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Delaware's Sen. Biden Tells West Coast Jews To Keep Heat On Conservative Congress For Aid

By NATALIE WEINSTEIN

Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

A neo-isolationist mood in the new Republican-led Congress means that Jews will need to fight harder next year to maintain foreign aid to Israel, Sen. Joseph Biden warned Bay Area Jews this month.

While the veteran Delaware Democrat could not predict exactly how the Republican-dominated Congress will act, Biden said many of the 97 newcomers campaigned on cutting all foreign aid to help balance the budget, which could spell trouble for Israel's annual \$3 billion in U.S. foreign aid.

Biden, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since 1975, is considered an outspoken advocate for Israel. He spoke earlier this month in both San Francisco and Oakland for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual membership drive.

The lobbying group's members have their work cut out for them, he said.

Even without the isolationist trend, Biden said, the sheer number of congressional newcomers means that Jews will need to spend more time educating members of Congress about the history of Zionism, the Jewish nation's significance for Jews in light of the Holocaust and Israel's strategic value to the United States.

"Be prepared to both convert and be prepared to deal with those who are not converted," he said.

Biden sees a direct link between the level of foreign aid to Israel and the Arab world's readiness to make peace with the Jewish nation.

"Israel is taking more chances on her security today than anytime in her history," he said, predicting that any decrease in American support to Israel — either financial or moral — will erode progress toward peace.

"Arabs make peace with Israel only when they realize they can't drive a wedge between the U.S. and Israel," he said. "We cannot afford to publicly criticize Israel."

Biden is also concerned that the new conservative leaders embrace not only isolationism, but also a far-right Christian perspective. "I'm uncomfortable relying on a leadership that sees us as a Christian only nation," he said.

Another issue that's now up in the air is how Congress might react to the possibility of sending U.S. troops to the Golan Heights if Israel withdraws from the hills in a peace settlement with Syria.

In an interview after his speech, Biden said he cannot predict whether the new Congress would support sending U.S. troops to patrol the Golan. He would back such a move only if Israel concluded that the physical reassurance was necessary.

When the Congress opens its 104th session next month, the Republicans will control both the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time in 40 years.

Biden, who is in his fourth term, will step down from his current position as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He will also become the second-ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee under a new conservative Republican chair, slated to be Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

The new congressional leadership, including Helms, tends to be "anti-involvement" as opposed to "pro-Arab" on Mideast issues, Biden said. But "the result is the same."

On other Mideast issues, Biden disputed a new State Department report that concludes the Palestinians are living up to all the terms of the 15-month-old self-rule accord.

"They are not complying fully," he said. "I'm not certain whether it's due to a lack of ability or a lack of desire."

Despite such concerns, Biden still supports awarding U.S. aid for the Palestinians. Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat cannot maintain peace without the money for a trained and equipped police force and an improved infrastructure in the territories, Biden said.

Because Congress votes on foreign aid as a complete package, the senator pointed out that supporters of Israel must campaign diligently for all aid recipients.

"You have a new mission. You all have to go out and convert now," Biden said. "The job will be harder."



At the 1994 Super Sunday, volunteers nosch and prepare while training before taking to the telephones in the office of Patterson Schwartz. This year's Super Sunday is January 15, 1995.

Delaware Professor Scrutinizes NJPS Finding

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

In 1990, the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) sponsored a National Jewish Population Study (NJPS) which revealed that the rate of intermarriage in the American Jewish community is approximately 52%. The survey unearthed trends which many understood to show a demographic decline of the Jewish community in the United States.

Professor Vivian Klaff, of the Sociology department at the University of Delaware agrees that the challenges that American Jews face in dealing with their demographic decline in population must be confronted by community leaders. After all, as the soon-to-be published manuscript he is writing states, "The social demographer can point to the trends, but the community leader needs to make decisions how to adapt."

Dr. Klaff has been working on the book for the last year and a half. Does he feel that Delaware fits the trend that the NJPS says is happening nationwide? "Although Delaware hasn't had a statewide Jewish population study," Klaff stated in a recent interview, "it most likely fits into the average trends as seen in the 1990 NJPS. Places like New York or Miami Beach are cases in themselves."

The interesting thing that Klaff pointed out is that while there is concern about increased intermarriage rates, it is still lower than what predictors would expect from the Jewish population. "Evidence points to the fact that intermarriage occurs much more readily among Protestants and Catholics than between Jews and Christians", "but that Jews in particular intermarried at far lower levels than would have been expected by their representation in the population."

