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Israel Mourns

Below: The Israeli Knesset stands as they observe a moment of silence February 5 in memory of 73 soldiers and airmen killed in the twin helicopter crash along the Lebanese border.

Left: Israeli soldiers haul up a soldier's body late February 4 and place it on a stretcher while searching by hand through the rubble at one of the crash sites of Israel's worst military accident.

Holocaust Resource Collection Accessible in Concord Pike Library

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

The Jewish Voice Community Reporter

When the Nazis declared war on civilization in 1933 by burning "degenerate" books and libraries they envisioned a thousand year cultural revolution glorifying a new aryan race and aesthetic. Fortunately, the delusional dreams of the Third Reich went up in smoke, and from the funeral pyres of the burned books arose a proliferation of writings documenting the atrocities committed by that depraved regime. In the post-war years, communities worldwide developed Holocaust collections and resource centers.

One such collection was created locally by the Holocaust Education Committee of the

Jewish Federation of Delaware. Hard at work since 1978, the Committee, with a grant from the Kutz Foundation, began to assemble materials in the mid-eighties. Named after the late Halina Wind Preston, a survivor actively engaged in Holocaust education, the collection was initially developed as a resource for students and teachers.

Housed until recently in the Senior Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Delaware, the collection had outgrown its available shelf space. Having grown to approximately 500 items consisting of books, videos (including oral testimonies by survivors in the local area), study guides for teachers and students and pamphlets and

reports, the collection, needed a new and more accessible home. The Concord Pike Public Library in Wilmington was identified as a highly suitable site and the Jewish Federation voted its approval.

In her comments at the official transfer ceremony on January 29 at the Concord Pike Library, Connie Kreshtool, acting chair of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, outlined the rationale for placing the collection in the public library. "The installation of our Resource Center in the Concord Pike Library," observed Kreshtool, "makes this important collection available not only to those who visit this site but also to all those served by the New Castle County Library system."

The selection of the Concord Pike Library was enthusiastically supported by County Executive Dennis Greenhouse and by the State Department of Libraries. The Concord Pike Library is a temporary location for the collection. It will be replaced in the anticipated regional library after its construction in a few years.

Kreshtool was pleased to note that the library computer revealed the collection had already received four requests from other libraries. Acknowledging the dedication of the Holocaust Education Committee, Kreshtool

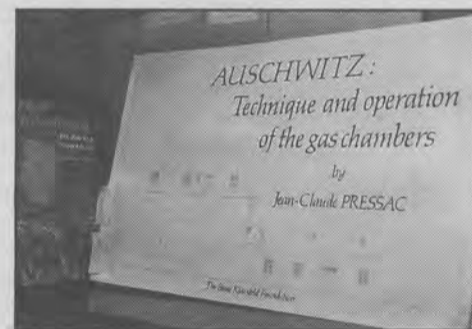


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The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. Photo by J. Siegel.

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ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

Cotler Triumphs Over Traffic Jam

(The following is a review of the Doug Cotler recording, "A Rose in December." It's an album which deals sensitively with loss, bereavement, and the ensuing renewal process.)

By DORI ZATUCHNI

Special to The Jewish Voice
When requested to review the music of Doug Cotler, I was not an-

icipating a voyage into self-discovery and awareness. I was very involved with counseling, administrative responsibilities and the preparation of the annual budget. Finding time in my schedule to analyze music was not a high priority.

It was fortuitous that on the way home that evening, I found myself in a traffic jam that would drive a

Type A person mad. I am a Type A person. When the driver before me turned off her engine, I knew I was in trouble. I figured I had three options: I could yell profanities at the drivers around me; I could bang my head against the steering wheel; or I could utilize my training as a therapist and practice some relaxation techniques. I chose the first option.

Within minutes, my throat was raw and my face red. I reassessed my options.

I placed the Cotler tape into the cartridge. Relaxation - take me away.

The moment the music began, I felt the beat of the rhythm within my very being. The mixture of sounds was as magnetic as it was pacifying. After listening to only two songs, I

began humming and pounding my fingers against the steering wheel as if it were my drum pad. I realized this music had captured the expression of the vastness of our cultural and religious legacy. It had found my passion. The traffic no longer bothered me.

Doug Cotler is the Cantor at Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills. He is also a Grammy award winning composer, singer and songwriter. He has completed six albums of Jewish music. I want more.

His songs and lyrics envelop a plethora of feelings regarding self, the community and G-d. They create dramas of compelling interest, from the innocence of childhood learning to the pain associated with death. They intensify our awareness of daily machinations and raise our consciousness regarding more ephemeral events.

In **Un-Tanek Tokef**, the mesmerizing melody of a Yom Kippur prayer is incorporated into the song, conveying awe inspiring belief. In **Pray for Rain**, the rhythm of the Israeli pulse is felt as the layers of percussion are mingled with the plucking of the bass. The innocence of **Nefesh** is reflected in its spritely melody, yet it is a song for all generations. Cotler's explanation of G-d within our selves is refreshing, comforting and believable. The haunting melody of **Shir Hammalot**, a testimony to Israel, provokes the brilliant radiance experienced by my dear friend, a Sabra, when she speaks of her home. The symbolism in **Rose in December** serves to empower an individual when confronting the pain associated with the death of a loved one.

Cotler's music is contemporary while incorporating prayer. It is powerful yet compassionate. It conveys a vitality that can only be defined as Jewish.

But, let's get back to another dimension. The horns are sounding. The cars are moving. I've got to find another traffic jam.

Tickets for Doug Cotler's performance at 7:30 p.m. February 8, 1997 at Beth Emeth are available through the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center and some Delaware synagogues. Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children's tickets are \$5. For more information call 427-2100. The Community Event - Family Concert benefits the 1997 UJA-Federation Campaign, administered locally by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

(Dori Zatuchni is the Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.)

DOUG COTLER TAPES

and CDs are available from the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The performer at the 1997 UJA/Federation Community Event has several recordings. For information call (302) 427-2100

THE OVERSEAS PORTFOLIO

THE PEOPLE

The majority of the country's 7.6 million people are ethnic Azeri Muslims, with a few Christians from Russia, Armenia and Dagestan. The Jewish community, which has always had a good relationship with the Muslims, numbers about 25,000. Some 22,000 are Persian-speaking Mountain Jews who are living in Baku and have abandoned their traditional lifestyle. Smaller communities in Kuba and Oguz have maintained the old ways. More than 32,000 Azerbaijani Jews have immigrated to Israel since 1989.

THE CONFLICT

By 1994, the eight-year war between Muslim Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave inside Azerbaijan supported by Christian Armenia, had killed 25,000 people and turned over a million more into refugees. Nagorno-Karabakh has all but won the war, but a two-year truce has brought no troop disengagement and no political settlement. The Karabakh Armenians, who physically control about a fifth of Azerbaijan, say they will not give up captured land unless they get international guarantees for peace; Azerbaijanis say if their lands are not freed, they will free them themselves.

