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"Tzedakah designates any work directed toward aiding the poor and signifies the poor man's right to the necessities of life. It is considered by Judaism as a legal claim which must be honored by the more fortunate. It is not a matter of philanthropy but an art of justice."

**The Jewish Federation
commemorates
50 years of *Tzedakah*.**

From A President's Perspective

By LEO ZEFTEL, President
Jewish Federation of Delaware

1984 marks a milestone in the history of our Jewish Federation. It is a time not only to reflect on the past but also to look to the future. Significant progress has been achieved in our Jewish community over these past five decades. We have not only grown in size, but as a community have responded to and been responsible for the dynamic growth of local services.

At the same time, we have experienced some of the most traumatic times in the continuum of our Jewish people. We witnessed the destruction of one third of world Jewry in the most devastating period of our long history.

We were privileged to be a part of the rebirth of the Jewish nation and the subsequent emergence of Israel as a sovereign, democratic State that became a haven for thousands of our fellow Jews from lands of hate and oppression. 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973 — these were the years that Israel's very physical existence was at stake and she survived as a viable, dynamic state. We were all part of this historical development in terms of our financial and moral support for Israel. Zionism became a household word. Israel's many achievements have given all of us a deep sense of pride and we must and shall continue to strengthen the ties between us so that Israel will prosper and endure.

Here in our own Jewish community of Delaware, we witnessed the growth of our social service network of services made possible by the commitment and leadership of hundreds of devoted, dedicated men and women. We have reached an era when the donor and recipient are one. All of us are directly touched by the human

services provided by our agencies. It was the Federation which evolved as the moving, dynamic force in the financial support, coordination and planning for total community needs — locally, nationally and overseas.

We can all be proud of what has been done. We are a richer community for it. But, as we look ahead in the turbulent 80s, we are confronted with many difficult and challenging problems and issues.

We are witnessing a growing erosion of Jewish family life, a weakening of our Jewish roots and identity, growing concerns in the areas of community relations and Jewish education. We still face too much apathy on the part of a large segment of our Jewish community.

Some specific areas of concern are services that will be required for the increasingly growing elderly of our community. Twenty percent of our Jewish population are now 65 or older compared to a national norm of 14 percent. Increased availability of camp and similar recreational programs for both youth and adults must be provided. Community services now available primarily in the Wilmington area must be extended to other areas in the state. Educational programs for all ages must be strengthened. Single parents and young adults will require programs specific to their needs.

It seems to me the challenge our community faces is to be responsive to these growing and continuing needs in a thoughtful, creative and qualitative manner. There are too many critical issues in Jewish life to engage in "business as usual." We cannot afford to respond to the evolving needs with the archaic and "comfortable" techniques of the past.

With the quality of leadership we

currently have, and with the involvement of an even greater segment of our community, we can indeed impact on these issues in greater measure.

We can look with pride to the fact that in the last few years we have significantly turned our campaign around and are now moving in a positive, upward direction. We have the expertise and capacity to do even better both by direct fund raising and our newly revitalized endowment program.

Our tasks are not just for the few — we need and look to all of you if we are to have a broadened, democratic base of participation. We are a voluntary organization and our strength is the volunteer — the volunteer can and should be you!

As we move into the next 50 years of our Federation let us do so with renewed dedication and commitment to our biblical mandate of *tzedakah* — passion and concern for our fellow Jews. This is what we are all about.



Leo ZefTEL

Rabbinical Association Congratulates The Jewish Federation Of Delaware

To: Karen Moss
From: Ira Schiffer
Re: RAD congratulations to JFD

An important aspect of the Jewish people can be discovered in the history and development of our communities throughout history. In our own times, the Federation has emerged as the overriding communal structure for North American Jewry, coordinating service agency development and funding.

On behalf of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, let me extend a warm Mazel Tov to the Jewish Federation of Delaware on the occasion

of its 50th anniversary. The Federation provides an umbrella under which the Delaware Jewish community may gather. It gives us the opportunity to move beyond our denominational labels and work together in building our community.

May the years ahead be filled with a sense of common concern and cooperation, and may we grow to strengthen our feeling of Am Yisrael, of Jewish peoplehood.

Shalom,
Rabbi Ira J. Schiffer
Chairman, Rabbinical
Association of Delaware

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May 23, 1984
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Dr. Leo ZefTEL,
President
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Dear Dr. ZefTEL:

I wish to convey congratulations to the community of the State of Delaware on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

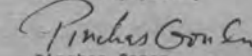
Established to respond to the social, economic and spiritual needs of the community, the 50th Anniversary of the Federation is a milestone in the history of the community.

Israel has just celebrated 36 years of statehood. This is a crucial period as the people of Israel brace themselves to confront issues of security, peace and the general upbuilding of the country to ensure its economic viability.

In my personal experience with the Federation of Delaware, I have witnessed a linkage between the community and Israel by the dedicated efforts of the members and lay leaders. The ties between us must be strengthened if the Jewish people are to prosper and endure. A partnership with Israel's economy and the growth of aliyah should be dominant on our mutual agenda.

On behalf of the State of Israel and the people of Israel, I extend our very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Pinchas Gonen
Consul General

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The cover photo, a timeless depiction of new immigrants, has been reproduced from a 1957 United Jewish Appeal Poster. 1957 represents one of the high points of the exodus of Jewish refugees from lands of oppression, and also represents the mid-point of the 50-year history of our own Jewish community.

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A Special Acknowledgement To Toni Young

We extend a very special thanks to Toni Young who was instrumental in researching, compiling and writing this special 50th Anniversary Issue of the Jewish Voice. The preparation of this historical issue took endless hours of Toni's time and efforts and the Jewish community is, indeed, indebted to her for this monumental job.

Yetta Chaiken, Chairman Jewish Voice Leo ZefTel, President Jewish Federation of Delaware

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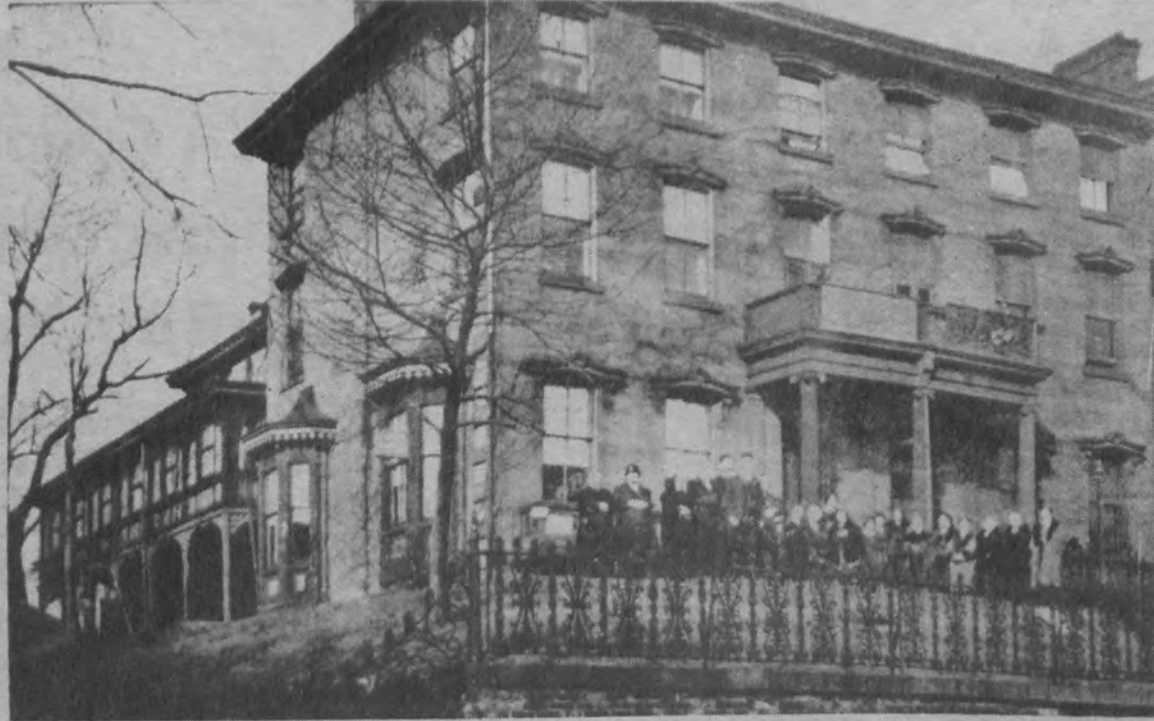
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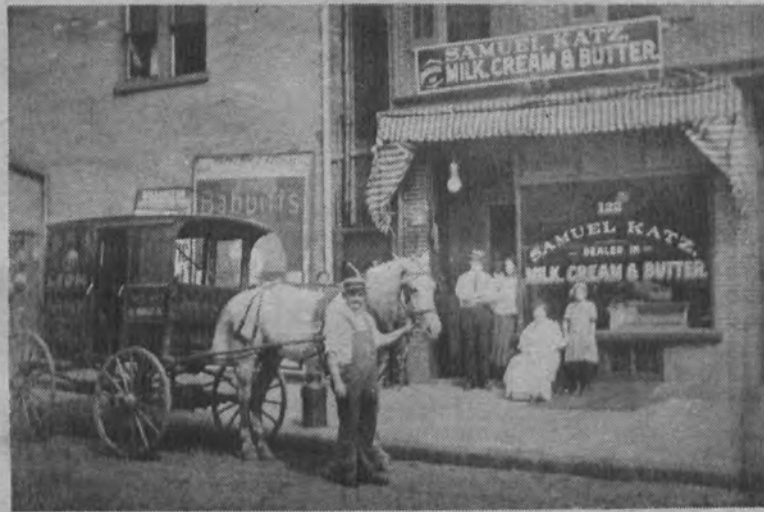
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Jewish Community Life Before Federation

"The outstanding problem (in the Wilmington Jewish community) is the absence of an effective, representative body which can speak for Wilmington Jewry. Interviews indicate there are serious factional divisions which have operated to check community progress." With these words, the Bureau of Jewish Social Research characterized the 1929 Delaware Jewish community.

"These group conflicts must be resolved; the personal note must be replaced by an objective attitude if Wilmington is to deal intelligently and effectively with its communal problems. Differences between individuals and groups obtain in all communities, but Wilmington is extreme."

Perhaps there was no representative body, but there was certainly no shortage of organizations. Between 1879 when the Moses Montefiore Society was organized "to succor needy brethren" and 1929, more than 20 organizations

developed in Wilmington. In fact, one of the Bureau's reports implied that Wilmington had too many organizations for a city with a Jewish population just under 4,000. Although two of the organizations nearly assumed the representative status so desperately needed in 1929, at least a decade before Federation began, neither was successful in its attempt to unite the polarized Jewish community.

General Jewish Committee

"Wilmington Jewry had made feeble efforts to relieve the misery of war sufferers, but leaders recognized the efforts were not as successful as they could be" explained Samuel Cannon in an article in *The Dawn*. "There was a real need to help our European brethren, but no organization who could embody the sentiments and wishes of the whole community." So in 1917 38 delegates representing every Jewish agency met together to form the General Jewish Commit-

tee, an organization that would unite the community and meet the need of the war sufferers. The Committee's first campaign, the War Relief Campaign of 1918 chaired by David Snellenburg, earned national acclaim. At a legendary dinner on May 11, 1918, Pierre S. duPont announced he was one eighth Jewish and personally guaranteed the assembled national and local leaders that Wilmington would meet its quota. Wilmington surpassed its \$70,000 goal by raising \$168,000.

Two years later, a second relief drive conducted by the General Jewish Committee was equally successful. Samuel Cannon stated "the General Jewish Committee shows what a democratically represented committee can do. Therefore a new by law has just been passed to broaden the GJC. The Committee will embrace all matters of interest to the Jewish community. It will be the spokesman for the community, an instrument through which the will can be ascer-



Adas Kodesch Synagogue, 6th and French Streets

tained and carried out."

Unfortunately, these ideals were not fulfilled. During the 1920s, the GJC played some major roles: representing the community against the Bible being read in schools, raising money for a student loan fund, and screening credentials of solicitors for non-local Jewish causes, but by 1928, it had no authoritative status and was basically inactive.

YMHA

Formed in 1901 as a club providing social, cultural and athletic activities, the Young Men's Hebrew Association assumed a unifying role from World War I through the early 1920s. The *YMHA Newsletter* carried articles of general Jewish interest. In 1919 an article urged support of the War Relief Drive. The August 1920 newsletter emphasized the need to train young Jewish leaders.

By 1919 the YMHA had grown so large that the quarters at King and Third Street were no longer adequate. Representatives from some 20 Jewish organizations attended a gathering in October 1919 to hear William Topkis deliver an address on the need for a new building. The consensus of the meeting was that a new facility was essential. Several years passed before plans developed further. Then in 1922 the entire Jewish community joined forces in a bazaar to raise funds for a new YMHA building. Rarely has a community effort reached the idealistic heights of the 1922 bazaar. With their slogan, "The Bigger We Make the Bazaar, the Bigger We Make Wilmington," chairman David Snellenburg and co-chairman Mrs. Albert Robin rallied the support of the entire Jewish community.

When the Bichor Cholem Society offered to provide supper on opening night, the

sisterhood of Chesed Shel Emeth also agreed to provide supper one evening. So widespread was the support for the bazaar that even President Harding, who had been advised of the bazaar by Senator T. Coleman duPont, sent a letter wishing the Jewish community success. After four record-breaking days, attracting some 27,000 people, the bazaar netted about \$5,000. Excited with their success, community leaders continued developing building plans and renamed the Y, Jewish Community Center.

Unfortunately, one month after the momentous bazaar, a group from Temple Beth Emeth broke away and formed Congregation Beth Shalom. Leaders of the new congregation, previously active in the new community center, now devoted their efforts to the new synagogue. Rabbi Moses Abels, the new spiritual leader, believed that each individual synagogue should function as a center for its members, and he was outspoken against one Jewish community center. Increasingly, programs which had been held at the Y were held at synagogue centers. After the Jewish Community Center's dynamic director, Samuel Saretsky left Wilmington in the summer of 1923, all activities at the center practically ceased. The moment for the YMHA to be a unifying force had passed.

Recognizing the need for an institution like the YMHA, members of the Adas Kodesch Synagogue led by Louis Topkis built the Adas Kodesch Center which opened in January 1928. At the time of the survey, it was Wilmington Jewry's "major recreational facility." Although it had only been open a short time, the center had 1044 members. It had made a commendable start in

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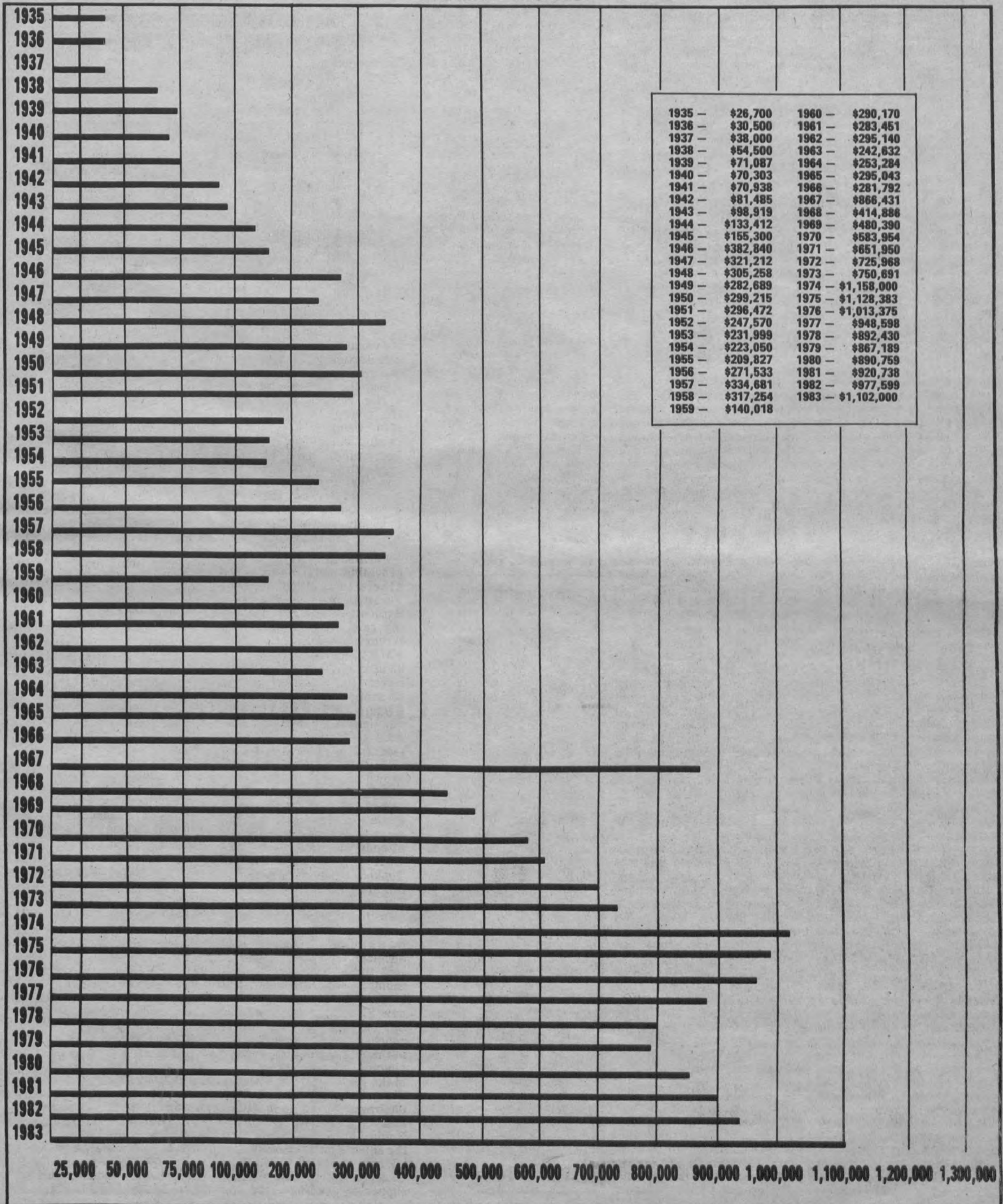
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Jewish Federation Growth 1935-1983





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programs with some highlights like dances, exhibitions, dramatic performances and physical education. However, its location, name, restrictions and the predominance of Adas Kodesch board members led to an "unfortunate conflict between those who sponsored the Center and those who opposed it." Its presence intensified ill will between factions of the community. For the center to truly serve all people, it had to become a representative Jewish Community Center.

Other Service Organizations

The other major local institutions, the Hebrew Charity Association and the Bichor Cholem Society, were service organizations which were in no position to unify the entire community. The Hebrew Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service, was formed in 1899 to "alleviate the suffering of the unfortunate members of our Jewish community." At the time of the survey, it distributed material aid to families and individuals in their homes. In 1928 the Association brought relief to 10 families and provided loans to two people. The primary weakness in the Association was that it did not probe underlying problems through casework. There was inadequate social investigation and no comprehensive plan for rehabilitation. In order to meet the larger needs, the survey recommended the Association hire professional workers.

The Bichor Cholem Moshav Zekenim Society, today's Kutz Home, which was founded in 1902, provided institutional care for the aged and transient. The 1929 survey

reported that the Society had served 224 transients and 17 itinerant rabbis. The home had 18 beds which were usually not more than half full; therefore, it was adequate for the community's needs.

Adas Kodesch, Chesed Shel Emeth, Temple of Truth and Beth Shalom each had an active board, sisterhood and Hebrew school. The Arbeiter Ring also ran a Hebrew School. B'nai B'rith, Arbeiter Ring, Kallah, National Council of Jewish Women, Moses Montefiore Society, a Merchants Association, several beneficial and loan societies and Zionist organizations were also active in Wilmington. In 1929 Hadassah began a local chapter and the Machzikey Hadas Congregation was founded. With all these organizations there were no fewer than 19 campaigns and fund raising balls annually. The same community minded individuals were involved in many causes.

In addition, national organizations sent representatives to Wilmington with little notice. The story was told of one representative of a national organization who got an early start and received large gifts. A week later representative from another organization, which was far more important because it had a larger scope, arrived in Wilmington. He got no gifts because the first organization had taken all.

By 1929 the Wilmington community suffered from a "most disorganized if not chaotic condition."

The Solution

In summarizing the Wilmington community, the 1929 survey pointed out that each institution carried on its own programs with no attempt to coordinate its activities with other groups. There was no

Life Before Federation

effort to gather communal data before proceeding with individual projects. Fund raising was conducted by a handful of lay people who had a maximum of devotion and love of mankind but a minimum of technical training. Fund raising costs were

excessively high and goals were not established equitably.

The solution was to form a federation which would provide the mechanism through which to secure the cooperation of the whole community

in carrying out Jewish social service. Clearly, if the Jewish community of Wilmington wanted to maximize its potential, it had to establish an organization which could unify plans, professionalize fund raising and develop leadership.



Cornerstone laying for Adas Kodesch Center, 1927.

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The Arduous Road To Unity 1931-35

Uniting the Wilmington Jewish Community was no easy task. Although efforts began as early as 1931, shortly after the survey by the Bureau of Jewish Social Research was received, the Federation was not actually established until 1935 when the first united campaign was held.

A Promising Beginning

In July 1929 a committee of the Combined Campaign met at Samuel Cannon's home to discuss the formation of a "central community chest which would include all worthy out of town Jewish organizations and certain local organizations." I.B. Finkelstein was elected chairman of the new group, which would amalgamate with the General Jewish Committee. A second aim of the group was to create a single combined Hebrew school to avoid duplication of effort and expense. In September the new organization was referred to as the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Provisional by-laws made the new Federation "the sole representative Jewish body which shall represent and speak for Wilmington Jewry."

By February 1932, 20 of the 22 organizations eligible for membership in the Federation had agreed to join and had appointed delegates to attend a community-wide meeting. Adas Kodesch, Chesed Shel Emeth, Temple Beth Shalom and Temple Beth Emeth sent the president of the board as well as delegates from the board and sisterhood. B'nai B'rith, Home Lodge, Bichor Cholem, Workmen's Circle, Hebrew Charity Association, Kallah, Jewish National Workers Alliance, Hadassah, Zionist Organization, American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Community Center also sent delegates. At the Feb. 18 meeting, which was presided over by I.B. Finkelstein, president of the Federation and the Hebrew Charity Association, by laws were passed and plans for the Federation were refined.

Monthly meetings were held throughout the spring of 1932. During April the Federation wrestled with the problem of whether the united campaign should include non-local Jewish causes who requested help. Each season numerous paid solicitors, hired by national and overseas Jewish causes, arrived in Wilmington to raise funds. Some were more legitimate than others; some had more efficient fund raising techniques. Quite often an important drive would be unsuccessful because of unfortunate timing or because

the correct local people did not back it. Federation was anxious to help the public understand the purpose of each organization so support would be given more objectively. In April 1932 the Federation acquired the National Appeals Information Service's list of credited organizations, which provided information on governing body, purpose, and cost of fund raising. These criteria were compiled by the National Service so that each community could form its own judgement about an organization.