Over time the level of Jewish intermarriage

is increasing and since "marrying someone of another religion is one of the prime indicators of group continuity," as his work states, and that "this is viewed by a large segment of the community leadership as having serious implications for group continuity in the next generation," there is reason to be alarmed.

His work ends with a couple of questions that community leaders will be facing: combating intermarried households or encouraging their ties to the community, and whether education can combat the pressures of assimilation. "o matter what the answer," it states, "this small and highly visible sub-group on the American ethnic mosaic faces a series of critical challenges as we enter the 21st century."

In the spring, Professor Klaff will be teaching a class entitled "The Sociology of American Jewry" at the University of Delaware.

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DOES ISRAEL STILL NEED US?

A letter to America's Jewish communities from the Prime Minister of Israel



ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

There have been some questions in recent months as to whether or not Israel continues to need the funds raised on our behalf by the United Jewish Appeal. Please, let it be known to all concerned, that the need is serious and that the partnership between us remains crucial.

We all realize that the world has changed. Israel is engaged in a peace process which is bearing fruit, our economy is getting into high gear and we now have many friends and supporters amongst the family of nations.

It is in this very context that the work of UJA and the Federations in America becomes all the more important. We have shared the dream and the miracle and the costs of bringing over 500,000 Jews home to Israel in just five years. We believe that at least that many will still come and we count on you to be beside us to complete this task. Nothing will contribute more to Israel's strength in the next century than this wonderful increase in our population, so the need for American Jewish support has in no way diminished. In many ways, it is even more important.

It is particularly gratifying to see UJA taking an aggressive role in the "Israel Experience" program. As American communities struggle with the question as to whether their "grandchildren will be Jewish", the Israel Experience offers a marvelous way to build both Jewish commitment and identity in today's younger generation. I know, having met American youngsters while they were here, of the enormous impact the program has had on them and I would encourage UJA and the Federations to stress the need for raising the money to send as many of your children as you can. Success here will be very good for us both.

Recent articles in the press and some opinions I have heard expressed about Israel no longer wanting or needing the support of American Jews, or commenting on the notion that Israel is less of a "hot button" than it used to be, fly in the face of reality.

You have worked so hard to help us remain strong. That work has paid off; it has been a success. We are negotiating peace from strength. Our long-sought dreams are coming true. You helped us shape those dreams and you have stood alongside us all the way. We expect you will always do so.

The reasons for American support may be changing, but the need remains. It is in our interest as Jews, no matter where we may live, to work together to ensure a stronger future for us all.

Sincerely yours,

Y. Rabin
Yitzhak Rabin



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GROZNY, Chechnya — A six-year-old Chechen boy and two women are among approximately 200 residents of the Grozny suburb who live in a bomb shelter as shelling from Russian positions fell in their community Dec. 14. Many families in the area have fled the fighting. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

Jewish Housing For Elderly Jeopardized By Administration Plan To Slash HUD

Growing Class Of Seniors At Risk

By MATTHEW DORF
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Stunned by Clinton administration plans to slash housing grants for low-income senior citizens, Jewish activists are predicting devastating effects on America's aging population.

In a pre-emptive strike to save the embattled department of Housing and Urban Development, budget cutters in the administration have proposed a drastic overhaul of the agency.

The proposal would eliminate funding for dozens of programs, including those that finance the construction of low-income housing for the elderly and others that provide support services at such facilities.

Activists say that the administration's move could not come at a worse time for America's elderly population — both Jewish and non-Jewish — which continues to grow at a record pace.

Included in the ballooning growth are senior American Jews who increasingly are turning toward low-income housing, according to Joanne Hoffman, director of Housing for the UJA-Federation of Jew-

ish Philanthropics in New York.

Though Jewish professionals in the field do not have specific figures, they estimate that through local federations, B'nai B'rith and independent associations, the Jewish community provides housing to thousands of low-income seniors.

Those facilities serve both Jews and non-Jews in accordance with fair-housing laws. The same laws that prohibit exclusion of non-Jews from Jewish-run facilities also bar these facilities from recording the number of Jewish residents.

The need for low-income housing for seniors has swelled to an all-time high across the nation with an estimated eight people waiting for each available unit, according to recent studies.

That Jewish seniors require such housing dispels the myth that most of the elderly in the community do not have such needs.

The problem for poor elderly Jews is "a problem the Jewish community is only beginning to face," said Mark Meridy, B'nai B'rith's senior housing specialist.

"We were surprised to see this on the cutting block," said Diana Aviv, director of the Washington office of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Under the administration pro-

posal, 60 HUD programs would be combined into three mega-block grants for local communities.

