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## News Briefs

### Israel Refunds U.S. Aid

Israel's decision to refund \$51.6 million in U.S. economic assistance to help the United States reduce its budget deficit met a strongly positive response in Washington. Under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget balancing act, Israel would have had to absorb a \$51.6 million cut in economic aid (in addition to a \$77 million reduction in military assistance). However, Israel has already received its economic aid for fiscal 1986 and was not required to return any of it. Nevertheless, because of the budget-cutting constraints of the legislation and the impact it would have on other foreign aid recipients, Prime Minister Shimon Peres personally offered to return the \$51.6 million.

### Two Aliyah Activists Arrive In Israel

TEL AVIV, (JTA) - Yasha Gorodetzky, a Leningrad mathematician and a leading aliyah activist for the past six years, arrived here last week from Vienna with his wife and family. He is the second prominent Jewish activist allowed to leave the Soviet Union in less than two weeks. Eliahu (Ilya) Essas, also a mathematician, arrived in Israel with his family Jan. 22.

### Anti-Semitic Incidents Decrease

NEW YORK, (JTA) - Anti-Semitic incidents directed against Jews and Jewish institutions in the United States decreased notably last year, according to the annual audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The report points out that although there were fewer incidents of vandalism, several were particularly disturbing and received nationwide attention.

### Warsaw Ghetto Leader Emigrates

PARIS, (JTA) - Marek Edelman, 64, one of the leaders of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, has been allowed to emigrate from Poland and will settle in France. French government spokesman Georgina Dufoix announced that Edelman, a surgeon, will join his wife who has been living in France for several years.

### Administration Indefinitely Postpones Jordan Arms Sale

Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times reports assert that the Administration, in the face of unyielding Congressional opposition to proceeding with arms sales to Jordan, intends to indefinitely postpone the sale.

In return for this indefinite postponement, Senate opponents of the sale have agreed to postpone a vote on the Heinz-Kennedy Resolution of Disapproval which had been scheduled for Feb. 18. Congressman Larry Smith, one of the principal authors of the House Resolution of Disapproval indicated, according to the L.A. Times, that he would not press for a House vote.

## Spain, Israel Establish Ties

JERUSALEM, (JTA) - Spain and Israel announced the establishment of diplomatic relations, for the first time since the Jewish state was founded in 1948.

The announcement in Madrid followed a Cabinet meeting there with a simultaneous announcement in Jerusalem. Prior to the disclosure, Spain summoned the ambassadors of the Arab League states to inform them that recognition of Israel was imminent.

Spain, which became a member of the European Economic Community Jan. 1, has never recognized Israel, and was the only Western European nation to take such a stance. Discreet contacts between the nations began about 10 years ago, following the death of Gen. Francisco Franco and the restoration of democratic government in Spain.

The contacts accelerated after Shimon Peres took office as Israeli Prime Minister last year. He and Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez are long-time colleagues in the Socialist International. Gonzalez has visited Israel several times, and Israel presently maintains a tourism office in Madrid, headed by diplomatic official Shmuel Hadass. Spain also had an informal presence in Israel by maintaining a consulate in East Jerusalem.

The Israeli Embassy will be in Madrid, but the Spanish Embassy will be located in Tel Aviv, not Jerusalem, because of the Spanish position disputing Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem.

Israeli officials reacted with optimism to the development. "This is a very important step in strengthening the diplomatic status of Israel in the

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SPAIN-ISRAEL TIES ESTABLISHED

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS - Israeli diplomat Yeshayahu Anog, second from right, and Spanish diplomat Maximo Cajal, third from right, sign the formal agreement Jan. 17 that established formal diplomatic relations between the two nations. Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres hailed the ties as "a bridge between us, thus contributing to the peace process in the Middle East." RNS Photo

### Important Future Events

- Meet the Press. The public meets the Editorial committee of *Jewish Voice*. Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., JCC.
- Sunday, April 20, 9:30 - 3 p.m. Community Awareness Institute at Buena Vista.
- Sunday, April 27 - 2 p.m. Community Soviet Jewry Concert at the Jewish Community Center.
- Wednesday, May 14 - Evening. Yom Haatzmaut Celebration at the Jewish Community Center.

Call Federation office for details.

### Margaret May Honored By NCCJ

Margaret H. May will be honored as a community builder by the Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews at their annual peoplehood celebration Feb. 21 at the Radisson Wilmington Hotel. She was nominated for this honor by people familiar with her work and selected by a committee of community leaders. May and five other Delawareans will receive the community builder award at the Feb. 21 luncheon. The luncheon caps NCCJ's annual celebration of Brotherhood-Sisterhood Week Feb. 16-22.



Margaret May

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## Resnick Eulogized

AKRON, (JTA) — Dr. Judith Resnick, who died last Tuesday in the Challenger space shuttle with six of her astronaut colleagues, was eulogized at a memorial service at Temple Israel here last week as "a daring pioneering spirit" who heard and heeded the call to "go upward, climb higher, touch the stars."

Rabbi Abraham Feffer, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El — where Resnick was bat mitzvahed and confirmed — told the approximately 850 participants in the service that "she achieved what she had worked for and died doing what she loved best... She left us many achievements and much love..."

Feffer told the participants that before her first space flight in 1984, Resnick had stopped at his office with her father, asking for a blessing. "I prayed the traditional Jewish prayer — 'As she goes in peace, so may she return in peace.'"

Beginning his eulogy with a two-line quote from Hannah Senesch's famous poem, "Blessed is the Match," the rabbi said that Resnick "felt the need to extend the horizons of America and the world, to reach great heights, and to enhance life on this planet Earth... She was the match and the flame in which she was consumed."

Feffer called Resnick "brilliant, sensitive and compassionate." He said she had "an inner beauty — the beauty of a sensitive soul and a loving heart." A gifted musician, when she played the piano, "there was more than technical mastery — you were privileged to hear her poetic spirit expressing itself," he said.

Although he had first met Resnick when he officiated at her wedding in 1970, he had heard from her teachers that she had graduated Firestone High School here with an A average, and that she was at the "top of her bat

mitzvah class" of 1962 and her confirmation class of 1967 at the Conservative Temple Beth El.

Resnick was a "goal-oriented person," Feffer told participants in the service. "It was as if she heard an inner voice constantly challenging her to greater achievements."

Although he had reasons to believe her synagogue attendance after leaving Akron was "irregular," Resnick's "integrity, her forthrightness and commitment to truth was such that I wish many of those who do attend services regularly possessed and expressed" such qualities, he said.

The rabbi also addressed the feeling he had heard voiced by some people that Resnick was "somewhat distant from our people." He said, "Frankly, when a young American astronaut still calls her father *Abba* and her grandmother *Bubbie*, that astronaut is not too far from our people."

The service opened with a chanting of the 23rd psalm by Cantor Steve Stein of Temple Beth-El, the Reform synagogue where Resnick's father, Marvin Resnick, is a member. The temple's spiritual leader, Rabbi David Horowitz, spoke briefly, saying Resnick "would be with us forever."

Akron's Mayor Thomas Sawyer and Ohio Governor Richard Celeste praised Resnick in brief remarks, and the city's third rabbi, Abraham Leibtag of the Revere Road Congregation, read another Psalm. Cantor Gedalia Gertz of Temple Israel led the congregation in the *El Moley Rachamim* prayer.

### Spain, Israel Ties —

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world, and especially in Europe," Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir stated. "It is also the correction of an anomaly that was long overdue.

"We congratulate the Spanish government and people, and we hope that we will be able to develop meaningful relations in the diplomatic, economic and cultural spheres."

The Spanish move to recognize Israel comes nearly 500 years after the country expelled hundreds of thousands of Jews from its shores in an attempt to root out Jewish influence. But while recognizing Israel, Spain still stands by its position of opposing Israeli occupation of lands acquired during the Six Day War.

## ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



### What Simon Says

If *Shim'on Ha-tzaddik* were around today, he would have no hesitation in defining who is a Jew; he'd wonder why anyone was even asking such a silly question.

*Shim'on Ha-tzaddik*, Simon the Just, was, however, no stranger to the problems of intermarriage and assimilation. Living during the time of Alexander the Great, when Jews were greatly attracted by Greek culture and society, he is credited with stemming the strong tide of Hellenization among his people.

Most of us know Simon best for his famous words at the beginning of "*Pirkei Avot*," the Mishanic tractate referred to as "Ethics of the Fathers." He said, "The world is based on three principles: on *Torah*, on *Avodah*, and on *G'milut hasadim*." In analyzing the meaning of these three terms in Hebrew, in attempting to understand what Simon meant by them, perhaps we can gain an insight into how he would have defined Jewishness at a time, although over two millenia past, not unlike our own in terms of Jewish identity.

The word *Torah* means instruction, teaching. It is used in both a specific sense, the term applied to the first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch, and in the general sense, to include the whole vast body of legal and ethical teaching, written and oral, which derive from the Pentateuch. Ben Bag-Bag, a proselyte disciple of the great Hillel, said,

"Study the Torah again and again, for everything is contained in it: constantly examine it, grow old and gray over it, and swerve not from it, for there is nothing more excellent than it."