Federation also attempted to coordinate the activities of member organizations by requesting that each submit the dates of its meetings. In response to one complaint about Federation being too authoritative, Finkelstein explained "through cooperation, we feel sure that a large measure of harmony will develop."

By summer, 1932, plans for the united campaign were developing nicely and Jewish groups were requested not to conduct separate campaigns but to wait for the united drive that fall.

Temporary Setback

Unfortunately, as plans for a Federation progressed, the problems of two of the most influential local Jewish institutions mounted. The Jewish Community Center was still plagued by financial problems. When the center was opened in 1928, it was called Adas Kodesch Center and was strongly identified with the Adas Kodesch Synagogue. Although its name had been changed in 1930 to Jewish Community Center, in an attempt to show that it belonged to the entire community, many individuals still saw the center as Adas Kodesch's center. From January to November 1931, the center had been turned over to a representative community board, but in November the board returned the building to the synagogue because the financial problems were overwhelming. Now in July 1932, the Adas Kodesch Synagogue requested that Federation find some way of maintaining the center "in the interest of the city." When the subject was discussed at its meeting, the Federation board asked Adas Kodesch to formulate a concrete plan. Throughout the fall 1932 delegates of the Federation, Adas Kodesch representatives and members of the Bureau of Jewish Social Research sought ways to keep the center open. But no solution was found. In the fall of 1932, the center closed.

At the same time, the Hebrew Charity Association,



Workmen's Circle Jewish School, 1930.

which I.B. Finkelstein served as president, was experiencing financial problems. During the 1930s with the effects of the Depression, the demand for the services of the Hebrew Charity Association increased greatly. In 1931 the organization spent \$3,000 more for relief than it received in dues. By May 1933, the Association was desperately in need of funds to supplement the money it was receiving from the State Relief Unit to care for 45 Jewish families. Despite the increased needs, membership subscriptions, which supported the organization, had dwindled to an insignificant amount. Finkelstein explained that it was very difficult "to give each according to his needs when we did not receive each according to his means."

In November 1932, the Federation announced that if a united drive were held, the "preferred beneficiary" would be the Hebrew Charity Association because it was essential to provide food, clothing and shelter to needy Jewish families. One can only imagine how this statement was taken by Jewish Community Center partisans whose foremost objective was to reopen the center. At the same time, the Federation requested that the center submit a budget request to it so a goal could be formulated.

In December, community leaders met with members of the Bureau of Jewish Social Welfare and devised a plan for a Federation with a united drive for the Jewish Community Center, other congregational centers and Jewish causes. The proposed goal was \$15,000. When sponsors of the plan sounded out a number of the wealthier men of the community, the plan did not meet with sufficient indication of financial response to justify adopting

it. The glaring differences of opinion, the congregational factionalism and the distrust among community leaders had grown to overwhelming proportions. Leaders who were trying philosophically to decide what the goals and boundaries of Federation should be, found themselves polarized by community factions.

Still another problem was that some people found the Federation's constitution "too all embracing in its scope, implying as it did, some degree of interest and control, not only of social service activities but also of such political - civic movements." George Rabinoff of the Bureau of Social Research (Continued to Page 14)

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(Continued from Page 13) recommended that the Federation would do better to concentrate its initial activities in one or two directions in order to build up its position and acceptance in the community.

After December 1932, community-wide support for the Federation disappeared. The fledgling organization had reached an impasse.

During the summer of 1933

some young members of the newly formed Avoda Club spoke about reopening the center, but they found they could not do so without a community-wide effort.

Finally in October 1933, a mass meeting was held to stimulate interest in reopening the center. Louis Rosenblatt, temporary chairman of the center, David Snellenburg, general chair-

man of the drive to reopen, and Morris Eisenmann president of the synagogue all publically called for the opening. After a successful drive, the Center was reopened in March 1934.

Unity Achieved

A new spirit of cooperation blossomed with the reopening of the YMHA. According to David Snellenburg, "when the Y was opened, it was an event that meant the rekindling of a flame. Since then light has illuminated the minds and hearts of every Jewish citizen of our community." Between March 1934 and March 1935 the Y flourished and gained numerous members. Plans for a Federation were discussed quietly until June 1935 when an exciting announcement appeared in the *Sunday Morning Star*. Ben V. Codor, a professional social worker, had been hired to direct the Jewish Welfare Society (formerly the Hebrew Charity Association and today the Jewish Family Service) and to serve as executive director of the Wilmington Federation of Jewish Charities. The Federation was described as a "new group whose purpose is to create intelligent, authoritative leadership in handling the social, economic and cultural problems of the Jewish community. It was to be the instrument for centralizing the efforts of agencies concerned with philanthropy and community planning."

During the summer of 1935 with help from the Jewish Welfare Society and the Avoda Club, Codor further developed the concept of a Federation. By September, the new Federation had received the endorsement of the three major agencies, YMHA, Jewish Welfare Society and Bichor Cholem Society. The presidents of each organization, J. Louis Simon, Nathan Miller and Mrs. C.W. Schagrin respectively, appointed five member committees to continue plans.

The front page of the *Sunday Morning Star* on Oct. 6, 1935 announced "JEWS UNITED IN FEDERATION FOR WELFARE WORK." Front page coverage was quite extraordinary for Jewish news, which was generally reported in the Jewish column, tucked away in the third or fourth section of the paper, but then again so was the achievement of such a goal: unity of 25 Jewish organizations! Dr. Joseph Barsky was named chairman of the administrative committee, and David Snellenburg was named chairman of

the united drive for funds. Other members of the administrative committee were Harry Braunstein, Saul Cohen, Aaron Finger, I.B. Finkelstein, Max Keil, J.M. Lazarus, Morris Leibowitz and Mrs. C.W. Schagrin.

The first campaign was run from Nov. 17 to Nov. 27, 1935 with a goal of \$27,600. In late December, after the successful drive was completed, the board distributed funds to

the local participating agencies, the YMHA, Jewish Welfare Society and Bichor Cholem, giving each recipient a percentage of its allocation.

By April 1936, the by laws and constitution of the Federation were approved. Delaware Jewry was finally organized and ready to assume its place among the forward looking communities of the country.

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The Jewish Federation of Delaware was incorporated in Spring 1936 just in time to provide assistance during the darkest decade of Jewish history 1938-1948.

Dominance Of Local Needs

"Early in 1933 it was evident that Hitler and the Nazi party were planning to take measures of a radical nature against the Jews. There were ominous signs that early restrictions and persecutions

would lead to disaster" explains Rabbi Jacob Kraft in his recollections. Therefore, on March 3, 1933 a Resolutions Committee headed by Rabbis Kraft and Tavel passed the following resolution: "We representatives of major Jewish institutions and citizens of the State of Delaware view with concern the reports of persecution and discrimination against the Jews of Germany and consider with apprehension the status of these Jews in the

future. Therefore, be it resolved that a memorandum be sent to representatives in Washington urging them to support such congressional bills and resolutions that will relieve and aid the conditions of Jews in Germany."

Despite this concern for the overseas situation, the emphasis of the early Federation campaigns was on local needs. The first campaign in November 1935 raised \$27,000, of which \$23,500 were allocated. The three constituent local agencies, the YMHA, Jewish Welfare Society and Bichor Cholem Society, received \$17,300 while only \$3,430 went to overseas causes including the United Jewish Appeal, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, League for Labor Palestine and Hebrew University.

Apparently Wilmington's giving pattern was typical of the times. In December 1937, Executive Director Ben Codor reported that the average community of Wilmington's size sent 20% of the total fund to overseas and national beneficiaries. Wilmington raised \$38,000 in its 1937 campaign, and 22.5% went to national and overseas causes. The largest overseas grants went to the Joint Distribution Committee, \$4,000 and to the United Palestine Appeal, \$2,700.

Codor was pleased with the number of contributors which had risen from 632 to 905 in three years. Since there were only 1250 family heads in Wilmington, including 250 who were receiving help and 100 who were marginal because of their economic circumstances, 900 contributors was really the maximum one could hope for. However, donors in the middle bracket, \$25-100, were getting a "bargain" because their one gift covered many formerly separate drives. "Some educational campaign will have to be devised to make

this group cognizant of their obligation" recommended Codor.

Tragedy Overseas

As the European situation became known, the emphasis between local and overseas needs shifted. "The expulsion of thousands of Jews from Germany to the borders of Poland and new repressive measures that have gone into effect in those countries, have created an emergency." With this explanation, the National Joint Distribution Committee wired the Jewish Federation of Delaware early in 1939 requesting cash immediately. The Federation responded by sending an additional \$1,825 from the past campaign and \$1,085 of money anticipated in the next campaign. Furthermore, the budget committee advocated considerable increases to the two major overseas organizations in the 1938 campaign. The Joint Distribution Committee would receive \$12,250, up from \$4,000, and the United Palestine Appeal would receive \$5,700, up from \$2,700. The total overseas budget would jump to \$21,000.

At the annual meeting in the spring of 1939, outgoing President Joseph Barsky told the community, "What the future will bring no one can prophesy. This much we know that the appalling distress among Jews in Germany, Poland, Roumania and East Europe generally has increased rather than diminished."

Increased distress brought unity to world wide Jewry. Until 1939 there were three major organizations addressing the problems of the Jewish people. The Joint Distribution Committee focused on aid to the Jews remaining in Poland, Germany, Austria and brought relief to the Jews of Holland, Belgium and France. By the late 1930s the JDC ran some 850 relief stations which served more than 1,300,000 Jews. The United Palestine Fund was concerned with immigration to Palestine, forming new colonies, and developing agriculture. The National Refugee Service aimed to help immigrants to the United States with education, training, and employment. Hoping that through unity they could find increased support, the three organizations formed the United Jewish Appeal in 1939. Through the Federation, the Jews of Delaware responded to the need and raised \$71,000 in the 1939 campaign. Of the \$63,000 distributed, \$35,000 went to the UJA.

As the unifying body of the Jewish community, the Federation not only planned

and executed the campaigns, but it also kept the critical facts clearly in front of the people. Milton Kutz served as president of the Federation from 1939 to 1949. His letters and speeches describe the unfolding tragedy in Europe. In a 1940 letter to his board, Kutz stated "In Poland as it existed prior to September 1939, there were three and one half million Jews. By the terms of the Moscow Pact, the greater part of the Jewish population finds itself in territories assigned to Germany, the remainder live under the rule of the Soviet army. What will happen to the Jews in Soviet Territory remains to be seen...The plight of the Jews caught in the Nazi grip in Poland is tragic, desperate and far worse than the condition of German Jewry after six years of Hitler...Tens of thousands of Jewish families fled toward the frontiers, to Lithuania, Latvia, Rumania and Hungary. Most of them have become an additional burden to the already impoverished cities of Eastern Europe...The American consuls in Germany are still issuing visas, Jews are still being permitted to leave Germany largely through Italy, Norway and Sweden. One of the immediate problems is to find permanent homes for 100,000 refugees now scattered through England, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries...Relaxation of the Palestine Government's immigration policy was noted since the war began."

Just one year later in 1941, Mr. Kutz had to report "there has been a drastic change in the world. Forces of a malignancy undreamed of have been let loose. We should be more liberal than ever in extending a helping hand." Indeed the Delaware community did respond liberally to the increasing needs. With Max Keil as campaign chairman from 1941 through 1945, the community continued to significantly increase its campaign total. The Federation continued allocating some 50% of its funds overseas without ever forgetting its responsibility to the local agencies.

At the annual meeting in 1942, Kutz stated "in these trying days when the Judeo-Christian civilization is threatened with destruction, when suffering, want and humiliation are inflicted on millions of our co-religionists, the activity which receives the widest community cooperation is the United Jewish Campaign. The 1942 campaign had 1255 contributors, double the number of contributors to the first campaign and it raised

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During World War II, Mollye Sklut corresponded with hundreds of soldiers. She is shown here with Harry Bluestone in the mid 1940s.



Jewish soldiers in World War II with Rabbi Jacob Kraft.

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\$80,000. Approximately \$40,000 was sent overseas, \$33,000 served local needs and the remainder was used for national and administrative purposes.

In the annual report of 1943 Kutz wrote "at the very time this book is going to press, we are facing war problems that seem overwhelming. We dare not, however, lose courage. Young men and women are making a sacrifice. We must remember that we have a responsibility to our helpless and persecuted brethren. We must maintain the vital services of our philanthropic and

our aid they will not be able to survive." The needs in Palestine involve keeping up the progress made as well as providing aid to hundreds of refugees explained the editorial. Under the direction of Campaign Chairman Max Keil, the 1945 campaign raised \$155,000. The Jews of Delaware sent \$87,300 overseas and used \$50,000 locally.

Post war Emergency

If financial support was needed during the war, after the war when people realized its full ramifications, support

\$389,000. The women's division, organized by Mrs. Harry Braunstein, raised \$13,440. Crawford H. Greenewalt, Reverend McKinstry, William Raskob, J. Edgar Rhoads and George T. Weymouth formed a special Committee to Aid the 1946 Jewish Appeal and raised \$12,000. The success of the campaign enabled Wilmington to meet its \$300,000 quota and also to provide \$65,000 for local needs.

1947 brought greater hope but an even greater need for money. "The Jewish people are on the threshold of statehood" announced an editorial in the *Jewish Voice*. "Statehood is a condition that needs vast funds in order to succeed. Furthermore, thousands of Jews are facing misery, and death in Europe. They need food, shelter, medical care and a chance to rehabilitate." In 1947, the UJA raised the national goal by 70% to \$170,000,000 and assigned Delaware a quota of \$525,000. Kutz advised the board that a campaign for \$600,000 might sound staggering but other communities the size of Wilmington had managed to raise that much. The goal of \$589,000 was approved. Other demands made the goal unattainable, but for several years until 1950, the Jewish community continued to raise more than \$300,000.



Norman Schutzman, South Pacific, 1942.

welfare agencies because it is an important part of our war effort." The following month the general community initiated a drive for \$420,000 called the Delaware War Fund and asked Federation to join its campaign instead of conducting its own independent campaign. After serious deliberation, Federation leaders elected not to join the general campaign because of the "many unusual calls made upon our community" and the "unusual responsibility we have to members of our faith in war torn Europe." However they gave assurances that the Federation campaign organization would wholeheartedly support the general campaign. The decision to remain separate was certainly valid based on the success of the campaign. The drive was oversubscribed and raised \$98,000. Federation allocated \$43,000 overseas and \$37,000 locally.

A 1945 editorial in the *Jewish Voice* declared "these are critical times. There are thousands of our fellow Jews throughout the world who face utter starvation. They are the remnants of the millions who once were part of the body politic in Europe. To these our co-religionists, we owe our support. Without

became even more crucial. In 1946 the National United Jewish Appeal established the incredible goal of \$100,000,000 with a quota of \$300,000 for Delaware. Only seven years before in 1939 the goal for the entire country was \$20,000,000. Codor advised the board that he felt the Jewish community could raise \$200,000 without much trouble and suggested that a non-Jewish campaign be conducted to raise the remainder.

In May 1946 at the 11th annual meeting, Campaign Cochairman H. Albert Young kicked off the campaign with a stirring speech. "In the palms of our hands lie the remnants of European Jewry and we cannot isolate ourselves from their fate." Speaking of the national goal as the "most ambitious undertaking of the history of American Jewry," Young stated "we have the will, we have the courage and I believe we have the means with which to do the job. It remains for us all now to translate it into action. Hostilities the world over have ceased but peace to all peoples, particularly to European Jewry has not yet come." Wilmington Jewry rallied to the cause and raised the unprecedented total of

The creation of Israel was a miracle, but an expensive one. Its existence brought increased demands. On May 3, 1948, Henry Morgenthau Jr., chairman of the National UJA, asked Milton Kutz to announce at the annual meeting "the extraordinary importance" of translating pledges immediately into cash. "Never before has it been literally so true that pledges are a promise of Life while case is life itself for those in Palestine and Europe who stand completely alone except for us. It would be tragic indeed if we should lose all we had gained through years of sacrificial effort because of failure now to provide cash which is needed in large sums without delay."

The Zionist organizations increased their solicitations in Delaware. Warning people that some organizations were more legitimate than others, Federation reminded the people that only Hadassah had been authorized to raise money for Palestine in Delaware. Neither Haganah, Red Mogen David or Security for Palestine had been authorized to raise money. In fact the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal had agreed there would be no separate campaigning in a community.

In August 1948 following a



special plea for funds, the Federation borrowed \$50,000 from a local bank for immediate shipment overseas. Federation planned to repay the money from outstanding pledges. The committee also voted to borrow \$100,000 against next year's pledges.

Perhaps American Jewry

could have done more. This thought is destined to plague all who lived through World War II. But we do know that through the Federation, the Jews of Delaware responded to the crisis of the Jewish people far more intelligently and effectively than they would have a decade earlier.

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Paul R. Fine	1981-1983
Leo ZefTel	1983-present



Dr. Joseph M. Barsky
1936 - 1940

Describing the 1935 campaign...“we have come together in an effort to raise money for the needs of families which must be preserved from the physical and moral collapse which lost jobs and shattered homes produces. The sick must be assured of medical care; the jobless must be maintained until recovery creates labor.”

At the annual meeting 1938...“Federation has made remarkable progress in building up a fund raising instrument and in developing a sense of cooperation and generous response on the part of subscribers. More important, Federation has restored Wilmington Jewry to its place among the responsible and responsive communities in the country. With the great acceptance of Jewish Federation of Delaware, we are beginning planning and coordination of social service in Jewish communal life...Federation is lending influence to those agencies which work towards orderliness and direction in community work.”

At the end of his term in 1939...“There is a better understanding of our community each year. Federation has coordinated the planning and leadership. It has solved manifold problems to found new facilities for meeting the needs of the Jewish community.”



Milton Kutz
1940 - 1949

At the annual meeting in 1940...“Federation is now accepted with a constructive attitude. There was a wholesome enthusiasm for the 1939/40 drive. Federation has become a desirable and potent intermediary for the community in its relationship with individual agencies. The contributor expects Federation to harmonize administrative activities and to study carefully the budgets of affiliated agencies. Federation must be still more democratic, not a self perpetuating board. Federation needs the broad interests; it must not be limited to people in one organization. Only through complete cooperation and mutual confidence with and by the constituent agencies, can the Federation satisfactorily function.”

In 1942...“Federation is growing because it represents a true cross-section of Jewry in the State where Jews reflecting all shades of opinion may collaborate.”

During Mr. Kutz's tenure, the Federation carefully balanced the overseas and local needs and supported both. Some specific activities were the resettlement of refugees, establishment of a School Board of Education to assist local Jewish schools, formation of a Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and formation of a Junior Federation.

At the end of his decade as president Mr. Kutz offered suggestions to improve the Federation...“These nine years shook the world, but out of darkness came the dawn of a new era for the Jews of the world. In the future Federation must develop more leadership and new leaders, particularly from the younger generation, find more efficient ways to fundraise. encourage all

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I. B. Finkelstein
1949 - 1955

At the May 7, 1953 meeting... "Federation is not merely the joining together of agencies and institutions with Federation as a fund raising body. It must be the mechanism for real community planning which of course includes fund raising but should make more effective the functioning of Jewish community life; coordinate facilities, encourage and support social, civic, cultural and philanthropic activities in our community and requires that we its citizens participate to the best of our abilities in those endeavors so that we may advance the interest of our community as a whole. But we must always keep in mind that a Federation must be a growing institution. We are constantly confronted by the problem of evaluating our functions in the Jewish community and this of course requires constant planning to fulfill unmet needs as well as to determine whether the existing functions and services are either adequate or obsolete."

At the annual meeting in 1954... "The past year was one of unusual growth including two new temple buildings, (Beth Shalom and Chesed Shel Emeth) the purchase of the Sellers Estate for many community purposes including a children's day camp, extension of the cemetery by 16 acres, and the development of plans to find a better location for the Jewish Welfare Society and Federation. We can anticipate a shifting of the Jewish population in the near future therefore, we must determine new needs. The testamentary committee worked out the provisions of the Jesse Cohen will so that the residue will be used solely for building homes in Israel to house poor and

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David Braunstein
1955 - 1956

At the annual meeting in 1957... "Our Jewish Federation was founded on the idea of man's responsibility for man, an ethical concept deeply rooted in our experience as people... In joining our efforts in a single community campaign we declared that we could and would raise the necessary maximum sums in the most efficient manner possible and allocate these funds wisely. During the past decade the Jewish Federation has raised nearly three million dollars and of this amount more than 77% has gone directly to the life saving and resettlement efforts of the United Jewish Appeal agencies. Through the Max and Jessie Cohen Estate, another quarter of a million dollars was contributed to the upbuilding of Israel."

"It adds up to a remarkable achievement of generosity and understanding. Yet, beneath this impressive record are some sober danger signals which as your resident I feel I must share with you. Since 1947, our campaigns have continued to decline and the obligations we have assumed both for services here at home and for needs overseas, have increased. The decline in our fund raising is sufficiently serious to threaten the very things we have created. We need to re-establish the centrality and the primacy of the Federation campaign."

"The crossroads we face are: a clear and pressing demand for services that will strengthen and help sustain our Jewish community and meet our obligations to help those Jews who are still living under threat; and the fact of our continuous need to meet these obligations. It is a serious and sober challenge."

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Daniel L. Herrmann
1956 - 1958

The period 1956-1958, during which it was my privilege to serve as president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, included the 21st birthday of the Federation.

In several significant ways, the Federation reached its maturity on its 21st birthday:

(1) The downward trend of fund-raising, experienced in earlier years, was halted and reversed.

(2) Federation exprit reached a new high with annual dinner meetings attracting more than 500 members assembled in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, headed by the inspiring community leaders of the 50s, such as Sol and Tony Zallea, Sam and Dora Eisenstat, Hattie Kutz, Saul Cohen, H. Albert Young, Philip Cohen, John Kane, Max and Isadore Keil, Harry Jacobs, William Feinberg, I. B. Finkelstein, Morris Liebowitz, Nathan Miller, Sidney Laub, David Braunstein, Harry David Zutz, Lewis Stat, and George Weiner, among others too numerous to mention here.

(3) Major steps were taken in the improvement and development of the then-new Jewish Community Campsite.

(4) Planning for a new home for the Jewish Aging of Delaware was completed, resulting in the creation of the present Kutz Home.

(5) Planning for a new Jewish Community Center was renewed and accelerated, resulting in the present Jewish Community Center.