THE ECONOMY

The republic is rich in oil, natural gas, iron ore and other metals, but the air, water and soil are so polluted from pesticides and toxic defoliants that Azerbaijan is one of the world's most ecologically devastated countries. It is also less industrially developed than its neighbors: the per capita GNP is around \$600; the unemployment rate is 22%; and 80% of its industry remains government-owned. Salaries and social benefits rarely cover more than a small fraction of basic subsistence.

"The uncertain political and economic situation in Azerbaijan requires an emergency infrastructure that can be activated instantly."

—Joint Statement by Avraham Burg, Chairman of the Executive, JAFI and Ambassador Milton Wolf, Chairman, JDC

At 50, Valerie Assadov would have rather stayed in Baku. "It's not easy at my age to change countries." But things had gone from bad to worse. "I earned \$10 a month, while food was becoming more scarce and more expensive all the time." So he and his family made aliyah in September 1996—10 people spanning four generations and 70 years, and all descended from the Mountain Jews who migrated to Azerbaijan from Persia during the Middle Ages. It was Valerie's mother who made the final decision for the family. "It has always been her dream to see Eretz Israel and Jerusalem; to see her children and her children's children here."

THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



Dr. Larissa Reikhrudel is the director—many say, the heart—of the Azerbaijani Jewish Women's Organization. On Friday evenings, her legions prepare a Shabbat meal for two roomfuls of elderly Jews; the rest of the week they deliver hot meals to the homebound and distribute oil, sugar, tea and soup to the needy. They run a dance group and a choir. Larissa, who is also director of pediatrics at a leading Baku hospital and of an out-patient clinic for Jewish children, is proud of her volunteers and their work. "They try to help everyone who needs help, but things are getting worse and our money isn't going as far as it did even a few months ago. Our young people need *Yiddishkeit* and our old people need food. We do the best we can." These and other activities are made possible by your campaign dollars.

UJA FEDERATION DOLLARS AT WORK...

- THE FLIGHT HOME...** 32,000 Jews made aliyah to date: 1 aliyah emissary, 3 local aliyah coordinators, 1 freedom flight every week, 6 Selah students
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- THE COMMUNITY...** 4 Hebrew-language *ulpan*s for 400, 4 youth clubs, 1 winter camp session for 150, 3 summer camp sessions for 400
- THE ELDERLY...** Shabbat dinner for 45, Home care for 38, Food distribution to 250

The UJA Federation Campaign in the former Soviet Union



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NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

AJDC Conference: Polish Jews Strive to Overcome Discord

By RUTH E. GRUBER

WARSAW, Feb. 2 (JTA) — A joke told by Polish Jews describes how if the last remaining Jew leaves town, 20 other Jews go to the station to bid him goodbye.

Two speakers at a recent conference of Polish Jews referred pointedly to that joke when describing the current situation of Jews in Poland.

The conference, sponsored by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, gathered more than 150 Jews of all ages late last month in Warsaw for five hours of sometimes heated debate about the future of Polish Jewry in the coming decade.

The meeting proved a vital indicator of Polish Jewry's resolute intention to survive into the next millennium.

But it also highlighted organizational and generational conflicts that complicate the building of that future as the Holocaust survivor generation gives way to a generation of Jews now claiming its Jewish identity with few concrete links to the traditional past.

A Jewish future in Poland seemed unthinkable less than a decade ago. In the eyes of some, including some Polish Jews themselves, it is still far from certain.

Nearly 3.5 million Jews lived in Poland before World War II. More than 3 million were killed in the Holocaust.

Most survivors emigrated after the war, in the wake of anti-Semitic attacks by Poles.

An anti-Semitic campaign by the Communist government in 1968 forced another 20,000 Jews to emigrate, including most of the Jewish intelligentsia.

Today, some 10,000 to 15,000 Jews live in Poland, though only a few thousand are actively affiliated with the community.

Particularly since the fall of communism seven years ago, there has been an explosion of interest in Judaism, especially among younger people from the postwar generations who only recently discovered that they are Jewish or only recently became involved in Jewish activities.

New organizations have been founded and new Jewish programs have been initiated, including clubs, youth groups, publications and

leadership training programs.

A new Jewish day school in Warsaw run by the U.S.-based Ronald S. Lauder Foundation boasts 70 pupils.

"Ten years ago, the common question was: When will the last Jew in Poland be buried?" said Rabbi Michael Schudrich, Poland director of the Lauder Foundation, which sponsors many of the new educational and youth activities.

"Five years ago, the common question was: Are there any young Jews in Poland? Today, we don't have this type of question."

Nonetheless, tensions between the older generation of Holocaust survivors and the younger generations of emerging Jews have hindered the community's development.

Sociologist Pawel Spiewak described a tendency for the older generation to question the Jewishness of the younger Jews, even going as far as to set up barriers to their entering the traditional Jewish fold.

He described a parallel tendency among young Jews to ignore or reject the views, needs and traditions of the elderly.

"The young can't find leaders in the older generation," he said.

As an example, he cited how Chief Rabbi Menachem Joskowicz, a white-bearded Chasid, appeared to emphasize generational barriers by making pronouncements in Yiddish — a language spoken by the old, but not the young.

"The young live beside the elderly, but they live alone," Spiewak said. "They seek their own identity."

Jerzy Filipowicz of the Union of Polish Jewish Students spoke out on behalf of the younger generations' interests.

"The future is in our hands," he said. "We are the ones who will create it."

"I hope that all Jewish organizations can see the need of involving young people to create a mutual society, that they can see that young people are the future. It is worthwhile to invest in this community."

How to resolve the generational conflict — and the related conflict between older Jewish organizations and new groups — dominated debate at the conference.

Concerns over the weakness of the community and the lack of unity and cooperation among its factions were apparent.

Although there were calls for unity and cooperation from all generations, no concrete solutions emerged.

The conference marked the first time that representatives of all major Polish Jewish organizations, old and new and representing all generations, were gathered together formally to discuss a common Jewish future.

Organizations represented at the gathering included the Jewish religious community, mainly consisting of elderly members, and the secular Jewish Socio-Cultural Association, which is the largest Jewish organization in Poland, but is seen by many in the younger generation as a tainted holdover from the Communist era.

Also participating were representatives from the newly formed Union of Jewish Students and organizations such as the Jewish Historical Institute, Hidden Children of the Holocaust, Association of (Wartime) Combatants and the Jewish Forum, a new association linking adult professionals and businesspeople.

Most of the overflow crowd appeared to be from the post-World War II generations. Some participants traveled hundreds of miles from such cities as Szczecin,

Krakow, Katowice and Wroclaw.

Most speakers, old and young, stressed that the future of Polish Jews would ultimately depend on themselves.

