



Survivors in concentration camp uniforms arriving in Eretz Yisrael in 1948. (WZPS Photo)



BETHLEHEM, West Bank — An Israeli police officer points for a Palestinian woman to return to the West Bank March 31 as she attempts to cross into Jerusalem. Israel barred all Palestinians from entering Israel as of midnight March 30 for an indefinite period of time. (RNS Photo/Reuters)

Israel closes gate to Palestinian terror

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A 2-week-old ban on allowing Palestinians from the administered territories to enter Israel proper will be extended indefinitely, the Cabinet decided Sunday.

The closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, ordered by the government in an effort to end a wave of violence that claimed 15 Israeli lives last month, will be reviewed on a weekly basis, the Cabinet resolved.

Since the closure, the Israeli economy has tried to cope with the loss of about 120,000 Palestinians who crossed into Israel daily to fill mostly low-paying manual labor.

Labor Minister Ora Namir said after Sunday's lengthy Cabinet session that when the closure is eventually lifted, the number of Palestinians employed inside Israel proper will not exceed 70,000.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he wants to use the crisis created by the closure to help solve the high unemployment among Israelis by transferring jobs formerly held by Palestinians to Jews.

However, the past two weeks have shown that the vast majority of the 150,000 Israelis registered as unemployed are still unwilling to take on jobs that Palestinians from the territories regularly hold.

Many Israeli employers, who are used to hiring Palestinians at salaries below the minimum wage, have demanded that the closure be eased.

Under pressure by Israeli employers, the closure has been relaxed slightly in the past week, allowing a few thousand workers each day to reach jobs in Israel.

Government sources said policy will be directed toward replacing Palestinians in the construction industry as rapidly as possible, while adopting a more lenient attitude toward agricultural work.

In parallel efforts to create more jobs for Palestinians inside the territories themselves, the government resolved to encourage investment, local and foreign, in the industrial infrastructure there.

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New peace talks likely with expected addition of Hussein

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israel is moving closer to accepting Jerusalem resident Faisal Hussein as the new head of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks.

Such a decision would mark a dramatic reversal of Israel's long-held insistence that the inclusion of Jerusalem residents on the Palestinian team is unacceptable because it would signal that Jerusalem's status is negotiable.

In a weekend radio interview, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres pointed out that Hussein, who is formally the Palestinian delegation's "chief adviser," effectively heads the team, even though he is not allowed to participate directly in the talks.

Peres also argued that if Israel were to accept Hussein as head of the delegation, it would not mean that its policy on Jerusalem's status had changed or was negotiable.

"Jerusalem will remain united as the capital of Israel under Israeli sovereignty," the foreign minister vowed.

The Labor-led government's apparent readiness to accept Hussein as head of the Palestinian delegation reverses the prior position that such a move would erode the ground rules for the talks, negotiated by the former Likud government, which bar the participation of Palestinian residents of eastern Jerusalem.

Although the government has not yet formally announced its position regarding a change in Hussein's role, the proposed concession appears to be aimed at breaking the deadlock over the Palestinians' refusal to return to the next round of peace talks, scheduled to start April 20 in Washington.

The Palestinians signaled some new flexibility on their part over the weekend, when Hussein, speaking from Tunas, told Israel Radio that the Palestinian delegation has dropped its demand that all of the nearly 400 Palestinian deportees in Lebanon be returned to Israel as a condition for their return to the talks.

Hussein stopped short of giving an outright commitment to return to the talks. But his remarks signaled a breakthrough in a months-long standoff over the talks, punctuated by the recent upsurge in violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

The groundwork for a heightened role for Hussein apparently was laid last month between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. It was conditioned upon a prior Palestinian commitment to come back to the negotiating table.

At Sunday's Cabinet meeting, Rabin had been expected to press for approving Hussein's participation at the peace talks. But after the meeting, the Prime Minister's Office had no comment on the issue.

Likud Knesset member Dan Meridor Sunday spoke for many in his party when he said Hussein's presence on the Palestinian negotiating team would threaten the status of Jerusalem and the success of the negotiations.

He said Israel is reaching the limit of its capacity for concessions and anymore could provoke a breakdown in the talks.

The Labor government doubtless will defend such a move by pointing out that Hussein has a second address in the administered territories.

The peace process also will be the focus of the meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, scheduled to take place Wednesday in the Egyptian port city of Ismailia.

Government officials have refused to comment on the details of the meeting's agenda, but Rabin and Mubarak are expected to focus on proposals for autonomy in the territories.

In Washington, preparations for the peace talks are also under way.

Representatives of the Syrian, Lebanese and Jordanian delegations were expected at the State Department this week for consultations on the peace talks.

A Palestinian delegation visited Washington earlier for similar consultations.

DELAWARE'S JEWISH FUTURE: SETTING PRIORITIES First in an occasional series Part One: A Process of Inclusion

By DAN WEINTRAUB

"First build cities for your little ones, then afterwards folds for your flock"

Rabbi Julie K. Gordon

quoting Moses, after Rashi's commentary
On Sunday, March 28, 1993, Jewish Federation of Delaware leaders, and other Jewish Community members, met with Jack Ukeles in order to develop a consensus on the Delaware Jewish Community's priority setting. Ukeles, author of *A Model for Progressive Planning in the Jewish Community*, is a nationally recognized consultant who has assisted organizations and city governments in establishing mechanisms to determine priorities and respond to changing needs. A major focus of the full day retreat was a priority determination exercise which grew out of the work of the Priority Setting Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Joan Speigelman, member of the Priority



Tony Young, standing, addresses JFD Priorities Retreat participants on the need to plan for the future.

Committee and co-chairperson of the day, opened the meeting, which was part of an ongoing effort to determine and respond to the

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The **JEWISH VOICE**

Robert Meeropol speaks about the Rosenberg children's fund

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Some of us are old enough to remember back to the witch hunting days of the 50's when a communist conspiracy lurked behind every bush. On March 21, at a breakfast talk sponsored by the Men's Club of Newark's Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation, that shameful period was chillingly reinvented by Robert Meeropol, son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg who, accused of passing atomic bomb secrets to the Russians, were executed in June 1953.

Robert Meeropol described to the audience of about 175 an early childhood which he characterized as "the long nightmare." He was three, his brother Michael was seven when their parents were arrested by the FBI and an odyssey of orphanage and family placements began for the children while the case against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was prosecuted.

"My parents," said Meeropol, "were leaned on by the FBI to cooperate, talk, name others, recant, with the offer that their lives would be spared." As a matter of honor, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg would not cooperate.

Robert Meeropol is convinced of his parents' innocence and believes they were framed. "They were executed," he said, "because they were Jews and they were communists." The case, according to Robert, split the Jewish community with mainstream Jewish organizations supporting the death sentence. "They had to prove their patriotism."

Robert and Michael were living with a family in Toms River, New Jersey when the Rosenberg execution occurred. Trauma followed trauma. After the execution, the Toms River Board of Education ruled that as non residents the children could no longer attend the district's public school.

So it was back to New York where Robert and Michael were placed with Anne and Abel Meeropol, the couple who eventually adopted them. Even this last refuge was fraught with anxiety for the Rosenberg children as the New York City police charging the Meeropols with child abuse tried, unsuccessfully, to take the children away.

Given this painful background, it's amazing that the boys grew up not only functioning, but active, productive members of society. "I grew up," said Robert Meeropol, "emotionally believing in my parents' innocence. I read a lot about the case and became



Robert Meeropol

intellectually aware and politically active." He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in anthropology from the University of Michigan and in 1985 took a law degree from Western New England College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

In 1974, when Robert and his brother embarked on a campaign to reopen their parents' case, they were met with open hostility by organized Jewish groups. Cold war fever had not subsided, and the Jewish community still felt vulnerable.

The brothers remain committed to vindicating their parents. In their efforts to educate themselves about their parents' case, Robert and Michael continue to track down and examine information. They successfully sued the FBI and CIA for the release of 300,000 previously secret documents, and were paid \$200,000 by the government for their legal fees.

As part of their campaign to create public awareness of the injustice suffered by their parents, Robert and Michael co-authored a book "We Are Your Sons." Robert believes that in the wake of Watergate the public is more receptive to the possibility that a frame-up took place.

But the Meeropol brothers feel that they need to do something positive for a new generation of victims. About 15 years ago, they began to formulate plans for a children's fund to provide for the educational and emotional needs of children whose parents have been harassed, injured, jailed, or died, especially as a result of political activities.

The plans to create a foundation to help politically victimized children came to fruition with the opening of the offices of the Rosenberg Fund for Children on September 1, 1990, with Robert Meeropol as executive director. He has given up his legal practice to do this work which he describes as "life's work. I'm doing what I want to do." The Foundation hopes to raise at least \$100,000 a year so that grants of \$1,000 each

Local

Russians not passed over

The Community Involvement Committee of the Young Leadership Cabinet, in conjunction with the Resettlement Program of Jewish Family Service, held a model Passover Seder for the new American immigrants, March 28, 1993 at the Jewish Community Center.

The primary goal of the seder was to facilitate the acclimation of these new community members in their understanding of both the religious significance and customs associated with Passover.

An abbreviated seder was held with particular attention paid to the traditional aspects of the seder. A lively touch was added by the musical group Shir Ami (Cindy Goldstein, Myrna Ryder, Linda Vodovis, and Eleanor Weinglass).

Sometimes it is hard to read the faces of the newcomers, but we felt the program was well received. When asked why Dora Sokolova was emotionally touched by the ceremony, she said, she greatly appreciated the program, but was sad to think of the Jews left in Russia who are unable to celebrate in such a manner.

This event was made possible by the following gracious contributions of local businesses: Daniel Tanzer of Shop-Rite, Robert Kreston of Kreston



Delaware's Russian immigrants enjoy Passover Seder.

Liquor Mart, Concord Pike Liquors, Fairfax Liquors, Mindy Hughs and Linda Seidenstadt of Zaydie's Place, and Rabbi Chuni Vogel of Chabad Lubavitch.

A 1992 newcomer, Matvey Derbaremdiker, who attended the model seder commented, "We see

how much the American Jews care about teaching us the traditions of Judaism, which were kept from us in Russia. This is, for us, a great inspiration and we would like to thank Linda Vodovis (Jewish Family Service) for her efforts. We believe this tradition will be kept by us for generations."

Essrog featured at Israeli Independence Day celebration

Delaware's principle celebration of Yom Haatzmaut, or Israeli Independence Day, will take place at 5 p.m. on April 25, 1993, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, at Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, in Wilmington. The program will feature the distinguished Rabbi Seymour L. Essrog as the Speaker. Rabbi Seymour L. Essrog is currently the Senior Rabbi in the Jewish community of Greater Baltimore. He is included in the Who's Who in American Jewry, and Who's Who in World Jewry, for his many honors and years of service to the local, national and international Jewish community.