Sol Zallea
1958 - 1961

At the annual meeting October 1958... "Events of the past year continue to challenge the conscience of men and women everywhere. That we Delawareans were equal to that challenge is borne out by the fact that we completed the second largest fund raising campaign in our 22 year history. As I accept the presidency there is still before us the major task of completing the fund raising for our new Home for the Jewish Aged and the building of that home; the strengthening of our local institutions and the ever present pressing humanitarian needs of those made homeless by persecution and tyranny."

At the September 1959 meeting... "Two major achievements of far reaching significance can now be reported. A new Home for the Aged will be a reality this year. Sparked by the dedicated leadership of Saul L. Cohen, \$460,000 has been raised for the new Home. The building committee headed by Sam Eisenstat and Daniel L. Herrmann has completed plans for the Home and a new Home will be erected in the coming year. Affiliation with the United Community Fund of Northern Delaware for the support of the Home for the Aged, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Welfare Society has been accomplished. Our local Jewish agencies will receive from the United Community Fund approximately \$96,000 for the year 1960 if the Red Feather campaign is successful."

At the annual meeting in 1961... "I would like to express my profound appreciation for the opportunity to have served as president for the past three years. It has been an honor and a privilege. They have been stimulating and rewarding years during

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Sidney Laub
1961 - 1963

During Sidney Laub's tenure, a board of delegates, comprised of representatives from all organization members of Federation and 50 individual members, was formed; a community planning committee was initiated; the possibility of merging the Federation's newspaper, *The Post* with the *Philadelphia Jewish Exponent* was introduced.

The Presidents Speak



Sam Eisenstat
1963 - 1965

In the summer of 1964, Sam Eisenstat established a Year Round Women's Division and appointed Mrs. James Zallea to serve as its first president...he encouraged the development of the Economy Shop under the chairmanship of Mrs. Erdman Kuhn...Sam Eisenstat appointed a sub committee to study the role of Federation in education. The committee reported that Federation had a responsibility in the area of secondary Jewish education. Federation then agreed to cover the deficit funding of the Gratz Hebrew High School, some \$3,000, provided that each synagogue contribute up to \$750, and that administration and responsibility for the program be accepted by the JCC. Federation would act in an advisory capacity only.



Edward W. Schall
1965 - 1968

I was honored to serve as president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware for three one-year terms. During that period, the most critical period arose out of Israel's 1967 war. Leaders of the Delaware Federation were called to New York City to an emergency meeting and were asked by the National United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to organize immediately an Israel Emergency Fund drive in Delaware. This Fund drive was speedily organized, was conducted with intense emotion, and resulted in raising an amount that exceeded by far the amount that had just been raised in the annual campaign.

During this three-year period, arrangements were made for the construction of the present Jewish Community Center building. I had the privilege of signing the contract for the construction of the building and presiding at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Among the many members of the community who made significant contributions to the Federation's activities as Campaign chairman and chairman of the Israel Emergency Fund drive; Sol Zallea, chairman of the Capital Fund Campaign for the Jewish Community Center building; and Justice Daniel L. Herrmann, chairman of the Building Planning Committee for the Jewish Community Center Building. Executive directors Harold Nappan and Nathan Barnett rendered outstanding administrative assistance.



Irving S. Shapiro
1968 - 1970

Community trends and cycles sometimes tend to to keep repeating themselves. In my case, the low point of the Federation's cycle seemed to come in the latter part of the 1960s. New leadership was not in place and a committee was making the rounds of potential chairmen without real success. At that time, I had completed a tour of duty as president of the Kutz Home and I was "laboring" as a lawyer for Du Pont. When the committee described the great opportunity open to me if I would become chairman of the Federation, I put quotation marks around the work "opportunity" and finally concluded that we needed the Federation and that I had better roll up my sleeves.

It was an exciting experience to rebuild and a few of the highlights remain clear in my memory. Finding a campaign chairman was an almost impossible task. Ultimately I persuaded Irving Morris to return to the Federation and to head the campaign. He raised the sights of the Federation and ran a highly successful campaign with many innovative touches.

One particular fund-raising experience remains vividly in my memory. We opted at the time for a special gifts dinner for the large givers and set a minimum of a \$1,000 gift. When I solicited an "up and coming young leader" who had been active in Federation work, he explained that \$1,000 was, at the time, beyond his reach but that he would pledge what he could. I encouraged him to think of future dinners when he might be in more favorable circumstances. When this later dinner was held, this young man was in attendance even though at that time \$1,000 was a relatively huge sum for him. His

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Irving Morris
1970 - 1971

My service as president of the Federation followed hard upon a period of more than two years during which I served as Campaign chairman of the annual Federation Campaign. I would not describe myself as "a burnt-out case" at the time I became president but I must say that I found the presidency of the Federation a "cakewalk" following service as Campaign chairman. As I think back upon the experience, I owe a debt of gratitude to Nate Barnett for his steady hand in his then post of executive director and to Dick Kane and Pat Spiegel who so devotedly served as the Campaign co-chairmen and succeeded in a recession year in bettering the numbers from the prior year recorded under my chairmanship.

While I served as president, the community addressed two significant concerns with an enduring effect upon our commitment as Jews in our time. The matter of Jewish education was at the forefront of our local concerns, although it did not entail anything near the magnitude of dollars which we now expend as a community in this significant area. One of the projects we successfully completed was a Jewish Education Survey.

Abroad, the plight of Russian Jewry was a matter of serious concern then as it is today. The significant distinction between the early '70s and today, however, flows from the fact that the USSR permitted Jews to leave in relatively larger numbers in the early '70s which required the active help of worldwide Jewry to assist their fellow Jews who seldom left the Soviet Union with anything other than the clothes they wore. The Federation led Delaware Jewry in the

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Howard M. Handelman
1971 - 1973

Recognizing the importance of the Albert Einstein Academy, in 1973 the Rederation promised to support the school through the next three years when it would be evaluated. The Federation pledged \$22,000 in 1973, \$31,000 in 1974 and \$40,000 in 1975... Howard Handelman appointed a Holocaust Memorial Committee with Lou Finger as chairman...the idea of building a wing at the Jewish Community Center to house the Federation and the Jewish Family Service, was introduced.

The Presidents Speak



Richard L. Kane
1974 - 1975

My presidency commenced in the year of the Yom Kipper War. In that year and the following, our community displayed a new dimension of Jewish identity and maturity. The war resulted in a remarkable and moving response. Fund-raising during the conflict became in large measure fund-collecting because so many contributors acted voluntarily. In the following year the campaign also produced a successful result. These two campaigns represent the two most successful campaigns in our history. It was truly an impressive collective expression.

Other highlights upon reflection of that period were the creation of five day a week service for senior citizens at the Jewish Community Center; the beginning of dialogue relating to a Holocaust memorial and the purchase of additional land at the center location. The community institutions made some good progress and continued to build on the solid foundation established in years past.



Bernard L. Siegel
1975 - 1977

It was October, 1975 and Senator Henry Jackson was the U.S. presidential candidate and our guest speaker at the Federation annual meeting. Jackson never became president, but I did! That very night I was elected as president of the Jewish Federation of DE without any opposition or PAC contributions.

In retrospect, what I consider to be the crowning achievement of my administration was the decision, planning and letting of a contract to build a new building housing the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Family Service, Einstein Academy and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School (the Yetta and Harry Cohen wing of the JCC).

This new building would eventually house the three Federation agencies on a common site and thus provide opportunity for a more comprehensive use of community resources and interaction among all the professional staff. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Ted Zutz and his committee for their outstanding efforts in the conception and planning of this building.

Another project that was of great importance to me was the establishment of a Holocaust Memorial Committee under the able direction of Frank Chaiken. Its purpose was to erect a monument in memory of the six million Jews who perished. Their perseverance and diligence resulted in the meaningful sculpture that is now the focal point of Freedom Plaza... in downtown Wilmington. It serves as a reminder for our generation and those that follow that we have not forgotten.

The highly successful Older Adults program at the J.C.C. ... including a hot lunch and social and cultural activities had its

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Nisson A. Finkelstein
1977 - 1979

Any position of leadership in the Jewish community is a great honor, but there is certainly none greater than that embodied in the presidency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Along with the honor goes a certain amount of trauma, as Jewish leaders great and small have affirmed since the time of Moses.

My term of office began in June, 1977, with a situation which I believe is unique in the history of our Federation. Unfortunate circumstances had led to the resignation of our executive director just two weeks before I took office. There was no one to manage the office staff and perform the many administrative functions related to campaign and other activities during the period in which a search was conducted for a new executive. From June to November, when Michael Ruvel moved to Wilmington as our executive, I operated as both Federation president and executive, putting aside for that five month interval my own business obligations. It was a great learning experience, as they say, albeit without compensation beyond psychic gratification.

It was also during those early months that we moved our Federation offices from the United Way building downtown at 701 Shipley Street to 101 Garden of Eden Road, into the new Harry and Yetta Cohen Wing which houses Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy and Gratz Hebrew High School as well as the Federation. Bringing these organizations together on a Jewish communal campus was a historically significant move, reflecting the movement of the Jewish community's center of gravity out of the downtown area. Where will

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Bennett N. Epstein
1979 - 1981

Remembrance of Federation activities must begin in the context of Federation objectives. Prime among these is survival of Jewish consciousness and ethic.

Taken in this context, important developments in my two year term of office as president include the establishment of a Young Leadership group, creation of a mechanism for an Endowment Fund, and dedication of the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Square. Maintenance of close relationships with the Rabbinical Association of Delaware was a key element in ensuring that Federation activities were consistent with Jewish principles.

In addition to the ongoing functions of Federation, i.e., fund raising, cooperation with constituent agencies and United Way and so forth; the new initiatives were the result of the efforts of many committed people. Our executive director, Michael Ruvel, was a creative and far-sighted man who was the prime mover in startup of Young Leadership and Endowment Funds.

No one who attended the dedication of the Holocaust Memorial will ever forget the late Halina Preston's stirring address.

The Federation leadership who preceded me, past presidents and campaign chairmen continued in active roles in support of the community.

Specific committee heads who put in exceptional service are: Campaign chairmen: Al Green, Frank Chaiken; chairman-Holocaust Committee: Frank Chaiken, Stuart Young, Halina Preston; fundraising: Hy Young; presidents of agencies: Harold May - Kutz Home, Doris Morris - Jewish Community Center, James Chaikin - Jewish Family Service.



Paul R. Fine
1981 - 1983

I feel the most important was the development and implementation of the "integrated planning and budgeting process."

One of the obvious responsibilities of the Federation is to raise funds for local, national, and overseas services. The Federation is the ultimate responsible agency to raise these funds and to assure that these funds will be used in the most effective and efficient way. With that in mind, the integrated planning and budgeting structure was implemented.

In general, this process provided many advantages over our previous budgeting process including the following:

1. Individual task forces would be formulated, focusing on various community activities such as services for the elderly, youth, Jewish Education, and Family.
2. A considerably larger segment of our lay community would be involved in the budgeting-decision making process.
3. Planning and budgeting decisions would be directly related and correlated to the financial resources available.
4. Year round monitoring could be provided.
5. A more direct link of communication could be established between the various agencies and the Federation through the task force structure.
6. The individual task force would have a much more thorough knowledge of the individual agency and better prepared to assist the agency in times of crises.

The above points just highlight the initial goals of this integrated process and was begun in the Fall of 1981. Thus far, even though it is still maturing, I believe we have advanced our budgeting process, and become more fiscally accountable to our contributors.

Nisson Finkelstein —

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these institutions be located in the year 2004?

I will always be grateful for the brilliant leadership in the campaign side of Federation that Ben Epstein and Paul Fine brought to our community as successive General Campaign chairmen during my administration. Each of these fine men went on, in turn, to serve the community again, as president.

In the program area I was fortunate in convincing Jack Jacobs to take on the job of Jewish Community Relations Committee chairman, a post critical to the effectiveness of our community efforts locally, nationally and in support of Israel. Through his efforts we opened up ever closer relations with our congressional representatives and with the local press.

A new emphasis was also placed on the Soviet Jewry Committee. In the summer of 1976, after completing my year as General Campaign chairman for Delaware, Rona and I had gone with our two sons to the Soviet Union to make contact with refuseniks in four cities. It made an indelible impression on me which influenced my actions when I took office as president a year later.

Finally, in the last mon-

Sol Zallea —

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which our dream of a Home for the Aged has become a living and wonderful reality - years during which our community center has taken a new lease on life and is providing broader and very necessary services to the entire community - years during which a small and honored but limited activity called the Jewish Welfare Society has blossomed forth into a full fledged Family Service Agency."

ths of my presidency, we started under Mike Rivel's stimulation, a Young Leadership Program, which my talented successor, Ben Epstein, brought into full flower. It is gratifying to see the number of outstanding men and women now coming out of this program to take leadership positions on boards and committees throughout our community.

This ex-president remembers many things about his years in office: the never-ending meetings, the phone that never stops ringing, the pressures and the frustrations. But these are far overshadowed by the opportunity to work with wonderfully dedicated people, staff and volunteer. To pursue goals of unquestioned worth. To serve and, in a small way, lead a remarkable people.

I.B. Finkelstein —

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worthy people."

At the 1955 meeting.... "The largest single achievement of course was the purchase of 35 additional acres of land at a cost of \$100,000 adjacent to the 12 acres of the Sellers Estate acquired last year. The camp expanded greatly last summer. A nursery school will be held there in the fall."

Irving Morris —

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discharge of this responsibility.

This occasion to reminisce about my service as president of the Federation provides me with the opportunity from the distance of over a decade to say again how grateful I am to my community for permitting me to have held the highest position of leadership within the community's power to bestow.

Irving Shaprio —

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years of subsequent devotion to the Federation are well known.

There are many "war stories" that could be told, but the basic considerations have not changed through the years. Our community needs the Federation and if one did not already exist, we would have to create one. We can hope for improvement in operations, but we ought to recognize that the Federation will be no better than the efforts that go into sustaining it. Some people in

Milton Kutz —

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local agencies to be more active in Federation planning and fundraising, and encourage every member agency to realize its responsibility to Federation as a living entity."

Bernard Seigel —

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beginnings during my term of office.

An innovation at all Federation functions and board meetings was the giving of a D'var Torah, emphasizing that in Judaism, learning is a life-long pursuit.

It was my privilege to assist in the formation of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Foundation under the terms of Mr. Kutz's will, and I became its first president. Since its inception, it has disbursed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Jewish and non-Jewish community throughout the state.

I am grateful for the honor of having served as president of the Federation. The problems and difficulties were more than compensated for by the reward of having served the Delaware Jewish community.

the community have more than carried their share of responsibility, but many others have ducked both as

generous donors and as workers. That is the unfinished business of the Federation.

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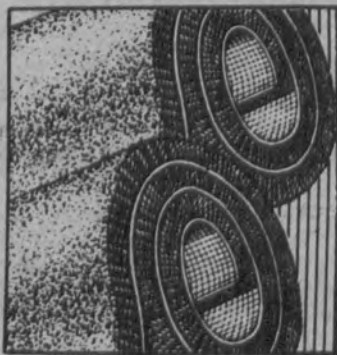
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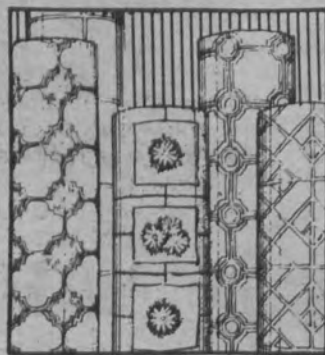
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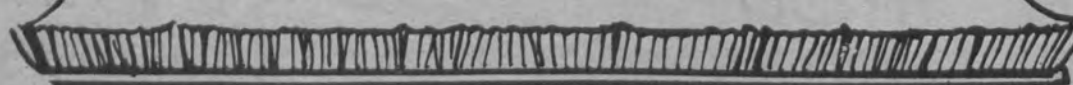
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Annual Meeting Marks 50th Anniversary Of Federation

June 10 will be a milestone event in the history of our Delaware Jewish community when we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Jewish Federation. This special gathering will be held on Sunday, June 10 at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The meeting will be in the form of a brunch and reservations should be received in the Federation office by June 6.

The program will feature a number of highlight presentations including a special audio-visual presentation of the 50 year history of the Federation. The presentation will trace the history of our community from 1934 to 1984. Francia Isakoff commented, "This will be a morning of nostalgia and

reflection and tribute to the hundreds of our Jewish leaders who were responsible for the growth of our community."

Leo ZefTel will present his "State of the Federation" address and David Singer, 1984 General Campaign chairman, will report on the current status of the campaign. Paul R. Fine, past JFD president and chairman of the Nominating Committee will present the new slate of officers and board members for 1984-1985.

Agency "Board Members of the Year" will be recognized for their leadership contributions during the past year.

There will be a special tribute to Benjamin Codor,

first executive director of the Federation, who served in this capacity from 1934 to 1952. A presentation will be made to Hilda Codor in recognition of Mr. Codor's professional leadership. A special tribute is also planned acknowledging the unique contribution of Harry Bluestone, who served many years as executive director of the JCC and did outstanding demographic research on our Jewish community. A presentation will be made to Miriam Bluestone, in recognition of her husband's efforts.

It will be a historical and gala morning. Please plan to attend and you are urged to bring your children so they can become sensitized to the history and growth of their community.

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Implications Of The Iran-Iraq War For Israel's Security

(The following information comes to The Voice courtesy of the Consulate General of Israel.)

There are two main aspects of the Iran-Iraq War which have ramifications for the security of the State of Israel.

A. The Quantitative Aspect

The Iraqi army has apparently doubled its size during the Iran-Iraq War.

Although the Iraqi buildup is aimed primarily at closing off the Iraqi borders from the Iranian enemy, it does have far-reaching implications regarding the Iraqi army's capability to participate as an expeditionary force on the battle front with Israel.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities four years ago, the Iraqi army's order of battle was 10 divisions, half of which were armored divisions which comprised the main force. Today, the Iraqi army has doubled in size, and its order of battle is 20 divisions, more than half of which are armored.

The Iraqi army today numbers one million soldiers - regular forces and reserves which have been called up since the beginning of the war and have not yet been released. The reserve army numbers some 300,000 soldiers. In addition, the Iraqis have established a "national army" which is made up of 400,000 soldiers, some of which have taken part in the fighting against Iran.

In the past, excluding the war in Lebanon, between a third and a half of the Iraqi army took part in the battles against Israel, as an expeditionary force.

Although not all of the expeditionary force took an active part in the battles, the potential exists and in case of war, the Iraqis could allocate forces to

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1984 Jewish Federation Campaign Goal



LETTERS to the Editor

To The Editor:

During the coming year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of Habonim, the Labor Zionist Youth Movement of the United States and Canada.

We would like to get in touch with anyone who was ever a member of Habonim, attended one of our summer camps or participated in our Workshop program in Israel.

If any *Jewish Voice* readers were a part of Habonim and would like to be a part of our celebration, contact us today:

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To the Editor:

It would seem that 1984 and "Big Brother" have made their appearance in the pages of the *Jewish Voice*.

While the two "guest editorialists" have not been trying to re-shape history, they certainly are trying to hide it and are asking the rest of the Jewish community to forget it and not mention it insofar as Israel is concerned. I, for one, cannot accept their premise or their request.

Taking some of their points one by one, I would say this-

1- The government of Israel, since its inception in 1948, has always considered Jews in the Diaspora as citizens of Israel or am I wrong. If this be the case, then as a "citizen," I feel free to criticize when it seems necessary.

Had the American Jew not raised his voice at the massacre in Lebanon, I feel certain that nothing would have been done about it.

When something dire happens to the Jews of the world, we ask all nations to censure and criticize the perpetrator country and/or its people.

Ben-Gurion's ideal of a country based on the highest ideals of Judaism has gone down the drain and we are asked to be silent. Nonsense. Do not

the guest editorialists realize that anything that goes wrong in Israel has an effect on the American Jew? The idea of community blame is not a dead issue. It is alive and thriving or do these editorialists live in another country? My friends are always hammering at me to explain how "we Jew" can do some of the things that are being done in Israel.

2- I have no anger about the status of Reform and Conservative Jews in Israel anymore than I have anger about their status in the United States. The Orthodox of the United States do not really recognize these groups as true Jews. Why do we kid ourselves?

But I do get angry about the desecration of graves or the throwing of stones at those who do not agree with the orthodox way with no action by the State. If this were accomplished by others than Jews, then would we be permitted to raise our voice in protest? Being born and raised in a country which has a separation of powers of church and state, I find it very difficult to abide the power of the religious groups of Israel. Don't we all agree that Israel would be a much better place if there was less of this theocratic power and am I not allowed to voice my opinion on this?

3- American Jews are not pressured by the American government. I did not feel frustrated. But I was angry and frustrated and totally pressured by American Jewish organizations to contact my senators and representative in Washington to vote against the sale of AWACS. Doesn't this show corporate favoritism for Israel? Isn't it possible that this kind of corporate favoritism creates friction between American Jews and those in favor of the sale of the AWACS?

4- You are asking me to be silent when a group of Jews attempt to bomb the religious sites of other religions. You ask me to be silent when Jews plant bombs in busses so as to kill other human beings. It is not enough to argue "they did it first." I

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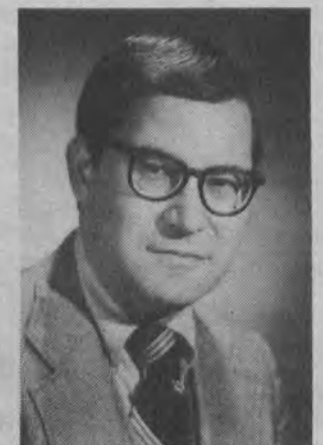
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Iran-Iraq —

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assist Syria on the golan front and Jordan on the Jordanian front.

B. The Qualitative Aspect

Several qualitative components which hitherto had not existed in the Iraqi Army should be pointed out:

1. Activation of Formations at Divisional and Higher Levels

In the Iran-Iraq War, the Iraqi Army is activating the division as the basic battle formation. There are super-divisional headquarters in the field, which activate the forces, and this has a great effect in terms of the Iraqis' capability of controlling large forces in battle.

It should be pointed out that the Iraqi Army, in this war, does not initiate attacks, but rather operates on the defensive, activating super-divisional orders of battle simultaneously, in at least two different battle zones.

There is no doubt that the Iraqi army is better trained and exercised and has learned its lessons from the past.

2. A Marked Improvement in Quality of Personnel

There has been a marked improvement in the level of the Iraqi army's personnel, especially at the officer level. The Iraqis have published the names of the divisional commanders and higher officers who have gained experience in battle and have been promoted.

3. Operation of Weaponry

The Iraqi army is utilizing both Western and Eastern weapons, and has, no doubt, gained valuable experience in the operation of weapon systems, both on the logistical and on the operational level.

C. The Iranians an Expeditionary Force

The possibility of the Iranian army taking part in battles against Israel should not be excluded especially alongside the Syrian army.

