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Local Catholic Leaders Welcome Vatican Relations With State of Israel

By DAN WEINTRAUB

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Local Catholic leaders joined Jewish leaders in welcoming last week's establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican. The agreement called for formal relations between Israel and the Holy See including an exchange of ambassadors. The Vatican agreed to continue to combat anti-Semitism and Israel agreed to continue to grant full access to Christian holy places.

Speaking for the Diocese of Wilmington, Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman, Chancellor & Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese of Wilmington, said in part "I would hope that this" diplomatic accord "would stimulate renewed efforts among Christians to press for mutual understanding with and respect for their Jewish brothers and sisters. May this event serve to remind us also that all discrimination against individuals or whole peoples because of race, color, condition of life or religion is repudiated by the Church."

Father Clem Manista of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, in Bear, DE, has been active in the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) and dialogues with local members of the Jewish faith on such issues as the Holocaust. "I think it is a wonderful thing" Father Manista said regarding the Israel-Vatican Accord. Father Manista said, "I think the recognition of Israel by the Vatican will encourage more of a dialogue between Catholics and Jews in a broader way or expand that dialogue which is already under way to some degree." Father Manista's enthusiasm was reflected in his comment, "I would say that this would be time for a reciprocal celebration among the

Catholic and Jewish communities."

Toni Young of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), the central planning and funding body of the Jewish community, emphasized the double significance of the establishment of diplomatic relations. "First, by normalizing relations with Israel, the Vatican formally recognizes Israel's legitimacy and permanence," she said. "Second, the agreement represents a significant step toward improving relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Jewish people." Ms. Young acknowledged and commended the positive role played by American Catholics leading up to this historic agreement. She expressed confidence that the warm and cooperative relationship long enjoyed by American Jews and Catholics will be enhanced by these developments.

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, stated in part that "The Jewish Federation of Delaware joins with the State of Israel, and with Jewish communities worldwide, in welcoming the agreement between the Vatican and the State of Israel. The normalization of relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel is a natural outgrowth of Vatican II and is a positive step toward healing old wounds between Catholic and Jewish communities."

The Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman also saw the historic accord between the State of Israel and the Vatican as a development which grew out of the Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions enacted by the Vatican Council II on October 28, 1965. Rev. Msgr. Rebman said, "I saw this document issued at the close of 1993 as a step in the fulfillment of this dream of Popes and

Syrian Jews Reportedly Getting Visas

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — With all remaining Jews in Syria reportedly receiving exit permits for emigration, the Syrian Jewish population may soon fall to its lowest point in perhaps 23 centuries or at least since Tamerlane's army invaded the country at the close of the 14th century, massacring the people of Aleppo and plundering Hama and Damascus.

A Jewish community in Syria dates back to Biblical times, developing in Syria due to the proximity of the Jewish center in Israel. Jews congregated in Antioch in 175-164 B.C.E.

Despite cautious optimism in Israel and by American Jewry, all Syrian Jews may finally be free to leave by Syrian President Hafez Assad's gesture of good will to President Clinton in advance of their Geneva meeting in mid-

January.

Thus the Syrian community may soon be reaching its lowest population point in centuries except for some 200 to 300 elderly residents and some well-established business people. They along with the remainder of the 1,200 Jews now in Syria are getting exit visas to emigrate but they may choose to remain there, Bluma Zuckerbrot, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Middle East affairs, has indicated.

According to Judy Field Carr of Toronto, chairman of the Canadian National Task Force for Syrian Jews, there are disturbing reports that in some cases one or two members of a family, usually children, are being denied exit permits while other family members received them. Most Jews who left Syria this year settled in Brooklyn.



The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at the Albert Einstein Academy went to the Emanuelle Dining Room on the first day of Hanukkah to help serve lunch. "We want to teach the children the values of caring about other people and service to the poor," said Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Principal.



Aspin's Advice Against Pollard Is Unexpected Blow To Clemency

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — In an unexpected blow to possible clemency for Jonathan Pollard, Defense Secretary Les Aspin has advised in a letter to President Clinton that the imprisoned former U.S. Navy civilian intelligence analyst remains a threat to U.S. military security and should not be set free.

Aspin's letter, dated December 23 and disclosed by an unidentified Pentagon official to *The New York Times* five days later, said Pollard put U.S. military information from prison in 14 letters since 1989 and most recently in 1992. It said Pollard "clearly remembers" classified information from sources such as satellites and electronic eavesdropping devices. In addition, the letter said, "Ample indications" exist that Pollard might if released emigrate to Israel and continue to present a risk of further damage to the nation. Pollard has admitted passing information to Israeli agents.



Les Aspin (left) and Bobby Inman, who has been nominated to succeed him.

Council Fathers almost 3 decades ago. Since Vatican Council II there have been commissions and committees promoting dialogue on the international, national, diocesan level but perhaps not so much on the local parish and synagogue level."

The Rev. Msgr. Rebman quoted the Declaration enacted by the Vatican Council II, which stated in part, "The Church repudiates all persecutions against any man. Moreover, mindful of her common patrimony with the Jews, and motivated by the gospel's love and by no political considerations, she deplores the hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time and from any source."

Father Clem Manista also stated it was important that locally there would become more of a conscious effort to promote a dialogue and engage in educational issues including possibly the development of a Holocaust curriculum.

Judy Wortman also noted that the "positive and fruitful dialogue that has existed for many years between American Jews and American Catholics now extends internationally and provides an opportunity to resolve long-standing issues in an environment of respect and mutual recognition. We hope this new era of Jewish-Catholic relations will be felt locally with joint programs and dialogue on issues of mutual concern."

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Judge Revokes U.S. Citizenship Of Auschwitz Buchenwald Guard

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A federal judge in Philadelphia has entered an order revoking the U.S. citizenship of a World War II death camp guard.

U.S. District Judge William Yohn Jr. ordered the denaturalization of Johann Breyer, 68, based on his activities as a guard at the Auschwitz and Buchenwald death camps, the Justice Department announced.

Breyer, a retired tool-and-die maker who is a native of Slovakia, admitted in court papers that he had served as an armed guard at both camps, with orders to shoot escapees.

He also admitted that he had escorted prisoners consigned to slave labor to their work sites.

The judge earlier ruled that "activities which occurred at these camps were brutal and included such acts upon the inmates of the camps as murder, torture, confinement, forced labor and experimentation."

The court found Breyer was ineligible for the U.S. immigration visa he received in 1952 and for U.S. citizenship, which he acquired in 1957.

Brandeis Pres Clarifies Remarks On Deniers' Ad

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Widely published reports indicate a Holocaust revisionist ad was printed in the Brandeis University student-run newspaper *The Justice*. Students outraged over its publication confiscated copies of the paper in protest. Samuel O. Thier, MD, President of Brandeis University, released a statement affirming his sympathy for the protesters who stole copies of *The Justice*. Thier cites a "clear distinction between" free speech "and paid advertising; a distinction the editors of *The Justice* unfortunately chose not to recognize." Further more, Thier states ads are refused all the time. Thier concluded by stating that notwithstanding the understandable "upset caused by this particular ad, the theft and presumable destruction of the issues of *The Justice* in which the ad appeared is a violation of the principle of free speech and University regulations."

In an unrelated statement it was announced that Thier would soon be leaving his position at Brandeis in order to accept a position as head of a major Massachusetts hospital.

Greece Plans Conference

Greece has announced that it is attempting to convene a conference of leading businessmen from the European Union, Israel, the Palestinians and other factors in the Middle East, in order to promote stability in the region. "We are interested in businessmen from the West, large companies and businessmen from the Middle East," said the Greek Minister of European Affairs at a press conference. According to him, "the firms will discuss modes of cooperation in the Palestinian territories and in the neighboring countries, Jordan and Lebanon." The conference will be held on the island of Rhodes, when Greece serves as the acting Chairman of the European Union. ('Globes', excerpted by The Israeli Consulate)

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Fatah Official Resignations Point To PLO Internal Struggle

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The recent resignations of several key Palestinian officials in the administered territories point in frustration, resentment and a struggle for leadership within the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Experts on Palestinian politics say the resignations, mainly by officials of Yasir Arafat's mainstream Al Fatah faction of the PLO, also represent a clash between a local leadership that paid its dues during the intifada often with a series of prison sentences, and so-called "salon activists" - those who have directed PLO activities from the relative comfort of Tunis, as well as wealthy Palestinians coming from established families.

The resignations are "only the tip of the iceberg" of the upheaval that is certain to occur in the PLO's difficult transition from a national liberation movement into a self-governing authority, warned Elie Rekhess, senior research fellow at the Dayan Center for Middle East Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Several senior Fatah leaders in the territories quit last week to protest Arafat's appointments last month of Zakharia al-Agha and Faisal Hussein, to head Fatah in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, respectively.

Sami Abu Samhadana, who resigned as chief of Fatah's Gaza office, reportedly said that such leaders should be elected and not appointed. He criticized the PLO leadership in Tunis for mismanagement in the territories and for mishandling the ongoing autonomy negotiations with Israel.

According to Fatah sources, Tawfik Abu Khousa, Abu Samhadana's deputy, and Zakharia Talmas, the head of the Gaza Arab Journalists Association, also resigned this week.

Two weeks ago, Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi resigned from the PLO. She reportedly had problems with Arafat's autocratic style, as well as misgivings about his commitment to democracy and human rights.

Of the two major recent appointments, Agha, in particular, is viewed in the territories as an aristocrat who never served in prison. As a result, Arafat's decision to name him as the Fatah leader in Gaza is deeply resented.

Nearly 1/2 Million From Ex-USSR Have Immigrated To Israel Since '89

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The end of 1993 marks the arrival of 475,000 immigrants to Israel from the republics of the former Soviet Union since the start of the immigration wave in 1989, Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz announced this week in a review of the agency's activities for the year.

If present political and economic trends in the newly independent states continue, Dinitz said, 100,000 to 120,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union are expected to emigrate annually for each of the next five

years. Of these, 70,000 to 80,000 are expected to come to Israel each year.

About 77,000 immigrants arrived from various countries this year, 65,000 of whom came from the ex-Soviet republics and 8,000 from Western countries.

Dinitz said that by the year 2000, the Jewish population of the former Soviet Republics, now estimated at 1.4 million, is expected to decrease by 50 percent.

He said the combined efforts of the Jewish Agency and the Israeli government would fulfill the Zionist

dream of bringing 1 million Jews to Israel by the year 2000, making Israel's Jewish population the largest in the world with 6 million. The 500,000th immigrant is expected to arrive within the next few months, he said.

A program it initiated this year to encourage aliyah sent 40 teams to 150 cities to promote employment projects, programs for youth and programs to familiarize prospective immigrants with the absorption process in Israel.

Also this year, 1,000 youth between the ages of 16 and 18 from the newly independent states came to Israel on Youth Aliyah programs, and the Jewish Agency plans to increase the number in 1994.

But Hussein, too, is a problem for many, according to Zekaria al-Qaq, Palestinian director of the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information.

"These are political families who are seen as having failed the Palestinian (people) during the '30s and '40s," he said. "They don't enjoy popularity among the Palestinian constituency."

"The big conflict is over the PLO policy of making appointments without popular support," concurred Gershon Baskin, Israeli director of the Israel/Palestine research center.

On top of this, he added, the Palestinians see that in almost every round of negotiations on the autonomy accord with Israel, there is no local representation.

The resignations are a clear message, Baskin said, that when Arafat comes to the territories, the locals will not be "willing to accept the unilateral imposition" of his rule.

The appointments show that Arafat is trying to control the territories the same way he has controlled his organization in Tunis, although the situations are entirely different, he said.

The power elite in Tunis needs "a different attitude and approach," al-Qaq said.

Otherwise, he warned, there could be another uprising, only this time against an authoritarian Palestinian regime.

"There has been a struggle between the inside and the outside (of the PLO) for years," said Rekhess of the Dayan Center. "But as the moment of truth nears, the sensitive nerves get more exposed and more touchy; hence the recent crisis."

Arafat's recent statements that he intends to postpone Palestinian elections scheduled for July, said al-Qaq, are a troubling sign of things to come. "Everyone has a feeling Arafat will not go through with them."

dictory messages. There is confusion, chaos and uncertainty, and they fear democracy will be the first element to be discarded," he said. "We don't want a police state."

Rekhess said the Palestinian call for democracy has to be put into perspective in a society unaccustomed to elections and the democratic process. Theirs is a society, for example, that has been executing people without legal redress for alleged collaboration with Israel, he pointed out.