Stanislaw Krajewski, president of the Jewish Forum and Poland consultant for the American Jewish Committee, described two basic, sharply differing approaches.

The first, he said, espoused mainly by older people and members of traditional organizations, concentrated on using funds for support of these groups and their mainly elderly members.

The second approach involved concentrating on outreach.

"We have considerable potential, but we have to make the Jewish organizations attractive to the unaffiliated," he said. "For the majority of the postwar generation, their Polish identity is a given. Gaining a Jewish identity is an effort."

Manlio della Riccia, Poland country director of the JDC, which is a key funder of Polish Jewish welfare, religious and educational activities, said he found that the conference itself, with all its discussions of the community's future, provided ample reason for optimism.

"I strongly believe that the fact that we are here today is the answer to those who wanted to destroy the Jewish people," he said.

Sharansky's Visit to Russia: Marveling at Jewish Education

By LEV KRICHEVSKY

MOSCOW, Feb. 2 (JTA) — Semyon Tayts, an 11-year-old Jewish day school student, had never heard of the time when Hebrew instruction was forbidden.

For him, learning the language often involves nothing more difficult than looking up words in a computerized Russian-Hebrew dictionary.

His situation provided a stark contrast to the experiences of Natan Sharansky, who returned here as Israeli trade minister 11 years after he was released from a Soviet gulag.

During his visit, the former refusenik recalled how he and his friends strove to learn Hebrew secretly during the early 1970s.

"Someone would write down the Hebrew lessons broadcast" by Israel Radio, Sharansky said. "Then, those who had learned 300 to 400 Hebrew words would be considered good language teachers."

Sharansky added that he was strongly impressed by the progress the Jewish community had made, especially in the area of education, since his departure from the Soviet Union as part of a 1986 prisoner exchange with the West.

Discussions with teachers at Jewish schools in Moscow indicated that Russia had achieved much during the past decade in granting greater religious freedom, he said.

The Jewish educators complained about lack of funds and discussed proposed improvements in their schools' curricula. Sharansky told a news conference.

Albright, Like Alexy, Modern Marrano

According to published news accounts and network television news, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright — a baptized Catholic who later converted to the Episcopal Church — was told by Washington Post reporter Michael Dobbs that her grandparents were Jews and that they died in Nazi concentration camps. Dobbs tracked down documents, surviving relatives, and family friends to piece together the story and present the evidence to Albright. Albright acknowledged receiving letters in recent years referring to her Jewish heritage but had never pursued the issue.

Albright is the daughter of Czech diplomat Josef Korbel. The family fled Prague days after the German army invaded in 1939 and converted to Catholicism. Albright was never told she was Jewish.

Many similar accounts have surfaced of children of European Jews. Many have learned of their religious heritage late in life. Trudi Alexy, a modern marrano, recently brought her remarkable story of her return to Judaism to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Federation Shabbat this past January 24. Before emigrating to the United States, her family fled from Prague to Paris, and eventually hid in Barcelona as hastily baptized Catholics.

Accompanied by a 70-member delegation from Israel's business community — the largest official Israeli delegation ever to visit Russia — Sharansky met with several members of the Russian Cabinet to discuss bilateral trade and future Israeli investments in Russian high-tech industries and real estate.

He said there was a unique potential for expanded business ties, given the high number of Jews from the former Soviet Union — about 700,000 — who arrived in Israel since 1989 and who could serve as a bridge between the two countries' economies.

He added that trade between the two countries now totaled some \$350 million, about the same as Israeli-Thai trade totals.

During a meeting he held with Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, the conversation turned from trade to the country's treatment of minorities.

"Anti-Semitism still exists," Luzhkov said. "However, in general, the way our society relates to different nationalities and religions has changed radically."

Sharansky's visit to Moscow also included a trip to Lefortovo Prison, where the KGB held him for 18 months before he was sent off to a labor camp on charges of spying for the West.

"I was probably the first man ever who was afraid to be late" for an appointment at Lefortovo, Sharansky said.

"If I were late, the prison officials could have used this as an excuse not to let me in."

Not Taking Commitment to Israel Lightly

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Editor of The Jewish Voice

His three businesses helped provide light for people's homes. Now he helps Israel be an *ohr la goyim*, a light unto the nations.

On November 24, 1996, Ted and Clara Mattes' four children and their families, Paula and Ted Haynes, Beth and Sam Menche, Michael and Kathy Mattes, and Daniel and Adina Mattes presented the Jewish Federation of Delaware with a gift in Ted's

name. The gift, made in honor of his 70th birthday and his commitment to the State of Israel, will enable a Jewish family from the former Soviet Union to make aliyah.

Lifelong Wilmington resident Ted Mattes founded the Mattes Electric Company in 1950, the Mattes Lighting Company in 1952, and, in 1973, the Brite-Lite Supply Company. The former president of the International Association of Lighting Management

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EDITORIAL

Telling the World What Happened

The transfer of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education collection from the Jewish Community Center to the New Castle County Library system is a deeply significant step towards educating the public about the horrors of the Holocaust. The 500 piece collection will serve as a valuable educational source during its temporary stay at the Concord Pike Library and at its final destination, the planned regional library in Brandywine Hundred.

One of the darkest chapters in human history, the Holocaust is a subject in which total understanding can never be attained. A broader public's understanding will be enhanced by the increased availability of materials which include books, videos, oral testimonies, and teacher's guides. Jewish Federation of Delaware President Leslie Newman, in a remark underscoring the importance of broader understanding, noted that "the mission of the Holocaust Education

Committee is not just education, but also outreach... by moving the collection from the JCC to the public library we are putting our mission into action."

Halina Wind Preston was born Fayga Wind in Turka, now in the Ukraine. In 1942, at the age of 21, she hid from the Nazis in the sewers of nearby Lwow until the area was liberated by the Allies two years later. She later made her way to America and kept the promise she had made to her father: to tell the world what happened. Halina Wind Preston led the effort to bring Holocaust studies into Delaware schools and started the Holocaust Education Fund. After her death, the fund was renamed in her honor. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is a project of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and is devoted to educating the general community about the Holocaust.

Where the Streets Have Knowing Names

By VERED COHEN-R'FAELI
Translated by DOV SEIDEL

From the Hebrew Monthly, LAMISHPAHA, 34, 6 June, 1996

I was born in Jerusalem, and until I was 8, I lived on Yisraels St.; after this, my family moved to Yitzhak Ben-Dor St., in the neighborhood Kiryat-Mosheh, and after this to Radok (Rabbi David Kimchi) St., in the R'chavya neighborhood. I had friends who lived on Ibn-Gabirol St., on Elchareezee St., and on Abravanel St.

I didn't know, in those years that Yisraels was a Jewish painter from Holland, or that Yitzhak Ben-Dor was a journalist who was killed in the shelling of Jerusalem in the War of Independence. I didn't know who Rabbi David Kimchi, Rabbi Shlomo Ibn-Gabirol, Rabbi Yehuda Elchareezee, or Don Yitzchak Abravanel were. But I did know that the streets in Jerusalem, except for Yaffo St. and Hakeren Hakayemet St., were named after people.

