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Ross Takes the Political Pulse of Israel and the Palestinians: An Analysis of U.S. Initiative to be Judged

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) - As U.S. special envoy Dennis Ross spent his latest Middle East mission taking the political pulse of Israel and the Palestinians, those he was surveying seemed intent on scoring political points.

Despite long hours invested in meetings, it was clear that any concessions Israeli and Palestinian leaders might be willing to make would come only when - and if - U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright makes her first official visit to the region.

The Ross shuttle mission took on new urgency in the wake of the July 30 double suicide attack in a Jerusalem market. It also became the first test of a new U.S. initiative intended to accelerate the peace talks if a climate of security can be achieved.

Ross' mission, therefore, was plainly being used by Israelis and Palestinians to win points - with the Clinton administration, with their respective domestic constituencies and, perhaps most importantly, with U.S. political and public opinion.

There was barely a prestigious American television news show that was not granted an interview with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

For their part, the familiar Palestinian spokespeople did their best to vie with Netanyahu at what he does best - persuasive sound bites crafted to win sympathy from the viewing public.

Apart from adding tension to the diplomatic crisis and urgency to Washington's mediation effort, the terror attack in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market provided Netanyahu with ammunition for his allegations that the Palestinians aren't doing enough on the security front.

In one television appearance after another, Netanyahu flayed Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and his security officials for failing to take tough action against terrorism, failing to arrest Islamic militants and failing to root out the "infrastructure" of armed terrorism in the self-rule areas.

Netanyahu and his close aide, Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh, struck a responsive note when they referred repeatedly to the Palestinian Authority's "revolving-door" policy of arresting suspected terrorists only to release them a short time later.

The metaphor was quickly adopted by American officials.

Indeed, every statement in Washington and by Ross on the need to combat terror was held up by Israel as evidence that the friendly superpower had accepted the government's basic position of "linkage" - that a resumption of the long-stalled peace negotiations must be conditional upon effective and sustained action by the Palestinian Authority against terrorism.

Israel's charges were given added poignancy when a man wounded in the double suicide bombing died of his injuries,

bringing the number of Israeli victims to 14.

Eli Adorian, 49, was married and had four children.

In a backhanded way, the attack also provided Palestinian officials with material for their sound bites during public relations sparring.

Israel responded to the attack with its most drastic punitive measures yet, including a full closure that prevents Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering Israel and a temporary "internal closure," which blocked Palestinian travel within the self-rule areas and paralyzed communications among Palestinian-controlled towns for almost a week.

In addition, Israel for the first time suspended making tax payments that were due to the Palestinian Authority.

Some of these payments are taxes on earnings by Palestinian workers with jobs in Israel. Until the July 30 attack, Israel regularly remitted such taxes to the Palestinian Authority.

This last step prompted some criticism within Israel as well as in Washington and several European capitals.

Arafat vociferously complained against Israel's "collective punishment" of his people for a deed that, he insists, Israel has no solid evidence to pin on the Palestinian Authority.

Arafat's position appears to be popular with his constituency. Thousands of Palestinian demonstrators marched in the West Bank town of Nablus to condemn Israel and the United States and praise the Palestinian Authority for refusing to implement a crack down on militants.

Some of the demonstrators burned an effigy of Ross, who was portrayed as an Orthodox Jew holding a doll of Netanyahu in his hands.

Arafat maintains that the bombers, who have yet to be identified, came from abroad.

Netanyahu insists that even if the bombers came from outside the self-rule areas, they had to have been assisted by people within.

During their talks with Ross, the Palestinians spent much of the time complaining about the security measures Israel imposed in the wake of the attack.

Israel demanded that the focus of the talks be the need for the Palestinians to address the security threat.

Ross managed to get the two sides talking security, but he acceded to the Palestinian demand that Americans participate in the high-level meetings between Israeli and Palestinian security officials.

He tried to get them to work together to identify who was behind the latest terror attack, but without much luck.

Given that Ross' visit was likely to be used for sparring rather than for genuine give-and-take, why did Washington go ahead with it?

Ross' mission, called off but quickly rescheduled after the bombing, presumably

Dr. Reuven Hazan to Highlight Dinner of Commitment

On Sunday, September 7, 1997 the 1998 UJA Federation Campaign will begin with the annual Dinner of Commitment, featuring Dr. Reuven Hazan, Professor of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Judaism. The dinner will be chaired by Ellen and Dr. Garth Koniver and will be hosted by Connie and Dr. Michael Sugarman at their home in Greenville.

Dr. Hazan will discuss Israel's challenges in its fiftieth year. A ninth generation Israeli, he worked on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committees of the Knesset with its then chairman, Abba Eban. He was a reporter for the *Jerusalem Post* and worked the editorial desk. He also worked with the Israeli Foreign Office as the academic officer of the Consulate General of Israel in New York.

Dr. Hazan was an air force instructor in the Israel Defense Forces. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in New York.

The Dinner is open to members of the community who make a family commitment of \$10,000 or more to the 1998 Campaign. For information, call Judy Wortman, 427-2100, ext. 14.



Dr. Hazan

had a crisis-management component, intended to defuse dangerous tensions that erupted after the attack.

But beyond this, Ross likely spent the week taking the political pulse on both sides - in order to bring Albright an up-to-date and informed assessment regarding the Israeli and Palestinian will to re-engage in serious negotiations.

Albright, in a major policy address in Washington, stated that she would visit the region if Ross achieved progress with the two sides.

U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin repeated the point, saying that after Ross returned to Washington later, "We will take a look at what's happened."

"On that basis, we will have announcements to make about a trip," Rubin said.

The U.S. initiative outlined by Albright accepts Netanyahu's suggestion that the permanent-status talks be accelerated.

But it also accepts the Palestinians' rider that this acceleration be accompanied by an implementation of the Interim Agreement, particularly the redeployments of Israeli troops from rural areas of the West Bank.

The next redeployment is scheduled to take place in September.

The Palestinians are still rejecting Israel's first redeployment earlier this year, charging that the amount of land turned over to them was insultingly small.

Netanyahu maintains that his rightist-religious coalition would not survive a generous second-phase redeployment - one that turns

over as much as 10 percent of the rural West Bank lands.

Arafat, for his part, faces growing disillusionment among his people - and this, according to experts, seriously threatens his political standing.

Now it is up to Ross and Albright to determine whether these two leaders, each with his own political troubles and his own ideological agenda, are capable of taking the steps necessary for a new U.S. initiative to bear fruit.

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ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

Book Review: Dershowitz's Dilemma

By MARVIN CYTRON

Special to The Jewish Voice

What does Alan Dershowitz have in common with artichokes, golf, and line dancing? Well, as with the one food item and the two activities mentioned, either you hate em or love em. With his most recent book the polarization surrounding Dershowitz will no doubt continue. Promoted by his publisher as a continuation of his 1991 book Chutzpah, Dershowitz now tackles the intermarriage rate among mainstream American Jews, their assimilation into society, schools, and business and their lack of interest and commitment to Judaism. Providing convincing data and charts Dershowitz prognosticates that by the end of the 21st century American Jewry and in fact Diaspora Jewry may virtually vanish.

The issue of intermarriage is not simply a statistical matter for Dershowitz, but a personal issue. The marriage of his son Jamin to Barbara, a Roman Catholic illustrates the complexity of this issue. He describes his son as a "fairly committed Jew" who attends High Holiday Services, fasts on Yom Kippur, attends family Seders, supports Israel (though not all its policies and governments), fights anti-Semitism and on a visit to Auschwitz brought back a piece of rusted barbed wire as a reminder of that awful place. Dershowitz portrays his son not as a religious Jew but one whose observances of Judaism tend to be traditional and familial. To Jamin, Judaism is not a faith but a heritage. Dershowitz's description of Jamin trying to assure his father that children brought up in a Jewish-Irish Catholic household will remain Jewish is filled with a dichotomy of plans that Jamin envisions for his

child. Even Alan Dershowitz's mother gets into his dilemma. When told of Jamin's marriage plan she exclaims, "What did I do wrong?" Sound familiar?

Dershowitz then devotes a significant portion of the book addressing the reasons for the intermarriage rate, low birth rate, and assimilation into American society by the second, third, and fourth generation American Jews. These chapters are like riding a roller coaster filled with ups and downs.

The good news according to Dershowitz, is that institutional anti-Semitism has virtually disappeared in this country providing Jews greater acceptance and success. The bad news is that the "good news has eliminated the Jewish neighborhoods, schools, reduced the effectiveness of societal organizations and along the way the positive reasons to remain Jewish, thus precipitating today's dilemma. While institutional anti-Semitism may seem to be a thing of the past, Dershowitz does address anti-Semitism and the Christian Right and Jewish-Black

"We must be much more welcoming to the non-Jewish spouse."

relationships.

Enough of the problem already! Is there a solution? A series of proposed solutions are provided by Dershowitz. To assure that our children will marry Jewish, Dershowitz goes into a litany of "tongue in cheek" solutions - move to Rockland County, N.Y., teach them only Hebrew and Yiddish, prohibit access to the outside world (radio, TV, books, newspapers, etc.), arrange their marriages, and the list goes on. But he does get serious and practical and presents some thought-provoking ideas, not necessarily profound, but in some

cases with new and bold approaches. He stresses that the more secular Jews must create a new Jewish state of mind and way of life that directly reflects Jewish values. We must stress those positive values that are identified with Jews: compassion, creativity, contributions to the world at large, charity, and a quest for education. He writes that Jews must be less tribal, less ethnocentric, less closed off. We are accepted in this country, we don't have to circle the wagons any longer. We must approach the increasing reality of intermarriage. We must be much more welcoming to the non-Jewish spouse. We must recognize the validity of secular Judaism. There should be Jewish schools which, like Quaker schools, are open to all to learn about the Jewish way of life. "Now that Israel is economically and militarily more secure, now that Jews of the former Soviet Union are free to leave, now that most Ethiopian Jews and other endangered Jews have been rescued, the time has come to turn our

charitable giving toward the defense of our internal dangers: Jewish ignorance and the resulting assimilation. Reallocating our resources toward Jewish education is helping ourselves and our children reap the benefit of our 3,500 year civilization."

Dershowitz concludes this book of wisdom, compassion, insight, and even some humor thrown in, with a call to action not unlike a worldwide conference convened in Basel, Switzerland by Theodor Herzl a century ago. And if the reader wants to start their own call to action in Jewish education, Dershowitz provides, as an appendix, The \$500 Beginning Jewish Home Library. And for this reviewer, The Vanishing American Jew is a welcome addition to my library, but I still don't like artichokes or line dancing.

(Marvin Cytron is a former member of this paper's Editorial Committee and periodically contributes feature articles and book reviews.)

What's on TV?

Follow the Marx Brothers from their earliest days on Vaudeville stages through their MGM heyday to their adventures in live television in "The Unknown Marx Brothers." Leslie Niesel narrates the special, which may surprise even the most ardent Marx Brothers fan with access to the Marx family archives which cover the breadth of the team's career. The program features original trailers from the Marx Brother's movies including A Night

at the Opera and A Day at the Races, as well as rare outtakes from their television shows, "You Bet Your Life" and "The Deputy Seraph." The show also chronicles the 1960s revival of Marx Brothers' movies on college campuses across the nation, which returned Groucho to the limelight after the deaths of Chico and Harpo. August 9 at 9:45 p.m. on Channel 12

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Local Educator Drowns While Saving a Child

By MARILYN SILVERSTEIN

Special to The Jewish Voice
Dr. Barbara Eidelman Wachs, consultant for Jewish family education at the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education, lost her life in Israel early this week while trying to save the life of a child.

her husband, Dr. Saul P. Wachs. Saul Wachs is Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Education at Gratz College.

"It was a freak accident," said Wachs in a telephone interview from Israel on Tuesday.

"Suddenly, a child began to slip into the rapids, so Barbara instinctively tried to help the child," he said. "In doing so, she lost her own balance, and the two were swept away. The boy managed to grab a branch, but Barbara found nothing to hold on to."

His wife's final act was consistent with the rest of her life, Wachs

said. "My wife was a giver her entire life," he said. "She was a very humble human being, devoted to other people."

"It's a devastating blow," Wachs added. "Wherever she went, she had an impact on the life of the people around her. She truly was a responsible human being and the love of my life."

The 61-year-old Dr. Wachs was buried on Thursday, Aug. 7, in Jerusalem, where she and her husband had made a home for half of each year since making aliyah in 1995.

Prior to her position at Auerbach CAJE, Dr. Wachs was Judaic Studies teacher and coordinator of communal services at Akiba Academy in Philadelphia for fifteen years.

A graduate of CCNY Dr. Wachs received a masters degree in curriculum and supervision from Ohio State and a doctorate in Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

"Barbara was an incredible human being and a brilliant educator," said Judy Wortman, Executive V.P. of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "she was a longtime col-

league as well as my childrens' teacher at Akiba. She inspired both students and faculty throughout the entire Delaware Valley."

In addition to her husband, Dr. Wachs is survived by three daughters; Sharona Rachel, Dvora Leah Rosner-Wachs and Avina Marcia; a son, Hillel Eliezer; her parents, Julius and Edith Eidelman; two brothers, Dr. Arthur Eidelman and Aaron Eidelman and eight grandchildren.

(The Jewish Voice staff contributed to this piece which originally ran in the August 7, 1997 issue of the Jewish Exponent.)

In Search of Second Street Photos

Marvin Balick, in conjunction with the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD), is researching the history of the once Jewish settlement area of West Second Street in Wilmington. Plans presently call for the research to be published in book form. A variety of photographs, to be included in the

book, are needed to supplement those from the archives of the JHSD. If you have photographs of the area of West Second Street, especially the 100-300 blocks,

please call Marvin Balick at 655-3055 or Julian Preisler at 655-0365.