Still, he said, the "radiation from Israeli democracy will make the Palestinians in the territories more inclined to insist on the democratic process, especially the younger generation."

Bombs Left At APN and NIF Offices

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — In an escalation of American Jewish opposition to Israel's peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization, bombs were left early Wednesday outside the Manhattan buildings that house the offices of Americans for Peace Now and the New Israel Fund.

Both organizations have long supported compromise with the Palestinians and have been virulently attacked by American Jews on the other end of the political spectrum.

The bomb outside the APN office was discovered by a building security guard, who called police. A half-hour later, an unknown caller notified police of the second bomb.

A police robot successfully defused the first device, but the bomb in front of the New Israel Fund exploded. It caused no damage, according to a police spokesman.

The spokesman said both bombs were low-level explosives in thermos-type containers, which were capable of causing serious injury or property damage. Both had timing devices.

According to the police, both bombs had handwritten notes that criticized the Israeli government for being too liberal. The notes were signed by multiple organizations, which the police would not identify.

According to one source, a note said that "the civil war has begun."

The incidents are being investigated by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the New York City Police Department.

A spokesman for the Israeli Consulate in New York denounced the attack.

BRIEFS

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Fresh Crown Heights Probe Spurred By New Evidence

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — A leading Congressman who has been pressing for a federal investigation of the Crown Heights violence in 1991 has expressed hope that new evidence uncovered in the case will "finally lead to long overdue prosecution" in the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum, an Australian rabbinical student killed in the rioting in Brooklyn.

After meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno Dec. 30, Rep. Charles Schumer of New York, chairman of the House Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, said "As I have repeatedly insisted, the factual and legal bias for prosecution in this case has been present all along."

Saying he has urged Reno "to go forward with a thorough, painstaking investigation," Schumer added, "if aggressive investigative measures are undertaken, we may find that this evidence is only the tip of the iceberg."

New evidence was reported Dec. 30 to have been received from witnesses that might bring federal and state civil rights charges against some participants in the three-day violence that Crown Heights residents called "a pogrom."

Despite urgings by Jewish groups that the Justice Department probe the situation following the acquittal of a defendant on a murder charge, the department was about to drop the proceedings on Sept. 9 but now Reno has ordered a review of the case based on the new evidence. The defendant was Lemrick Nelson Jr., a black teenager, who was acquitted by a jury. U.S. officials refused to disclose the nature of the new evidence and no grand jury has been convened in New York. It might be weeks before their recommendations are made to Reno.

The New York Times said that the evidence represents "a significant turnaround" in the case.

Reggae Rabbi? Assimilation Is Problematic For Jews On The Island of 'No problems, Mon'

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

About 250 mostly older assimilated Jews live in Jamaica, according to Ernest Desouza, lay rabbi of the island's only synagogue, Sharre Shalom United Congregation of Israelites, in Kingston, reports the Heritage Florida Jewish News. The article notes the Jamaican Jewish community dates back to 1494 and in the 19th century numbered 2,000 people. The community was launched by Jews who kept their faith secret to escape the Spanish Inquisition. Desouza says only fifteen Jamaican Jews remain under Bar or Bat Mitzvah age.

Arrangements can be made through several of the all-inclusive resorts located in Jamaica for Rabbi Desouza to minister a Jewish wedding on the island.

Hadassah Opens Havana Branch

By MICHELE BERMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Hadassah-International is establishing a branch in Havana.

Created 10 years ago, the organization — which is the global arm of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America — forges links between the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, and scientific and medical institutions around the world.

The decision to open a branch in Havana was reached after "our Jewish people in Cuba expressed an interest in being part of Hadassah-International," according to Eva Silberman, Hadassah-International liaison for Latin America.

"It will be a bridge to peace," said Silberman, "We are very eager to have a presence in Cuba to establish this kind of partnership."

"With the collapse of the Soviet system and the virtual disappearance of its financial aid to Cuba, hospitals and physicians are crippled by the lack of basic medicines and supplies, making the Hadassah-International link all the more urgent," said Tannenbaum.

Reform Group Changes Name

Women of Reform Judaism — the women's affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) — has announced a change of name for the 100,000-member organization that formerly was known as the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Changing the name from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to Women of Reform Judaism, The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, was designed to clarify the nature of the organization, making it inclusive of all its members in North America; emphasize the tie with Reform Judaism, and "reinforce the partnership between Sisterhood and the individual," according to Ellen Y. Rosenberg, executive director.

Israel-Vatican Pact Opens New Chapter In Catholic-Jewish Ties

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The signing of an accord between Israel and the Vatican last week opened a new chapter in the nearly 2,000-year-old history of Jewish-Catholic ties, a relationship that has often been characterized by mistrust and hostility.

The agreement, which for the first time establishes formal diplomatic relations between the two governments, cites the "unique nature of the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people, and of the historic process of reconciliation and growth in mutual understanding and friendship between Catholics and Jews."

The agreement includes a mutual commitment to combat anti-Semitism, racism and religious intolerance, as well as a pledge by the State of Israel to continue to respect and protect Catholic sacred places.

One of the document's 15 points expands on the Vatican's position on anti-Semitism.

"The Holy See takes this occasion to reiterate its condemnation of hatred, persecution and all other manifestations of anti-Semitism directed against the Jewish people and individual Jews anywhere, anytime and by anyone," it states.

"In particular, the Holy See deplores attacks on Jews and desecration of Jewish synagogues and cemeteries, acts which offend the memory

of the victims of the Holocaust," the document says.

At the signing ceremony in Jerusalem Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin said, "Behind the agreement there are thousands of years of history full of hatred, of fear and ignorance, with a few islands of understanding, of cooperation and of dialogue."

"Behind the agreement there are very few years of light and many more years of darkness," said Beilin, who signed the agreement with Monsignor Claudio Celli, the Vatican's undersecretary of state for foreign affairs.

'Climate Has Changed Dramatically'

Jewish and Catholic leaders said the accord will have a profound impact on every aspect of the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people, from political to interreligious.

"The climate has changed dramatically already" as a result of the accord, said Cardinal John O'Connor, archbishop of New York and a leading behind-the-scenes voice who for years lobbied within the church for the Vatican to establish formal diplomatic ties with Israel.

"Israel is a kind of concrete embodiment of the great spirit of Judaism and is the representation of Jews throughout the world, a people that has been persecuted and dispersed,

sometimes by Catholics," O'Connor said.

"This accord says that the church regrets any of this kind of thing (anti-Jewish attitudes) from the past and pleads that there be none such in the future," he said at a news conference.

The Vatican now expects to play a more prominent role in the effort to create peace between the Jewish state and the Palestinians and on negotiations over the future of Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Beilin said the Vatican had expressed interest in taking part in the five multilateral working groups of the Middle East peace process that are dealing with such regional issues as water resources, refugees, arms control, the environment and economic cooperation.

Status Of Jerusalem Unresolved

According to Monsignor Celli, not yet resolved is the status of Jerusalem.

The Synagogue Council of America, an umbrella group representing the three largest denominations of Judaism, issued a joint statement hailing the agreement with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Cynthia Mann in Jerusalem.)

Anti-Semitic Tensions Grow In Ukraine

NEW YORK, NY (HIAS) — A downward spiraling of the economy in the Ukraine and an erosion of centralized authority has left the Jews still living there vulnerable to growing anti-Semitic tensions. These are some of the findings reported by Dail Stolow, HIAS' Director of Overseas Operations and Deborah Mark, HIAS' Director of Planning and Government Affairs, who just returned from a site visit to Ukraine and Russia.

Economic dislocation in the region is so significant that it is considered the major human rights concern in the region, Stolow was told by one U.S. government official in Kiev.

Stolow explained: "There is tremendous discontent with not being

able to buy even the basics. Two years ago, Ukraine had the highest per capita income of all the Newly Independent States (NIS); today it has the lowest. That's a very dramatic shift and one that is unfortunately having a negative impact on the Jewish community in particular."

In meetings with many Jews, the team found that Jewish institutions function openly and that official government anti-Semitism was not an expressed concern.

However, with a weakened central authority, Stolow explained, Jews increasingly are being scapegoated for the range of social ills caused by the economic decline.

While in Ukraine, the HIAS team learned of the following incidents:

• In the capital of Kiev, Jews were verbally abused and blamed recently for the long lines at the Post Office.

• In Western Ukraine, ultra-nationalists recently collected the names and addresses of all the Jews in town and put Magen Davids on their houses.

• In another incident in Western Ukraine, a band of 40 ultra-nationalists recently entered a Jewish community center admonishing the Jews to leave, yelling "Zhids get out! You don't belong here!" In Russian, "Zhid" is a derogatory term for Jew.

• In Kiev, one Jewish woman, when asked her opinion of the future of Jewish life in Ukraine, replied: "When streets are named for those who killed my relatives, how can there be a future for Jews?" Her reference was to a street named after a well-known leader of pogroms in the early part of the century.

While in Ukraine and Russia, the team met with U.S. and Ukrainian government officials, as well as approximately 200 members of the Jewish community who are already in the U.S. Refugee Program, in order to monitor and troubleshoot the on-site refugee processing for immigrating to the U.S. A complex process, it has become even more so since the breakup of the Soviet Union, with new conditions and rules in the NIS creating obstacles and contributing to delays in departure.

This year, as in the past several federal fiscal years, the U.S. government will approve the admission of approximately 40,000 Jewish refugees to arrive in the U.S. from the NIS. Those from the Ukraine continue to comprise the largest single group of Jewish refugees from the NIS bound for the U.S.



Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir's "historic" meeting with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican on January 15, 1973.

EDITORIALS

Live Jewish

What does it mean to "Live Jewish?" Readers of *The Jewish Voice* probably have many different opinions about what it means.

For some it may mean remembering parents, grandparents or great grandparents, who came to this country and struggled to make a life here.

For others it may mean enhancing our family's Jewish identity in order to insure our future. Others may revel in such joys of Jewish life as: the sweet tastes of challah and kugel; the quiet glow of candles at a Friday night shabat dinner; the redemptive powers of Grandma's matzah ball soup; davening to familiar melodies; and the revelry of Purim.

To "Live Jewish" may mean to some readers to honor their parents and grandparents by

recording their family history on the video camera. To others it may mean teaching their children traditions, values and teachings. For many of all ages the richness of Jewish study is central to living Jewish.

Some readers may "Live Jewish" by traveling to Israel. For those the focus may be the archeological riches or biblical significance of this ancient land. Others may seek Israel for its nature trails or beaches. Still others may be drawn to the remarkable people there who have forged a green and modern Israel.

It has been said that to "Live Jewish" is to observe mitzvot. Tzedakah is at the core of this reminder to "Live Jewish." Tzedakah is how we meet the challenges of teaching the next generation, caring for the frail, building Jewish continuity and supporting Israel as it tackles the challenges of the road towards peace.

What does it mean to you to "Live Jewish?"

Steven Spielberg Gets Religion

"Schindler's List," the black and white epic film depicting an unlikely hero of the Holocaust, represents a triumph of Jewish values over Hollywood humdrum. In interview after interview, Steven Spielberg has credited his fuller embrace of Judaism with providing the maturity and depth needed to orchestrate a film such as "Schindler's List." The most successful filmmaker of all time has created an exceptional movie account of a true story of a flawed man who saved many Jews who would have otherwise been killed merely because they were Jewish. The creator of "Jurassic Park," "ET," "Jaws," "The Color Purple," and many other popular movies has now brought to the masses a film which may begin to educate about the real genocidal horrors of this century. Such a beginning is needed as surveys show a significant minority of Americans are prepared to disbelieve that the Holocaust ever occurred.

Many American Jews have been credited with helping to create Hollywood, the world's most successful film industry, without presenting much Jewish content. In countries such as France people organize to preserve their culture against the Americanizing influence of Hollywood's popular fare. Should Jews share the concern of the French with a ubiquitous entertainment culture which does not reflect unique aspects of our lives and traditions? Like Spielberg, it has been said, many Jewish people in Hollywood today have taken on some of the traditions of Judaism. They have chosen to



Ben Kingsley plays a man on Schindler's List.

"Live Jewish." As Steven Spielberg has created "Schindler's List," we can hope that Hollywood may now begin to offer a greater variety of Jewish material on theater screens.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) has arranged for a special screening of "Schindler's List" at Painter's Crossing Movie Theater in Wilmington on Wednesday, January 12. For more information call 478-6200.

