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Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz, left, and Cantor Daniel Leeman at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza.

Delaware Marks Yom HaShoah At House of Worship And At Seat Of Government

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

On Thursday night, April 7, the Delaware Jewish community came to Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth (AKSE) to remember the Holocaust. On Friday afternoon, the Delaware Jewish Community, the people of Delaware and a few of their elected leaders gathered at City/County Council Chambers in Wilmington to remember the Holocaust. Despite their different approaches both observances gave honor to the memories of victims of the Holocaust.

The Rabbinical Association of Delaware sponsored the Thursday evening ceremony at AKSE. Helga Newmark, a Holocaust survivor and rabbinical student gave the keynote address. So many people were in attendance that an additional discussion group was added for small group discussions which followed her remarks.

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, of AKSE, noted the tragedy that eighty percent of all Jewish scholars were obliterated in the Holocaust. Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz, of Congregation Beth Shalom, suggested that as today's Jews consider themselves to have been personally led out of slavery in Egypt, so should today's Jews consider themselves to have been one of those in the concentration camps of the Holocaust. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth introduced Helga Newmark who is in training to be a reform rabbi. Newmark said she was speaking about the Holocaust "not as an expert but as a survivor blessed to be standing in front of you."

Small discussion groups touched on a variety of topics including personal responses to the Holocaust, current societal frictions and efforts to introduce the Holocaust into school curricula. A candle lighting ceremony concluded with stirring musical performances by Beth Shalom's Cantor Normal Swerling and AKSE's Cantor Daniel Leeman. Six candles were lit in recognition of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

On Friday afternoon, Yom Hashoah —

Holocaust Day of Remembrance — was observed under the joint sponsorship of the Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware. Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware opened the occasion. Rev. Sylvester Beaman of Bethel AME Church gave a moving invocation that was particularly appropriate given the multicultural sponsorship of the day.

Dennis Greenhouse, Executive of New Castle County spoke movingly about the Holocaust noting his own Jewish heritage. Mayor James Sills, Jr. of Wilmington personally issued a proclamation of the day as Holocaust Remembrance Day evoking Jewish victims and other victims of the Nazis. A rendition of "BaShana HaBa'ah" by Tower Hill School Students echoed through the attentive assembly of Delaware citizens.

Margaret Crouch, who has traveled to numerous concentration camps spoke in detail about the systematic attempt to exterminate a people.

Among the representatives of public officials who could not be in attendance was Rich Geisenberger of Governor Thomas Carper's office. Geisenberger is also a member of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

An observance at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza was held with memorial prayers led by Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz and Cantor Leeman. Yoskowitz suggested looking at one's shoes since Nazis considered shoes to be more valuable than the many lives they took.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee was instrumental in coordinating the observances. Connie Kreshtool is the Chairperson of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. Rabbi Marla Feldman is Director of the committee.

Terror Attacks Force Closure Of Territories

By DVORAH GETZLER
and DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The closure of the territories, announced here last week after a series of terror attacks on Israeli civilians, threatens to cripple sections of Israel's economy and the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Such assessments were made by some at Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting.

The order to close the territories came April 7 — one day after a suicide car-bomb attack in the northern Israeli town of Afula claimed the lives of seven Israelis, most of them high school students. More than 50 people were wounded in the first of three violent Hamas

terrorist attacks on Israeli innocents over the past two weeks. Last week, the Hamas movement said it would step up terror attacks against Israel and turn Israel's Independence Day celebrations on April 14 into a period of mourning.

On Thursday April 7 one Israeli was killed in a drive-by shooting in Ashdod.

A bomb attack by Hamas on an Israeli civilian bus in Hadera this week close to press time took 6 additional Israeli lives and caused 25 injuries.

(ABC News, Kim Murphy of the Los Angeles Times and Dan Weintraub of The Jewish Voice contributed to this report)



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PASSOVER ATTACK... JERUSALEM -- A Palestinian youth kicks a religious Jew returning from Passover prayers at the Western Wall March 29. Clashes broke out in the Old City's Moslem Quarter as the occupied territories were engulfed in violence over the killing of six PLO men by undercover Israeli troops in Gaza March 28.

Advance International Team In Hebron

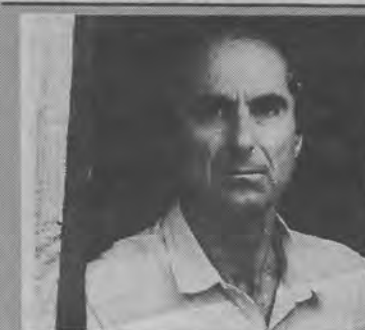
By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A 17-member advance team of international observers arrived in the West Bank town of Hebron this week, insisting it was not in any sense a military force.

The full contingent of observers, known officially as the Temporary International Presence in Hebron, is scheduled to arrive soon

under the terms of an arrangement worked out by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the wake of the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

The PLO had called for international observers in Hebron to provide a sense of security for the Palestinians living there.



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Jackson Meets With
Both Sides On A
Better Trip To Israel

By CYNTHIA MANN
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson, on a six-day mission to Israel to "enhance" the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, was greeted warmly, albeit with some skepticism, by Israeli and American Jewish representatives here.

The visit contrasted sharply with Jackson's previous swing through the region 15 years ago when Jackson was rebuffed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and embraced by Palestine Liberation Organization

Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"Fifteen years later, to be here with a joint invitation from the Israelis and the PLO, is full circle. To be here with 'let's talk' policy rather than a no-talk policy, is full circle," Jackson said.

Jackson's trip included a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, a tree-planting ceremony, a visit to Hadassah Medical Center and an absorption center.

He also was honored at dinners hosted by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin. And he met for an hour-and-a-half with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the presence of U.S. Ambassador Edward Djerejian.

He also traveled to Hebron where he addressed a rally which erupted into clashes with Israeli security forces, who shot and wounded several Palestinian youths. Jackson had to take shelter in his bus. He said he did not meet with anyone "who represented himself as Hamas."

Jackson lauded the "bold and daring" Israeli and Palestinian leadership for making a break with the past and "moving from co-annihilation to co-existence."

He said he has respect for the "pain and fear on both sides" of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He said he therefore understands why negotiating the autonomy accord — which grants Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho — is so protracted.

But he warned that "each passing day allows the saboteurs of peace to engage in acts that derail" accord.

Arafat says, "More details will fall into place (making) the peace process irreversible."

Some political observers here said there was no substantive role for Jackson to play in the peace process at this juncture and suggested he was merely seeking to shore up his image as a statesman.

At the same time, Israel recognizes the need to cultivate its own relationships with an increasingly powerful black U.S. political leadership, a sphere traditionally handled here by American Jewish organizations.

"Any bridge Israel can forge with the black and Palestinian communities is desirable," said one observer.

Jackson seemed reluctant to attach significance to the heightened tensions back home between Jews and African-Americans. He attributed many of the problems to hype by the "tabloid press" and said he preferred to focus on other priorities, such as health care and discrimination.

He said important black-Jewish coalitions are intact and he eschewed "public confrontation" when differences do surface. "We should accentuate the positive and stop generalizing and stereotyping. We should (focus on) what we are doing (together) and be strong enough not to react to every dust particle that blows."

"I don't want to become part of that dramatic theater of name-calling," he said. "There is a time to speak and a time not to speak."

In Israel, Jackson was also honored at a banquet in east Jerusalem held by Hebron University marking the 30th anniversary of the founding of the PLO.

Jackson also made a trip to a hospital in Afula, where he visited some of the victims of last week's terrorist car bomb attack, which killed seven Israelis.

When asked about Arafat's failure to condemn the Afula attack quickly and personally, Jackson said he had pressed the chairman to be "more explicit."

Some heads of American Jewish organizations here expressed some discomfort with Jackson's focus on the Middle East peace process, when the fires of inter ethnic tension are burning at home.

"The long-term question of Arab-Israeli peace does not diminish in any way the immediate need to restore the tradition of cooperation between African Americans and American Jews," said Michael Oren, director of the American Jewish Committee's Israel office. "To this end, we would certainly welcome any bold initiative by Rev. Jackson."

"To his credit," said Harry Wall, director of the Israel office of the Anti-Defamation League, "ever since his speech in Brussels two years ago, he put himself on record about how feels about anti-Semitism. It would be refreshing to hear him repeat it in front of black audiences."

Wall was referring to a speech at a World Jewish Congress conference in which Jackson forcefully condemned anti-Semitism.

Anger Over Boycott

By STEVEN WEIS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups are calling on the Clinton administration to take the League of Arab States to task for refusing to consider ending the economic boycott against Israel at its recent meeting.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Anti-Defamation League each expressed disappointment at what they called a broken promise by Arab League officials to discuss terminating the boycott at their March 27 meeting in Cairo.

This promise was made to Commerce Secretary Ron Brown by a high-ranking Arab League official in January during Brown's trip to the Middle East.