This impression of my youth, although it wasn't exact, was correct in a general way — streets of Jerusalem are named mostly with the names of people in Jewish history, from her beginning up until our day. A stroll in the streets of Jerusalem is like a stroll in the history of our people — there is no period in which her children are not represented with the names of streets.

The spirit of Tanach dwells in the names of many Jerusalem streets. More than 90 streets in the new city are named after patriarchs, tribes of Israel, Judges, Kings, Prophets (and also Prophetesses - D'vorah and Chuldah) and many others. In the neighborhood Emek R'faim (which was formerly the German Colony) alone, there are more than 30 streets named after personalities in the Tanach. In the G'oola neighborhood, north of the city, the streets are named after prophets.

A street in Jerusalem is named after the expositor Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchak), and many other streets are named after the Sages of the Mishnah and Talmud: Avtalyon, Eliezer the Great, Choni the Circle-Maker, Aba-Chilkiah, Raban Yochanan Ben-Zakkai, R. Yochanan Hasandlar, Nachum Ish-Gamzo, R. Akiva, R. Shimon Ben-Shetach, and others. Many of these streets are located in the Gonen neighborhood (whose earlier name was Katamon). In the center of the city, side by side, are Hillel Street and Shammai St.

Other streets in Jerusalem are named after outstanding Chassidim: Besht (HaB'al Shem Tov), Rabbi Levi Yitzchak from Berditchev, and Rabb Nachman from Breslev, who visited Israel in 1798. Many streets are named after Rabbis of the modern period, among them R. Tzvi Kalisher, Rabbi Yaacov Rieness Hanatziv (Harav Naftali Tzvi Yehuda Berlin) his son R. Meir Bar-Ilan, R. Abraham HaCohen Kook, who was the Chief Rabbi in Eretz Yisrael before the establishment of the State; and R. Hertzog, and Rabbi Uziel, who were the first Chief Rabbis of the State of Israel.

In the R'chavya neighborhood are streets named after the Sages of Spanish Judaism of the Middle Ages, together with poets, expositors of Tanach, and spiritual leaders: R. Shlomo Ibn-Gabirol, R. Yehuda HaLevi, R. Avraham Ibn-Ezra, Moshheh Ben-Maimon (the Rambam), R. Yehuda Alchareezee, R. Binyamin from Todelah, and others.

Many streets in Jerusalem carry the names of Zionist leaders: Binyamin Z'ev Hertzl, Z'ev Jabotinsky, Chayim Weitzman, Menachem Usishkin, Chayim Arlozorov, Nachum Sokolov, Henrietta Szold, Beryl Katsenelson, Max Nordau, Artur Rupin, and others. Of course, streets are named after Hebrew authors and poets: Chayim Nachman Bialik, Yosef Chayim Brenner,

Shaul Tchernichovski, Avraham Mapo, Shalom Aleichem, and Shmuel Yosef Agnon.

Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the reviver of the Hebrew language, has his name on a large, central street which today is for pedestrians only. There is a smaller street named for his son, Itamar Ben-Avi, in the Kiryat Shmuel neighborhood.

There are Christians friendly to Israel and the Jews connected to Jewish history, and there are streets in Jerusalem named after them. A central street in the city is King George St., named after King George V of Great Britain; during his reign, the Balfour Declaration was given. As is well known, there exists Balfour St., named after the British minister who gave, in 1917, the Declaration, promising to the Jews a national homeland; he also visited Eretz Yisrael in 1925, and gave a speech at the opening of the Hebrew University. The home of the Prime Minister of Israel is located on Balfour St.

In the center of the city is Raoul Wallenberg St., named after one of the righteous of the nations of the world. Wallenberg rescued thousands of Jews in the time of the Shoah, and vanished after he fell in the hands of the Russians.

There are streets in Jerusalem named after non-Jewish writers: Emile Zola, the writer who came to the defense of Alfred Dreyfus during the time of his trial; George Eliot, the pen name of the English writer Marla Anna Evans, who wrote, in 1875, the book Daniel Deronda; in it is a description of the concept of the rebirth of the people of Israel in their land.

Jewish history is paved with wars and stories of heroism, and it's no wonder that many streets commemorate the names of heroes from the days of the Tanach to our own day. And so we can find in the neighborhood Emek R'faim, Shimshon St., and Yael St. Yael killed Sis'ra, Canaanite military commander.

From the period of the revolt against Greece, in the second century B.C.E., we find commemorated in the streets of Jerusalem the names of Yahuda HaMaccabee, Eliezer HaMaccabee, Elazar HaModa'i, and Channah and her Seven Sons. From the period of the revolt against the Romans, in the first century B.C.E., commanders of the revolt Shimon Bar-Kochba, Shimon Bar-Giora, and Yochanan Migush Chalav are represented, as well as Elazar Ben-Yair, commander of M'tsada.

Also from the modern era, Colonel David Marcus, Jewish captain from the United States, who arrived in Israel to help in the War of Independence and was killed; Eliahu Golomb, Haganah commander; Channah Senesh, the parachutist from Hungary, who was murdered by the Nazis; and Yosef Trumpeldor a hero whose arm was amputated (in Hebrew, geedem), and who was killed in Tel-Chai in 1920 - he is commemorated in Geedem St. Another street is named after Eli Cohen, the Israeli spy who was captured and hanged in Syria in 1965.

Israel doesn't forget her sons and daughters who fell in the wars of Israel. And here I want to tell about a man and a woman, both soldiers, Yizhar, and Zahara. The connection between their names is just a coincidence. I didn't know them, but I knew their parents.

Zahara Livyatov was a pilot who was killed near Jerusalem in the War of Independence. In her honor, a small street in the neighborhood, Gonen, is named N'tiv-Zahara.

The family of Yizhar Armoni lived near my family, in Yisraels St., and after Yizhar was killed in the War of Independence, a small street, which branches out from Yisraels St., was named M'voe-Yizhar. Every day, Yizhar's father used to walk in order to water the bushes and the flowers in M'voe-Yizhar.

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OPINION

The Chill of Ravensbruck

By SARAH HOROWITZ
Special to The Jewish Voice

The crisp German air tugged at the sleeves of my light jacket. Bursts of gold and orange punctuated the dense green foliage as a chilling breeze blew across the lake from Furstenburg presaging winter. I had fallen asleep and woken up repeatedly during the drive, tired after the long night flight to Berlin. Catching intermittent glimpses of small towns, cobblestone streets, charming hamlets, brooks, meadows, I had been struck suddenly by the beauty of the autumn dappled trees, the lake, the gold colored stucco buildings. Moments later I notice that the windows have been boarded shut, the porches in disrepair. Only then do I realize that, amid all this natural beauty, I have arrived at my destination: the concentration camp of Ravensbruck.