Training Wheels Are Rolling

Al Galgalim, or Training Wheels, now in it's 3rd year, is Hadassah's newest educational program. Training Wheels is an interactive program involving parents and children ages 2 - 5 years. The program hopes to foster development of the families' Jewish identity through songs, crafts, games, holi-

day and Shabbat activities and lively discussion.

The North Wilmington Training Wheels Chapter was established in December 1996. Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Passover, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Shavuot were learned about and celebrated. After

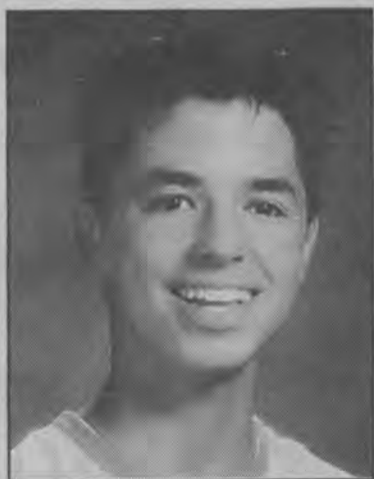
a summer hiatus, the program will begin in September. The goal is to attract more families to the program. If you are interested in assisting with or participating in the program, please call Barbara Leeman 762-6229, Alice Kamen 571-0779, Patti Rosenblum 762-3237, or Karen Schultz 479-0105.

Golden Jubilee Kick-Off Event

The State of Israel will mark its 50th year of independence in 1998, and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation plans to celebrate this historic event throughout the coming year. The Golden Jubilee Committee, organized and chaired by Faith and Lou Brown, has already planned several commemorative events.

The official kick-off of the Golden Jubilee Year will take place at AKSE at 8 p.m. on Friday evening September 19. Six local teenagers who spent the summer in Israel will discuss "Israel Through Our Eyes" during Friday night services. The speakers are: Jonathan Makar, son of Mollie and Ron Makar; Lisa and Sharon Sandell, daughters of Nancy and Lionel Sandell; Josh Schoenberg, son of Barbara and Alan Schoenberg; and Matt Tanzer, son of Hinda and Dan Tanzer. These teens are among the 12 students who were able to attend Israel summer programs through the generosity of grants provided by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. According to chairperson Mollie Epstein Makar, the entire community is invited to hear these teenagers share their impressions and experiences.

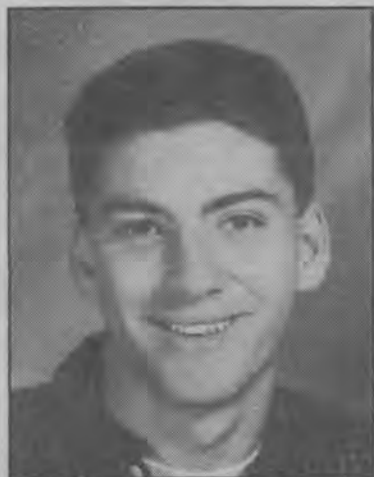
The following morning, September 20, several AKSE



Jonathan Makar



Sharon Sandell



Josh Schoenberg



Matt Tanzer

members who traveled to Israel with Rabbi Sanford and Paula Dresin this month will address the congregation during Shabbat services. Shacharit begins at 8:45 a.m., and the Torah service begins at about 10 a.m. Community

attendance is welcome. Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation is located on Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive. For further information, contact Faith or Lou Brown at 475-8065.

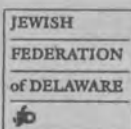
Space Still Available for DC Holocaust Museum Trip

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, an interfaith project of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is sponsoring a trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on Monday, August 25, 1997. A limited number of seats are still available. This trip is intended for teachers and participants may receive continuing education credit from the Delaware

Teacher's Center. Non-teachers are welcome as space allows. Cost of \$20 includes transportation from the JCC. For more information call (302) 427-2100, ext. 17. To register send \$20 along with your name, phone number and mailing address to: HWP Committee, c/o Jewish Federation, 100 W. 10th St., Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801-1628.



Tevey (Danny Dyer) reflects on how he wishes for wealth in the song "If I Were a Rich Man." *Fiddler on the Roof* takes the stage at The Media Theatre for the Performing Arts from August 20 thru September 21. Call (610) 566-4020 for more information.



EDITORIAL

Arafat's Obligation

Skepticism and disbelief that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was not cracking down on terrorism were abandoned July 30 in the aftermath of the double suicide bombing in Jerusalem. Mainstream American Jewish groups, in a dramatic paradigm shift, are demanding that Arafat prevent areas under his control from being used to organize and conduct violence and terrorist activities against Israel. For example, just recently, Israel reported that an Islamic Jihad operative was released by the Palestinian Authority who had helped to prepare the bomb used to kill 20-year-old Brandeis University student, Alisa Flatow. (Her father, Stephen Flatow, speaks across the country for UJA; he addressed students and community members at Hillel at the University of Delaware this past February.) Accusations that Arafat, who has never made a statement in Arabic calling for peace or clearly condemning terrorist attacks, has not adhered to his obligations under the Oslo Accords in this respect have resounded throughout the organized Jewish community.

Such statements were bolstered by the wider American community after two men carrying Jordanian passports were accused of plotting to bomb Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue subway station. The State Department of the United States has come under fire for not drawing up a list of foreign terrorist organizations that threaten the security of America or her citizens as outlined in "the antiterrorism act" that President Clinton signed. Under the legislation, the terrorist groups named, and their sympathizers in the U.S., would no longer be able to raise funds for their work in the U.S. and abroad.

The "military operation," as referred to by the Palestine Broadcasting Corporation, which is funded by grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development, has left Israel with no choice but to demand Arafat's compliance with battling terrorism before any further steps are taken in implementing the Oslo Accords.

Again, The Jewish Voice decries terrorism, mourns its victims, and prays for peace.

VOICE BOX

"Once again, blacks and Jews are uniting in a common cause to secure hope and opportunity for all our children through excellent education."

-Nathan Diament, Director of the Orthodox Union Institute for Public Affairs, commenting on Jewish and African American activists who have formed a coalition to help build momentum for school-voucher initiatives.

"It is not within the enumerated powers of the national government to police the world."

-Texas Representative Ron Paul, in explaining his reasoning for being the single vote in the House of Representatives against a resolution condemning the July 30 terrorist bombing in Jerusalem.

"We truly understand the strength of American democracy and morality and the viability of the American political system."

-American Association of Jews from the former Soviet Union President Leonid Stonov, commenting on the restoration of some welfare benefits to legal immigrants contained in the balanced budget deal.

VOICE MAIL

More Than Just Borscht

Mr. Cohen:

I recently read your article ("Stranded No Longer, The Russian Ballet Theater of Delaware" - July 18, 1997). I must take exception to your statement — one of the few good things — when referring to the former Soviet Union. I grew up in Russia, St. Petersburg, and although I can't consider myself a patriot of Russia, I must say that Russia and its people have so much to offer the world. You obviously don't know what you are talking about.

I've lived in this country for 6 years, and I don't see the culture and style that I left behind except maybe for New York City.

Ballet is only one of the multitude of facets

of Russian Culture. It is obvious that you have never traveled to Russia. Most people who have find out that American people were sadly misinformed. Russian cities have a rich European heritage which is overflowing with style and grace. We have renowned scientists, authors, designers, musicians, etc.

It's good that you have chosen to spotlight the talent of the fine members of the Russian Ballet of Wilmington, most of whom I know, but by being so myopic, you misinform your readers about the past and present life in Russia. And this is very sad.

Yelena Rodshteyn
Entertainer/Singer

Revealing Secrets

To the Editor:

I came across part of a letter from Andrew Silow-Carroll, a Jerusalem Fellow, to the Tifereth Israel (a Washington, D.C. Congregation) Menorah (issue of July/August 1997) that I thought should be read in our community.

Hebrew is a bear for us, and after a year we still struggle mightily with the language (and the language is winning). And yet I remain convinced that the knowledge of Hebrew is a centerpiece of Jewish identity, and its study needs to be universal among serious Jews, wherever they live.

Hebrew both contains and conveys the culture of Judaism; any other language conveys only the essence, but not the substance, of the various ways one can be a Jew. The more I learn Hebrew the more the sources open up to me, like an old family member slowly revealing more and more of the family's secrets.

What can we do to make the study of Hebrew effective for young American Jews, and a habit for their parents?

Sincerely,
Dov Seidel
Newark, Delaware

CORRECTIONS: Jessica Weisbord, not Weishord, is a 1997 graduate of the Abert Einstein Academy. Stephen Director is a son of the late Joseph Director, whose obituary was in the July 18, 1997 issue of The Jewish Voice. The Jewish Voice regrets the errors.

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OPINION

The Rabbi Writes:

Is There a Mystery to Jewish Survival?

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Professor Alan Dershowitz, with his recent book, *The Vanishing American Jew*, is placing on our agenda again the mystery of Jewish survival. The 50% of the American Jews who are "unaffiliated" would prefer to let this question disappear as they themselves have disappeared from Jewish life. But, "dos pinteile Yid" in Dershowitz makes him feel guilty that his son married an Irish Catholic woman, and more, he will not be blessed with Jewish grandchildren. So he feels impelled to write about his personal tragedy and to awaken the conscience of his fellow American Jews with a cry of "Gevalt — look what is happening to us!" This is a cry from a former Yeshiva student who has wandered and remembers the Torah he learned in his childhood. This cry out of estrangement is as old as the Jewish People. Jewish survival has too often been accompanied by Jewish assimilation.

The Maccabean victory was connected to the Hellenistic Mityavnim; the Jews in ancient Persia were divided between those, like Mordecai who would not bow down to the idolatrous icon of King Ahasuerus, and those who ran to fawn upon the King and eat at his trefa festivities. Survival and assimilation are the Yin and Yang of Jewish existence.

In the year 70 C.E., when the Jewish people fought the Roman Empire, there were 3,000,000 Jews fighting the empire of 50,000,000 Romans. Then, Reb Yohanan ben Zakkai gave himself up to the Emperor Titus. Realizing that the Jews will not win a military battle in the Bar Kokhba Revolt, 132 C.E., he asked Titus for a small Judean town. "Give me Yavneh with its Yeshiva and hakhamim" (Gittin 56b). It was this peaceful Torah Pharisaic Revolution that saved the Jewish people in that period.

According to Professor Salo Baron, 3,000,000 Jews in 70 C.E., with the usual growth of population, should have multiplied to 150,000,000 Jews in the 20th century. What caused the abnormally limited increase in Jewish population, and prevented its healthy demographic growth? There were the various decimations and holocausts of the Crusades, expulsions in Western Christian Europe, followed by the pogroms in Eastern Europe. But the successful, prosperous Jews in the late 19th century and early 20th century in Germany, France, Austria, Poland and Russia, who willingly shed their Jewish identity to be absorbed in the Christian society, siphoned off broad sections of Jewish population.

This consensual disappearance of fellow Jews is a sociological phenomenon in our 20th century. After the Holocaust, we were left with 11,000,000 Jews in the world. From 1940 to 1990 we Jews should have achieved the number of 20,000,000, parallel with the universal population growth. (The U.S. population grew from 120,000,000 in the 30's to 240,000,000 in the 90's.) Yet our Jewish world population continues to stagnate at about the same eleven - twelve million. Where are our lost 8,000,000 Jews?

Professor Dershowitz is partially correct that it is only in the pockets of Orthodox Jews that we behold demographic growth. We know about the Satmar Hassidim who began their settlement in Rockland County, N.Y. in the 1950's with a few hundred people, and now they number about 50,000 in their town of Kiryas Yoel and in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Gerer, Bobover, Lubavitcher Hassidim all have had population explosions.

The Yeshiva Velt displays phenomenal demographic growth - for example, the

Yeshiva in Lakewood, N.J., which Rav Ahron Kotler, z"l began with a few hundred Talmidim in the 1940's, now numbers about 30,000 souls. So it is with all these Yeshivot and Kollelim of higher Talmudic learning.

This same proliferation is displayed by the Haraidim in Jerusalem. The Israeli newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot*, points out that the Haraidi population in Jerusalem was 330,000 in 1990; in 1997, the Haraidi population in Jerusalem numbers 550,000. Of the 550,000 as many as 400,000 are under 18 years of age; 28% of all the births are in the religious sector and they are only 12% of the population; 44% of the religious families have seven children or more. The full effect of this population explosion in the Orthodox sector will be felt in the future in Israel and in the U.S.

Experts speak of a 52% rate of "mixed" marriages. This number also includes the Orthodox who have less than a 5% "mixed marriage" rate. If one does not include the low level figure of the Orthodox, and counts only the liberal religious communities, their "mixed marriage" figure goes up to 70%.

Still, survival is a matter of quality, not quantity. For Jewish life, the "Darwinian biological" law becomes a "spiritual" law: the survival of the "spiritually fittest." The Torah-committed communities are blessed with

large families - a biological will to survive. Like the Jews in the slavery of Egypt, of whom the Torah says: "The Children of Israel were fruitful; increased abundantly, multiplied and the land was filled with them" (Ex. 1:7).

However, Dershowitz is only half-right in his analysis. To be sociologically accurate, Dershowitz's pessimism does not do full justice to the "Yin-Yang" forces surging within the vitality of Jewish survival among the Liberal, Traditional and Modern Orthodox religious communities in the U.S. One should not judge the American Jewish Religious Community by Haraidi standards. We know from many surveys and anecdotal experience: that more than 60% of these households light Sabbath candles; 40% recite Sabbath Kiddush; a little less than 50% observe gradations of Kashrut; in rites of passage, 90% observe Brit Milah, 85% celebrate Bar and Bat Mitzvah, 85% celebrate weddings with a rabbi; 90% observe religious burial, Shivah and Kaddish for parents; 98% have a mezzuzah on the front door; at least 65% go to Synagogue on High Holy Days. These families want their children to marry Jewish spouses. A large number send their children to Zionist summer camps to augment their Jewish experience. A large number of these children will visit

Israel during their high school or college years.