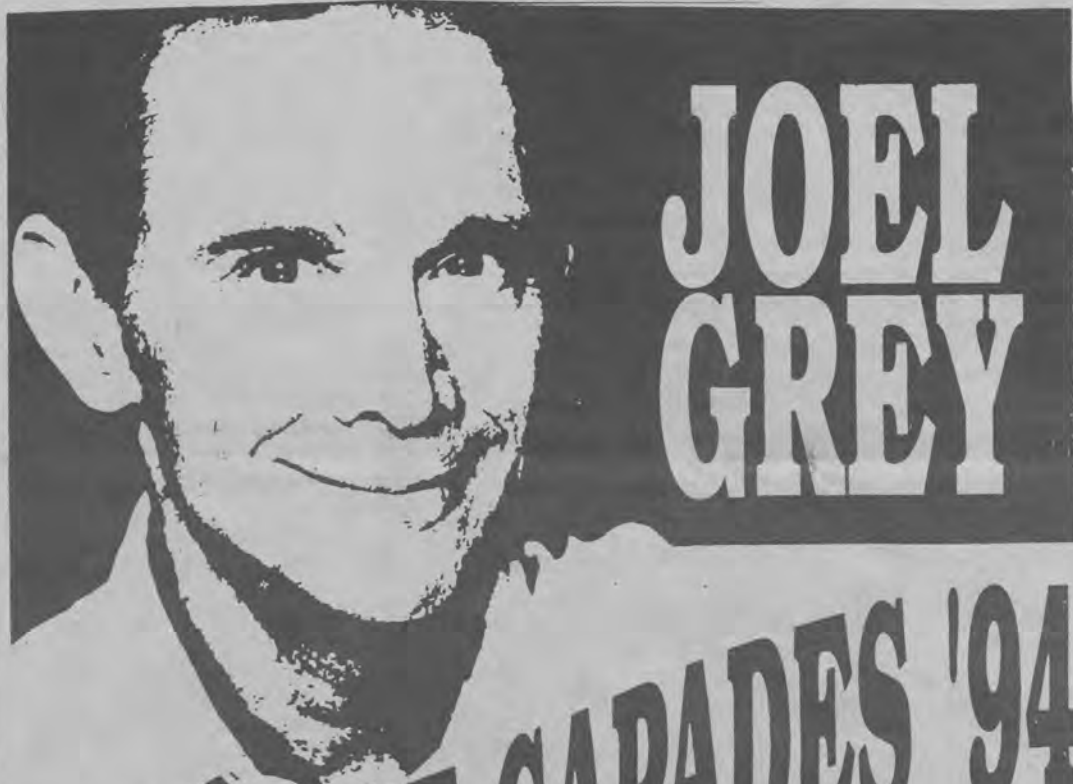
A source at the State Department said Monday that the administration is "disappointed" that the termination of the boycott was not discussed.

The source said the administration will continue to raise the matter with Arab governments.

At its March 27 meeting, the Arab League's council of foreign ministers agreed not to reach a final decision on lifting the boycott.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa declared that the boycott is "connected with the state of war between Israel and the Arab states, and Israel's conquest of Arab lands."

"We believe the boycott should be ended (only) with the ending of the occupation of all the Arab lands that Israel has conquered," he said.



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Debra Winger Featured In UJA Radio Spot

NEW YORK — Three-time Academy-award-nominated actress Debra Winger will be featured in an upcoming radio commercial for the United Jewish Appeal's Operation Exodus campaign, scheduled to launch in April.

The spot is designed to call attention to the plight of Jews currently living in the former Soviet Union who face the threat of increasing anti-Semitism, economic depression and political instability.

"I want everyone to know that nearly one-and-a-half million Jews still live there amid fear of anti-Semitism, economic hardship and political chaos. But there is hope, it's called Operation Exodus," the commercial says.

United Jewish Appeal's Operation Exodus has brought half-a-million immigrants to Israel since 1989. The Operation Exodus campaign which has raised more than \$870 million, provides the funds needed to help Jews leave the former Soviet Union and settle in Israel. In 1993, more than 69,000 Jews left the former Soviet republics for Israel.

For more information on the United Jewish Appeal or Operation Exodus, call The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) at 478-6200.

Israel To Get Jets

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a move expected to enhance Israel's defense capability, the Clinton administration announced this week that it hopes to sell up to 25 McDonnell Douglas F-151 fighter planes to Israel.

The Defense Department said the planes would enhance Israel's "air-to-air and air-to-ground self-defense capability."

The sale "supports U.S. regional objectives for Israel's national security and maintenance of Israel's qualitative edge," the statement said.

Last Remaining Kach Leader Detained

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three weeks after the military anti-Arab Kach organization was declared illegal, Israeli authorities captured the last of the group's leaders still at large.

Kach leader Baruch Marzel, who was already on the run two weeks before his far-right movement was declared illegal March 13, was caught by police on April 3.

On Feb. 27, two days after the massacre of at least 29 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque, the Israeli government issued administrative detention orders against five prominent Kach activists, including Marzel.

The order allows authorities to keep Marzel in custody for three months without trial. Similar orders have already been issued against seven other right-wing militants.

5.3 Million Live in Israel

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — On the eve of its 46th birthdays, Israel has roughly 5,350,000 inhabitants, according to this Central Bureau of Statistics.

The total represents an increase of 115,000, or 2.2 percent over the year before.

The population statistics, which are released annually when Israel celebrates Independence Day, indicate that two-thirds of this year's increase was due to births rather than immigration.

This year's Independence Day celebration fell on Thursday, a day after the country marked its Memorial Day commemorations for those who died in Israeli wars.

Church Group Condemns Attack

By TAMAR LEVY

GENEVA (JTA) — In an unusual move, the secretary-general of the World Council of Churches has condemned last week's terrorist car bomb attack in the northern Israeli town of Afula.

In an April 7 letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Secretary-General Konrad Raiser wrote that such acts of terrorism breed a desire for further acts of vengeance and that the cycle of violence must be stopped if peace is to come to the region.

The World Council of Churches, based in Geneva, is a fellowship of 324 churches representing more than 100 countries. It has in the past been a strong critic of Israeli policies.

However, in this letter, the church body's leader spoke out against the Hamas terrorist bomb, in which seven Israelis, four of them teen-agers, were killed.

"We call upon all those who bear heavy responsibilities for the lives of the citizens of Israel and Palestine to reject every act of violence and revenge, and to continue to seek, through a process of peaceful negotiation, a just resolution of the differences which remain between the peoples of the region," the letter said.

State Dep't Says Show Schindler's

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — "Schindler's List" is being acclaimed in most of the world's countries but some Moslem governments are considering banning the three-hour film portraying the Holocaust horror and the State Department is saying that is "unfortunate."

Israelis, Palestinians Agree On Police Force Development

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reached agreement in Cairo this week on terms for the deployment of Palestinian police in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

The Israel Defense Force deputy chief of staff, Gen. Amnon Shahak, who is heading the Israeli delegation, and Nabil Sha'ath, the chief Palestine Liberation Organization negotiator, said they had agreed on all the details for the deployment of a 9,000-member Palestinian police force.

They said that 6,000 Palestinian police would start work immediately after the Cairo negotiations ended and Israel completed its troop withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho.

Another 1,000 police would assume duties soon afterward, and an additional 2,000 police would be recruited at a later date from the population of Gaza and Jericho.

The two parties also agreed on the terms of release for some 5,000 Palestinians currently held in Israeli jails.

But they disagreed whether members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement, which is staunchly opposed to the Israeli-PLO negotiations, would be among those released.

Shahak said that no members of Hamas would be released.

"Only last week, we witnessed a Hamas attack in (the northern Israeli town of) Afula, which killed Israeli children. And the day after, the

Hamas spokesman in Amman said they are going to continue," said Shahak.

"We are not going to set onto the streets those who declare they are going to kill us," he said.

Sha'ath, in turn, has been pressing the Israelis to release members of Hamas in order to show that the negotiations are for all the Palestinian people, not just those supporting the PLO.

According to Sha'ath, 2,500 prisoners will be released as soon as an agreement is signed in Cairo. An additional 2,500 will be set free three weeks after the signing, when the Palestinian authority takes over in Gaza and Jericho.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said "We cannot put a date when the agreement will be reached."

Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat spoke by telephone on Tuesday, and the two discussed the status of the ongoing negotiations.

During the call, which Arafat initiated, Rabin stressed the need for making more rapid progress in the talks.



BLACKMUN RETIRES... WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Clinton (L) looks on as Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, 85, announces his retirement, at the White House April 6. Blackmun, resignation will take effect at the end of the court's current term in June. Blackmun, the court's most liberal member, wrote the landmark 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* ruling that legalized abortion. Credit: RNS Photo/Reuters.

With A Little Help From Her Friends

"Aid to Israel has few friends in the Dixie delegation. With your help we can bring about fundamental change" so says a letter from friends of Jennifer Laszlo, who is a supporter of Israel running for U.S. Congress in North Carolina. Laszlo, profiled in the last issue of *The Jewish Voice*, is the first Jew ever to run for Congress in North Carolina and the first woman ever to run in her district.

Contributions can be sent to: Laszlo for Congress, 4125 Chapel Hill Blvd. #7B, Durham, NC. 27707.



KIRYAS JOEL CASE... WASHINGTON — Orthodox Jews protest in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, denouncing the Kiryas Joel School District's arguments before the court March 30. Lawyers for New York state and the local board of education defended the Kiryas Joel district. The case tests whether the establishment of a special school district by the state legislature for a village inhabited entirely by Hasidic Jews violates the separation of church and state. Credit: RNS Photo/Reuters.

EDITORIAL

Les Juives Sont Fait

The Jews who lost their lives through the complicity of France's Vichy government are gone forever. The trial of the notorious Paul Touvier hopefully marks the beginning and not the end of France's attempt to deal with its role in the Holocaust. The myth of an entire country in resistance obscures the apparent willing cooperation of French nationalists, French Catholics and others in the final solution.

On June 29, 1944, Touvier, a member of the pro-Nazi Legion Franciase government, rounded up seven Jewish men from Lyon in retaliation for the assassination of Philippe Henriot, the propaganda minister of the French Vichy government. The men were shot in the back. Touvier gave the orders. In his present trial Touvier claims his selection of seven Jews to kill appeased the local Gestapo commander who allegedly would otherwise have killed 100 Jewish hostages.

