM

Students of Faith Brown's aleph class received their siddurim at Friday evening services, Jan. 18. The ceremony of presenting each aleph student with a siddur was a significant one. The students are able to read the Hebrew language phonetically, and the first book presented to them after achieving this goal was the siddur, the prayer book.

In addition to receiving the siddur, each girl received her own candlesticks, and each boy received his own kiddush cup. These gifts, presented by Sisterhood, will now serve as a reminder for the kindling of the Shabbat candles each Friday evening before sundown, and for the recitation of the kiddush prior to partaking of

the Shabbat meal.

Beginning Saturday morning, Jan. 26, aleph students are being encouraged to attend Jr. Congregation services regularly with their schoolmates in bet through heb classes. All students who attend regularly will be invited to the Jr. Congregation luncheon to be held at the close of the school year.

### PARENTS VISIT CLASSROOMS

Parents of students at all grade levels of the A.K.S.E. Religious School (Grades 1-10) visited their children's classes on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20, 21 and 22, 1985. Parents observed, first-hand, the interaction and communications between teachers and students.

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## Jewish Family Service of Delaware

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## Marriage As Collaboration

By Yvette Rudnitzky, ACSW, LCSW  
JFS Counselor

Today's statistics clearly tell us that modern marriages have only half a chance of surviving intact. Contributing to the high divorce rate has been the radical and profound changes in male/female relationships and the expectations and commitments both bring to holy matrimony. Marriage, which has proven itself a durable pattern for centuries, has been described variously as a cultural phenomena, a legal institution, an economic unit for both production and reproduction, and the basic building block of society.

We have also heard it described as the strongest personal commitment to a shared destiny people enter into; as the coming together of opposites, joining themselves in a sacred union, a *Kiddushim*.

While there is no single definition of marriage that encompasses the whole, there is also no single or simple way to define the interpersonal dynamics that keep two people bound together. So, conversely, it is not a simple matter to explore the interpersonal dynamics that produce a rupture in the marital state. Causes are as varied and individual as the two unique persons involved. While the above statements lead one to be cautious, it is still possible to paint a picture of what is present when a marriage is experiencing stress, for there are certain observable patterns of feelings and behavior that tend to

constellate themselves out.

The following is a cursory overview of those patterns as they have come through to Jewish Family Service from our clients, couples and individuals who come seeking marital counseling. What is presented by a client has two components; one is the internal, felt experience and the second is the external, behavioral response.

The internal, felt experience is what each person has going on inside at any given moment of encounter. They are the feelings, thoughts, aches, longings... what the *kishkas* are saying to us. If and when these thoughts and feelings are clearly articulated, they speak thus: "We just don't speak the same language anymore." The internal, felt experience is I do not feel understood, valued, or needed as before. Externally the couple may be caught up in discussions that feel and sound more like an ongoing argument. And the argument never seems to reach some acceptable resolution or closure. Or to the contrary, the external behavior is one of withdrawal. Each partner stays locked up inside the self, protecting her/or himself; and what is around it all is a generalized tension. Another internal, felt experience centers around feeling disappointed, let down or out right abandoned by your mate.

Externally, we see and hear tight angry voices and

faces coupled with highly critical and judgemental statements about the other. There is the common laundry list of complaints.

Conscious or unconscious, articulated or unarticulated, all of us have developed and nurtured a set of expectations about ourselves, our mates, and about the life we are to share through marriage. When these expectations are not being satisfactorily met, resentment and unhappiness grow. If the marital situation has sufficiently deteriorated, we may see action in one or more of the following areas: 1. increased drinking by one or both partners; 2. increased activity keeping one away from home, i.e. work or play; 3. extra-marital affairs. Overall, the couples exchange feels hard, tension filled and awkward.

Our therapeutic goal at Jewish Family Service is primarily to help couples clarify for themselves and their partner their deeply held expectations and wishes, and to bring into greater awareness their felt, inner experiences, giving them form and language, and legitimizing the deprivation they each feel. From the proper naming and owning of one's feelings, a person can better direct her/his energies towards a successful resolution of marital conflict.