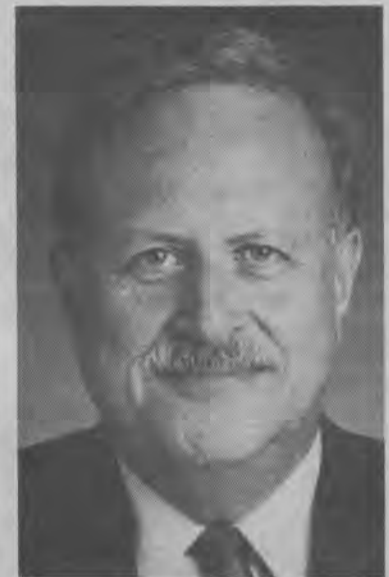
Rabbi Essrog served on the campaign staff of The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the National Rabbinic Cabinet of Israel Bonds as well as the Executive Committee of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the National United Jewish Appeal. He was the first Chairman of the Congregational Professionals Division of the annual Campaign of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

could be awarded to 100 children each year.

Robert Meeropol believes that working to change the world is inspirational, especially to young people. In their last letter to their children, Julius and Ethel told their sons that they will die secure in the knowledge that others will carry on after them. "I believe, concluded Robert, "that the trust they exhibited has been justified."

The Israel Government Tourist Office presented Rabbi Essrog with the Shalom Award for his promotion of tourism to Israel, where he led 26 trips. He is Chairman of Rabbinic Missions for United Jewish Appeal. He has travelled and met with the Jewish communities of the former Soviet Union, Poland, France, Morocco, Turkey, Egypt, Italy, Denmark, Romania and Czechoslovakia on fact-finding missions.

He was appointed to the Values Education Commission of the Maryland State Board of Education and was President of the Maryland Region of the Jewish National Fund. He has also been honored by numerous organizations such as the Baltimore District, Zionist Organization of America and the Board of Jewish Education, Baltimore.



The Rabbi Seymour Essrog

Ronald Lauder to speak at Kutz donor luncheon

On Wednesday, May 5, Ronald Lauder will be the guest speaker at the annual Donor Luncheon to benefit The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. This year's luncheon will be held at the Du Pont Country Club. His topic will be Eastern European Jewry. This year's proceeds will help to support a redecoration project for The Kutz Home.

Raffle tickets will be sold for a variety of prizes. The cost of the luncheon is Diamond \$150; Platinum \$120; Gold \$75; and Donor

\$45. The cost for non-Auxiliary members who are guests is \$35. Men and women are both welcome!

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 1993
Place: The Du Pont Country Club
Time: Reception - 11:30 a.m.;

Luncheon - 12:00 Noon; Program - 1:00 p.m.

For reservations call Miriam Edell, 656-2165 or Ronna Hochman, 764-1362.

For information: The Kutz Home, 764-7000.

Briefs

Carmelite nuns to leave Auschwitz convent site

OSWIECIM, Poland (JTA) — The long-running dispute over the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz appears to be close to resolution, with 14 nuns expected within days to move out of the building where the Nazis stored poison gas in the former death camp.

Last-minute problems stemming from the nuns' reluctance to move into the new \$2 million building under construction for them nearby have been cleared away by explicit Vatican instructions to the nuns that reached Bishop Tadeusz Rakoczy of Oswiecim on Thursday, said Jewish officials involved in the negotiations.

This week's move by the Vatican helps implement a 1986 agreement reached between church and European Jewish officials. And it caps nearly a decade of bitter controversy over the convent, located at the end of the concentration camp, where 1.6 million Jews were killed.

Israel's '92 U.N. voting record closest to United States

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel was the country whose voting record at the United Nations last year was closest to that of the United States, according to a State Department report released this week.

The two nations' voting patterns coincided 92.3 percent of the time, the report said.

Israel voted with the United States 48 times, opposite the United States four times and abstained 21 times. *By Deborah Kalb State News Service*

Holocaust Museum officials asked to step down

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Just weeks before the scheduled opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the White House has asked the chairman and vice chairman of the museum's council to leave their posts.

Both the chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Baltimore builder Harvey Meyerhoff, and the vice chairman, San Francisco businessman William Lowenberg, have been asked to remain until April 30.

Both Meyerhoff and Lowenberg, like the other 50-plus members of the council, were presidential appointees named by previous Republican administrations. Many of them expected to be replaced at some point by the Clinton administration. *By Deborah Kalb State News Service*

Lesbian and Gay Synagogue celebrates 20th anniversary

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (CBST), New York City's lesbian and gay synagogue, celebrated its twentieth anniversary at a special Friday evening service on February 5. The synagogue, which was founded in 1973, is the world's largest Jewish lesbian and gay congregation, with over 1,000 members. CBST held its first service on February 7, 1973, in the rectory of the Church of the Holy Apostles on West 29th Street in Manhattan, where members worshipped while seated on tiny chairs in the kindergarten playroom. In 1975, to accommodate its rapidly growing membership, the synagogue moved to its present quarters in the Westbeth Housing Complex in Greenwich Village. Congregation Beth Simchat Torah offers a variety of programs for its members and supporters, including its central weekly Friday night services, which regularly feature special programs or speakers. CBST observes all the holidays of the Jewish calendar with appropriate services, traditional holiday meals, and cultural programs. In addition, CBST has an extensive Jewish education program conducted by the rabbi and members of the congregation. The synagogue also publishes a monthly newsletter. Following the service, CBST members and their friends and families celebrated with a buffet, klezmer music, and dancing.

Lubavitcher rebbe 91st birthday celebrated around world

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Lubavitcher rebbe's 91st birthday last week was celebrated by his Hasidim and admirers in an array of special events held around the world.

For his adoring followers, the 91st birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson on April 2 was especially meaningful since it was just over a year ago that he suffered a stroke so debilitating that he was not seen in public for six months and still has not regained the ability to speak.

At the United Nations, in Washington and in about 20 statehouses across the country there were public proclamations and speeches by elected officials celebrating the event.

In Israel, 91 girls and 91 boys from the former Soviet Union celebrated their bat and bar-mitzvahs to mark the occasion.

Weizman elected president; Netanyahu to lead Likud

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Election of former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman as Israel's seventh president and of Benyamin Netanyahu, a former ambassador to the United Nations, as the Likud Party's leader appeared to set the stage for raising the intensity of differences between the left-center and right-center of the country's political establishments.

Weizman, 68, the candidate of the governing Labor Party, defeated the conservative Likud candidate, former Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky, by a vote of 68-63 with one abstention. He will take office on May 13 from President Chaim Herzog who has served two five-year terms.

Netanyahu, 43, called "Israel's Clinton," takes the leadership position from former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir who led Likud since its founder Menachem Begin, relinquished the post in 1983.

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Peace Now accepted by "Presidents"

By LARRY YUDELSON
NEW YORK (JTA) — Americans for Peace Now was accepted as a new member of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on Monday, culminating weeks of unprecedented lobbying on both sides of the issue.

The closely watched vote, which came after two hours of late-afternoon debate, was 27-10, with eight abstentions. Another two of the member groups present did not cast ballots.

The Conference of Presidents also voted Monday to grant full membership to the Council of Jewish Federations, which formerly had only observer status.

For Peace Now, admission to organized American Jewry's premier umbrella grouping caps a meteoric rise to respectability from the dovish movement's more humble grassroots origins.

That process began last summer with the elevation of some of the movement's leaders in Israel to posts in the new Labor government. And in the United States, several of Peace Now's leaders are either members of the Clinton administration or have considerable influence with it.

"This vote recognizes the American Jewish community's commitment to inclusion of all pro-Israel voices," Gail Pressberg, APN's president and chief executive officer, said in a statement issued immediately after the vote.

"We look forward to working with our colleagues in the conference on issues of concern to Israel," added Letty Cottin Pogrebin, the group's chairperson.

There was no immediate reaction from groups opposing APN's admission. That campaign was led by the Zionist Organization of America,

which had charged that APN's views were outside the Jewish community's consensus.

Paul Flacks, ZOA's executive vice president, had argued prior to the vote that "for the Conference of Presidents to give legitimacy to an organization that has for a long time advocated that the Palestine Liberation Organization is an acceptable negotiating partner for Israel would undermine Israel's negotiating position and show a weakness of the community's support for Israel."

But those supporting APN's entry, including the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Congress, maintained that the Jewish community's umbrella should be wide enough to cover a group that strongly supports Israel and whose dovish positions are supported both in the government corridors in Jerusalem and a significant portion of American Jewish public opinion.

Vice President Gore to address Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration

Vice President Al Gore will be the keynote speaker at the nation's largest commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising on Sunday, April 18 at 1 p.m. in the Paramount, Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Exactly 50 years to the day after the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto rose up against the German occupying forces in the first major civilian revolt against Nazi military forces during World War II, more than 6,000 survivors of Nazi concentration camps, members of resistance groups and their families will gather to observe Yom Hashoah — Holocaust Remembrance Day.

An estimated one million persons

will attend similar memorials in communities throughout the United States, in Israel, Poland and other lands. Governor Mario Cuomo has proclaimed April 18 "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Day" in New York State.

At the ceremonies in New York, a color guard from the 3rd U.S. Infantry, carrying the flags of the American military units that liberated the concentration camps at the close of World War II, will present the colors and lead in the singing of the national anthem, accompanied by the United States Army Band.

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Or-



Vice President Al Gore

ganization (WAGRO), will chair the program.

"We are deeply honored," Mr. Meed said in announcing the Vice President's participation, "that Al Gore, a lifelong friend and supporter of the Jewish community and of Israel, has agreed to join us on this historic occasion and lead us in saluting the heroism of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters and in honoring the memory of the Six Million who perished at the hands of the Nazis."

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Baxter pays for its boycott participation

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON (PNR) — Baxter International Inc. of Deerfield, Illinois, the world's largest hospital supply company, will pay about \$6.5 million in criminal and civil fines for having violated U.S. law in cooperating with the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

A federal investigation begun in 1988 had focused on whether Baxter had agreed with Arab League authorities handling the boycott to transfer hospital supplies to Syria at low prices to have itself removed from the Arab blacklist of companies that do business with Israel.

The Arab League put Baxter on the list apparently because it built a plant near Ashdod in Israel. It sold the plant to Israelis in 1988. The following year, it was reported, Baxter was no longer on the list.

Settlement of the case March 25 under the anti-boycott law of 1977, was announced by Joan Safford, the acting U.S. attorney in Chicago where Baxter agreed to plead guilty in the

U.S. District Court there to the criminal charge related to the civil case. It thus became the first company to plead guilty to a felony charge of violating the U.S. law against the boycott.