There are at least one hundred Jewish Studies Departments in the colleges and universities of the United States, with Jewish college students taking courses offered by these departments. Academics and Rabbis were writing books on Judaic subjects and thousands of Jews are buying, reading and studying them. There is considerable spiritual, intellectual energy in all this Torah study.

The unaffiliated 50% do not participate in active Jewish life. These 2 1/2 million Jews are the ones who will likely "vanish." But the other 2 1/2 million who join and attend synagogues, contribute to the Jewish Federations, continue to visit Israel and support Jewish communal life - who live a committed Jewish life - they will not "vanish."

In the words of the Haggadah, "Let all who want, come to join us at the table." All Jews are welcome at the Seder. The Haggadah's evil son, the Rasha excludes himself from the community and denies the cardinal principle of Jewish being and continuity.

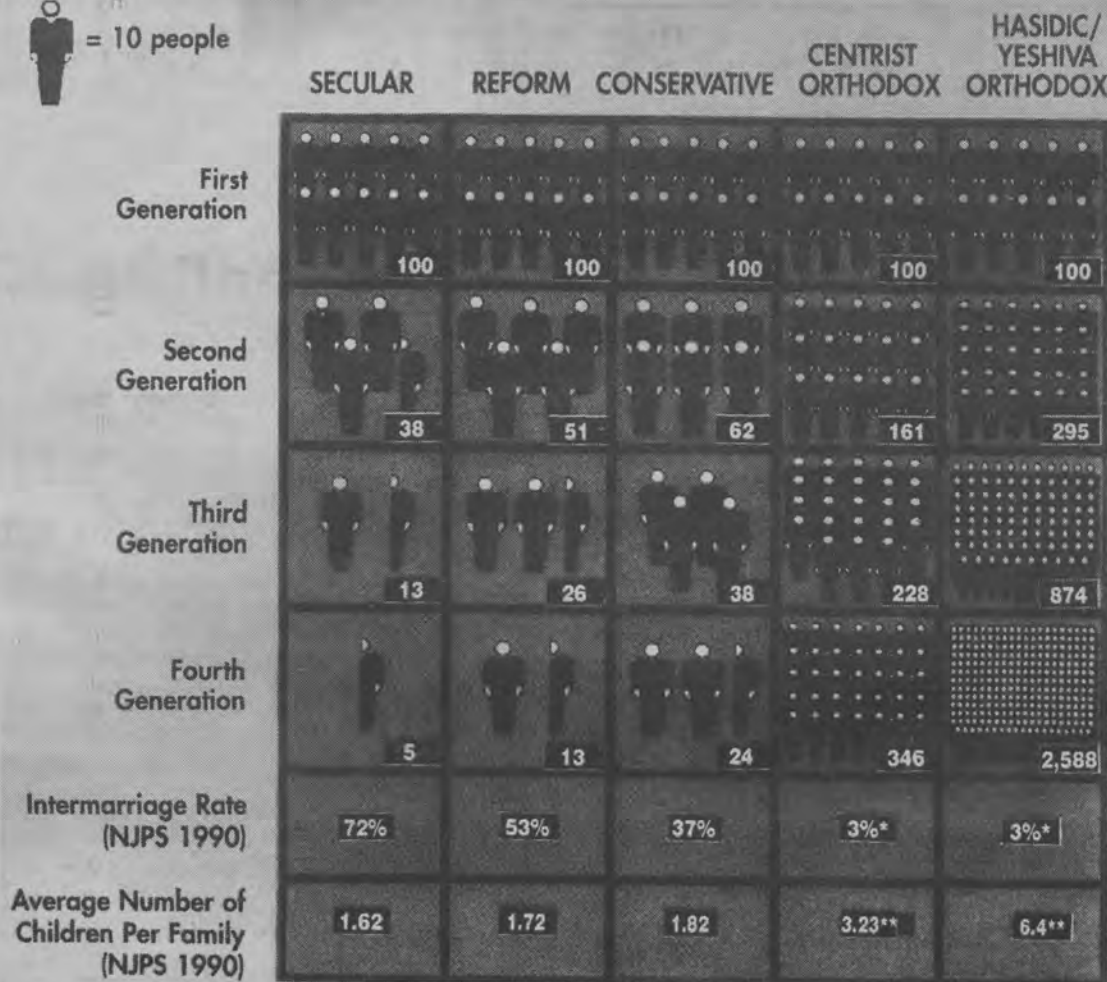
We must strengthen those who see Jewish survival as a Mitzvah. Our Torah teaches, "Whoever saves one Jewish soul, it is considered as if he saved a whole world" (Sanhedrin 37a).



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WILL YOUR GRANDCHILD BE JEWISH?



* Although there is no clear definition of "Centrist Orthodox" or "Hasidic/Yeshiva Orthodox," the main distinguishing factors relate to attitudes regarding formal secular studies and family size.

** No sufficient data to distinguish between "Centrist Orthodox" and "Hasidic/Yeshiva Orthodox" for purposes of intermarriage rates.

** Gordon and Horowitz Independent Survey (1994)

Based on current intermarriage rates and the average number of children per family, the chances of young contemporary Jews having Jewish grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with the exception of the Orthodox, are increasingly remote.

TABLE 2
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OPINION

Scooping Up Knowledge

By DANIEL GREEN
JFD Intern

When I was growing up I dreaded having to attend Hebrew School. I especially did not understand why I had to get up on a Saturday morning, my only day to sleep in, and sit through more classes. Judaism was always an important aspect in my family, partly because my grandfather, Jacob Kraft, was a very well respected rabbi in the community. I always looked up to him and respected him for his enthusiasm and energy he gave to the community. What interested me most was how much my grandfather knew, studied, and was willing to share with anyone who showed interest. I remember when my brother and I were growing up my grandfather would walk with us to get ice cream down the street from his house. He would always tell us stories from the Bible, and from the way he told them, there was a lesson to learn every time. Although I was young, I remember he was always quick to answer any questions we may have had, comment on any reply, and come up with questions of his own when we seemed confused. When I look back on those walks now I know I learned so much from my grandfather, but I never thought my life's work would follow in his footsteps.

I found out I would become a third generation Dickinson College student, a school well known for producing lawyers. As a result, I projected the next seven years of my life. I would major in Political Science or History, go to law school, and follow my father and grandfather's footsteps into the court of law. Religion was not that important to me at this juncture of my life.

There is a small population of Jewish students at Dickinson, but that did not worry me because I knew I would always have the students in Hillel. If someone had told me when I entered Dickinson that I would become a double major in Judaic Studies and Religion, I probably would have recommended that he have his head checked. Well, life doesn't always happen the way you expect it to.

I remember walking down the beautiful little campus and thinking how lucky I was to be here. I was on my way to Biblical Hebrew 101 with some professor named Rosenbaum. My plan was to take Hebrew to fulfill my language requirement, and at the same time maybe learn some interesting things about Judaism. From the minute I walked into the classroom I questioned my choice of classes. There were five other Jews and two non-Jews in my class; I didn't

know what to expect.

My professor stumbled into the classroom holding four huge books. Picture this: a tall lanky man with tight, blue jeans, yanked far up, a blue sweatshirt tucked into the pants that said Dickinson in Hebrew across the front, out-of-control hair going in all different directions, and a yarmulke pinned to his head. He stared at us and waved hello with his free hand. At that point I turned my head into the air and knew that I had a very long four years ahead of me. An hour later I was following that professor back to his office to talk to him about class that day.

I walked into his office and glanced around the room at the hundreds of books, statues, replicas of Israeli artifacts, and Hebrew writing on the walls. I was immediately drawn into his enthusiasm. We sat down and talked for over an hour about everything from life in Israel, to specific passages in the Bible. His excitement, knowledge, and willingness to explain anything inspired me to learn more about the study of Judaism.

Three years later, after many classes in Hebrew and Religion, I look back on that day as one of the most eye opening experiences of my life. That lanky professor is my Judaic Studies advisor, and probably my best friend at Dickinson.

The other professors in the Religion department, my second major, make me feel as though I am part of a family whose goal it is to make sure my education is fulfilling. Their willingness to help with any problem has made me feel like Dickinson is my home away from home. It is a great feeling to walk into a professor's office and imagine yourself sitting behind the desk and have the opportunity to answer questions and educate those who look up to you.

When I look back at my childhood, and my experience in Hebrew School and with Judaism, I wish I would have listened more and tried harder. There is a lot to learn about Judaism, and especially about your place in the community. If I could have one day with my grandfather now, one walk to get ice cream, I know I would have so many questions to ask him. With every class I take, every book I read, I can imagine that he would have his own answers and theories about their significance to the study of Judaism.

Without my grandfather's enthusiasm, and the professor at Dickinson being so willing to educate me, my interest in Religion would have never been explored. Every discussion I have with the professors at Dickinson, I know my grandfather is watching and help-



Daniel Green, grandson of the late Rabbi Jacob Kraft, rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom from 1930-1943 and 1946-1970, has joined The Jewish Federation of Delaware to serve as a summer intern. He graduated from Concord High School in 1994 and will be entering his senior year at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. where he is studying Religion and Judaic Studies. photo: JDS

ing me understand. This may be one reason I have such a great relationship with my professors, because through them I know my grandfather is watching to make sure I learn to the best of my ability. It took me almost twenty-two years to be confident that I am making the right decisions in my life. If I decide to change my goals again I know there are always people there who are willing to put out a hand and help. Between my family and friends, my professors at Dickinson, and my grandfather watching me, I know there is nothing I cannot accomplish.

Who Is Moses Cyrus Weiler?



Connie Kreshtool

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL
Chair of The Jewish Voice
Editorial Committee

In the 1920's a young Polish immigrant came to Delaware to complete his undergraduate studies at the University of Delaware. He was sponsored by Nathan Miller who was either a relative or *landsmann*. He helped support himself by teaching Hebrew and the Kreshtool boys were among his students.

From the University of Delaware Moses Cyrus Weiler went onto the Hebrew Union College for his rabbinic studies. After he was ordained he was sent in 1933 by the World Union for Progressive Judaism to establish the Reform movement in South Africa.

He proceeded to build a large congregation in Johannesburg, helped establish Reform congregations in the other large cities of South Africa, founded most of the basic institutions of the Southern

African Union for Progressive Judaism and trained a large number of men and women to carry on his work. In 1958 he and his family made aliyah and he currently resides in Jerusalem.

From the very first Rabbi Weiler sought to implant into the hearts and minds of his congregants a sense of social justice and a commitment to love all humanity. In 1945 on a visit to Alexandra (Black Township outside of Johannesburg) Rabbi Weiler noted that small children were playing in the streets while their parents worked. There were no schools for these children.

Together with the Sisterhood of his congregation (Union Sisterhood) a decision was made to start a school. The first school was housed in a small, dilapidated four-room house which the women rented and refurbished. They hired a young teacher and enrolled thirty-six children off the streets. That teacher recalled years later how she smeared dung on the floors to keep the dust down and cooked meals for the children.

In the next decade the school grew to 266 pupils in fourteen classrooms rented all over Alexandra. Rabbi Weiler and the Sisterhood members continued to raise funds to support the school now officially named M C Weiler School. Up to that time most educational opportunities for the Black African were mission or church sponsored schools. The government provided only free education for the primary grades and it was not compulsory.

In 1953 the ruling white "Apartheid" government passed the Bantu Education Act which gave the schools operated by churches and missions the choice of turning over their schools to the government or receiving gradually diminished subsidies. Their goal was to restrict the educational opportunities for Africans and to train them to be only menial workers.

In his autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom," Nelson Mandela writes that despite their protests all the churches handed over their schools to the government with the exception of the Roman Catholics, the Seventh Day Adventists, and the United Sisterhood. However by 1955 the government forcefully took over all black education in South Africa. They provided meager staff salaries and an enforced syllabus. However the Sisterhood continued to take care of the buildings and grounds, provided needy children with food and clothing and purchased teaching aids and library books.

For the next forty years the school continued even though on more than one occasion the Township was scheduled to be demolished and the school along with it. In 1976 the Group Areas Act was passed which forbade whites to own property in black areas and vice versa so the Weiler School building and land were expropriated. There were then 960 children in the school and the Sisterhood found classrooms for them in cottages scattered all over until they moved into a vacated

dilapidated convent which they proceeded to renovate. The government made no contribution to the upkeep of the physical facilities. It was only in 1992 that electricity was brought into the school.

as they have for the past fifty years. They raise money in many different ways and in recent years have received funds from MAZON. They also help provide new school uniforms for those that cannot

To my eye the classrooms and equipment looked bare bones but to the teachers and pupils who struggled in rundown and inadequate facilities for so many years the change was extraordinary.

In 1995 under the new Republic of South Africa the M.C. Weiler School moved into a brand-new building.

It is this building I saw when I visited Alexandra Township a few weeks ago during the International Convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. To my eye the classrooms and equipment looked bare bones but to the teachers and pupils who struggled in rundown and inadequate facilities for so many years the change was extraordinary.

Today the Sisterhood women continue to provide lunch for the over 1000 students in the school

afford them, materials to the teachers and books and other items for the library.

For over fifty years they have hosted a party and awarded prizes at the end of each school year. They did this faithfully even though there were years when they were not allowed to enter the Township. In that case they found "ways and means" to send their party packages to the school.

Though separated by distance and time Rabbi Weiler's call for tolerance and the cultivation of human potential and dignity is still heard clearly in South Africa.



PANIM EL PANIM
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CJF Unveils Plans for 1997 General Assembly

NEW YORK, NY — Get on track in Indianapolis and join thousands of leaders of Jewish communities in North America and Israel at the premier event on North American Jewry's communal calendar, the Council of Jewish Federations' 66th annual General Assembly. Scheduled to take place Nov. 14-19, 1997, the General Assembly, or GA, is the place to address current challenges, share mutual needs and concerns, meet new colleagues and renew friendships.