Touvier first hid in the home of Abbe Vautherin, a priest in Lyon. Later he hid with the Prado community's Catholic Order. In 1945 Touvier was convicted in absentia for treason and assisting the enemy. For most of 45 years he lived in convents and presbyteries. Touvier even married in 1947.

In 1967 after the statute of limitations elapsed he emerged from hiding to live in his home town of Chambéry. Cardinal Jean Villot prevailed upon then French President Georges Pompidou to grant Touvier a full pardon. An-

gry demonstrations at Touvier's home led the collaborator into hiding with Catholics for another 17 years. The crime against humanities charge for which he is presently being tried has no statute of limitations.

A late 1993 opinion survey in France showed 57 percent of the French believed the Vichy government was responsible for deportation of Jews to the extermination camps. The French people were shown to know more about the Holocaust than their British and American counterparts. Fewer French than British or Americans believe the revisionists. The French were more likely to know what the Holocaust meant; more likely to know about concentration camps and more likely to know Jews were forced to wear yellow stars on their clothing.

What conclusions can be drawn? Perhaps the entire nation cannot be faulted for the faults of some. But in this season of Holocaust remembrance it is time for France to acknowledge that its history is not unblemished. It is time for French Catholics to follow the lead of Pope John Paul II who has visited an Italian synagogue, extended diplomatic recognition to Israel, referred to Jews as "our elder brothers" in faith and sponsored a concert for victims of the Holocaust. As we celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, with Israel laboring through a pragmatic quest for peace, it is time for France to return to its pre-1967 pro-Israel policy.

THE VOICE BOX

"Television is full of cooking shows - did it make one Jewish woman here start cooking?"
-politically incorrect Jackie Mason

"I thought the Islamic countries would feel this film could be an instrument for their own issues in what was happening in Bosnia."
-Steven Spielberg shocked that many Arab and Islamic countries have effectively barred "Schindler's List"

-Yasser Arafat, failing to condemn Hamas terrorism which has taken numerous Israeli lives this month

"We try to draw inspiration from the Jewish people in preserving our culture during difficult times."
-the Dalai Lama who recently visited Israel

"These days, any black who's dumb enough to say he's Jewish, you ought to take seriously."
-University professor Lawrence Thomas, a black Jewish author of a book about the Holocaust and black slavery

"Let's face it, only 20 percent of American Jews have ever visited Israel."
-Aryeh Zomer, director of overseas operations for the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, commenting on the fact the majority of tourists who visit Israel are Christians, not Jews.

"It must be understood that Jews, who for 2,000 years have been dispersed among the nations of the world, had decided to return to the land of their ancestors. This is their right."
-Pope John Paul II who is widely regarded a committed to improving relations between Catholics and Jews.

THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE

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LETTERS

Tourist Says Israel Is Safe

Letter to the Editor:
Yes, it is safe to go to Israel. Now.
Yes, my wife and I just got back from a three week visit to Israel. Our umpteenth.
Yes, we were in Jerusalem for three days, and saw new things in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. Also at Yad Vashem.
Yes, we went as far south as Eilat, and then into the Egyptian Sinai, and saw Mt. Sinai for the first time.
Yes, we went as far north as Haifa, and stayed with our son, his wife, and our three

gorgeous grandchildren.
Yes, there is much discussion and concern about Hebron.
Yes, there is much discussion about what to do to solve the problem of the settlers on the West Bank. About the peace talks.
Yes, there seems to be a crisis or two in Israel all the time.
But is it safe to go to Israel? Now? Yes!
Lewis Eric Lachter
Travel Columnist
St. Paul, MN

OPINION

Is Arafat Crazy Or ... ?

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

When journalists asked PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat if he condemned the Afula car bombing by a young Palestinian terrorist which killed seven Israelis, he turned his back and walked away.

After a couple of days American prodding, Israeli disappointment and international criticism, Arafat finally came up with a lame excuse. An Israeli official, he said, had praised the shooting of six armed and masked PLO fighters in Gaza several days earlier by undercover Israeli agents.

Is he crazy to miss an opportunity to win points in Israel, the United States and the international media? Has he forgotten that the last two American presidents have publicly admonished him that his new relationship with them was in jeopardy because of his reluctance to honor his commitment to act against terrorism, not just renounce it?

Secretary of State Warren Christopher publicly urged Arafat last week to condemn the Afula murders. He had no more luck than the Bush administration did almost four years earlier after an Arafat protégé was responsible for an attempted terrorist raid on a Tel Aviv beach. Arafat refused to keep his commitment and the administration reluctantly felt compelled to end the US-PLO dialogue that opened at the end of the Reagan administration.

The United States is not about to stop talking to Arafat this time and neither is Israel, notwithstanding the very vocal urging of opposition politicians.

By his silence Arafat has lost a valuable opportunity to do himself a lot of good in the

eyes of two countries whose good will and cooperation he needs — the United States and Israel. He blew an opportunity to convince skeptical Israelis that he understands their concerns and that they should feel comfortable accelerating the transfer of territory and authority to the Palestinians.

But how important is that to Arafat?

He committed himself in December 1988 and again in September 1993 to renounce terrorism and take steps to prevent it by his followers and punish violators. There has been a marked decrease of terrorist acts by Arafat's Fatah wing, Israeli authorities report, but far from the promised elimination. The excuse given for not doing more is that Arafat has not yet taken control of any territory nor deployed his police force there.

Very soon, perhaps by the end of this month, that will change and the PLO will have new responsibility and fewer excuses.

Arafat's Moslem extremist rivals took credit for the Afula bombing. They declared it was in revenge for the Hebron Massacre by a Jewish extremist, but that was more excuse than cause. It was one of the worst weeks of attacks on Israelis within the pre-1967 lines, and it ended with the Rabin government sealing off the territories to prevent more violence.

As Israeli and Palestinian negotiators get closer to an agreement on Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho and Palestinian self-rule, extremists are becoming increasingly desperate in their efforts to kill the peace process, and they don't care how.

Out of deference to those among even his own Fatah wing as well as the Islamic extremists who oppose resuming talks with Israel fol-

lowing Hebron, Arafat is said to fear that if he condemns the killings in Afula he will lose face and be accused of kow-towing to the Israelis. He knows his own people will be tougher on him than the Israelis will.

He does not have to worry about American and Israeli reaction — both want him to succeed and are anxious to see him sign the withdrawal agreement with Israel — but he fears Hamas and Islamic Jihad because they want to block the agreement and bring him down.

Ultimately, Arafat's silence says more about the character of the man and his leadership than any words he could have uttered.

Arafat looks worse than weak when one recalls the reaction to Hebron by Israeli leaders. Their prompt, public and sincere condemnation of that terrorist act has not been matched by Arafat or any Palestinian leader when one of their own murdered Jews.

So what does this tell us about Arafat?

Is he stupid? He didn't last so long as head of the Palestinian movement by being stupid?

Is he crazy? Senate sources report U.S. intelligence officials have seriously questioned Arafat's emotional stability at times, but they don't think he is out of control.

Is he shrewd? He has survived decades of intrigue not only inside the PLO but within the larger often-dangerous world of internecine Arab politics.

Is he a visionary? To paraphrase Abba Eban, he has missed no opportunity to miss an opportunity to help his people.

Is he a man who delivers? He has gone a long time with no tangible results for the Palestinian people, although Israel is working hard to help him change that.

Is he cautious? He rivals His Royal Hesitancy, the King of Jordan.

Is he decisive? Not the way he keeps changing his mind and renegeing on agreements.

Is he weak? Yes, but he can hide behind that only so long before his ability to speak for his people is undermined.

Is he loyal? Just ask his former financial backers in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Is he more afraid of Hamas than of Israel? You bet your life — and his.

Is he a leader? No question. He commands great loyalty, and that is his greatest asset. But he is no small-d democrat; he is an autocrat unwilling to delegate authority or share power.

So why should Israel negotiate with Arafat? Because, Israeli leaders answer, he is the only game in town when it comes to dealing with the Palestinians. Both Likud and Labor governments long sought someone else, someone who had the authority or the strength to lead, someone more palatable. But Prime Minister Rabin last September came to the conclusion that there really is no one else at this point. He knows he is taking risks dealing with Arafat, but he feels he must try if there is to be peace between Israel and Palestinians.

Israel and her friends may be disappointed by Arafat's behavior, but they are not unhappy that America, the Europeans and others have noted the contrast between Arafat's response to Afula and Rabin's to Hebron. Israel is willing to ignore Arafat's silence if it can speed up the self-rule agreement and strengthen his position vis the rejectionists.

(Douglas Bloomfield is a prominent national commentator who came to Dover, Delaware earlier this year for an event connected with the 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign organized by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD))

It's The Youth Groups, Stupid

By POLINA FROYMOVICH

It seems that every other day I read an article about the 52% intermarriage rate and the plummeting affiliation that's destroying the American Jewish Community. As an 18-year-old Young Judaea leader I'm frightened by these statistics, but more than that I'm surprised. I can't imagine the Jewish connection, which is a major part of my world, being meaningless for thousands of others. I am convinced that among my peers the devastating percentages and dismal prognoses do not apply.

My love for Israel and for being Jewish has become so strong that I don't need to consider if I will marry a Jew or if being Jewish will be important for my future — it's a given. But it wasn't always so obvious.

When my family arrived in America 12 years ago from Ukraine, my parents gave me the chance to know the heritage they were forced to hide. But sending me to a yeshiva day school didn't ensure my affinity since the intensity of the school turned me off, and at nine I entered public school. And while synagogue attendance strengthened my attachment to Judaism, it wasn't until I made my own connection that being Jewish became a real force in my life.

In ninth grade a friend brought me to a Young Judaea meeting. The kids were friendly, the activities sounded like fun and it was just the right alternative to my social life at school. So I went back, and then I went back again. The next year I was chapter president, then I became social action programmer on my regional board and this year I am national Mazkira (President).