The Department of Commerce reported in Washington that Baxter, two of its subsidiaries — International Medical Technology Ltd., also of Deerfield, and Baxter AG of Switzerland, and G. Marshall Abbey, the parent company's senior vice president and general counsel, will pay a total of \$6,060,600 in civil penalties. The Justice Department, it said, "will seek" a criminal fine of \$500,000. Baxter will pay \$3,382,000; IMT \$2,527,500; Baxter AG \$50,000 and Abbey \$101,100.

According to The Wall Street Journal, Baxter "in a concerted, multiyear effort to get off the Arab blacklist" paid millions of dollars to middlemen

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President Chaim Herzog and Mayor Teddy Kollek enjoy traditional Ethiopian cuisine at Betty Dinko's (standing) Jerusalem restaurant. Dinko turned to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee-Initiated Jerusalem Small Business Development Center (JSBDC) for assistance in setting up the now-popular restaurant, which employs eight immigrants.

Opinion

Sweet and Sour Chicken Also Bittersweet . . .

"I found myself fixing tacos at the annual temple fair while I jealously watched the rabbi corner the market with his Chinese food booth. His 'cold hot noodles' and lo mein were major attractions at the fair. As the rabbi watched the group clustered around his wok, waiting for the next batch (stir frying as he watched, of course), he glanced over at me in the next booth and remarked, 'You know, we're doing it wrong. What would really make money would be a whole Chinese dinner at the temple.'"

from the preface of
Chinese Kosher Cooking,
by Betty S. Goldberg

Who knows why so many Jewish people enjoy Chinese food? Perhaps it is just one ancient culture's appreciation of another. On the other hand it may be that to Jews, the primary appeal of Chinese food is its contradictions such as cold hot noodles or sweet and sour Chicken.

Reconciling opposites is common to the Jewish experience. For example, at the end of the marriage ceremony, a time of great joy, the groom shatters a glass, symbolizing the destruction of the Temple, a time of great sorrow. Even at life's sweetest moments we remind ourselves of the sour times in our past. Remembering the bad moments even during the good times prepares us for all that life has to offer. And if this mixing of sweet and sour is not the source of the Jewish love of Chinese food then perhaps it is the source of Jewish guilt.

This month marks the sweet celebration of the State of Israel's forty-fifth year as well as the bitter remembrance during Yom Hashoah.

At age forty-five, the renewed Jewish State, the miracle in the desert, faces continuing challenges. Support of the new administration in Washington is welcome but no longer taken for granted. The hope for peace and the need for security concerns most Israelis. The recent close-off of the territories has increased the safety of Israeli Jews and may point the way toward future peace.

Over the past few years new immigrants have brought new talents to Eretz Yisrael.

Where else is there a musician on nearly every block? Today Jews have their own homeland restored. It is the land of milk and honey where our people began. A rich amalgamation of Kibbutznik and Tel Aviv city dweller, Tzefat artist and Maya Shaarim religious student, Ethiopian farmer and Russian scientist. Israel is a Democracy surrounded by tyrants. Under constant threat; a rose in that neighborhood needs its thorns. Nothing can diminish the remarkable accomplishment of the last forty-five years. Delaware's portion of Diaspora should visit our sisters and brothers in Israel; create business relationships with Israelis; and build an excitement about being Jewish in Delaware.

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, reminds us of the most terrible events in world history. As a people we promise to never forget, and we vow never again. At times it is almost inconceivable that there were at least six million Jewish martyrs. Our literature and new traditions are still trying to explain this unexplainable hole in the heart of history. At the Passover Seder we say that I am here because God led me out of the bondage of slavery in Egypt. We say this because we are all thankful for that delivery. Perhaps at Yom Hashoah, we should say it was my store window which was shattered on Kristallnacht, I was put on a train to the camps, I fought in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. We would say this because we are all saddened. And because as Jews we are all survivors.

This year the American Holocaust Museum opens in Washington, with the hope that here in the United States we will never forget. But in the former Yugoslavia, the reports of concentration camps, brutal rapes and a policy of ethnic cleansing are found again in Europe. Anti-Semitism lifts its ugly head among Frances' far right, Germany's skin heads, and among the Russian nationalists. Ethnic and racial division is still painfully present here in the United States. What about our vow of never again? What steps can Delaware's Jews take to make this world safer for the scapegoats, oppressed minorities and innocent bystanders?

First Zachor, remember.

Although, The Jewish Federation of Delaware and *The Jewish Voice* have welcomed new faces and a new excitement, it's bittersweet because it coincides with the departure of Rebecca Falkowski. Becky will certainly be missed. Her contributions to Delaware's Jewish community as Editor of *The Jewish Voice*,

will not be forgotten. Her talents and hard work made this a better newspaper. Becky ensured a smooth transition for the new staff. If you have enjoyed *The Jewish Voice*, thank Becky in person at her new store in Centreville, Delaware called Communiques.

Thank you Becky.

Letters to the Editor

The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed, double spaced, to The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Never Again

50 years ago, the world stood mute and silent during the most unspeakable event in the entire history of mankind, the cruel and systematic murder of six million men, women and children. While the German-Nazi Holocaust consumed its innocent victims, while Jews were herded into ghettos and concentration camps and brutally starved, gassed and burned, the free nations of the civilized world remained deaf and indifferent.

Then, in April 1943, came an outcry from the Warsaw-Ghetto as the persecuted Jews rose up against their German oppressors. In the weeks and months that followed this first organized civilian resistance in Nazi Europe, heroic Jewish men and women, boys and girls, gave new meaning to bravery and self-sacrifice.

Facing certain death, they repelled wave after wave of Nazi attack. The walls crumbled,

food and water and ammunition ran out, flames turned the ghetto into an inferno. Still they continued to fight, and the words Warsaw-Ghetto-Uprising were inscribed with blood onto the pages of Jewish history. However, in the end, nothing remained of the Ghetto but smoke and rubble—but the incomprehensible courage and daring of those Jews who fought the Germans fifty years ago echo down the years. The demand that we the living, the generation that lived through the horrors of the Holocaust, remember, record and teach its lessons.

So that the world will not forget the suffering and martyrdom of all those who perished in those tragic days. We must remember, so that mankind will never know another Holocaust. Never again.

Sigmund (Ziggy) Gorson

A Jewish seat on the court?

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

When Bill Clinton was running for President, he publicly suggested he might appoint New York Gov. Mario Cuomo to the Supreme Court while privately his aides, according to the New York Times, told some supporters their man would reestablish a "Jewish chair" on the high court if he was elected.

There was a Jewish chair or at least a Jewish justice on the court continuously from 1916 when Woodrow Wilson appointed Louis D. Brandeis until Abe Fortas resigned under a cloud in 1969. In between were Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter and Arthur Goldberg. Richard Nixon ended that.

Ronald Reagan nominated a Jew following the Senate's rejection of Robert Bork in late 1987, but it is not clear whether he sought to restore a tradition or just win the votes of some Jews and liberals in the Senate. Whatever the reason, Judge Douglas Ginsburg was forced to withdraw his name after it was revealed he had smoked pot in college. Presumably, he had inhaled.

The retirement of Justice Byron White gives Clinton an opportunity to revive a 53-year-old dormant custom. There are so many distinguished American lawyers, judges and legal scholars who are Jewish that it makes good sense for the nation to have one on the Supreme Court. A Jewish community which gave Clinton as many as 85 per cent of its votes could "shep nachas" in knowing there is once again a President with warm feelings towards our community. It would be a model and an inspiration for young Jews and a reassurance for the rest.

A Jewish justice could bring needed diversity

to a court where the only woman member's record on traditional women's issues is inferior to that of some of her male colleagues, and where the only black justice's record on issues of importance to most African-Americans falls well short of that compiled by some of his white brethren.

Diversity may be appropriate, but it should not be the determining factor. Neither should gender, race or religion. But diversity is important and can be a determinant among equally qualified contenders. The real tests must be intellect, quality, scholarship, judgement, and judicial temperament. The President has said he wants "a person that has a fine mind, good judgment, wide experience in the law and in the problems of real people and someone with a big heart."

A nominee's philosophy and views have been known to change after ascending the high bench, but it would help to know the basic principles of his or her belief and not make the Senate or the nation face a stealth nominee who stonewalls the advise and consent process.

Clinton has a right to appoint whomever he wishes, and the Senate has a right and obligation to hold thorough hearings. Clinton's nominee can expect a grueling examination from Republicans akin to what Democrats gave to nominees of Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

It is amusing to watch those on the right who so vigorously demanded ideological purity of those Republican presidents in their selections, particularly on issues involving abortion and religion, now declare a Democratic presi-

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Opinion

The "H" Word

By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

Holocaust is the word that is used to describe the torture, murder, and destruction of 6,000,000 Jews by the Nazis during 1933-1945. However, perhaps enough time has passed to question the use of that term and other phrases to describe one of the most calamitous events in Jewish and human history.

Holocaust is of Greek origin and means "a ritual, whole (burnt) offering." In the Bible, it refers to the *olah*. This means that it was a total offering and the animal was completely burned to ashes. It was a free will offering, indicating it was a choice and implied that it was a complete, voluntary presentation to the deity. Its motives were considered pious and in no way whatsoever associated with harming a human being.

Of course, vegetarians and animal rights advocates may have a problem with this. But, that would be an anachronism and project contemporary standards on a far earlier society.

The use of the word *Holocaust* itself was resurrected at the end of the Second World War by the French. David Rousset and other (non-Jewish) French writers began to speak of *l'holocauste* as soon as the war was over. However, in 1938 an American Catholic priest in tragic irony called for "a holocaust of prayer" for those oppressed in Germany. In 1949, the term was used by Rufus Lears in *Israel: A History of the Jewish People*. In general, Elie Weisel is credited with the widespread use of the term.

In Israel, the Hebrew word *shoah* is used to describe Hitler Germany's methodic mass murder of Jews. *Shoah* appears in the Hebrew Bible (*Tanach*) in 12 places, in several forms.

In nearly all instances it seems to refer to natural catastrophes, and both the King James and the new Jewish Publication Society translations render it as "calamity," "disaster" or "desolation." In one or two instances, it could mean "*shoah*" wrought by people on people.

On November 9-10, 1938, an anti-Jewish outrage took place in Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland. And the toll was 90 Jews murdered, many more beaten and raped, 30,000 arrested (many of whom subsequently perished in prisons and concentration camps), 1,300 synagogues burned or vandalized, and 10,000 Jewish homes and other Jewish premises wrecked or property confiscated. It was called *Kristallnacht*, "Night of the Broken Glass."