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Dear Rachel,

This isn't exactly the kind of question I can ask a rabbi, so I am turning to you, Rachel, instead. My son and his wife separated in December. Although they have decided to ask for joint custody, my four-year-old grandson will be living with his mother. She is the problem.

You see, my daughter-in-law is a convert. There is no way, it seems to me, that she can give my grandson a real feeling of being Jewish. I'll grant you that she has tried hard; I can't fault her on that. Even this year she celebrated Hanukkah with my grandson and didn't have a Christmas tree. But deep down she can't possibly understand what it means to be Jewish. I made the mistake of trying to explain this to her when they first separated, and she got very huffy and said she didn't need my help with that. Of course, I haven't dared to bring up the subject after that with her, but I have urged my son to think twice about letting his son live with the mother. Do you have any suggestions for handling this mess?

Torn Apart  
Grandmother

## Dear Rachel

Dear Grandmother,

*My first suggestion is don't get involved in the living or custody arrangements for your grandson. Feelings are running high, and everyone is likely to resent your advice - and you - no matter how well intentioned.*

*I am rather puzzled by your assertion that your daughter-in-law can't know what it means to be Jewish. You don't have to have eaten latkes or experienced anti-Semitism as a child to be a Jewish adult. Although this is a time of upheaval and transition for all of you, respect the fact that she has made a profound and lifelong commitment to Judaism and the Jewish people by converting. She is Jewish. She can raise your grandson to be Jewish. You can help by supporting both parents in their efforts to provide Jewish experiences and a Jewish identity for your grandson.*

Rachel

Send letter to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.



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## Obituaries

### Martin R. Inden

Martin R. Inden, who owned Inden's Clothing Store on Main Street in Newark, Del., for many years, was dead on arrival Wednesday, Jan. 9 in Broward General Hospital, Broward County, Fla., after suffering a heart attack while playing handball at Oakland Park YMCA. He was 62.

Mr. Inden, of 1785 N.W. 39th Place, retired in 1979 after running Inden's for 25 years. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Estelle G.; a son, Herbert M. of Wilmington; two daughters, Phyllis Schreiber of Wilmington and Marcia F. Inden of Pompano Beach; his mother, Dora Inden of Atlantic City, N.J.; two brothers, Louis of Philadelphia and Solomon of North Miami Beach; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 13 in the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark 19711.

### Emile Topkis

Emile V. Topkis, whose research led to the formation of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware in 1974, died Friday, Jan. 11 in the Kutz Home, 704 River road. He was 94.

Mr. Topkis, formerly of 2000 Franklin St., retired as a president of Modern Homes, Inc., a Wilmington building company, in the mid-1960s.

He became interested in Delaware-Jewish and American-Jewish history in the late 1940s. In his spare time, he pored over thousands of old Delaware newspapers, jotting down notes on any reference to American or Delaware Jewry.

As a result, Mr. Topkis accumulated a huge collection of recorded references, which he presented in 1974 to Rabbi David Geffen, former spiritual leader of the Beth Shalom congregation in

Wilmington.

Geffen, also an amateur historian, later became a founder and first president of the Jewish Historical Society.

The Topkis collection, including not only newspaper references to Jewish history in the United States and Delaware, but also a vast collection of correspondence with archivists throughout the country, became the core of the present archives of the Israel Historical Society of Delaware.

Mr. Topkis was born in Newark, N.J., the son of David L. and Hannah Ray Topkis. He was graduated from Wilmington High school and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Mr. Topkis was admitted to the Delaware bar in 1914 and practiced law until 1917, when he joined the Army soon after the country entered World War I. He left the Army in 1919 as a second lieutenant.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd.

He is survived by his wife, the former Hannah Segal; two daughters, Eleanor Topkis and Constance T. Wahl, both of Wilmington; a sister, Jechebet T. Roos of Wilmington; three granddaughters and a great-grandson.