I leave my suitcase at the central building, now a museum but once headquarters for the concentration camp. I proceed to the newer structure that will house the colloquium of German scholars I have been invited to address. The German scholars—mostly young historians—are meeting to share their ongoing research on Ravensbruck.

Established initially in the 1930s as a

prison camp for German women—political dissidents and criminals—only in the 1940s, as the Eastern front liberated camps in occupied countries, did Ravensbruck become a labor camp and an extermination camp for Jewish women, and for a small number of Jewish men. Formerly part of East Germany, with its records dispersed to various Soviet archives, Ravensbruck received scant scholarly attention. Only now was it opening up to historical inquiry. Only now was its history being written.

The colloquium was spare and simple. On the wall hung aerial photographs of the camp, 3-D maps of the camp: barracks, guard towers, headquarters, officers' housing. The participants reported on their research: individual anti-Nazi German women imprisoned at Ravensbruck, camp architecture, economic relations between the camp and surrounding towns, the experiences of women of different nationalities.

I have attended Holocaust conferences before. Always, I learn. Always, I mourn. But this was different from a conference in New York or Washington DC or Jerusalem. This was Ravensbruck, and although in disrepair, a remnant, a trace of the Holocaust itself.

The purpose of the conference was

twofold: to share research findings, and to persuade the German government to continue funding the memorial-museum-archive center at Ravensbruck. Although my own research does not focus on Ravensbruck, I have been writing about the experiences of women during the Holocaust. As such, I was invited to offer some guidelines on doing research on women during the War, and—I suspect—to be part of the very small Jewish presence at the conference.

For German scholars, Ravensbruck is another avenue by which they may do the difficult work of coming to terms with their country's past. Part of its appeal as a focus for research, I believe, is its past as a prison camp for anti-fascist and anti-Nazi German women. This history enables a German historian to write of a past peopled by "good Germans," who gave up wealth, position, freedom, even life itself, for what was right. In writing this history, German historians can retrieve a moral past for themselves. This is important work, particularly because it shows what is possible for people of ethical commitment and conscience. At the same time, I cautioned them, the history of the relatively few political dissidents should not obliterate the history of the many who facilitated Nazism and genocide. Nor should

the historians ignore the difference in treatment—and ultimate destiny—between the German prisoners and the Jewish ones slated for genocide.

In between presentations I took walks in the camp—amid barracks, past gas chamber and crematoria, before memorials, and along the lakefront with its pastoral autumn view. This lovely vista is what the SS saw each day as they did their grisly work at Ravensbruck. Now only the chilling breeze made me shiver.

Clear across the lake, the town of Furstenburg. One evening, all the conference participants met for dinner at a lakeside tavern whose out door deck was cantilevered over the lake.

"Look," a German economic historian whispered to me. "There is Ravensbruck. He pointed across the lake. Then he added, "This restaurant no doubt served delectable meals during World War II."

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E.E. Jaffe

not unworthy of Americans but shortsighted. It is unworthy of a great nation to stand idly by while small countries of great culture are being destroyed with a cynical contempt for justice." And it was from his summer home on Long Island that Einstein sent his historic letter warning Franklin Roosevelt of the implications of nuclear fission discovery. His own famous equation which relates energy release to mass destroyed ($E=mc^2$) during nuclear fission, predicts enormous potential for energy release. The letter dated August 2, 1939 essentially inaugurated the nuclear age. The letter had been translated from German into English and delivered to the President on October 11th. One week later Einstein received a response confirming the great importance of the information to Roosevelt and the convening of a board of appropriate experts to investigate Einstein's suggestion regarding the element uranium.

The dropping of the first atomic bomb on Japan filled Einstein with grief. After hearing about the destruction of Hiroshima, he simply said "O veh!" From then on he devoted his time and prestige in letters, articles and interviews to the cause of saving mankind from destroying itself in a nuclear holocaust. He wrote prophetically that atomic energy "for the present is a menace; perhaps it is well that it should be. It may intimidate the human race into bringing order to its international affairs, which, without the pressure of fear, undoubtedly would not happen."

In more recent times the science of astrophysics which had largely developed since Einstein died, has reawakened interest in general relativity and gravitation on the part of present physicists and astronomers. Many of the recent observations on Pulsars and "black holes," gravitational fields caused by collapsing stars which are so strong that no light can escape from them, were predicted by Einstein's

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Albert Einstein: A Brighter Side

By E.E. JAFFE

In a recent article published in the January 1997 Shofar, the Adash Kodesh Shel Emeth publication, entitled Einstein-The Dark Side, the writer enumerates several transgressions by A. Einstein that came to light in a recent article in the N.Y. Times. It is true that Einstein had a wandering eye for women that led to several affairs during his two marriages, according to Abraham Pais, a physicist and noted Einstein scholar in his book "Einstein Lived Here." Einstein admitted that he had been a failure in marriage and to a lesser degree in fatherhood. These traits, however, fade into insignificance compared with his monumental scientific and philosophical contributions.

Even though Einstein lived before the age of television, his fame was communicated ex-

tensively by newspapers and radio. By 1919 when he was 40 years old there was hardly a place on earth where people had not heard of him. The A. Pais book compiles press reports and excerpts from Einstein's correspondence. One report describes the great crowds, mostly Jewish in many places, who flocked to greet Einstein during his extensive travels in the 1920's to France, USA, Japan, China, South America and Palestine. In an interview with a Dutch newspaper he commented "doesn't it make a silly impression, the excitement of crowds here and yonder about my theories of which they cannot understand a word? I am sure that it is the mystery of nonunderstanding that appeals to them."

His scientific contributions were so numerous, the Nobel Committee had a difficult time

to decide on which subject to base Einstein's award. The prize was delayed many years because of lack of experimental verification of the proposed theories on special and general relativity, and of gravitation. The Nobel Committee opted to award the prize in 1921 for his 1905 explanation of the photoelectric effect, the engineering aspects of which are still being perfected for practical use.

The biography by A. Pais, who was well acquainted with Einstein when they were both at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton, also describes Einstein's views on religion, philosophy, political activities and beliefs. The writer relates that Einstein had a brief religious period as a child, but contends that he abandoned any strong beliefs when he became exposed to science. Einstein wrote "through the reading of popular scientific books I soon reached the conviction that much in the stories in the Bible could not be true." Although Einstein invoked the existence of deity many times, it was apparently a figure of speech. Although he was consistently agnostic, he made constant references throughout his life to "G-d", whom he often called "the Old One." In this sense "G-d" stood for the rational connections, the laws, governing the behavior of the universe, which to him were comprehensible. In 1919 when Einstein received a telegram that brought news of an experimental confirmation of one of his theories, a student asked him what he would have done if there had been no confirmation, his response was "then I would have to pity the dear Lord."