Was it something unique in Jewish history, or was it another pogrom? *Pogrom* is a Russian word designating an attack, accompanied by destruction, the looting of property, murder and rape. It has become an international word historically used in many languages to describe the attacks accompanied by looting and bloodshed against Jews.

The brutal destruction of the First and Second Temples and murder and enslavement of the Jewish population are commemorated in Jewish history on *Tisha B'Av*. The *harugai malchut* (the ten martyrs during the Hadrianic persecutions) are remembered on *Yom Kippur* in the *elah ezkerah* section. The victims of the Crusades are enshrined in the *av harachamim* prayer.

The Chmelnicki Massacres, the 1990 murderous attacks, the Kishinev pogrom and other such events are still in memory. The Spanish Inquisition has a chilling parallel to the modern German devastation of the European Jews.

There was bureaucracy, systemization, informers, crematoria (*Auto da Fe*) and total dedication to extermination of Jews and Jewishness.

Was the so-called Holocaust one event or The Event in Jewish history?

One answer can be found in the story of Gershon Levin, a medic serving in the tsarist army in 1916. He came upon the ruins of Husiatyn, a town that straddled the border between Galicia and Poland. The Russians had destroyed the Jewish *shtetl*, house by house. Levin records his feelings in the following words:

Only then did I grasp the Destruction of Jerusalem, for whenever I had read the book of Lamentations in *heder*, or heard *kinot* recited on the Ninth of Av, the description seemed grossly exaggerated. But on seeing what the Russians did to Husiatyn in the twentieth century, I could easily imagine what the Romans might have done to Jerusalem some two thousand years ago.

Here we see an analogy that triggers a leap across history to the oldest record of Jewish disaster. In fact, the analogy could even go back to the destruction of the first Temple in 587 B.C.E., known as the *churban* (devastation). This word might set the Holocaust, tragic though it was, into the context of Jewish experience.

In Yiddish, the horrendous atrocity is simply known as *der dritter churban*, "the third devastation," linking it to the destruction of the First and Second Temples, thus placing it in the mainstream of Jewish history.

It is interesting to note the commemoration in Israel of the contemporary disaster called *Yom Hashoah U'Gevurah* - "the day of destruction and heroism." One does not use the

term "destruction" in isolation. There were resisters, there were heroes, there were survivors. The Jewish people suffered terribly, but they endured and they prevailed in the establishment of the State of Israel, and the strengthening and saving of Jewish communities all over the world.

In his book *Sparks of Glory*, Moshe Prager tells how Lublin, one of the centers of Jewish life and learning, was taken over by a German *Obersturmfuhrer* named Otto Globochnik. Herding all the Jews into the city square, he shot into the air and screamed: "Sing Jews, sing!" But no one felt like singing. He ordered his troops to push all the Jews up against the barbed-wire fence. As many of them bled, again he screamed: "Sing Jews, sing!"

One Jew began a Yiddish song, *Lomir zoch ibber betten* - "Let us make up, God. Let us become friends again" - a plaintive song, sung by Eastern European Jews during the High Holy Days as a plea to God to return them to their homeland. Only, spontaneously, he changed the lyrics.

After a few minutes, everyone in the square began to sing new words to an old tune - *mir velen dir ibber leben!* - "We will outlive you."

Whatever term we choose to describe the terrible and tragic events that occurred to the Jews between 1933-1945 and up to and including 1948, the important thing to remember is that we have outlived our enemies and our tormentors. We always have and we always will.

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dent should make a "sensible" selection free of any ideological considerations.

The chutzpah award in that category goes to Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, a conservative Republican on the Judiciary Committee who called on Clinton to follow the examples of Reagan and Bush and "avoid ideological litmus tests." Where has he been for the past dozen years?

The runner-up in that category is the top official of the National Organization for Women who declared unequivocally, "A woman must be appointed." That demand has been echoed by other women's organizations.

Clinton will get more advice on this decision than any he has made to date, and nearly all of it unsolicited.

Here's a distillation of some of it: He should choose a moderate coalition builder to bring the court gently back to the center; a "warrior to rejuvenate [the] shrunken and aged liberal bloc; an ideological neutral; a woman; a pro-choice; a neutral on abortion; an environmentalist; a gay; a black; a Jew; a Latino; a defender of the right to privacy; a strict constructionist; a detached scholar; a politically astute judge.

So far no one has repeated the view of Sen. Roman Hruska, a conservative Republican from Iowa who came to the defense of a particularly mediocre Nixon nominee, G. Harold Carswell, in the Sixties by declaring, "Mediocrity deserves representation, too."

The U.S. Supreme Court does not need a quota system. Nine judges would never be enough to satisfy all those groups which feel they deserve a reserved seat.

This pluralistic society cannot afford the divisiveness of quotas on its courts. Instead, to paraphrase Martin Luther King, Clinton should

base his selection on the content of the person's character and not the color of skin, or gender, religion, ethnicity of sexual preference.

I would be very proud if Clinton nominates a Jewish justice who I could be proud of, but the last thing I want to see is religion to be the primary criterion. Most of all, I want the best person available, not the best black or the best white, not the best man or the best woman, not the best Jew or the best Christian, not the best Anglo or best Latino, or the best gay or best straight, or any other politically correct designated group.

The most important criterion for American Jewry is that Clinton nominate a person most likely to share the Jewish community's predominant views on issues of social and public policy. It should be someone who will protect church-state separation, the right to privacy and the rights of religious and other minorities.

"The Jewish community's mainstream agenda is an expansive interpretation of the protection of fundamental rights and liberties against government encroachment," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. "The court must be the protector against the 'whims of the majority' that might somehow encroach on their fundamental rights and liberties of speech, press, religion, protection against discrimination by sex, race, religion, national origin.

"The Jewish community has benefitted extraordinarily over the past two generations from such an expansive view. Jews moved from the peripheries of American society to the very center of American political, economic, professional and educational life. As a result of the [Chief Justice Earl] Warren and [Warren] Burger courts' expansive view of fundamental freedoms, we Jews have known rights and opportunities that we have known nowhere else in diaspora life."

Tears are not enough

By RABBI JEROME EPSTEIN

Few events in human history elicit the same sense of sorrow, horror, and shared revulsion evoked by the Holocaust. Born of hatred — nurtured by insanity on one hand and apathy on the other — the Shoah devoured an entire generation of Jews and scarred the minds and bodies of those who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives.

Yom HaShoah, observed this year on April 18, is a time for remembering this horrible event and for mourning its victims. We recall with sadness the destruction not only of living Jews but of generations of Jews who will never be born. It is right that we cry; it is right that our community sponsor programs dealing with every aspect of the Holocaust, loudly reiterating the atrocities committed against our people.

In the face of revisionism, and in response to those who urge us to forget the past and move forward, we must stand up and reaffirm the value of remembering. But we must be clear ourselves as to why we continue to open our wounds. We must know why we cry and why we ask our young people — who have no firsthand experience of the Shoah themselves — to come and cry with us.

Our children may remind us that some 50 years passed, that there are now new "causes," new issues on which to speak out. We must restrain our impulse to lash out at these children, admonishing them that they are being insensitive and separating themselves from their people.

Our challenge is not to silence their voices but rather to create for them, and for ourselves, a very real connection between the past and the present — to bind together our history and our future.

For, in reality, if we cry for the victims of the Holocaust without feeling revulsion at the "ethnic cleansing" now taking place in the former Yugoslavia; if we recoil from the horrible image of Jews pent up like animals in Nazi concentration camps without losing sleep over the situation in Bosnia, where thousands of Muslims have been raped, murdered, and tortured; if we weep at the sight of emaciated Jews with shrunken bodies and lifeless eyes without feeling a sense of loss at the sight of half-dead children in Somalia and the Sudan; then we have not learned the lesson our suffering should have taught.

We recently celebrated the holiday of Passover. While at that time we were enjoined to eat and drink and rejoice in our freedom, we were told also to invite all who are hungry to come and eat, and we were instructed to consider ourselves as if we too had been slaves in Egypt. These are more than colorful phrases — they are calls to action, to involvement, and to justice.

Human life is a valuable commodity. In the face of mass death — such as that taking place in Bosnia — we may lose sight of the inestimable value of one soul. Certainly, those who placed a bomb in New York's World Trade Center placed little value on the life of the individual. Death tolls have become a matter of statistics — not of shared grieving. We have become immune to horror.

Just as the diary of Anne Frank forced countless readers to discern a personal face beneath the numbing slaughter of the Holocaust, so too must we now find a way not to lose sight of the horror of continued injustice.

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National • International

AIPAC Conference pleased with Rabin address

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Each year the numbers go up. Each year, it's the biggest conference ever. This year's AIPAC meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D.C., March 21-23, drew 2,521 from around the country and the world. And the presence of over 1200 students from 200 colleges added an extra dimension of energy to the meeting.

Overall, the mood of the meeting vis a vis relations between the Jewish

community and the U.S. administration was upbeat and in sharp contrast to last year's pessimism created by the rancor of the Bush administration toward the Jewish lobby.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in his satellite address to the conference, set the optimistic tone in his appreciative comments about the Clinton administration. "I...very much appreciate decisions that have been made by President Clinton on the bilateral relations...his decision

that in the budget of fiscal year '94 the level of assistance to Israel will not be reduced."

Rabin spoke also of a proposal by President Clinton to establish a binational commission on high tech which could help the economies of both Israel and the United States. Encouraging too, were the Clinton administration positions on support for ending the Arab economic boycott of Israel, the urgency of seeing the peace process go forward with the United States as "honest broker," and the necessity of maintaining Israel's qualitative military edge in the Middle East.

The spirit of cooperation and support continued throughout the conference. At a coalition building session, Representative Bill Richardson of New Mexico spoke of the shared values of the Latino and Jewish communities and the mutual concerns over human and civil rights.

Representative Alcee Hastings of Florida spoke similarly about coalition building between Black and Jewish groups and about the need of "meaningful understanding between African American and Jewish communities," especially in light of the "horrible historical backgrounds of the two groups," slavery and the Holocaust.

Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland gave a rousing speech of support for Israel at the annual banquet,

attended by over 3000. Identifying herself as a lifelong member of Hadassah, Mikulski declared "I am and have been firmly committed to maintaining the current level of foreign aid for Israel."

And at the final luncheon session, Secretary of Defense Warren Christopher reiterated U.S. Administration support for Israel and its major goals for the Mideast, which include commitment to Israel's security, an Arab-Israeli peace, and the ending of the Arab boycott.

But as reassuring as the words of American commitment to Israel were, it was hard to drown out the ticking sounds of the Islamic fundamentalist bomb. These sounds were evident in the satellite address by Prime Minister Rabin who had to return early to Israel because of terrorist unrest. They were heard again when it was an-

nounced that five teenagers were stabbed in Jerusalem, or when Tom Dine, executive director of AIPAC spoke of the Islamic extremism which Israel faces. "In pamphlets and sermons, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah leaders...extol hatred and incite violence without remorse, promising that the murderer of a Jew will be guaranteed a place in heaven."