Services were held Sunday Jan. 13 in Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Sharpley.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Du Pont and Faulkland roads.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, 19809.

### Sara Levy Stein

Sara Levy Stein, 78, of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., died Thursday, Jan. 11 in the Delaware Division.

Mrs. Stein retired in 1979 as proprietress of the Sara Levy Stein Dance Wear store at 223 Market St., the same location where her father, in 1891, had founded and operated Levy Shoe Store. The business closed after Mrs. Stein's retirement.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and the Kutz Home Auxiliary.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and the Kutz Home Auxiliary.

She is survived by a son, Morris L. Stein of Concord Manor; a sister, Regina Yarowsky of Wilmington; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 20 in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of Jewish Community Cemetery.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802.

### Harry B. Tenner

Harry B. Tenner, 88, of the B'nai B'rith House, 8326 Society Drive, Claymont, died Thursday, Jan. 17 in the General Division.

Mr. Tenner retired in 1969 as proprietor of a children's shoe store in Margate, N.J. He returned to his native Wilmington in 1976.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, of its men's club, and of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 in Wilmington.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Kitt; two sons, Emanuel of Claymont and Morton of Los Angeles; two daughters, Rita Horwitz of Wilmington and Carol Sigmund of Boca Raton, Fla.; a brother, Samuel of Los Angeles; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 30 in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggest contributions to charity.

### Sol Soltzberg

Dr. Sol Soltzberg, 77, of 109 W. 40th St., died Sunday, Jan. 20 of an apparent heart attack in the Delaware Division.

Dr. Soltzberg retired in 1972 after 37 years as a chemist for Atlas Chemical Industries Inc., now ICI Americas Inc. He was employed at Rosenbluth Travel Agency

until his death. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and a master's degree and a doctorate in chemistry from Ohio State University. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the Quarter Century Club of Atlas Chemical Industries, and Congregation Beth Emeth.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian W.; a son, Leonard J. of Boston; a daughter, Dina

J. Soltzberg of Princeton, N.J.; two brothers, Milton of Arlington, Va., and Theodore Stratton of Cleveland; a sister, Pearl Bregman of Sweet Valley, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Temple Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington.

Interment was private.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802.

## Book Review -

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ing possibilities did exist, even though a mere 21,000 refugees—10 per cent of the legal quotas—were admitted during the period in question.

Worthy of special note, too, is his sensitivity to anti-Semitic and nativist sentiment, reflected both nationwide and in the halls of Congress. The mass media and almost all of the Christian churches, never before examined as thoroughly as in this volume, maintained a near silence. So, too, did most American intellectuals, the political left, and the masses of organized labor.

Some gaps remain. Those interested in the individual activity of different Jewish organizations will have to look elsewhere. In addition, the very focus on American sources overlooks the fact, for example, that the ultimate saving of lives from the Balkans lay in the hands of a small Palestinian contingent—not War Refugee Board delegate Ira Hirschmann—operating out of Istanbul.

As for American Jewry, the author credits its leaders with publicizing the catastrophe and pressing for government aid, yet he contends that their effectiveness was severely limited by disunity and the lack of sustained action. The Zionist establishment, striving at the August 1943 American Jewish Conference and beyond for a state in postwar Palestine, alienated other Jewish organizations committed to immediate rescue and abolishing Britain's restrictive White Paper quotas for Palestine. A tiny faction led by Hillel Kool (alias Peter Bergson), mustering grass-roots support and helping to create the War Refugee Board, suggests what a major, united campaign could have accomplished.

Lamentable this strife unquestionable was, but it should not obscure the overriding fact that the world powers capable of checking the tempo of the Holocaust had other priorities during World War II. American Jewish organizations did offer the Allies concrete, varied programs of rescue and relief—to scant avail. A moderate

Palestine resolution at the American Jewish Conference would not have evoked a more humanitarian response: London adhered to the White Paper throughout, with Washington nodding approval. Nor did a representation of the War Refugee Board from the conference and all other established Jewish organizations in August 1944 secure any substantial aid on behalf of Hungarian Jewry, the last surviving Jewish community in Europe.