The extent of my involvement might be more extreme than others, but the durability of my dedication is not, and the reason for that is simple: youth groups give teenagers what we want. We go on trips, hiking, Israeli dancing, boating and hundreds of other activities — all within a circle of friends who share the same ideals. I didn't realize I was getting a sound Zionist and Jewish education until I

found myself thinking about ideas and values that I had learned through activities and discussions. All this evolved into an intellectual, emotional and spiritual attachment to the Jewish people and our state.

But this commitment didn't — or couldn't — start with someone telling me to go to synagogue or marry a Jew or fast on Yom Kippur. We all know that teenagers can't be told what to do. We have to arrive at a decision on our own or it will not be valid and binding within our hearts and minds.

So why would a 16-year-old happy with her public school clubs bother with a Jewish activity? It has to appeal to her. A friend dragging her to a dance or a canoe trip might be the initiation. The warm, fun atmosphere will bring her back; if that is followed up by a *Shabbaton*, convention or camp I guarantee she'll be hooked. And a summer in Israel, as has been proven over and over, will foster a fervent devotion and an enthusiasm that is contagious.

Jewish organizations shouldn't be worrying about how to alert youth to the crisis that threatens our existence. They should help us forget it. What teenager — affiliated or not — would say no to a subsidized trip abroad? Certainly not the 1,500 who applied for 160 Israel scholarships offered by Hadassah, the sponsor of Young Judaea. We need to make investments in continuity, and our youth are the only ones who can ensure that the next generation will not be subject to continual harangues on intermarriage and assimilation. We can reach the point where intermarriage doesn't loom large in our futures, where we can be comfortable knowing — as I do — that we are not lines on a depressing graph. Once there we will infuse others with our blissful ignorance.

Polina Froymovich, 18, is national Mazkira of Young Judaea, the peer-led Zionist youth movement sponsored by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Welfare: The Moral Dimension

By IRVING KRISTOL

As the White House, Congress, and the media begin to discuss the issue of welfare reform, it is of vital importance to the future of our society that the moral dimensions of such a reform receive at least as much attention as the economic and sociological dimensions.

As the medieval sage, Maimonides, observed, the highest degree of benevolence is to help people to help themselves. This Jewish principle will surely be endorsed by the overwhelming majority of Americans. But like all such simple and clear-cut principles, its application is far more complicated and controversial than its mere enunciation. How does one help people to help themselves? What about those who are unable, for whatever reason, to help themselves? And what about those who seem obstinately unwilling to help themselves?

To cope with such questions, it is essential that moral discrimination be made. Such discrimination must be made if only because the welfare population is so heterogeneous that it makes no sense to try to apply one policy to

all. But such discriminations must also be made if our welfare policies are to enhance family stability as against family instability, to show deference to the institution of marriage by giving it the kind of respectful attention not accorded to illegitimacy or more casual liaisons, to distinguish those who are on welfare as a result of their own folly from those who are suffering from events over which they had little or no control.

Much of our current discontent with welfare arises precisely because public policy has in the past been so indifferent to this moral dimension. If such indifference is allowed to prevail in the future, welfare reform will not only fail in achieving its own goals but a further demoralization of American society will ensue.

Irving Kristol is a Fellow at the Jewish Policy Center. Mr. Kristol is co-editor, along with Nathan Glazer, of The Public Interest magazine and publisher of The National Interest magazine. He is also the John M. Olin Distinguished Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. This essay is reprinted from For The Record, a publication of the Jewish Policy Center.



SYNAGOGUE BOMBING...LUEBECK, GERMANY — German citizens protest the bombing of a synagogue here March 26. This sympathizer's sign reads "Jews and Christians are brothers and sisters." About 2000 people gathered in the center of town to show their sympathy and support after the March 25 attack on the synagogue. CREDIT: RNS Photo/Reuters.

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LATE BREAKING NEWS
Arafat finally expresses regret over and rejects violence against Israeli innocents. Barbara Walters to interview Louis Farrakhan on 20/20, ABC April 22.



Cops and Rabbi Help Try To Understand A Complex Society

By CELIA GANS

Special To The Jewish Voice

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 1994, two nervous young women stand close to a classroom blackboard talking about heterosexism and homophobia, and replying to questions about their alternative lifestyles from a group of 11 casually dressed students. (The students' postures seem guarded, with arms close to bodies and legs tightly crossed.)

The next speaker, a truck driver, union representative and Suni Muslim minister, strides between the blackboard and the students, speaking in a rhythmic cadence about the Suni's belief in education from cradle to grave, in excellence, in the work ethic, in the Golden Rule and in stable families. He contrasts this with America's history of bigotry, racism and bias. (He elicits an almost "call and response" reaction from the students, who nod, gesture and create a verbal chorus of agreement to much of his presentation.)

The next speaker is Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Director of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Committee in her role as Outreach educator. In quick, broad strokes she sketches Jewish history, the American immigrant Jewish culture and today's Jewish community. She answers thoughtful questions succinctly and completely, moving between the a line diagram she has created on the blackboard indicating how various Jewish groups relate to religious law — from the Hassidim to the Reform. She distributes information on

the location of synagogues, on the Jewish agencies and their relationship to one another, and on the Jewish calendar through 1997. (The students are initially inattentive, perhaps restless into their third hour of lectures, but become more alert as practical questions are asked and answered.)

Next, a Korean shopkeeper describes his homeland, why he and his family came to America, and the difficulties his community encounters in dealing with American culture and American people. He describes the repression of dissent in North Korea, and his fear of another war between the north and the south. He describes his treatment by his store's customers — they insult him, calling him "a dirty Chinese." (His English is fluent but heavily accented, and the students seem to lean forward, paying close attention to both his words and his message.)

The final speaker, after a lunch break, is a City of Wilmington Mayor's Office Hispanic liaison. She asks the class for their associations with the word "Hispanic." Their response seems muted, less than spontaneous. With humor, she offers them some of her own, before moving on to the language, education and cultural problems faced by the Hispanic community in America. She discusses religious, practices, including spiritualism. She deals with the macho self-image of the Latin male. Her manner is forthright, her comments pointed; by the end of her presentation she is seated on one

side of the long tables with students facing her. (Everyone's body language is open, relaxed — non-defensive.)

What have most speakers agreed upon? That "all human nature is alike," that the American family is in crisis, its children out of control, and that no one calls the police unless a crime has been committed or they cannot resolve a situation within their own multi-faceted minority group.

You see, these aren't graduate students, and this isn't a university course. These are New Castle County police officers — between January and June, all 280 members of the New Castle County force and all members of the Delaware River and Bay Authority will participate — attending an inservice diversity training day. Called "Successful Policing in a Complex Society" and funded from its operational budget, this program is part of the department's community policing policy, and its move away from a traditional military mindset.

During the past five years, under the direction of Chief of Police Colonel Thomas Gordon, the force has



L to R: New Castle County Chief of Police Colonel Thomas Gordon, Rabbi Feldman, Delaware River & Bay Authority Chief of Police Colonel John R. McCarnan.

focused on community based outreach law enforcement, increased the number of women and minorities in its cadet classes (one recent class was over 50% female, raised its educational requirement to a four-year college degree, and expanded its inservice training.

As Colonel Gordon commented, "An officer's career is now 25 — not 20 — years. No one should be doing the same thing at the end of a career that they are doing at its beginning. They'll need to grow, to

change, to develop new skills and assume new responsibilities."

"Successful Policing in a Complex Society" is a New Castle County Police Human Resources Unit, developed in part by Major Sherry Freebery, Commander of Special Operations, and led by police officer-facilitators Marge Ellwein, Domenick Gregory, Tony Hernandez and Will Sheridan. Speakers on April 7th in addition to Rabbi Feldman, included Vicky Morelli, Chris Eaton, Imam Muhammad Salaam and Minerva Marrero.

Rabbi Wortman Highlights Hadassah Conference

The Northern Seaboard Region Spring Conference of Hadassah will be held at the Christiana Hilton Newark, Delaware on Saturday, April 30, 1994 and Sunday, May 1, 1994.

Some of the highlights of the meeting include a Havdallah Service led by Faith Brown on Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. to be followed by an Eyewitness News Report by Rabbi David Wortman.

The Sunday Highlights will include installation of the New Region President, Judy Arenson. Other local members to be installed will be Luiza Cohen as Region Vice President and Lois Chalawsky as Region Treasurer. The installing officer will be Karen Venezky. Also speaking on Sunday will be Barbara Topol who is a member of the Hadassah National Speakers Bureau and the title of her talk will be Back to The Future.

On Sunday evening during the Farewell Dinner, entertainment will be provided by Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis.

The entire program is open to the public. For more information or reservations call either Ruth Goodman, 478-2893, or Bryna Rappaport, 477-0663.



PHILIP ROTH

distinguished author of "Goodbye, Columbus" and "Portnoy's Complaint" will be appearing at

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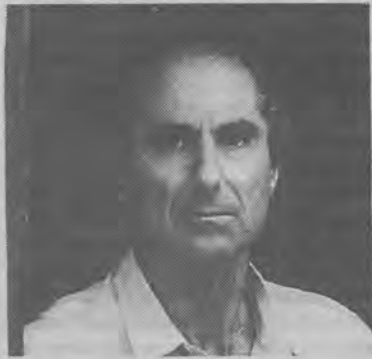
Philip Roth To Give Reading April 20 at University of Delaware

Distinguished writer Philip Roth will read from his 1991 book "Patrimony" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, in Mitchell Hall, on the University of Delaware's Newark campus.

Co-sponsored by the University's Jewish Studies Program and Department of English and the Delaware Humanities Forum, the program is free and open to the public.