Details of this GA's banner moments, including a preliminary program schedule, registration and housing information, are featured in an attractive 16-page Registration Brochure to be mailed within the next few weeks.

"Our host city, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, has been revving up its staff and volunteers to make this the most exciting and memorable GA ever," said 1997 GA Chairs Billie Gold of New York and Joel Tauber of Detroit.

For the first time, candle-lighting will signal the opening of the conference, with participants having

the opportunity to begin their GA experience with an exhilarating celebration of Shabbat. Highlights include presentations by scholars-in-residence Dennis Prager, Rabbis Joseph Telushkin, Joy Levitt and Donniel Hartman and world-class entertainment by Noa.

Throughout the next four days, the GA will feature a myriad of issue-directed forums, workshops, meetings and plenaries, including addresses by such major personalities as Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East Dennis Ross, and the leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party Ehud Barak, among others.

Also making a special appearance at this year's GA will be Hollywood legend and best-selling author Kirk Douglas as well as Artist-in-residence Debbie Friedman, who will once again conclude the GA with a special concert on Tuesday evening, Nov. 18.

Another exciting addition will be a series of skills training sessions offered on Sunday, Nov. 16, during three different time periods. According to Michael Abidor, CJF

Director of the GA, "We've tailored these sessions to reflect the response to last year's survey which asked Federation leadership how the GA could best help them."

Programming on Monday, Nov. 17, will focus on the theme of "Volunteerism and a Civic Society" while Tuesday, Nov. 18, will be devoted to "Jewish Peoplehood." Distinctive programs are also being planned for young leaders, for Federation presidents, for women, and for students.

For those wishing to see "The Circle City" up close and personal, the Indianapolis Federation has arranged for a number of "Hoosier Hospitality" events, including bus and walking tours, an early morning fitness program, a Shabbat Kiddish Luncheon, a skating party and supper for college-age attendees, a Women's "Chai Tea" at the famous Children's Museum, and a Saturday evening singles event. An application for GA registration is part of the Registration Brochure. To receive a brochure or to find out more about the GA, call your local Federation or the GA Hotline at (212) 598-3569.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the continental asso-

ciation of 184 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

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developing programs to meet changing needs, providing an exchange of successful community experiences, establishing guidelines for fund raising and operations and engaging in joint planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional, national and international needs.

Moscovitz Appointed Chief Professional Officer of UJA

Bernard C. Moscovitz has been appointed Chief Professional Officer of United Jewish Appeal and Richard L. Pearlstone, President, intends to ask the Board to confirm him as Executive Vice President at the September meeting.

Bernie Moscovitz has served as

UJA's Chief Operating Officer for the last nineteen months. During this time, UJA has seen impressive gains in the Annual Campaign and in the efficiency of the organization's operations. Moscovitz was especially instrumental in the creation of the working partnership with CJF.

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Adult Institute of Jewish Studies Registration

This year's Adult Institute of Jewish Studies will offer courses in Wilmington and Newark. The classes in Newark will be held at Temple Beth El; Wilmington's are at the JCC. Running for five weeks, from October 29 through December 10 (minus the week in which Thanksgiving falls), the program offers two courses plus speaker John Loftus for \$15.



John Loftus

John Loftus is a former prosecutor with the U.S. Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit and author of books such as "Unholy Trinity" and "The Secret War Against the Jews." He will speak at 7:30 at the JCC on December 10, the conclusion of the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies' program this year.

Arnold Harris, coordinator of the seven-year-old program reported that over 300 people attended last year's classes. Harris labored for 30 years in Baltimore to bring the same type of annual adult education. The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies is sponsored by Delaware's synagogues and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Revenue raised benefits the JCC and teacher's workshop funds. To find out more or to register, call the JCC at 478-5660.



Forget-Me-Not Ball

Past Presidents of the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home will be honored at the Forget-Me-Not Ball being held on Saturday, September 20th at Arshat Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware.

The following will be honored: Rose Zallea, Leonore Miller, Phyllis Cobin, Judy Schwartz, Dorothy Goberman, Cissie Golden, Helen Goldberg, Hennie Miller, Doris Kane, Leslye Heisler, Joan Wachstein, Faith Goldman, Shelly Mand, Louise Sloane, Ethel Parsons and Ellen Levin.

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Entertainment will provide the entertainment and music for dancing.

Mary Klein, chairman of the Ball Committee is being assisted by: Faith Goldman and Miriam Edell, Invitations; Susan Sandler, Program; Marcia Kimmel, Children and Grandchildren's Page; Joy Honig, Reservations; Shelly Mand, Menu and Table Reservations; Fran Gellman, Decorations; Ellen Levin and Miriam Edell, Underwriters; Phyllis Cobin, Publicity; and Ethel Parsons and Phyllis Cobin, Phone Committee.

The Rededication of the Home

will be held at two o'clock on Sunday, September 21st. A program will be followed by refreshments and tours of the Home.

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SHALOM!



By **LESLIE NEWMAN**
JFD President

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the principal fundraising organization for the Jewish

community. Dollars are raised to insure that Jews whether they reside in Delaware, Israel or around the world have the opportunity to live Jewishly, participate in community and have basic needs met.

In Delaware the funds raised support two educational programs: Albert Einstein Academy, a Jewish day school for grades K-6; Gratz Hebrew High School offering supplementary education for those in grades 8-12. Funds also support activities at Hillel located on the campus of the University of Delaware, assuring that Jewish youth have an opportunity to maintain their identity and have a place for socialization. The Jewish Community Center offers a wide

range of quality programs including child care, day camp, senior programs and enrichment activities. Our Jewish Family Service provides counseling, family life education, services to the elderly as well as acculturation and resettlement of immigrants. Finally, our elderly who require skilled nursing care receive loving attention at the newly renovated Milton and Hatie Kutz Home.

Internationally, our dollars support a wide variety of programs through the UJA focusing on helping Jews in the former Soviet Union make their way to Israel. Additionally, our funds support the many activities of the Joint Distribution Committee which pro-

vides assistance to Jews in endangered communities in 60 countries and to non Jews in crisis areas like Rwanda & Ethiopia.

In addition to fundraising, the Jewish Federation of Delaware is the planning and coordinating body for the Jewish community. Having completed a demographic study last year, we are working collaboratively with the agencies to make sure that appropriate services and programs are available.

Through a variety of subcommittees under the umbrella of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, JFD acts as a spokesperson to the broader community, encouraging education and dialogue in and between communities.

Finally, The Jewish Federation has the responsibility of developing

new leadership for the community and providing training regarding Jewish life here & abroad, organizational issues, and leadership skills.

Delaware has been called a "place to be somebody." Our Jewish community welcomes your participation, your input and your questions. Please be an active member of our community. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff on the Jewish Federation of Delaware, welcome to Delaware.

A Few Facts About Delaware's Jewish Population

* Wilmington's Jewish population has not changed in the past 10 years but Newark's increased 55%.

* Median Age in Wilmington is 43.1 years; in Newark it is 29.7.

* 46% of Jewish households in Newark and 30% in Wilmington have children living at home. There are more children under five in Newark than Wilmington.

* The Jewish population of Delaware is very stable; only 5% have plans to move out of the area in the next three years.

* About 20% of the Jewish population is age 65 and over. About 45% of them have no adult children in the area.

source: 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study

Missions to Israel

1997-1998

SEPT. 13-23:

JCPA Mission (formerly National Jewish Community Relations Action Committee)

OCT. 14-28:

National Heritage Mission for Mature Travelers

OCT 26 - NOV. 4:

Northeast Region I Homecoming Mission

DEC. 7-11:

National Young Leadership Cabinet Mission to Cuba

DEC. 22-JAN. 1

National Winter Family Mission

DEC. 22-JAN. 1:

National Winter Students Mission

DEC. 28-JAN. 6:

National Winter Singles Mission (25-40)

MAR. 22-APRIL 1:

Southern New Jersey Mega Mission

APRIL 26-MAY 5:

National Yom Ha'atzmaut Mission - 50th Anniversary

JUNE 14-24:

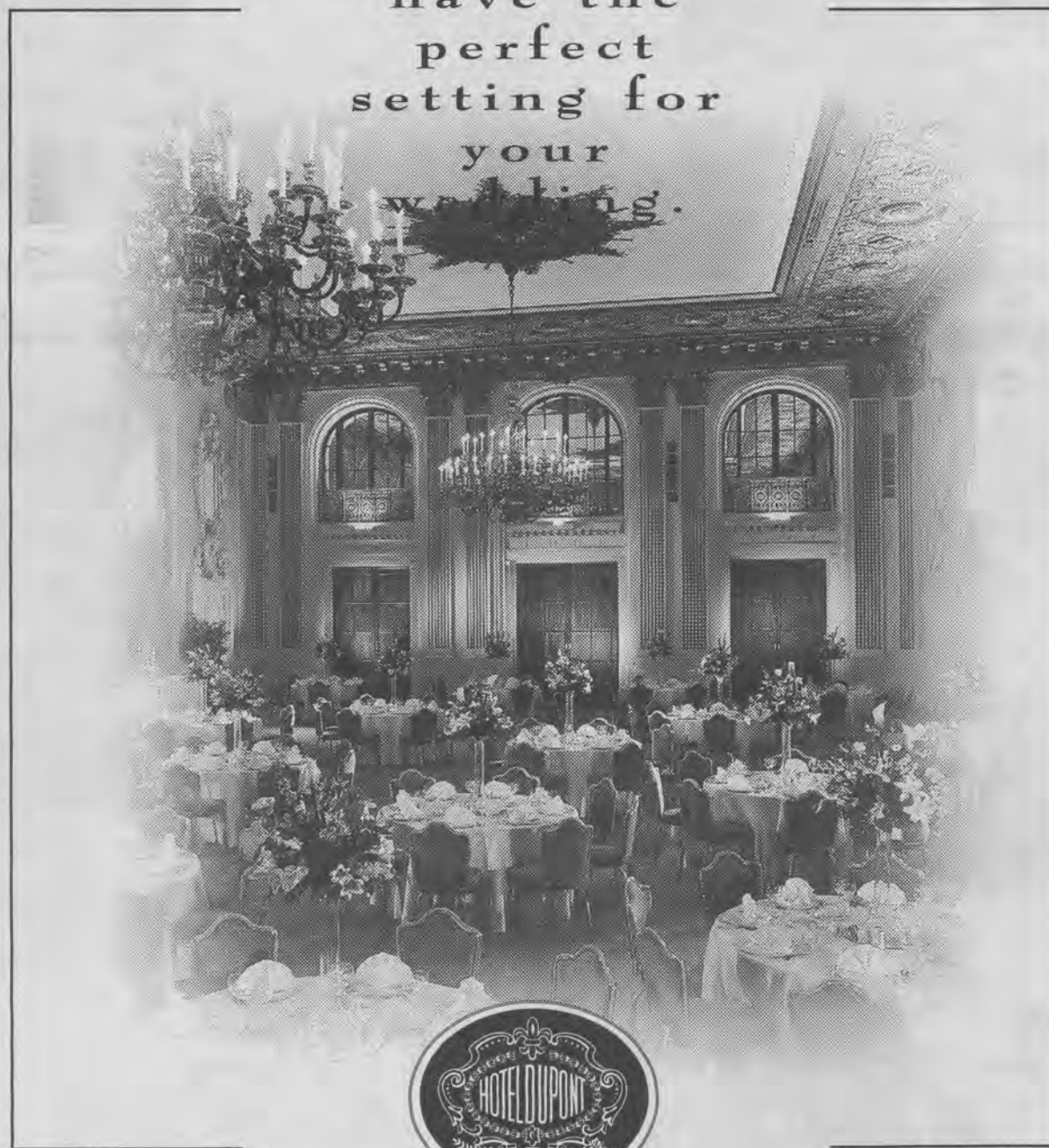
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The Jewish Federation of Delaware brings Jewish people together into a community coalition to strengthen the State of Israel, the global Jewish family and local organizations in order to further the survival of the Jewish people. Guided by Jewish teachings and heritage, its goals are to raise funds to meet agreed-upon goals, allocate and manage the community's resources, provide planning and coordination services to the community, and to develop Jewish leadership.

The Federation office recently moved to the new Community Service Building in downtown Wilmington. This building, the first of its kind in the United States, houses many of the non-profit organizations in Delaware. The Longwood Foundation, the DuPont Company and several other charitable foundations donated the funds to purchase and renovate the Montchanin Building and are subsidizing the rent thereby allowing the agencies to spend less maintaining their facilities and more on service provision. The Federation was the first agency to sign a lease; its leadership was committed to the project and its goal of creating synergy among the non-profit organizations.

Volunteer committees enable the JFD to fulfill its goals. The following "snapshots" are designed to introduce you to the functions and the committees of the JFD.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The final decision making body of JFD activities. The Board members are volunteers with 36 members elected, 15 past presidents



Dinner of Commitment

and about 12 representatives of Delaware agencies and synagogues.

UJA/FEDERATION CAMPAIGN

Each year the JFD runs an annual campaign to support local, national, and overseas needs. The 1997 campaign is projected to raise about \$1,540,000 to support social and health services in Delaware, Israel, and in 60 countries throughout the world. We are still far from our goal of two million dollars which represents real needs. Contributions from the 1997 Campaign were allocated in June. They are listed in this guide.

When necessary, the JFD also runs special campaigns like Operation Exodus and Continuing Exodus which rescued hundreds of thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Union and resettled them in Israel.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ALLOCATIONS

This committee is responsible for research, short term and strategic planning, and the distribution of financial and human resources

based on that planning and research activity. The Federation completed a 1995 Jewish Population Study last year and data from that study will inform both the planning and allocation processes in the coming years.

POPULATION STUDY IMPLEMENTATION

This is a new committee charged with the responsibility of studying the report of the Jewish Population Study of 1995 and recommending goals and strategies that the community might adopt in order to address unmet needs. Its first recommendation was to hire an outreach worker for the greater Newark/Hockessin area.

JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jewish Federation of Delaware, the JCRC works with government leaders, the media, and different religious and cultural groups in the community as an advocate for Israel and to promote policies in keeping with Jewish values. The JCRC combats anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry and advocates

for civil rights for all members of the community.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Coordinates Board development through orientation for new Board members and continuing educational programs to develop leadership skills of members of all Jewish boards.

FINANCE

Assists in preparing the annual JFD budget and monitors monthly financial activity and long-range financial planning.

ENDOWMENT

Develops, expands, and manages the JFD community endowment program (planned giving).

MISSIONS

Promotes, recruits, and oversees the selection of participants in subsidized missions to Israel.

AUDIT

Oversees how the money allocated to JFD is spent.

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE

Oversees the "state of our buildings."

CASH COLLECTIONS

Assists in collection of outstanding accounts.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Promotes Holocaust education in the community through the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center.

SHALOM DELAWARE

Develops a comprehensive plan to provide assistance and involve those who are new to our community.

NOMINATIONS

Prepares a slate of candidates for officers and board members.



Geoffrey Schoenberg and Henry Winkler, the Chai Dinner speaker.

JEWISH VOICE EDITORIAL

Consults with the editor of *The Jewish Voice* on the content of the community newspaper.

JEWISH VOICE BUSINESS

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Daniel L. Klein, President
Jeffrey S. Metz, Executive
Director

The Jewish Community Center (JCC), is a non-profit membership organization which provides the Delaware Jewish community with diverse and extensive services. The Center provides its members and the entire community with a central place in which, individuals, families, groups or organizations can best express their interests and have their social, educational, cultural, fitness and recreational needs met.

The Center offers educational programs, (including a nationally accredited pre-school and day care program), holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programming. In addition members can enjoy a state-of-the-art Fitness Center as well as an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and racquetball facilities. Outdoors, a thirty acre Family Campus adjacent to the JCC building, offers a wide array of services outlined below.

The Jewish Community Center is partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and is affiliated with JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association of America). In addition, the Jewish Community

Center offers its facilities to an ever-enlarging number of Jewish organizations who use its building for their programs and services.

Jewish Family Campus
Scott Katz, Director
 Facilities and Programs

- 6,000 square foot outdoor swimming pool and toddler pool
- Changing facilities
- Four tennis courts
- Outdoor sports fields (basketball, softball, soccer and football)
- Large picnic areas with tables and cooking facilities
- A scenic nature park, adjacent to the Brandywine Creek State Park
- A crafts and nature center for enjoyable educational activities
- An outdoor amphitheater with concerts and productions of community interest
- Sand volleyball pit
- A variety of family and children's activities
- Facility rentals are available for company picnics or family get-togethers

Health and Fitness Services
Scott Katz, Director
 Facilities and Programs

- Indoor swimming pool
- Adapted aquatic facility (handicapped accessible)
- State-of-the-art fitness center with cardiovascular aerobic stations
- Aerobics studio with stereo sound
- Men's and women's lockerroom facilities
- Full court gymnasium
- Three racquetball courts



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- Steam and sauna rooms
- Stainless steel whirlpool
- Individualized exercise program development and instruction
- Personalized fitness testing and one-on-one training
- Babysitting service available
- Fitness and aquatic classes for all ages
- Free aerobic classes for members
- Team sports and friendship

Senior Center
Michelle Silberglied, Coordinator
 Programs and Services

- Nutritious balanced kosher lunches served Monday through Friday
- Outreach services
- Family life discussions
- Current event seminars
- Candlelight dinner programs
- Jewish holiday celebrations and special events
- Painting class
- Jewish enrichment programs
- Swimming and physical fitness classes
- Wellness educational series
- Trips
- Birthday parties

- Card games and bridge lessons
- Monthly newsletter of activities (Prime Times)
- Transportation to and from JCC offered Monday through Friday

Adult Services
Ella Zukoff, Director
 Programs and Services

- Jewish education programs
- Jewish Book Month Celebration
- Jewish cultural arts programs and specials
- Adult Institute of Jewish Studies
- Jewish Great Books Discussion

Group

- Day trips to theaters and museums
- Jewish holiday and cultural arts programs
- Art gallery exhibitions
- A variety of classes and adult club groups
- Special groups

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Teen Services

Etai Belinky, Coordinator

Programs and Services

- B'nai B'rith Youth Organizations
- Teen and CIT camping programs
- SAT college prep program
- Social and recreational programs
- Teen Shabbatons
- College Caravans
- Mitzvah Corps

Youth and Family Services

Rachel Levy, Coordinator

Programs and Services

- After school childcare and enrichment activities
- Transportation from area schools to the JCC and Hebrew Schools
- "School's out days" (School vacation and snow day programs)
- Clubs and groups and enrichment classes
- Birthday party celebrations
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The Children's Center

Susan Gentry, Director

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- Parenting education workshops and lectures
- Family education center

Summer Day Camp

Program and Services

- Day camp theme weeks
- Early morning and late afternoon extended hours
- Transportation to and from camp on a daily basis
- Cookouts, theme days and overnights
- Traveling teen camp
- Sports (soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, racquetball, tennis, archery)
- Arts n' crafts
- A variety of Specialty Camps
- Recreational and instructional swim programs
- Multi-media arts activities (theater, creative dramatics)
- Ropes course
- Nature
- Music

Special Services

- Stroke support group
- Programs for special needs populations
- Camp group for special needs children
- Immunization program for older

adults

- Health education seminars, lectures and classes

JCC Children's Center
Susan Gentry, Director
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Kidspace (Kindergarten through 6th grade) provides one of the best daily after school child care/enrichment programs. It is offered Monday through Friday until 5:45 p.m. Kindergarten Kidspace and Kidspace activities include arts and crafts, swimming, gymnastics, sports, outdoor adventure, a homework area and much more. A wide

array of enrichment programs in sports and cultural arts are available. A daily, kosher, nutritious snack is served. Safe, reliable transportation from selected area schools to the JCC and local Hebrew schools is also available.

School's Out Days provide programs for area (Brandywine School District, Albert Einstein Academy and Pilot School) school vacations and conference days. Some days include field trips, other will include special programs at the JCC. When available, swimming will be included. On snow days, the JCC provides school-age care. Listen to your local radio station for more information.

Family holiday and cultural programs offered celebrate Jewish holidays and season fun throughout the year.

Youth Groups
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
Etai Belinky, Coordinator

BBYO is housed at the Jewish Community Center. BBG (girls) and AZA (boys) serves teens in 9th through 12th grades. This program provides area teens with a chance to develop leadership skills through participation in a variety of social, athletic, cultural, educational, religious activities and community service.

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Jewish Family Service is a nonprofit, social-service agency reaching the needs of adults in transition and/or stress, children and their parents, the elderly and émigré. Its services include the preservation and strengthening of individuals and families within the Jewish community and the community at large. With a professional staff of three licensed clinical social workers, a family life educator and four practitioners with master's degrees, the concerns of the community are aptly and readily addressed.

The agency is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Friday, from 8:30

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening hours are Wednesdays until 9:00 p.m. All appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the office. Fees are charged on a sliding scale, and some counseling services are covered by health insurance. Although the agency has a Jewish orientation, services are available to anyone in need of help. Strict rules of confidentiality are maintained.

Individual and Family Counseling is provided to those wanting counseling. Issues most frequently discussed include those pertaining to marital difficulties, parent/child relationships, mental and/or physical health, and adjustment to changes in life situations.

Services For the Aged programs is a comprehensive program for individuals over 60 and their families. Services include case management, counseling, information and referral to community resources. Complementing the program are workshops and support groups dealing with empowerment and self-determination issues.

Educational forums help participants explore subjects ranging from memory enhancement to advocacy.

Services For Adolescents address concerns such as conflict resolution, communication skills, sexual awareness and drug abuse for the adolescent population. Encouragement of greater self-esteem in teens is a consistent theme maintained throughout the program.

Jewish Family Life Education provides individuals, couples and families with opportunities to participate in group discussions concerning a variety of topics in order to better cope with situational stress throughout the life cycle. These programs also promote the growth of Jewish identity and the Jewish family and community. Program topics include but are not limited to: parenting issues; conflict resolution; women's concerns; stress management; bereavement and loss; and communication skills.

Recently certified by Delaware's Department of Services to Children, Youth and Families, JFS provides *Seminars for Divorcing and Separating Parents*. These six-hour, two-session courses, mandated by Family Court, serve the interest of minor children by educating parents about children's emotional needs and the effects of divorce on child behavior and development.

Information and Referral Services provide individuals with the appropriate direction in dealing with an array of concerns including housing, transportation, legal issues, in-home services and financial entitlements. Problems are identified, locations of services and providers are found, and availability is addressed.

Emigré Services provides assistance to Russian families settling into Delaware's Jewish community. These services include accessing housing, employment and education, financial aid and other social services.

Through the support of Jewish Federation of Delaware, *workshops and support groups for intermarried couples and families* are held in Wilmington and Dover. This year, complementing the groups, seminars are being offered to the entire community interested in interfaith issues. On Wednesday, October 29, 1997 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the JCC and continuing every Wednesday evening through December 3, 1997, Lena Romanoff, consultant to Jewish Family Service of Delaware, and author of *Your People, My People*, will be addressing interfaith concerns in her presentation, "Confronting the Present, Looking to the Future."

Last year, Jewish Family Service provided service for over 4,000 individuals. It is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. In addition to being a constituent agency of Jewish Federation of Delaware, it is a member agency of United Way.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is a skilled nursing facility providing 24-hour nursing care, certified by both Medicaid and Medicare. It is very much a home to 90 residents. Activities are many and varied, individualized and provide needed socialization.

Built in 1960, and situated on eleven acres in Bellefonte, the Kutz Home has recently undergone a major renovation and expansion.

The renovation includes twenty-four new rooms, larger bathrooms and a new lobby with a Snack Bar. One wing is now an Activities Mall, including a Beauty Shop, a new Rehabilitation Department, an Independent Activities Room and a Special Programs Room.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the

United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early part of this century, a home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the Bichor Cholem Society, who raised funds to make this dream a reality. This tradition exists to this day, and includes Sabbath observance, Jewish holiday services, and delicious and plentiful kosher food. Today, the Kutz Home cares for men and women of many faiths requiring nursing care.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The services of the Home's Medical Director are available round-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. The Home's Social Services designee assists residents and family members with adjustment and other concerns.

The Kutz Home has an active Auxiliary which raises funds to furnish many additional services. The Auxiliary recently purchased a new paratransit van and patio furnishings for the Home's residents. Our

caring volunteers spend their time visiting with, entertaining and transporting residents to outside appointments.

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As the Albert Einstein Academy marks its 28th Anniversary, it

remains faithful to its mission of providing a challenging educational program in a warm Jewish environment that will encourage each child to reach his or her fullest potential. Even with its expanding enrollment, the school maintains a low student/teacher ratio staffed by a dedicated team of faculty and administrators. At the same time, the school is committed to moving forward, with programs designed to prepare students with the skills

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Newark Community Programs	9,150
Southern Delaware Community Programs	7,500
Jewish Historical Society	1,500
Rabbinical Association of Delaware	200
Israel Experience Scholarships for Teens	10,000
Community Teen Program	26,500
Jewish Law Students Programs	500
In-Service Training for Jewish Educators	1,000
Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment	18,844
UJA/Federation Campaign Costs	191,842
Federation Administration, Program & Services	147,619
Jewish Community Relations Committee	44,224
Jewish Voice	9,000
Reserve for Computer & Moving Expenses	6,000

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Wilmington	3,500	2.5230	8,800	7,600
Newark	2,200	2.8781	6,300	4,300
Total New Castle County	5,700	2.6589	15,100	11,900
South Delaware	1,100	2.2727	2,500	1,600
Total for State	6,800	2.5882	17,600	13,500

In addition: ¹ Fewer than 25 persons live in institutional settings without their own telephone number. ² The totals exclude students from outside Delaware residing in dormitories at the University of Delaware and various other schools. Source: 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study

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Often people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is about. We offer the following response: The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) was founded in 1975 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and sharing with the community those materials that tell the story of the Delaware Jewish Community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities, and the people who have lived in or affected Jewish life in our state.

Among the growing collections (over 330 linear feet of material to date), you will find a variety of materials relating to all of Delaware's synagogues and temples, various Jewish organizations, clubs, and chapters, Jewish-owned businesses, families, and individuals. The different collections include a variety of items such as records, documents, publications, photographs, letters, memorabilia, unusual artifacts, and audio-visual materials, all relating to Jewish life in Delaware throughout the years.

The JHSD, however, is more than old papers, books, and collectibles. The organization serves as a resource center for information on preservation and conservation of documents and photographs. It is a location where individuals and families can place a variety of items that tell the story of their families and their lives.

Just how is the work of the Society done? JHSD's priority function is to process, preserve, and make available to the public the items in our collections. This multi-faceted function is the most time-consuming and costly of our activities. When materials are processed, they are reviewed, organized, re-housed, and cataloged. Items are placed in special archival folders and storage boxes which help to inhibit further deterioration. This process not only ensures the integrity and preservation of all donations, but also provides security to donors knowing that their contributions are safely and properly housed for use by future generations.

The materials in the archives of the JHSD are open to individuals and organizations interested in

research, genealogy, or just the love of learning about Delaware's Jewish past. The JHSD produces public displays and exhibits, publishes a regular newsletter, holds an informative annual meeting each spring or fall, and provides information and resources to interested persons.

By preserving, learning, and understanding our past, we can help ensure a strong and healthy future. What can you do to help? Join us in our efforts. For information on becoming a member of the JHSD, making a donation, or contributing materials, please call the Society at 655-7161.



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The local Va'ad was organized in 1948 by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz soon after being hired as spiritual leader of Adas Kodesch Congregation. Many changes have occurred since then - in the composition and institutions of the Jewish community; the availability of kosher products, and the expectations of kosher consumers - all of which have affected the work of the Va'ad.