The deployment of Iranian forces in Syria during the Lebanon War is a known fact. The Iranians would most assuredly be willing to join the Syrian forces with the aim of achieving the holy goal by their definition, of liberating Jerusalem or of total war against Israel.

A Solid Relationship

In the following article, reprinted from *The Jerusalem Post*, *Post* editor Ari Rath and Washington Correspondent Wolf Blitzer talk to outgoing Under Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

The consensus among the pro-Israel community in Washington is that his departure from the State Department represents a real loss for Israel. He will be sorely missed. After more than 27 years in the foreign service, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger has just retired.

He became well known as one of former secretary of state Henry Kissinger's most respected and trusted aides during the 1970s and the tumultuous shuttles in the Middle East. In the Reagan Administration, he quickly emerged as a key policymaker, first under Alexander Haig and then under George Shultz.

Throughout these years, the career diplomat was regarded as one of Israel's best friends in Washington. Quietly, he was always available for assistance in the struggle to strengthen U.S.-Israeli ties. His relationship with many Jewish leaders was a close, personal one, as

it was with Israeli officials, especially former ambassador Simcha Dinitz and Moshe Arens. His calm reasoning, usually put forward without much publicity, was effective in easing tensions.

Over the years, Eagleburger, now 53, came to understand the unique nature of the American-Israeli connection. He moved up the State Department's professional ladder to the No. 3 slot, normally the highest position available to a career foreign service officer, because he was savvy and tough. But he was well-liked by Republicans and Democrats, especially on Capitol Hill.

His diplomatic skill and clarity of purpose were most evident during a lengthy interview with *The Jerusalem Post* in his seventh-floor State Department office, in which he was asked to look back over his many years of diplomatic experience and sum up his impressions of some aspects of American policy in the Middle East, including the special ties that bind Washington and Jerusalem.

Eagleburger categorically rejected the Arab charge that it was strictly because of a "pro-Israel lobby" in

Washington that the U.S. supported Israel. "That's insane," he said. "There are many reasons why the U.S. has an interest in having the right kind of relationship with Israel."

A hard-nosed realist, Eagleburger cited first and foremost what he called the *Realpolitik* of the situation. "Our strategic interest is well served by a strong, self-reliant Israel. It provides us with an anchor in the Middle East, which we would not otherwise have. I can't say it any other way."

Eagleburger insisted that this special strategic link to Israel should in no way diminish the need for the U.S. to develop strong relations with the Arab world as well.

Beyond the geopolitical relationship between the U.S. and Israel, he also cited the special moral issues involved. "Most of us Americans still think, in our own peculiar way, about 1939-45 and the degree of horror."

Israel, he pointed out, retains much support among the American public — an attitude that is indeed translated into political activity.

Thus, the current U.S.-Israeli relationship is "good, solid and steady."

Is it better than ever before?

"That's a very tough question to answer," Eagleburger replied, recalling his first trip with Kissinger to Israel at the end of the 1973 war, when people had tears in their eyes when the secretary of state got off the plane. "That's a kind of closeness... expression of a relationship in a way at its best — when the U.S. and Israel were in trouble, they came together." But circumstances are different today. He continued:

"I guess the relationship is as solid as I have ever seen it — in the sense that we have come out of a period of some real differences. I think that the thing we have learned, on both sides, is that there are certain fundamental interests that we share and that need to be strengthened, and some blood put into the veins, no matter what the differences — and we will have some — maybe."

He seemed to be implying, though, that the relationship was going to remain steady for some time, irrespective of a Democratic or Republican victory in the U.S. presidential election or a Labour or Likud success in Israel. Both countries, he said, had learned the "absolute essentiality

of talking to each other, frankly and not pulling any surprises."

"Whether a Republican or a Democrat is elected president of the United States," he said, "this country, the attitudes here toward Israel, are not going to change. I think that their president, for whom I work, has shown is commitment to Israel. I don't think there's any question about the major Democratic possibilities for the nomination, in terms of their commitments to Israel."

"I am not so stupid as to comment on the internal affairs of another state — namely on who will win the election in Israel, but I will tell you that I basically think that, no matter who wins, the commitment to the relationship with the U.S. is not going to change. There may be differences over nuance of policy."

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Ezer Weizman: An Old But Fresh Face

The results of last month's Herut Party convention were stunning: Ariel Sharon (Rishon Le-Zion) captured 42% of the vote against Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. It seems that many Israelis are looking for a "man on horseback" to extricate them from their present difficulties, and Sharon has been moving with terrifying swiftness to fill this role. His eclipse after the Lebanon fiasco seems to have had little effect on his self-esteem, or his popularity among large segments of the country's population.

With a faltering Shamir shadowed by a menacing Sharon, and a Labor Alignment led by the incredibly dull and pompous Peres, it is worthwhile to look beyond the major parties for an alternative. This is not much more encouraging. The National Religious Party, divided into at least five recognizable factions, has succumbed to rightist pressures and has shut out its once-powerful leftist and labor wings. Agudat Yisrael, Tehiya, TAMI, and other movements only bring impossible and divisive religious, ethnic, and political demands to bear on the political system.

That leaves Ezer Weizman.

I like Weizman. He's honest, intelligent and has a record of accomplishment. He was for example, largely responsible for the development of the modern Israeli air force, and for the peace with Egypt. He can look at the lengthening list of would-be Prime Ministers and dare them to match his achievements.

Unlike most of the minor candidates, Weizman is not a rigid ideologue or a cheerleader for a special cause. He is what one might call a thoughtful moderate. He would move faster to extricate Israel from its increasingly futile involvement in Lebanon. His economic policies would not be tied to Labor's paternalistic and stifling socialism, or the Likud's destructive version of free-market capitalism. His outreach to the Sephardic community would not be based on an uncomfortable recognition of political reality, but on a desire to achieve broader participation in the nation's political process.

In his efforts to put together an electoral list, Weizman has put out some interesting feelers. Many of his Knesset candidates are social, political, and educational activists who would bring a wide variety of talents to the business of governing Israel. Included also are a number of military figures: the Israeli armed forces produces as many moderates and doves as any other sector of the population.

Although formerly a general, Weizman does not fit the mold. He is not a Sharon-style "military man" or a Rabin "father-figure" type. He's more of a civilian planner; a kind of humane technocrat. He commands respect, rather than fear or awe, from the public.

Respect however does not necessarily translate into love or votes. The public on the whole still does not know what to make of Weizman's candidacy. The polls at this point indicate that his party will take only 3-4 Knesset seats out of 120. With Labor and Likud dominating the debate, Weizman is racing against time to get his campaign off the ground.

For all of his ability, Weizman is thus in danger of being reduced to a political footnote. He may not even show enough strength to merit a respectable position in a coalition government. This is a pity, when one remembers his dynamic role in the early years of the Begin administration. He appears to be following the example of David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Dayan, who waged nostalgic and futile electoral campaigns against their old political organizations.

I wish Weizman better. He certainly deserves to be closer to the seat of power than Ariel Sharon. Unfortunately, the pendulum of Israeli politics seems to be swinging between the bland (Shamir and Peres) and the authoritarian (Sharon). We can only look forward to the day when persons of talent, vision, and daring return to power.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kayla Gavish



A Warning Is Sounded

I must confess that I have often been very impatient with some of our nation's leaders who look at the world scene through the prism of Soviet domination. These are the ones who see every political incident no matter where and of what dimension as a manifestation of the Soviet's desire to rule the world.

This past weekend I had an opportunity to question my own position. I heard a speaker whose credentials are impeccable and who experience and knowledge I respect.

The speaker was Max Kampelman... lawyer, diplomat, political scientist, champion of human rights, proud Jew. Max Kampelman headed the U.S. delegation to the Conference on the Helsinki Pact which met in Madrid from 1980 to 1983. He is also a life-long Democrat and former confidante of Hubert Humphrey.

"These are dangerous times," said Kampelman. "Does the United States have the strength and understanding, the energy and faith required for the search for peace?"

In 1980 President Carter appointed Kampelman to lead the U.S. delegation to Madrid. At that time detente was about dead. However the United States chose to ignore the advice to boycott the conference as a means of showing dissatisfaction with Soviet behavior. Instead the delegates agreed that it was important to be frank, precise and candid in their discussions with the Soviets.

So they talked about troops in Afghanistan, martial law in Poland,

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When In Rome (Part I)



The Jewish community of Rome is not much bigger in size than that of Delaware, but its roots are impressively deeper. There has been a Jewish presence in Rome for over 2000 years.

Jewish merchants from Alexandria and the Aegean were probably travelling to, and living in, Rome as early as the third century BCE, and we know that Jason Ben Eleazar and Eupolemus Ben Johanan arrived there in 161 BCE as envoys from Judah Maccabee, seeking an alliance of friendship and protection for the Hasmonean monarchy. They gained it, and subsequent embassies travelled up the Appian Way in 151 and 139 to maintain the relationship.

During our recent visit to Rome we were fascinated by the unique and rich history of the community of Jews that developed from these foundations. Those of us in America whose origins

are in the Eastern European countries are usually fortunate if we can trace our families back four generations. A young woman we met on our trip is able to trace her family tree back to the 14th century on both sides, and this is apparently not too unusual.

What was life like for these Roman Jews over the past 22 centuries? It had its ups and downs, mostly downs.

Julius Caesar was a protector of the Jews during his lifetime, possibly the best one they ever had in Rome. Not only did he allow freedom of worship, but he even permitted it to be public. He also exempted Jews from military service so that they would not be pressured into violating the Shabbat, and he approved their sending funds to Jerusalem to maintain the Temple. When he died in 44 BCE his funeral was attended by virtually all the Jews of Rome.

Not everyone was so friendly. The great Cicero, in a famous oration, complains about Jews crowding the courts and having too much influence in politics.

By the second century of the Common Era there were well over 10,000 Jews in Rome, about the same number as today, and during this period records indicate the existence of 12 synagogues, albeit not simultaneously.

Imagine the sense of horror the Jews of Rome must have experienced in the year 70 of this era, when they saw the Jews of Jerusalem pass in chains behind the triumphal chariot of Titus, saw the great seven-branched menorah, the trumpets of the Levites, the golden table of the Second Temple, booty from the sack of Jerusalem and the Temple that was burned and broken to the ground.

We walked through the magnificent ruins of the Roman Forum, ending at the triumphal Arch of Titus, and I tried to remember the passage I had recently read from E. Natoli, written 100 years ago:

"Twenty centuries have passed and only a few ruins remain of what was imperial Rome, and of the immortal Gods nothing but the odd vague image; of the glory, the power and the innumerable treasures only a pale memory remains. Patricians, plebs, consuls, emperors, masters of the world passed, leaving hardly a trace, yet the sons of the Jews, slaves of Pompey and Titus still survive. They have seen fall to dust around them the ancient Roman Republic, the Kingdom of the Caesars, Byzantium and the conquests of the Barbarians, the anarchy of the Middle Ages and the dominion of the Pope; they, however, live on. It is 15 centuries since the fall of the proud image of Capitoline Jove which had seemed to be eternal, but by the Capitoline hill the Jewish rite has remained immobile and unchanged."

The next night, in pouring rain, we went to attend Mincha and Maariv services in the Great Temple of Rome, and we prayed in the Italian rite, the prayers that are familiar to Jews the world over, with different melodies and chants, different posture and address. Armed guards protect the Great Temple day and night now, since the terrorist attack of two years ago, and each visitor without a permanent pass must

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Organizations in the News

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its installation of new board members on June 5, 12:30 p.m., at Beth Shalom 18th St. and Baynard Blvd.

Celina Riebman, installing officer, will install the following women for the 1984-85 Sisterhood year: Alana Meiners, president; Jane Goldberg and Marcia Shepard, educational activities vice presidents; Ellen Pell, fellowship vice president; Bessie Lewis, Ann Metzker, and Sandy Turnauer, synagogue vice presidents; Dana Levy and Lynne Meshbesh, ways and means vice presidents; Annette Kendis and Sharon Marshall, corresponding secretaries; Elaine Morganstein and Jackie Eisenberg, recording secretaries; Amira Silber, financial secretary; and Barbara Citron, treasurer. Linda Harwitz, Sharon Milner, Phyllis Warshofsky, Julie Kleiner, Judy Ehrenfeld, Janet Parrish, Claire Wirsloff, and Felicia Tannenbaum will be installed as part of the elected board of directors.

A delicious lunch will be

served for \$2 per person. Call Julie Kleiner, 478-7775, for luncheon and babysitting reservations.

AEA Open House

Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware's only Hebrew day school, is holding an open house for the community on June 4, 5, and 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents and staff will be available to answer questions.

Our registration for the 1984-85 school year is still open for children in kindergarten through fifth grades. Tuition is based on a sliding scale. Please join us for coffee and conversation.

The school is located in the rear of the Jewish Community Center complex, 101 Garden of Eden Road, in Talleyville. For further information, contact Judith Goldbaum, headmaster at 478-5026.

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.

Election of officers were held May 14, at which time the following were elected.

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mander: Herbert D. Abrams; sr. vice commander: Howard Levy; jr. vice commander: Israel Weiner.

Post #525 - Harry Fineman - commander: Sidney Green; sr. vice commander: Samuel August; jr. vice commander: Arthur Samuelson; adjutant: Robert Golder; quartermaster: Ralph Safran.

Post #747 - Nathan Balick - commander: Manuel Shur.

Post #767 - Arthur Blatman - commander: Samuel Geller.

BBW Bowling League

B'nai B'rith Women of Delaware is forming a summer bowling league for couples. The first game will begin at 8 p.m. on June 20 at Holiday Lanes, 2105 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Bring your friends for a summer of fun and recreation.

Call Barbara Abrams, 798-8216, for further information.



AKSE Religious School News

1984 CONFIRMANDS

The following students will be confirmed next Tuesday: Claudia Goleburn, daughter of Dr. Stanley and Marcia Goleburn; Sam Himber, son of Morton and Joan Himber; Sheryl Jacobs, daughter of Allan and Harriet Jacobs; *Aner Marks, son of Stephen and Rina Marks; Alisa Resnick, daughter of William and Shirley Resnick; *Ben Shapiro, son of Gila Shapiro and Howard Shapiro; and Harlan Tenenbaum, son of Joel and Leah Tenenbaum; (An asterisk indicates that the confirmand is a student at Wilmington-Gratz Hebrew High School).

The Bikkurim Service will be held on the first evening of Shavuot, Tuesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington, Delaware.

JR. CONGREGATION LUNCHEON

Students who *daven* together regularly at Jr. Congregation services on Shabbat mornings at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will enjoy lunch together on June 2, immediately following services. Certificates will be awarded to students who attend regularly, and students with perfect attendance will also receive pins.

This year special recognition will be given to five students of the "heh" class who have had perfect attendance for all five years of Talmud Torah: Aaron Handler, Keith Kruber, Kurt Kruger, Scott Kupferman, and Joel Simon.

Teachers and students will honor Jr. Congregation leader, Stewart Slomowitz, "Master" Torah reader, Scott Slomowitz, and "rotating" Torah readers: Greg Pollack, Phillip Nathanson, Jeremy Halberstadt and Aaron Shapiro.

Children of the pre-aleph Jr. Congregation, led by Faith Brown, who attended services regularly will join the Talmud Torah students for lunch.

GRADUATION AND CLOSING EXERCISES

Graduation and closing exercises of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Religious School's Talmud Torah and pre-aleph departments will be held on Thursday evening, June 14 at 7:15 p.m.

Diplomas will be presented to Talmud Torah graduates; certificates of promotion will be presented to pre-aleph students who will be entering the Talmud Torah in September. Certificates of honor will be presented to qualifying students at all grade levels.

Student speakers from the graduating "heh" class will be: Daniel Gropper, Nafit Milstein and Joel Simon. Daniel will speak about: "My Five Years of Talmud Torah;" Nafit will speak on the topic: "What Israel Means to Me;" Joel's message will be: "Why and Where I Plan to Continue My Jewish Education."

In addition to several class presentations, Harokdim, the teenage dance group, will perform.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Beth Shalom Religious School

REGISTRATION

Plans are now underway for the 1984-85 school year. Registrations are being taken in the school office for the kindergarten-primary department which is a one-day-a-week program for 5, 6 and 7 year olds (kindergarten, first and second graders.)

Children who are 8 years old and/or going into the third grade in the fall of 1984 should register for the aleph class of the elementary department, which meets three days a week.

All pupils presently enrolled in the primary department will automatically be registered in their succeeding grade level.

For further information about registration for any of the above classes, call Arlene Davis, educational director, at the synagogue, 654-4462.

1984 Beth Emeth Confirmation Class

Clarissa Anolick, daughter of Elizabeth & Dr. Colin Anolick; Julie Aussprung, daughter of Lynne & H. Leon Aussprung, Jr.; Elizabeth N. Bady, daughter of Eileen & Hank Sidlow; Staci Diane Berger, daughter of Carole Berger and Philip Berger; Caroline M. Cramer, daughter of Doris & Samuel Cramer; Jennifer S. Goodman, daughter of Barbara & Stephen Lovato; Jill Susan Hartter, daughter of Susan Levitt & Dr. Donald Hartter; David S. Hefter, Jr., son of Susan & David S. Hefter; Carl S. Katz, son of Barbara & Dr. Manfred Katz; Marc A. Lee, son of Beth & Kalmun Lee;

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Letter to the Editor —

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was taught that as a Jew, I was held to a higher standard of conduct. You will notice that when the Army of Israel retaliates, it goes for military or quasi-military sites, not specifically citizens.

Need I remind you that even Moses, at the crossing of the Red Sea is said to have admonished the Jews when they were happy at the death of the Egyptians in the waters of the sea by reminding them that even the Egyptians were children of God. And you tell me "shah, say nothing."

5- It is comforting to learn that the guest editorialists do not want to deny a contributor to the Federation campaign the right to withhold funds meant for Israel as a form of protest, even though they seem to find it to be misguided or manifestly the wrong way to protest. If they do not want us to speak out in protest and they feel it "manifestly wrong" to withhold funds, how then can, kind sirs, does one protest? I have yet to hear anything from a writer to the *Jewish Voice*. And since the guest

editors seem to have set themselves up as the proper channel for protest, when will it happen?

Is the "cabal" keeping their response a secret. Certainly the *Jewish Voice* should be the median of ALL information and has not yet printed any of these "phantom" statements.

6- And lastly, how dare these two men set themselves up as the proper people to speak for me. Was there a vote taken by the Jewish community of which I was not aware that gave them this position? Are they trying to tell me that I am not permitted to have an opinion and to express it as I see fit?

The stated dream for Israel was a state founded on justice, truth and Jewish traditional moral standards. Until the day comes that Israel reaches anywhere near that standard, I will speak out, even if it means "ex-communication."

Morris Levenberg
306 W. 37th Street
Wilmington, Del. 19802

On The Other Hand —

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submit to search. It was in the square across from this synagogue, in 1943, that the Jews of Rome were herded by the Germans under a deportation order from Himmler. They were hunted down street by street, house by house, and the priceless libraries and archives of the community were looted and vandalized. A total of 2091 Roman Jews were killed at Auschwitz. An additional 73 were shot along with 262 non-Jews, in retaliation for an Italian partisan action against the Germans.

I keep thinking of a line of graffiti we saw carefully inscribed in Hebrew under the famous bas-relief of the Arch of Titus, the triumphal procession celebrating the destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple, the "end" of Judea and the Jews. I don't approve of graffiti, but I was moved by this piece. It read, "Am Yisroel chai l'olam vaed". "The people Israel lives for ever and ever."

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
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RONALD AND BARBARA BARTASH of Chalfonte gave birth to a son, Jeffrey Steven on May 12. The proud grandparents are **REV. AND MRS. SAMUEL MANDELBERG** and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Bartash of Havertown, Pa.
GAIL AND ALAN KESSLER gave birth to a son, Mark Jay born May 14. The proud grandparents are **JO AND AL KESSLER** and **BETTY AND LOU STRAUSS**.

Best Wishes
BETSY JO WAHL, daughter of **JOY AND MERVIN WAHL** was married to Adam Shapiro of Philadelphia May 26.

Lots of Nachas
DENISE ANN SCHWARTZ, daughter of **EILEEN AND BART SCHWARTZ** was graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Cum Laude from Franklin and Marshall College. Denise will begin working for Price Waterhouse in September.
KEVIN TWER, son of **EVELYN LOBEL** and **DANIEL TWER** was inducted into the Nat'l Junior Honor Society. Kevin is the grandson of **BEA AND CHARLES TWER** and **BESS**

AND LAWRENCE LOBEL.
RACHEL KAUFMAN, daughter of **IRV AND RUTH KAUFMAN**, who returned from Israel last September to pursue additional education at the U. of Penn, was recently granted her Master's Degree in epidemiological research from Hebrew University. Her research paper was on the toxic effects on 17,000 women who received hormone treatment during pregnancy. Rachel was a recipient of a special award for her research and received the highest grades ever awarded a student in her department.

DAN KAUFMAN, son of **IRV AND RUTH KAUFMAN**, was recently graduated from the U. of Virginia Law School. He will be joining the firm of Richards, Layton, and Finger in the fall.

CHEINAN MARKS, son of Steve and Rina Marks, was graduated from the U. of Delaware with a B.S. in chemical engineering. He will pursue a Ph.D. degree at the U. of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

RICHARD BLUMBERG, son of **JAY AND NANCY BLUMBERG**, a seventh grade student at Hanby Junior High won one of the first place team awards from the Delaware Council of

Teachers of Mathematics. The team is the top scorer in Delaware's high school math league, and will represent Delaware in the eighth annual Atlantic Region Math League competition June 2 at Penn. State U.

ROBERT B. AKELL has been elected to the rank of fellow by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He was recognized for his work in solvent extraction, absorption and heat and mass transfer, as well his service to the institute.

RUTH GOLDBERG, wife of Harry J. Goldberg and daughter-in-law of **HELEN AND AL GOLDBERG**, passed the Michigan Bar examination.

ARLENE RAPKIN, daughter of **DR. LESLIE AND ENID RAPKIN**, a seventh grade student at Wilm. Friends School won 1st place in State Verbal Scores and tied 1st place State written English from John Hopkins Academic Talent Search. She also was top 5 State Math, and tied 1st place in the State Composite score. She received a scholarship to Goldey Beacom College for a computer course in Pascal. Arlene was in the top 300 students in the country on the SAT's for people under the age of 13.

Book Review

Soviet Jews Subject Of Novel

By Robert N. Kerbel
 A new novel by the author of *Holocaust* and the *Last Angry Man* is on the bookshelves of the New Castle Library.

Gerald Green's *Karpov's Brain* is a mixture of an excellent portrayal of the conditions of Soviet Jews, their harassment and the KGB mind and tactics. In many ways it is an account of today's problems of Jews wanting and waiting for emigration; non-Jewish dissidents desiring religious freedom within the Soviet Union and the fears and punishment of expressing all their thoughts. This is also an in-depth analysis of the KGB operative's feelings and tactics. These aspects of the book are certainly interesting, enlightening and frightening.