BULLETIN

Abba Eban Replaces Blitzer At Brunch

The Honorable Abba Eban will replace Wolf Blitzer CNN reporter as the featured speaker at the Chai Society Brunch on January 9 at the Hotel DuPont. Mr. Blitzer will be part of the press corps accompanying President Clinton on a trip to Europe for NATO and other meetings. Mr. Eban has agreed to travel to Delaware to address attendees of the Brunch, part of the 1994 Community Campaign.

The Honorable Abba Eban, Statesman, diplomat, scholar and author brings a wealth of experience to his role as featured speaker. Mr. Eban who recently held the position of chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, won acclaim for his narration of *Heritage, Civilization and the Jews*, an historic documentary series produced for PBS.

Mr. Eban was born to Lithuanian immigrants in Capetown, South Africa on February 2, 1915. Seven months later, his family moved to London. As a youth, he spoke fluent Hebrew, as a young man, he played a leading role in the Zionist movement. At Cambridge University, he specialized in oriental languages and was subsequently appointed to lecture in Hebrew, Arabic, and Persian literature.

In 1942, during World War II, he was assigned to Jerusalem as a liaison officer assigned to Allied Headquarters. He was responsible for securing the participation of Jewish volunteers in special and dangerous missions in the Middle East and Europe. Later, he became Chief Instructor of the Middle East Arab Center in Jerusalem. After the war, he established his home in Palestine where he entered the service of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. In 1947, he participated in the final talks with the Mandatory Government in London, and served as the Agency's Liaison Officer with the United Nations Special Commission on Palestine.

Mr. Eban was appointed Israel's representative to the United Nations in 1948. In this capacity, he appeared before the Political

Committee of the General Assembly to plead for Israel's admission to the United Nations. Upon Israel's admission on May 11, 1948, he became Permanent Representative.

Mr. Eban became Israel's Ambassador to the United States in 1950 when he was only 35. He retained both posts until his resignation in July 1959.

That year, Mr. Eban returned to Israel where he was elected to the Israeli Knesset as a member of the Labor Party. He joined the Cabinet as Minister Without Portfolio; was appointed Minister of Education and Culture in 1960; and became Deputy Prime Minister under Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in 1963. Following Golda Meir's resignation as Israel's Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1966, Mr. Eban was appointed to that post which he held until June 1974.

New York University, Boston University, the University of Maryland, and the University of Cincinnati are among the many universities that have awarded honorary doctorates to Mr. Eban. He has been a visiting professor at the Columbia University School of International Relations, and a Scholar-in-Residence at the Princeton University Institute for Advanced Study. He is a Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the only living member of the Orator's Hall of Fame.

Described by literary editors and historians as "the greatest living master of the English tongue," Mr. Eban lectures on Israel and the Middle East in the Peace Process, U.S.-Israeli relations, and the Middle East and the Collapse of Communism. He is the author of many books, including *Personal Witness and Heritage, Civilization and The Jews*.

Mr. Eban and his wife, Suzy, make their home in Herzliya, Israel with their two children, Illi and Gila.

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OPINIONS

Israel, Vatican Path To Reconciliation

By RONALD KRONISH

(Editor's Note: This was received prior to the recent historic establishment of ties between Israel and the Vatican)

JERUSALEM (JTA) — By the end of this month, Israel and the Vatican are expected to establish formal diplomatic relations with each other, with ceremonies to take place in both Rome and Jerusalem.

Some say this will be another milestone for the Rabin government on the road to peace.

More conservative elements within Israeli society could care less, viewing the Vatican as a Johnny-come-lately to the whole process and as somehow still anti-Semitic, despite all the official proclamations to the contrary by the Vatican in recent decades.

What then is the significance to Israel and to the Jewish people of this diplomatic achievement? Does it matter?

Why have Jewish organizations from the Diaspora been pressing for this for so long, and what will it mean for Christian-Jewish relations for the future?

The establishment of formal diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican has been on the unofficial agenda of the International Jewish Commission for Interreligious Consultations (the official Jewish body that has been

in dialogue with the Vatican and other world church bodies on religious, historical and cultural matters) for nearly 25 years, since its establishment in 1969.

Jews around the world have believed that unless the Vatican formally takes this crucial step, it is failing in one of the most important tasks in its rapprochement with the Jewish people since Vatican II in the 1960s.

Indeed, while for many years — if not decades — the Israeli leadership remained ambivalent or apathetic to this, Jewish representatives from the Diaspora continued to press for this at almost every possible occasion.

In their view, opening official diplomatic ties with Israel would be tantamount to full recognition of the Jewish people as a whole, since the existence of the Jewish people in the post-Holocaust era is inextricably bound up with the survival, security and symbolic stature of the Jewish state in the world.

Consequently, the upgrading of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican must be seen within the context of Jewish-Christian relations in general and Catholic-Jewish relations in particular.

These relations have dramatically improved

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OPINIONS

Paving The Way To Reconciliation

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as a result of "the dialogue" between Christians and Jews that has gone on throughout the world since World War II.

Not only did Vatican II declare in 1965 that "the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God ... furthermore ... the Church decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone" (Nostra Aetate), but since then, through subsequent documents, the church has reaffirmed the divine covenant with the Jewish people as eternal and unbroken.

The church has also repudiated the traditional "teaching of contempt" of the Jews and repeatedly renounced anti-Semitism.

Pope John Paul II even referred to the Jewish people as Christianity's "elder brothers" in his famous visit to the Great Synagogue of Rome in April 1986.

But all of this has not sufficed. The formal establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel remained as a stumbling block, as a sign that the Vatican had not yet understood the significance of the state of Israel for world Jewry and for Jewish destiny.

Now this is about to change. Why? I believe that the answer is twofold.

Firstly, there is a fortunate convergence with the peace process. This may be one of the few occasions in recent Jewish-Israeli history in which the mixture of religion and politics is for the common good.

The leadership of the Israeli diplomatic community has been pushing hard for this agreement during the past year both because it sees it as part of the process of Israel's emergence from diplomatic isolation of the last few years and because lately it has been seen as related

to the peace process.

The Vatican, for its part, has also been unofficially linking establishment of official diplomatic relations to progress on the peace agreements, and since the historic signing of the declaration of principles between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization on Sept. 13, the Vatican has much less reason to stall on this.

What will this mean for the future of Christian-Jewish relations?

According to Father Tom Stransky, the rector of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem and the co-chairman of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, "diplomatic relations would free up the ongoing dialogue between Catholics and Jews to look more objectively at the theological-ethical issues, both abroad and above all in Israel and in the territories.

"These issues include the covenantal relation of the Jewish people to the land (haaretz), the relation between the land and a modern nation-state called Israel, the human rights of Israeli citizens who are not Jews and their civic responsibilities to the state, and the witness of religious peoples who refuse to be trapped by indifference, hate, violence or escape into false pieties, but accept God's revealed demands of true justice and authentic love for all in the holy land, whether Jew, Christian or Muslim," Stransky said.

Moreover, diplomatic recognition of Israel by the Vatican will certainly change the course of the Christian-Jewish dialogue in the world, leaving the politics and diplomacy to the politicians and diplomats and forcing the religious leaders to engage in more serious and sustained spiritual considerations. The establish-



Pope John Paul II meeting with Israel's Chief Ashkenasi Rabbi Meir Lau

ment of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Holy See is an event of enormous religious, national, international and interreligious significance.

It is not just another milestone on the bumpy yet forward-directed road of the peace agreements, which in itself is a remarkable achievement.

It is at the same time an important step in the reconciliation of Christian-Jewish history, one that will undoubtedly open new channels and

issues for increased and sustained dialogue between Christians and Jews worldwide and within Israel on the most important theological, ethical and social questions facing all of us as part of two distinct faith communities and yet at the same time integral components of the human family.

Ronald Kronish, a rabbi, educator, and writer, is the director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel, based in Jerusalem.

Saudi Clout Waning

Just what have they done to move Arab-Israeli peace forward? A State Department official who has been involved in the process since the Nixon administration answered, "I'll have to get back to you on that one." A member of the American team overseeing the peace talks said, "They're not leading or taking any initiative" but are being supportive just by participating in the multi-lateral talks. "They have enough power to be a negative influence, and I don't sense that they are," he added.

The presidential endorsement used in the Saudi ad was intended to stroke the royal ego rather than reward specific good deeds, said a U.S. official who explained, "It's useful to tell them how important they are because it doesn't cost us anything."

The fact is the Saudi role in the peace process has been disappointing. It took a personal phone call from President Clinton to squeeze out a pledge from King Fahd for \$100 million to build Palestinian infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza. So far, there has been no cash, American officials report.

By comparison, that sum is only a fraction of what the Saudis gave the PLO in prior years to hijack airliners, bomb synagogues, attack Jewish schools, shoot-up airports, murder innocent civilians and engage in similar acts of "liberation."

The Saudis knew they were financing Arafat's international terror network — both referred to that by the euphemism "armed struggle" — despite their protests that the money was going for humanitarian causes. They make the same transparent claims today regarding their contributions to Hamas and other Islamic extremist groups trying to sabotage Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Their current lack of enthusiasm for Yassir Arafat and the PLO is quite understandable in light of Palestinian support for the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and threats to attack Saudi Arabia. Nonetheless, it was Saudi generosity that helped build the Iraqi war machine that

finally turned on its benefactor and threatened to grab its oil fields. The Saudis continue to finance Sudan as well as Islamic extremist groups in Jordan and Egypt which are trying to bring down those pro-Western regimes.

Following the 1991 Gulf war, the Saudis gave the Syrians \$3 billion in cash just for showing up and hanging around afterwards to engage in the looting. Syria took the money to buy a new array of weapons for use against Israel. And now the Saudis are taking out ads declaring their support for peace.

When President Clinton asked them to contribute to peace making, all he got was a reluctant pledge of money and a refusal to end the boycott of Israel. Anyone expecting Saudi gratitude over the U.S. rescue from Iraq doesn't understand them. A decade ago when President Reagan expended much political capital to eke out Congressional approval for the sale of AWACS and other top-of-the-line armaments for the Saudis, his administration expected gratitude but instead was told, "You're just salesmen and we pay cash." There is no evidence that attitude has changed.

In 1973 the Saudis led an international oil embargo that was to punish the United States for supporting Israel. The Washington Post recently pointed out on the 20th anniversary of that event that, "Its effects are still felt today." The embargo fed short-term panic and long-term inflation and recession as the Saudis and their OPEC partners held the American and western economies hostage.

Despite the best efforts of Saudi oil ministers and high-priced public relations firms, the American public held the kingdom, not Israel, responsible. Resentment grew along with the price of gasoline and Saudi petro-power. Consumers and governments learned to conserve and look for alternative resources. Today there is an oil glut and prices have dropped along with Saudi clout, and few are mourning.

Despite reports of recent financial difficulties, the Saudis are still wealthy enough to buy

public tribute to mask growing private displeasure.

The official reason Secretary Christopher did not visit the kingdom on his week-long visit to the Middle East was lack of time, but it goes deeper than that. Washington is unhappy with Saudi refusal to play a more substantive role in the peace process and with its continued support for Hamas and other extremists trying to destroy it.

The Saudi ad also sought to project a progressive image for a country that enforces religious intolerance, discrimination against minorities and women, a feudal judicial system and vastly restricted civil liberties and human rights.

Notwithstanding the misleading and self-serving and campaign, the Saudis continue dragging their feet in the peace process, withholding any meaningful support. There is much they could be doing.

They could be urging Syria to get realistic and engage in meaningful negotiations. They could be supporting the nervous King of Jordan (again, putting aside Gulf War grievances for the greater good) to help give him the backbone he needs to come out in public and make peace. They could be putting into building Palestinian and Jordanian peace economies the same kind of money they put into supporting international terrorism, and the Syrian and Iraqi arms build-ups. And they could go public to declare their support for peace by ending the Arab boycott, recognizing Israel, joining the peace camp and hosting some of the negotiations.

Till then, it is going to take more than high-priced PR consultants and slick, self-promoting ads to restore Saudi standing.

Douglas M. Bloomfield, a widely published columnist, will speak on Friday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Beth Shalom Congregation, for the Southern Delaware Federation Shabbat, which is a 1994 Community Campaign 'Live Jewish' event.