And in one of the workshops, it was noted that fundamentalism which threatens the whole world will shape politics for years to come. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the Muslim fundamentalism supported by Iran and flourishing in countries such as Tunisia and Algeria may within 7-15 years create a deadly environment for Israel.

The AIPAC conference gets bigger each year — but so do the problems and the challenges.

US rejects marks for museum

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Virtually on the eve of the dedication and opening to the public of America's official Holocaust Memorial Museum near the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial, information has emerged that the German Government had offered to help finance the institution and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council rejected its offer.

Troubled that the Museum would damage Germany's carefully developed image as a democracy far from sordid Hitlerism, the German Government six years ago at a meeting in New York proposed "a substantial donation" if the Museum would include an exhibit on postwar Germany. No particular dollar amount was mentioned.

The offer at the meeting came from a Bundestag member, not identified. It was rejected immediately by the two U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council members present — Miles Lerman, chairman of the Council's international relations, and Benjamin Meed, chairman of its Days of Remembrance and museum content committees.

"We were not accepting money from any foreign government," Naomi Paiss, the Council's director of communications, said. "This is the American Museum built with American funds. We also said Congress mandated the council to portray the events from 1933 through 1945 and therefore we could not in our exhibitions discuss the resurgence of democracy in Germany."



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Campaign volunteers celebrate success

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JFD President Steven Dombchik speaks to a campaigner at a party to thank volunteers.

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Campaign is headed to be the most successful campaign in Delaware's history, there is still work to be done to assure a successful completion. Campaign volunteers are encouraged to complete their solicitations and community members are urged to consider maintaining the 20% pace.

For more information about the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, please contact Seth Bloom, JFD Assistant Executive Director, 478-6200.

Russian Column

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ПРОТЕСТ ИЗРАИЛЯ ПО ПОВОДУ ВСТРЕЧИ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЕЙ ВЕЛИКОБРИТАНИИ С ООП

На прошлой неделе Израиль выразил официальный протест по поводу встречи министра иностранных дел Ицхака Мориса с другим представителем Организации освобождения Палестины и неофициальным главой делегации палестинцев на переговорах о мире Фейслом Хусейном.

Заместитель министра иностранных дел Израиля Яossi Беллин предвещал посету Великобритания протест в официальной форме. Эта встреча свидетельствует о сдвиге в политике Лондона: во время войны и Персидском кризисе Великобритания прервала контакты на высшем уровне с палестинцами после того, как руководители ООП заявили о своей принадлежности Саудовому Хусейну.

В заявлении Беллина говорится: — Эта встреча является неожиданным падением палестинцев, которые еще даже не выразили готовности вернуться на переговоры, — и это может нанести удар по перспективе заключения мирного процесса.

Однако Великобритания заявила, что встреча проводилась в рамках намерения ускорить палестинцев вернуться к переговорам о мире. После встречи Хусейн сообщил, что он подчеркнул важность возобновления двусторонних переговоров.

БРОКЛИНСКИЙ СУД ОБВИНЯЕТ В ТЕРРОРИЗМЕ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЯ ООП

Член Организации освобождения Палестины был обвинен в попытке взорвать бомбу в трех местах в Нью-Йорке в 1973 году, где в это время находились израильские представители и продолжил работу тогдашнего премьер-министра Израиля Голды Меир.

Происшедшие три часа после трех с половиной дней слушаний свидетельских показаний, суд признал в Бруклине призыва Халида Мохаммеда Яссем виновным в терроризме. Яссем подложил бомбы в три машины: две из них находились вблизи израильских банков и одна — на терминале израильской авиакомпании Эль-Аль в аэропорту имени Джона Кеннеди. Бомбы не взорвались по причинам так и не установленным. Возраст Яссем будет признан 30 годами тюрьмы.

Яссем, которому сейчас 45 лет — палестинец, задержан в Кипре. Его адвокаты утверждают, что он является "высокопоставленным чиновником в администрации ООП". По просьбе ФБР Яссем был арестован в Италии в январе 1991 года.

Обвинения и его защита настаивают на том, что обвинения были сфабрикованы американскими властями и кроме того, обвинения присваиваны было предъявлены в связи с антирабскими настроениями, расистскими взглядами Яссем, который провозгласил 26 февраля в Международном Торговом Центре.

Защиту Яссем ведет фирма Уильям Кунстлер и Рон Куби, два израильских адвоката, которые защищали Эль Саид Насира, обвиняемого в убийстве от семи до двадцати трех лет в связи с убийством в 1990 году раввина Меира Кахана.

(English Translation)

PLO official convicted in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (JFES) — A PLO official has been convicted of attempting to bomb three Israeli targets in New York during a visit by the late Prime Minister Golda Meir in March 1973.

After deliberating just three hours, following three-and-a-half days of testimony, a Brooklyn jury found Khalid Mohammed Jassem guilty of setting three car bombs here, two outside Israeli banks and one at the El Al terminal at John F. Kennedy Airport. The bombs failed to explode for reasons never determined.

Sentencing is set for Wednesday. Jassem faces up to 30 years in prison.

Jassem, 45, a Palestinian resident of Cyprus described by his lawyers as a "high-ranking administrative official" of the PLO, was arrested in Italy in January 1991 at the request of the FBI.

He and his lawyers insist he is being "framed" by the American government, and that the jury was unfairly prejudiced by the anti-Arab publicity surrounding the Feb. 26 World Trade Center bombing.

Jassem is being defended by the firm of William Kunstler and Ron Kuby, two Jewish lawyers who defended El Sayyid Nosair, the man serving a seven- to 23-year term in connection with the 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Israel protests British meetings with PLO
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has formally protested the meeting Tuesday between British Foreign Office

Trusting fundraisers

The blue boxes placed in shopping malls to collect clothing "to benefit the hungry and the needy" angered many in the non-profit community who asked who owns the boxes and how do we know the money actually goes to charity.

Public outcry against outsiders coming to Delaware to raise funds for charitable causes without proof of their legitimacy has prompted action in the General Assembly. A bill has been introduced which will require charitable organizations to register with the Director of Consumer Affairs listing names and address of their officers and providing financial reports.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is one organization that can pride itself on its lean operation. This enables the Federation to distribute almost all the funds it collects for local, national and overseas needs. In addition volunteers serve on allocation committees who study the needs of agencies and how well they use their funds. Contributors to the Jewish Federation of Delaware can be confident that their donations are being allocated wisely.

The policies established by the Board of Trustees of the Federation's endowment program insure that the assets are managed by competent professional managers with oversight by knowledgeable members of the community. Donors can be certain that the Trustees will follow their instruction for income distribution and principal conservation.

For more information on the Federation's endowment program call Connie Kreshtool, 478-6200.

59th JFD Annual Meeting to elect new

President, Officers, and Board of Directors

The 59th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Thursday, May 20 at Congregation Beth Shalom. The entire community is invited to the dinner to begin at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the meeting.

In considering new officers and new members of the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee asked itself the following questions:

- Has the candidate participated in the COMMUNITY Campaign and served on an agency and/or JFD committee?
- Has the candidate a history of Jewish community involvement?
- Has the candidate made a financial contribution commensurate with the candidate's ability to do so?
- Has the candidate an intense interest in/concern for Jewishness in the Delaware/national/and international community coupled with a sense of commitment to the general community?

These criteria were developed by the JFD Visions Committee on Leadership.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for election to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors:

Term to expire in May 1994:	Cas Anolick
Term to expire in May 1996:	Suzanne Grant Rick Geisenberger Clare Hollander Craig Lewis Martin Lubaroff
	Karen Lewis Leslie Newman Bob Pincus Carol Rothschild Joan Spiegelman Connie Sugarman

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware May 1993 - May 1994:

President	Toni Young
Vice Presidents	Cas Anolick David Margules Barbara Schoenberg
Secretary	Ellen Koniver
Assistant Secretary	Debra Kattler
Treasurer	Alfred Green
Assistant Treasurer	Leslie Newman

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bennett Epstein consisted of Steven Bernhardt, Alfred Green, Francia Isakoff, Robert Meyer, N. Norman Schutzman, and Richard Venezky.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations shall be made only by written petition by any 50 individual members of the Federation. Such petition and the written consent of the individual nominated therein to serve on the board of directors as an officer shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

Minister Douglas Hogg and two Palestine Liberation Organization officials and Faisal Jusseni, the unofficial chief of the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks.

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Belin summoned Britain's ambassador to lodge the protest.

The meeting marked a reversal of policy for London, which suspended high-level contacts with the PLO during the Persian Gulf War, when the PLO leadership proclaimed its allegiance to Saddam Hussein.

Belin said in a statement that the meeting "constitutes a prize for Palestinians who have yet to announce their willingness to return to the process," and could hurt the prospects for reconvening the peace talks.

But the British said the precise purpose of the meeting was to urge the Palestinians to return to the peace talks. Hogg reported after the meeting that he had stressed the importance of restarting the bilateral talks.

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Arts • Entertainment • Books

Words & Music

By STEVE COHEN

If I were to tell you that I'm planning a trip to the mountains you'd wonder if I was heading for a Pocono ski lodge or for Vail or Aspen in the Rockies.

But if it were my father's or grandfather's generation and anyone said he was going to "the mountains," there'd be no question in anyone's mind. "The mountains" meant just one thing: the Catskill Mountains in New York, and the string of kosher hotels that featured three huge meals a day and a nightclub comedy act every evening.

Freddie Kirschenbaum, a Jewish kid from New York City, started his comedy career there in the 1950's, in the waning years of Catskill glory. He changed his name to Freddie Roman and went on to success in night clubs and the movies. A couple of years ago he came up with the idea of a nostalgic revue of Catskill comedy and he's now touring the country in that revue, *Catskills on Broadway*.

I caught the show two weeks ago in Philadelphia, where Roman shared the stage with fellow comedians Mal Z. Lawrence, Lenny Rush and Louise DuArt. It was an amiable evening of predictable stories about food, husbands and wives, and retirees in Florida. All of the largely-Jewish audience laughed throughout the evening.

I enjoyed Lawrence's fast-paced Las Vegas-style delivery but preferred Roman's warm, "hamisch" style most of all. Of the four performers, Roman used the most Yiddish. He explained it so those of us who unfortunately never learned the language could fully appreciate all his stories.

Roman told me that he remembers playing a one-nighter at the Brandywine Country Club, and that, so far, is his only appearance in Delaware. Roman's mother came from the Strawberry Mansion section of Philadelphia.