The Va'ad currently certifies four bakeries, three caterers, an ice cream bakery, and three institutional kitchens (see the accompanying list). A logo (VHK within a curved W) has been adopted to promote recognition within the community. It appears on posted certificates in supervised establishments and may also appear on packaged products which are under Va'ad supervision. Kosher consumers are urged to rely on these written certifications rather than on any oral representations. In bakeries, the posted certificates contain additional information

The following are under the supervision of the Va'ad HaKashruth of Wilmington as of August 1997.

Bakeries:

- *Amalfitano's Italian Bakery - New Castle location, E. Commons Blvd., 324-9005
- *Bagels and Donuts - Marsh Rd., 478-9016, and Penna Ave., 652-7960 (FOR BAKED TAKE-OUT GOODS ONLY, EXCLUDING DONUTS)
- *Carvel Ice Cream Bakery - Governors Square Shopping Ctr., 832-9494
- *Shop-Rite of Brandywine Commons - Concord Pike, 477-3273

Caterers:

- (only for events prepared in the JCC or AKSE kitchens)
- *A La Carte Catering - Steve Bonner, 478-6800 (ask for Redding store Ext. 3718)
- *Marzouk Catering - Nellie Marzouk, 475-8852
- *Traditions Fine Catering - Susan Warner, 475-7775

Institutions:

- *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth kitchen - 762-2705
- *Jewish Community Center main kitchen - 478-5660
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about supervised products and their pareve/dairy status.

Current officers of the Va'ad include: Rabbi Sanford Dresin (Rav Hamachshir), Mollie Epstein (Chairperson), Jack Goldstein (Principal Mashgiach), and Bernard Panitz (Treasurer). Others who serve regularly as mashgichot include Esther Kopolovic and Sandye Turnauer. The Va'ad Board meets bi-monthly, and is comprised of interested individuals from the Traditional and

Conservative congregations in town. Members of the Va'ad serve voluntarily. Those who serve as Mashgichim, making unannounced inspections of supervised establishments, and providing continuous supervision of catered events, are paid a nominal fee by the businesses.

As an independent community organization, the Va'ad seeks broad representation and involvement by interested members of the community, and welcomes suggestions of how it can better serve the community. The limiting resource for the Va'ad is people; its service could be further expanded if more kashruth observant individuals would be willing to serve as Mashgichim.

If you have questions or suggestions about kashruth in Delaware, or would be willing to become involved in the work of the Va'ad, please contact the Rav Hamachshir or the Chairperson of the Va'ad at 762-2705.

Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society

The Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society is celebrating its 100th year of service to the Wilmington Jewish community this year. The Society, founded in 1879 and incorporated by the State of Delaware four years later, was organized for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Wilmington Jewish community. Among the original aims of the Society, to which it still adheres today, were the desire "...to succor needy brethren; to accumulate funds for the payment of sick benefits; and to aid indigent and unfortunate brethren."

One of the Society's major accomplishments was the establishment and maintenance of a cemetery for the burial of members of the Jewish community. Indeed, as stated in its original charter, a major goal of the newly formed Society was "...to procure suitable land for the establishment of a cemetery..."

The Society, the first and thereby the oldest Jewish organization in the State of Delaware, has grown tremendously in size from the date of its original incorporation on February 2, 1883. The number of charter members was but eleven. Today, the Society can boast of a membership of over 330.

According to early records, the organization was originally established on the night after Yom Kippur, September 28, 1879. At that time, the organization was known as the Moses Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society. Nearly 26 years later, on September 22, 1905, the Society issued a perpetual charter and changed its name to the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society.

The Society took its name from the great Jewish philanthropist of the nineteenth century, Sir Moses

Montefiore. Born in Italy in 1784, Sir Moses was raised in England. There, he received the best schooling and became an extremely successful businessman.

Together with the famous House of Rothschild, Sir Moses actively fought for the civil rights and economic relief of Jews, both in England and abroad. He contributed greatly to the relief of Jews, particularly those who had emigrated to the land of Palestine, later to become known as Israel, the national Jewish homeland. Agricultural settlements, schools, homes and synagogues sprouted across Palestine, thanks in large part to the efforts of Sir Moses.

Sir Moses was honored by Queen Victoria in 1883 for his many humanitarian efforts. Leaders from around the world joined in the tribute to this great man. A scant two years later, at the age of 101, Sir Moses passed away.

Today, his legacy can be seen all over the world, most notably in Israel. And his ideals remain alive today, perpetuated by organizations such as our Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, 100 years young this year.

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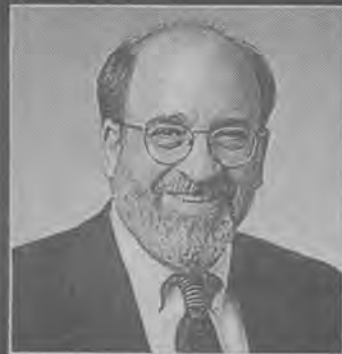
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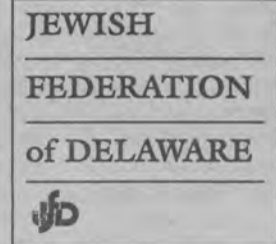
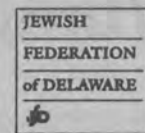
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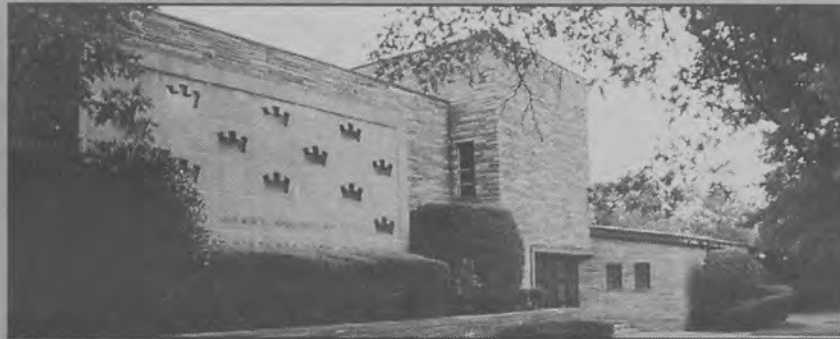
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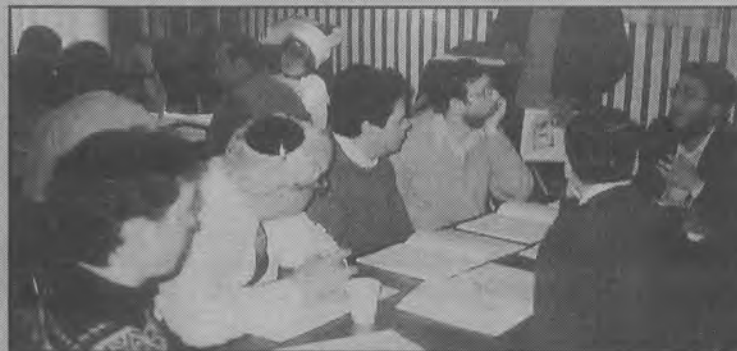
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Jews by Choice: The NJPS Success Story

By VIVIAN Z. KLAFF

On August 3 an article by J.J. Goldberg titled "Interfaith Marriage: The Real Story" appeared in the op ed section of the New York Times. The focal point of Goldberg's article was a criticism of the rate of intermarriage which was presented in reports based on the 1990 NJPS (National Jewish Population Study) and has been widely disseminated. Intermarriage is viewed by many social scientists as an important indicator of assimilation and loss of group identity. It has served as the focal point for wide ranging discussion on continuity.

There is considerable evidence of the steady upward social mobility of Jews into mainstream America and the reduction in external pressures from anti-Semitism on the Jewish community. The economic and psychological freedom resulting from this social environment is reflected in the structural and cultural assimilation of

are different ideological positions taken with regard to intermarrieds, such as whether they are lost to or should be absorbed into the community. My concern here is not to debate the merits of these positions, but to deal with the issue in the Goldberg article.

the very low number of children in intermarried couples who are raised as Jews. Another Rabbi was heartened by Goldberg's 38 percent because in a society where over 95 percent of eligible partners for Jews are non-Jews, he interprets a rate of 38 percent as suc-

cessful. Both chose to interpret the number through their own ideological prism. There will always be differences of opinion in interpreting statistics and this example is no exception. As a sociologist and demographer it is the second perspective that is of greater concern to me. In a world where knowledge and information accumulates at a frightening pace the average person relies on intermediaries to absorb, assimilate and summarize data for us. Reporters or persons who are professionally involved in communicating information can never be entirely objective, not do they need to be, in situations where they are offering their own opinion. Yet the least that readers should expect from professional journalists such as Goldberg is to present data with integrity, or at least to question the sources from which he obtains his information about the robustness of an argument. Unfortunately Goldberg fails us in his effort to clarify an issue which is of concern to the Jewish community in all its manifest

same ones which Cohen raised in the December 1994 issue of Moment magazine and which were thoroughly responded to in the April, 1995 issue of Moment by an international group of twelve social scientists. As more and more people, directly or indirectly, hear about "problems" with a study which has been so widely used and is of such importance in understanding the Jewish population, it is incumbent on me as a member of the national technical Advisory Committee which directed the NJPS study to respond to Goldberg's errors. I have selected a few examples which hopefully will clarify for the reader some key issues related to the study of the American Jewish population. No doubt, as with all survey research, there were things which could have been improved, but the particular issues raised demonstrates Goldberg's lack of sufficient knowledge to cover this topic or his bad judgment by accepting poor advice.

As one possible explanation for the higher value reported by the NJPS report, Goldberg, again presumably using Cohen as the reference, indicates that the figure of 52 percent contains many married couples who claim not to be Jewish.

Here Goldberg misunderstands the data and the optimum procedure for calculating intermarriage. The couples data file contained only people who self-identified as born or raised as a Jew, independent of their present Jewish identity. This includes a very small percent of Jewishly identified population who were born/raised Jewish and converted out. To assess intermarriage it is necessary to include this group in the calculation.

2. Goldberg suggests that the NJPS made some serious errors in the weighting procedure, a technique widely used by the US Bureau of the census and every major survey research organizations to correct for limitations in sampling. If true, this would be a problem not only for the intermarriage data, but for the entire data set. Without going into the details he clearly confuses the idea of overcounting with oversampling. The NJPS researchers carried out a number of quality control checks on their sampling results and survey design experts were satisfied that the correct procedures were taken and documented in the studies technical report.

3. Goldberg mentions a number of other studies where the data differ from the NJPS, and suggests this is a result of the sampling design. The examples given are either local community studies or studies based on non random samples and should not necessarily be expected to duplicate the NJPS data. In fact it is unreasonable to expect that the intermarriage or age structure or synagogue affiliation data for Los Angeles, Miami or Minneapolis or other widely different types of communities to be similar. An explicit finding derived from comparison of community studies is that communities differ from each other and in most cases differ from the aggregate NJPS data. The value of NJPS is that it gives an overall base national picture to consider the status of the population as a whole, and also an average by which to compare local communities such as Wilmington or Philadelphia.

4. With no substantiation or clarification Goldberg states that the Jewish population is on the rise and is 6 million, not the 5.5 million as estimated by the NJPS report. It should be pointed out that the NJPS study collected information from respondents who stated that they were born, raised and were currently Jewish as well as people who did not currently consider themselves to be Jewish, but had some other connection to being Jewish. These data were and are

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forms. Why is this so important at this time? It is because Goldberg has called into question the scientific integrity of a study which has been widely acclaimed by the academic and professional planning community. To date over 130 articles and several books have been written based on the NJPS data. Moreover, he knows full well that the criticism he makes in his August 3 articles and several books have been written based on the NJPS data. Moreover, he knows full well that the criticism he makes in his August 3 article are the very

a book Goldberg recently wrote he quotes Cohen as saying that the rate was 40 percent while in the New York Times article he quotes Cohen as saying the rate is 43 percent. I submit that whether the rate is 43 percent or 52 percent, or somewhere in-between intermarriage is still a concern for the community when related to the identify and continuity of future generations. It is up to the reader to decide whether 43 percent or 52 percent intermarriage is leading to panic which, according to Goldberg "is wholly unwarranted."

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Goldberg is wrong.

American Jews. While individual Jews have achieved high levels of success, an uneasy feeling has developed in the mind set of the leadership of both religious and secular Jewish institutions that there is a problem of identification with the Jewish community and that indeed there is a crisis of continuity. In 1990 a national committee of social researchers sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations carried out the National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS). A national randomly selected sample of 2441 Jewish respondents were interviewed to give us the most accurate and technologically reliable survey ever conducted of American Jews. The raw data from this study, representing the Jewish population of the United States was made freely available to academic institutions, individual scholars and Jewish Federations who delved into a wide variety of topics including migration, gender equality, labor force, other economic issues, denominations, marriage, family, fertility and education among others. While intermarriage is the substantive focus of this article, the above topics and many more have been the focus of literally hundreds of reports, speeches, articles and discussions in all segments of the American society.

Clearly the issue of intermarriage is widely discussed and is of great importance to the social and demographic continuity of the Jewish people. It is also clear that there

is a lower 38 percent. Goldberg is wrong. This single data error is one of many examples of gross misinterpretation of the NJPS data by Goldberg. He admits to having no personal technological expertise. Instead he relies on the work of Steven M. Cohen, possibly the only social scientists to take issue with NJPS on methodological grounds, and as such has reached somewhat different conclusions based on his analysis of the data. Were it only for an argument over an intermarriage rate, Goldberg's article, and Cohen's position, would have met with minor comment. The article has, however, resulted in a flurry of responses, from two perspectives.

Here the plot thickens and whether the reader is interested in the level of Jewish intermarriage rates, or in the methodological issues raised, or in the academic gossip related to Goldberg's interpretation of the data, will determine how much of the following article will be central concern.