Douglas M. Bloomfield

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

The fact Secretary of State Warren Christopher did not stop in Saudi Arabia on his recently completed Middle East trip to restart the peace process demonstrates the diminished clout of the oil rich kingdom and growing Clinton Administration displeasure with Riyadh.

The Saudis recently took out ads in various American newspapers touting themselves as "a positive influence for peace" and declaring "Our support of the new agreements between Israel and the PLO was called 'critical' to their success by President Clinton."

LOCAL

Scholars in Washington Confer On The Holocaust

By **CONNIE KRESHTOOL**
Special To The Jewish Voice

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum formally opened its Research Institute with an International Scholars' Conference on December 5-8, 1993, which I was privileged to attend representing the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center.

The Research Institute is the scholarly division of the Museum and serves as an international resource for the

development of research on Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

World-famous Holocaust scholars presented papers organized under the titles, "The Perpetrators," "The Victims;" and "The Bystanders, the Rescuers." These presenters included survivors, Christian academicians, young scholars, Israelis, Europeans, and Americans. All of them have authored the books and articles on the Holocaust that fill our library shelves...and they are still studying and writing.

A review of the content of the papers offers a good picture of the core issues in Holocaust studies. Papers on anti-Semitism and racism in Nazi ideology offered conflicting views of the seeds of the Final Solution. Who were the men who carried out the mass murders? Were they "ordinary men"? Even on this question there were differences of opinion as to their motives and prejudices.

An examination of Jewish leadership and resistance in the ghettos focused again on the controversy whether the leaders of the Jewish Council had acted in the best interest of the ghetto inhabitants. The idea that Jews helped in their own destruction was promulgated following liberation but the scholars today be-

lieve based on the documentation and survivors testimonies that leaders were not automatic collaborators but acted to defend the interests of their people to the best of their ability.

Presenters reported on their studies of the response by individuals and institutions to Hitler's annihilation of the Jews in Europe, those who tried to help and those who looked the other way.

There was a special presentation made to the Museum and the Research Institute by the family of Earl Harrison, Sr. Mr. Harrison was President Truman's special envoy sent after the war to inspect displaced persons' camps in Germany and Austria. It was his report to the Presi-

dent on the terrible conditions in the camps that led to the creation of camps for Jews and encouraged Mr. Truman to call on Congress to open up immigration to the survivors and on the British to increase immigration in Palestine. The Museum received the diary which Mr. Harrison kept on that special assignment.

I was impressed by the significant number of young scholars, many of them non-Jews and Europeans, who are seriously studying the Holocaust. The Research Institute plans to hold major conferences such as this one on a regular basis.

The Holocaust Memorial Museum is looking for personal artifacts that document the tragedy of the Holocaust, including photographs, documents, newspapers and other publications, and is encouraging Holocaust survivors to register with their Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. For more information call the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, 478-6200.



David Levinson

Levinson To Review Trip To Former Soviet Union

David Levinson, Chairman of the Phoenix Group and former Insurance Commissioner of the State of Delaware will be guest speaker at the Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 on Sunday, January 16, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. Brunch at Claymont Hilton, Naamans Road and I-95.

Mr. Levinson will discuss with his recent trip to the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Levinson develops insurance financial services and trade in Central and Eastern Europe, real estate

investment trusts and residential real estate. He has developed and built communities of approximately \$200 million in low and moderate cost homes, apartments, condominiums and shopping centers.

This event is our first this year in an effort to reach out to membership, their spouses and single women in concert with the work of B'nai B'rith local, nationally, and internationally.

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member and their spouse. Prospective members planning to attend should contact Art Samuelsohn at 475-2430 no later than January 10, 1994.

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of our present individual Health Insurance Companies. Remember, this is only a proposed plan that could become a reality.

The general public is invited to hear Mr. Dannemann speak 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark. For more information call 239-2270. A question and answer period will follow.

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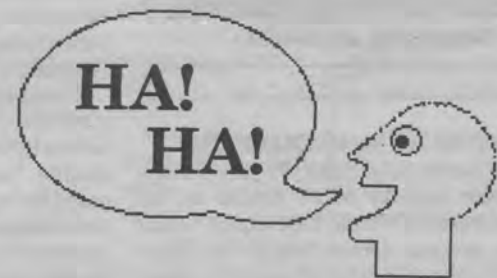
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LOCAL

Citizen Arsht - Born On The Fourth Of July

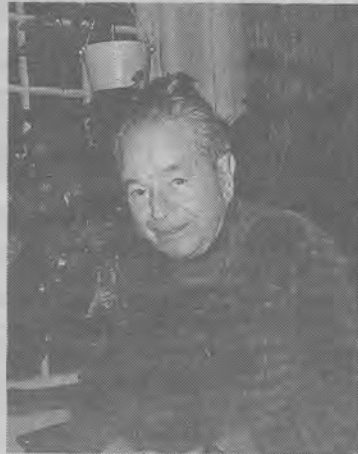
By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

At age 83, Delaware's S. Sam Arsht considers himself first a proud American before anything else. Today, his frame of reference is that of a Yankee rather than a Yankel. He was raised in Delaware by immigrant people of the book and today facilitates study for people in Delaware with books. The erstwhile lawyer and his wife, the remarkable former Judge Roxana Arsht, have focused the philanthropic efforts of the Arsht Foundation on such laudatory educational enterprises as University of Delaware's Arsht Hall (which recently celebrated its second anniversary) and the Academy of Life-Long Learning. Recently he spoke with *The Jewish Voice* from his Delaware home.

S. Sam Arsht was born July 4, 1910. He says his parents predetermined his birth on America's Independence Day because they were such good citizens. His parents came to the United States in 1905 "with

their belongings in a *packel*" in from a town which was then part of Russia and is now part of Poland. Morris Arsht, Sam's father, had lived in Shterbok in the province of Gibernia or Valenia, before a short tour of duty with the Russian Army in a desk job. Morris Arsht earned the clerk position because of his facility with the Yiddish, Polish and Russian languages used by various other members of the Russian Army.

Upon completing his enlistment, Morris Arsht and his wife Bessie came to the United States. Morris moved from Philadelphia to Wilmington to work as a paperhanger with a *landsman* Izy Greenblatt from his Polish *Shtetl*. The Arsht family included: Sam's brother Charles who died two years ago; Sam's sister Lena, later Kronfeld, who died fifteen years ago; his brother Harold who died forty-four years ago and his sister Sarah who died eight years ago.



Arsht at home

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Arsht

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As a child in Delaware S. Sam Arsht described himself as "very, very much a Jew." He related that his Orthodox Jewish parents maintained a Jewish home where the whole family observed traditional Jewish rules and rituals. The family first belonged to Delaware's Chesed Shel Emeth at Sixth and French streets and later to what he considered the more appealing Adas Kodesch congregation. Arsht attended Hebrew School five times a week. Monday through Thursday students could attend either of two sessions, each an hour and a half in duration. The family attended *Shul* on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Students attended Sunday school each week as well.

S. Sam Arsht, vividly recalls the flourishing Jewish community of his childhood along Wilmington's Second Street between Market and Tatnall Streets. He remembers the delicatessen run by Rubinstein's father, that Flanzer's father was the milkman; that there was a shop run by Reuben Levy and another by Frank. He recalls the prominence of Louis Topkis, who in the 1920s came into *shul* every Friday night and Saturday morning wearing striped grey pants, a top coat "like a diplomat" and a felt fedora hat.

In his early teenage years, S. Sam Arsht was placed with a handful of others in a special teachers' class in Hebrew school which presaged the teacher certifications offered today to students of Delaware's Gratz Hebrew High School. Arsht modestly suggests he "acquired a skill which was meager, but enough to teach some who knew even less" about Hebrew or religious studies. He went on to teach prayerbook Hebrew at Hebrew school for a number of years at Chesed Shel Emeth, Adas Kodesch, Beth Shalom at 18th and Washington, and a Sunday School started in Dover. Arsht says through teaching Hebrew School and Sunday School he "earned my way through college and law school" both at the University of Pennsylvania. "Every nickel I earned" at the time he says, was as a Hebrew School teacher.

Although he was also admitted to Harvard, Arsht chose to attend Penn's Wharton school. At Penn, he explained, he would still have the prospects of teaching Hebrew school. Arsht graduated law school at the University of Pennsylvania and returned to Delaware. Early on in his career he clerked for Judge Richard Rodney. He was the first lawyer who was a member of the Jewish faith to be employed at the law firm which would later become known as Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnel. Over the course of Arsht's distinguished legal career the firm grew to be among the foremost in Delaware.

Arsht credits former Adas Kodesch Principal Solomon Margoline as an organizer of Delaware's Hebrew School classes and also with the development of the Hebrew School teachers' class. The teachers' class was taught by Jessie Newhouse who at the time was a University of Pennsylvania law school student. Among Arsht's classmates were Sarah Goldstein, Bertha Gold (later Taylor), Sam Price and Nathan Weinstein. Sadie Toumarkine, Yetta Covner and Miriam Yellner, among others, attended Hebrew School at the same

time he notes. Margoline convinced Arsht to teach Sunday School in Dover.

By 1944, Delaware's Hebrew schools were no longer flourishing. Arsht was a leading figure in a move-



Arsht as a boy.

ment to establish an Associated Hebrew school for Delaware. The innovative Association was not unlike the community Hebrew high school idea discussed by many today to coordinate post B'nai Mitzvot Hebrew education among Delaware's synagogues and Gratz Hebrew high school. Arsht, who was ex-officio of the association between Adas Kodesch and Chesed Shel Emeth, credits Harry Cohen as a leading figure bringing the organization into being. The names involved in forming this association read like a who's who of leaders among those in Delaware of the Jewish faith. Included were Harry Brodzky, Ben Codor, Dave Keil, Max Keil, Sam Keil, Milton Kutz and Mrs. Nathan Miller. Although the association was between Adas Kodesch and Chesed Shel Emeth synagogues, the school was intended to welcome any and all members of the Jewish faith in Delaware.

Arsht was instrumental in hiring Phil Birnbaum to head the Association's Hebrew school. Birnbaum was a scholar whose prayerbook is still widely used today.

Arsht's wife Roxana is a member of the prominent Cannon family. One of Delaware's first female lawyers, she went on to serve with distinction as a voluntary Master of Delaware's Family Court and later as a Family Court Judge. Newspaper articles during her tenure praised her integrity in such decisions as requiring the penal system to establish legitimate treatment programs for drug abusers. She has also received numerous civic honors.

Roxana and Sam Arsht were also founding members of the Brandywine Country Club.

Just over two years ago the Arsht Foundation funded the construction of the University of Delaware's Arsht Hall. The exceptional facility was recently home to the acclaimed show "Artistic Connections: One Century of a Family's Involvement in Art," featuring the work of Delawareans Ruth E. Berger, Dr. Norman L. Cannon, Maura E. Golin, the late Clara Finkelstein and Seattle resident Carol Berger Hershman. Arsht Hall is the location of many classes in the Academy of Life-Long Learning, which is also partially financed through the generosity of the Arsht Foundation, the Academy of Life-Long Learning brings a great variety of course offerings to Delawareans over the age of fifty-five.

Today after about eighty-three and a half years amid the community of Delawareans of the Jewish faith, Arsht is focused on his philanthropic efforts, a continuing involvement in learning and an affinity with the broader American culture. He is presently taking several courses at the Academy of Life-Long Learning.

Before concluding, Sam Arsht shared some of his own positions on issues of concern to some members of the Jewish faith. "I am an American," Arsht insists, "I am not a Jewish American, I am an American whose religion is whatever it is." The film *Inherit The Wind* concerning the Scopes Trial, and the teaching of Evolution, debuted four years after the founding, by Arsht and his colleagues, of the Hebrew School Association. Today, Arsht says he is unable to reconcile such scientific theories as Evolution or the Big Bang with the Biblical explanation (or allegory) of Genesis. Arsht also disagrees with the notion that people of the Jewish faith are an identifiable unit, "with a spokesman like a nation" or a governing body. He instead advocates "people of the Hebrew religion" to be active in the broader Delaware and American communities in activities such as the Academy of Life-Long Learning or the beautification project at the Horticultural Society in which he and his wife Roxana recently participated. Arsht says it is desirable for people of the Hebrew religion to think of themselves as full-fledged citizens with the same privileges and responsibilities as any others. He advocates assimilation for members of the Hebrew faith into American society. He does not encourage the goals of Jewish identity or Jewish continuity which are of central concern to organizations like The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). For example, Arsht does not endorse promoting emotional affiliation with Israel or marriage between co-religionists. Today as he studies Greek Culture at the Academy of Life-Long Learning he predicts that the Hebrew language and civilization will be seen as relics of the past like ancient Greek language and culture.