Wyman conclusively demonstrates that Roosevelt, in whom Jews placed their greatest trust, failed to champion an active rescue program. The president's indifference surfaced in other instances not discussed here, such as a personal report in July 1943 from eyewitness Jan Karski about the gassing of Jews at Belzec, eliciting only sympathetic generalities at the same moment that FDR approved a confidential joint Anglo-American statement aiming to maintain White Paper policy until the war's end. American Jewish unity would not have altered this overall attitude.

The major Western powers had no intention of relinquishing any control over policy. As a consequence, they sealed the fate of European Jewry. After reading *The Abandonment of the Jews* and other judicious studies, we can better appreciate the crime of complacency and the urgent mandate for its prevention.

*Professor Monty N. Penkower, Chairman of Touro College's History department, is author of The Jews Were Expensible: Free World Diplomacy and the Holocaust (University of Illinois Press, 1983) and The Emergency of Zionist Thought (Associated Faculty Press, forthcoming).*

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## Guest Cantor To Appear At Beth Emeth

Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, will mark the beginning of the Jewish Music Celebration with guest appearances by Cantor David M. Goldstein of Brooklyn, New York. Goldstein will join the congregation at Sabbath-evening services at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, and at Sabbath-morning services at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2. A recital of Jewish music, including works by Lazar Weiner and Maurice Ravel, and selections from the classic Yiddish theatre, will follow the Friday service.

Goldstein holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of music and drama from the University of New Orleans and Tulane University and has taught at both schools. He has extensive performing experience, particularly in operas, including Pagliacci, Tosca, and Faust. He will soon be leaving for Israel, with other Reform cantorial students, for a major concert tour of that country.

He has won numerous honors and awards, including: first-place winner in Louisiana - National Association of Teachers of Singing for five years; first-place winner

in the Southern Region of NATS for four years, and the concert choir of New Orleans' Singer-of-the-Year Award.

Goldstein is currently affiliated with Temple Adas Israel of Sag Harbor, Long Island, and Temple Ohev Shalom of Harrisburg, Pa. He has also held cantorial and instructional positions at Temple Gates of Prayer in New Orleans.

The entire community is invited to join Cantor Goldstein and Congregation Beth Emeth at these very special services.

## A Cantor's Odyssey

In honor of Jewish Music Month, on Feb. 11, the Sabra group of Hadassah will be privileged to hear Cantor Emil Hager present a program of cantorial and chasidic music as well as a sing-along of well-known Jewish music.

Cantor Hager is presently at Temple Beth Shalom, following 23 years of experience as a cantor and educator. He will relate the background of "the making of a cantor" from Montreal to Wilmington.

Sandy Harad, Sabra president, will conduct a short business meeting prior to the program.

Refreshments will be served at noon in the library of the Jewish Community Center.

# All the nachas fit to print.

WISHING LOTS OF NACHES TO ALL THE NEW PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS JOAN and ALLEN GREENBERG have a new grandson, DANIEL IRA HONIG.

LESLYE and JEROME HEISLER have a new granddaughter, KATHERINE LAURA GRAEFF.

JEAN and JACK BLUMENFELD have a daughter born Jan. 18.

MAZEL TOV ON ALL THE WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

BETSY WHITAKER of Claymont, activities director at the Kutz Home, is engaged to BOB ROOSEVELT of Lester, Pa. The wedding date is set for Sept. 1.

BERNARD J. DAVID, son of SYLVIA and ISRAEL DAVID, is engaged to LISA DAY ZALLINGER of North Haven, Conn. The couple is planning a July wedding.

BARRY LUBITZ, son of JOAN and HERBERT LUBITZ will marry SHIRLEY PACHTER of Havertown, Pa. on Aug. 11.