The disappointment of the book to this review is the story within the story concerning the operation on *Karpov's Brain*, Karpov, a high-ranking officer of the KGB (the secret police) who is responsible for repressing Jewish activities, has his severe headaches eliminated

by an operation which causes him to respond to conditioned reflex and behavior modification techniques. Like Pavlov's dogs, he is retrained to like a particular Jew and hate the KGB. The book's conclusion becomes implausible and unbelievable, though ending on a happy note.

For those who desire to better understand life in the Soviet Union, for the Jews, dissidents, both Jewish and non-Jewish, the repression of individual and collective thought, the lack of freedom of all peoples, and the virulent anti-Semitism of the people and government of the Soviet Union - these are all accurately and vividly described.

Karpov's Brain, Gerald Green, Perigord Press, William Morrow & Co., New York 1983.

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Not-so-sure Nephew
Dear Nephew,
There are lots of divorces in

Jewish families these days, so lots of people have ex-relatives just like you. If you like your uncle and he likes you, it's quite okay to keep up the relationship. Why not ask your uncle what he would prefer to be called. "Emily Post" is irrelevant to how you and he feel about each other.

Rachel
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If Only...

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



We have a particular problem when it comes to letting people know about the services of our agency. Although our services are designed to help people through difficult times, many people do not wish to consider that they would ever be in the position to need our services.

People who sell life insurance and cemetery plots have been effective in convincing people to prepare for something they really do not wish to think about. However, death is inevitable; and while divorce, mental and physical illness, and other conditions that disrupt and destroy individuals and families, are possible and perhaps even likely, they are by no means inevitable. Therefore it is difficult to get people to consider these things from a perspective of preparedness, prior to their actual onset.

It is a regular and frustrating occurrence to have someone come to our agency for help and tell us how much easier it would have been had they known to come to us sooner. On many of these occasions, someone on our staff recognizes the person as having been present on at least one occasion when we were describing our agency's services. People simply do not wish to even think about such things and the information they are being given often does not register.

In addition to the spoken word about our agency, which is transmitted by staff and board members both formally and informally; we also use the written word to inform our community. During the past five years, our regular column and our "Dear Rachel" column have

appeared in the Voice about 140 times. This represents our effort to let people know the kinds of things that can happen and more important, that help is available and where it can be obtained.

Our Jewish Family Life Education program attempts to reach groups of people through an educational and hopefully, a preventative approach. These programs deal with life stages and events and while they are not problem oriented, they certainly deal with how and where to get help when needed. We have provided 165 JFLE programs in the past two and one half years to a wide range of our community from Albert Einstein students to the participants of the Jewish Community Center Senior Center.

Despite the fact that a significant number of people seek our help and our staff has been operating at capacity for the past few years, we are committed to and will continue to "advertise" our services as much as we can. If we can help even a few more families to make it through rough times a little more easily, it will be worth the effort.

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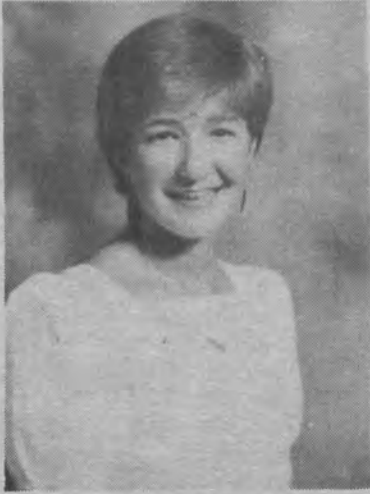
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Leora Ger

Honor Society. James, who made his bar mitzvah at the Western Wall in Israel, is an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom. He enjoys all sports and listening to "The Who." He plans on spending some time at the beach this summer on his days off as head busboy at LaRocca's Italian Restaurant.

Leora Ger, an incoming senior at Tower Hill School, is undecided about a college choice, but wants to pursue a medical career. She is an honor student who enjoys photography and is a member of the yearbook staff. Leora, a member of USY, is a teacher's aide at Congregation Beth Shalom. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Errol Ger.



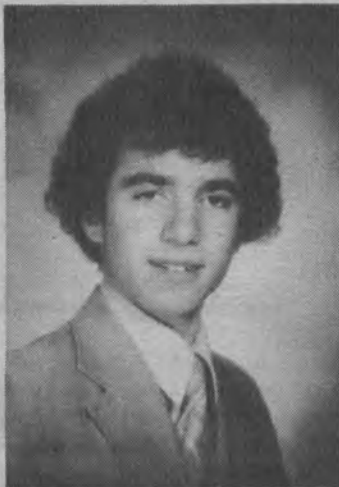
Amy Miller

Amy Miller, of the Normal Department, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Miller. Amy hopes to attend college on a sports scholarship and major in zoology. She is a senior at Brandywine High School and a graduate of Albert Einstein Academy. Amy is active in field hockey, basketball and varsity softball at Brandywine. She considers a trip she took to Israel as the most exciting and meaningful experience of her life. It deepened her sense of heritage and made her Gratz studies come alive for her. She hopes to make many more trips.

Debra Panitz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Panitz and a graduate of Concord High School. She is a very involved student, participating in the concert and marching bands, stage crew and newspaper. She is also secretary of the Honor Society and an editor of the yearbook. Debra's honors and awards are plentiful. She is a National Merit Scholarship commended student, a school winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy Award, an alternate to the Governor's School of Excellence and Wilmington



Cheryl Topper



James Davis

This year's graduating class is a group representing diversified interests, goals and aspirations. The Class of 1984 is as follows: High School Department: James R. Davis, Leora Y. Ger, Debra m. Panitz, and Deena R. Panitz. Normal Department: Amy Miller and Cheryl Topper.

James Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis will attend the Hotel and Restaurant Management School of the University of Denver. He hopes to eventually own his own restaurant. He is a graduate of Concord High School where he earned membership in the National



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The maid of honor was Lois G. Goldberg and the best man was Craig R. Seastrom. The groom's sister, Wende W. Guastamachio, served as matron of honor.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Connecticut College and received her M.B.A. in ac-

counting from the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1982. She is a financial analyst in the Europe/Middle East/Africa Division of IBM World Trade Corporation in White Plains, N.Y. Her father is senior vice president-corporate staff of the Du Pont Company. He is a native of New York City and a graduate of Columbia University, and currently serves on the Advisory Board, School of Engineering, City College of New York. His numerous volunteer activities include serving as president of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. The bride's mother, the former Margaret Hochman of New York City, is a graduate



Suzanne Wagster

of Hunter College and the University of Delaware and has a private practice in educational and psychological counseling in Wilmington. As a volunteer, she has played an active role in both the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center, serving in such key leadership positions as JFD Women's Division chairwoman and JCC vice president.

The groom is a 1978

graduate of the University of Colorado and in 1980 received a master's in international management from American Graduate School of International Management in Thunderbird, Ariz. He is an advisory financial analyst, Information Products Division, IBM, in White Plains, N.Y. His father, a graduate of Yale, is senior vice president and regional manager, Kaiser Foundations Hospitals, Portland, Ore.

Gratz Graduates —

(Continued from Page 31) representative to the National Bible Contest for the past four years. Debra will enter the University of Maryland in September.

Deena Panitz, a graduate of Concord High School, plans to attend the University of Maryland with a possible major in computer science. At

Concord she was managing editor of the school newspaper, on the yearbook staff, on various school play committees and a member of the National Honor Society. Deena's academic excellence has been recognized with various awards. She is the winner of the 1984 High School Presswoman Award. She received the Academic Incentive Award from the University of Delaware and placed second in the state in the Ability Counts Journalism Contest. Deena attended the Governor's School of Excellence and is a National Merit Commended Student. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Panitz.

Cheryl Topper of the Normal Department is the daughter of Bonnie Topper and William Topper and is a graduate of John Dickinson High School. This year she served as president of Student Council at Gratz. At Dickinson she was a member of the Spanish Club and the staff of the school newspaper. Cheryl is active in Young Judaea, serving as Newark Club programmer, regional paper editor and office manager. She plans to visit Israel for a year with a Young Judaea year course program. Cheryl plans to major in pre-med and minor in Juic studies.

These fine young people deserve our congratulations and best wishes for continued success and excellence.

Beth Shalom

Religious

School News —

(Continued from Page 27) Samuel B. Newstadt, son of Zenobia & Col. Barry B. Newstadt; Stacy G. Pennock, daughter of Fredda & Dr. Paul Pennock; Ryan A. Schneider, son of Carol & Edward Schneider; David Brian Shane, son of Deborah & H. Ronald Shane; Laura Ellen Sloane, daughter of Louise & Dr. Arthur Sloane; Robin Lynn Strassner, daughter of Susan & Stephen Strassner.

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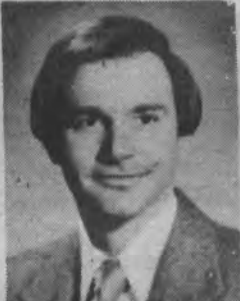
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Obituaries

Claire Conrad
 Claire Conrad, 60, of 2309
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 died May 13.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; three sons, Dr. Stephen Conrad of Chadds Ford, Pa., Ira Conrad of Simsbury, Conn., and Gregg Conrad of Bayside, Long Island; a brother, Jules Soll of Highland Park, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 15 from the Schoenberg

Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

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

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Chester Crozier Cardiac Rehabilitation Center, Chester-Upland, Pa.

Arthur Groland

Arthur J. Groland, 76, died May 17, in Gainesville, Fla. Death was due to a heart attack after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Sara Groland, one son, Gordon of Gainesville, Fla., a daughter Rena (Riki) Applebaum of

Wilmington, and five grandchildren.

Services and funeral were held in Gainesville, Fla.

Frances Goldberg

Frances Goldberg, 70, of Country Living Estates, R.D. 2, Millsboro, died May 27 in Beebe Hospital, Lewes, from complications of heart disease.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Beth Emeth Congregation in Wilmington.

Her husband, William, died in 1980. She is survived by a son, Barnette of Millsboro; a daughter Rochelle Carr of Newark, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Services were held at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Beth Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road, Wilmington.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to a favorite charity.

Public Invited To Shavuot Services At Kutz Home

The public is cordially invited to attend synagogue services at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington.

Shavuot services will be held on Wednesday, June 6, at 8:30 a.m. and on Thursday, June 7, at 8:30 a.m.; Yiskor service will be held at 9:45 a.m.

Shabbat services, led by Reverend Samuel Mandelberg and Ben Shapiro, are held each Saturday morning starting at 8:30. Visitors are welcome to join the

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- *50 inch screen Sony Self-contained TV No. KP-5020: \$1,399.00
- *Four (4) Coleman 8' x 10' polyester canvas cabin tents: \$109.97 each
- *Used tennis racquets.

The items will greatly enhance the camp program in three programming areas: sports and athletics, providing taped reinforcement of skill workshops; rainy day programming, enabling the showing of Disney and other classic films; and providing additional entertainment for chalutzim and teen overnights. The tents will provide the teens with real "camping" experiences in their overnights in state parks. The tennis racquets will enable more campers to participate in our specialized athletics program.

In addition, the items, particularly the video equipment, will be utilized by the Children and Youth Department throughout the year, as well as allow all Center departments to expand their programming with its usage. The camera would be used to videotape all Center activities for public relations and historical purposes as well as to film theatre productions developed by the kids to show to other children and their parents.

A number of children's and youth programs have been developed to fully utilize the equipment throughout the year: for younger children, a monthly movie program featuring Disney films, parent/child afternoon movie/swim parties, trigger movies for parent/child discussion workshops, and a series of "classes" designed to expose children to a variety of activities (such as babysitting, science, cooking, and professions, leading to trips to work places in our community.)

For the older youth, the acquisition of the video equipment would allow for monthly viewing of current movies which would encourage further socialization of our community's senior high Jewish youth. The evenings might include discussions on Jewish values and/or examining feelings and beliefs about issues such as discrimination, sex, peer pressure and drugs, which concern our teens. Taped concerts, for which it is impossible to get a block of tickets, could also be shown.

Persons interested in making a tax deductible contribution towards the purchase of any or all of the above items, or in donating any of these items to the Center, please call Arlene F. Bowman at 478-5660.

JCC Officers And Board Elected

Gail Budin, JCC 50th annual meeting chairman, announced that the following officers and members of the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center were elected at the annual meeting on Sunday, June 3.

Officers for the term ending June, 1985: Nan Lipstein, president; Arnold Kneitel, vice-president; Judy Levy, vice-president; Margaret May, vice-president; Eileen Connor, treasurer; Steve Ladin, assistant treasurer; Steve Herrmann, secretary; Joan Bour, assistant secretary.

Board Members for the term ending June, 1987: Alan Schoenberg, Faith Goldman, Gail Budin, Gary Holob, Steve Ladin, Marcia Tucker, Miriam Edell, Stuart Nemser, Robert Silber, Sol Peltz, Judy Levy, Al Horowitz, Steve Medwin, Denise Lieber.

Tickets Still Available for "The Rink"

A limited number of tickets are still available to see "The Rink," in New York City on Wednesday, June 27. The new musical stars Liza Minnelli and Chita Rivera as a mother and daughter roller-skating team in a fading amusement park, and is said to be the musical show not to be missed!

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There are two sessions of Pre-Camp, with different activities each week: June 11-15 and June 18-22. Children may register for either or both weeks. The cost is: \$65 per week for a Center member child,

\$80 per week for a non-member child
\$45 for three days for a Center member child
\$60 for three days for a non-member child.

Children must wear comfortable play clothes and sneakers each day. Bring daily: Bag lunch, (beverage will be provided), two swim suits, two towels, sneakers, and a hat.

For further information, please contact Susan Dowdell, director of health and fitness, at 478-5660.

Campsite Schedule

OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1984
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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
FRIDAY 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- JUNE 11 - 13
- JUNE 18 - 25
- JULY 4/WEDNESDAY - CAMPSITE OPEN 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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If you have any questions regarding this schedule, please contact the Center at 478-5660.

Women And The Federation

Women played an active part in the Jewish community's activities from the earliest days. Through the years, their role has changed dramatically reflecting the difference in the times.

Pre-Federation Days

As early as 1897 Delaware women were involved in their own, independent service activities. According to Harry Bluestone, historian of our major Jewish institutions, "Several women who felt concern for needy women in confinement solicited in pairs for money and groceries for the families. They not only provided food, they assisted in the cooking, the cleaning and care of children and the mother. This informal interest in poor immigrants in a strange land soon spread to other areas of need as the community grew. A social group of women organized by Nessie Tiger in 1900 led within a year to a search for a raison d'être that would enhance their interest in human beings. It had become evident that a more formal organization was necessary to involve more people and create more activity in order to meet the needs of a growing community."

The Ladies Bichor Cholem Society was organized in 1902 "to assist the dependent sick and others in need." The society faltered during the first few years, but beginning in 1905, it began a steady course of growth. In 1914 the Bichor Cholem was incorporated for the purpose of "administering charitable and benevolent aid to any needy person and providing financial benefits and assistance." In 1920 the society merged with the Ladies Moshev Zekenim Society, which cared for transients.

When exploratory talks about a new Federation took place in the mid 1930s, Mrs. Charles Schagrin, then president of the Bichor Cholem Society, attended the meetings along with other representatives of the Bichor

Cholem. Mrs. Schagrin was elected as a member of the first Federation board formed in the fall of 1935.

Federation Of Jewish Women's Organizations

Shortly after the Federation was formed, Sally Ginns, (Mrs. James), suggested to President Joseph Barsky that a federation of Jewish Women's organizations be organized to bring unity to the women just like the Federation brought unity to the men. On May 19, 1938, the Federation board approved a formal proposal creating a Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations which would represent 14 organizations all dealing in Jewish and civic concerns. The purpose of the new agency would be to promote understanding and cooperation by serving as a clearing house that would endeavor to avoid overlapping of activities and conflicts in dates. It would be a medium through which civic and community activities could be carried on. From the beginning Sally Ginns made it clear that the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations would be involved in all civic causes, not just Jewish causes.

In May 1940, President Milton Kutz announced that the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations had been a big help in the annual Campaign. The group had also produced an effective community calendar.

During the war, the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations not only continued to play an active role in the Campaign, but it also provided numerous services to the community. Reviewing the club's accomplishments of 1944, President Sally Ginns listed the following activities: 75 women took the census of the Jewish population for the Jewish Welfare Board in February; 80 women participated in the Red Cross War Campaign in March; 85



Women's Division meeting, 1965.

women worked on the YMHA membership drive and arranged a Passover seder for about 600 servicemen in April. Other services included providing a calendar of Jewish holidays to the public schools and helping to organize the first inter-faith Peace Day.

In 1946, the women's campaign led by Mrs. Harry Braunstein held a donor luncheon at \$50 a head and succeeded in raising a campaign total of \$13,440. By 1947 the women's campaign received 700 gifts above those given by husbands.

During the 1950s, progressive, intermediate size cities throughout the country were developing Year Round Women's Divisions. The president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations was given a seat on the Federation board for the first time in 1954. In addition, the name of the agency was changed to Delaware Bureau of Jewish Women's Organizations. By removing the word, "Federation" which denoted a separate organization, from its title, the Bureau began a movement toward merging with the Federation. In 1955 Federation appointed a committee to study the formation of a Year Round Women's Division. Throughout the country Year Round Women's Divisions were developing. Delaware leaders began collecting information on the women's divisions of Atlanta, Buffalo and other cities. But progress toward a merger was slow because a large segment of the women preferred to remain autonomous.

In 1961 presidents of all Jewish Women's organizations and former women's campaign chairmen were invited to discuss the formation of a year round women's division at a meeting which featured an address by Beatrice Finkelstein of the National Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Services, who was involved in Women's Communal Services. Those agencies invited to attend were the sisterhoods

of Adas Kodesch, Beth Shalom, Machzikey Hadas, Beth Emeth and Beth Shalom, Dover, four chapters of B'nai B'rith, Deborah, Delaware Bureau of Jewish Women's Organizations, Delaware Link - Order of the Golden Chain, Farband, two Hadassah chapters, Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, Auxiliary of the Kutz Home, Mizrahi Women, National Council of Jewish Women, National Women's Committee of Brandeis University, Newark Jewish Women's Auxiliary, ORT, and two Pioneer Women chapters.

According to Dora Eisenstat, who was elected president of the Delaware Bureau of Jewish Women's Organization in 1962, "there was a na-

tional pattern toward women's divisions. The feeling was it would be more functional and advantageous to work through the Federation, which should be the umbrella organization of all activities. The Women would be more effective if they were part of Federation." Exploratory talks continued with the encouragement of Executive Director Harold Nappan who was most anxious to establish a Year Round Women's Division. Finally in 1964 with the "gentle prodding" of President Sam Eisenstat, the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation became a reality. Mrs. James Zallea was ap-

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Dora Eisenstat, chairman of the Women's Division Campaign at an Oct. 1963 function.

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pointed by President Eisenstat to lead the pioneer activity.

Women's Division

Every woman who contributed to the women's campaign in her own name was a voting member of the new organization. The new Women's Division would focus on four primary areas: campaign, education, central volunteer service and a community thrift shop. The community calendar would continue to be a project of the Bureau of Jewish Women's Organizations.

Under the able direction of Mrs. Erdman Kuhn, the Economy Shop was organized in 1965 and contributed \$5,000 to the Women's Division the first year. The women's campaign reached new heights, \$37,000 in 1965, \$43,500 in 1966, the board was restructured. In 1968 when Elaine Sherman was president, the Women's Division and the Delaware Bureau of Jewish Women's Organizations co-sponsored the community calendar. The following year the Delaware Bureau merged with the Women's Division.

Under the able leadership of presidents, Nan Lipstein (1969-1971), Helen Schutzman (1971-1973), Deanne Kattler (1973-1975) and Cynthia Kane (1975), the Year Round Women's Division continued many vital activities including the community calendar, a brochure for Federation, informal gatherings to educate women about



Junior Hadassah donor luncheon, 1938.

Federation, a welcome packet for newcomers to the community and a plea for Soviet Jewry. The division ran a women's campaign with a separate campaign chair.

In the mid 1970s when Cynthia Kane was president of the Women's Division, there were several changes in direction. More women were working, many in professional positions. As Rona Finkelstein explains "a lot of women weren't focusing on the needs of these women; we

were holding most meetings during daytime working hours. We recognized that professional women had to be approached differently. They were working and earning their own salaries and had to contribute separately from their families."

With this recognition, Rona Finkelstein and Margaret May formed a Career Women's Division and acted as its first chairwomen. The division planned many educational meetings which stressed feminism and Judaism in order to help professional women realize their individual obligations. Not only was the Career Women's Division highly successful in Delaware, it also attracted national attention as one of the earliest such divisions in the country. Perhaps Delaware had been slow 20 years earlier in forming a women's division, but now it became a model which communities throughout the country followed.

At the same time women began to re-evaluate the function of the Women's Division. "In terms of campaign we knew we had to remain separate because we were raising very significant sums of money, but in terms of educational activities we felt we should be part of a unified Federation of men and women," recalls Cynthia Kane. "We had reached the point where we did not want to be separate and equal, we wanted to be part of the main Federation." So for several years the women had campaign chairwomen and a separate campaign but no

draw a campaign organization." With a firm commitment to make the women's campaign more effective, Nan Lipstein revived the Year Round Women's Division in the late 1970s and served as its chairwoman until 1982 when Francia Isakoff assumed the leadership role.

Emphasizing the importance of women's division, Fran Isakoff states, "In the 1980s the need for us to serve our community in a dual role is apparent. We must continue to assume leadership positions in our synagogues and agencies - our commitment and point-of-view is necessary to the vitality of those institutions - yet we must maintain the integrity of a separate Women's Division. An active women's organization is vital to the continuity of services traditionally assumed by the Jewish women of the community, ensures a training ground for future women leaders, and provides the additional funds (20% of the campaign nationwide) necessary to carry on our programs here and world-wide."

Today in 1984 the functions of Women's Division are in a state of flux reflecting the constantly shifting position of women. For the last 100 years women have contributed greatly to Jewish causes, and they will continue to search for the most effective way to use their resources. In a larger sense the question to ask is the same one asked in political circles, "Can a woman be President?"

Campaign Chairwomen

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Margaret May (Mrs. Harold)

Presidents of the Women's Division

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During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Wilmington daily newspapers occasionally carried articles about Jews, usually about the significance of the High Holidays or Passover. However, as far as we know, there were no publications by the Jewish community itself.

The earliest publication extant today is from the Young Men's Hebrew Association. The *YMHA Newsletter* published between 1918 and 1922 emphasized club meetings and local news but also provided information on national issues. *The Newsletter* was expanded into *The Dawn* a more elaborate publication with a magazine type format in 1922. Unfortunately, *The Dawn* was short lived, disappearing when YMHA activity decreased in 1923.