After a remarkable life, the intellectual Arsht seems to relish his provocative views that may be seen as iconoclastic to those members of the Hebrew faith who consider themselves a community concerned with Jewish identity and continuity. His accomplishments, and those of his wife, are nonetheless an extraordinary piece of history for Delawareans of the Hebrew faith. Though his first name is Solomon, today he prefers the name he shares with Uncle Sam.

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LOCAL

Delaware Doctor's Alternative Prescription For Good Health

By CELIA GANS

Special to the Jewish Voice.

In the final years of the 12th century, physician-philosopher Moses Maimonides wrote one of his most famous medical works, the *Treatise on Dietetics*, which contains general rules for a healthy life and insights into fundamental human psychology. In these final years of the 20th Century, another Jewish physician, Wilmington ophthalmologist Robert Abel, Jr., is again considering how all of us can lead healthier lives, look for answers from modern scientific discoveries, different cultures, different traditions, and different systems of belief.

Dr. Abel has a conventional medical background: a graduate of Wesleyan University and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, he is a fellow of the American Academy

of Ophthalmology and of the American College of Surgeons; past chairman of the Wilmington Medical Center's Department of Ophthalmology and Medical Director of the Eye Bank of Delaware. He has participated in medical missions abroad, including ones in the Middle East, and hold U.S. Patents on Artificial Corneas and Corneal Onlay Lenses.

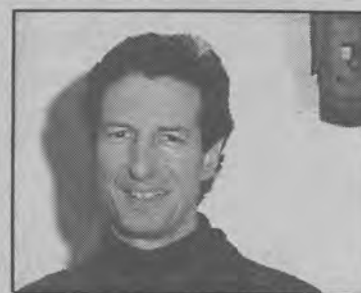
It is Dr. Abel's range of interests which are unconventional, a reflection of his restless intellect, high energy level and extensive travel in different cultures.

For example, as Dr. Abel explained to a group of local physicians at an interdisciplinary Journal Club meeting, we know what contributes to the development of cataracts: disease, injury, medications, exposure to UV (ultraviolet) light. We also know that

smokers, according to two reputable long-term studies, one with male physician and one with female nurses, develop 20% more cataracts than non-smokers. Smoking produces free radicals, the oxidizers we associate with aging. Therefore, reasons Dr. Abel, doesn't it make sense to increase our consumption of antioxidant vitamins A, C, E and B₂.

A modern pharmaceutical company is indeed marketing such a product, says Dr. Abel, but one of its

ingredients may surprise you. The ingredient is bilberry, a chemical found in blueberries and grapes. During World War II, it was traditional for Royal Air Force pilots to eat jam on their tea biscuits before their night flights over enemy territory. They believed it sharpened their night vision. When Dr. Abel asked one of his patients, a man who had flown with the Wehrmacht, about this the patient



Dr. Robert Abel, Jr.

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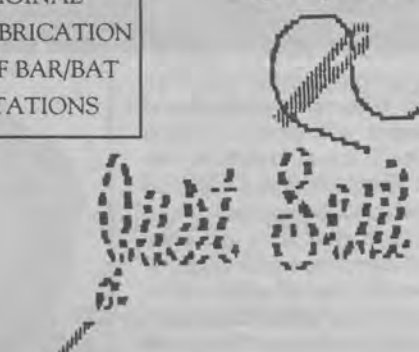
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Douglas Bloomfield To Speak At Congregation Shalom



Douglas M. Bloomfield

As part of Campaign Week '94, Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover will host Southern Delaware Federation Shabbat on Friday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. All those wishing to celebrate Shabbat and to hear journalist Douglas Bloomfield are invited to attend.

Mr. Bloomfield, a fascinating and dynamic speaker, is a Washington consultant as well as a journalist. He spent nine years as the legislative director and chief lobbyist for the American Israel Public Affairs committee (AIPAC), earning the Wash-

ington Post's respect as a "congressional strategist...who knows how to win friends on Capitol Hill."

Mr. Bloomfield joined AIPAC after nine years as a senior legislative assistant to Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal of New York and a legislative assistant and speech writer for Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. He has played a leading role in the major Congressional initiatives affecting US-Israel relations, Middle East policy, Soviet Jewry and consumer protection since 1970.

His syndicated column about the Washington scene appears in American Jewish newspapers as well as several Israeli publications.

Mr. Bloomfield's column about the Washington scene appears in American Jewish newspapers as well as several Israeli publications. This week (Jan. 7 edition) his column about Saudi Arabia's waning influence appears in the Jewish Voice. He will be available after the service at Beth Shalom to discuss or answer questions about his viewpoints on Israel, the Washington scene and other topics about which he has written or spoken.

Shabbat services begin at 7:30 p.m.; further information, including directions are available through Beth Shalom in Dover at 734-5578 or Jewish Federation of Delaware 478-6200.

Friday, January 7, 8 p.m.,
Rabbi Robert Toren, Speaker
Jean and Jack Blumenfeld, Chair
Federation Shabbat at Congregation Beth Emeth

Saturday, January 8, 3 p.m.
Study Group: Jewish Continuity & Education with Rabbi Robert Toren
Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Saturday, January 8, 7 p.m.
Maynard I. Wishner, President CJF, Speaker
Bentley and Clara Hollander, Chairs

Dinner of Commitment at the Hotel DuPont

Sunday, January 9, 11 a.m.
Ambassador Abba Eban
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Chai Society Brunch at the Hotel DuPont

Thursday, January 13, 6 p.m.
Sharon Mittelman, Chair/Matt Denn, Vice-Chair

Young Leadership Cabinet
FunRaising Ben Kurland, Comedian
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Friday, January 14, 12 noon
Dr. Rela Geffen, Speaker
Arlene Simon, Chair
Lion of Judah Luncheon
Hagley Museum

Friday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
Douglas Bloomfield, Speaker
Southern Delaware Federation Shabbat

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Community Wide Event at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Siman Tov and Mazel Tov: The Wedding of the Century
Goldene Medina Klezmer Band

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Sunday, January 16, 10-12 a.m.
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Wedding Of The Century

The "Wedding of the Century" is a community event sponsored by every Jewish agency and congregation in the state. It will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation on Saturday, January 15, 1994, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony will involve couples of all ages who are celebrating significant anniversaries. Among the couples being honored are George and Millie Ackerman, celebrating their 55th Anniversary, and Harold and Margaret May, celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Also

being honored are David and Michelle Margules, marking their 15th year of marriage, and Karen Morris and Alan Levenson who have been married 10 years. Joining these couples will be Carol Einhorn and Michael Bank who are recently engaged and plan to marry in June. The entire community is invited to join us for this special ceremony and the joyous celebration that will follow. There is no charge for this event.

For more information call 478-6200.

Super Sunday - Dear Chaverim

Dear Chaverim:

On Sunday, January 16th, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be holding its annual Super Sunday phon-a-thon for the 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign. We need you to give as generously as possible when you receive a call. We need you to think seriously about increasing your pledge. For many years, there has been little to modest growth in our community's fundraising efforts, while needs have increased dramatically. This year, the Federation has decided to set a fundraising target of \$2 million, a nearly 50% increase over our 1993 Campaign of \$1.4 million. If we achieve this goal, we will be able to meet all of the minimal needs of our constituent agencies for the first time in a decade.

We also need people willing to give their time. Please join me and many of your fellow congregants at Patterson-Schwartz Real Estate (913 Delaware Avenue in Wilmington). Shifts, including training, are 9:15 a.m.-12 noon, 11:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and 6:15-9:00 p.m. We will have refreshments and a gift for every volunteer commemorating this

year's theme, "LIVE JEWISH, Remember Our Past...Insure Our Future." Please contact Lelaie Nemser at 478-6200 if you are able to volunteer your time to this important effort.

History has presented the Jews of the late 20th century with opportunities beyond the imagination of most of our forefathers. Internationally, Israel faces the prospect of securing a lasting peace, Russian Jews emigrate by the hundreds of thousands, and Jews around the world are being freed from centuries of oppression in places like Ethiopia and Bosnia. In the U.S. and Delaware, Jews are experiencing unparalleled success in the fields of business, finance, law, medicine, politics, engineering, and many others.

But history does not judge a people by their opportunities. History judges a people by what they do with their opportunities. Will history remember Israel's valiant efforts to secure peace if Israel fails to thrive well into the 21st century? Will history remember our efforts to free Soviet Jews if new Russian immigrants fail to achieve the successes of their pre-

decessors? Will history remember the successes of Jewish Americans and Jewish Delawareans, if we fail to use our success as a tool to improve the lives of our fellow citizens and Jewish brethren?

Donations to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign support the types of programs that will ensure the success of our people - Jewish day school, teen programs, Hillel and adult Jewish education, family services, services to the elderly, community relations programming, resettlement services for new Americans, and, of course, the United Israel Appeal. A donation to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign is a way to say, "I want to insure my people's future!" Please join us on Super Sunday by giving generously, making phone calls, or doing both. Seize this opportunity to play your part in the making of over 5,700 years of living history.

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 Dear Friends,

Those of us who have seen the film "Schindler's List" found it to be a profoundly moving experience. We want to encourage as many people as possible to see the movie and share that experience.

To facilitate your opportunity to see the film, the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) has arranged for a private showing of "Schindler's List" on Wednesday, January 12 at the AMC Theatres of Painter's Crossing. Tickets will be available

for the discounted price of \$5.00. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be made by calling the Federation office at 478-6200. The auditorium seats 150. We will establish a waiting-list for late registrations; if you find you will not be able to join us, please call to cancel your registration.

Tickets can be picked up at the theatre at 6:45 p.m. After a brief welcome and introduction, the film will begin around 7:20 p.m. Following the movie, those who wish to stay will have the opportunity for dialogue with Holocaust survivors and scholars. Please note that the film runs three hours and eighteen minutes and may not be appropriate for children younger than

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We hope you will join us for this special evening together.

Toni Young, President of JFD
 Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of JFD



Lisa Cain, coordinator of the Young Leadership Cabinet, helps quilt the Huppah to be used at "The Wedding of the Century."



Rhonda Foreman, quilter, prepares material for the Huppah comprised of panels designed by religious school students throughout the state.

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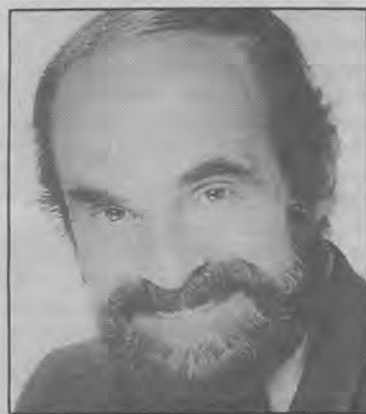
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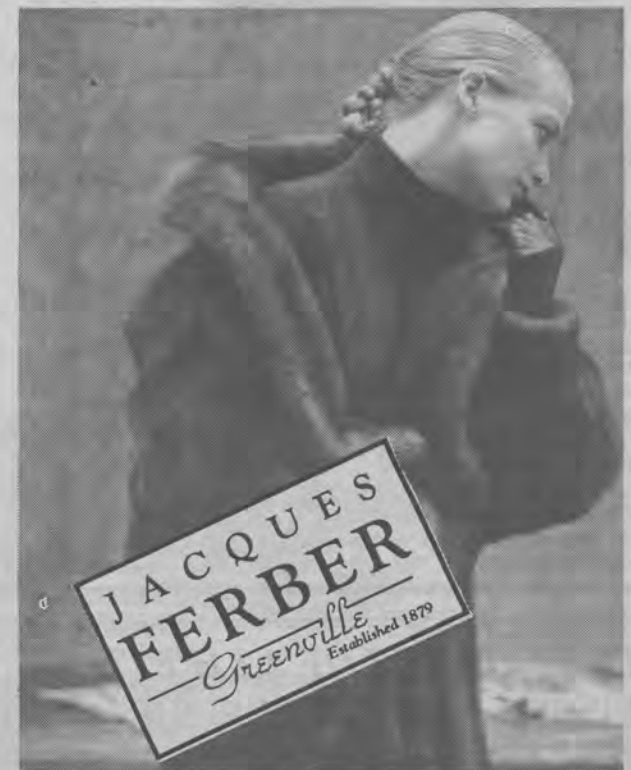
draiser is an opportunity for young adults in Delaware's Jewish community to meet and socialize — while learning about the Federation's mission, its goals, and its needs.