By *Torah*, then, we mean not only a book or a group of books, but the process of engaging oneself in the study of these books and the ideas within them, a continuing process of study. In Judaism there is no single-shot inoculation against ignorance, not even a three-shot series.

*Avodah* is more difficult to translate: it is usually read as "prayer" or "worship," neither of which is adequate. The Hebrew root is in a word meaning "to serve." *Avodah*, then, is service before God. It includes prayer and worship in the sense of a beautiful Hebrew expression, *avodah shebalev*, "service that is in the heart." It also includes, in its derivation from the ancient sacrificial system, the ritual forms and practices that accompany prayer. It may be worth noting that the Hebrew words for "prayer" and "praying" come from a root that means "to judge oneself."

*G'milut hasadim* is often translated as "deeds of kindness" or "acts of charity." Again, neither do the term justice; it includes so much more. *G'milut hasadim* includes all possible acts of kindness and decency: pledging money to the Federation and

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### People Poll

We'd like to initiate a new feature in the *Voice*: a people poll. We'll supply the question; you supply a brief answer. We will publish a random sampling of responses in the following issue of the *Jewish Voice*.

This week's question: In light of recent terrorist activity, would you still travel to Israel?

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## Roxanne Arsht Receives Marvel Cup

By BILL FRANK

Roxanna Arsht is the fourth woman to receive the Marvel Cup since it was established in 1949. The others were Dr. Margaret I. Handy, 1953, Pearl Herlihy Daniels, 1957, and Emily H. Womach, 1968.

The award recognized her as having given "exemplary service for the benefit of the state, community, society or fellow beings as a judge and (as) a volunteer with many community groups."

"Her work in connection with and behalf of service organizations and agencies," the citation said, "extends over four decades and has touched upon virtually every aspect of life in Delaware."

Roxanna Arsht was born July 15, 1915 near the corner of Second and Adams. Her father deserted from the czar's army in 1905 to avoid service in Russia's war with Japan. He migrated to the United States by way of England. Eventually he reached Wilmington and received the Americanization advantages the city and state offered.

Roxanna and her brother, Dr. Norman Cannon, were stimulated by their parents to seek higher education, even as their father attended special classes at the University of

Pennsylvania.

Here I must tell a favorite story. Judge Arsht was admitted to the Delaware bar in 1941 while pregnant with her first child. When she took the oath to join the Delaware bar I'm told, she said, "We do."

In 1980, she got really angry. With a couple of Family Court cases involving drug abuse before her, she became frustrated because Ferris School, then only for delinquent boys, didn't have a real drug abuse treatment program.

She ruled that unless Ferris inmates started to get meaningful drug abuse treatment within 30 days, she'd hold the entire Bureau of Juvenile Corrections in contempt of court. She meant it, too, and she got her way.

One of her major decisions came in 1961, after Family Court Judge Elwood F. Melson Sr. said to Roxanna's husband, "Sam, how about donating your wife to our court?"

Arsht very wisely consulted his wife and on Jan. 2, 1962, she was sworn as a volunteer master of Family Court. She became known for a unique talent of expressing the sense of the law so that those who appeared before her not only understood and accepted her decisions but saw the workings of the system and felt part of it.



## Why Won't The Vatican Recognize Israel?

By RICHARD COHEN

At the conclusion of a traditional year-end Te Deum Mass, Pope John Paul II interrupted a homily on "religious indifference" to once again condemn terrorism. Palestinian suicide squads had just struck at the Rome and Vienna airports and the Pope, once a victim of terrorism himself, was indignant and horrified.

His words were clear and forceful but Vatican policy, alas, is something else. It has yet to establish normal diplomatic relations with Israel.

Seventy-nine nations recognize Israel and have normal relations with its government. The Vatican is not one of them. Its apostolic delegate is accredited to the mayor of Jerusalem but not to the nation itself.

The Vatican makes such distinctions, it has told Israel, no longer on religious grounds (Pius X once said, "Jews have not recognized our Lord; we cannot recognize the Jewish people.") but because the borders of the nation are not yet established.

That's an understatement. The West Bank and Gaza are occupied territories. The Golan Heights has been annexed. The capital, Jerusalem, once intended to be an international city, is held by Israel and claimed, at least in part, by Jordan. It is beloved by all Islam, Christianity and Judaism. If you forget how thorny this one issue is alone, you may lose your right hand.

Still, other nations manage to have normal diplomatic relations with Israel. Spain just became the 79th. Like most of the others, it does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem or, it almost goes without saying, the West Bank and Gaza.

For that reason, Spain, like the United States and most other countries, has located its embassy in Tel Aviv, a city uncontestedly in Israeli territory. Of the 79 countries with normal diplomatic relations with Israel, less than a handful maintain embassies in contested Jerusalem.

The refusal of the Vatican to join those 79 may seem insignificant. After all, we are talking about the Vatican — 108 acres in the middle of Rome. It has no commerce worthy of the name and, as Joseph Stalin cynically observed, no (army) divisions either. What it has in abundance is awesome moral standing: When the home office of Roman Catholicism speaks, the world listens.

### Star Of Hope

Despite an effective ban on production of Jewish items, Jewish craftsmen from the Georgian Republic have made silver Stars of David, as shown above in a copy obtained by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Georgian Jews were represented heavily in the exodus to Israel of the 1970s, but now face the shutdown of the local emigration office, and the planned destruction of the Ashkenazi synagogue in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi. Details on the "Save the Soviet Synagogue!" campaign are available from the SSSJ at 210 West 91st Street, New York, NY 10024.

And to some ears, what the Vatican has been saying of withholding normal relations with Israel is uncomfortably close to what Arab extremists say. It is a variation of the Israelis-illegitimate theme, another way of saying that the legal title to Israel is clouded and — who knows? — maybe even temporary.

It is this view of Israel as both illegal and temporary that enables Yasir Arafat to vow that, in the name of humanity, he will limit his terrorist operations to Israel and the occupied territories — and then, presumably, wait until a grateful world awards him the Nobel Peace Prize.

To the chagrin of Israel, the Pope met with Arafat. He had his reasons. Palestinian nationalism is a reality and Arafat, by pronouncement of the Arab states, is its spokesman.

But Israel is a reality too. And no matter what its borders may eventually be, no matter what the eventual disposition of the West Bank or the solution to the heartbreak of the wandering Palestinian, it remains a nation that is entitled to live in peace.

The solution of territorial disputes, even a solution to the Palestinian problem, does not require the destruction of the State of Israel nor the murder of children at airport ticket counters.

Of course the Pope knows that. He knows, too, that full recognition of Israel might pose some difficulties for the Vatican in certain Arab and Third World states — and maybe that, and not uncertain boundaries, is the real reason for the church's position.

(When I asked the Vatican Embassy here for comment, it told me to submit my questions by mail and said it would respond the same way.) But the experiences of 79 nations, including Egypt, prove that these are not insurmountable difficulties.

The Pope's denunciation of terrorism was appropriate and forceful. But as long as the Vatican treats Israel as something other than a normal nation, it lends support to those who say it is an illegal nation — a trespasser in the Arab Middle East. The Pope's words were fine, but if he really wants to be heard he ought to treat Israel as no different than any other nation. Even in Rome, action speaks louder than words.

*Richard Cohen's column originates at the Washington Post where he began working in 1968.*



Photo by Helene Kenvin

## Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation Elects Sheldon A. Weinstein

At a meeting of the members of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation Board of Directors, held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, Sheldon A. Weinstein was elected president. In addition, Rolf F. Eriksen was elected vice president, Hilda C. Codor, treasurer, and Richard A. Levine, secretary.

The board and officers manage the assets of the Foundation and accept, consider and make recommendations for scholarships and other grants in the community.

Other members of the board include Irving Morris, Bennet Epstein, Bernard Siegel, Judge Collins J. Seitz, Martin G. Mand and Stephen E. Herrmann.

Weinstein also expressed appreciation to Alfred J. Green, the outgoing president of the Foundation who has served with dedication and distinc-

tion. Weinstein also indicates that the board and community are appreciative of the services of Leo Zefter who has been of great assistance in connection with the evaluation and recommendations for scholarships and grants.

Weinstein is in the process of appointing the grants, scholarships and finance committees of the Board and stated that he looks forward to the continued invaluable and unstinting services of Seitz, Hilda Codor, Siegel, Morris and Eriksen in this connection.

Weinstein presently serves as a vice president of the Federation and a member of the board and legal counsel to the Kutz Home. Weinstein has served as president of Congregation Beth Shalom and as treasurer and a member of the board of the Jewish Community Center.



### PERES VISITS CAMP

BERGEN-BELSEN, WEST GERMANY — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres prays at the monument to the Jews who died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Mr. Peres, who visited the monument Jan. 27 during a three-day visit to West Germany, said "I believe that a new Germany has arisen out of this hell which gives reason for hope." He is only the second Israeli prime minister to visit Germany. RNS Photo.