During the 1920s, the

Sunday Morning Star carried a Jewish column which featured the news of Jewish organizations as well as social announcements about Jews. Sol Polotsky, who compiled the column for many years, initiated the idea of printing New Year's greetings in the column. The concept met with great success and for several years a full page of greetings appeared before the High Holidays. The space devoted to the Jewish column, often six or seven columns with pictures, was generous, but it was often placed in the Society Section or near the end of the paper.

Gluckman suggested that the Federation publish a weekly bulletin, and a committee was established in 1937 to investigate the feasibility of such a paper. In the late 1930s a Federation bulletin was published. By 1945, the monthly house organ was called the *Federation News*. Although the survey by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in 1945 called the *Federation News* "one of the most attractive house organs of its kind in the country," some board members felt it was improper to use Federation funds for a newspaper. Others insisted that it was essential to keep the public informed on topics of Jewish importance. Furthermore, the *News* replaced the yearbook which had been more expensive to produce, and once a year it listed the names of all contributors.

The YMHA published the *YMHA Recorder*. In 1945 the possibility of merging the two papers was discussed. Federation President Milton Kutz pointed out that the papers were aimed at different audiences. The *Recorder* was for soldiers and the *Federation News* was for the general public.

At the same time, Rabbi Simon Krinsky published the *Jewish Voice*, which he had purchased from Adas Kodesch in 1943. As the only Jewish paper in Delaware, the paper received substantial advertising. But problems arose because many non-Jewish advertisers thought of their advertisement as a contribution to the Jewish community not recognizing that the paper was a privately owned, profit making newspaper. This issue was one of the first topics discussed by the Jewish Community Relations


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A Proliferation Of Newspapers

A newspaper called the *Jewish Voice* first appeared in 1933 published by the Wilmington Hebrew Educational Organization sponsored by the Adas Kodesch Congregation. Rabbi Simon R. Krinsky, then head of the Adas Kodesch Hebrew School, was editor and business manager of the paper, which included international, national and local news. For several years the *Jewish Voice* was published by the Adas Kodesch as a Hebrew School fund raiser.

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Council after it was formed in 1946. In November 1948 the JCRC recommended that the *Jewish Voice*, *Y Recorder* and *Federation News* merge because they seemed to duplicate each other. But no affirmative action could be arranged.

Another recommendation of the JCRC was that the Jewish column in the *Sunday Morning Star* be phased out. The JCRC concluded that it was prejudicial to have all Jewish news pushed together in one section of the paper. Representatives of the JCRC spoke with editor Martin. By 1949, the Jewish column was eliminated, and Jewish news was distributed throughout the paper.

Throughout the 1950s the *Jewish Voice* was published as a private newspaper. Although the *Voice* covered topics of value and importance to the Jews, it did not give substantial coverage to the activities of Federation. There was not enough emphasis on campaign progress, leadership of the Federation or reports from member agencies. Federation leaders continually mentioned the need for a house organ. Apparently the newsletter was no longer published, because in 1949 the Federation began printing annual reports, which the newsletter had replaced.

In 1961 Ed Golin chaired a special committee to consider buying the *Jewish Voice*. The committee felt the price asked for the *Voice* was too high and recommended that the

Federation publish its own paper without advertising. After further exploration of the *Voice* possibility, the Federation began publishing *The Post*. During 1964 the *Post* interpreted activities of the Federation and its agencies and also reported vital items of national and overseas news. In 1965 the Federation worked out a more satisfactory arrangement. Delaware Jewish news was printed on the Delaware page of the Philadelphia *Jewish Exponent*. The Delaware Federation paid about \$1.50 per copy. By early 1967, the Philadelphia Jewish Federation wanted to terminate the Delaware page primarily because Delaware was not paying enough for it. Through negotiations, the *Exponent* continued to publish a Delaware page until November 1967 when Dr. Martin Yalisove, chairman of the newspaper committee, announced that the *Exponent* would no longer publish the Delaware page.

The Jewish Voice Of The Federation

After years of negotiation, in early 1968 the Federation finally settled on a price with Rabbi Krinsky and purchased the *Jewish Voice*. Mrs. Morton Golby (Honey) was hired as the first editor and

Yalisove continued as chairman of the committee. From the beginning the intention was to maximize income in order to keep the allocation from Federation as low as possible. In April 1970, Yalisove reported that the paper had improved substantially. It now had eight pages, and he anticipated an expansion to 12 pages in the near future. The Federation was currently allocating \$9,200 annually, but with increased advertising, which Yalisove expected to be forthcoming, the allocation could decrease.

In the summer of 1970 the new assistant to the executive director, Morton Schlossman, replaced Mrs. Golby as editor of the *Jewish Voice*. During the early 1970s the paper's philosophy was to be "purely and simply a house organ of the Federation". Federation material received first consideration. The budget deficit of \$4,000 to \$8,000 per year was underwritten by Federation. The number of pages per issue was determined sometimes by the amount of advertising and at other times by the amount of Federation information to be published. Henry Galperin served as chairman in 1971.

In 1974 Charles Keil, then chairman of the newspaper committee, redefined the paper's purposes. The *Voice's* three basic functions were to

act as a house organ, to present issues of importance on the national and international level in order to stimulate the community, and to inform the public about the local calendar of Jewish events. The *Voice* made heavy use of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency news. Keil reported that because of success with advertising, the newspaper was able to request a smaller allocation from Federation. He suggested that the *Voice* could become a weekly paper within the next few years. The idea of voluntary subscriptions of \$4 a year was suggested.

In the mid 1970s Simon Steinberg became chairman of the newspaper committee, which he ably directed until 1983. Ruth Kaplan was hired as editor, a position she held for the next four years.

In 1976 Mr. Steinberg reported that the paper was progressing well with the assistance of an overall newspaper committee and editorial committee which reviewed all editorials prior to publication. He too spoke of the possibility of the *Voice* becoming a weekly publication in the next few years. In 1980, Steinberg announced that Karen Moss would replace Ruth Kaplan as editor.

In 1981 the *Voice* was given a new look. The front page

banner was designed to integrate a stylized shofar. The front page itself was divided into three columns, for local, national and international news. An editorial committee, with Edwin Golin as chairman, was formed to discuss copy, prioritize articles, select front page stories and features, and set editorial policy.

Today the *Voice* is published 22 times a year, twice a month except in July and August when there is only one edition per month. The average issue is sixteen pages. Holiday issues published before Passover and Rosh Hoshanah are 50-80 pages long. Advertisements provide some \$40,000 annually, and Federation provides a subsidy of \$13,000. The newspaper continues to carefully balance the attention given to local, national and international news. As newspaper chairman Yetta Chaiken explains *The Voice* is Delaware's only Jewish newspaper. It must be a conduit between organizations and agencies both within the community and without. It must combine local, national and international news." She emphasizes that the *Voice* wants to serve Delaware and is anxious to change in order to meet the needs of the community and to expand the readership.

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(The following article is excerpted from Mr. Harry Bluestone's unpublished manuscript, "A Historical Review of a Century of Jewish Philanthropy in Delaware.")

JEWISH EDUCATION

In 1929, the Jewish community became aware that its five schools (Adas Kodesch, Chesed Shel Emeth, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth Emeth Religious School and Arbeiter Rind #5) were deteriorating and it called upon the Bureau of Jewish Social Research of New York, N.Y. to study the local situation. One of the Survey's recommendations was to set up a Committee on Jewish Education but it was not implemented. At a meeting of the Board of Delegates of the General Jewish Community a recommendation was made that the advisability of creating a United Hebrew School be investigated. It was not until a Federation was created in 1935 and allowed to gather strength as an organization that in 1940 the matter was again brought forward for discussion. However, despite these discussions, which were conducted informally, it was not until 1942 that JFD was petitioned to sponsor a Central School for Jewish education.

In 1943, the Hebrew schools of Adas Kodesch and Chesed Shel Emeth congregations decided with the blessings of JFD to merge and form the non-congregational Associated Hebrew School.

Its financial base included \$2500 from the Adas Kodesch, \$1500 from the Chesed Shel Emeth, \$1000 from Harry Cohen and \$500 each from Louis Budin, Mrs. Jessie Cohen, Max Keil, and Nathan Miller. Income from tuition fees was modest. To this

could be added \$9000 from other sources.

Dr. Philip Birnbaum of Camden, N.J. was selected to be principal.

From its inception progress was noted at the AHS. Enrollment peaked at 120. Federation was helpful offering advice and support. A bussing system was instituted; a kindergarten opened; and a teacher training program begun. The greatest weakness, however, was the state of its finances. In the fall of 1945, it became necessary for the JFD to reevaluate its relationship to the school. The matter of an annual subvention came to the fore. An allocation of \$3,000 was requested. Any decision to allocate any funds was to be a most significant one - for it was the first time in the history of the Jewish community that funds for Jewish education were requested from the Federation. The subvention was granted despite considerable congregational opposition, especially by Beth Shalom which was opposed to a non-congregational school or principle.

Beth Emeth also objected because "it would approve public support of Jewish education", permitting any temple the right to request

funds. Approval by Beth Emeth, it stated, would be forthcoming, "if and when a community plan could be worked out for all Hebrew schools in the community". One active member in the community affairs queried: "If the JFD can give \$4,000.00 to Jewish education nationally, why not \$3,000.00 locally?" Another feared that Adas Kodesch and Chesed Shel Emeth would at a future date withdraw their support thus leaving the entire burden to the JFD. The president of JFD, Milton Kutz felt that "If money is available, the Federation should put it to worthwhile public institutions".

Kutz further stated: "Officially, the Federation is still not a participant in the newly organized Associated Hebrew School, not an interested party in Jewish education in Delaware, but as in other communities, the trend is in that direction, and I can see ourselves drawn in and eventually some program or policy will be evolved that will be mutually agreeable and will be satisfactorily productive of spiritual betterment to the entire community".

When the AHS purchased the Machazikey Hadas building on Washington

Street, the renovation costs were estimated at \$20,000.00. Federation approval was necessary and granted. By 1948 costs of renovation to the newly acquired building area rose to \$27,000.00. Harry Cohen contributed \$12,000.00, the Harris Fund of the Jewish Welfare Society gave \$10,000.00, Rabbi Joseph Waldman, a non-congregational rabbi contributed \$2,500.00, Adas Kodesch, Chesed Shel Emeth and Machazikey Hadas each gave \$3,000.00. The Federation assumed a mortgage of \$6,000.00, amortized at 6% per annum until paid. Additional funds came from interested persons in the community.

When in 1955 the Adas Kodesch withdrew from the AHS and opened its own Hebrew school, the beginning of the end came for AHS. About 60% of its student body was siphoned off. In addition, an amalgam of political influence, loss of financial support, weak administration and to no small degree the long-term illness of Harry Cohen, the school's chief moral and financial supporter, finally (1956) brought about the demise of this first established non-congregational Hebrew school. The Chesed Shel Emeth thereupon re-opened

its own school and requested JFD to subsidize the education of the non-members children unable to pay full tuition. Financial problems became academic when in 1957 the Adas Kodesch and the Chesed Shel Emeth congregations decided to merge to form the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED JEWISH STUDIES (SAJS)

After the closing of the AHS another landmark in Jewish education began when in 1956 the executive committee of Federation established a Committee on Higher Jewish Education to study the creation of a School for Advanced Jewish Studies as proposed by Rabbi Jacob Kraft. This project would be open to Hebrew school graduates on a secondary level. The purpose of the school would be to train future Hebrew teachers and to offer courses in advanced Jewish studies. Once such a school was established and functioning, funds could be made available from the Jessie Cohen estate and the Harris Fund. The Committee on Higher Jewish Education under the chairmanship of Ruth Siegel, recommended the establishment of such a

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(Continued from Page 39) school. Seven to twelve students were interested in enrolling, the majority from Temple Beth Shalom. Evaluation of the school after two years would determine its continuance.

The total budget of the school was \$6,000.00. The principal teacher was to be Dr. Philip Birnbaum. However, the school did not come into being without its detractors. Several persons questioned the equity of the use of community funds for a venture that was primarily the responsibility of the synagogues. Furthermore, it was thought inadvisable to discuss finances without knowing the exact number of children to be enrolled and from which synagogue schools they would come.

The trial period was approved and the school operated with a modest enrollment. By the end of the first year, six students remained in an elementary class, and seven in an advanced Hebrew class. Eight adults attended a class in Hebrew. At the close of the first year the school earned the approval of the Committee on Higher Jewish Studies to function for another year. Students came from other schools in the community, enrolled, but they came predominantly from Beth Shalom. The school held sessions in the defunct AHS building. There were general agreement that JFD has no obligation to those parents unable to meet tuition fees and that it should provide funds for this purpose. Despite opposition JFD approved a subsidy. Six months later some opposition again arose.

In 1958 there was some further feeling that the Federation should not operate any agency in the community and that a separate entity should be created for administration. A resolution at the Federation board meeting stating that "operation of a program for Advanced

Jewish Studies is not a proper function for the coming year" was defeated. However, a separate board was established for the school with Robert T. Silver as chairman. The school had by this time grown with an enrollment of 60 students (34 youngsters and 26 adults).

By 1960 the school had grown to 93 students. As late as 1963 the specter of Federation responsibility for Jewish education again became a compelling issue. It was pointed out by JFD that the trend throughout the country was directed towards federations "recognition of its responsibility in the field of Jewish education". In Delaware no single synagogue could successfully carry out a program of the scope of the SAJS, especially since none had teachers of Dr. Birnbaum's high scholastic caliber. An SAJS would accomplish good for the entire Jewish community.

In 1963 the proposal was made that the Jewish Community Center take over the SAJS and incorporate it into its own program. JCC board accepted the proposal on the assumption that it would be administering a program with Dr. Birnbaum as head teacher but he resigned in September of 1963.

At this juncture Ruth Siegel assumed the chairmanship of the JCC's Committee on Higher Jewish Education. Under her dynamic leadership the SAJS evolved into a more ambitious program.

WILMINGTON-GRATZ HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL (WGHHS)

When it was learned that Gratz College of Philadelphia which was the oldest Jewish teacher training institution in the country was interested in developing teacher training programs outside of Philadelphia, the JCC Jewish Education Committee saw this as an opportunity to further Jewish education locally and arrange with Gratz Col-

lege for a branch to be created in Delaware. A Wilmington-Gratz Hebrew High School (WGHHS) was established consisting of equal representation from the synagogues, JCC, and JFD. All policy decisions, in the areas of housing curriculum, staff, administration, etc., were relegated to the special WGHHS Committee. The JCC provided staff and administrative assistance for its operation.

On May 13, 1965 a motion was passed by the Federation's sub-committee on education that "as a basic premise the Federation does have a responsibility in the area of secondary Jewish education in Delaware". Federation thereupon approved the JCC's request for a maximum of \$3,000.00 for the WGHHS provided that the minimum number of registrants be 20, each synagogue contribute up to \$750.00 and that administration and responsibility for the program be accepted by the JCC, the Federation acting only in an advisory capacity.

In the very first year (1965) 42 applications were received. Eligibility for entrance was determined on the basis of an American Association for Jewish Education examination. 38 passed and were admitted to Wilmington's first WGHHS program. Sol Kutner, Assistant Director of the Jewish Community Center, was designated liaison person with Gratz in Philadelphia; Rabbi Shalom Eisenbach, supervisor at Gratz, was designated head teacher, Mrs. Ruth Siegel was chairperson (and remained so until the fall of 1975). With regard to financing, the actual cost per child was \$300.00 per school year. It was proposed that this be shared equally among the synagogues, parents and Federation. Scholarship requests were to be processed by respective synagogues. A portion of the cost was to be met by tuition fees. Each

synagogue was to contribute \$75.00 per each of its students enrolled up to a maximum of \$750.00. The deficit was to come from the Federation.

Classes met one night a week at Temple Beth Emeth and on Sunday mornings at Gratz College in Philadelphia. Later on it was decided to transfer the entire school to Wilmington's JCC. The course of studies was designed for a five year period, paralleling that of the public high school years thus enabling a full time student to be graduated from WGHHS at the same time that he was graduated from high school.

The school maintained high scholastic standards due primarily to the high caliber of faculty which was dedicated to the best interest of the students and also to the continuing interest of Gratz College, under whose aegis it remained.

In the Spring of 1971 Temple Beth Emeth indicated that it would no longer allocate any funds to the WGHHS Program because of its own very small number of students enrolled. It was felt also that the program was heavily weighted in favor of conservative and traditional Judaism. This withdrawal of funds did not create a favorable impression on Temple Beth Shalom or Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Ac-

cordingly both congregations ceased their financial support. Whereupon Nathan Barnett, Executive Director of the Federation, indicated that Federation would thereafter fund the entire program with the exception that the synagogues would contribute a sum sufficient to pay for all scholarship students enrolled by them.

Ten years after the WGHHS was founded the enrollment was 50. JFD contributed over 50% of the school's budget. 21 students had been graduated. Throughout its years of existence the WGHHS provided a high quality intensive Hebraic education for a substantial number of able and competent youngsters from all segments of the Jewish community. A number of graduates continued their studies enabling some among them to become teachers and principals of schools located elsewhere.

ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY (AEA)

The Albert Einstein Day School was founded in late 1969 by Barry Weisman, M.D. with the assistance of Gershon Klein, M.D. and Jules Levin, M.D. Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, executive director of Torah Umersorah, (National Organization of Or-

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(Continued from Page 41) thodox Day Schools based in New York) came to the city to speak on the aims and objectives of day schools and to aid in the organization of the Albert Einstein Academy (AEA). Since its inception AEA has been receiving guidance from Torah Mesorah.

The greatest problem facing the organizers was to win the support of the community and the Federation. With the sympathetic backing of Federation's executive director a Federation subsidy was obtained.* A nucleus of children was ready to enroll because their parents had already conceived the idea of a day school and were ready to take action.

The A.E.A. was housed at the Bnai Brith building at 2809 Baynard Boulevard. After the first year the school moved to Temple Beth Emeth where there were more classrooms

as well as an outdoor play area, both essential for a growing school. The school was divided into two departments, Hebrew and English. The Hebrew Department included Hebrew language, Bible, Prayers, Fundamentals of Talmud; and the English Department included English language, General Science, New Mathematics, Social Studies, Reading, Music, Art and Culture.

*For 1970/1971 - \$2900; for 1971/1972 - \$5000; 1972/1973 - \$14,000. This demonstrated a continuing concern in A.E.A. by the Federation.

The school was considered to be nonsectarian, but only Jewish children enrolled.

In the beginning money allocated by the Federation was at a minimum. In 1973 the tide turned favorably. It became evident that unless the school received an ongoing commitment of funds for

at least three years from the Federation, A.E.A. would not survive. Nathan Barnett supported the idea of a more firm commitment to A.E.A. as did many others. Fortunately, enough goodwill had been generated so that the Federation adopted a policy to continue its support of the school for a period of three years with an allocation of \$22,000.00 for 1973-1974, \$31,000 for 1974-1975 and \$36,000 for 1975-1976. Continued support by Federation was made contingent upon AEA raising specified funds and maintaining certain enrollment levels.

In late 1974 Federation requested a survey of A.E.A. by the American Association of Jewish Education in New York. The survey stressed that A.E.A. was doing very well though only a fledgling organization and compared very favorably with other pioneering day schools. Progress already made should augur well for the future. Professional staff had produced

good results and the structure of the school was solid.

Approximately 25% of the children enrolled come from families affiliated with the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, 25% from Temple Beth Shalom, 10% from Beth Emeth, all residing in Wilmington; the remaining 40% come from Newark, Del., Chester, Pa. and neighboring suburbs. 23 of the 40 families enjoy scholarship benefits.

As the school grew the quarters became inadequate and, by 1975, consideration was given to alternate housing (i.e. rental of a public school facility, a building of its own and/or use of the JCC). Irving Kaufman, Executive Director of the JCC and Dr. Hillel Hochberg of the AAJE felt that a new building could conceivably be an annex to the JCC. Classrooms could then be used by the JCC for evening activities and meetings. A committee under the leadership of Ted Zutz was formed by the Jewish Federation to investigate

various possibilities for construction of adequate facilities to house the Academy.

In September of 1976 the JFD approved an expenditure of \$200,000 to construct a new wing at the JCC, which will serve a multieducational purpose as a new home for the AEA and the WGHHS, though it will also be maintained by the JCC as an overall educational center. The AEA, since it will have major use of the new wing will help furnish and equip it and will pay an increased rental to help defray additional maintenance costs. Bernard Siegel, president of JFD was confident that the erection of such a building attests to the support of the community for better Jewish education. Sarita Gross, president of AEA not only voiced her gratification over this development but also her appreciation for the support JFD gave to the Academy during its early and uncertain future. The new facilities, she said, would not make possible and very convenient the participation of pupils in extra-curricular activities at the JCC.

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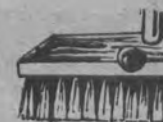
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Fortunately for us, Ben Codor was also an eloquent writer and speaker. Consider his response to the questions of a non-Jew who was asked to support Palestine in January of 1948.

We ask your pardon for the delay in answering your letter of December 31. We have given considerable thought to our reply because we feel yours is a sincere, earnest letter which requires thought on our part. We know that many of our non-Jewish friends are asking similar questions, and we want to be absolutely fair and just and honest with you.

Your contribution will help a great humanitarian cause. But more important, just now, than a contribution is your understanding. Just now, we need understanding - more so than ever before in the history of the Jewish people. Never before in the history of our people - nor in the history of the civilized world has there been such a need for a complete affinity between the

heart, the mind, and the hand that gives financial aid. When such harmony exists, then we feel we are marching forward, closer to the ideal of peace on earth and good will among men.

Hence - our reply is rather lengthy. But bear with us as we present our cause at the bar of human justice, -

First we are attaching two financial statements that should give you an idea as to how the money collected from the United Jewish Campaign is spent. You will see that some of the money we collect remains here at home, but most of it is used for the relief of Jews in Europe and particularly in Palestine.

And now, in reference to Palestine, we want to make our position clear - very clear.

BRITISH -- THE HAGANAH -- THE ARABS. Since the U.S. decision to divide Palestine into Arab and Jewish states, our efforts to bring about such a partition peacefully, if possible, have tripled and quadrupled. We frankly and openly accuse the British Government of duplicity in handling the Palestine problem.

We accuse the British of permitting Arabs to be smuggled into Palestine for the purpose of fighting and harassing Jewish settlements. We accuse the British of permitting Arabs to make off with munitions and arms. We also accuse the Grand Mufti and his henchmen of attempting to sabotage the establishment of a Jewish state.

In the meantime, thousands and thousands of Jewish settlers in Palestine are fighting for their lives, their homes and their future.

This is not an academic dispute. It is as real as the American Revolution - when the Colonists fought not only the British but the Hessian and Indian Mercenaries of the British.