Those who have been active in the past and those who have never even gone to a Young Leadership event are all invited, and encouraged to join the fun! Sharon Mittleman and Matt

Denn are chairing the event.

The event is Thursday, January 13, 1994, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Sheraton Suites at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Washington Street in downtown Wilmington.

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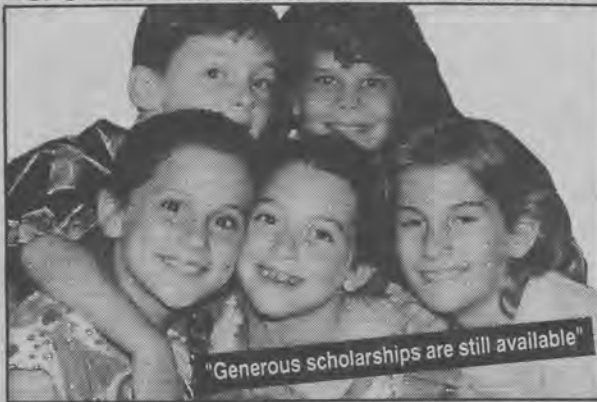
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Rising To The Occasion -
Book Review of Schindler's List

By HERBERT A. YOSKOWITZ
Special To The Jewish Voice

Shortly before Hanukkah 5754 (1993), Murray Pantirer, who was saved by Oskar Schindler during World War II by being on Schindler's list, participated in an award ceremony for Emilie Schindler, Oskar's widow, at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Among his remarks, he recalled "Jews going to the ovens shouted *Zachor* - remember."

Jews are a people commanded to remember. The exodus from Egypt and the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai are pleasant moments enshrined in our memory and rehearsed at every Friday evening *kiddush* at home and at every *aliyah* - the blessing after ascending to the Torah - in the Synagogue. Sad memories include the destruction of the two Temples and the exile from Spain, commemorated by Jews each summer on *Tisha B'au*, and the *Shoah* - Holocaust - commemorated each spring on the Hebrew date of 27 *Nisan*, shortly after Passover.

We set specific days both weekly and yearly for memory to be sealed into our consciousness. Yet, the trauma of the Temples' destruction's and the expulsion from Spain appear to mean very little to our generation. Those traumas seem distant, remote. So, too, do the joys of the exodus from Egypt and the gift of the Torah on Sinai to a generation commemorating these events on a weekly basis less and less.

Surely, though, these lapses of memory could not apply to the Holocaust. The *Shoah* occurred during many of our lifetimes. But for many of us, and for our children, the Holocaust has become too remote to visualize. Will we feel the same way about *Shoah* as we feel about other

tragedies and about joys of Jewish history? Will we say that it is time to move on onto something else and to let the past be exactly that - the past - and not part of our present nor of our future?

Those committed to the thesis that Jews and non-Jews must remember the *Shoah* in order to prevent a recurrence or in order to honor those Jews who went to the ovens either quietly or shouting *Zachor* - remember - feel a need for something to be done. What is there to do to sustain the memory of the 6 million? One answer is given by Director Steven

Spielberg's movie tribute to Oskar Schindler which serves as a memorial to the millions of Jews who perished in the *Shoah*. Another is the reissuance of the Simon and Schuster 1982 publication of Thomas Keneally's award-winning book, *Schindler's List*, awarded the 1982 Booker-McConnell prize for fiction. This book cannot be properly reviewed now, twelve years later, without understanding the motivation behind its reissuance, that is to teach Jews and non-Jews the importance of *Zachor* - remember the *Shoah*!

The Holocaust is not only being forgotten; it is being denied. As Deborah Lipstadt points out in the 1993 publication *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, "Echoes of Holocaust denial have also been heard from individuals who are not associated with extremist or overtly anti-Semitic groups" (p. 15). Among the assertions that form a credo for deniers of the Holocaust are that The Reich's plan for the Jews was never annihilation, only emigration, that the gas chambers never existed, and that those Jews who did die in German hands deserved what they got because they were spies, saboteurs and criminals. All these assertions are refuted in *Schindler's List*. Might this not be yet another reason for reissuing the book and for making the movie "Schindler's List" at this time?

Oskar Schindler, a Catholic businessman from the Sudetenland, came to Nazi-occupied Krakow, Poland, to reap the spoils of war and not to save Jews. Through his eyes, we see the Holocaust in Krakow unfold. A kitchenware factory in Krakow is taken over by Schindler, who benefits without remorse from Jewish slave labor. He occupies an apartment from which a wealthy Jewish couple has been evicted.

Krakow's Jews are relegated to the Krakow ghetto. The ghetto is shut down and the Jews are evacuated and sent to Plaszow, overseen by a brutal SS commandant, Amon Goeth, who kills Jews at random for sport. The history of the shutdown of the Krakow ghetto is seen through Oskar's eyes. As he and a girl friend watch from a hilltop, the ghetto is evacuated, and a little girl in red crystallizes Schindler's horror.

"His eyes slewed up Krakusa to the scarlet child... While the scarlet child stopped in her column and turned to watch, they shot the woman in the neck, and one of them, when the boy slid down the wall whimpering, jammed a boot down on his head as if to hold it still and put the barrel against the back of the neck - the recommended SS stance - and fired.

...They permitted witnesses, such witnesses as the red toddler, because they believed the witnesses all would perish too. (pp. 129-130)."

When Oskar is arrested for kissing a young Jewish woman during a party at his factory, he realizes how irrational and murderous the Nazis had become and why he had to protect prisoners. Subsequently, he learned of the plan to annihilate the Jews and the use of the crematoria for this purpose. Schindler saved 1300 Jewish workers by sheltering them in his factory and even rescued some of them from Auschwitz.

When the Russian advance forced the Germans to evacuate the Krakow camp towards the end of the War, Schindler managed to get the Jews from his factory relocated to his native Czechoslovakia. He compiled a list of 1300 Jews who would go to the new factory which he built with his own cash and which never provided a single usable munitions for the Nazis. Three hundred Jewish women from that list sent to Auschwitz were rescued by him and joined the other 1,000 on the list in Czechoslovakia. Finally, he persuaded the SS guards to desert and enabled his Jewish work force whom he had armed to take over. On VE Day, he piped Winston Churchill's victory speech over the loudspeaker (p. 367).

Schindler's List, meticulously researched, is based on interviews with 50 Schindler survivors from seven countries. Leopold Pfefferberg, a Schindler survivor, persuaded Thomas Keneally to write this book and accompanied the author to Krakow, Auschwitz, and other locations in Poland and Czechoslovakia. In the book, Keneally often directly addresses the reader and confides in us his difficulties in rendering Schindler's personality with credibility. No saint, Schindler was a hedonist and compulsive womanizer. The author believes that Oskar was accurately described by his wife Emilie in 1973 as having "had done nothing astounding before the war and had been unexceptional since. He was fortunate there, that in that short fierce era between 1939 and 1945 he had met people who summoned forth his deeper talents" (pp. 396-397).

Keneally concludes his novelized biography of Schindler by telling us where Schindler is buried - Jerusalem - and that many of "Schindler's Jews" marched in the funeral procession. "He was mourned on every continent" (p. 397) is the last line of the book, a statement which succinctly describes an ordinary man who acted in an extraordinary manner at a time of radical evil.

Why did Oskar rise to goodness? Keneally does not even begin to deal with that question, although this reader was waiting for such reflection. In that sense, Keneally's work is not sufficiently searching. Perhaps he does not know the answer. The book does, however, vividly portray the story of the Holocaust by telling Oskar Schindler's story with names, dates and anecdotes supplied by survivors. The Holocaust is located in concrete imaginable situations which affirm that the Holocaust did occur and that the deniers of the Holocaust have no solid ground on which to base their case. The suffering of individuals with whom we can identify and the palpable evil that can be felt in the reading of this book affirm the need to teach the *Shoah* and to urge

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Words & Music Theatrics

By STEVE COHEN

Sherry Glaser is a young woman with a sharp eye and ear for observation and a phenomenal gift for bringing characters to life on stage. Her one-woman show, *Family Secrets*, is now at the Westside Theatre on West 43rd Street in Manhattan.

Glaser plays the roles of five members of a Jewish family, each family member having his or her own solo scene. The 30-ish actress convincingly portrays a middle-aged father, then his wife, their two daughters, and finally an octogenarian grandma.

It's an impressive tour-de-force, doubly so because Glaser has no major acting or writing credits before this. Her background is improvisational theater and small comedy groups in California. The concept and the script for *Family Secrets* are by Glaser and her husband, Gregory Howells, who also is the show's director. There are great moments in each scene, and my personal favorites are a natural childbirth scene for the young mother and a hilarious bedroom scene with the younger sister.

The bio for Sherry Glaser in the program, no doubt written by her, says that "this is Ms. Glaser's New York debut and she is very happy." This observer is very happy to welcome this new major talent.

Falsettos, the show that won Tony

Awards for Best Music and for Best Story for a Musical in 1992, just played a too-brief six days in Philadelphia at the Merriam Theatre. This is not one of those cheap-looking road companies. It is virtually the same as the wonderful Broadway production that won the awards.

Half of the cast of seven is here in their original roles. How can you have half of seven? Well, three of the principals are repeating their parts and one former stand-by is now in the starting line-up. Composer and lyricist William Finn was in the audience, unrecognized by most of these seated around him.

Stephen Bogardus is amazing as he continues in the role of Whizzer. He actually sounds and looks better today than ever. Barbara Walsh and Heather MacRae are back, in wonderful voice, and John Ruess brings a sweet lyricism to the part of Marvin. Adam Heller is the new psychiatrist who marries one of his patients, strong-voiced and funny and sympathetic.

All of the seven gave strong individual performances, but what impressed most was the ensemble work. The movements and the blending of voices had perfect precision and nuance.

This is a musical play about love and relationships. There's the father-son relationship, and the mother-son. Then there's the continuing

connection between the woman and the man who left her, and that same woman in her new marriage to the psychiatrist. In addition, we see tender moments between the shrink and the boy, Jason, and between Jason and his dad's new friends. All of these are beautifully explored in words and in music.

It should be clear that the heart and soul of *Falsettos* is universal. Any conservative, unadventurous theatergoer will identify with these relationships and will be warmed by their unfolding patterns. Such a viewer need not be upset by the fact that there are two other relationships: the father's gay attachment to Whizzer, and the lesbian couple next door.

The drama of the second act revolves around Whizzer's mysterious illness, which the world now knows as AIDS, and Jason's Bar Mitzvah. What I hope is clear is that these are plot developments; the guts of the play are the human relationships. To put it another way, with facetious crassness, you don't have to be Jewish or gay to relate to *Falsettos*. Some audiences in other cities have rejected *Falsettos* because of the "subject matter." It's their loss.

Add another name to the group of new, star violinists that I discussed a month ago. It's Ilya Kaler, a 30-year-old from Moscow who now lives in Baltimore. He made his area debut as soloist with the Delaware Symphony and showed us why he was picked as winner of three international prizes.

Kaler is the only performer ever to have won the Tchaikovsky, the Sibelius and the Paganini violin competitions. Because he was a Soviet citizen with his travel restricted by that government, he was not able to make worldwide appearances until last year. He's Jewish, but he says that his parents are comfortable in Moscow and the family never applied for emigration to Israel as some other musicians successfully did.

Anyway, he's here at last. His technical skills are formidable, and on this occasion he also revealed a warm, romantic approach as he played Erich Korngold's Violin Concerto. As an encore, Kaler played a Paganini caprice. He just recorded all 24 of the Paganini caprices on the Naxos label, and its worth adding to any record collections.



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Music Review:

Schindler's Soundtrack

By Cantor DANIEL LEEMAN

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Itzhak Perlman and Steven Spielberg, two giant's in their realm of artistic endeavor, converge with a score by John Williams to form the sound track for "Schindler's List." The orchestra's strings blend to create gentle sonorities that remind one of transcriptions of Barber's Adagio for string orchestra. The warm, deep chordal lines are pointed by simple Eastern European folk melodies. Perlman gives a vigorous, yet plaintive performance that leaves one with a haunted feeling. Children's voices that seem to ring in a cavernous hall sing the famous Yiddish folk melody

of "Oifn Pripitchok" with grand simplicity. A few moments in the music swell with a harshness that could only describe the horrors of inhumanity. Naoimi Shemer's composition, "Jerusalem of Gold" is one of the melodies employed in the film to sharpen the Zionist image that rises from the ashes. Perlman whose career has matured from brilliant youthful genius to senior statesman and master of the violin repertoire really gives a heartfelt and poignant rendering of the Williams score.