## Prisoner Of Zion

Sunday, Jan. 19, while those of us in Delaware were responding to Super Sunday calls, Inna Begun fasted and otherwise attempted to draw attention to her husband Iosif's plight.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council asks that telegrams of support be sent to Inna at her home and to Iosif, at the prison, as well as telegrams on behalf of Iosif Begun to Procurator General Alexander Rekunkov (addresses below).

Ever since the sentencing in 1973 of Begun's third prison term because of activities as an aliyah activist and Hebrew teacher, he has been subjected to cruel treatment in prison and denial of visitation rights with his family.

The case of Yosif Begun is a violation of juridical and human norms, as well as of national rights:

It is outrageous to present the study of Hebrew and Jewish culture as an "anti-Soviet crime."

In 1977, Begun was charged with "parasitism," which, in the Soviet Union means "avoiding socially useful work." However, in 1975, Article 209 of the Criminal Code of the RSFSR, which deals with "parasitism," was repealed under pressure of public opinion, particularly that of the International Labor

Organization which viewed the article as an attempt to legalize compulsory labor.

There was no legal basis to sentence Begun for "parasitism," as since first being denied an exit visa he did work — as a private teacher of Hebrew. According to Soviet law, private teaching is "socially useful work."

Begun did not merely teach Hebrew — he led a persistent struggle to be permitted to teach the language openly, in accordance with the law. He reported his earnings and activities to all the relevant authorities and repeatedly asked the finance offices to deduct taxes from his income as a private teacher.

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## Editorial

# Don't Hand The Terrorists A Victory

The effects of terrorism are insidious. Terrorism renders its victims helpless, paralyzed. Once terrified, we suspend logic and rationality, and magnify the actual danger, often allowing a tiny minority to brutalize and bully the majority.

The selection of airports as the site of recent terrorist attacks was no accident. Abu Nidal and the followers of his radical PLO faction would like nothing more than to frighten would-be travellers to Israel into staying away. An isolated Israel, abandoned by an intimidated world, is an easier target for destruction.

Over the millenia, our very survival as Jews has hinged upon our willingness to live and die for what we believe in. Our history is replete with heroes and martyrs who died as Jews, rather than relinquish their religion in favor of whatever religion the conquering army happened to profess. Diaspora Jews cannot abandon Israel; God, Torah and Israel are inseparable components of our ancient religion, inextricably combined. As N. Even-Or wrote in a recent column, "Jerusalem has never come easily to our people, nor has it been easily held. The price has been high. We have never backed off from paying it." If we stop visiting Israel, we hand the terrorists a victory.

But how much of a sacrifice are we actually called upon to make? Almost nil.

Israel is the one country in the world that has an effective anti-terrorist policy, one that is furthered, as M.J Rosenberg points out in a recent *Near East Report*, by a population that has learned how an alert citizenry can deter attacks.

Israel's airline, El Al, is, according to 60 minutes, the world's most secure airline.

Yes, travel to the Middle East involves a small incremental risk, but put into perspective, the level of risk is actually quite low. If we perceive it as high, it is because the terrorists have sufficiently frightened us to distort our perceptions.

There's one last reason not to put off travelling to Israel. In the United States we are immersed in Israel's bad news; one must travel to Israel to view the good news for oneself. Israel is a country of four million Jews, and it's alive and thriving. If you have planned a trip to Israel, by all means go through with it. If you haven't planned a trip, why not consider doing so...The sooner the better.

*Karen Moss, Jewish Voice editor, just returned, safely, from a trip to Israel where she attended an international colloquium of the Jewish press in Jerusalem.*

## DEADLINE

The next issue of The Jewish Voice will be published FRIDAY, FEB. 21. The deadline for stories and photos is noon, MONDAY, FEB. 10. Material should be sent or brought to the Jewish Voice office at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, 19803. (302) 478-6200. All articles must be typed, double spaced.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

To the Editor:

We are fortunate to have the Jewish Community Center's after-school care and Kidspace programs available in our community. These programs are run in a professional manner while continuing to maintain a warm, Jewish-oriented context. Much of the credit is due to the work of Arlene Bowman who also serves as camp director. The programming is decided upon by Arlene working together with Gail Budin and the Children's Committee. All interested individuals are welcome to join and contribute their ideas and expertise. Evidence of the success of the programs is the yearly increase in the enrollment.

Sincerely yours,  
Diane and Steve Franklin  
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Dear Editor,

The Yeshiva Radin and The Kadima School for Special Children in Netanya, Israel wishes to publicly give thanks to: Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, Beth Emeth Congregation, and Beth Shalom Congregation, as well as individuals too numerous to name, in Wilmington, for their support of our programs.

Yeshiva Radin is known in Israel for meeting social needs, and not only those of the religious community. Radin has been the safe harbor for Russian immigrants and under-

privileged children. It is worthwhile to note that Yeshiva Radin is the first religious institution in Israel to immediately take in Ethiopian Jewish refugees.

The Kadima School for Special Children was formed to fill the void in public welfare programs in Israel for educating the Down Syndrome Child. Kadima is the only program of its kind in Israel built on a partnership of the religious and secular communities.

Again, we thank all those of Wilmington, Delaware for their support.

The Radin & Kadima Schools  
Netanya, Israel

To The Editor:

I am in the process of gathering oral histories related to the escape of Jewish families from under Nazi domination/occupation during the years 1933-1945, who were fortunate not to have spent any time in concentration camps. If you and/or your immediate family escaped from the Nazis, did not spend any time in a concentration camp and would like to have your story told, please contact me in writing at the address below. Your story needs to be told. Your family's escape and survival represents our victory over the Nazis.

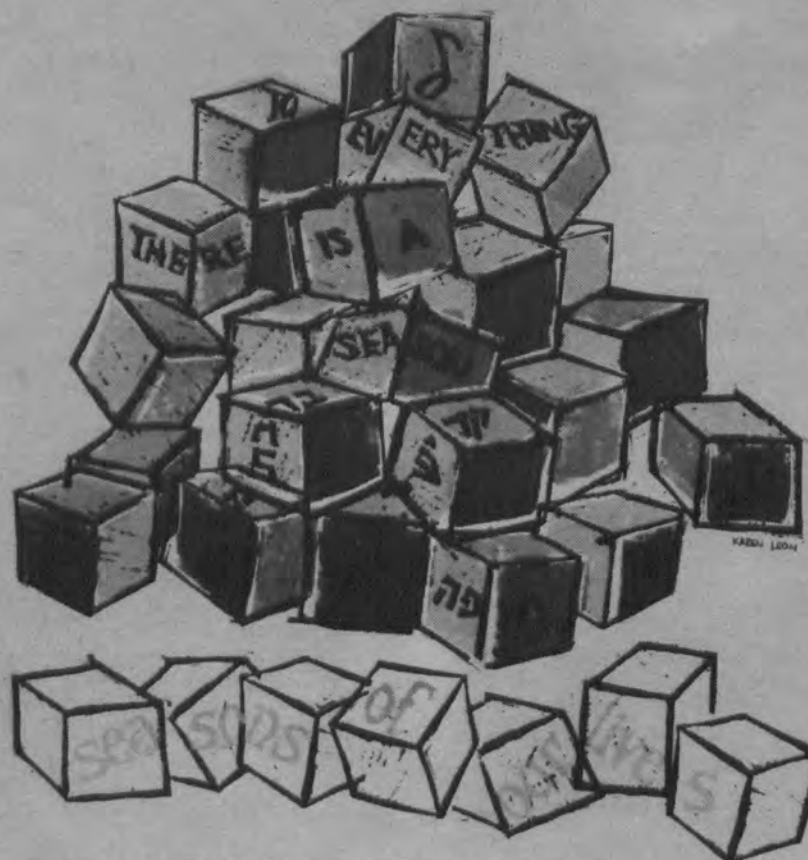
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# Israel's Success Story Is Her Economy

By KAREN MOSS

In a surprising statement, Dov Shmorak, Deputy Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs told a group of journalists in Jerusalem last month that the success story of Israel is Israel's economy.

Shmorak spoke to a group of Jewish journalists gathered in Jerusalem as part of a study mission for the Jewish press.

According to Shmorak, Israel's exports in 1948, based solely on the sale of oranges, totalled \$40 million. Ten years later in 1958, exports climbed to \$1 billion. By 1973, export sales were at \$2 billion. It is anticipated that exports will reach \$13 billion before the end of 1986, said Shmorak.

In contrast, Argentina, a country of 30 million people, exports \$8 billion in wheat, meat and other products, he said.

"Every night, a huge plane flies fresh flowers into Stockholm," said Shmorak. Nonetheless, agriculture accounts for less than 10 percent of all Israeli exports. The rest involve electronics and bioengineering.

Meanwhile, Elmer Winter, chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel (CEGI), has announced

the launching of a nationwide program to stimulate the purchase of Israeli consumer goods.