It is very important to know that the "Haganah" - the Jewish militia - was organized during World War II by the British as a Palestine National Guard. We feel - and there is documentary

**Benjamin Codor
1934-52**



evidence to support our views - that had it not been for the Haganah during the critical days at Alamein and in the Mediterranean, the British plight would have been disastrous.

It is as real as the settling of the American West and Southwest. Our battle is more than just a battle of guns. It's a battle against power politics and false propaganda.

OUR THREE MAJOR PROBLEMS We are faced with two separate problems. The solution of both problems have created a third problem. In solving the third problem, we hope that the Jewish problem can be solved - and hence, a measure of tranquility realized.

OUR FIRST PROBLEM: - WRECKED LIVES MUST BE REHABILITATED In Germany and German occupied countries, 6,000,000 Jews were cremated, gassed, burned alive, tortured to death. The land is soaked with the blood of these people. Those that remain in these lands - ill, afraid, completely unnerved, frustrated because they were not only victims of forced labor, concentration camp tortures, but because they witnessed the destruction of their beloved ones - cannot possibly build their future with any degree of hope in these lands. Their possessions were confiscated "legally." The Germans were methodical and never did anything illegally. They passed laws making every Jew register his possessions and

they taxed these possessions 100%.

In most instances the Germans bought and paid for enterprises at prices fixed by themselves in Marks which they later confiscated all by "legal" documents which makes them and their successors, through subsequent transfers, the legal owners.

The Jewish survivors, in an effort to recover their possessions, are creating additional animosities. These countries tortured by destruction, economic ruin, and political instability has no place for this Jewish minority. It is unwanted, and the peoples indoctrinated with 13 years of Nazi hatred and brutality have not solved their own problems and will not sacrifice for this or any other minority.

These people must be fed, clothed, doctored, educated, and a place must be found that could give these people the courage and hope to build again.

OUR SECOND PROBLEM: - THE HOMELESS MUST FIND A HOME There are these displaced persons - of them, men, women, and children. They escaped from their homes and from Nazi occupied places and finally were overtaken. Human beings, landless, homeless, destitute, tortured in body and mind, and "legally" the responsibility of no country. No country will admit them; they have no place to go and no means, not only with which to start reconstructing themselves, but even for survival.

This is our second problem: What is the answer to the hopes and progress of these people? What has liberation meant? What has winning the battle for human decency meant? No nation on the face of the earth has opened its doors to them, nor will they. Where can they go? There is only one answer - Palestine (a parcel of land only three percent of the vast, empty, desolate, underpopulated lands of the Near East).

With their own hands, with sweat and toil amidst their brethren, they can hope to reestablish themselves,

where Jews and non-Jews have purchased every inch of land, where they reclaimed it, removed swamps, deserts, established hospitals, and schools and have raised the standard of living of Jews and non-Jews alike. Over 500,000 Arabs have established themselves in Palestine since the Jews have reclaimed the land.

OUR THIRD PROBLEM: - PALESTINE AS THE ONLY LOGICAL HOME FOR THE HOMELESS The answer to the first two problems has created the need for Palestine and has created the Palestine problem. Are we to build again as a minority?

Shall we again be subject to the whims and intolerance of people and governments? Or shall we be permitted to work out our destiny as free men in a land of our own, a democratic land where minority rights shall be honored and protected?

The conscience of mankind has answered that question twice. The League of Nations and the United Nations have both said we shall. Fifty-three nations originally and now the United Nations of the World, except two, have subscribed to that solution. The Joint Commission of Britain and the USA have, after months of study, come to the conclusion that there is no other solution. What happened? Why has it not been implemented?

The answer, of course, is not simple, but without detail, in order not to more than necessarily lengthen this letter, we will state the main reasons: The Arab landowners have always exploited the lands and the peasant. They have always taken out but have never brought peace, healing, security, education to the mass of Arabs and they do not want it. The death rate has been very large. That is why the lands are unpopulated. They want no rising standards of living.

The Mufti, publicly announced friend and collaborator of Hitler, is supported by England and is allowed his freedom because

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**A Roke Lieberman
1952-56**



**Simon Krakow
1956-60**



**Harold Nappan
1960-67**



**Nathan Barnett
1967-77**



**Michael Ruvel
1977-81**



'Why Should We Care?'

By MORRIS LAPIDOS, Executive Vice President
Jewish Federation of Delaware

It is a particular privilege for me to be serving as professional head of our Federation at a time when we are observing this special milestone in our community's history - the golden anniversary of the Jewish Federation. I pay special tribute to my colleagues and predecessors who were instrumental, in partnership with our special volunteer leaders, for the creative, viable growth of our community.

We did not simply grow like "topsy." This evolution of the Federation as the central fund raising, planning, budgeting and coordinating arm of the Jewish community resulted from endless time and commitment by hundreds of volunteer leaders over many years. These special people had the vision, foresight, and understanding to plan for emerging needs in a rapidly changing society.

Over the past few years, we have seen a significant revitalization of many of our Federation programs and activities. In 1981, we broke the plateau of giving and have continually moved up in our

campaign efforts and we anticipate raising more funds in 1984 than ever before in our 50 year history, and look to a campaign of 1.5 million in the next two years. We have begun to impact on the potential giving capacity of our community - but we still have a way to go.

In the planning/budgeting area, we now have a new structure involving some 75 men and women in the critical decision making process. Our new thrust is to planfully look at the current and future needs of our local services in order to be more responsive to the special needs of our people. This requires meaningful priority setting based on available dollars. The input of the leadership of the agencies has been of significant importance in this structure in setting the standards of service for which we strive. In my judgment, we must function with a total community perspective and commitment and eliminate the "we - you" perception that is too often present.

In the area of leadership development, we have actively involved over 60 young men and women in the past two to three years through intensive, year-round formal train-

Morris Lapidos
1981-present



ing programs. These orientation programs have focused on local, national and overseas concern. Many of these "graduates" now serve on the boards and committees of our local agencies and are filling key leadership roles.

I am pleased to report that our endowment program is now being reorganized and revitalized and will have an important impact on the community in terms of strengthening the financial base of our Federation and its constituent agencies.

We are indebted to the synagogue and rabbinical leadership of our community for their special efforts in building blocks of understand-

ing and concern and their sensitivity to common communal issues and problems.

As we look ahead to the future growth of our community, it is critical that we continue to broaden the base of our lay involvement. Volunteers are, indeed, our precious legacy. They represent invaluable expertise and knowledge that can strengthen all of our community programs. Regrettably, there are still far too many who are on the outside looking in. It is our collective responsibility to reach out to this great body of human resources to actively integrate them into the network of our community efforts.

Caring, it seems to be, is

the key word - caring about people, caring about community, caring about a sense of Jewish identity. Let us all be responsible and responsive by translating our creed into deed and step forward to join the legions of those who will assure the community a future of security, dignity and creative Jewish survival.

In form and function, Federation is a complex organization responsible, in concert with its agencies, to meet human needs. In spirit, it is an expression of Jewish tradition dating back to biblical times - the tradition of justice and compassion for one's fellow man - This is CARING.

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Professional Leadership —

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he served England's purpose in creating turmoil. Bartley C. Crum's book, *Behind the Silken Curtain*, does not mince words in giving us an honest picture of England's purposes. You have read the words, "illegal Jewish immigration." Law is a system of rules and principles, in which the rights of parties are protected and enforced. Laws which do not give effect to basic human needs, such as a place to live, to eat, to work out its destiny cannot have the sanction of humanity. England has perpetrated a fraud on the peoples of the world when she calls these people illegal immigrants.

We are asking help to keep these displaced persons alive in Europe and prepare then for settlement in Palestine and to buy and develop land, build homes, hospitals, and educational institutions and to give innocent sufferers of a war-torn Europe the means to rebuild their bodies and minds. This is a tremendous and costly task in which we need the aid and assistance of every person.

We need more than the contribution of our friends and neighbors. We need their sympathy, understanding and their militant rejection of every false attitude and effort in the world, because sooner

or later we pay a penalty for results which such frauds precipitate.

We take the liberty of writing this very long letter because we know the importance of your force for good. We are very anxious that you have an understanding of the problem, and we are sending under separate cover Bartley C. Crum's book which we have referred to with the hope that you will find time to read it.

May we also say that we appreciate your point of view and your questions. We are thankful and grateful for your contributions in the past. We are also in sympathy with your viewpoints regarding illegal operations, and we feel that after you have gone through the enclosed printed material, you will agree with us that this is no more border skirmish but realistic battle for a home for thousands of Jews in Europe and Palestine who are seeking not a refuge nor a mere haven but a homeland in which they can work out their destiny.

We believe that this modern day crusade is one of the greatest and important movements in modern day history. We are confident of victory because we feel that our cause is based firmly on the rook of justice.

Sincerely yours,
Ben V. Codor

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1956	Sol Zallea	1983	Irving Shapiro
			Irving Morris
			David Singer
		1984	

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Harry Cohen Foundation Impacts On Our Community Growth

In focusing on the history and growth of our Jewish community of Delaware, one can look back to 1952 when Harry Cohen, an outstanding local leader, established a special foundation to provide funds for the strengthening of our local institutions. Through his foresight, wisdom, and philanthropic commitment, the foundation has, in the last 25 years, distributed \$1,389,000 to beneficiaries in our local community, of which \$985,000 has been made available to Jewish organizations and synagogues.



Harry Cohen

The financial support and funding by the Harry Cohen Foundation, over these many years, has enabled the reci-

ipient agencies and synagogues to embark upon many new and innovative projects which have enriched the entire community.

In tribute and in his memory, the Harry Cohen Wing was built in 1978 to house the Federation, Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, and Gratz High School.

Sadie Toumarkine, daughter of Harry Cohen, and an active member of our community, has been instrumental in the administrative management of the Foundation from its inception.

Readers who would like to learn more about Delaware Jewish History are referred to Harry Bluestone's books on major Jewish institutions:

The Jewish Population of Northern Delaware - 1962 a Demographic Study

A Historical Review of the Jewish Family Service 1899-1965

A Historical Review of the Jewish Community Center 1901-1965

A Historical Review of the Kutz Home for Jewish Aged 1902-1970

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MAP OF GREATER WILMINGTON

By 1952, the center of the Jewish community had shifted from lower Market Street towards Washington Streets and Baynard Blvd. This analysis of the community was prepared by Hilda Codor for the 1952 annual meeting.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF DELAWARE

- There are approximately 2,500 Jewish family units in the State.
- Approximately 2,350 Jewish family units live in Greater Wilmington.
- Approximately 150 Jewish family units live in the lower two counties.
- On the map of Greater Wilmington, we have located the residences of 2,251 Jewish family units...
 - 850 Jewish family units (38%) live north of the Brandywine—west of Market Street.
 - 160 (7%) live north of the Brandywine—east of Market Street.
 - 638 (29%) Jewish family units live south of the Brandywine—west of Market Street.
 - 85 Jewish family units (4%) live south of the Brandywine—east of Market Street.
 - 257 Jewish families (11½%) live in the suburbs north and northwest of Wilmington.
 - 222 (10%) live in the suburbs south and southwest of Wilmington.
 - 38 (1½%) Jewish families live in the Newark area.
- There are 5 synagogues and temples in the Wilmington area.
- About 1,100 Jewish families (48%) are dues-paying members in either the orthodox, conservative or reform congregations of Wilmington.
- About 80 per cent of the Jewish family heads identify themselves with one of the above three major religious segments.
- The Beth Shalom Community Center of Dover hopes to service the 150 Jewish family units in the lower two counties, though a small percentage of this group are dues paying members of the Dover Congregation.
- Of the 1,100 Jewish family heads belonging to Congregations and Temples, 50 per cent belong to the orthodox groups.
- There are three Hebrew Schools in Wilmington, representative of the reform, conservative and orthodox segments of the community. There are approximately 850 children between the ages of 5 to 15 in the Wilmington Jewish Community. 562 children (66 per cent) attend Sunday School. 372 (42 per cent) attend week day Hebrew school.
- In 1952, we will spend approximately:
 - \$70,000 to maintain the religious services in the Community.
 - \$40,000 for Jewish education.
 - \$70,000 for character building and civic community relations programs.
 - \$35,000 for family welfare and old age service.
 - \$225,000 for 50 regional, national and overseas agencies from contributions to the United Jewish Campaign.

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Jewish Community Relations Council

"Community relations in Wilmington," the BJSR Survey (1946) indicated, "are neither of the worst nor of the best. Jews have many friends in the community-at-large and a positive community relations program and an energetic and conscientious leadership can secure many more." A Jewish Community Relations Council was recommended. Such a Council was organized in late 1946 and represented all elements of the Jewish community in the civic-protective field (anti-defamation, religious and civic). A successful JCRC in turn helped the JFD to become recognized more and more widely as the official spokesman for the Jewish community. Committees consisted of a Legal and Fact Finding Committee, which initiated social action in matters of immigration, legislation, cases of vandalism, assault and other overt manifestations of anti-Semitism; discrimination in employment; discrimination in education and in housing. Another committee called the Civic and Group Activities committee functioned in the use of the mass media in order to improve communications with the community-at-large and specific groups such as labor, veterans, blacks, and business.

An Internal Affairs Com-

mittee covered self-discipline programs, organizing the Jewish community and its organized bodies for cooperation with the Council; and establishing and developing proper relationships with Jewish agencies serving certain areas in the community. An Executive Committee consisted of JCRC officers and the chairman of all standing committees enumerated above. Its duties included planning, membership, budget and office personnel practices.

The JCRC, over the years functioned effectively in many areas. It sought out disparaging advertisements on radio stations and in newspapers and resolved these matters with editors and managers of the media. On one occasion it successfully prevented the insertion of an offensive advertisement in the *Sunday Star* via a "healing" evangelist.

The JCRC did not lack its denigrators. On several occasions it was labelled "an organization looking for trouble," "a judicial society which sits in judgment on others," "a debating society." Actually it acted as an arm of JFD but was autonomous. The Council requested that individuals should not try to settle community problems on a personal basis but should make

referral to the JCRC for study and review.

On another occasion it took firm action when at a breakfast prayer meeting at the Carrcroft School copies of the New Testament were distributed to the children who were asked to sign a pledge that they would read daily portions of the text.

The JCRC also investigated discrimination in employment and studied bills in the State legislature with an eye for constructive action.

The State of Delaware was not spared in the desegregation struggle and racial violence of the 60s. In Milford, a small community a hundred miles south of Wilmington, with a negligible Jewish population, there was violence. The JCRC felt its obligation to join with the non-Jewish community in an effort to help solve a problem that affected everyone. In Wilmington swastikas, defacement of synagogues and anti-Semitic slogans were further manifestations of general unrest.

Desegregation proved to be a greater issue than that of anti-Semitism and one was not necessarily related to the other; e.g., When a private owner-operated restaurant in a public parking facility, engaged in discriminatory practices, the Supreme Court of the United States to whom

the case was eventually sent, ruled that such discrimination was contrary to the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment and therefore unconstitutional.

The Delaware State Police of Lower Delaware developed an in-service program for its law enforcement officers to assist them in a better understanding of their role in dealing with desegregation. Copies of a booklet by Herbert L. Cobin: *Legal Aspects of Desegregation* were distributed. To help in partially defraying its total cost of \$250,000, JFD contributed \$125.00. In addition to the above, it amicably settled problems in a wide variety of anti-Semitic accusations, one involving complaints against local hospitals which attempted to eliminate circumcisions by a mohel and to replace him by a physician. It investigated violations of Church and State separation. Its scope of action was very wide. The Jewish community always was aware of any aberrations in which Jews were involved.

Since its inception in 1946, the JCRC developed from a rather limited concept of united and coordinated Jewish defense of Jewish libel to a broader and more positive program directed toward five main objectives which were incorporated in

the by-laws of JFD:

1. To assist the Jewish community of Wilmington in adding to its own moral strength by settling intra-Jewish disputes "within the family," by fostering internal discipline based on self-respect, dignity, and ethics among all groups, business, professional, vocational.

2. To defend Jewry against anti-Semitic attack from the bigots, or anti-semitic tendencies generated among some of the well-meaning, but uninformed people.

3. To acquaint our neighbors and particularly the non-Jewish community with an understanding of Jewish culture, traditions, history, and aspiration.

4. To safeguard and augment the basic American promise of civil rights.

5. To create better understanding between races and faiths.

The By-Laws were further amended to increase the maximum number of members of the JCRC to 30, as most representative of the Jewish community as possible. The Council served as a committee of the JFD on all matters pertaining to community relations and had the power to elect its own officers and to formulate its own rules of procedure within the scope approved by the board of JFD.

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Milestones...

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The contributions we make this year are not to serve as a precedent for our future generosity. Hostilities the world over have ceased, but peace to all peoples, particularly to European Jewry has not yet come. With the present situation in Palestine, perhaps hostilities for our people are not yet over.

As long as our strength will permit and so long as there are those of us, who but by sheer force of circumstances and ironical twist of fate, less fortunate than we are, we shall do all that we can with our hearts, with our hands, and with whatever resources we possess to sustain them, come what may.

There devolves upon Delaware Jewry a great responsibility. It is not a new responsibility because through the years we have recognized our duty to assist our brethren in distress the world over.

Since we are living in unusual times we assume this unprecedented responsibility with the firm conviction that we will successfully meet that challenge of raising One Hundred Million Dollars.

On Rosh Hashannah, our holy day in the New Year, we pray to the Almighty that we may be inscribed in the Book of Life. When, as in the case of many of us who have during the course of the year been stricken with sorrow, the prayer takes on greater meaning and significance. At this hour, in the palms of our hands, lie the remnants of European Jewry. It is not the Almighty - it is you and I who hear the cry. It is you and I who shall say who shall live and who shall die.

We cannot isolate ourselves from the fate of the Jews in Europe. We have been spared the ruin and the desolation, the tragedy and the tears, the humiliation and the suffering of our fellow Jews overseas. It is within our power now to help the survivors to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens. The Jews of America have made a historic decision. The Jews of Delaware recognize that in their hands are the scales of life and death for the survivors.

This campaign has been characterized as the most decisive factor in the battle

1946 Address By H. Albert Young At 11th Annual Dinner Meeting

In 1946 responding to the increased needs of world Jewry, the Delaware Jews raised the unprecedented sum of \$382,840. The following speech was given by H. Albert Young at the annual meeting of 1946.

for Jewish survival. "Why \$100,000,000?" has been the question asked. The answer is simple. The funds are to be used to make possible relief and revival in Europe, settlement and up-building in Palestine and aid to refugees in the United States - they are to be used to continue and enlarge the programs carried on by the J.D.C., U.P.A. and National Refugee Service. The U.J.A. Agencies, acting as servants of the Jews of the United States, are faced with staggering obligations and overwhelming burdens in the saving and rebuilding of Jewish life throughout the world. We are faced with a crisis without parallel.

In the year 1945, American Jews contributed some \$35,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. The estimated needs of its agencies for 1946 amount to three times that figure. This is the challenge which places before the Jews of the United States a solemn and historic responsibility. The Jewish battle for survival has only now begun. It will depend largely upon what you and I give in dollars and cents to this 1946-47 campaign in order to determine how that battle will end.

One of our chief objectives is the rehabilitation of homeless Jews, consisting of men, women and children who survived the tortures of hell and who are living now in poverty and sickness. They must first be fed and clothed. They must be supplied with medicine. They must have vocational training. They must be given spiritual guidance so that their morale can be maintained and their will and hope to live kept alive.

This is a life-saving program. With your dollars and your will and your courage we shall combat hunger, disease and death.

We shall increase our flow of supplies such as food, clothing and medicine.

We shall increase facilities and recreational centers as morale-building activities.

We shall augment relief to the destitute.

We shall supply tools to help those who wish to start on the road to self-support and self-respect.

We shall rebuild communal institutions.

We shall arrange for

transportation to Palestine and other countries.

The Jews of Europe will know that we have heard their prayers, for we will raise the necessary funds to help them to survive and to realize the hope of a brighter tomorrow. American Jewry will heed the voice of those who by their suffering have earned the right to be heard, toward the goal of a new life.

We will care for our fellow Jews.

We will house them. We will nurse them and their children back to health. We will rehabilitate and help them to settle on other lands.

These are the needs and this is our common task.

Six million Jews were victims of starvation and death chambers. Of the remaining one million four hundred thousand we are going to do something about it. One million five hundred thousand children before the war, one hundred and fifty thousand remain, most of them orphans, looking for food in garbage pails, waiting for treatment of ulcerated sores because of malnutrition, and in need of medical care.

They are looking to American Jewry for help.

Jew and non-Jew in America will heed their call.

This great program of human reconstruction is recognized by Jew and Christian alike in their determination to build a world free from human misery and need.

This is the time for strength, for courage, for honesty.

This is the time for generosity and sacrifice.

This is the time to restore Jewish dignity and self-respect; to conserve the values of our history and tradition.

As long as we Jews here have the means, as long as there is an ounce of blood left in our veins, we shall give, and if need be, sacrifice, in order that throughout every

nook and corner of the world there will beat and live a Jewish heart to carry on the tradition of our religion and perpetuate our noble faith, which has given to the spiritual world its Christianity, and to the political world the meaning and significance of democracy.

History has summoned us to perform an action that will determine the future destiny of the Jewish people.

We Jews in Delaware are prepared to meet that challenge.

Mr. Kutz, the President of our Federation, who has demonstrated his humanitarianism by his leadership and his generosity in communal affairs, in an open letter to the community, which will soon reach you, has aptly stated:

"The time for talk, tears and the beating of breasts has ended. The time for action has come."

And I should like to add in closing that when that time comes, I am confident that all of us in Delaware will respond with understanding hearts and generous hands.

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Milestones...

1948

Wilmington Jews Mark Birth Of Israel

On May 14, 1948 Delaware Jewry congregated at Temple Beth Shalom to mark the birth of Israel.

The following article, written by Sylvan Silver, appeared in the Delaware Morning News, May 15, 1948.

Copy of article written by Sylvan Silver, a staff reporter for the Wilmington Morning News, on service marking the birth of the State of Israel, which was published in the Wilmington Morning News on May 15, 1948.

Wilmington Jews last night joined in a service of prayer to mark the birth of the new Zionist State of Israel in Palestine.

Over 400 persons attended the joint service at Temple Beth Shalom, Eighteenth and Washington Streets, in which all local Jewish congregations, the Wilmington District, Zionist Organization of America, the Senior

Hadassah, the Junior Hadassah, Pioneer Women and Jewish Workers Alliance participated.

"This is the greatest hour in the history of the Jewish people," said Rabbi Jacob Kraft of Temple Beth Shalom. "Not only has a new state been established, but a new world has been born. It is an indication of a new era in human

civilization."

"It was done the hard way by our gallant fellow Jews in Palestine," Rabbi Kraft stated. "They carved a Jewish state with their blood and have fought with magnificent courage." He hailed President Truman's action in recognizing the new Jewish state.