(Cantor Daniel Leeman is affiliated with Delaware's Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth)

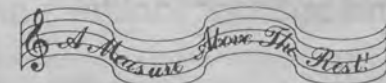


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achieve fame and fortune. In the face of setbacks, community quarrels and even insanity, they refuse to give in to despair.

With violent antisemitism intensifying in Poland and Nazism looming on the horizon, the satirical monologues of these classic Yiddish schlemiels provided Jewish audiences with a rare opportunity to escape through laughter.

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m.



Hadassah of Dover To Show A Yiddish Film

The Lower DE Chapter of Hadassah in Dover is going to have a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Drs. Joel and Melinda Chodos, 34 Frederick Drive, Dover.

The meeting will feature a Yiddish film called "Grine Felden" (Green Fields). The star of this film is Michael Goldstein with Dena Drute and Hershel Bernardi. Michael and Dena have retired to Milford, DE, where their son, Dr. Paul Gorrin lives. Paul will not only show us this film but will also give a little introduction. He also

Also showing **The Cowboy**; U.S.a.; 1968; 11 minutes; Yiddish

A small boy falls out of a covered wagon on the journey West, and turns up seventeen years later as a fast riding, fast shooting cowboy who is framed for stealing. A gun duel to the strains of "Oyfn Pripitchik" combines with covered wagons, sagebrush, horses, a posse and saloon brawl to make this Tom Mix style spoof a "one-of-a-kind."

Monday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.

The speaker will be **Max Rosenfeld**, a translator of Yiddish prose and poetry and a teacher of Yiddish language and culture for Gratz College. His works have been published by Jewish Publication Society, Holocaust Library, State University of New York Press and Warbrooke Publishers (Montreal).

He has helped to prepare many of the Sholom Aleichem Club of Philadelphia's "entertainments," which rely heavily on Yiddish sources.

Most recently he wrote the Yiddish adaptations for Philadelphia composer David Finko's two one-act operas, "Klezmer" and "Kabbalists."

promises to bring his parents if they feel well enough.

Members and their spouses and friends are cordially invited. If you plan to come please call Terry Dannemann, 734-8138, or from Wilmington and Newark call 834-9090 (toll free) and make your reservations.

New Americans Guests For New Plays

Emily Gottschalk of the Philadelphia Festival Theatre for New Plays hatched a plan to invite Russian Jew-

ish immigrants to special productions of Chekhov's UNCLE VANYA.

For ticket information call the Festival Theatre at 735-1500.

Blacks and Jews Are Exhibit Focus

"Bridges & Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face" is a collaboration between The Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum (AAHCM) and The National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) both in Philadelphia. "Bridges and Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews," a nationally acclaimed exhibition that examines the relationship between blacks and Jews in this era, opens today, January 7, at the AAHCM, 701 Arch Street in Philadelphia. "Face to Face: Photographs by Don Camp and Laurence Salzman" opens at the NMAJH, 55 North 5th Street, Philadelphia.

A variety of programs related to the exhibits will explore aspects of relations between the two peoples. Highlights include "Dialogue: Conflict, Cooperation and Creating A Vision With Authors Cornel West and Letty Cottin Pogrebin" on Sunday, January 23 and "Klezmer and Jazz Concert" Sunday, February 20 featuring the Klezematics and the Robert "Bootsie" Barnes Quartet.

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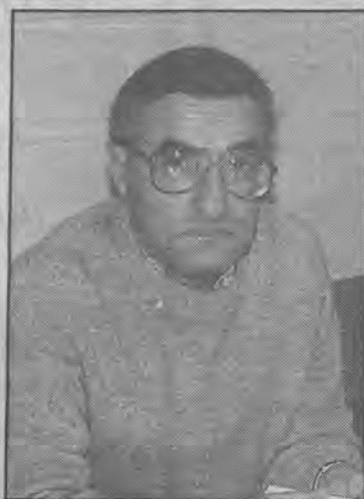
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If you are interested in going to Israel this summer, please call Elyse Greer at the JCC, (302) 478-5660.

Cost - \$15.00 per person for bus and refreshments.



Mikhail (Michael) Mazin

Toumarkine Family Education Forum To Address Gender Issues

How a child's sex influences parenting and teaching will be the focus of the Second Annual Sol Toumarkine Family Education Forum to be held on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC in Talleyville.

A panel of experts including Dr. Marcia Halperin, psychologist at Friends School; Dr. Nancy Brickhouse, University of Delaware

and Dr. Linda Hughes, University of Delaware will lead the forum.

The program is being co-sponsored by the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children and the Children's Center of the JCC.

There is no charge for the program and it is open to the public. Advance reservations are required by calling (302) 478-5660.

Judaic Preschool In Newark

Beginning in September, the Children's Center of the Jewish Community Center will be offering a three day preschool program for children 3 and 4 years of age, and a one day program for two year olds at Temple Beth El. At present the Children's Center offers a one day a week class for 2 and 3 year olds. Registration

materials will be available beginning January 10, 1994 at Temple Beth El.

For further information, please contact Jane Hormadaly, Director of the Children's Center at (302) 478-5660 or Ann Herman, Director of Education, at Temple Beth El at (302) 366-8330.

Using EKG's, EEG's, mileograms, blood pressure and temperature, he measured the performances of Soviet astronauts and cosmonauts in their training and living facilities, as well as stroke victims at the St. Petersburg Institute for Disabled People. Neimark has invented an inexpensive, simple device to enable stroke victims, using eye and head movements only, to communicate through a computer with their families or caretakers and control part of their domestic environment.

Although he has made a presentation on his work to the A.I. duPont Children's Institute, he has not obtained work in this - or a related - scientific or health care environment.

Another underemployed research scientist is Vladimir Shutov, a mechanical engineer with 25 years of work in electro-mechanical devices, including navigational and guidance instrumentation for aircraft, ships, satellites, and even trucks. Shutov was a team leader, supervising 8 or more project engineers, who worked for one to two years defining a problem, evaluating solutions, setting parameters, completing pilot production of a solution device, then testing, evaluating, and making improvements on the design.

A graduate of Bauman State Technical University in Moscow, known as the "MIT of Russia," says Shutov, who worked at ALMAZ, the laboratories of the Military and Space Association, feels his expertise could be applied to any field - from medical or factory equipment to household appliances. He knows how to analyze problems, explains Shutov, define a solution, find the right people to design and build the solution, evaluate the results, make corrections and, adds Shutov with a smile, "write reports."

He says "if it rotates, I understand how it works." (For example, printing presses, machinery to manufacture, print and coat fabric, cable making, even commercial laundry equipment).

Both George Neimark and Vladimir Shutov have superb English skills, as does a third underemployed immigrant, electrical engineer Lillian Shifrin. Since her arrival with her husband and two sons in July, 1992, she has taken courses at Delaware Technical College in WordPerfect

5.1 (a one-quarter course) and Lotus 1-2-3 (a semester course). In January she will enroll in an AUTO-CAD (computer aided design) course.

As a project engineer at the Institute for Commercial-Residential Design in St. Petersburg, Shifrin developed specification for electronic devices, researched vendors, maintained price/quality comparisons, and trained and supervised new staff. In addition to her many years of office experience, Shifrin was an instructor at St. Petersburg's State Technical College, developing and teaching courses on Electronics and Radio Communication Devices.

She is, she says, ready to "do what is necessary" to find employment, and always "ready to learn." She recognizes that "in Russia, language was my helper, but here I listen and learn," she is sure she made the right step in coming here. Her two sons (the 19 year-old is a freshman at the University of Delaware; the 15 year-old is in the 10th grade at Mt. Pleasant High School) were due for Russian Army service, "You cannot imagine how difficult army service is for Jews," she commented.

It is Mikhail (Michael) Mazin, who spent 25 years as an economist at the National Research Institute of Industrial Construction in Moscow, who may have the most unusual challenge facing our immigrants. He must convince employers that his years as an economic analyst, model builder and systems integration architect prepared him for a capitalist - not only a communist - economy. It was only after Peristroyka, admits Mazin, that he had first-hand experience with free trade: he went out into the "open market" and found "for profit" clients for his group.

Mazin's work included gathering data for and modeling complex systems (analyzed construction management in 100 countries, analyzed steel construction management in 20 countries); forecasting and trend forecasting (for as much as 10% of the total Soviet economy, and 600 different construction plants/organizations); analysis and writing. Mazin has written part or all of 9 books and has 14 main publications.

He has some knowledge of banking and international trade, but admits he knows the American stock

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One currently underemployed immigrant is George Neimark who had a 25 year career in ergonomics, or Human Factors Science, designing and conducting research into the best "fit" between man and machine.

In his "hands-on" research, conducted in the laboratory and in the

field under strict scientific guidelines, Neimark used IBM-compatible computers in all phases of his work from design and development to quantitative analysis of results. His research, for example, enables him to estimate the abilities needed to perform a specific task using a specific machine, and then measure an individual's abilities to perform the task. "For example," explained Neimark, "you might have good motor skills, but no logic skills. I could measure these disparities, and predict how well you could perform a task."

Some of his work involved measuring how strain, fatigue or emotional stress effects eye movement.

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The 1993/1994 Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover Religious School education trip will be a two part trip to Philadelphia including both the National Museum of American Jewish History and the Franklin Institute. The program at the National Museum of American Jewish History is "Bridges and Boundaries, the Relationship Between African/Americans and American Jews." The I-Max theater at the Franklin Institute will feature "In Search of the Great Shark." The trip will be February 20, 1994. This trip is a part of the Religious School curriculum and all students in Alef, Bet, Dahlet, and Hay classes are expected to attend.

The bus will leave Congregation Beth Shalom at 9:00 a.m. We will have an early lunch at "The Maccabean," in Philadelphia. The restaurant specializes in Israeli food. The cost of lunch is to be paid by each person on the tour. The tour at the National Museum of American Jewish History will begin at 12:00 Noon and end at 1:30 p.m. The tour at the Franklin Institute will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. The I-Max theater will be at 3:00 p.m. This trip is free to all Religious School students and teachers. The cost for other persons will be \$10.00 plus lunch. You may also want to bring a snack

for the trip back. Please call Kim at the Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover Synagogue office to make your reservations.

Grumbacher To Speak

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher will speak to the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah about his recent trip to Egypt and Jordan at the Midwinter Brunch. The brunch will be held on Sunday, January 30, 1994 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Charen Schnetter.

Reservations for the luncheon can be made by calling Shirley Fischer Drowos at 762-0722. There is a \$5.00 fee for reservations made in advance and \$6.00 payable at the door.

Beth El Meet

The first meeting of the new year will be on Sunday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m. with Allan Loudell, Program Director of WILM News Radio. Mr. Loudell will discuss "Delaware Media and Media Bias" and will review international news of particular interest to us, including coverage of the Middle East. Bagels and Lox line up begins at 9:30 a.m. The community is invited.

On February 13 Governor Carper will be the featured speaker.

Eating Meeting

The Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its February 2nd meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The entire community is invited to attend.

Marlene Kane, a dietitian/nutritionist affiliated with the Family Medicine Center, will be the speaker. Mrs. Kane will be speaking on "Healthy Eating for the Nineties."

Mrs. Kane has been a nutrition instructor to students and student nurses in various hospitals. In addition,

she has been a clinical dietitian at the Medical Center of Delaware and various hospitals in the Philadelphia area.

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NACHES

Schustermann-Bank

Larry and Reni Schustermann of Dumont, New Jersey announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Jane Schustermann to Mr. Michael Edward Bank, son of Bernard and Rebecca Bank, of Wilmington, De.

Miss Schustermann graduated from Dumont High School, State University of New York, college at Oneonta, Graduate School where she obtained a master's degree from William Paterson College, New Jersey. She is a teacher.

Mr. Bank graduated from Brandywine, Wilmington, E, University of Delaware, and Graduate School of University of Delaware where he earned a master's degree. He is a computer software specialist.