CARA ZUBREN, daughter

of the late DR. LOUIS ZUBREN and DONNA KLEIN of Milwaukee, Wisc. was wed to JEFFREY JABLOW, son of PATRICIA and RICHARD JABLOW, Dec. 30 in Milwaukee. The bride attended the University of Wisconsin, and serves as a Cantor/Educator in Boston, Mass. The groom attended Mt. Pleasant High School and West Chester State College, and works as youth director for a synagogue in New York.

The couple will reside in Scarsdale, New York.

MAZEL TOV AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Fran Zaret retired from the Bank of Delaware on Jan. 4. This is her second retirement. In 1977 she retired from the DuPont Co.

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## Organizations in the News

### An Evening Of Chocolate Decadence

In the mood for something exotic, decadent, sensual, and self-indulgent? Then set aside Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center for a sinful evening of chocolate decadence. Along with absolutely mouth-watering fantastic chocolate desserts, the uproariously funny French movie, "The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob" will be shown. There will be free samples of chocolates and much more. The Chai-Shalom Group of Hadassah is sponsoring this incredible edible evening, and it can be yours for only \$9 per person, which is tax deductible.

Call your reservations into: Marion Zimmerman at 656-9070 or Suzy Grumbacher at 764-8050.

### ORT Cocktail Party

Is the winter getting you down? Are you tired of spending Saturday night at home? Well, we have the answer for you: the Brandywine Chapter at Large first annual cocktail party. It will be held Feb. 2, Saturday night, 8 p.m., at the home of Gail and Robert Richardson, 221 Swineburne Rd., West Chester, Pa. The cost is only \$15 per ORT couple, \$18 per non-ORT couple or guests. Also, please bring a wrapped gift for our crazy Chinese auction (\$5 maximum please). Reservations can be made by calling Pam Greenfield at 798-0170, Jean Chamish at 475-7008, Ilene Sivakoff at 478-2098, or Alana Meiners at 652-3933. RSVP before Jan. 29. Proceeds from this function will benefit the ORT School of Engineering.

### Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, has run a successful bingo game every Monday evening for the past several years. The temple has now added a second night on Thursday evenings. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. with early bird specials beginning at 7:15 p.m. Low

cost and delicious refreshments are a specialty.

Men's Club continues to be an active organization. In addition to its monthly breakfasts, Men's Club president, Len Stapen, has begun a very professional bartender service. It is available for hire at private and temple parties.

On Feb. 16, the Men's Club will host a beef & beer. A live band will add to the evening's pleasure. Tickets are \$25 a couple and available in the temple office. On March 30 the Men's Club will host the annual Monte Carlo. More details will be available soon. For further information, call the temple office at 366-8330.

Parents of Preschoolers..... There will be a four week March mini-series for couples (or just Dad or just Mom) at Temple Beth El to discuss concerns and joys of parenting pre-schoolers (birth to age 5). These groups will meet Monday nights from 7 to 8:30. A nursery will be provided.

On March 4, the evening will include getting acquainted, enhancing your child's self-esteem and feeling good about yourselves.

The March 11 program pertains to reading, how to encourage readiness skills and a lifelong love of reading.

The March 18 and 25 class will involve topics to be chosen by the group and might include discipline, dealing with death, sibling relations, play and playmates, fears, T.V., arts and crafts.

The series is sponsored by the Parent Early Education Center and open to the public. For more information, call the temple office or Vicki Temko, 737-0706.

### Jewish War Veterans

There will be a social meeting of the Jewish War Veterans at the social hall in the presidential apartments, - Social Hall - 2000 Society Drive, Claymont, on Monday, Jan. 28, at 8:30 p.m. Reserve this date so that you will be able to spend an enjoyable evening with your friends. There will be big games and little games, with plenty of delicious refreshments. Come all and have a ball.