One group of letters to the New York Times in the days following the publication of the article focused on the importance of retaining a strong Jewish identity, the harmful effects of intermarriage and various strategies for attacking the problem of intermarriage. Characteristically, when it comes to the interpretation of data, some of the letters ignored the statistical issue of whether the rate was 52 or 38 percent rare as less than comforting, and pointed to

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available to any researcher enabling definition of "who is a Jew" from multiple perspectives. This fact was one of the "pluses" of the NJPS technique, where independent researchers could look at the data and decide who to include for a particular analysis.

For example, a researcher only interested in persons born Jewish and who currently state they were Jewish and belonged to an orthodox synagogue could extract this "traditional" data set for analysis. The NJPS report used CORE Jews as the basic Jewish population and these were estimated at 5.5 million. If Goldberg claimed the Jewish population to be 6 million, this is possible using a different definition of Jewish, but it cannot be the result of the combined impact of increases in birth rates, and immigration or conversion into the Jewish faith. To the best of my knowledge no demographer is suggesting that there is a demographic increase in the Jewish population as the Jewish population has one of the lowest fertility rates in America (less than required for population replacement), is an aging population and has a low albeit undefined level of Jewish immigration.

Finally, Goldberg concludes his article with the claim that as a result of inflated intermarriage rates, the Jewish community has

Klinghoffer Family Settles with PLO

By CYNTHIA MANN

NEW YORK (JTA) - The family of Leon Klinghoffer, a disabled passenger killed by Palestinian terrorists aboard an Italian cruise ship 12 years ago, has closed a long and painful chapter of their lives by agreeing to settle a lawsuit with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The sum agreed upon was not disclosed, which was a condition of the settlement, according to a family spokeswoman.

The PLO also settled with Crown Travel, the New Jersey tour operator that booked the fateful cruise.

The attack on Klinghoffer, whose body was thrown off the Achille Lauro into the Mediterranean Sea, for years exemplified the scourge of random

violence emanating from the Middle East conflict.

"Terrorism is a horror and sometimes it becomes impersonal," said Kenneth Jacobson, ADL's director of international affairs, who has worked closely with the family.

"The Achille Lauro affair and the tragedy of Leon Klinghoffer became a symbol, a specific focus of the horror of terrorism and seemed to stay in people's minds," he said.

The lawsuit originally was filed by Klinghoffer's widow, Marilyn, who died not long after her husband's murder.

The case and a broader fight against terrorism was pursued relentlessly by the couple's two daughters, Ilisa and Lisa.

A tentative settlement between

the family and the PLO in 1986 broke down. That settlement would have created an institute of peace studies that, according to a letter signed at the time, "would memorialize the tragic death of Leon Klinghoffer as well as other victims of violence."

The PLO has maintained that the attack was carried out by renegade members of the organization and it apparently has admitted no wrongdoing in the current settlement.

Nonetheless, some speculate that the settlement reflects increasing pressure on the Palestinians in their negotiations with Israelis to demonstrate they are doing their utmost to fight terrorism.

This week the daughters were referring questions to a longtime

family friend, Letty Simon.

She said they were "pleased and relieved the long-standing litigation reached amicable conclusion." She refused to elaborate on their reaction.

In 1986, the Klinghoffers established the Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer Memorial Foundation of the Anti-Defamation League, dedicated to countering terrorism through education and legislation.

The settlement was approved last week by a federal judge in Manhattan, Louis Stanton, just weeks before the suit was to go to trial.

The PLO's attorney in the case, Ramsey Clark, was unavailable for comment.

somehow been damaged. This takes the form of orthodox religious leaders and conservative Jewish political advocates calling for a turning inward to strengthen the community. Whereas there are examples of this type of thinking, there are also many religious leaders in nonorthodox denominations and community planners who have called for a more flexible and dynamic response to a population who are "Jews by choice" rather

than "Jews by force." The response to the NJPS study by all levels of the community as expressed in "group continuity" symposiums by national organizations, plans for youth education in the USA and Israel, expansion of the Havurah movement and publication of books such as Dershowitz's "The Vanishing American Jew" are not expressions of panic in response to the NJPS study, but are appropriate

responses to a series of concerns raised about the future of the Jewish population of America. The NJPS study has made a significant contribution to the knowledge and community planning base of American Jewry. It is indeed heartening to know that the Council of Jewish Federations in cooperation with a very dedicated group of social scientists are in the process of preparing a follow up study in the year 2000 to renew the very

valuable information required to understand and evaluate the American Jewish community.

(Vivian Z. Klaff is Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware and the Co-Chair, National Technical Advisory Committee, for the National Jewish Population Survey 2000.)

Kutz Home Honors Its Volunteers

Fifty dedicated volunteers gathered in the new Kutz Home Visitor's Center for an afternoon of feasting and festivity on July 30th. The Annual Recognition Gathering is a small gesture towards repaying the thousands of hours of energy, expertise and compassion that the volunteers so graciously share with the Home's residents. Their services as visitors, drivers, entertainers, bingo callers and office help are invaluable in creating a friendly, pleasant and caring atmosphere.

After a delicious lunch of oven-fried chicken or baked salmon prepared by the Home's Dietary

department, Marge Maerov, Volunteer Coordinator, introduced the Home's Executive Director, Karen Friedman. Mrs. Friedman expressed the appreciation of the staff for the volunteers' efforts. Joan Wachstein, President of the Home's Board of Directors, thanked all those present on behalf of the directors of the Home. Miriam Edell, President of The Kutz Home Auxiliary, stressed the importance of volunteers in improving the quality of the residents' lives.

If you are interested in being a Kutz Home Volunteer, please call Marge Maerov at (302) 764-7000.



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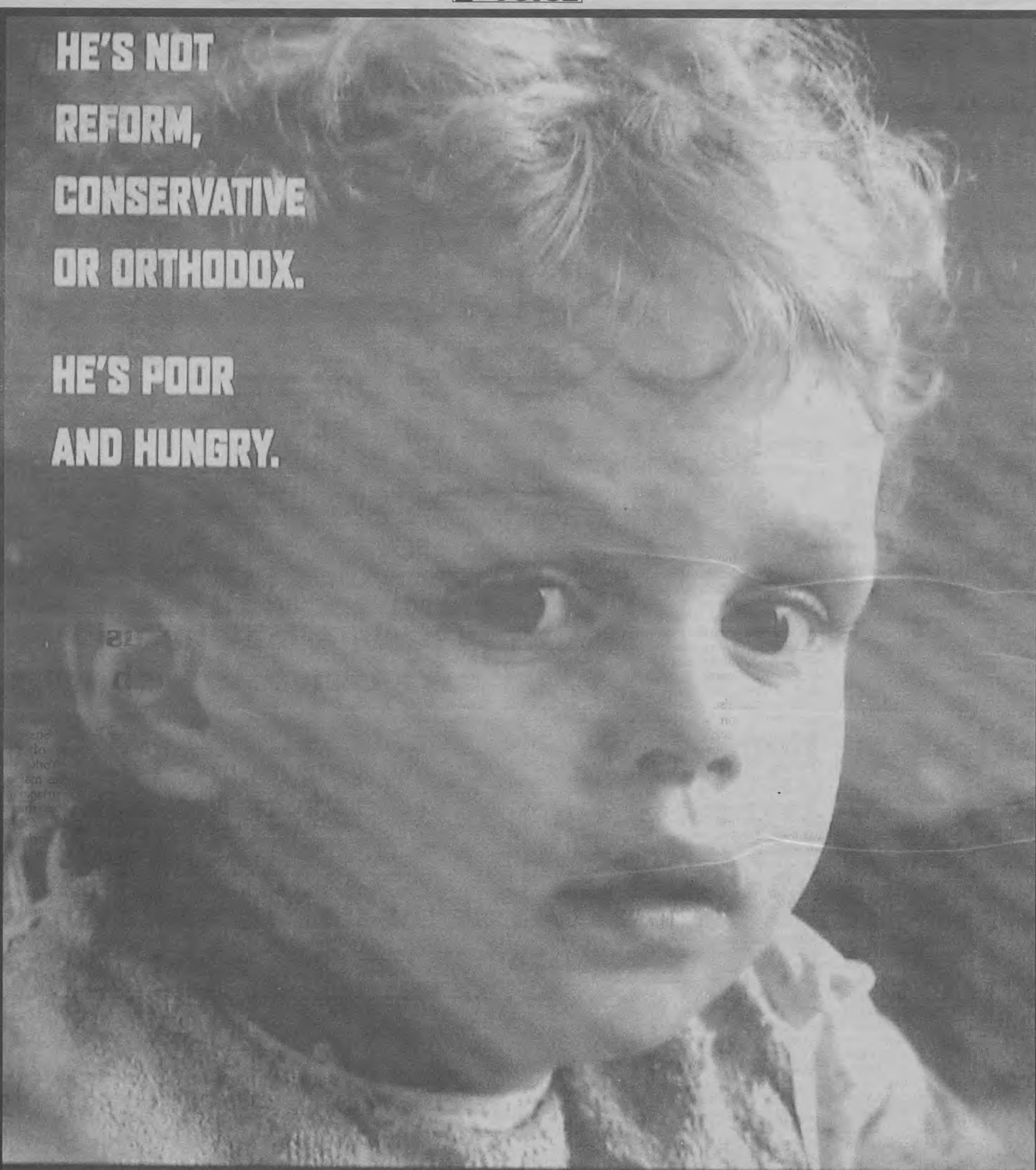
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Showdown at Kotel Signals Growing Orthodox-Liberal Fight

By **MICHAEL S. ARNOLD**

JERUSALEM (JTA) - The showdown between Orthodox and liberal Jews at the Western Wall plaza this week is the latest sign of the growing struggle between the two groups to define the nature of the Jewish state.

As the Tisha B'Av holy day began, Orthodox men began trying to drown out the prayers of about 200 men and women worshipping together in a specially designated area at the entrance to the Western Wall plaza, a couple hundred yards from the wall itself.

Most Orthodox Jews find such egalitarian prayer groups offensive.

Anxious to avoid a confrontation with the thousands of Orthodox men - known as haredim - milling about the plaza, police quickly broke up the non-Orthodox prayer group and herded them forcibly through security gates at the entrance to the plaza.

Then, shoving and swearing, the police forced the group another hundred yards down a driveway leading to the Dung Gate out of the Old City, as the Conservative Jews sang a Hebrew prayer calling on God to make peace in the heavens and within the nation of Israel.

"They're symbolically, and more than symbolically, driving us out of the gates of Jerusalem," said Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center.

"Even in the former Soviet Union, Jews can pray in peace. To be excluded from the most important Jewish place in the world gives us some perspective on the issues. This isn't about freedom of worship, this is about where Israel is going."

On a range of issues - from conversion to local religious councils to the type of prayer permitted near the Western Wall - Orthodox and liberal Jews are struggling to determine whether religious life in Israel will continue to be controlled by strict adherence to Jewish law or whether various interpretations of Jewish custom will be accepted.

"Until now, the haredim controlled the religion in Israel," Ya'akov Dahan, a member of the Eda Haredit, the haredi community's governing organization, said as he observed the liberal Jews.

Now Conservative and Reform Jews "are trying to get into the country, too. We don't know how to react to it."

The reactions of the Orthodox have taken mainly two forms.

One is legal. Haredi parties in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition introduced one bill this year that would cement into law an Orthodox monopoly on conversions performed in Israel and another that would give the entire Western Wall plaza the status of an Orthodox synagogue. As in Orthodox synagogues, a mechitzah, or separation, currently divides the men and women near the wall itself.

They also have promised to move forward with legislation preventing Reform and Conservative Jews from serving on the local councils that regulate much of religious life in Israel, from marriages and burial to kosher certification.

The minister of religious affairs, Eli Suissa, was considering stepping down this week rather than follow a recent High Court of Justice decision upholding the appointment of a Reform woman, Joyce Brenner, to the religious council in Netanya.

A ministry spokesperson said that regardless of Suissa's decision, he did not intend to endorse the appointment. One proposal under consideration was that Suissa would resign, transferring the responsibilities for the Religious Affairs Ministry to Netanyahu, who would sign the order.

In any case, Suissa's term is set to end soon under a rotation agreement between the Shas Party, to which Suissa belongs, and the National Religious Party.

Cabinet minister Zevulun Hammer of the NRP, who was slated to assume the religious affairs portfolio, said it would be difficult for him to accept the post in light of Brenner's pending appointment.

There were also developments on the conversion front this week. A committee seeking a compromise to resolve the controversial issue was slated to come up with a proposal acceptable to all the streams by August 15.

Made up of representatives of all the major streams, the committee was formed two months ago in an effort to avert a showdown on proposed legislation between Orthodox and liberal Jews here and in the United States.

The group, headed by Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, is reportedly considering a proposal that would address both the conversion issue as well as larger issues of recognition of non-Orthodox streams, the Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported.

According to the report in Ha'aretz, the proposal would establish a joint conversion school for all the streams of Judaism, but all conversions in Israel would be conducted by an Orthodox rabbinical court according to halachah, or Jewish law.

At the same time, Reform and Conservative synagogues would for the first time get government funding similar to that received by Orthodox synagogues.

It is not clear whether the Reform and Conservative movements would accept such a proposal because it would mean relinquishing their demand for equality in the area of personal-status issues, including marriage, divorce and conversion.

No one on the committee would comment on the Ha'aretz report and Ne'eman was reported to be furious that it was leaked.

Regev, a committee member representing the Reform movement, declined to comment on the

reported proposal, saying, "I really prefer to leave it to discussion in committee" rather than talk about it in a way "that may jeopardize the process."

Beyond the legislative realm, the haredim have at times resorted to violence.

On the Shavuot holiday in June, haredim pelted a group of men and women worshippers with human excrement.

In an effort to avoid a repeat of those events, some leading haredi rabbis had put up posters in the Jewish Quarter asking people to refrain from violence.