The Catskills lost their excitement as television gave everyone quick access to comedy and as affluence enabled East-coast Jews to travel much farther for recreation.

As Roman noted in his opening, there's an honor roll of Jewish entertainers who were regulars during the golden years in the Catskills: Milton Berle, Danny Kaye, Henny Youngman, Sid Caesar, Zero Mostel, Jack Carter, Red Buttons, Jan Murray, Buddy Hackett and more. It was good to see and hear four stars from the later years.

I remember sitting in the Russian Tea Room late at night and hearing

a story about Catskill comedians told by the late restaurateur Sidney Kay. It seems that Buttons, Murray, Carter and Mostel used to spend a lot of time together in the Catskills. Between gigs they'd hang out in Kay's restaurant in New York. Then Buttons got his own TV show in the '50's which became a hit.

Buttons stopped coming around. He didn't call, he didn't write. The other men were angry about how success had changed their former friend. After two years, Buttons ratings dropped and his show was cancelled. He came back to the restaurant and apologized profusely. He told them that he knew what a heel he had been. He begged to be accepted back because of all that they had gone through together. So things returned to normal, with regular bull sessions at the restaurant.

A little while later Buttons got a part in a movie. Reviews were great. The gang sent him a telegram: "Congratulations. Mazel tov. And goodbye again!"

The Delaware Theatre Company staged a handsome production of A.R. Gurney's play, *The Cocktail Hour* in Wilmington in March.

The set was impressive, the direction fluid and the acting was good in this drama about superficial New England parents whose lives revolve around the daily cocktail hour.

But the play didn't move me. Gurney, whose best-known work is *Love Letters*, seems to be probing his personal roots in *The Cocktail Hour*. What he has unearthed is good topsoil but no treasure motherlode. There are no exciting surprises. Other plays this season, by Neil Simon, Mark Harelik and Terrence McNally, have given us greater insights into family life.

Ivo Pogorelich, the Croatian pianist who first splashed upon the American scene as a Chopin specialist, was at the Delaware Grand Opera House for a program of Scarlatti, Brahms and Liszt.

Pogorelich conjured visual images with his playing. When he played two languid pieces by Brahms, with extended sighing phrases, you could picture him as a suave romancer playing in a boudoir. In the fiery Liszt pieces you could imagine him as a mad scientist bubbling a brew in his laboratory as lightning flashed through the windows.

The sonority of sound that Pogorelich produced here is unrivalled since the death of Horowitz. The rapid cascades of sound were

technically electrifying and, in addition, poetic.

Because this column — up to this point — is shorter than usual, I'd like to fill the space by sharing with you how I choose what to write about.

My subject matter is arts and entertainment ... areas that are an important part of our Jewish heritage. Our forefathers told us to sing and dance before the Lord and our sages told us to study what we do. Therefore Jewish people, more than others, want to learn all they can about the arts.

I was asked to write this column to share with you stories about my experiences in that world. These are, then, my personal reminiscences. They are usually, but not necessarily, based on recent performances that may have been attended by local readers. My remarks are not intended as definitive reviews. Just comments that come to mind when you sit around and talk with good companions.

Some of my friends are not able to travel to performances as much as I. They ask me to fill them in on what they've missed in New York and Philadelphia so they can experience those events vicariously, and these columns contain what I tell them.

Much of what I write about is specifically Jewish. Sometimes it's the subject: Catskills, *Lost in Yonkers*, Marx Brothers, Theatre Ariel.

Other times it's the creator: Simon, Sondheim, Copland, Kander & Ebb. Still other times it's the performer: Flash Rosenberg, Tovah Feldshuh, Steve & Eydie, Rosalind Kind, Stephen Gunzenhauser. And sometimes it's the producer: Moe Septee, Michael Price, Marjorie Samoff and the AMTF.

Even if no one in the show is Jewish, I write as a Jewish man who learned a love for words and music in my parents' Jewish home.

As Michael Price said, it's no accident that most of this country's creative people in music and theater have been Jewish. This is our culture.

The choice of what I cover is personal. I write about what excites me. Just like a dinner table conversation that I'd have with you. Sometimes I attend a mediocre show and just won't want to say or write anything about it. Other times I see something that annoys me because it could have been better, and I choose to write about it and vent my anger. (See my columns about Aspects of Love and Rigoletto.)

I've received interesting letters from readers and I'd like to hear from you, too.

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Karaoke at JCC

A Karaoke Night for 8th through 12th graders will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

"This Karaoke Night program was planned as a 'make-up' for the Teen Dance, which was scheduled for February 6, but had to be cancelled due to bad weather and road conditions," said Elyse Greer, Youth Services

Coordinator at the JCC.

Registration is now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. The cost is \$5 for advance registration and \$7 at the door.

For more information on Teen Karaoke Night or other JCC teen programs, call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.



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Yom Hashoah Commemoration

On Saturday night, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. the Beth Shalom Synagogue will be having a Yom Hashoah Commemoration. Liberator Col. Donald Robinson of Dover will speak about his experiences. He was a member of an American unit that participated in the liberation of one of the concentration camps in Germany.

This program is open to the community.

WHAT'S ON TV?



Wednesday, April 21, 9 p.m. THE LONGEST HATRED

THE LONGEST HATRED is television's first documentary analysis of the history of anti-Semitism, exploring the insidious attitudes that often cast Jews as "permanent outsiders and threats to society." The two-and-a-half-hour special airs Wednesday, April 21, at 9 p.m. on TV12.



Tuesday, April 20, 9 p.m. DEGENERATE ART

In 1937, the Nazis mounted a virulent campaign against modern art with the opening of the *Entartete Kunst* (Degenerate Art) exhibition in Munich. Six hundred and fifty paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings by artists such as Max Beckmann, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, and Emile Nolde were confiscated from museum collections and brought together for ridicule and defamation.



Sunday, April 18, 2:30 p.m.

Dozens of history books have recounted the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust, but few can convey the emotion and detail of first-hand reports. In HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS SPEAK, airing Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. on TV 12, 11 survivors and two people who helped liberate concentration camps — all now living in Wilmington, DE — recall their vivid experiences.

Art Auction April 24th

An Art Auction is being held on Saturday, April 24 in the Social Hall of Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. The preview is 7 p.m. and the auction will start at 8 p.m. All work is custom framed. Reknown artists include Erte, Dali, Chagall, Wyeth, Rockwell and Miro. Dessert, wine and cheese will be served. Admission is \$5 per person. There will be a drawing for a door prize and credit cards are accepted. This event is sponsored by Newark Chapter of Hadassah. For further information call, 652-2020.

JNF Tree of Life Dinner May 17 at Winterthur

The Jewish National Fund, Maryland/Delaware Region, will present James H. Gilliam, Jr., Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Beneficial Corporation, with its Tree of Life Award at a dinner on Monday, May 17, 1993 at Winterthur Museum and Gardens.

Mr. Gilliam will receive this prestigious award for his community involvement, devotion to peace and the security of human life. Proceeds from the event have been designated toward homesite development for new Russian and Ethiopian immigrants to the State of Israel.

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Where: 100 Wolf Hall, University of Delaware
Cost: \$3.00-\$5.00, suggested donation
Also: Shabbat Dinner and Program on Judaism and Ecology. Keynote speaker: Dr. Arthur Waskow, author of "Down to Earth Judaism."

When: Friday, April 30 at 6:15 p.m.
Where: Hillel Student Center, University of Delaware

Cost: \$3.00 to non-Hillel members
Shabbat Brunch and Workshop on Judaism and Ecology. Lead by Rabbi David Azen, co-author of "Guarding the Garden."

When: Saturday, May 1 at Noon
Where: Hillel Student Center, University of Delaware

Cost: \$2.00 to non-Hillel members
Program is funded by a grant from the B'nai B'rith Hillel Pitt Institute for Student Leadership; and is co-sponsored by the Student Environmental Coalition, the Jewish Studies Program, the Hillel Student Center all at the University of Delaware, and Temple Beth El.

RSVP by April 27 for Dinner and Brunch.
RSVP or questions? Call (302) 453-0479.

Tears

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No one group can go it alone. Nor should we have to. We all need — and we are entitled to receive — the cooperation and assistance of others, whether it be the Swedish government taking steps to save the Danish Jewish community from destruction during World War II or the Jewish community in the United States working together with the black community to counter the threat presented by white supremacists.

In the fact of insanity, one cannot counter with apathy. If we cannot love one another, we can at least try to protect one another from irrational hatred and arbitrary violence. The Torah commands us to "teach our children." And indeed, we must teach them about the horrors of the Holocaust. But if we do not seize this opportunity to teach them equally about our responsibility — as human beings — to speak out against the destruction of other groups as well, then not only will we not have fulfilled the biblical injunction, but we also will have violated the dictates of our communal conscience and the essence of our religious teachings.

Let us remember, but let us also act.
The author is the Executive Vice-President of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of 800 Conservative congregations in North America.

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Giuseppe Verdi wrote his *Requiem Mass* as a memorial to the Italian writer Alessandro Manzoni in 1874, between the composition of his operas *Aida* and *Otello*. I believe the *Requiem* was his personal favorite of everything he wrote because it was his own idea rather than a commission from an opera company, because he personally paid to publish it, and because he personally rehearsed and conducted performances of it throughout Europe.

The Verdi *Requiem* is so beautiful that a friend of mine wanted to hear it sung as he came down the aisle at his wedding. (His bride pointed out that the *Requiem* is a mass for the dead...so they had to choose something else.) Another man I know collects recordings of the Verdi *Requiem*. Including bootleg live tapes, he has close to a hundred.

I wish he had attended the Verdi *Requiem* done last weekend by Stephen Gunzenhauser and the Delaware Symphony because a tape of that concert would be a highlight of his collection.

Not since Bernstein's farewell concert as music director of the New York Philharmonic have I seen and heard such a passionate performance of this piece. Gunzenhauser led soloists, orchestra and the University of Delaware Choral Union with tempi that were just right (slower than the headlong Serafin or Toscanini, a bit faster than the elegiac Bernstein.)

The important dramatic attacks by brass and by tympani were clean and crisp, the chorus was sonorous at soft and loud extremes of volume, and the quartet of soloists was especially good.

Soprano Kaaren Erickson has the voice and the style for her leading part in the *Requiem*. Her voice placement is forward and focused, with the dramatic range that Verdi calls for, and with colorful floating high notes. Mezzo Margaret Yaeger's voice is similar in quality and placement and their work together was perfectly balanced. Erickson sounded better than Caballe, Sutherland and most other famous names who have recorded the part. I'd put her in the class of Leontyne Price and Zinka Milanov.