Ellen S. Meyer

Ellen S. Meyer, Esq., a member of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice, was profiled by the Delaware Business Review on the Legal Journal & Records page of the January 3-9 issue.

Meyer, an attorney, is a member of numerous legal groups and civic associations. She is affiliated with The Jewish Community Center and Congregation Beth Shalom.

Toni Young Honored

According to a report in the January issue of Artline, a publication of the Delaware State Arts Council, Toni Young received the Grand Award in November from The Grand Opera House in recognition of her "profound and lasting contributions" to the opera house and the arts in Delaware.

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of The Jewish Voice. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

JANUARY 1994

Friday 7

Federation Shabbat at Congregation Beth Emeth, Rabbi Robert Toren, speaker Jean and Jack Blumenfeld, Chairs, 8 p.m.

Schindler Book

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generations to come to remember and not to forget this experience of the Jewish People. Through Keneally's act of homage to Oskar Schindler, we can read a gripping, moving story of a man who unknowingly followed the Rabbinic dictum, "do not do what the majority are doing when that is evil." - or Al Telech Acharei Rav L'Chatot. Schindler, when confronted with incredible evil was not a perpetrator

Study Group: Jewish Continuity & Education with Rabbi Robert Toren, Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, 8 p.m.

Dinner of Commitment at the Hotel DuPont, 7 p.m., Maynard I. Wishner, President CJF, Speaker Bentley and Clara Hollander, Chairs.

Saturday 8

Come out to the movies with YJAD! We'll be seeing a current feature at the Painter's Crossings theater in Pennsylvania. Callenice Rosenstrauch at (302) 792-1666.

Sunday 9

Chai Society Brunch at the Hotel DuPont, 11 a.m., Abba Eban, speaker. Steven and Miriam Edell, Chairs.

Wednesday 12

Movie Day at the JCC Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. "Sleepless in Seattle," stars Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. Popcorn will be served.

Thursday 13

Young Leadership Cabinet FunRaising, Sheraton Suites Hotel, 6 p.m. Ben Kurland, Comedian, Sharon Mittelman, Chair/Matt Denn, Vice-Chair.

Friday 14

Lion of Judah Luncheon, Hagley Museum, 12 noon, Dr. Rela Geffen, Speaker Arlene Simon, Chair.

Southern Delaware Federation Shabbat, Beth Shalom Congregation, 7:30 p.m. Douglas Bloomfield, Speaker.

Saturday 15

Single Adults Country Western Night from 7:30 p.m. at Congregation M'Kor Shalom, 850 Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, NJ. Dance lessons, D.J. and refreshments. Cost: \$10 before Jan. 10, \$12 after Jan. 10. Hosted by The Singles and Single-Parent Families Committee of Congregation M'Kor Shalom. Call Nina Cohen at (609) 354-8677 or Maxine Gerstein at (609) 429-4070.

Sunday 16

Super Sunday at Patterson-Schwartz Real Estate, all day. Suzanne Grant, Chair.

Super Sunday at B. Gary Scott Realtors, Dover, 10-12 a.m.

Monday 17

The Historical Society of Delaware will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a free special musical program from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Historical Society at

Tuesday 18

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. If I Am Not For Myself, R. Wisse.

not a bystander but a person who had a choice to do good and did it. He changed his world with unexpected goodness!

In a world of perpetrators of radical evil and of even more bystanders to it, Oskar's example can inspire others to rise to the occasion now and in the future.

Herbert A. Yoskowitz, Rabbi, Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, is Chairman of the Rabbinic Association of Delaware.

Discussions At Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom in cooperation with the Jewish Family Service of Delaware is sponsoring a Friday evening discussion series at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Each presentation will include a rabbi and another member of the community who will discuss challenges to Judaism and to the Jewish people in 1994 and beyond.

The first presentation will take place on Friday, January 14, 1994 during the 8:00 a.m. services. Rabbi David Wortman, Executive Director of JCRC of Greater Philadelphia and Yvette Rudnitsky, a social worker, currently in private practice and who previously served as a counselor for Jewish Family Service of Delaware will be the speakers on the subject of "Judaism and Sexual Lifestyles."

On January twenty-first, 1994, 8:30 a.m. speakers will be Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of the University of Delaware Hillel Foundation and Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education at the Jewish Family Service of Delaware. They will speak about "Judaism and Inter-marriage." The community is invited.



Rabbi David Wortman



Yvette Rudnitsky

New Americans

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market "through theoretical experience only." Although he has completed his Level III English work at Del Tech, he would prefer a full time job to enrolling for Level IV courses in January. A bachelor ("too busy with science"), Mazin who lives in Wilmington with his sister, is willing to try anything. He has his own transportation and a Delaware driver's license.

Much of what these immigrants know doesn't fit on a resumé. The bottom line is they were able to succeed in a system built to deny them success. Surely they can be equally productive in the United States. If you have an employment opening - or lead on one - for George Neimark, Vladimir Shutov, Lillian Shifrin or Michael Mazin, please contact Roberta Berman, JFS Russian Resettlement, 478-3906.



Rabbi Stephen Booth

Doctor Alternatives

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commented, "Ach, we all knew the English had better night vision than we did."

It is not only this kind of synergy, comments Dr. Abel, between so-called folk medicine and conventional medicine which we must explore, but the entire mind-body balance. An examination of patients' records in his own practice indicates that the best motivated, best informed patients - those who are "taking charge" of their own illnesses - recover most quickly from cataract surgery with fewer complications.

"Other medical cultures focus on

meditation and the control of breathing as a way to 'center' ourselves," notes Dr. Abel, "and focus our energies on wellness and healing."

We're not only going to redefine medicine at the end of this century, believes Dr. Abel, doctors are going to change the way they practice; good health care isn't just an office visit, or a procedure, or a prescription. The future doctor "must be a communicator, nutrition adviser, understand the alternatives in caring, rely on other health care professionals and encourage preventive practices and wellness."

NOTE: Dr. Abel will conduct a free community seminar on "Nutrition and New Advances in Preventive Eye Care" on Friday afternoon, January 21st. Please call 477-2601 for more information.

Dr. Abel has had a long-standing interest in alternative medicine; he has submitted a grant proposal to the National Institute of Health for a study on the effectiveness of eye medications using herbs from the continent of India. As of the winter of 1993, the NIH has funded research into the following areas:

- The use of acupuncture to treat depression.
The use of biofeedback for pain control and diabetes.
Ayurvedic medicine - the traditional medicine of India - for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.
The benefits of hypnosis in healing broken bones.
Music therapy for people with brain injuries.
Massage therapy for patients with the AIDS virus, post-surgical patients, and people with bone-marrow transplants.
Yoga for heroin addiction and obsessive-compulsive disorders.
The effects of prayer on health.

(Source: Consumer Reports, January 1994, page 51)

Dr. Abel also called attention to an article in a recent Sunday New York Times Editorial Section on Dr. Larry Dossey, author of Healing Words (published by HarperCollins), a book which presents Dr. Dossey's conviction about prayer and his argument that its power "can and should be tested experimentally." (NYT, 12/19/93, E 7)

OBITUARIES

In Memory of Stanley W. Balick, Father, Son, Attorney who passed away January 5, 1989.

—Mother,
Adele Balick Seidel

BEATRICE BASKIN

Beatrice Baskin, 74, of Foulk Manor North, 1212 Foulk Road, formerly of Oak Lane Manor, both in Brandywine Hundred, died Thursday, December 30 of chronic congestive heart failure at home.

Mrs. Baskin was a legal secretary at DuPont Co. for 20 years.

She was a member of Beth Shalom Congregation, Wilmington, and a life member of Hadassah.

Her husband, Albert J., died in 1985. She is survived by a daughter, Michele Fields of Denver.

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

JOSEPH GOLINKOFF

Joseph Golinkoff, 74, of Boca Raton, Fla., died January 2 of congestive heart failure in Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Mr. Golinkoff is survived by his wife, Elsie; three sons, Elliott of near North Star, Del., Wally of New York City and Michael of Philadelphia; and five grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

SHYFRA KINRUS

Shyfra Kinrus, 66, of 2202 Nassau Drive, Holiday Hills, Brandywine Hundred, died Friday, December 24 of complications from Alzheimer's disease in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Kinrus, a data processor at the General Motors Corp. assembly plant, near Elsmere, retired in 1985 after 25 years.

She volunteered in nursing homes, including Kutz Home, Fox Point.

She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Wilmington, and enjoyed photography and following sports, including drag racing.

She came to Wilmington in 1959 from Tel Aviv, Israel, where she was raised. Her family left Poland when she was an infant and settled in Tel Aviv.

She earned a master's in statistics from Tel Aviv University.

She is survived by her husband, Aron.

YVETTE WEITZ LUBLINER

Yvette Weitz Lubliner, 66, of 1413 Carson Road, Green Acres,

Brandywine Hundred, died December 25 of congestive heart failure in Christiana Hospital near Stanton.

Mrs. Lubliner, a homemaker, moved to Green Acres 31 years ago from Cleveland. She was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She is survived by her husband, Bertram L.; a son, Stephan M. of San Diego; a daughter, Robin L. Brookhart of Wilmington; and two grandchildren.

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

Rabbi Marshall Meyer

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA) — Marshall Meyer, a charismatic Conservative rabbi who invigorated Jewish religious life and championed human rights causes in both Buenos Aires and New York, died December 29 at New York Hospital.

The 63-year-old rabbi suffered from liver cancer and had recently undergone surgery.

Meyer, a man with a fiery oratorical style who involved himself in progressive and sometimes controversial causes, energized Jewish religious life and human rights activities in the Argentine capital, where he served for 25 years, and then at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

A one-time personal secretary of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, the Conservative luminary and civil rights leader, he also served as special counsel to the chancellor of JTS.

He also got involved in the issue of sanctuary for Central American refugees and in the battle to combat homelessness.

And he fostered a proud gay and lesbian community at the synagogue.

Meyer went to Argentina in 1959. What was to be a short-term assignment turned into a 25-year stay in that country, during which he led Argentina's largest Conservative congregation.

During his years in Argentina, Meyer witnessed the savage brutality of both the extreme right and left and of the military regimes that followed the collapse of Maria Estela ("Evita") Peron's government in 1976.

In 1962, he founded the Rabbinical Seminary for Latin America, the only Conservative rabbinical seminary in Latin America.

HOWARD A. MILLER

On January 1, 1994, Howard A. Miller, age 87, of 720 Wilson Rd., husband of Henriette Miller, father of Shelley (Rachel) Miller, of N. Graylyn Crest, brother of Rosalie Goldman of Wilmington, and Sarah Miller of Boca

Raton, Fla., grandfather of Nikki M. Demter and Michael Wirtschaffer.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to either the American Cancer Society, Delaware Division, Inc., 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Del. 19720 or charity of your choice.

AKSE Event Revisited

On December 12, the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Talmud Torah held its school-wide Chanukah program. The children and parents were treated to a new format this year. First, everyone assembled for communal singing. The Aleph Class led the assembly in the blessings over the candles and Cantor Leeman directed the group in a number of lively Chanukah songs. Next, the older students (Aleph through Heh classes) and their parents rotated through three different activity stations: a game of Jewish trivia, emceed by Mr. Max Rosenberg; an arts and crafts project of making macaroni Chanukah symbols, directed by Mrs. Shoshana Hershkowitz; and cooking Chanukah cookies, aided by Mrs. Barbara Roisman, Mrs. Karen Moss, and Mrs. Carol and Mr. Barry Brown.

Meanwhile, the younger students (the Hebrew Playgroup and Pre-Aleph classes) had their own age-appropriate program organized and run by Mrs. Rivka Ini and Mrs. Yehudit Lawton. The children created pictures from candle and crayon drippings. They also enjoyed baking and decorating Chanukah cookies, forming paper dreidles, and watching the Rehov Sumsum (Sesame Street) "Chanukah" video. The program was facilitated by Mrs. Andrea Finestrauss

and Mrs. Helene Weinberg.

On December 13, the Gimel, Dalet, and Heh classes went to the Kutz Home to entertain the residents with Chanukah songs and dances, while accompanied by Cantor Leeman on the piano. The AKSE Israeli Dance Group, directed by Mrs. Melinda Weinstein performed several dances.

Robyn Helzner At Beth El

Folksinger Robyn Helzner will be Temple Beth El's guest performer on January 28th & 29th. She is known to delight audiences with her renditions of Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Russian, and American Jewish folksongs.

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