"Patrimony," which won the 1991 National Book Critics Circle Award, is the true story of Roth and his 86-year-old father, as he battled a brain tumor that would kill him. The powerful book — of a son's love, anxiety and dread and a father's long, stubborn fight for life — met with universal praise from the critics. A critic in the Chicago Tribune called it "a deeply resonant portrait of a father and son," and a critic in The New York Times Book Review praised it as "a marvel of artful wit and vigor." Time magazine chose it as the single best non-fiction book of the year.

Since 1959, Roth has published 20 books. His first, "Goodbye, Columbus," won the National Book Award for Fiction, and since then, he has written such books as "Portnoy's Complaint," "My Life as a Man," the trilogy and epilogue "Zuckerman Bound" and "Operation Shylock,"



which is one of five nominees for this year's PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.

Roth has twice received the National Book Critics Circle Award, and in 1991 he received the National Medal for Literature from the National Arts Club.

Roth has taught at several American universities, among them the University of Chicago, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania. Most recently, he has been Distinguished Professor of Literature at Hunter College of the City University of New York.

He received a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University in 1954 and a master's degree in literature from the University of Chicago in 1955.

Kosher On Campus

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

It's 10 p.m. Naomi Taffett, a junior at the University of Delaware sits at the desk of her dorm room, quietly studying. The pangs of hunger in her stomach divert her attention to the refrigerator. Opening its door, she finds the usual assortment of food one would find in a college student's dorm room: three cans of cola, half of a loaf of whole wheat bread, a jar of peanut butter, and some skim milk. A peanut butter sandwich washed down with some milk satisfies her hunger.

There's nothing unusual in what was just described. However, if you had knocked on Naomi's door and asked her in a friendly manner if she'd like to order a pizza with meat toppings, she'd quietly refuse.

Why? Because Naomi Taffett keeps kosher. More specifically, she keeps milk and meat separate.

Miriam Gelfan is a senior who lives in an off-campus apartment. She also keeps kosher. Since she enjoys the freedoms that living in one's own apartment bring, Miriam is able to adhere to much stricter laws regarding Kashrut. "I believe that you are what you eat," she explains. "It's good for the Jewish soul."

Naomi and Miriam are not the only Jewish students at the University of

Delaware who keep kosher. Nor is the University of Delaware the only college with students who keep kosher. What makes these two young ladies distinctive is the fact that before they went away to school, few Jewish dietary laws were adhered to in their homes.

"The first few times I went home, my parents would eat anything while my sister and I kept kosher," Naomi relates. "But now they're much more interested in the Jewish culinary traditions. I think keeping kosher is good for your health as well as the health of the traditions of Judaism."

Modern Jewish dietary laws began in the Temple three thousand years ago. The laws govern the selection,

preparation, and consumption of all food. Dairy dishes must be cooked and eaten separately from meat dishes. The Bible prohibits us from mixing the two so that the possibility of cooking a kid in its mother's milk is avoided: "Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk" (Deuteronomy 14:21). For a complete understanding of all the principles, one must consult the Shulhan Aruch, the standard code of Jewish law, for rules as well as rabbis' commentaries.

Although Miriam and Naomi each keep kosher in their own ways, they both keep improving on what they are doing by reading and learning more.



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U of D Is Home To Gilman Scholarship

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Marvin S. Gilman, Professor emeritus of urban affairs and public policy at the University of Delaware was recently honored with the establishment there of the Marvin S. Gilman/National Housing Endowment Scholarship in U.S. Housing and Urban Policy. The Gilman/NHE Scholarship will be awarded for the first time next month and will provide tuition and stipend support to a "Gilman Scholar" graduate student in the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy who "best exemplifies Marvin Gilman's deep and abiding commitment to public service and community improvement and his professional and intellectual dedication to strengthening housing and urban policy."

Gilman taught courses in housing finance, legal aspects of land use planning and administrative law for 18 years at the University of Delaware before retiring as Professor emeritus in 1992. He is also an economist and lawyer. He has been a homebuilder for more than 40 years. In 1972 Marvin was president of the Homebuilders Association of Delaware. In 1984 he was inducted into the National Housing Hall of Fame.

Marvin and Muriel Gilman have

been active in the Delaware Jewish community for more than 25 years. Given their philanthropic support of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) they would have been attendees at the JFD's Dinner of Commitment were it not for a broken limb suffered by Mrs. Gilman in the harsh winter weather. The Dinner of Commitment gathered major benefactors of the still ongoing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by JFD.

Last year Marvin and Muriel Gilman were recipients of the Gerald F. Kandler award of the American Civil Liberties Foundation.

In March of this year a symposium was held at the University of Delaware in part to honor Professor emeritus Gilman. The symposium, titled "Meeting America's Unmet Housing Needs: The Most Appropriate Roles for Nonprofit Organizations & For-Profit Developers," featured an address by Delaware Governor Tom Carper. Nicholas P. Retsinas, Assistant Secretary for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was also among the distinguished participants. Among the concerns of the symposium, according to Gilman, was whether for-profit enterprises and nonprofit groups could work in partnership to address housing needs.

Marvin and Muriel Gilman recently returned from a trip through Southeast Asia, where they observed a variety of approaches to housing

needs. "We surely don't have a monopoly on good ideas," Marvin commented on domestic approaches to housing policy.

Marvin Gilman partially explains his involvement in housing policy and other community concerns as an outgrowth of his Jewish background. "We cannot live in a community as well housed as we are without concerns for others. As Hillel said 'If I am not for myself who will be for me? But if I am for myself only, what am I? And if not now, when?'"



Marvin and Muriel Gilman

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Born in Germany, Mr. Michel was sent to his first labor camp as a young boy in 1939. After almost six years in concentration camps, he escaped just before the end of World War II. Michel is a spokesman for the survivors of the Holocaust, organizing and serving as the chairman of the highly publicized World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1989. Mr. Michel will be available to autograph his book, **Promises To Keep**.

Delaware Teacher A TOVs Volunteer In Israel

For the past twelve years, Delaware school teacher Joel Glazier has driven with his car pool partners twenty miles to Gunning Bedford Middle School in Delaware City. This school year Glazier is on a Sabbatical leave from his job as a Reading specialist and has spent part of the year as a volunteer English tutor in the TOVS (Teachers On Volunteer Service) in Israel.

Beginning in October, Glazier has been working at the large Ramat Gan ORT Education Campus, near Tel Aviv. At the high school he has been given small groups of 9th and 10th graders whose English language skills are weak. Israeli students must show a high level of English proficiency on the standard Bagrut exam in order to be admitted to an Israeli university. "Most of my students have arrived recently from former republics of the Soviet Union, so they are actually coping with learning Hebrew and English. The regular English classes are very large, so with me they have some opportunity for individual attention," said Glazier, who has taught in Delaware public schools for the last eighteen years.

"The English staff is still puzzled over an American volunteering in their large, unglamorous vocational school," commented Glazier, who, back in Delaware had previously worked through Literacy Volunteers

of America and the Soviet Resettlement Committee of Jewish Family Service with a new American family and their English language acquisition.

The TOVS Program has been placing American teachers in ORT Schools in Israel for about 20 years, and Glazier was a TOVS volunteer during the summer in 1990 working with a summer school program near Jerusalem. For teachers on Sabbatical leaves, TOVS arranges for educators to stay for a semester and work in regular schools alongside their Israeli colleagues. Most professionals in the area of education in Israel will readily admit, that like many places in today's world, teaching is not easy in their schools. Glazier readily has observed that the recent introduction of cable TV in Israel had already made an impact on young people's study habits. "Book reading is decreasing, but, especially with MTV's influence, American slang expressions are quickly filtering into my Israeli students' vocabulary — frequently with surprising success in comprehension."

Following the Israeli school calendar has had some pleasant occurrences for Glazier. He happily reports that "on the first day of Hanukkah, during a break in class periods, the entire faculty was treated to a party in the teacher's room featuring

"safganiot" (Hanukkah jelly doughnuts) — there was not a candy cane in sight. On Christmas, school was not held, because it was Shabbat."

For teachers who want to learn about opportunities for volunteer tutoring in Israel, contact Edna Gordon at TOVS, (212) 339-6917.

JACS Meeting

A local chapter of JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others) is being formed in New Castle County. The next meeting of JACS is at 3:30 p.m., April 24, 1994 at the TRIAD building, 1104 N. Adams (corner of Adams and 10th Streets) in Wilmington.

JACS is an organization of Jewish Alcoholics, addicts, family members and concerned friends exploring resources in the Jewish community to promote and enhance recovery from the effects of chemical dependency.

JACS is a coordinated movement of addicted Jews, significant others and concerned professionals working together to encourage and organize the Jewish community to deal with the problem of addiction.

JACS is an active resource center about the effects of chemical dependency on individuals, families and communities.