Tenor Edward Sooter was brilliant and exciting, though some of his soft singing lost focus. Bass Terry Cook, a last-minute substitute for the ill Julian Rodescu, sang with excellent musicianship and style. His voice, however, is more covered than his colleagues' and it lacks a bit in volume. This kept the quartet from being the perfect match that conductor Gunzenhauser must have intended.

So the performance fell just a little short of perfect, if you judge it by the most exacting standards. It was an exciting evening of great music.

Synagogue Life



THE ARK GOES SOUTH — An imposing 20-foot-high white marble ark from a defunct Orthodox synagogue in Passaic, N.J. has found a new home in a newly-built Reform congregation in Charlotte, N.C. When its former synagogue, Congregation B'nai Jacob, closed because of demographic changes in the neighborhood, the ark was sold to the Irreplaceable Artifacts gallery in New York with instructions to attempt to place it with another congregation. With the aid of Michael Shatken, the principal architect in charge of the project to rebuild Temple Beth El in Charlotte, the ark was relocated to the temple, a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Irv Epstein assumes post

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Epstein has an extensive background in retailing, was for several years the Promotion Director of the Shopper's Guide Newspapers of Cherry Hill, N.J. and more recently worked as the Philadelphia sales representative of the South Jersey Voice newspaper.

Epstein graduated from Temple University with a B.S. in Education, and has served the South Jersey community in a variety of capacities. He is a past president of the JCC of Southern New Jersey, is a past vice-president of their Federation and a past president of the Bureau of Jew-

ish Education.

He has a direct connection with the Wilmington community through his children, Dr. Allan and Mrs. Judy Levy and Dr. Ira and Mrs. Elizabeth Epstein, and five grandchildren.

"Irv's experience and enthusiasm make him a welcome addition to The Jewish Voice," said Dan Weintraub. "He is a capable professional with dynamic ideas for our advertising department."

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Lisa Spitzer

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Peres signs research, development accord with Canada

By BRAM D. EISENTHAL

OTTAWA (JTA) — The governments of Canada and Israel have established a joint industrial research and development program, featuring an initial three-year investment of \$6 million to be divided equally between both countries.

The program, meant to increase joint ventures between private businesses of both countries, was announced by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Tuesday at the Canada-Israel Committee's biannual conference and parliamentary dinner.

Earlier in the day, Peres had initialed a memorandum of understanding establishing the program with External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall and Michael Wilson, Canada's minister for industry, science and technology.

News of the new project was warmly received by Canadian Jewish

leaders gathered here, who have been critical in the past of Canada's lack of economic and technological cooperation with Israel.

Peres, the guest speaker at the CIC dinner, was in Canada on a three-day official visit. During the trip, he also met with Canadian political leaders and found himself at times forced to defend Israel's expulsion last December of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon.

The foreign minister also met separately with outgoing Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the leader of the opposition Liberal party, Jean Chretien.

At the CIC dinner, attended by more than 1,400 Canadian Jewish leaders and politicians, Mulroney publicly expressed his commitment to Israel and Canadian Jews.

He said that his special feelings for the Jewish state date back to the 1967 Six-Day War.

"I remember seeing Israel fighting for its survival, which inspired tremendous respect," he said. "I've remained a steadfast friend of Israel ever since."

Mulroney said he told U.S. President Clinton that Israel doesn't need lectures "on how to handle its security. It has earned the right to determine that for itself."

He also commented on how the Canadian Jewish community "is engaged in the life of this country in a way that's extraordinary."

The community, he said, "has a dynamic presence (and has) proven to be the greatest ambassador for two countries separated by enormous distances."

Peres, in his comments, said the Canadian government has promised to support Israel in its drive to end the Arab-led boycott against Israel.

Putting "High-Tech" into the Holy City

By SIMON GRIVER

(WZPS) Jerusalem, one of Israel's poorer cities, is striving to establish a prosperous high-tech future. Dozens of state-of-the-art concerns have set up enterprises in recent years, manufacturing a broad spectrum of science based products for export, including microprocessors, pharmaceuticals, biomedical equipment, data processing centers and telecommunications systems.

"But there is still a long way to go," said Itcha Gur, spokesman for the Jerusalem Development Authority. "And much must be invested in the city's infrastructure, especially new highways, if Jerusalem is to achieve its maximum potential."

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, as always, is determined to achieve his goal. "It is necessary to turn the city into one with sound and balanced economics," he insists. "This is the greatest challenge facing Jerusalem

today."

The challenge is urgent. Interior Ministry statistics compiled several years ago ranked Jerusalem 67th out of 99 Israeli cities in terms of average income. 24% of Tel Aviv's and 27% of Haifa's workforce are employed in the manufacturing sector, compared to only 12% of Jerusalemites. The capital's economic base is dominated by the public sector which employs 51% of the workforce.

With these figures in mind, Israel Kimhi, research coordinator at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel studies, asserts, "There is a need to change the economic base of the city in order to strengthen and raise income levels."

However, there is a consensus against accepting heavy and low-tech industries which could cause pollution and harm tourism. "Labor intensive industries are not for Jerusalem," explains Deputy Mayor

Avraham Kehila. "We have numerous scientists and highly qualified academics. Our future industry should be based on high-tech."

Deputy Mayor Amos Mar Haim agrees, citing two more reasons in Jerusalem's favor. "The city has development 'zone A' status meaning that new companies enjoy generous tax breaks, grants and loans, and Jerusalem has a high quality of life."

Jerusalem's quality of life has attracted tens of thousands of newcomers to the city in recent decades. According to Mayor Kollek, Jerusalem has absorbed more new immigrants since 1990 than any other city in Israel and many of them, he says, are highly qualified academicians from the Soviet Union.

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APRIL

Tuesday 27

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Chavurah discussion group at a member's home in (Northern) Newark, 7:15 p.m. Topic: "Meeting the Right Person." Reservations are requested by April 25. Call Michael Bank at (302) 738-4542.

Wednesday 28

Jewish Community Center, Wilmington - Coping as a Single Parent, 7:30 p.m. This program will cover a broad surface of the issues facing single parents, including the evaluation and demographics of the single parent family, the phases that one goes through in the process of becoming a single parent family, the emotional needs of the children, expectations and some helpful suggestions. Presented by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration at JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Ongoing

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-3811 exhibit: "The American Jewish Experience." About Jewish settlement in this country from 1654 to present. **Jewish Community Center Art Gallery** features a series of graphic art works through February 28 by African American artist James Newton, Professor and Director of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware, through February 28 in tribute of the Martin Luther King Holiday and Black History Month. For more information call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Jewish Community Center of Wilmington Art Gallery - Art Exhibition in Observance of Yom Hashoah. The Gallery will feature an art contest by students of the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. Contest is sponsored by the Auerback Central Agency for Jewish Education, the Memorial Committee for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs and Gratz College. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Reservations for Guys & Dolls accepted for the Wednesday, April 28 performance

Bus leaves the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington at 7:30 a.m. Cultural Caravan fees are \$102 for JCC members, \$115 for non members. For more information and reservations call the JCC at 478-5660.

Annual Interfaith Ceremony

The annual interfaith observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day will take place on Wednesday, April 21, at Noon in the City/Council Council Chambers, 800 French Street, Wilmington.

Bishop Thomas Weeks of the Greater Bethel Apostolic Temple will give the main address. The Rev. Edee Chase Fenimore, Westminster Presbyterian Church, will offer the invocation.

Marissa Holob, a student at Brandywine High School, will tell what she learned from her visit to the concentration camps in Poland on the "March of the Living" tour. Students from Warner Middle School will sing several selections.

The ceremony will close outdoors at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza with special recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and memorial prayers for the victims of the Holocaust led by Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Beth Shalom.

This program is sponsored by The Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council, Jewish Federation of Delaware, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Wilmington Branch, NAACP.

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Terror

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But Cabinet ministers caution that a major change in the economic situation inside the territories, with its chronic shortage of jobs, will not occur overnight.

For years, the Israeli government did little to encourage investment in the territories.

Meanwhile, military and security experts reportedly gave conflicting assessments to the Cabinet over when to lift the closure.

The continued closure of the territories means the loss of critical income to many Palestinian families and is creating a tense and dangerous situation in the territories, some senior army officers warned.

But Rabin made clear, even before the Cabinet met, that he would not favor an early lifting of the closure. Rabin's position appears to be in sync with the broad swathe of public opinion.

The fact that the wave of killings has stopped since the closure was imposed has served to strengthen a mood in the country that the

"separation," as Rabin calls it, is the only effective way of combatting terror.

The wave of killings sapped public confidence in the Labor-led government, but the current mood favoring "separation" appears to have shored up support for Rabin.

While the closure has continued, the security forces have stepped up efforts to capture wanted Palestinian gunmen from the territories.

Four gunmen were captured over the weekend, while a gang of 18 others was arrested last week. The group reportedly had planned to set off a bomb beneath a crowded shopping center in Tel Aviv.

Several weapons caches have also been found since the closure two weeks ago.

At the same time, police are investigating a series of incidents in Hebron involving an extremist Jewish youth group that organized a self-described self-defense course for about 60 youths from around the country.

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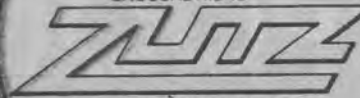


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Obituaries

Jean Goldberg

Jean Goldberg, 70, of Wilmington, died Tuesday, March 23, 1993 of complications from diabetes in University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, where she was a patient for a month.

Mrs. Goldberg had been a bookkeeper at Finkel's, an apparel store in Wilmington. She had lived in Wilmington since 1948.

She was a 1940 graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls.

She was a member of Hadassah and Deborah. She was a Girl Scout troop leader and a Cub Scout leader with Boy Scouts of America.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel; four sons, Ralph S. of Conyers, Ga., David M. and Allen J., both of Washington, D.C., and William B. of Baltimore; a daughter, Janice Goldberg of Wilmington; a brother, Milton Ran of Rising Sun, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

A service was at Joseph Levine & Son Memorial Chapel, 7112 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. Burial was in Montefiore Cemetery, Foxchase, Pa.

The family suggests contributions to University of Pennsylvania Hillel or charity.

Margaret Schwab

Margaret Schwab, 85, of The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died Monday, March 29, 1993, of heart and respiratory failure in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Schwab, who worked at Wilmington Trust Co., retired in 1969 after 10 years. She received her high school diploma at age 65 after taking night classes in continuing adult education at Alexis I. du Pont High School.

She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and Order of the Eastern Star.

Her husband, Abraham, died March 4. She is survived by a son, Ralph G. of Wilmington; a daughter, Judith Polak of Los Angeles; two brothers, Seymour Diamond of New York City and Robert Diamond of Flushing, N.Y.; a sister, Lillian Heller of Manhattan, N.Y.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Montefiore section of Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road. Shiva was observed in the residence of Ralph and Judith Schwab, Apt. 701, 1980 Superfine Lane.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation, care of Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington.