Still, the possibility of violence prompted the country's Reform organizations to avoid the wall plaza, choosing to conduct their egalitarian prayer service elsewhere.

But Conservative leaders said they felt the only way to claim their right to pray freely was by exercising it.

They vowed to continue their struggle to hold egalitarian prayers and accused the police of using unnecessary force when they removed them on Tisha B'Av.

"Instead of dealing with the attackers, the police turned the victims into double victims, both of haredi Orthodox aggression and of police violence," Conservative rabbi Ehud Bandel told Army Radio.

However, Jerusalem Police Chief Yair Yitzhaki defended the actions, saying they were preventing a possible confrontation.

"There were thousands of worshippers present, and it looked as though their feelings were offended," he said, referring to the haredim.

Yitzhaki said the Conservative group had been informed that they could pray in the upper plaza, but "in accordance with the custom of the place," a reference to a separation of men and women.

Einat Ramon, spokeswoman for the Conservative movement in Israel, said their legal adviser had been told by police that the group could conduct mixed prayers.

Although the service at the Kotel was organized by the Conservative movement, some Reform Jews, including Regev, participated.

The confrontation may be just the latest clash between the groups, but it is perhaps the most poignant.

Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning, commemorates the destruction of the Jews' two ancient temples as well as a host of other calamities that happened on this date.

The Second Temple was destroyed nearly two millennia ago because of senseless hatred among Jewish factions.

"My Judaism means every bit as much to me as a Conservative Jew as it does to them as ultra-Orthodox," said David Breakstone, consoling his weeping teen-age daughter, Elisheva.

"Even after 2,000 years, I see that the same hatred is still very much a part of our people, unfortunately."

NACHES

Weinberg-Simon



Sheila and Phil Weinberg and Pat and Ed Simon of Wilmington are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Alyssa Ann Weinberg and Joel David Simon.

Alyssa, a graduate of the University of Delaware, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education/Special Education. She is currently a Graduate Assistant at Bloomsburg University and will receive her Masters Degree in Reading this December.

Joel is a 1993 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and has completed his Masters through Wilmington College. He is a teacher at Sussex Technical High School in Georgetown, Delaware.

Alyssa is the granddaughter of

Fay Feldman of Wilmington and Edward Weinberg of West Palm Beach, Florida. Joel is the grandson of Marie Goldstein of Wilmington.

A July 12, 1998 wedding is planned.

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Interfaith Inclusion Lecture at Beth Emeth

Dr. Egon Mayer will speak at Congregation Beth Emeth at 300 West Lea Blvd. on Sunday evening, September 14, 1997. Although the lecture begins at 7:00 p.m., the community is invited to arrive at 6:30 to enjoy beverages, desserts, and discussion. Sponsored by the Keil-Herrmann Memorial Lecture Series, Dr. Mayer's presentation is entitled "Love and Tradition: Making Families Work."

Currently, Dr. Mayer is Director of the Jewish Outreach Institute, which promotes the inclusion of interfaith families in the Jewish community.

Egon Mayer is Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College and

Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Jewish Studies of the Graduate School of the City University of New York. He is the author of numerous major studies on Jewish intermarriage including *Intermarriage and the Jewish Future* (1979), *Conversion Among the Intermarried* (1987), *Love and Tradition: Marriage Between Jews & Christians* (1987), and *Rabbinic Officiation and Intermarriage* (1989).

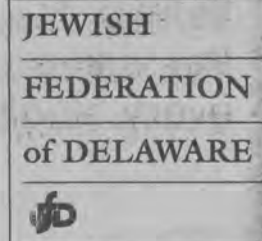
Dr. Mayer has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *The Washington Post*, and other major publications. He has appeared on major college campuses throughout America.

AKSE Men's Club to Honor Jack Goldstein

On September 14, 1997, at the regularly scheduled 9:30 a.m. brunch the AKSE Men's Club will honor Jack Goldstein for his years of commitment. Invited are all current and past members of the Men's Club and other members of our Congregation to join in this event.

Daniel Berry has agreed to serve as A.K.S.E. Men's Club Kitchen Crew Chief, thereby continuing the work performed by Jack Goldstein over the years. Dan has been an active member of A.K.S.E. and its Men's Club for many years. Dan currently assists the Minnionaires Breakfast Program and annually

volunteers for the A.K.S.E. Men's Club Family Spaghetti Dinner and Concert. Dan has been involved in many "construction projects" at the Synagogue for years.



OBITUARIES

EDNA G. COHEN

Edna G. Cohen, 89, of The Cliff House Condominiums, Wilmington, DE, died on Tuesday, August 12, at home of congestive heart failure.

Mrs. Cohen was a homemaker and the widow of Philip Cohen who died May 31, 1975.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and past president of its Sisterhood, a member of Hadassah, and the Jewish Historical Society.

Survivors include son, Robert Cohen of Brandywine, daughter Ruth-Ellen Schwartz of Pembroke Pines, FL, 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or your favorite charity.

NAOMI COHEN

Naomi Cohen, of Rockville, Md., formerly of Wilmington, died in the Hebrew Home. Her age was not disclosed.

Survivors include children, Jerry Cohen and Phyllis Bloom, both of Los Angeles, and Elaine Amir of Rockville; brothers, Al Simon of Philadelphia, and Herman Simon of New York; eight grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to ALS Association, 980 Harvest Drive, Suite 105, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422.

FLORENCE Z. DROOZ

Florence Z. Drooz, 79, of 6 Breeze Hill Road, Greenville, died August 7 in Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Mass. She was visiting her daughter, Johanna D. Drooz Yoffie of Worcester, when she became ill.

Mrs. Drooz, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, its Sisterhood and Hadassah. She taught math at Brown Vocational School. She earned a master's degree in social

work from the University of Cincinnati and a teaching degree from State University of New York, Albany.

Survivors include husband, Rabbi Herbert E.; son, Daniel of Newark; sister, Anita Oren of Catskill, N.Y.; brother, Merton Zubres of Albany, N.Y.; five grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Emeth.

LEE GLICK

Lee Glick, 92, of Ingleside Retirement Apartments, 1005 N. Franklin St., Wilmington, died July 21 in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Glick was a homemaker. Her husband, Irvin, died in 1973.

Survivors include a son, Leonard of Westerville, Ohio; daughter, Lucille Sopinsky of Elkins Park, Pa.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Jewish Federation of Delaware.

DR. ABRAHAM A. GOLDEN

Dr. Abraham A. Golden, one of the first medical staffers at Riverside Hospital and the hospital's first chief of anesthesia, died in St. Francis Hospital. He was 84 and lived at 4310 Washington Blvd., Brandywine Hills, Wilmington.

After graduating in 1935 from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Golden, who was known as "A.A.," established a private practice in Wilmington. From 1938-39, he did a clinical fellowship at Rotunda Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. He also served as director of medical education, medical director and chief of staff at Riverside. In the early 1990s, he was named the first medical director of the Riverside Hospital Extended Care Pavilion.

Dr. Golden was a member of numerous organizations, including a life membership in the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical

Association and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He was a fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiology and the American Society for the Advancement of General Anesthesia in Dentistry.

He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Men's Club, Congregation Beth Shalom, Granite Lodge AF&AM, B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, Hadassah, Jewish War Veterans and Nur Temple.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Cissie Raphaelson Golden; son, George R. of Riverdale, N.Y.; daughter, Bettina G. Heiman of Brandywine Hundred; sister, Molly A. Cohen of Brandywine Hundred; two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah,

c/o Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Chalfonte, Wilmington 19810, or Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington 19802.

ESTHER G. PEARL

Esther G. Pearl, 84, of Lauderdale Lakes, FL, formerly of Wilmington, Delaware, died July 27, 1997 at Florida Medical Center. She was married to Meyer Weiner, who died in 1978.

She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and Hadassah.

Survivors include a son, Harvey Weiner of Green Acres, 5 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either Hadassah, c/o Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810 or American Cancer Society, Delaware Division, Inc.,

92 Reads Way, New Castle Commons, New Castle, DE 19720.

JACOB "JACK" PLAFKER

Jacob "Jack" Plafker, 71, of 101 Cambridge Drive, Windsor Hills, Brandywine Hundred, died June 21 of cancer at home.

Mr. Plafker was a pharmacist for 45 years, working for Wilmington General Hospital, Tigue's Pharmacy and Rite-Aid. He retired in 1994. He was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Men's Club. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Europe, and received the Bronze Star.

Survivors include wife of 46 years, Libby Plafker; son, Michael S. of Oneco, Conn.; daughter, Amy Hurst of Jones, Okla.; brother, Nathan of Newark; a granddaughter and a great-grandson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

Adult Institute of Jewish Studies - The 1997 Adult Institute will be in two locations this year. Beginning Tuesday, October 28 through December 2, 1997, classes will be held at Temple Beth El in Newark, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Starting Wednesday, October 29 through December 3, 1997, classes will be held at the JCC in Wilmington, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. (as in the past). On December 10th, both locations will meet at the JCC to hear our special guest, John Loftus, at 7:30 p.m., on *American Secrets*. Watch for detailed information in the *Voice* and from your congregational newspapers.

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch - On Sunday, September 14, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature Charles L. Baker, Senior Planner at WILMAPCO (the Wilmington Area Planning Council), to speak on the topic, "New Rules to

Promote Increased Travel Options and to Alter Sprawl Development Patterns." Mr. Baker is the project manager for their Mobility Friendly Design Standards project and is involved in a number of other efforts including the Route 40 study, the U.S. Route 301 area study, the annual effectiveness review and a congestion management system design.

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 suggest-

ed and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.

A.K.S.E. Open House - An open house for new and prospective members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will be held on Sunday, September 14th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Vivian Goldberg, Membership VP, 2527 Justin Lane. All members of AKSE who joined during the last year, as well as anyone interested in learning more about Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, are cordially invited to attend.

The clergy and officers of the congregation will be present to

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Anti-Semitism Lecture - On August 22, 1997, Mr. John P. McGough, will speak on the topic of "The Great Silence" at Shabbat services on August 22 at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. McGough has taught on the subject of Christian anti-Semitism. He is a committee member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee which is a program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee works to educate all Delawareans about the Holocaust. He previously resided in Israel for a period of time. For more information about this program or other services at Congregation Beth Emeth call (302) 764-2393. For more information on the work of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302)

427-2100.

Forget-Me-Not Ball - The annual Forget-Me-Not Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Arshat Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware.

Invitations will be issued.

Holocaust Museum Trip - The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center is scheduling a bus trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum for teachers on Monday, August 25, 1997. Departure is from the Jewish Community Center or Interstate 95 Rest Stop at 7:15 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.

A Holocaust scholar will present historical background during the ride to Washington. At the Museum teachers will receive an orientation to the Museum's exhibits as well as to the special educational resources that they can call upon to develop their lesson plans.

Workshop credit is available through the Delaware Teacher Center.

For information call Dan Weintraub at the Jewish Federation of Delaware (427-2100) or Delaware Teacher Center (1-800-282-8770).

Jewish Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim - The Delaware Jewish Community Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim will be November 21 - 23 (Fri-Sun.). Join us for a weekend of davening, learning, experiencing, sharing, growing, and community. The food is gourmet vegetarian. The setting is in the Catskill Mountains. Elat Chayyim is into the sixth year of running Jewish spiritual programs. The cost for the weekend (including housing, six meals and programming) is \$125.00 per person. To make a reservation, send a check for \$25.00 to Temple Beth El by June 30th. This weekend is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE. If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Kaplan at 366-8330.

Jewish Singles - The Young Jewish Singles are having an evening Chip and Putting on Sunday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. come out and practice your golf game with some old friends and make new ones while you schmooze and chip and putt, at Spring Lake on 202, near Glenn Eagle. We will meet at 7 p.m. by the Cashier Counter. The cost is \$7.00. After the game we will be going out for a snack. Please call Ethan at 792-9375 for directions or more info and to be put on our mailing list.

Kutz Home Rededication - Plans are underway for the Rededication of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Sunday, September 21st at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome. There will be a brief dedication program followed by guided tours of the new wings and the remodeled original building. Arlene Simon is chairman of the Committee planning the event. Other members of the Committee are: Phyllis Cobin, Miriam Edell, Faith Goldman, Howard Hoffman, Ellen Koniver, Louise Sloane, Alan Schoenberg and Ruth Weinstein. The Advisory Committee members are Eileen Conner, Karen Friedman, Joan Wachstein and Sheldon Weinstein.

Minyans - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sunday-8:00 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.

NYC Trip - Join AKSE's bus trip on September 21 to visit the East Village and Greenwich Village (the West side). The tour includes Yiddish theaters, the Cardozo Law School (Yeshiva University), the site of the Triangle Shirt Factory Fire, NYU, Washington Square Park, and Hebrew Union College, with a stop at the delightfully hamish Ratner's for lunch on your own. Cost of \$40.00 (\$35 for AKSE members) includes bus trip; Joseph Schiff, tour guide; and a mini-breakfast served on the bus. Bus will leave AKSE at 8:30 a.m. and return by about 7:30 p.m. To reserve a seat, send your check to AKSE, Washington Blvd. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802. Or call for more information (302) 762-2705.

Third Annual Women's Gathering - Monday, September 25, 5:45 p.m. at the Jewish

Community Center. Fee: \$8.00 per person. Program: Buffet dinner followed by program "A Clamorous Silence": The Voices of Women in the Bible. For more information, call Michelle Silberglied, 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: Secrets of Existence; 8:30-9:30: Talmud

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

Volleyball - Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the JCC. Call Phil Gross at 652-6688 for more information.

PRINCIPAL

Delaware Branch of the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College is seeking a principal commencing after the 1997-1998 academic year. The school is in session on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Sundays. It is desired that the new principal start in April 1998 in order to work with our principal who will be retiring in June. Applicants must have a strong Jewish educational background and excellent interpersonal and administrative skills.

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