Jewish professionals hold little hope that their programs would receive nearly as much funding as they do now, especially when competing against disabled housing, public housing, and emergency housing. While eliminating funds for new construction poses a long-term threat to the elderly population, plans to eliminate grants for support services that some buildings receive pose a more immediate problem.

"We have to study very carefully what the rolling of 60 programs into three would mean," Aviv said, pondering whether the changes "will mean a diminution of funds or a better process."

In the meantime, CJF will join B'nai B'rith and Christian non-profit groups in fighting to keep the grant program intact.

"This is a significant battle that we are going to fight both in Congress and the White House," said B'nai B'rith's Meridy.



Public Spies Details on DC-Rom

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Police are investigating how computer listings containing personal information about every Israeli citizen ended up in the hands of at least one private company.

Israeli television reported that the company, Makbalit, was selling CD-ROM computer disks containing data on the Israeli population. The information, which is normally used by government agencies, is not for publication or general distribution.

According to the report, at the touch of a button, users of the CD-ROM can call up the age, telephone number and address of every Israeli citizen — including the head of the General Security Services, whose identity is generally kept secret.

The head of the police investigations unit, Yosef Levy, said a search is on for the owners of the company, who he said went into hiding after getting word they were suspected of wrongdoing.



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SUPER SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 1995 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

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We are seeking energetic and committed individuals for a rewarding experience as a Super Sunday Volunteer, January 15, 1995. Join our team of people to help ensure our future. Help our entire community Live Jewish. Excellent benefits. No experience necessary.

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101 GARDEN OF EDED ROAD, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19803

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EDITORIAL

LIVE JEWISH: Remember Our Past, Insure Our Future

"Live Jewish" is a phrase which anchors a community campaign that provides for young people in Delaware, endangered Jewish communities throughout the world, Argentinean Jews repairing their society, Ethiopian immigrants in Israel and so many others.

From January 6 through January 15, 1995 a number of events are scheduled to bring out various segments of our community in a common goal for the greater good.

January 8, Julius Lester, brings his thoughtful perspective as an African-American and a Jew to the Chai Brunch at Hotel DuPont. On Wednesday, January 11 at noon, Betty Kane, vice-Chair of UJA will address the Lion of Judah Brunch at Brantwyn.

For most people to "Live Jewish" means to make a positive impact on the world. What better way is there to do that than to participate meaningfully in the Community Campaign?

become part of a network of social services, Jewish education and cultural services that enhance the lives of thousands.

community Campaign possible. In a sense the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign is you.

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Super Sunday

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that on Sunday, January 15, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be holding its annual Super Sunday phonathon for the 1995 COMMUNITY Campaign.

The theme of the 1995 Community campaign is "LIVE JEWISH, Remember Our Past... Insure Our Future." How appropriate is this idea, as this year the Jewish Federation of Delaware celebrates its 60th anniversary.

cultural projects so we can celebrate life and enrich our children's lives even further.

Contributions to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1995 COMMUNITY Campaign also support many other programs to care for the needs of our people in Delaware, in the US, in Israel, and in all areas of the world.

We also need people willing to give their time. Please join me and many of your friends and neighbors at the offices of Patterson-Schwartz Real Estate (913 Delaware Avenue, off I-95 in Wilmington) to participate in the Super Sunday phon-a-thon.

A donation to the 1995 COMMUNITY Campaign is a way to proclaim "I want to ensure my people's future!" Please join us on Super Sunday by giving generously, volunteering your time or doing both.

Jon Foreman
1995 Super Sunday Chair

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1935 Contributor Writes

To the Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to see my name among others who 60 years ago contributed to the newly formed Jewish Federation of Delaware.

As I remember it now, the year 1935 was in the depth of the Depression. Times were hard, people were poor and money was scarce.

Louis (Lou) Cohen (Olev Hasholem) asked me for a donation to the Federation. I told him I had just gotten a job, I had no money and was living from "hand to mouth."

Lou gave me a list of Jewish families who lived mostly on 2nd Street and on the "East Side," with instructions to accept any contribution, no matter how small and not ask for more than they gave. I promised.

I clearly remember the contributions were from 50 cents to \$5.00 maximum. I thanked

each one and gave them a receipt. At the end of two weeks door to door solicitation, I collected \$90.00. To make my collection look big and successful I pledged \$10.00 to make it \$100.00. Did I feel great!

Now, 60 years later, and for only \$10 (it was a lot then), I am being paid tribute for being one of the founders of the Federation. What a great honor for such a small price!