Carl Kopel Budin

Carl Kopel Budin, 83, died Tuesday, March 30, 1993, of heart failure in The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte.

Mr. Budin had been a grocery store owner, a real estate investor and a labor analyst for the state Department of Labor, where he worked about eight years. He retired in 1975.

He was born in Philadelphia. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and Jewish Chitaugua Society.

He earned a bachelor's degree in 1931 and a master's degree in 1933 from the University of Delaware. He received a certificate from the Philadelphia Musical Conservatory in 1929.

He is survived by two sons, Marshall of Bear and Eric of New Castle; a daughter, Marianne Bennett of San Francisco; a brother, Ed of Wilmington; a sister, Nettie Groll of Denver; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Wilmington.

Gore

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"On this solemn occasion," he added, "it is our sacred obligation to insure that the horror and shame of the unspeakable acts committed 50 years ago are never forgotten, never repeated."

The commemorative services also will include:

- The 100-voice Workmen's Circle Chorus under the direction of Zalmen Mlotek, performing Songs of the Ghetto;

- A performance by the Abraham Joshua Heschel School choir, directed by Jay Danzig;

- Solemn candle-lighting ceremonies conducted by women survivors of the Holocaust and the second generation of survivors;

- The chanting of Kel Mole Rachamim — the traditional memorial for the dead; and

- The recitation of the Kaddish — the prayer for the dead — by the entire assembly.

Co-sponsors of the event are the United Commemoration Committee of Metropolitan New York, New York Holocaust Memorial Commission, New York Jewish Community Relations Council, American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, WAGRO and Workmen's Circle.

JCC trip to Holocaust Museum

The Jewish Community Center will be offering a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, June 20.

The cost for JCC members is \$24 for adults and \$18 for children (ages 12 and under) and \$32 for adults and \$26 for children (ages 12 and under) for non-members. Registration is now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Amalia Snyderman at 478-5660.

Robert P. Rowen

Rowen — On Thursday, April 1, 1993 Robert P. Rowen of Wilmington, age 69 years. Beloved husband of Audrey (Berman). Father of Dr. Todd Rowen. Father-in-law of Dr. Kathlyn Rowen. Cherished grandfather of Zachary. Also survived by a brother Louis Rosenberg of Tuscon, AZ. and a sister Norma Goldberg of Phila., PA. Funeral services were held at the Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pk., Sharpley on Sunday, April 4. There was no viewing. Burial was in Haym Solomon Memorial Park, Frazer, PA. Shiva was observed at the residence of Dr's. Todd and Kathlyn Rowen.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Albert Einstein Academy Library Fund. c/o Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, De. 19803.

Edward Schnur

Edward Schnur, 92, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., died Sunday, April 4, 1993, at home.

Mr. Schnur's wife, Ann, is deceased. He is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Greenberg of Wilmington and Sondra Kudeviz of Florida; a sister; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Long Island, N.Y.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, 3000 S.W. 62nd Ave., Miami, Fla. 33315.

Louis Wilner

Louis Wilner, 76, of 3405 Wild Cherry Road, Baltimore, died Monday, April 5, 1993, of cancer in Manor Care Nursing Home, Baltimore.

Mr. Wilner, a lawyer, was founder of Willow Enterprises, a coin business.

He is survived by his wife, Lee; a daughter, Suzanne Grumbacher of North Hills, Penny Hill, Del.; a son, Larry of Owings Mills; a sister, Esther Wilner of New York City; a brother, Joseph of Randallstown; and six grandchildren.

A service was held in Sol Levinson & Brothers Funeral Home, 6010 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore. Burial was in Baltimore Hebrew Cemetery. Shiva was observed at the residence of Suzanne and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, 300 Woodland Drive, North Hills.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the library fund of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., or Hadassah, in care of Beryl Gamiel, 621 W. 38th St., both Wilmington 19802.

Libbie W. Prober

Libbie W. Prober, 82, of The Kutz Home, Bellefonte, formerly of B'nai B'rith House, Claymont, died Tuesday, March 23, 1993 of respiratory failure in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Prober, born in Philadelphia, had been a saleswoman and manager at Artcraft Electric Lighting Center.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, vice president of B'nai B'rith House and a founder of Wilmington Chapter of Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

Her husband, John, died in 1970. She is survived by a son, James M. of Wilmington; a daughter, Vicki Prober of Wilmington; a sister, Rose Light of Philadelphia; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Friday in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation, in care of Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, 19806.

Priorities

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community. At this intermediate stage many participants pledged to seek broader input in such decision making, especially from rabbis, synagogues and Jewish agencies. "We are in essence trying to lay the groundwork," said Steven Dombchik, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, "to make those wise decisions in going forward (as a Jewish Community). We must be aware of the broad balance of needs both within our community and in Israel as we go forward."

Baxter

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and others in Europe and the Middle East, according to people familiar with the case. It made payments to a construction company and to business people in Paris and in Syria. In fact, getting the company off the blacklist became a key part of Abbey's job "who flew five times to Damascus, meeting with Syrian Army officials, including the country's defense minister, Gen. Mustafa Tias, according to government documents filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago."

"In one never-consummated effort to get Arab League support," the Wall Street Journal said, "Mr. Abbey told an unidentified Syrian attorney that Baxter was willing to 'confer a benefit on selected Arab states' of \$2.25 million to get off the blacklist court documents show."

The newspaper said "little of the evidence against Baxter would have come to light if not for the efforts of an angry former employee and a Commerce Department investigator whose own boss discouraged criminal pursuit of the case. But the investigator persisted and eventually the government gathered evidence that

The Challenge

Tony Young, Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, has served as chairperson of the committee formed last May to build an agenda for Delaware's family of Jews. At the recent retreat she stated the Jewish community seeks a greater "ability to focus limited resources in a direction where they will do the most good." A proactive approach, she maintained, will allow the Jewish community to plan for the future rather than merely react to crisis. According to Young, setting priorities will also "rejuvenate the community, we will give a new sense of excitement and spirit" to the community and Federation. Young

a Baxter Middle East unit and Mr. Abbey submitted to Arab boycott authorities more than 330 items of information that violated the federal anti-boycott law."

Connecticut Congressman Sam Gejdenson, chairman of the House subcommittee on economic policy, trade and environment, which has been investigating the Baxter case, said in Washington "this settlement represents the first criminal action against an American company under U.S. anti-boycott law as well as the largest civil penalty."

"This tough action was long overdue," Gejdenson said. "It signals to the world that the Clinton Administration has taken a firm stand against the Arab boycott of Israel."

In addition, Baxter, whether acting directly or through any affiliated entity or individual, wherever located, will be prohibited from entering into our negotiating new contracts to export goods or technology to Syria or Saudi Arabia for two years except to fulfill pre-existing contracts, Commerce reported.

"The Commerce Department and Clinton Administration place a high priority on vigorous enforcement of the Export Administration Act and on seeking an end to the Arab League boycott of Israel," Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown said.

explained this planned change became necessary due to a general malaise in the mid-1980s, marked by a flatness in the campaign as well as fewer volunteers.

"(M)any participants pledged to seek broader input in such decision making, especially from rabbis, synagogues and Jewish agencies."

A portrait of Delaware's Jewish Community

The discussion moved to consideration of the changing population dynamics of the Jewish community of Delaware. This included a look at trends in synagogue membership and Jewish agencies' clients. Without discounting the challenge of intermarriage, Ukeles pointed out that other groups, such as Japanese-Americans, now intermarry to much greater extent than Jews. Intermarriage has led to what Ukeles describes as quasi-Jews who do not readily identify themselves as Jewish, "they've taken a walk." Communities around the country are wrestling with whether to view such quasi-Jews as an opportunity or else to focus resources on the core group of people who identify themselves as Jews. A continued focus for the community on providing human services is expected.

Ukeles identified Israel as a potent tool for building the Jewish community. Experience around the country indicates that those who visit Israel are more likely to become involved in their Jewish community.

Resources not necessarily funds

Some participants confused a change in priorities with a necessary change in funding for a program or agency. Ukeles, Wortman, and other leaders distinguished between allocation of resources and allocation of funds. If a particular agency furthered a priority of the Jewish community, time and effort could be spent seeking alternate funding for its work such as through grants. For example, if influencing a particular piece of legislation were a priority it could be accomplished without a financial allocation. Ukeles admonished against throwing money at a problem.

Expectations

"A proud new future for Delaware" one leader offered as his goal for the day's outcome. Whether he was optimistic or jesting, it became clear that Delaware's Jewish agenda

would not be built in a day. In the morning, Ukeles solicited comment on the various expectations for the day. Judy Wortman, the Executive Director of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, stressed the importance of building consensus first among the assembled leaders that the Ukeles approach, as modified by the Committee, is the direction to go in. Other expectations ranged from developing an understanding of the priority setting methodology, to building an inclusive consensus.

Including constituents and interests was a key to several other leaders. Another goal expressed was to communicate strategies and plans effectively to the Jewish population of Delaware. Ukeles stressed that a realistic expectation for the day was to set direction on how to set priorities. "There is a design issue," said Ukeles, "that we don't make it too mechanistic such that it would be impossible to make breakthroughs."

"Setting priorities will also 'rejuvenate the community, we will give a new sense of excitement and spirit' to the community and Federation."

Priority ranking exercise

Retreat participants began the non-binding priority ranking exercise over lunch. Each leader was given two sheets of service options which were to be evaluated on the basis of four discrete criteria. For each criterion a ranking was to be assigned of high, medium or low. The four criteria were as follows:

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The exercise was intended to test the effectiveness of the method. In a discussion after lunch it became clear that there were some issues regarding the third criteria. For example, some wondered, did the third criterion call for options which are not provided by the Jewish community or not provided at all (even by non-Jews) in Delaware? Identifying the need for this correction proved the usefulness of the trial exercise.

Although there were differences in applying the criteria, a consensus emerged on certain discrete priorities. It was clear that the efforts of the Federation Priority Committee, and of Jack Ukeles, would make it more manageable for Delaware's Jewish community to agree on an agenda. Indeed by the end of the retreat, considerable consensus had developed on certain potential priorities and, more importantly, on a winning process. Dov Seidel, a member of the Board of Directors, suggested that questions and comment be solicited from the public regarding the agenda process.

The excerpt of Rabbi Julie K. Gordon's sermon was presented by Steven Dombchik in a D'Var Torah.

Ukeles is also the author of *Doing More with Less*. He is President of Ukeles and Associates, Inc., a planning and consulting firm. Ukeles has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Baruch College and Columbia University. He was a Fulbright scholar in India.

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