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## A Bit Of Recognition

Alfred Remsen, Beth Shalom Men's Club president, recently received the following letter in response to a Jews for Jesus program held at the synagogue. (Rabbi Simon is the executive director of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in New York. He is also on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary.)

Dear Alfred:

Just a short note to congratulate you on a wonderful minyan and Sunday morning program. One of our rabbinical students happened to attend and was extremely impressed. It was a pleasure to hear about it from him.

My best,  
Rabbi Charles Simon

### Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Henry Pachter is scheduled as the keynote speaker at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. His lecture is entitled "Original European Porcelain: Meissen." Pachter was educated in North Bohemia, the center of the Czechoslovakian ceramic industry. He is a lecturer, as well as researcher for the antique column of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon; please make reservations by calling Rae Golenberg at 798-1929. Complimentary child-sitting is provided.



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## Admission Process Now Speedy At Kutz Home

By TED ZUTZ

Since no one has yet discovered a way to reverse the aging process, it is important to all of us to give thought to our own future or that of our parents.

We need to recognize that our parents may not always be able to care for themselves. For some of us this problem is of a more immediate concern. If you are in this position, now is the time to contact the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home.

Several factors need to be re-emphasized periodically to correct what might be some basic misconceptions. The Home does not always have a waiting list six months to one year long. Now is one of those times when the list is comparatively short.

The Home has a reputation, well deserved we think, of not turning anyone away who can benefit from their services, regardless of his or her financial status. The Admissions Committee considers each

application on its own merits. When a decision is made on a completed application, it is made on the basis of need for services. For additional information on the admissions process, a tour of the facility or answers to specific questions, please contact Jackie Guttenplan, social worker, at 764-7000.

Our reputation earned over the past quarter of a century as a "Home with a Heart" is something we would prefer you to evaluate and verify for yourself rather than take our word for it. We think that a brief tour will convince you of the caring atmosphere. Talk to our professional staff, watch our aides relate to the residents. Best of all, talk to some of the residents or members of their families. We would be surprised if you don't find a former neighbor, a cousin's aunt, or some near *mishpocha* among our residents. That is what we are all about — an extended caring family.

## US-Israel Memorandum Of Understanding

In January of this year a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in Jerusalem and Washington, D.C. between the governments of Israel and the United States.

This MOU is about Israel's humanity, not her military. It is not about strategic cooperation, but about cooperation in the fields of social service delivery and human development.

U.S. signatories to the MOU are the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Margaret Heckler, and Assis-

tant Secretary for Human Development Services, Dorcas Hardy.

Aharon Uzar, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, and Ben-Zion Rubin, Deputy Minister, and the Israeli signatories.

The MOU states that the two governments desire to:

- promote cooperation between their experts in the fields of social services and human development,
- obtain solutions to problems of mutual concern through collaborative efforts, and
- share and exchange information on research and administration of programs and services.

The MOU, which will be in effect for five years, provides a framework for strengthening, enhancing and expanding the long-standing cooperative efforts of the Israeli and American people to improve the human condition through effective social service delivery systems.

The CJF Washington Ac-

A year ago, Lynne Levi was in the middle of the Israeli desert, wearing combat boots and struggling to fill a sand bag as dust swirled around her.

"I thought, 'What's a nice Jewish girl like you doing on a military base?'" said the 46-year-old mother of three. "I was putting a little excitement into my life."

Mrs. Levi is one of more than 3,000 Americans who have served as civilian aides in the Israeli Army through Volunteers for Israel. The organization is an offshoot of a 1982 volunteer drive established to alleviate labor shortages created by the war in Lebanon. That summer, the Israelis recruited almost 600 Americans to help harvest crops abandoned by farmers reporting for military duty.

"We went because Israel needed us," said Florence Cohen, one of the first volunteers. She picked apples and grapes on a moshave, a cooperative farm in the Golan Heights. "When your family calls, you go."

tion Office, at the request of HHS, will be coordinating the implementation of the MOU. The WAO will be working with advisory groups in the U.S. and Israel to determine project priorities and to facilitate exchanges between the U.S. and Israeli participants.