The program, called "Operation Join Up," is designed to create demand for Israeli products in retail stores throughout the country. Winter explained:

"While the unity government is making rapid strides



to rebuild the nation's economy, there are now more than 100,000 unemployed in Israel. There is an urgent need to increase exports, especially to the United States. More exports means more jobs. We can make a difference by asking for — and buying — Israeli-made products in our local retail stores."

"Operation Join Up" calls for a local survey of stores that sell Israeli products, Winter said. Once the survey is completed, the findings can be made available locally, informing shoppers where they can buy Israeli products,

among them foods, wines and apparel.

For a free copy of the "Operation Join Up" program, write to Elmer L. Winter at CEG-I, 5301 No. Ironwood Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53217.

#### Four Booklets Offered

To help promote the sale of made-in-Israel products the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel will make available, without charge, the following materials:

1) *The Operation Join Up* plan, which describes what individuals and Jewish community groups can do in their own communities to launch a "buy-Israel" drive.

2) *Importers of Fashion/Textile from Israel*, a listing of American importers that offer ladies' and children's apparel carrying the label "Made in Israel."

3) *Importers of Food, Wine and Liquor from Israel*, which provides information about Israeli foods and wines that are stocked by U.S. importers and are made available to retailers for resale under an Israeli label or private label.

4) *Your Shopping Checklist*, a handy reference booklet to help consumers find Israeli products in their local stores. It includes a

listing of many of the best-known Israeli food, wine and apparel products sold in the U.S.

"Shoppers will find that Israeli products are of high quality and competitively priced," Winter said. He disclosed that one large food chain in the Midwest buys more than \$5 million worth of Israeli food products a year, with plans to increase. Marks

& Spencer, a large retail chain in the United Kingdom, buys over \$100 million worth of food, wines and apparel from Israel annually, he said. Winter added:

"I believe that we can effectively use the buying power of the Jewish community to help Israel at this critical time to expand her exports — and thus to save jobs."

## Lillian Balick Publishes New Book

Lillian Balick's most recent book, *Reflections on Music: A Collection of Quotations About Music* brings together emotional, intellectual, humorous and ironic quotations compiled by the author. Quotations appear chronologically, and the book contains alphabetical listings of "Men of Music" as well as "Men and Women of Letters."

Balick, arts specialist with the Delaware State Arts Council, is a music historian, pianist, lecturer, teacher and former faculty member at Temple University College of Music. She founded and directs the Delaware Jewish Community Center Contest for Young Musicians. Under her direction the JCC initiated its first major musical undertaking, a chamber sym-



phony concert in 1968, and she continues to bring excellent musical programs to the JCC. Balick is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, and is a past recipient of the JCC's Harry Cohen Award. She is also the author of *The Delaware Symphony, Origins and the First Fifty Years*.

*Reflections on Music* is available at the Grand Opera House main office and fine local stores.

## Conservative Movement Reaffirms Matrilinealism

Rejecting the recently adopted stand of the Reform Movement to recognize either the father or the mother in establishing lines of Jewish descent, speakers at a major session of the Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue declared recently that "status as a Jew is determined only by matrilineal descent, or by conversion according to Jewish Law."

This is the position of the Rabbinical Assembly, international organization of the rabbis of the Conservative movement, which has unequivocally opposed the "drastic modification of universally accepted Jewish law" represented in the Reform and Reconstructionist action.

The question has surfaced because of the high and increasing incidence of mixed marriages in which, in most instances, the husband is Jewish and the wife is not. Speaking at a plenary session last night, where various aspects of the problem were aired, Rabbi Kassel Abelson of Minneapolis, vice-

president of the Rabbinical Assembly declared, "one of the most difficult issues that we have grappled with is how to respond to the startling increase in the number of mixed married families, where one spouse is Jewish and the other is not."

"The most important question to be dealt with is the question of offspring of mixed marriages — is a child to be considered Jewish because it has a Jewish parent? The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has affirmed the traditional law that defines a Jew as one who is born to a Jewish mother or is converted to Judaism." At the next Convention of the rabbinic group, he indicated, it will be proposed that it be adopted as a standard, binding on all Conservative Rabbis, "a definite rejection of the Reform and Reconstructionist patrilineal position, that children of Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers are to be considered Jewish — requiring only some public identification with Jewish life."

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# 5,000 Year-Old Homes Uncovered At

By LEORA FRUCHT

**JERUSALEM** — During the final days of one of Israel's most dramatic digs, archeologists at the ancient City of David announced the discovery of what are considered to be the oldest houses in Jerusalem. Dating back 5,000 years, the three houses were built a full 2,000 years before King David conquered the city that would

become his capital.

"The whole story of this complicated city starts with these buildings," says Dr. Yigal Shilo of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem who heads the City of David excavations. "From these buildings to you and me today is one continuous line of settlement spanning 5,000 years."

The sparse rectangular buildings, which each have a

single bench propped up against a wall, are typical of the style of houses from that time. They belong to what archeologists call the proto-urban phase in which settlements all over Canaan (ancient Israel) were undergoing a transition from semi-nomadic villages to fortified cities. Until now, archeologists have uncovered very little evidence from this important period which marks the beginning of the first cities in ancient Israel. The discovery of the houses brings the City of David excavations to a climactic ending.

"After eight years of excavations, we went down from the Islamic to the Christian, Greek, Israelite and Canaanite levels and here," says Shilo, standing over one of the 5,000-year-old houses, "we came to what James Michener called 'the source' in his book — the starting point of everything."

### Cult Figures, Flutes, Toilets

Since the dig began in 1978, a team of 13 archeologists led by Shilo along with over 100 volunteers from all over the world have been setting out daily to comb a steep one-acre area on the eastern slope



These painted pottery chalices from the time of King David (approximately 1,000 B.C.E.) are only a few of the precious relics retrieved in the City of David dig. Photo: Courtesy of City of David Archeological Project.

of the Kidron Valley slightly south of the Temple Mount. While its steepness made digging extremely difficult, it is precisely because of the awkward angle that this part of the City of David was spared for archeologists — no modern builder had bothered to construct over the site.

The location enabled the team to uncover 25 layers of settlements ranging from the fourth millennium B.C.E. to the Middle Ages. With the thousands of artifacts they unearthed, archeologists, assisted by geologists, physicists, zoologists and even musicologists, have been able to piece together a vivid picture of each era.

The abundance of fertility figures and cult objects found so close to the Temple makes the biblical accounts of the wrath of the prophets understandable. As for the more mundane habits of the

Israelites, a number of stone structures found above what seem to be cesspits probably represent the first version of the modern-day toilet.

Other finds include the charred arrowheads of the attacking Babylonians, flutes carved from the bones of cows' hind legs, and a large collection of clay bullae — official government seals — which list many of the names mentioned in the Bible, including the name of one well-known royal scribe who lived around the 6th century B.C.E.

### Another Source

"In Jerusalem, finding the source means finding both the starting point of everything and the water," says Shilo, explaining how David chose the site along the Kidron Valley because of its proximity to the waters of the Gihon Spring. And probably David's most impressive legacy is the underground system he built to channel and store the precious spring water — which served as Jerusalem's only source of water right up until the 20th century.

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# City Of David Archeological Dig



Volunteers arrive early in the morning to start another day of excavations at "Area G" of the City of David site. Photo: Joel Fishman

had a 100-foot horizontal tunnel dug underneath the city, leading to a natural vertical shaft 42 feet long. The spring water flowed through another short horizontal tunnel into the bottom of this vertical shaft which served as a well. The Israelites could approach it from the horizontal tunnel inside the city and end up standing above the shaft from

where they could then fetch their water. According to biblical accounts, David is said to have conquered Jerusalem from the Jebusite inhabitants by penetrating the horizontal water tunnel that led from the spring directly into the city. David's enemies would find it impossible to do the same because of the vertical shaft they would have to ascend in order to penetrate the city.

Even without encountering the enemy resistance, ascending the shaft was a major feat for modern-day archeologists. A team of mining engineers was called upon to blast through the shaft which had become covered with refuse since it was the first discovered by archeologist Charles Warren in 1867. A team of alpinists with elaborate climbing gear then scaled the shaft which has come to be known as Warren's Shaft after its discoverer.

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Visitors to the City of David excavations in Jerusalem can now pass through part of the intricate underground water system built in King David's time (9th-10th century) called "Warren's Shaft" after archeologist Charles Warren who discovered the tunnel in 1867. Photo: R. Milon

underground tunnel leading to the shaft. There, if it is quiet, they can still hear the spring waters of the Gihon flowing below as they did in David's time.

The underground water system was later extended in Solomon's time to form the pool of Shiloah and then again

during the reign of Hezekiah (around the end of the eighth century B.C.E.) to form the 1,500-foot long "Hezekiah's Tunnel" which is still intact today.