JACS was created 13 years ago by a small group of Jews who were members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon. They felt the need to meet people like themselves who were struggling to overcome the effects of chemical dependency and wanted to aid and assist their continued recovery by exploring Judaism and its resources, especially Jewish spirituality. Today, JACS affects the lives of many, many thousands



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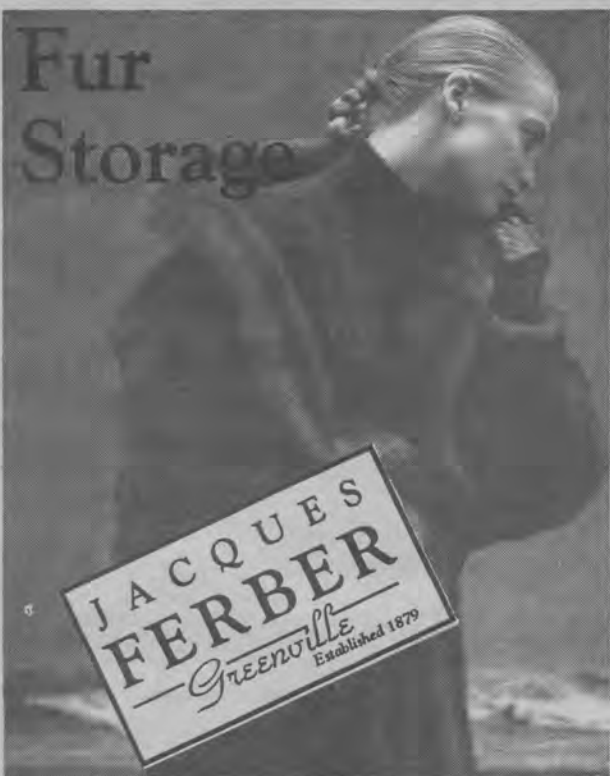
JACS is not a treatment program and does not provide counseling. JACS is a supplement to 12 step programs, providing Jewish alcoholics, addicts and family members with opportunities for connection to Jews with similar experiences who previously did not have an outlet for sharing the reality of being Jewish and affected by addiction. JACS also provides opportunities for members and clergy sensitized to the effects of chemical dependency to explore to-

gether the resources within Jewish knowledge and tradition to strengthen recovery and enhance life.

JACS is not affiliated with any sect or denomination of Judaism. It works with the whole Jewish community to break down denial about the disease of chemical dependency and to assist continued recovery.

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Singles Mission To Israel

UJA-Federation of New York is accepting applications for its New York Summer Singles Mission to Israel. The 10-day mission, from July 24 to August 3, is geared for Jewish adults from 25 to 35. The cost is \$2,295, which includes five-star hotels, transportation, and most meals. A gift of \$500 to UJA-Federation's 1995 campaign is suggested.

A spokesperson said the singles mission will include meeting Israelis, celebrating Shabbat of the Western Wall, climbing Masada, enjoying Israeli night life, and learning about UJA-Federation programs.

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The Complete Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planner

By Linda Seifer Sage. 160 pp. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1993

There are many factors that need to be considered in making the decision about Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We must be sensitized to the difficulties that accompanied the ceremonies in other generations and which must be avoided now. As rabbis, we have seen all of the emotional "baggage" that surround this joyous life-cycle event.

Some children may be looking for a short cut to the end of their Religious School education. Some families may try to make this practice a last minute minimal affair insofar as Jewish study is concerned. Some parents reveal that the ritual means very little to them and that they give consideration to it only for the sake of a grandparent. Some parents overlook the serious emotional problems which the burden of preparing for and of finally executing the Bar or Bat Mitzvah may greatly inflame. And, some, feel the need to "pay back" their social obligations. Within all of these factors, there are two distinct activities which occur: the religious ceremony and the celebration.

There is a story that is often told of the ultimate Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebration. Simon and Levy were partners in numerous productive enterprises, and both had children

who were about to participate in a ceremony marking their coming of age. Simon wanted to make an affair that would put his partner to shame, but didn't know what to plan. Someone suggested getting a consultant, so he did.

The consultant came up with some suggestions. One was to have the boy do his speech before the United Nations. Another was to have it at the Waldorf Astoria and have 12 rock bands playing in different rooms at the same time. The last suggestion given, which Simon liked best, and bought, was to have the entire family, friends, and close business associates loaded on planes after the ceremony and flown to Africa, placed on elephants and sent off to a Bar Mitzvah safari. This, thought Simon, would make his partner green with envy.

So after the service, everyone was loaded on planes, put on elephants and was made ready for their safari. They sat and sat, waiting for the sa-

fari to get started, but nothing was happening. Finally, a disgusted Simon sought out the consultant and shouted, "What's the holdup? We fly thousands of miles and get nothing." To this, the consultant responded, "The Levy's Bat Mitzvah safari ahead of us is held up," and added, "we can't get started until they move out of the way."

Fortunately, this story is still fiction. Yet, I know of Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations that have taken place on the QEII ocean liner, Giants Stadium, Sea World, and many other exotic

places. Can you imagine the parents' nightmare of trying to come up with the ultimate theme?

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Coming Of Age? —

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to enjoy fully — not a day when you are so overwhelmed by plans for the service and party that you are more exhausted than excited. This workbook was designed to help. If your goal is to have a very well organized party and a guideline to stay within your budgetary limits, this book is for you. Its many diagrams and seating charts will be most helpful in planning your special celebration.

Ms. Sage wrote this planner as a veteran of two Bar Mitzvot. Her expertise will help many parents "relax and enjoy your day with everything going exactly the way you planned." The problem is that Ms. Sage loses the point of this religious coming of age. There is no mention in her entire planner of the components of the religious ceremony that takes place. This special day is not just for you, the parent; it is also for the child. That is where the focus should be.

Let it be understood that our children are hopefully not engaged in

competitive rituals, delivering unrealistic orations. I hope that they are sharing modestly in a fine hour, which if the children continue to study, will mean more and more to them and their families as time goes by. While I realize that Ms. Sage is providing a service to many nervous parents, her emphasis exclusively on the celebration clearly neglects the religious aspects of this joyous life-cycle event. However, I am troubled when it seems that more and more families link the religious service immediately to the social function, thus eliminating the pattern of the past in which sometimes relatively few attend the Sabbath morning ceremony but multitudes flock to the reception.

In response to this increased "celebration" phenomenon, Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin in *Putting God on the Guest List* states that, "Guests and family members are often not clear about the meaning of the service and how to participate in it." He feels that "Bar and Bat Mitzvah ostentation has become a morally debilitating part of the American Jewish landscape." His goal is to keep the "celebration in perspective" and that the "sense of spirituality that is inherent in the ceremony can be reclaimed."

Rabbi Salkin encourages Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations and cites many Jewish sources to support this. He just wants the celebration to be in perspective with everything else. Putting the "mitzvah" back into the Bar and Bat Mitzvah and sanctifying our celebrations are the two major themes of his book. He lists several opportunities for the child and parents to participate in many projects of learning, worshipping, and helping others together. The focus is on the lessons of Judaism. I enjoyed those celebrations where the child announces that three percent of his gifts will go to Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger; the girl who put baskets of food on each table with a placard announcing that they will be donated to the local food bank; the boy whose invitations is a contribution card from the Jewish National Fund. Rabbi Salkin concludes, "Ultimately, these are the answers: Jewish celebrations that celebrate Jewish values."

The educational and spiritual part of Bar and Bat Mitzvah can extend beyond the final benediction at the service. It can permeate the lives of our young, and it can enrich what they take with them into the world. A friend told me when a caterer inevitably asked, "What's the theme of your daughter's Bat Mitzvah going to be?" he responds, "How about Judaism?"

Rabbi Malinger is the Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education at Congregation Beth Emeth and works with all of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students and their parents to ensure a memorable religious experience.

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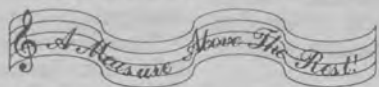
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Russians at JCC

The Senior Center at the JCC will welcome a delegation from Russia to its weekly dinner on April 21. The Russians are here studying programs for Seniors. For more information call the JCC at 478-5660.

Public Jewelry Show

The Jack Kellmer Co., a leading jeweler, will host a public jewelry show on April 30 and May 1 at the company's flagship store, 717 Chestnut St., in Philadelphia to benefit Philadelphia's Ronald McDonald House.

Funds raised from the \$5 entrance fee as well as 5% of the profits will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which serves as a home-away-from-home for families with seriously ill children being treated at local hospitals. Proceeds from the event will be used to help fund the House's planned 24 bedroom expansion designed to accommodate more than 1,000 families who are currently turned away each year for lack of space.

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The jewelry show will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Parking is free with a purchase.

For more information, contact Jane Kellmer Sherman - 215-627-8350.

AKSE Seder Succeeds

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth held its first ever community seder on Sunday, March 27th for the second seder. "We had a wonderful response said Rabbi Sanford Dresin... almost 200 people attended. Whole families reserved tables, friends and acquaintances met and had both a meaningful and joyous experience celebrating this important occasion."

Rabbi Dresin orchestrated a committee of volunteers along with the help of a local professional caterer, TRADITIONS Fine Catering which

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Hillel Co-Sponsors Jazz Benefit For Bosnia

A Jazz Benefit for Bosnia featuring the Suzanne Cloud Quarter will be held at the Bourbon Street Cafe on Kirkwood Square, Wilmington, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, April 15. The event is co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Coalition for Peace in Bosnia and Bosniaid, a coalition of representatives of leaders of student organizations at the University of Delaware.

Cost at the door is \$10, and all proceeds go to humanitarian relief efforts in Bosnia. University of Delaware student groups supporting the effort are Hillel, Students Against Racism and Discrimination, Students for Awareness, the College Democrats, TKE fraternity and Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority.

For more information, call Rachel Saifer at (302) 831-3890.

Film: Architecture Of Doom

The Delaware Valley Premiere of the Swedish documentary film *Architecture of Doom* will mark the conclusion of the 13th Annual Jewish Film Festival at the Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts.

The film will be screened at the Gershman Y Saturday, April 23, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 24, 2 p.m. and Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Architecture of Doom is directed by Peter Cohen who has produced over 40 documentaries and children's films. His documentary *Chaim Rumkowski and the Jews of Lodz* won the 1983 Golden Antenna Award in Sweden.

Using rarely seen footage, the film takes an unusual look at the Third Reich from an aesthetic point of view and details Hitler's personal involvement in the means by which the arts were manipulated and perverted to create and project his image of the 1,000 year Reich.