Rabbi Eliezer Ebner, of Chesed Shel Emeth Congregation, said that the establishment of the state of

rejuvenated on the soil of its fathers in strength and dignity and in the consciousness of freedom."

He said that the new state posed a series of challenges to the Jewish people, but he added these would be met with success.

Rabbi Herbert E. Drooz of Temple Beth Emeth led responsive readings and a prayer for the success of the new state. The Temple Beth Shalom Choir sang a group of selections, including a number of Palestinian hymns. The service was concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

Israel is the embodiment of Jewish yearnings, hopes and dreams for the past 2,000 years.

"The Hebrew flag now flies over Palestine and Jewish rule, sovereignty and independence has been established in Palestine," Rabbi Ebner continued. "A nation has been revived and

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PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUNDBREAKING for the new Jewish Home for Aged on the Campsite, River Road, were (left

to right), James Zallea, Sol L. Cohen, Mrs. Milton Kutz, Sam Eisenstat, and Daniel L. Herrmann.

Federation Breaks Ground For \$580,000 Aged Home

Representatives of the Jewish Federation of Delaware officiated yesterday in the ground breaking ceremonies which initiated the building program of the newly projected Home for Jewish Aged on the Federation Campsite, River Road.

Those participating in the ceremonies included Saul L. Cohen, chairman of the campaign committee; Sam Eisenstat, chairman and Daniel L. Herrmann, co-chairman of the building committee; Sidney Laub, vice president of the federation; James Zallea, building committee member, and Harry Rubenstein, federation secretary.

The first spadeful of earth was turned up by Mrs. Milton Kutz, a vice president of the federation. Mr. Eisenstat said the building would cost approximately \$580,000 and that the construction program called for the completion of the home in less than a year.

Mr. Laub announced that plans were being made to dispose of the present Home for

Jewish Aged at Third and Washington Streets.

The passing of this edifice will mark the end of an historic era of Jewish philanthropy in Delaware. A half century ago a group of women in Wilmington began providing food, clothing and funds for sick, needy and unfortunate Jews. This formed the basis of what became a program of care for the Jewish aged. As the community grew, these Jewish women acquired a small house providing care for the old and homeless and came to be known as the Bichor Cholom Home. As the facilities, which these Jewish women provided, became too small, there was a community-wide campaign and the present home at Third and Washington Streets was acquired.

The home was served by a group of women who directed the program. The present members of the board of directors of the Bichor Cholom represent daughters and granddaughters of the original founders.

The growing need for skilled medical, nursing and services for older people, as well as the deterioration of the area in which the home is located, made it evident, that a new facility would be necessary. A professional survey, sponsored by the federation was made last year. This study recommended a new home for the Jewish aged at the campsite location on the River Road and was proposed as the most suitable to the needs of the community and the home's residents.

The new home will be a ranch type structure, able to care for 40 residents. It will provide religious facilities, recreational rooms, medical and nursing attention. The federation is seeking a director to develop the full program of activities for older people and the staff to provide these services. The new home will be able, through special provisions, to care for aged who are ill and need special nursing and medical attention.

Morton L. Bleich, AIA, is architect for the new home.

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Milestones...

1970

New Jewish Community Center

The ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Jewish Community Center took place on May 3, 1970.

State Supreme Court Justice Daniel L. Herrmann, chairman of the Center Building Planning Committee presented the following remarks.

For those who labored so long and so well in the creation of this new J.C.C. - this occasion is a most memorable, exciting, and happy event.

For the entire Jewish Community, which has demonstrated the vitality, the will, and the strength to create this monumental cultural, health, and civic facility - this occasion is the thrilling realization of our growth from strength to strength, and the durability of this Jewish Community.

For all the people of our community, Jewish and non-Jewish alike - this occasion marks the creation of a landmark and a civic asset to which all of us can point with great civic pride and great satisfaction for decades to come.

On the garden wall, adjacent to the main entrance of

this building, there are affixed the words of the Psalmist: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This is the spirit in which this facility was created, this is the spirit in which we hope it will serve this community over the years, both as a Jewish institution and as a Red Feather Agency.

The structure still needs much polishing and finishing. Much in the way of furniture, furnishings, and equipment still must be acquired and installed. Present planning includes completion of the facility to a certain degree.

But in the indefinite future lies the actual completion of the undertaking. When funds become available, the future planning for this project includes handball and squash courts; airconditioning of the auditorium and other areas of the building; tennis courts

and ball fields and playgrounds outside; completion of parking areas; floor coverings and wall decoration in various parts of the building; additional needed furniture and equipment, etc., etc., etc. - all when funds become available.

Many people, of course, have been involved in the creation of this new J.C.C. over the past 20 years. Many different kinds of talents, abilities, and contributions went into the creation of this facility. It is, of course, impossible to give credit here to all to whom credit is due.

The occasion may not be permitted to pass, however, without observing that the community stands beholden, especially to Sol Zallea, Irene duPont, Sidney Laub, H. Albert Young, and Irving Shapiro for leading the fundraising efforts of the past five years which made this facility possible. We are especially indebted, too, to Sam Eisenstat and Martin Yalisove and Sadie Toumarkine for their sustained and wholehearted efforts in the planning, and execution of the planning, over the years.

And I may not permit the occasion to pass without honorable mention, richly earned and greatly deserved, by our project superintendent, David Roth, to whom this building has become a way of life, and who has demonstrated exemplary fidelity to this project from its inception.

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Milestones...

1970s

In early 1970's Jewish Family Service began an active resettlement committee to assist Russian emigres. During the 1970's some 33 families were resettled in the Delaware area.



Five new arrivals in Wilmington from Russia are greeted by Connie Kreshtool who is seen handing them a welcome gift. Alongside her is her husband, Bernard Kreshtool. Others in the picture are (left to right): Anatoly Breger, who stands with his granddaughter, Luda Breger of Wilmington; Sergie Troyanvosky, Laura Cipron and Ruth Rosenbaum both of the Russian Settlement Committee of the Jewish Family Service of Delaware; Maria Tuhman, Yaacov Troyanovsky and his wife, Rimma. The newly arrivals, now living in the Green Tree Apartments, are related to Mr. and Mrs. Igor Breger of near Wilmington.

1973

Yom Kippur War



Gilbert Spiegel

In October 1973, Delaware Jewry responded to the crisis of the Yom Kippur War. Campaign chairman Gil Spiegel made a convincing plea for immediate payment of all outstanding pledges and sacrificial gifts to the 1974 campaign.

1974 CAMPAIGN IS ON!

The 1974 Jewish Federation Regular Campaign and Israel Emergency Fund is on!

"The critical situation in Israel has forced us to disregard our previous schedule and to proceed to solicit contributions for next year's campaign right now," said Gilbert Spiegel, 1974 campaign chairman.

"We're asking every Jew in Delaware to make a commitment now -- today -- for 1974. Israel needs to be assured of a continuing flow of cash from payments of 1973 pledges and from pre-payments of 1974 pledges. And if our contributors cannot pay their entire commitment now, we may be able to use their pledge as loan collateral if the cash crunch becomes too overwhelming."

Mr. Spiegel said that many volunteers are already at work soliciting gifts, but that more are needed. "Contrary to our usual practice, of face-to-face solicitation, some of the solicitation will be

done by small parlor meetings" he added. "The urgency of the campaign is forcing us into this position, and we know our contributors will respond with even greater generosity."

There are two ways the Delaware Jewish community can help Israel, Mr. Spiegel stated. First, pay up any outstanding balances still owed on pledges from 1973 or prior years. Second, make a maximum pledge for the 1974 Jewish Federation Campaign and Israel Emergency Fund, and pay as much of it as possible right now.

"That's what everyone can do," he commented. "Those who are able to give some time are needed as well, to do many things in the Federation office and to solicit gifts. We especially need people with a financial background such as accountants and bookkeepers to assist with the record keeping."

Further information is available from the Federation office, 656-8555.



The Truth About The Start Of The 'Yom Kippur War'

BY GEORGE E. GRUEN
Director, Middle East Affairs
American Jewish Committee

The Arabs have resorted to the Ba'ath

Milestones...

1979

Holocaust Memorial Becomes A Reality

In 1979 the Holocaust Memorial became a reality. The following speech was given by Frank Chaiken, chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Committee at the annual meeting 1979.



It is my profound pleasure to report to you this evening that we now stand upon the threshold of a soon to be realized dream more than five years in the making. Within the next 12 months, if possible by next Yom Ha Shoah, the monument which we have sought for so long to serve as a permanent reminder of the Holocaust, will be erected!

As you are aware, our first Holocaust Committee under the chairmanship of Louis Finger was appointed in June, 1973 during Howard Handelman's term of office. He charged this committee with the responsibility to bring forth recommendations to such questions as: Should the Holocaust Memorial be a Jewish community endeavor or a total community involvement? What kind of a memorial should we have and what should be its nature? Where should it be located? And, naturally, how much would it cost?

In seeking the answers to these questions, that committee laid the groundwork for all that followed. Theirs was the unenviable task of listening to the many diverse opinions which then abounded and attempting to attune themselves to the will of the Jewish community. The job was not an easy one. For

three years they labored diligently and through their efforts, my committee, which is really an extension of its predecessor, was assisted immeasurably in carrying to its conclusion that which they had begun.

In February, 1976 they succeeded in having the board adopt a resolution which in essence supported the proposition that a monument be erected in memory of the six million victims of the Holocaust, and authorized for this purpose a separate and distinct fund raising effort under the auspices of the Jewish Federation.

My committee was appointed by Bernard Siegel on June 10, 1976. By June 11 we were under way! Now that we knew this was to be a Jewish community endeavor, that a monument was desired and how we would get the money to pay for it, all that remained was to locate an appropriate site, generate public support for our project, engage an artist whom we felt might best achieve the expression of our desires and keep our costs as low as possible. It all sounds easy when you say it fast, but let me assure you that such was anything but the case. For over two years we have concentrated our efforts on these problems. Happily our work was not in vain.

We began first by turning our attention to the selection of a site. Its location, we decided, had to be one that was easily accessible, readily visible, available to large gatherings and open to maximum exposure. After much deliberation, during which we gave serious consideration to every potential area, we selected, conditional upon its availability, Freedom Plaza located in downtown Wilmington. In making this choice our committee was guided by the fact that not only did this site meet our criteria but possessed additional virtues. Situated in an open plaza between the newly constructed City-County and State buildings and across from the Federal building it is the single most prestigious and most frequented spot in our State. Downtown Wilmington is the heart of our community and as long as these buildings continue to be used will remain the hub of activity for generations to come. There is no question of its high pedestrian traffic. Here people of all races and religions persuasions will pass. Here we can be assured that it will not be a question of "least we as Jews forget so much as one of least the world forgets." Finally, this location renders itself ideal for student tours, public meetings and programs related to the Holocaust.

To their credit our City, State and County officials gave our project their overwhelming approval. Freedom Plaza was ours! We are indeed most grateful to all who were so helpful and supportive and wish to publicly acknowledge endorsements by: Pierre S. duPont, governor of Delaware, Mary D. Jorlin, county executive, New Castle County, William McLaughlin, mayor of Wilmington, James Baker and other members of City Council, Thomas C. Maloney, former mayor of Wilmington, William V. Roth, Jr. and Joseph R. Biden Jr., United States senators, Thomas B. Evans, United States congressman, Joseph Carbanell Jr., partner, Whiteside, Moeckel & Carbonall, Architects for the City-County Building & Freedom Plaza, Peter A. Largon, executive vice president, Greater Wilmington Development Council and many others.

On Oct. 21, 1976 the board of

directors by resolution formally approved Freedom Plaza as the site for the Holocaust Memorial.

With this issue securely nailed down your committee next began the difficult task of selecting an artist for the commission. In the pursuance thereof we made contact with many art galleries, spoke to numerous people in the art world and consulted with as many local and regional artist as we were able. Invitations were ultimately sent to 14 distinguished artists all of whom were individually interviewed, their work studied and their concepts as to how they might render their interpretation of the Holocaust evaluated. After careful screening, during which seven candidates were recalled for a more in-depth evaluation of their media, Elbert Weinberg was selected.

Weinberg is a sculptor of considerable reputation, and is currently represented by the Grace Borgenicht Gallery of New York. He is a teacher at the Union College of Schenectady. His works have been purchased by the Museum of Modern Art, the Jewish Museum of New York, the Whitney Museum and by the art galleries of Yale, Brandeis University, Colgate, Dartmouth and many others. For a more complete profile of Elbert Weinberg kindly refer to our display in the entrance hall.

Aside from the beauty and power of his work which would be justification enough for his selection, perhaps the best way I can explain why we knew he was our man would be to read what he has to say concerning the subject and his creation. "The monument is dedicated to the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis in Germany and all occupied and allied countries during World War II.

"As it was the most maniacal genocide in the anguished history of man's inhumanity to man, an attempt to destroy an entire ethnic group, World Jewry, a memorial is deemed a significant factor in encouraging vigilance against a state or moral corruption capable of heeding a similar tragedy."

The monument will consist of three free standing 15 foot concrete columns of in-

dividual design into whose surfaces the names of Auschwitz, Belsen Belsen, Treblinka, Buchenwald and the other extermination camps will be carved. They will be arranged in a circle, the spaces between will contain three 6 foot bronzes: a man, a woman and a mother and child. The effect will be of Holocaust victims trapped and crushed by the enclosing columns. One figure reflects tragic resignation, another, resistance; the third, mother and child suggesting healing, regeneration and hope. An attempt is made to enclose the spectator within the drama, to promote empathy with the horrendous events by identification, and bring the message home in symbolic form - the life arbitrarily cut short could easily have been his own but for time and circumstances. There is no pedestal to separate the bronze figures from passers-by, they share a common ground of possibility.

I could not possibly conclude any report without some mention of the dedicated members who shared this committee with me. Never has a chairman been graced by such a group of selfless, devoted, hard working people. The hours, days and weeks that we spent cannot be calculated. It is because of them that our Holocaust memorial is a reality. I would like to recognize them publicly and after their names have all been read ask that your render your approval of their work.

George Preston, who has served on both Holocaust Committees for the entire five years, Norman Schutzman, Francis Glenn, Sol Schwartz, Zeldia Kratka and Stuart Young our prolific letter writer whose unswerving faith, energy and determination contributed so much to our success. Thank you all very much.

Our work is not quite completed. There still remains some technical difficulties involving the pouring, transporting and anchoring of these huge forms, final selection of the bronzes and their attachment to the pillars. These will eventually be worked out. In the months that follow we will continue to work closely with the artist so that the final product will be one in which we can all take pride.

Six million of our brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents, went to their deaths because they were Jews, and the world stood silent. We, the Jewish community of Delaware, hereby dedicate this garden to a few of the Righteous Gentiles who chose to act rather than to remain silent. We honor these brave souls for all time.

Milestones...

1980s

In the 1980s the Jews of Delaware pledged to assist the Max and Jesse Cohen housing project through Project Renewal.



ORT students painting the crosswalk in Jesse Cohen on "Community Day"

1983 Garden Of The Righteous Gentiles Dedicated

In honor of the Righteous Gentiles who at the risk of their own lives and the lives of their families, saved Jews during the Nazi Holocaust (1933-1945).

*Please join us in dedicating
The Garden of the Righteous Gentiles
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101 Garden of Eden Road
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"These were the Righteous in their Generation."

Genesis 6:9

*For further information call the Jewish
Community Center at 478-5660 or Harriet
K. Wolfson at 762-1476 (after 5).*

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1983, is a historic day for Delaware — at once a solemn and a happy day. At 2:30 p.m. begins the ceremony formally dedicating Wilmington's Garden of the Righteous Gentiles.

The Garden is the first monument in the United States to honor Christians who, at the risk of their lives and the lives of their families, saved Jews from the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust.

On Nov. 16, 1981, a crowd gathered on the lawn in front of the Jewish Community Center to witness a tree-planting ceremony by Holocaust survivors residing in Delaware. Those trees, each of which honors specific Christians, were the beginning of the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles.

Now, two years later, permanent bronze plaques replace the temporary wooden markers which had been unveiled by survivors or their representatives at the tree-planting ceremony. And a formal landscaped entrance greets visitors to the Garden. Raised lettering on a cement background proclaims:

**THIS GARDEN HONORS
RIGHTEOUS GENTILES
WHO SAVED
JEWISH LIVES
DURING THE
NAZI HOLOCAUST
1933-1945**

Nine of the Christians whom we honor in our Garden saved Jews who later came to live in Delaware. In another case, the survivor's daughter lives in Delaware. The names of two Righteous Gentiles, unknown by the survivors they saved, are honored with a tree dedicated to The Unknown Righteous Gentle.

One Christian couple, honored in our Garden for their heroic efforts in Holland, now reside in Delaware.

In still another case, a Christian is honored by a Delawarean whose fellow townspeople in White Russia were saved.

One tree honors Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved an estimated 100,000 Hungarian Jews. And one tree honors the people of Denmark, who saved most of their country's Jews from death at the hands of the Nazis.

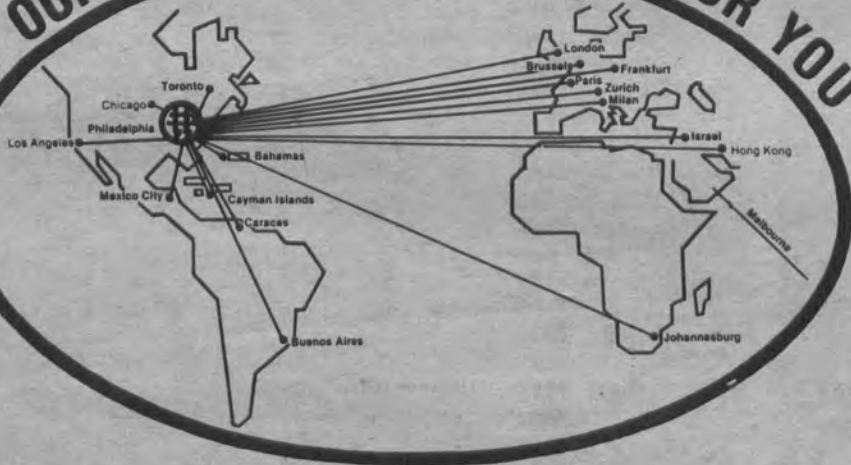
The Christians we honor here, in this Garden that will grow and blossom in our front yard for as long as life and freedom exist on this corner of the globe, are truly among the heroes of human history.

By risking their lives to save Jews from death during the Nazi Holocaust, they rose up to proclaim with their actions that love and decency could flourish amidst the most unthinkable barbarism the world has ever known.

THE GARDEN OF THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILES is a project of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Community Center. The idea for the Garden, patterned after the Avenue at Yad Vashem, belonged to Halina Wind Preston.

Mrs. Preston was a Jewish educator and lecturer on the Holocaust for more than 30 years. As a young lady barely in here 20s, Halina Wind hid from the Nazis for 14 months in a sewer in Lvov, Poland. She dedicated her life after the war to keeping alive the memory of the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

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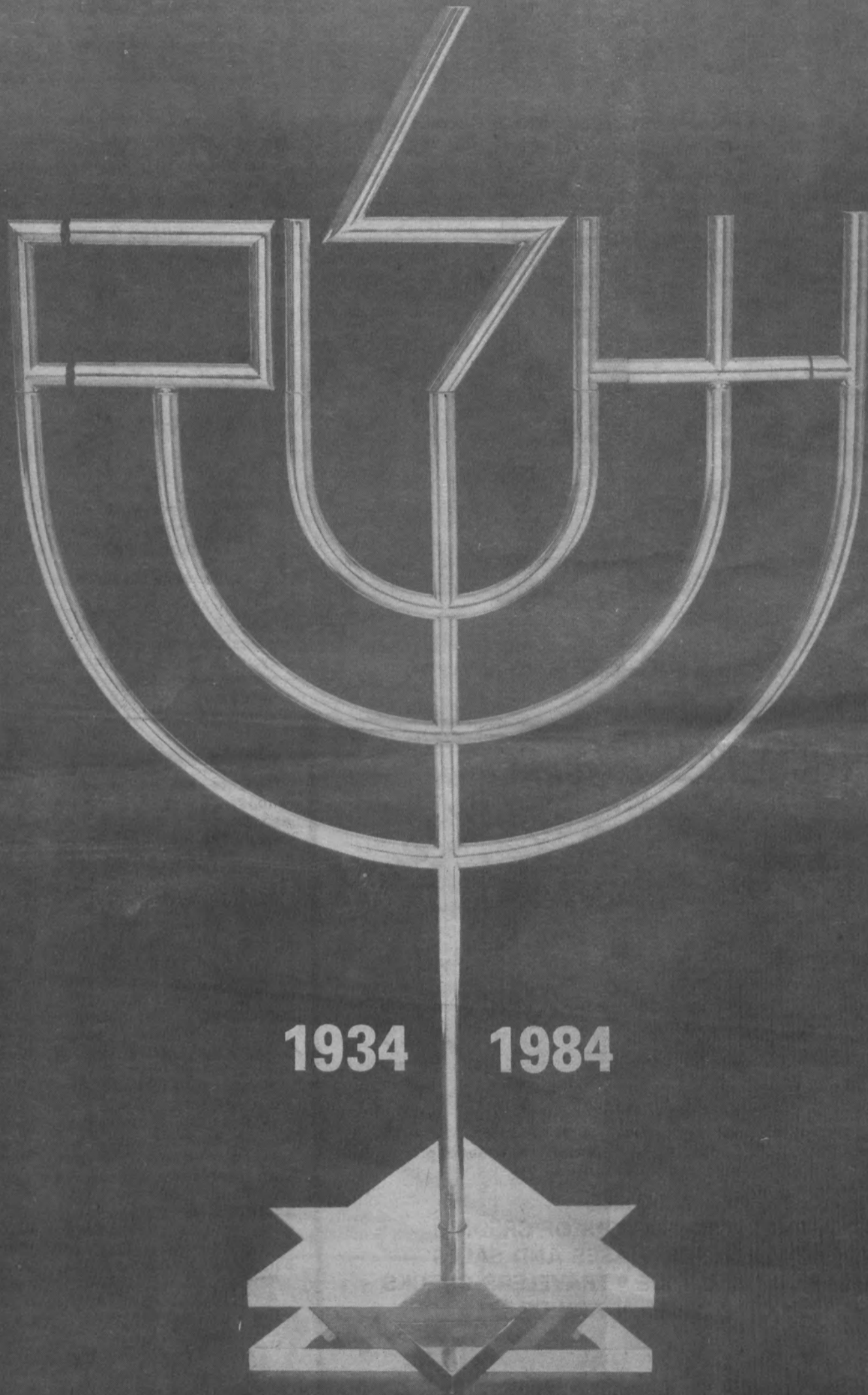
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