It is the earliest section of the water system which David built that now forms part of the recently-opened archeological park in the City of David. In addition to Warren's Shaft, the park incorporates the northern section of the excavations known as Area G. Many of the most outstanding finds of the last eight years can be viewed there. There is an imposing 55-foot high stepped structure — the equivalent of a six-story building — that served as the retaining wall for David's citadel. (Archeologists believe the citadel itself was long ago destroyed.) Beneath this Israelite structure, one goes even deeper into the past to

find the thick walls that belonged to a Canaanite citadel, which David probably destroyed when he conquered the city. And above, two razed buildings dated to the Babylonian conquest of 586 B.C.E. attest to the tragic end of the city David founded.

Eventually the southern section of the excavations, known as Area E, will also be included in the archeological park. Then, visitors will also be able to see the 5,000-year-old houses that mark the beginning of Jerusalem as a city.

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# Heritage: Civilization And The Jews Continues

HERITAGE: CIVILIZATION AND THE JEWS, hosted and narrated by Abba Eban, returned to TV12 on Sunday, Jan. 26 with two all-new additional programs. With the permission of CBS News, award-winning journalist Bill Moyers will moderate a series of interviews which will explore key questions about the Jewish story which surfaced during the previous airings of the original nine-part series. HERITAGE, a production of WNET/New York which chronicles the 3,000-year-long interaction between the Jewish people and Western civilization, premiered on national public television in October 1984. The Bill Moyers HERITAGE conversations will follow the fourth and

ninth episodes of the original series. The first of these broadcasts will air Sunday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. The second Moyers program will be broadcast in April.

"From its critical reaction, large weekly ratings, numerous awards, and comprehensive educational efforts, HERITAGE succeeded far beyond even our wildest expectations," said Mr. Eban. "Thus, I am delighted that again we can present the universality of the Jewish history to American viewers, complemented and enhanced by Bill Moyers and the two new programs which he will host."

"All of us are indebted to the Jewish heritage and its enormous contributions to world civilization," said Mr. Moyers. "I welcome this opportunity to further explore issues raised by the original HERITAGE broadcast."

Bill Moyers' guests in his first program (Sunday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m.) will include Gerson Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Rabbi Saul Berman of Lincoln Square Synagogue, who is also associate professor and former chairman of Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University's Stern College.

Moyers' guests for the second HERITAGE conversation program will include novelist and short story writer Cynthia Ozick; Yosef Hayin Yerushalmi, professor of Jewish history and director of the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University; and Israeli writer Amos Oz; as well as Abba Eban, host and narrator of HERITAGE: CIVILIZATION AND THE JEWS.

## Margaret May —

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"It is difficult to estimate the numbers of people Margaret May has helped," wrote the person who nominated her. For 30 years she has offered educational and career counseling to families and individuals in the public and private sector.

The influence this energetic woman has brought to bear on Delaware's Jewish community is considerable. She has served the National Council of Jewish Women/Wilmington section, and currently serves on the boards of the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Auxiliary Board of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. In 1983 she chaired the Federation's Women's Division. A co-founder of the Career

Women's Council, May has also served on social action and education committees at Congregation Beth Emeth.

Her volunteer work has also included counseling young people for the Delaware League for Planned Parenthood, serving on the advisory committees on child abuse and battered women at the YWCA, and work with the Mental Health Association and Delaware Chapter of People to People.

An avid fan and patron of the arts, May is an active member of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra.

May is an honors graduate of Hunter College, Columbia University and the University of Delaware, and holds an A.B. and M.A. in psychology as well as an M.Ed. in counseling. She and her husband, Harold, have three children.

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## Other Hand —

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striving for social justice; visiting the sick and honoring the dead; comforting those who mourn and raising the spirits of those who are discouraged. It is, in the words of Hillel, to "be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace; be one who loves his fellow men and draws them near to Torah."

What, then, might we speculate, that *Shim'on Ha-tzaddik* would say on the subject of who is a Jew? He would, I suggest, brush aside completely the argument among Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist, the questions of rite and ritual, and go to the fundamentals of the

situation as he saw them. "Torah, Avodah, and G'milut hasadim," he would say, "these define the Jew. What he does, not what he says; these define the Jew." He would urge us to study, not just for what we would learn, but for the sacred act of study itself. He would urge us to serve God, not just by rote prayer, but with a full heart of intent and sincerity. He would urge us to deal with our fellow human beings in kindness and love, not because we were solicited, but because we loved God and man, his creation.

And if we did these things, I believe he would say, they would define us as Jews. "All the rest," he might add, in the words of the sage Hillel who followed him, "is commentary."

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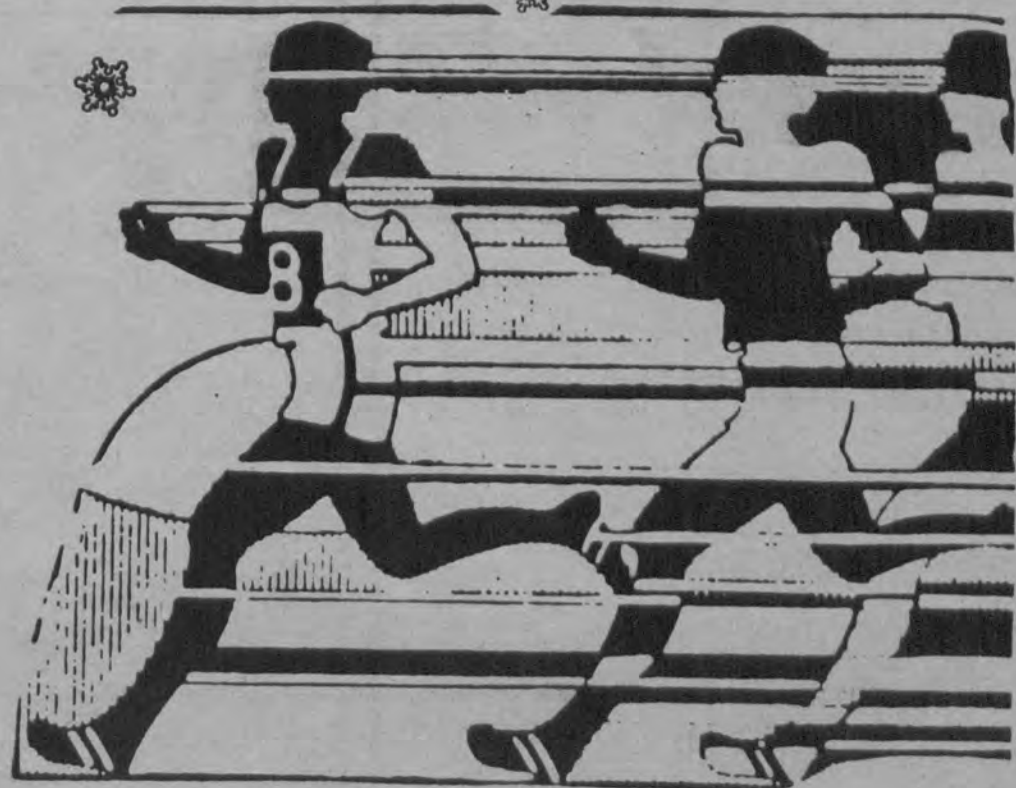
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## A \$27 Billion Bargain

*Between Washington and Jerusalem: A Reporter's Notebook.* Wolf Blitzer. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 259 pages. \$15.95.

Reviewed by Zel Levin

Any writer who can convincingly demonstrate that an expenditure of \$27 billion (that's BILLION) is a *metziah* — a bargain — has indeed turned out a book deserving of the most meticulous reading, especially since this is fact and not fiction.

That's exactly what reporter-turned-author Wolf Blitzer has done in this incisive look at the sometimes puzzling, always complicated relations between the United States and Israel.

Calling on an almost unique frame of reference developed in his many years as the highly respected Washington correspondent for the

*Jerusalem Post*, Blitzer has written an informative, useful book that should be studied and appreciated by both Jews and non-Jews.

It is no exaggeration to classify *Between Washington and Jerusalem* as the definitive book on a subject that all too often has been handled cavalierly by an uncaring, uninformed corps of writers. It is written as a good reporter should write — objectively and devoid of sensationalism. It encompasses the factors that have tied Israel to this country since its painful birth in 1948.

Blitzer describes not only what happened but why. He takes us behind the scenes in the trying periods prior to Israel's major wars. We're right there as he interviews presidents and congressmen, cabinet members and visiting statesmen. He explains without being didactic.



But even as he goes from topic to topic, from Presidents Truman through Reagan, from peace plans to the perplexing Palestinian situation, from arms deals to congressional debates, he makes clear that the pervasive theme affecting virtually every action of the United States vis-a-vis Israel is how to maintain strong ties with Israel while at the same time developing equally strong relations with the oil-rich Arab states. And while the author does not say so in so many words, the wonder of it all is the fact that Uncle Sam has not slipped off the tightrope more often than he has.

Names that have been in the national and international news for decades are interwoven in this timely report and while Blitzer reaffirms the friendly attitude of such officials as the late Senators Henry Jackson and Hubert H.

Humphrey and the questionable tactics of the Arab-learning State Department, he commendably avoids labeling major figures as "good" or "bad," but rather shows both sides of human nature.