Through the film, Cohen makes

the strong case that the Germans used war and the gas chambers to "cleanse and beautify" (sic) the world.

Following the screening of *Architecture of Doom* on Saturday evening and Sunday, Judith E. Stein, Ph.D., adjunct curator for the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts will speak.

Dr. Stein has earned her Ph.D. in Art History, has taught at Temple University and has been an art reviewer for National Public Radio.

She has been associated with the Academy of Fine Arts since 1981 and is the organizing curator of "I Tell My Heart," the Art of Horace Pippin.

A freelance writer, her reviews and articles have appeared in *Art in America*, *Art News* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Tickets for the program are \$8.50 for Saturday evening and \$6.50 for Sunday afternoon and Monday evening.

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Thank you to all who made the calls and to all who responded by making a pledge to the 1994 Community Campaign.

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Words & Music:
Flute, Fans and Feldshuh

By STEVE COHEN

Mozart's last opera, *The Magic Flute*, was completed only a few months before he died. Therefore it's often treated as a solemn, quasi-religious pageant.

Although he was commissioned to write a *singspiel* — the German equivalent of a light musical comedy — Mozart added a subtext based on Freemasonry, and that led to confusion.

There's bubbling, humorous music in *Flute*, along with beautiful, hymn-like choruses and heartfelt dramatic arias. In no other Mozart composition is there such a wide range of material. But there also are tedious stretches that could be cut (oh, sacrilege!) and probably would have been cut by the composer if he had lived.

Because of his premature death, the opera is treated with reverence and directors are afraid to edit it.

Robert Driver, the general manager of the Opera Company of Philadelphia, personally directed *Magic Flute* at the Academy of Music. He had the courage to take a straightforward romantic approach, cutting out the Masonic allusions. He also eliminated the traditional Oriental setting which often results in dark-skinned characters being the villains. Instead, Driver's production is set in an exotic rain forest. What's more, one of his heroes is played by a Hispanic.

The sets and costumes were designed and executed locally, and they are superb. It's a great step forward for this company to try something so ambitious and to do it so successfully.

The comic romance between Papageno and Papagena has rarely been played so well. Their romantic duet was staged innovatively and cleverly. Ilana Davidson, the Papagena, is one of the daughters of cantor-composer Charles Davidson and his wife, choral director Frances Davidson from Elkins Park.

Davidson's recording to English songs arranged by Benjamin Britten is available by import on the Bonton label. She's now singing in Europe and will be back in this area this summer.



The lecture-luncheons of the Rittenhouse Square Women's Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra

are an old tradition. They are still going strong in the Ballroom of the Academy of Music preceding Friday afternoon concerts about once a month.

It's a wonderful tradition, as I was reminded when I attended one a few weeks ago.

The Rittenhouse Square Committee was founded in the 1920's as a booster organization to raise money for the Philadelphia Orchestra. It also functioned as a fan club for the golden-haired young conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra at that time, Leopold Stokowski.

According to the late Lenore Speiser, the group also provided the first chance for Jews to get involved with the Orchestra. Up until then, most of the social and financial support for the Philadelphia Orchestra came from the blue bloods of Main Line high society. No Jews were part of that society.

The luncheons serve several purposes: educational, social and fundraising. The committee contributes money to encourage contemporary female composers.

The afternoon that I attended, Wayne Conner spoke about the music of Leonard Bernstein and Edward Elgar which was being performed that day. A young couple that drove up from Maryland was at my table, along with some elegant ladies and gents from Center City.

Sipping sherry in this atmosphere is a fine way to get in the mood for an afternoon of music.



Two seasons ago I reviewed a performance by Tovah Feldshuh at the Keswick Theater in Glenside. I loved her singing, but felt that the big old movie palace was not the best venue for her. I wrote then that it would be great if the American Music Theatre Festival could afford to hire her for their cabaret series at the intimate Barrymore Room at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue.

Wonder of wonders, they took my advice and Tovah has crossed over to the Barrymore Room for performances there this week.

Originally named Terri Feldshuh, she later started using her Hebrew-School name professionally. She's been on Broadway in *Peter Pan*, *Yentl*, and *Lend Me a Tenor*. Cur-

rently she's in a CBS soap opera, recording an animated movie, and making a pilot for the Childrens Television Workshop. In addition, the mini-series *Holocaust*, in which she stars, is being re-run this month.

She says that coming to the Bellevue is like a vacation getaway trip. Tovah's act includes standard Broadway songs and newer special material. She provides a solid hour of songs, stories and dancing that had me wanting more. Some of the songs are old classics and some are new material.

There were changes of costume and changes of voice, as she touchingly portrayed a child, her grandmother and her vocal teacher.

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The cultural Arts Committee of the Jewish Community Center is pleased to announce that Sarah Goldstein has agreed to form a choir at the JCC. Miss Goldstein has long been associated with music as a teacher in the public schools for many years. She is now leading the 50 person choir at the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

Many years ago, the Center sponsored a choir under the direction of Miss Goldstein. It is hoped that there will be enough interest so that the choir can be formed once again.

Practice dates for the choir have

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Born in Germany, Mr. Michel was sent to his first labor camp as a young boy in 1939. After almost six years in concentration camps, he escaped just before the end of World War II. Michel is a spokesman for the survivors

of the Holocaust, organizing and serving as the chairman of the highly publicized World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1989. Mr. Michel will be available to autograph his book, *Promises To Keep*.



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APRIL 1994

Tuesday 19

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Where Are We?*, L. Fein.
P'H*A*S'E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) Restaurant Sampler, 6:30 p.m., Chadds Ford Cafe (Rt. 1 & Heyburn Rd., Chadds Ford, PA, 610-558-3960). Call by April 18 to RSVP, 302-475-3376.

Friday 22

YJAD is attending services at 8:00 p.m. at Beth Shalom Congregation on 18th & Baynard Sts. in Wilmington. Call Leslie Friedman at (302) 761-9106 for details.

Sunday 24

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast. Dr. Marian L. Palley, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The New Israel? 9:30 a.m. **Join YJAD**, the Greater Philadelphia Young Jewish Singles at a 76ers basketball game in the afternoon at the Spectrum. Please RSVP by April 20 to either Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943 or to Aaron Gobler at (215) 361-2355.

JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others) is meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the TRIAD building, 1104 N. Adams (corner of Adams and 10th Streets) in Wilmington. For more information call TRIAD at 655-1153.

Tuesday 26

How a child's sex influences parenting and teaching will be the focus of the Second Annual Sol Toumarkine Family Education Forum on Tuesday, April 26, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the J.C.C. Myrna Ryder, of the Jewish Family Service, will moderate a panel of experts.

MAY 1994

Sunday 1

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., "Guarding the Garden" 3 p.m. — A daring new musical interpretation of the creation story and how we've landed in this environmental mess. Join Adam, Eve and Lilith as they go on a colorful, comical, poetical journey from Eden to the Edge! A family show produced by New Legends. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Tickets: Adults \$5 (members \$3.50); Children 6 through 12, \$3 (members \$2). Call (215) 923-0763.

P'H*A*S'E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) "Handwriting Analysis", Arthur Rosenbaum. Discussion and dessert and light refreshments, 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. \$5 Members, \$10 Non-members (includes membership fee). Call 302-652-1193 for information and directions.

Sunday 8

Temple Beth El's Men's Club program will feature Rabbi David Saperstein from the Religious Action Committee of Reform Judaism, based in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 10

P'H*A*S'E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) Restaurant Sampler, 6:30 p.m., Kid Shelleens (14th & Scott Sts., Wilmington, DE, 302-658-4600). Call by May 9 to RSVP, 302-475-3376.

Thursday 12

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home invites you to attend the Donor Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. For luncheon information, call Ellen Levin at 999-8997 or Ethel Parsons at 762-6407.

Jewish History, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., Jewish Cooking in America with Joan Nathan, 3 p.m. — The author will discuss her new book that presents a unique tapestry of the regional flavors brought by three centuries of immigrants from Europe, Africa and Latin America. Joan Nathan is also the author of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*. Free with Museum admission. Call (215) 923-0763.

Ongoing

JHSD Exhibit at JCC - A new exhibit by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will be on display at the Jewish Community Center beginning April 15th and run through May 15th. The exhibit, which is in the JCC Showcase, is titled "Jewish Women's Organizations in the First State — A Brief Look Back" and displays many of the interesting items housed in the Society's archival collections. For further information contact: Julian H. Preisler 655-0365. **On Wednesdays in April**, the YJAD will play coed volleyball inside the JCC Gymnasium. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (610) 558-3781.

Jewish Courses

The Etz Chaim Center For Jewish Studies is an independent non-profit organization. A schedule of courses has been announced throughout the Delaware Valley beginning April 19. Course topics include Torah study, Talmud, pirkei avot, Jewish philosophy and mysticism. For more information call (215) 742-1044 or (215) 342-1254.

Walk For Housing

The 5th Annual M.A.P. Walk for Housing will begin in Wilmington's Brandywine Park at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 21st, rain or shine. Sponsored by the Methodist Action Program and PNC Bank, the 15K/9.3 mile walk will tour scenic areas of the City, passing housing renovated by Interfaith Housing Delaware and homeless shelters that benefit from WALK funds. Then returns to Brandywine Park.

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OBITUARIES

SARA L. BERLIN

Sara L. Berlin, 78, of 629 W. 39th St., Wilmington, died March 21 of complications from a stroke in Riverside Hospital.

Miss Berlin had been an office manager at Wilmington Dry Goods on Market Street, where she worked for more than 40 years. She retired

in the mid-1960s

She was a life member of the board of governors of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and member of the congregation's Sisterhood. She was a member of the Riverside Hospital's Junior Board and the hospital's board of directors, a life member of Hadassah and a mem-

ber of the Order of the Golden Chain.