Einstein used his scientific prominence to influence nonscientific issues. He wrote open letters to professional organizations and the United Nations against war, the persecution of Jews, British colonialism in Palestine, and civil liberties, among other topics. He frequently declared himself a pacifist. In 1939, the fate of Europe, and above all, of his fellow Jews weighed heavily on Einstein that he could no longer escape fully into the inner recesses of his work. At that time he came to the inescapable conclusion, notwithstanding his pacifist views, that armed resistance was the only way to confront Hitler. He wrote to a peace meeting held in New York on April 5, 1938 "many Americans, even pacifists, are thinking and saying: let Europe fall, she deserves no better; we shall stand aside and have no part in it. I believe such an attitude is not only



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Israel Consul General Gideon Samet will meet with Delaware's Jewish leaders on Thursday, February 13, 1997 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, DE. This is the first of-

ficial visit to Delaware by our region's Israeli Consul General based in Philadelphia. There is no charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware.

Israel Lecture "Another Perspective on the Peace Process," will be on Thursday, March 13, 1997 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, DE. This event features Ruth Matar of Women

in Green. Both the lecturer and her organization have criticized the Oslo accords and the Peace Process as, in their view, being counter to Israel's best interests. There is no charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware.

All are welcome. For more information call The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.



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Scott Katz, Director of Recreational Services for the JCC, attended a national JCC Health, Physical Education and Recreation Planning and Leadership Conference where the recent Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health was discussed. For information about the Surgeon General's Report, to schedule a presentation about the report or to become physically active, please contact Scott Katz or Suzanne Rodriguez at the Jewish Community Center, (302) 478-5660.

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of all sorts, Camp JCC offers All Sports camp, where every day will feature a different sport, including basketball, soccer, hockey, kickball, Israeli dodge ball, tag and more!

Camp Maccabi once again offers something for the more adventurous camper. We have six one-week sports clinics which have been designed to strengthen skills in a particular sport, such as baseball, soccer, basketball and tennis. In addition to these, we have added two new camps to the summer line-up. Put on your helmets, pads and in-line skates for Rollerblading Camp and skate your way to an awesome summer. Or are you the next Tiger Woods? Join us for a week at the DuPont Country Club and learn the fundamentals of the game from a pro.

Camp Maccabi also offers five different two-week camp options for the camper who wants a more intensely challenging experience. Ad-

venture Camp offers outdoor activities such as hiking and camping, Horseback Riding teaches both Western and English riding as well as horse care, Wet & Wild offers another way to get wet each day, All Sports is two fun-filled weeks of sports adventure and Gymnastics teaches the fundamentals of gymnastics on competition equipment.

To round out Camp JCC's "Summer to Remember", we are offering four-week specialty camp programs as well. Computers and recreation are combined in Computer Camp for children in 2nd through 6th grades. Campers will spend half the day on computer activities and half the day on recreational activities like swimming, sports and art and crafts. Fine Arts Camp is for the creative young artist in 3rd through 6th grades. Campers will develop fine art skills such as the art of pottery, graphic design, wearable art and many more specialized art techniques. For the budding performing artist, Performing Arts Camp will allow campers in 3rd through 6th grades to explore performance through drama, music, dance and more. They will create their own production including script and song writing, choreography, costuming and set design.

We have built it. All you need to do is come and enjoy. For more information about Camp JCC or to have a brochure sent to you, please call Artie Allen, Camp Director, at (302) 478-5660.

Winter Swim Team

The JCC Tiger Sharks are starting their Winter meet schedule. This year's schedule will include swim meets against the JCC's of Cherry Hill, Baltimore, Allentown and Northern Virginia. The children, ages 6 to 18, have been working hard to hone their strokes and skills and are looking forward to the upcoming meets.

Practices are Tuesday through Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday afternoons, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. and Sunday afternoons, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. New swimmers are always welcome. For more information, please call Eric Schweitzer, Aquatics Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

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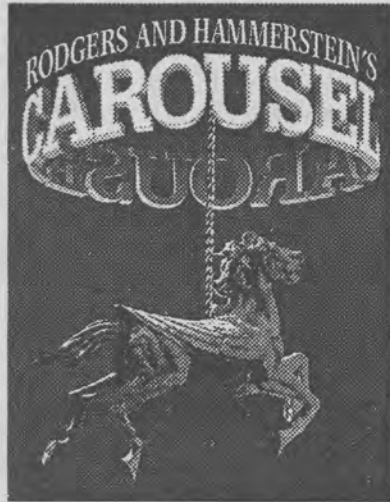
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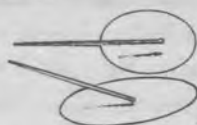


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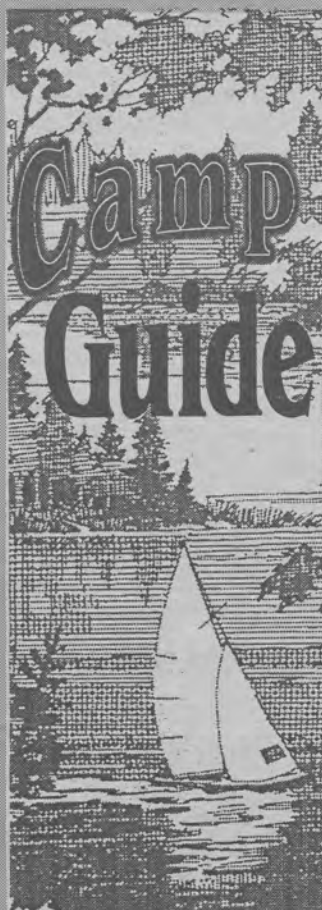
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By DAN WEINTRAUB
YLDA Director

On Sunday morning, March 9, 1997, the Young Leadership Development Alliance (YLDA) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present Dr. Saul Wachs of Gratz College in an interactive program on the topic of "Beyond The Maxwell House Haggadah - How Families Can Get More Meaning Out of Passover."

This family-friendly program will run

from nine forty-five to eleven-thirty a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. A four dollar charge includes the cost of a light breakfast. Babysitting services are available from the JCC at a cost of two dollars.

Dr. Saul Wachs is the Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Jewish Education at Gratz College as well as the Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Education at Gratz College. Wachs received degrees in the subject areas of Sacred Music and Reli-

gious Education in addition to degrees in Education. He is the author of numerous articles including "It's a Time for Telling Stories" with Barbara E. Wachs in *The Jewish Experiment*.

Jon Foreman and Karen Schultz, Co-Chair the Education Subcommittee of YLDA, and have organized this event. Buddy Berger chairs YLDA and Heidi Kinsella co-chairs.