For example, President Reagan. His relations to Israel, says Blitzer, "are defined by contradiction... his gut instincts are extremely pro-Israel and he has demonstrated he is prepared to risk upsetting the Arabs." Yet, there was Bitburg and even earlier, a reneging of his 1980 campaign promise when, despite vowing no betrayal of old friends and allies, he pushed for the sale of AWACs to Saudi Arabia, he suspended arms delivery to Israel, and he invoked the specter of dual loyalty of American Jews.

Kissinger is equally complicated. He, too, was willing to provide arms to Arabs but he unalterably opposed an independent Palestine state on the West Bank and Gaza.

And yes — that \$27 billion dollar bargain! That's how

much money in loans and grants the United States has given Israel since 1948. But balance that figure with the estimated \$50 billion to \$80 billion that the United States spends ANNUALLY to support NATO in Western Europe. Balance that with the fact that while the United States must maintain 300,000 troops in Western Europe and 150,000 troops in the Far East, it has only a handful of advisors in the Middle East where it relies on the strong Israeli armed forces.

Blitzer leaves no doubt that regardless of confrontations and an occasional spy scandal, relations between Washington and Jerusalem will remain fair and firm for the best of reasons — each country needs and depends upon the other.

Zel Levin is a Rhode Island newspaperman whose communications background dates to the late 20s. Currently he is editor of the national prize-winning *Voice*, monthly publication of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

## Tanakh: New Translation Adheres To Traditional Hebrew Text

*Tanakh: A New Translation of the Holy Scriptures According to the Traditional Hebrew Text.* Jewish Publication Society of America, 1930 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. 1985. 1,624 pages. \$19.95. Reviewed by Bruch A. Levine.

The eagerly awaited *New Jewish Version* of the Bible, in one volume, has now appeared. Its production quality is very good. The book is a bit heavy to carry about, but perhaps there's a message in that: The Hebrew Bible is a heritage not to be borne lightly!

Much has already been written about the translation, which previously appeared in three volumes, over a period of about 20 years. Primarily, its virtue is in its accuracy, and in the fact that it is based on the traditional, Hebrew text of the Bible. The determinations reflected in the translation are well informed. Often, decisions had to be made as to which of the known translations were preferable, but, in many cases, entirely original insights inform the translation. An astounding amount of new

interpretation is incorporated in the *New Jewish Version*. For the serious student of Bible, it is adventurous to retrace the thinking of the translators. For the general reader, the translation is highly intelligible, and clearly presented.

The translation was undertaken by committees of scholars who worked together with consultants, rabbis representing the three established branches of American Jewry. In this way, scholarly insight interacted with the religious concerns important to the Jewish readership. The collaboration worked well.

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## Entering The World Of The Hasidim

**Holy Days: The World of a Hasidic Family.** By Lis Harris. Summit Books, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. 266 pages. \$18.95. Reviewed by Samuel Heilman

According to the brief note at the back of this slim but elegant and in many ways touching book, Lis Harris is identified as a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, living in New York City with her husband and two sons. But in the preceding pages, most of which appeared first as a series of articles in the magazine where she works, Harris presents herself as well as something of a Jewish seeker, a woman fascinated by but largely ignorant about Hasidim, that exotic looking group of outsiders who, although living in their own insulated communities, have become a ubiquitous feature of Jewish existence for over a century.

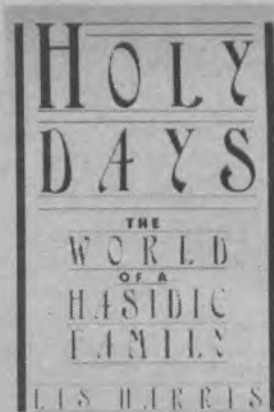
Harris says she was stimulated in her quest to pursue the Hasidim by an experience as a child of finding a picture of what must have looked like a Hasid in a box of old family photos and after asking her mother who it was learning that it was "nobody in our family." Apparently, Harris was not completely persuaded by this easy dismissal. Underneath its docu-dramatic approach, this book describes her continuing search for an attachment to that picture and to the Hasid she saw in it.

Of all the many sects of Hasidim, Harris finds that those who call themselves Chabad or Lubavitch Hasidim, and in particular a family in which the female head was a newcomer to the Hasidic way of life, are will-

ing to accept her inquiries and presence. And so for several years (we never really learn exactly how many or how often) she spends time with them, discovering that beneath the exotic front is a world of meaning, a Jewish life infused with spirit and practical orthodoxies.

To her credit, Harris gets into some of what she observes. She is not the cold observer but one in touch who lets herself try a variety of experiences, including a particularly striking one in which she, like other Orthodox Jewish married women, immerses herself in the *mikveh* or ritual bath. Her sensitive yet objective account of that experience is certainly one of the book's high points, and perhaps more than anything else makes reading this book a memorable experience. No one else has so captured the experience of this ancient ritual in modern terms.

And yet while in all this there is a finely textured and engrossing book, it leaves some questions tantalizingly unanswered. Harris makes us understand that she moved between her world in Manhattan and the Jewish universe in Brooklyn. But that kind of transition, which she did again and again, could not have been without strain. What about that husband and family she left behind at times? We hear about them only in passing; how did they react to all this? And what



kept Harris going back again and again? Why did she stop in the end? To be sure this is supposed to be a book about the Hasidim, but because Harris has so involved herself

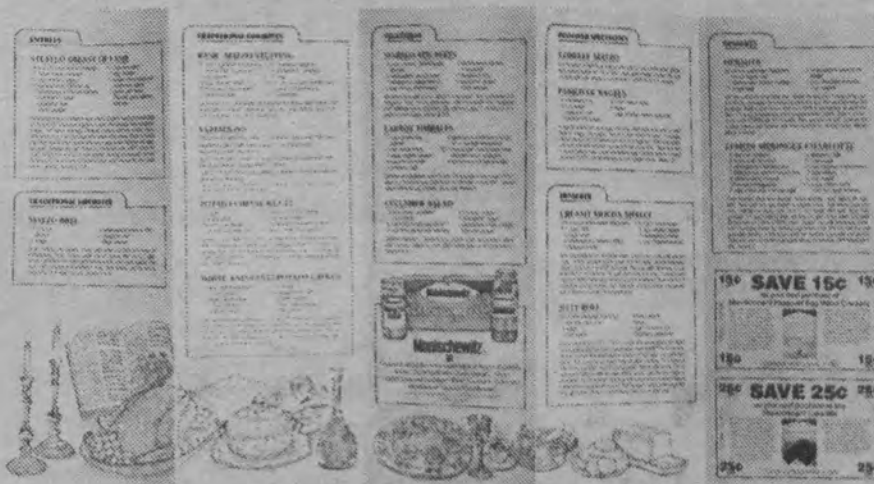
in their lives, she cannot simply disappear back into the canyons of Manhattan without so much as a word, leaving behind the world of the Hasidim "beaming" at her.

Finally, while this book reveals a great deal about Lubavitch Hasidim, it seems to skirt the question of its continuity. Harris tells us the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the sect's leader, has no children or heirs. He is a man in his eighties and although vital and vigorous, not beyond human frailty and mortality - or is he? Some followers note that we are in a messianic age, and those in

the know point that when the Rebbe ends his addresses to his followers with the obligatory prayer that "the Messiah, may he come speedily in our time," he adds the Hebrew word "M'mash," which means "in reality." But "M'mash, made up of the Hebrew letters "mem" "mem" and "shin" may also be understood as an acronym, the initials of "Menachem Mendel Schneerson." Did Harris, one wonders, miss the biggest secret of all?

Samuel Heilman is the author of *The Gate Behind the Wall: A Pilgrimage to Jerusalem*, and a Professor of Sociology at Queens College in New York City.

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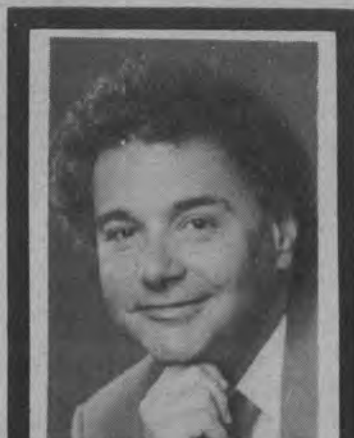
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## Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

Winter is half over and the January thaw has been more than generous to us this year. However, February is a very cold month and the March winds can be bone chilling. There is nothing so satisfying for the cold days ahead as a hot bowl of soup. Soup can be used as the main course or simply add a salad or a sandwich to round out the meal.

There are so many varieties of soups that it is impossible to list them. Probably the most popular ones are chicken soup and vegetable soup. When I was growing up in Baltimore you didn't need a calendar to know what day it was. On Fridays my mother always made chicken soup for Shabbos. Before the Shabbos candles were lit, a small

burner on the stove was put on and stayed on until Shabbos was over. This allowed us to warm up the soup for lunch on Shabbos. I suppose I have followed in that tradition of making chicken soup for Shabbos and the menu hasn't changed too much throughout the years. I sometimes wonder what my girls will do when they have their own homes. Is there such a thing as pizza soup?

varieties of tasty frozen kosher soups. Goodman's and Horowitz-Margareten companies sell several dried kosher soup products. Dried kosher soups imported from Israel are also available. Several varieties of Pathmark's canned soups are kosher. Be sure to check for the © certification on the labels.