Cooperative activities will focus on nine areas of mutual interest which are identified in the MOU: 1) adoption of children with special needs; 2) community and in-home services for functionally impaired populations; 3) innovative housing arrangements for the aged; 4) inter generational linkages; 5) programs designed to reduce dependency, including work-related day care and in-home care; 6) developmental disabilities; 7) access to services by the handicapped; 8) juvenile delinquency prevention/rehabilitation; and 9) other areas agreed to be of mutual interest.

The signing of the MOU by the U.S. and Israeli governments opens up a wide range of opportunities for Federations and agencies to become involved in co-operative ventures of mutual benefit to both countries. Among the innovative ideas being discussed are scholar exchanges, a sister-city program linking American communities with Israeli communities for direct exchanges between service providers, and an international teleconference on children-at-risk.

## American Aides In Israeli Army

### Varied Volunteers

Mrs. Cohen said that Americans, inspired by their experience, established the New York-based organization, Volunteers for Israel, to increase the Israeli labor force and decrease the workload of its army.

Participants range from teen-agers to the elderly, from a variety of fields and sections of the country as well as Canada and France, and are both Jews and Christians. They pay a discounted air fare and spend three to four weeks performing military tasks — except fighting.

"They come to lend a hand to the Israeli society and to experience a profound cultural exchange," said Aharon Davidi, a retired army general who is chairman of Sarel, the Israeli counterpart of Volunteers for Israel. Sarel, gives volunteers their assignments and coordinated their activities while they are on the military bases.

He added that the program saves money for the Israeli Government. Israeli men younger than 55 and unmarried women younger than 26 must serve between 30 and 90 days a year in the army. Whenever someone outside Israel volunteers to work in the country, one fewer Israeli is called up for duty, saving the government about \$600 a person, the amount it pays soldiers for one month of duty.

### Chance to Work in Israel

But financial savings are not the only benefits of the program, according to participants. It also provides Americans with the opportunity to live and work in Israel, enabling both cultures to better understand one another.

"Sending a dollar is great, but when you go yourself they really appreciate it," said I. Robert Kaufman of Edison, N.J.

Mr. Kaufman, 74, was on an archeological dig in Israel when the war broke out in Lebanon. He wanted to help so he signed up with Volunteers for Israel and spent a month repairing trucks.

"I have three daughters and each one of them looked at me as if I was crazy when I told them," said Mr. Kaufman. He plans to return this month with his 19-year-old granddaughter for another four weeks of service.

"We always make our an-

nual contributions, but there's very little reward in that," said Mrs. Levi, who has volunteered twice. "When you give the gift of time and personal effort, that's something special."

Working as an Israeli civilian aide means living on a military base in barracks that typically are furnished with bunk beds and have communal bathrooms.

"All the amenities become unimportant," said Sylvia Span of Paterson, N.J. "Even when we didn't have sheets, we didn't care."

### 'To See and Live Israel'

A typical day begins with the 7 a.m. breakfast call, followed by several hours of inspecting weapons, cleaning guns and performing other menial tasks.

While the days were filled with mundane tasks, the nights were spent attending lectures, language classes and cultural events. And the volunteers spent Saturdays, the Sabbath, at nearby kubbutzim and moshaves with Israeli families.

"Every day was memorable because we really got to see and live Israel," said Meyer Ashpitz, a podiatrist from Kew Garden Hills, Queens. Mr. Ashpitz spent his summer at an Army medical clinic examining soldiers' feet.

"You're not going to believe this, but I fixed Russian tank equipment," said Binnie J. Sommer, 37, an English teacher from Forest Hills, Queens. She also sorted bullets, checked parachute packs and worked in a base kitchen.

Miss Sommer said the soldiers initially had misconceptions about Americans and could not understand why they volunteered to help.

"In a way we had to prove ourselves," she said, "But on the other hand, the Israelis appreciated everything very much."

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