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Commitment

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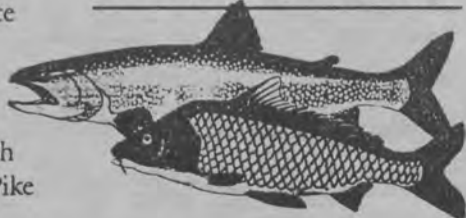
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A Celebration for Jewish Women

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware announces the upcoming Celebration for Jewish Women, the annual women's event now in its tenth year. The title of this year's program is "Love and Marriage: The Sanctity of Sexuality," and will take place Sunday, February 23 in the Centennial Room at Adas Kodesch at 12:30 p.m. This year's guest speaker is Devorah Alevsky, of Cleveland, Ohio.

A dynamic speaker and educator, Devorah Alevsky has traveled extensively, lecturing on the perpetuation of Jewish marriage and family. She deals frankly with sensitive issues that were once spoken of only in hushed tones. Her candor in addressing love,

intimacy and passion is brought on by the distressing realization that Jewish marriage - once a solid institution seemingly immune to external influences - is now showing signs of increasing erosion.

Dr. Domeena Renshaw, head of Sexual Dysfunction Clinic at Chicago's Loyola University, states that 80% of the divorces in Western society are due to incompatibility within the couple's intimate lives. Furthermore, 50% of the couples who remain married have problems in this arena. Alevsky maintains that long before the era of women's liberation, Judaism had always recognized the significance of sexuality in marriage.

In today's society, people attempt to increase their pleasure by experimenting with new techniques. After her presentation, Alevsky will lead an open discussion with questions and answers, exploring the key that Judaism has held all along.

Devorah Alevsky resides with her husband and family in Cleveland where she is Co-director of Chabad of Northeastern Ohio.

Initiated in 1988, Delaware's Celebration for Jewish Women has

brought together single and married women of all ages and backgrounds and is timed to coincide with the International Week of the Jewish Woman sponsored by the Chabad movement. This year, more than 280,000 women are expected to participate in a week long series of events and programs in over 300 cities worldwide.

"The program has earned a reputation of bringing the finest speakers to our Delaware community including Sheina Konigsburg of "Holy

Days" fame, Tova Mordechai, Shimona Zukernik and Rivkah Slonim. We look forward to this year's guest, Devorah Alevsky, who will only enhance the program's high repute," said Oryah Vogel, the event coordinator.

The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a buffet luncheon followed by the guest presentation. The cost of the program is \$18 prepaid and \$20 at the door. For reservation please call Oryah Vogel at 478-4400 by February 13.

Long Term Care: AKSE Brunch

On Sunday, February 16, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club, in conjunction with the A.K.S.E. Adult Education Committee, will feature Charen Schnetter (a Long Term Care Senior Representative from Blue Cross & Blue Shield), Judith B. Gilbert (a representative of Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company) and A.K.S.E.'s own Rabbi Sanford L.

Dresin, to speak on the topic of Long Term Care for our elderly loved ones, according to Robert S. Weiner, President of the A.K.S.E. Men's Club. Our speakers have a dynamic session planned for us on February 16th and they promise to inform, answer questions and entertain us within the framework of the politically volatile, socially uncomfortable and just plain

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Concert pianist Adam Neiman will perform on April 5, 1997 at 8 p.m. at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$12 for students. Call 762-2705 for additional information.

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Holocaust Resource Collection

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thanked Harriet Wolfson for negotiating the contract with the Division of Libraries, the cataloging and labeling work by Jacqui Paul and Jean Fletcher, the cooperation by the library staff under the direction of Mary Tice, and the assistance of Judy Melman, Rona Finkelstein, and Naomi Klein.

In accepting the collection for the Concord Library, Mary Tice commented that the library holdings were now on-line, and consequently the collection would be available not only state-wide, but world-wide.

Leslie Newman, president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, was especially enthusiastic in her praise of the Holocaust Education Committee, and the decision to place the collection in the public library. "The mission of the Committee is not just education, but also outreach...by moving the collection from the JCC to the public library we are putting our mission into action." Commending the committee members, a diverse community group, for their dedication, Newman spoke of their "caring, concern, and generosity." Newman expressed confidence that the collection will continue to build and its expanded accessibility will make it more widely utilized by the community.

Two committee members, Ann Jaffe and Dorothy Finger, survivors who have devoted much of their lives speaking to students in the public schools, are particularly sensitive to the need for making Holocaust material available to teachers and young people. After sharing their Holocaust experiences in the classrooms, the notes they receive confirm the importance of their work. One eighth grader wrote to Ann Jaffe, "The survivors can pass on their stories of the Holocaust, but I know that I or anyone else who has not experienced this will never truly understand...I wish for everyone to learn more about the Holocaust and understand the wrong in it so the world will not make the mistake of repeating it ever again."

Another junior high student wrote, almost commandingly, to Dorothy Finger, "you are an angel representing the voices of the dead and you have a responsibility to make people believe that it happened." Dorothy Finger added her own comments about the importance of the library and of teaching the Holocaust. "The library will be exposed to many more people. Now, properly catalogued, it will continue as a symbol, and as a way of passing on the never-to-be forgotten tragedy...after all, the survivors are getting older."

Einstein

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general theory of relativity. The existence of some unusual gravitational radiation due to star collapse have likewise been predicted by Einstein's theory. Most of them

had not been confirmed at the time of Einstein's death on April 18, 1955. The confirmations came later.

Einstein's prominence and outspoken views eventually led him to be sought out in 1952 to be president of Israel, assuming confirmation by

the Knesset, after the death of Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann. Einstein found the invitation somewhat awkward and declined.

(Dr. Jaffe is a retired research manager who worked for DuPont for 27 years. He resides in Wilmington.)

Brunch

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"I'd rather not think about it" topic of Long Term Care. Topics will include information on Medicare (what it does and doesn't cover), the OBRA law, HIPA, DRG's and all the questions you wanted answered but felt you were too "young" to ask.

Charen Schnetter will address the facts relating to long term care planning and protection. Charen states, "It is rarely too soon or too late to protect yourself and your family from the Medicaid nightmare. People run into problems when they ignore the situation."

Judith Gilbert will address how long term care insurance fits into the total estate planning scenario.

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, who holds

a graduate degree in Clinical Pastoral Education from Yale University, will be addressing the pastoral care of the elderly from both practical and Judaic perspectives.

Charen Schnetter was born in New York and raised in California. She moved to Wilmington in 1971 and has since raised her son, a University of Delaware student. She has volunteered at the Kutz Home and the JCC and was excited when the opportunity of helping senior citizens with their long term care planning needs became available.

Judith Gilbert has been a representative for the Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company, in their regional office in Wilmington, Delaware, for 8 years. She special-

izes in family insurance planning, estate planning, business-related insurance and disability income protection. Judith graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania. She holds a B.S. and a M.Ed. from Temple University. She has obtained the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow designation and is a member of the Delaware Estate Planning Council and the National Association of Life Underwriters.