In 1979, Miss Berlin was honored by the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation for her contributions and leadership.

She is survived by a nephew, Howard Berlin of Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the building funds of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation or Riverside Hospital's Emergency Care Center, both in Wilmington.

RICHARD DAVID COHN

Richard David Cohn, 34, of Mendenhall died on April 1, 1994, at the Christiana Medical Center in Stanton, Del., of injuries suffered in an assault.

Born in Wilmington, Del., he was the son of Rosemary Cohn and the late Richard S. Cohn.

He was a 1977 graduate of the Kennett High School and attended Brandywine College.

He was a disc jockey and a dance instructor for 16 years. He specialized in country music and dancing, and was known as "Amarillo Rick" in country music circles.

He was a member of the National Teachers Association of Country Dancing. He studied saxophone and went on to study music theory and composition.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a sister, Carole Cohn of Mendenhall.

A funeral service will be held on

Thursday, April 7, 1994, at 8 p.m. at the Kuzo & Gofus Funeral Home, Inc., State and Meredith streets, Kennett Square.

Friends may call on Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

ROSE GLASS

Rose Glass, 93, of The Kutz Home, Fox Point, died March 24 in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Glass, a homemaker, was a member of Sisterhood at her synagogue, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, and the local chapters of Pioneer Women and Workmen's Circle.

Raised in Philadelphia, she moved to Wilmington in 1927. She lived at Fourth and Rodney streets for many years and at Electra Arms Apartments before moving to The Kutz Home in 1976.

Her husband, Jacob Glass, died in 1972. She is survived by three daughters, Anne Bertman of Claymont, Bea Zucker of Venice, Fla., and Ruth Golder of Graylyn Crest, Brandywine Hundred; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Fox Point, or charity.

AARON D. "SONNY" LEVITSKY

Aaron D. "Sonny" Levitsky, 71, of Lower Alloways Creek Township, N.J., died March 23 at home of congestive heart failure.

Mr. Levitsky owned Parkell's Pork Products Co., Lower Alloways Creek Township, for many years. He retired in 1978.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a gunner's mate in the Pacific. He was awarded the Naval Military Merit Medal for bravery in action and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

He was a member of Cpl. Joseph Toulson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 253, Tilbury, and Salem American Legion.

Mr. Levitsky is survived by four daughters, Barbara Kelly of Newark, Del., Linda Elwood of Rising Sun, Md., Robin Schaible of Elkton, Md., and Abbe Barbato of Dover, Del.; two brothers, Norman of Pennsville and Horace of Salem; three sisters, Elaine Ross of Pennsville, Fagel Levitsky of Salem and Rita White of Carson, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to National Tuberculosis Sclerosis Association, 8000 Corporate Drive, Suite 120, Landover, Md. 20785.

JHSD Meeting

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will hold its 1994 Annual Meeting on May 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center on Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington. The program will include a video presentation of "Delaware Jews in American Wars and Epilogue: The Way We Were 1940-1945." This video is an updated and expanded version of the slide show produced in 1976 by Ralph Tomases and the JHSD. The evening promises to be both informative and entertaining and is open to the public. Come and learn about Delaware Jewish history.

For further information contact Helen Goldberg, 764-8328 or Julian Preisler, 655-0365.

PAULINE KRILL

Pauline Krill, 99, formerly of 20 Park Ave., Caldwell, N.J., died in Cedar Grove Nursing Home, Cedar Grove, N.J., her residence since 1986. She would have been 100 July 6.

Miss Krill had been a saleswoman in local department stores.

She is survived by a sister, Edna Fischer of Wilmington; and a niece and two nephews.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Charles W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33407.

MAX POTTER

Max Potter, 87, formerly of Washington Street, Wilmington, died April 5 in Forwood Manor Health Care Center, Brandywine Hundred, where he had been a patient since 1992.

Mr. Potter owned Edco Corp., a chemical export company in Newark for many years. After his retirement in 1968, he continued to work for the company as a part-time salesman.

He was a member and honorary president of B'nai B'rith. When the B'nai B'rith building in Claymont was completed, the auditorium was dedicated in his name.

Mr. Potter is survived by his wife, Helen Potter; two children, Carol Balick and Stephen both of Wilmington; and five grandchildren.

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NCCJ To Honor Drexler And Two Others

The Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) will pay tribute to Judith Drexler, Harry L. Gardner and William Rodriguez at the 1994 Annual Award Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 21.

This NCCJ Dinner is the Delaware Region's single largest annual fundraiser for its efforts to improve human relations.

Judie Drexler, Harry Gardner and William Rodriguez are recognized leaders who have worked to build bridges of understanding among different cultural groups and the community at large. Through their efforts, we see the strength of our diversity and a commonality of purpose — amity and equity for all members

Mitzvahs

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led to believe that they were or should have been born with this built in special gland that facilitates planning a party for 150 people ... not so. It is difficult and fraught with many subtle traps. So, relax while I take you through the first of many journeys into planning an event so it comes out more or less the way you want it to happen.

This particular journey will take you through an overview of the process. We will look at what to do first and last.

The journey you are about to embark on requires a lot of experience ... trial and error. We hope not too much error. Here's the overview:

1. Know approximately how many guests will be attending and pick a date or choice of dates. Count back from that date to determine your key deadlines.

2. Decide your budget (approximately). This decision, more than any other will help you to determine every subsequent decision. Here are the elements of your budget: Invitations, food and beverage (don't forget Oneg Shabats, Kiddish, home entertainment, specialty cakes, etc.), hall rental, decorations — including room decorations, flowers, linen, theme decorations, music/entertainment, special transportation needs for out of town guests, hotel rooms, special gifts to attendants (if it is a wedding).

3. About one year out, find a location. If you are kosher, you will want to select a synagogue or other location where kosher catering is available. If not kosher, your selections range from the synagogue, a country club, hotel, banquet hall, historic home, outdoors under a tent, or other unique location. You do not want to wait to find a location especially if it is a hotel since your date will likely be gone.

Finding the right location for you is determined in part by location, appearance of room decor, (quality of catering, if it is included), availability on your selected dates, convenience of parking, proximity to overnight rooms, proximity to synagogue (or place where ceremony is to be held).

4. Determine your menu or select a caterer. Your food and beverage

of our community.

For many years Judie Drexler has been an advocate for women and children. Her work has focused on their common needs, irrespective of race, religion or economic status. Judie's efforts have led to the development of many innovative programs and services designed to empower women and children to improve their lives.

Currently Judie chairs Agenda for Delaware Women and previously served on the organization's Leadership Council. She was vice president of the Wilmington YWCA from 1990 until 1991 and also served as the Chair for the Racial Justice Committee of the YWCA. From 1968 until 1970, Judie was President of the National Council of Jewish Women. Today, she maintains her involvement with the organization, particularly through her work with Project for Domestic Violence Reform - an advocacy group she helped create.

costs are the most costly part of your event, often between \$40 to \$100 per person depending upon your choices, time of day and the abundance of alcoholic beverages you decide to offer. I will discuss menus and food and beverage strategies in a later article. If you are planning a home party, decide whether you want to go through the trouble of cooking and serving it yourself.

5. Make your guest list (actually you probably will do this quite early in the planning process).

6. Shop for your invitations. There are thousands of styles and prices out there.

7. Shop for a florist or decorator. Your decorations can be simple or elaborate depending upon your budget. The nicer your hall is, the less you will need to spend on decorations. Decorations are one of those truly optional decisions and are usually an area where we can expand or contract after our total budget has been blocked out.

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Judie is also President of Volunteers for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Secretary of Delaware Bay Marine Institute, a program for the troubled youth. She is past President of Christina Cultural Arts Center where she worked successfully to turn the leadership of the organization over to those it serves by placing representatives from the surrounding community on the Board of Directors. Judie is also a past

Candle Lighting

APRIL

15TH — 7:21 PM
22ND — 7:28 PM
29TH — 7:35 PM

MAY

6TH — 7:42 PM

Combatting The Religious Right

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth is hosting dynamic political action speaker Laia Katz for their Tuesday, April 19th meeting.

Ms. Katz is the Social Action Chair for Women of Reform Judaism, in Washington, D.C. Her timely and important topic is "Combating the Religious Right."

The meeting, which begins at 6 p.m., includes a light supper, and will be held in the Temple Lounge, 300 West Lea Blvd., in Wilmington.

The community is welcome to attend. The cost is \$5.00. Reservations, due by April 12, are being taken by Betty Chambers, 764-0168.

Talent Show

A talent show and silent auction will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth on Saturday evening, April 23rd. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served at 7 p.m. Auction bids may be submitted from 7 to 8 p.m. The talent show starts at 8 p.m. with many members of the congregation participating.

The evening will end with a selection of desserts.

Tickets are \$10 per person by reservation and \$25 for a family ticket. Send check payable to Congregation Beth Emeth, to Ed and Jeanne Davis, 2116 Brandywood Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810 (475-8448).

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duPont, 11th & Market Streets starts with a reception in the Wilmington Trust Center lobby at 5:05. Individual tickets are \$150 and contributions beyond a \$30 per person dinner benefit are tax deductible. Reservations may be made by calling the NCCJ office, 655-0039.

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Wolpert, is sponsoring a get-acquainted party for new and potential members of Beth Emeth on Sunday, April 17. It will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Ann and Stanley Rosen, 27 Orchard View, Chadds Ford, Pa. This is an opportunity for new and potential members to informally meet Rabbi Grumbacher, Rabbi Malinger, members of the board and members of the congregation. Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, April 13th to Jeanne and Ed Davis at 475-8448.

Seder

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