From the potato growers comes this recipe for a soup made with mushrooms and potatoes.

### Turkey Soup

1 Empire turkey carcass, including leftover skin and scraps of turkey meat  
4-6 quarts of water  
1 large onion  
3 large potatoes, diced  
1 bag frozen peas & carrots\*  
1 bag frozen lima beans\*  
1 bay leaf  
seasoning to taste  
(\*leftover or canned vegetables may be used instead of frozen)

Add raw vegetables to boiling water. Bring to boil again. Skim. Add turkey carcass, skin and turkey meat to pot. Season. Cook on low flame in covered pot two hours. Add frozen vegetables. Cook additional ½ hour. Remove carcass and serve piping hot. (May be frozen.)

### Cabbage Soup

2 pounds flanken  
4 marrow bones  
Salt to taste  
1 medium head cabbage, grated  
1 large can tomatoes  
Salt & pepper to taste  
Sugar to taste  
Paprika to taste  
Boiled potatoes (optional)

Bring meat, bones, and salt to boil in large pot. Skim. Add cabbage, tomatoes and seasonings. Boil slowly 1½ to 2 hours or until very tender. Serve soup with boiled potatoes. Makes 4 servings.

ENJOY!

Sylvia Panitz, a member of Congregation of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, lives in Chalfonte with her husband, Bernie, and their five children.

Soups are basically easy to make but they do take some time. If you use your imagination you can make almost any kind of soup you might want. The basic ingredients are chicken pieces or meat bones or pieces of meat plus celery, carrots, onion, parsnips, fresh dill, fresh parsley, salt and pepper. For vegetable soup you can use almost any vegetables you might have at home.

For those people who just want a quick bowl of soup you might want to try Rokeach or Manischewitz kosher canned soups. Empire and Tabatchnick put out several

### Mushroom Potato Soup

½ pound mushrooms, chopped  
1 small onion, minced  
1 tablespoon diet margarine  
3 tablespoons flour  
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed  
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
2 teaspoons salt  
Dash pepper; Chopped chives

In large, heavy, non-stick kettle or Dutch oven cook mushrooms and onions in margarine 5 minutes. Stir in flour and cook 2 minutes more. Gradually add 5 cups water; cook, stirring, until mixture thickens and boils. Add remaining ingredients except chives. Cover and simmer 45 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Garnish with chopped chives. Makes 8 servings, about 50 calories each.

From the Empire Kosher Food Company comes this recipe for turkey soup.

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### Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I'll bet you don't get many letters from men, but I felt I had to write to you. Your readers need to know that the Jewish man is still alive and well. With all the progress women are making, we men sometimes take a bad rap.

Here's my problem — My wife is going overboard. We've been married 15 years, and our kids are 8, 10, and 12. My wife had all the responsibility for the kids when they were little. But now that she is also working full-time away from home, she feels that I should "do it all."

Two of our children are girls, and there are things that should be done only by their mother. But my wife says that I can do anything for the kids that she can do.

I'm willing to do a lot, but don't you think children need to know there's a difference between a mother and a father?

Confused Father

Dear Confused Father,

Change usually does cause some discomfort, and it can take time to bring things into a new balance. The key to success is for each couple to

work out their own new relationship.

Perhaps one way to work out an equitable arrangement would be for both of you to sit down and make out a list of your parental responsibilities. Then, each item could be assigned to either your wife or yourself. It would also be a good idea for your wife and you to periodically trade your assignments with each other. That way your children would have the advantage of having both parents' perspectives.

Your children need the full involvement of both of their parents. Each of you can provide something unique to your son and daughters. The most important thing is that the children sense a loving and sharing relationship between their parents.

I don't think you have to worry about your children knowing that there is a difference between mothers and fathers. What is important is that they see their parents as mature adults who are willing to work together to maintain a warm, supportive family environment.

Rachel

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

### New Staff Members

By Arnold Lieberman, Executive Director



With the advent of the new year, two new members have been added to our staff at Jewish Family Service.

We are fortunate in obtaining the services of two women with strong social work and Jewish backgrounds.

Ruth Kerbel will fill a position with our agency as a part-time caseworker, specializing in services to the aged and their families. She holds an MSW degree from the University of Maryland and is a Licensed Social Work Associate in Maryland. She has had experience in working with older adults in various settings, including a Jewish Community Center, a Jewish Social Service Agency Department of Aging, and a subsidized apartment building for elderly.

Gail Weinberg will be conducting several Jewish Family Life Education programs for our agency during this year. She did some programs for us a few years ago, and we are lucky that she is again available. She holds an MSW degree from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work of Washington University in St. Louis. She also holds a bachelor of Jewish education degree from Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass. She is a member of the

Academy of Certified Social Workers and has experience in various areas of social work.

Yvette Rudnitzky, who recently left our staff to open a private practice for individual and couple counseling, has also agreed to conduct several Jewish Family Life Education programs this year.

Gail and Yvette will work with Hedvah Campeas-Cohen to provide what we expect to be our most productive year ever of Jewish Family Life Education.

Ruth Kerbel will strengthen our staffing to help handle the ever increasing demand for services to the aged and their families.

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## Obituaries

### Mary C. Rothschild

Mary C. Rothschild, 85, of Churchmans Village, 4949 Ogleton-Stanton Road, died Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the nursing home, where she had lived for more than a year.

Mrs. Rothschild, formerly of Luther Tower, moved to Wilmington in 1944 from Baltimore. She was active in the Red Cross during and after World War II.

She was a former member of Temple Beth Emeth and a volunteer proctor at the University of Delaware.

Her husband, Julius, died in 1954. She is survived by a brother, Maurice Coplan of Miami and two sisters, Molly Garson and Min Kipling, both of Rochester, N.Y.

Graveside services were held in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland and DuPong roads.

### Rachel Klevan

Rachel "Rae" Klevan, 65, of 511 W. 39th St., Wilmington, died Friday, in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Klevan was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, its Sisterhood, and Hadassah.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; a daughter, Lois Klevan of Fairfax; a

sister, Sara Friedman of Philadelphia; and two grandchildren.

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

Interment was in Montefiore Cemetery, Foxchase, Pa.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802, or to the American Heart Association, 4-C Trolley Square, Wilmington 19806.

### Jennie Suchodolsky

Jennie Suchodolsky, 87, a resident of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, died Friday, Jan. 31 in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Suchodolsky lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., before moving to Wilmington 1½ years ago.

Her husband, David, died in 1970. She is survived by three daughters, Leah Feltzin of Wilmington, Eleanor Kaplan of Brooklyn and Mildred Rosin of San Jose, Calif.; a sister, Anne Becker of Brooklyn; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were in Long Island, N.Y.

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## A Letter About Gratz

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## 'Golden Age Of Second Avenue'

*The Golden Age of Second Avenue*, a documentary film chronicling the ups and downs of the Yiddish Theater in America, will be screened Monday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m. at the National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East. Narrated by Herschel Bernardi, the film is the first in the annual "Monday Movies at the Museum" series drawn from the Museum's Ralph Lopatin Memorial Film Library.

A bittersweet tribute to a theatrical movement that was once a mighty presence on the American state, *Golden Age* is the only filmed history of the Yiddish Theater in this country, according to the film's producers, Arthur Cantor, Inc. The origins of the Yiddish Theater in Europe, its moment of glory during the height of immigration through Ellis Island and its diminished activity today are documented with excerpts from old movies and interviews with prominent performers. Paul Muni, Maurice Schwartz, Menasha Skulnik, Boris Thomashefsky, Jacob Adler and Molly Picon are among the personalities featured.

The film runs 80 minutes. An informal discussion with Museum educators will follow the screening. Other films in

the series include *Family Business* on Feb. 17, *Yudie and Free Voice of Labor: The Jewish Anarchists* on Feb. 24, *West of Hester Street* on March 3, *Silent Screen Classics*, four short dramatic films by D.W. Griffith, Edwin S. Porter and G.W. Bitzer and *The Bakery* on March 10; *Kaddish* on March 17 and *Yiddish: The Mame-Loshn* on March 24. A special evening screening of *Almonds and*

*Raisins* and a lecture on the Yiddish cinema will be held in April.

Admission to the "Monday Movies at the Museum" film and discussion programs is \$1.75, \$1.50 for students and seniors, free for Museum members, and includes admission to the Museum galleries. For further information, call the National Museum of American Jewish History, (215) 923-3811.