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club monthly Sunday Brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for an all-you-can-eat deluxe Sunday brunch. Reservations for nonmembers are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.

current composition of the JCCA is Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Shalom and Montefiore. The Cemetery became a separate cemetery. However, many people still refer to the Jewish Cemetery as Lombardy. Consequently, some people have been making inquiries about the current Lombardy situation and its effect on the Jewish Cemetery. The Jewish Community Cemetery has no legal connection with Lombardy Cemetery. If you have any questions please call any of the member agencies of the JCCA.

Jewish Cemetery is Not Lombardy Cemetery

A recent article about Lombardy Cemetery in the NewsJournal newspaper has created some question in our community. Prior to 1952, the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road was part of Lombardy Cemetery. At that time the Jewish

Community Cemetery Association (JCCA) was formed by its member agencies. The members were the Adas Kodesch, Chesed Shel Emeth, Beth Shalom, Montefiore, Workman's Circle, and Farband. Through merger and acquisitions the

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Nathan Fried, 84, formerly of 2207 West St., Wilmington, died Friday, January 24, at his residence, Delaware Home for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna.

Mr. Fried had been a Pennsylvania Railroad mechanic and union member. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include sons, Alan of Mantua, N.J., and Joel of Israel; and stepsisters, Frances Fried and Ethel Fried, both of North Bergen, N.J., and Alice Kushner of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Contributions may be made to the Mental Health Association of Delaware, Wilmington.

SARAH T. SHAFFER

Sarah T. Shaffer, 85, of South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Saturday, January 26, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier that day in Laguna Beach, Calif.

Born in Miners Mills, Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Isador and Mollie Feuerman Thalenfeld.

She graduated from the former Plains High School, Plains Township, and attended Beaver College.

She was co-proprietor, with her sisters, of Fashion Youth Center, Gateway Shopping Center, Edwardsville.

She was a member of Temple Israel and served as a past president of its sisterhood. She was a life member of National Council of Jewish Woman; Queen Esther Ladies Aid Society; Hadassah; Jewish Community Center; Zionist Organization of

America; and Temple Israel. She also was active in Jewish community affairs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, attorney Louis Shaffer in 1984.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Ellen

Meyer, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Ruth Chariton, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Marjorie Victor, Tyler, Texas; eight grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Freda Popky, Scranton; Mrs. Harriet Gray, Kingston; and a brother, David Thalenfeld, Kingston.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Sisterhood Dance: Please join us February 22 at 7:30 p.m., for our next fundraiser, an evening of dance with two instructors from the Continental Ballroom. They will gear their lessons to the interests of the group so bring your special requests. The instructors will also put on a show for those of us who enjoy watching professional

dancers. Advance payment of \$10 per person may be made in person at the Synagogue office or by mailing a check before February 19th to AKSE, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802. Payment at the door is \$12 per person. Please support this fun evening (no tests are being given on your new skills) and at the same time help Sisterhood raise money to support our many Synagogue projects. Any questions, call 762-2705.

Auction - Celebrate the Chinese New Year at Temple Beth El's Fundraiser Auction. On Saturday, February 15, come taste an assortment of delicious Chinese appetizers made by our very own Sisterhood. Various items and skills will be auctioned off. You will have the opportunity to bid on specialty dinners, babysitting, crafts, jewelry...the possibilities are endless. You will be guaranteed an evening of great food and a lot of fun. Tickets are only \$5.00 in advance and \$7.50 at the door. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth El is located on Possum Park Road in Newark, Delaware. Call 366-8330 for any additional details.

Bowling Fundraiser - The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT will hold a bowling party Saturday, February 15, 7 p.m. at the Pike Creek Bowling Center on Linden Hill Road in Pike Creek. The event will also include a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. After 9 p.m., guests may

participate in glow-in-the-dark bowling and dancing to music provided by a DJ. The cost is \$40 per couple, and those attending are asked to bring a dairy dessert or hors d'oeuvre. Proceeds from the evening will be used to fund ORT scientific, technological and vocational schools. Please RSVP by calling Rachel Harad at 239-6011 or Wendi Weingartner at 475-4416.

Community-Wide Talent Show - We are looking for performers of all kinds such as jugglers, storytellers, magicians, singers, and more! The Talent Show will be held at Adas Kodesch on Sunday, March 2. For more information call Nelly Marzouk, 475-5056.

Israel Scholarship - The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its seventh scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the AKSE office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and should be returned by March 14.

The fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silvermans' 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

Minyans - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Blvd. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., (except Fri. p.m.), Sunday-8 a.m. Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative), 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE, 654-4462, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Senior Trips - The Senior Center at the Jewish Community Center is offering a wide variety of trips.

On Wednesday, February 12, we'll head to Midway Raceway in Harrington. You'll have a chance to play the slots and bet on the races. The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes round-trip transportation and a buffet lunch. We leave from the JCC at 10:00 a.m. and the B'nai B'rith House at 10:15 a.m. We return by 5:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 4, we will be going to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Designers from Holland, Belgium, Italy, England, Japan and the U.S. will showcase their nation's floral trade. The cost for

tickets is \$27.00 for JCC Members and \$32.00 for Non-Members. We leave from the JCC at 9:45 a.m. and the B'nai B'rith House at 10:00 a.m. We return by 4:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own.

Advance reservations and payment is required for all Senior Center trips. For more information or to register for any of these exciting trips, please call Michelle Silberglied, Adult/Senior Adult Services Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

Teen Gym Night - The Teen Services Department at the JCC is currently offering free Teen Gym Nights for 7th through 12th graders. The first Saturday of the month is reserved for all Junior High students to use the facilities from 8:00-10:30 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month is reserved for all Senior High students.

Teens can play half/full court basketball, soccer, hockey and volleyball. In addition, the teens can

enjoy use of our state-of-the-art Fitness Center. The basic principles of exercise and fitness are taught on new strength training and aerobic conditioning machines. Teens have the opportunity to develop their overall fitness level. For more information about Teen Gym Nights, please call Etai Belinky, Community Teen Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

Torah Classes in Wilmington - Mondays: 8 p.m. - Talmud. Tuesday: 12:30 at 1 Rodney Square - Skaden Arps: Talmud. Wednesdays: Behind The Lines, The weekly Torah portion, 8:30 p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

Torah Study in Newark - Mon. - 7-8:30 p.m. Secrets of Existence; 8:30-9:30 p.m. Talmud.

Tues. - 7:00 p.m. Rambam's Mishnah Torah; 8:00 p.m. Intro to Jewish Mysticism. Individual classes available. Call Rabbi Sneiderman at Chabad, 455-1800.

Map To Super Sunday



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Christiana Hilton
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Tues., Feb. 18, 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 18, 3:00 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Wilmington

Brandywine Country Club
2822 Shipley Road
Wed., Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m.

Hercules Country Club
Route 48 & Hercules Road
Tues., Feb. 11, 10:00 a.m.

Wilmington

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