## Tanakh -

(Continued from Page 10) one-volume edition *Tanakh* is surely significant. In the Jewish tradition, the tripartite canon -- *Torah*, *Nevi'im*, *Kethuvim* -- has been customarily reduced to an acronymic *TaNakh* (sometimes pronounced: *TeNaKh*). Although this acronymic has probably been known for centuries, its usage has become more widespread in recent generations. Early modern Hebraists adopted it to designate what was for them a vital component in the new Hebraic curriculum. Being perhaps more nationalistic than devout, these new Hebraists preferred *Tanakh* over *Kithvei Ha-Qodesh* ("the Holy

Scriptures"). There is a certain irony involved in the nomenclature: It required a modern rebellion against the relative disregard of biblical study in the Yeshivot to bring the Hebrew Bible into the forefront of the Judaic curriculum.

By adopting this title the Jewish Publication Society has, I think, made an important statement: The Hebrew Bible is for Jews the complete Bible. We ought not to speak of an "Old Testament." The Bible is, in the first instance, a monument of Jewish civilization. Whatever functions it has in Christendom, or in world culture, it retains an ongoing role in Jewish history. This role is highlighted in the renaissance of Jewish national existence and Hebrew culture, in the land of Israel.

That is after all where our people lived in biblical times. All who appreciate the Bible, whatever their beliefs or identity, should be cognizant of this background, which is epitomized in the title *Tanakh*.

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# Organizations in the News

## Beth El White Elephant Auction

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El will go on a "cruise" for their annual white elephant dinner and auction on Saturday, Feb. 8. Set sail for fun at 7 p.m. in the social hall. To book passage call the Temple office at 366-8330.

## Women's American ORT

Wilmington's own Marilyn Harwick will demonstrate how to prepare "kosher style" oriental dishes at the next general meeting of Women's American ORT, Brandywine Chapter-At-Large.

This event will take place on Feb. 20, at 7:45 p.m., at 2405 Smith Lane, Brandon. ORT would appreciate all those planning to attend to RSVP by Feb. 17, to Vicki, at 478-7237.

## Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Christine M. Harker, executive director of the Delaware Council on Crime and Justice, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 11 meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth, at 12 noon. Harker, an attorney, will discuss the various problems of the criminal justice system, particularly as it deals with

women offenders. She was appointed by Gov. Sherman Tribbit and retained by Gov. Pierre Dupont, to serve as executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Planning Commission (DC-JPC) from 1976-1981. For luncheon and complimentary child-sitting reservations, call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.

The annual Sisterhood Sabbath Service will take place on Friday evening, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. The theme of the "Value of Volunteerism" will be the subject for discussion at this time. Members of Sisterhood will participate in the service and contribute readings and comments.

## Beth El To Host Student Rabbis

For over 15 years the rabbinic leadership for Temple Beth El has come from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC). This month, as part of a student intern program, Temple Beth El will host two student rabbis from the RRC.

On Shabbat Mishpatim, Feb. 7-8, Bonnie Schneider will conduct services and lead a sermon-dialogue Friday evening on "Dealing With Our Aging Parents." Schneider is currently in the biblical studies portion of the rabbinical program at the College. She is a native of Los Angeles, California and a graduate of UCLA. She currently teaches Hebrew school at Congregation Beth Israel in Media, Pa. and leads a

monthly Shabbat service at the Cliveden Convalescent Center in Mt. Airy. She is also a volunteer chaplain at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center.

Ellen Gordon Romirowsky will officiate Feb. 21-22, Shabbat Titzaveh, raising the question Friday night "Are We Still Waiting for the Messiah?"

Romirowsky is a third year student at the RRC and is a native Wilmingtonian. She received her master's degree in social work at Bryn Mawr College and has studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has been involved in Jewish camping, day school and afternoon school teaching, and chaplaincy work, and also has pulp experience. She is active in the Soviet Jewry movement and traveled to the U.S.S.R. in 1982 with her husband, Dr. Samuel Romirowsky. They are the parents of Idit age 8, Joshua age 5 and Elana age 2½.

Friday evening services are at 8 p.m., Saturday services are at 10 a.m. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. This outreach program is supported by the Newark Jewish Advisory Council of the Federation of Delaware and the public is welcome.

## National Council Of Jewish Women

The National Council of Jewish Women will present at its monthly meeting a program entitled "Rape: an Act of Violence, not an Act of Passion." The featured speaker will be Yvette Rudnitzky, a licensed clinical social worker and vice-president of the National Organization for Women in Delaware.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jeanne Handelman, 2000 Greenbriar Drive, Westwood Manor. For directions and further information, call 475-5635.

## AKSE Religious School

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Names and addresses of AKSE Religious School Alumni from 1955 through 1985! Please send information to AKSE, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802, Attention: Helen Gordon. An AKSE Religious School celebration is being planned for Sunday morning, March 9, 1986.

## Jewish Storyteller At Philadelphia Y

Peninnah Schram, noted storyteller, will appear March 2, at 3 p.m. at the Gershan YM/YWHA in Philadelphia as part of the Y's Family Theater Arts Program.

Schram, former resident storyteller at the 92nd Street Y and the Jewish Museum in New York, captivates her audiences with legends and folktales from biblical, talmudic, midrashic, Chassidic, Yiddish, Sephardic and Israeli sources. Through her storytelling she involves her audience in the wit, wisdom, traditions and values of the rich Jewish heritage.

Schram is associate professor of speech and drama at Stern College of Yeshiva University. The daughter of a cantor, she grew up with midrashic, talmudic and folk tales. Since 1970 she has been a professional storyteller per-



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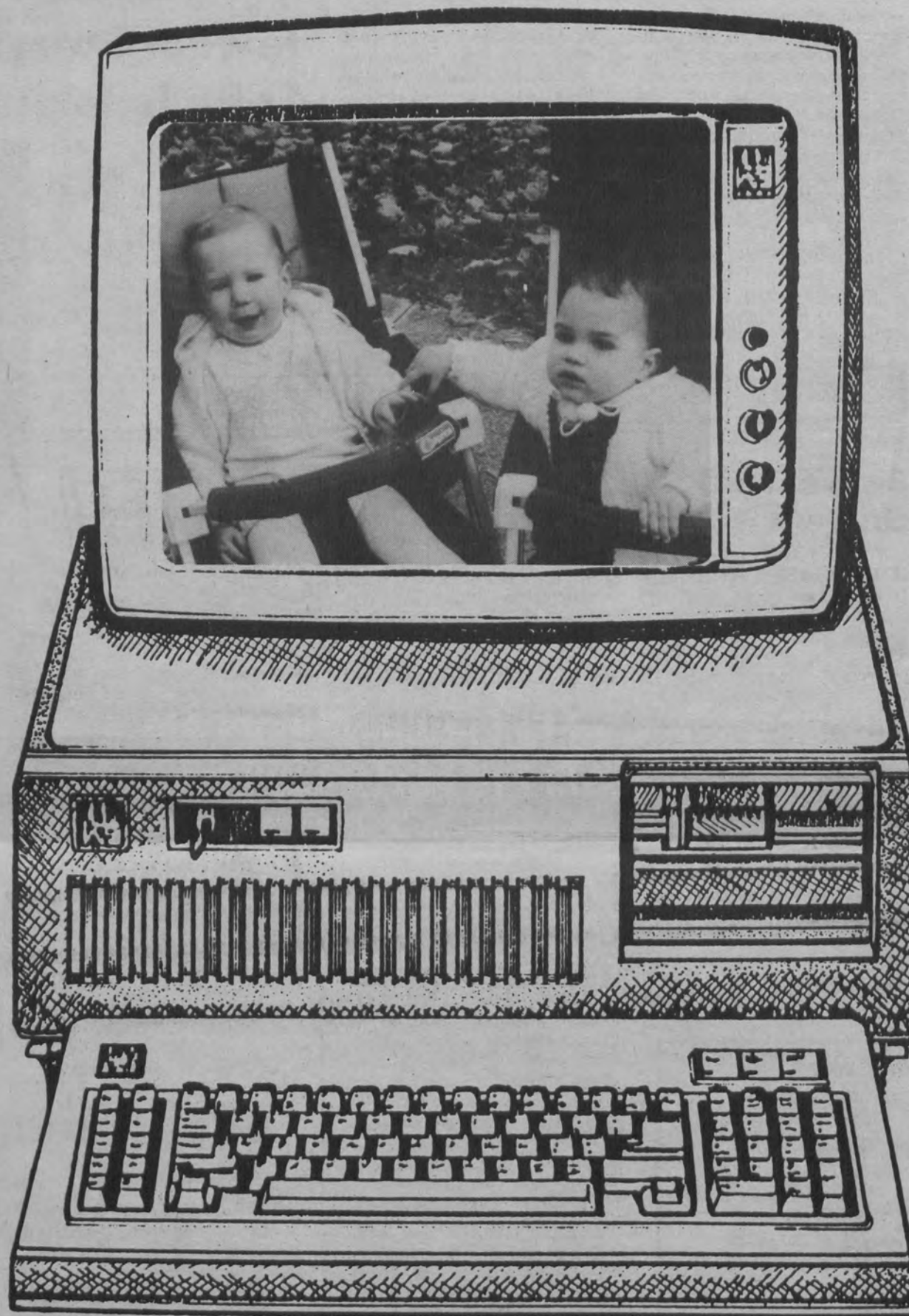
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