I am a faithful contributor to the Federation, however, in "Shehechyonu" for living to see my name in The Jewish Voice for a mitzvah I performed 60 years ago, I want to contribute to the Federation a duplicate \$100 "I so painstakingly collected in 1935.

It is my hope, 60 years hence — 2055 (5815) my grandchildren will see their names in The Jewish Voice and be honored likewise.

Sholem Rav.
Joseph Labovsky

*P.S. I must confess this \$100 I won as 2nd prize in the Kutz Home Chanuka celebration raffle. Since this money came from the good people, it must go back to the needy people.

OPINION

Reflections And Projections
From The Chair

Barbara in Israel

By BARBARA SCHOENBERG

Community Campaign Chairperson

I would like to convey my personal thanks to each and every one of you for your continued commitment to our Delaware Jewish Community and Jews throughout the world. Reading this article is a demonstra-

tion of that commitment for you receive the Jewish Voice as a contributor to our Annual Community Campaign. This has truly been a remarkable year of growth and cooperation in Delaware. Our Agency executives now meet monthly to coordinate and plan together projects and a community agenda that will reap benefits to all of us. Together they plan the use of scarce community resources to best serve our Jewish constituency. In addition, the Rabbis from every synagogue have joined together with our Federation and Agency leadership to develop the job description of the teen worker the community will fund so that this critical new program will reach out to serve all of our teens regardless of their affiliation.

We have taken a large step this year by raising nearly \$1,500,000. This exceeds our best fundraising

effort ever by nearly \$200,000. Your commitment is the reason we are going in the right direction, however, we must do better. I would like to explain why we have set our 1995 Campaign goal at the level of \$2,000,000. We spent many hours meeting with the leadership of each local Jewish Agency to determine their financial needs to continue to provide the level of services we have come to expect and rely on. We considered the critical needs that go unmet in our Jewish community because of insufficient funds. We addressed the cost of our responsibility to resettle forty Jewish refugees each year from the former Soviet Union into our community with dignity, and the minimum amount of acculturation required to provide each a successful transition after a lifetime of religious and ethnic oppression. We discussed the future of our children, our most precious possession, in a time when we are facing a crisis in Jewish continuity and Jewish identity. Our history as a people teaches us that the primary vehicle for building Jewish community and strengthening Jewish

identity is education. Our community priority study identified Jewish education as the highest priority. We discussed our services to the elderly and confirmed, as Jews, that it is a privilege and a commandment to honor our fathers and mothers. We must provide necessary services to the Jewish elderly for if we turn our backs on one elderly Jew in need, we have dishonored our own parents. We discussed the needs and concerns of ourselves, the Jewish adults. Addressing the needs and concerns of Jewish adults strengthens our Jewish community at every level. We ARE the backbone of our Jewish families and the core of our Jewish leadership. We must meet our own needs to survive and thrive into the next century. Finally, we met with representatives of the United Israel Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee to gain a better understanding of the increased financial needs and pressures worldwide as we find ourselves on the precipice of peace for the State of Israel. The board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware struggled, for many hours, but, in the final analysis,

we voted unanimously to set our 1995 Community Campaign goal at \$2,000,000, the cost of the services I have described, with the hope that EACH of YOU will appreciate the need to increase your financial support to our community so that while we remember our past we CAN INSURE our future.

We all share a common goal — the survival and prosperity of our Jewish Civilization. Each of us hopes and prays for the day when we and our children can enjoy PEACE as Jews for generations to come. In this sixtieth year of our organized Jewish Community I ask each of you to help us achieve our 95 Campaign slogan "Remember the Past and Insure the Future" when you make your financial commitment to the 1995 Community Campaign. Join us during Campaign week at the exciting community activities that we have planned so that you can truly feel the sense of being a part of our wonderful Jewish community. I know you will reap the rewards of Tzedakah as you ensure a thriving Jewish community both here and throughout the world.

Who Will Change The World?

By YOSEF I. ABRAMOWITZ

'Live Jewish' Speaker

Volunteering is a well-established American norm. Like other Americans, American Jews volunteer as part of our civic responsibility. But there are two other reasons we do it. First, it is what God wants for us. And second, Jews volunteer because we instinctively know something unique about how history is shaped.

Let's first deal with God. That's quite a heavy-duty statement: God wants you to volunteer. But this is what our tradition teaches. Let's take a look: "...you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). The priests in ancient Israel not only tended to the Temple in Jerusalem, but they also disbursed charity to the poor. To be a priest is to be responsible for the holiness of an institution, and to protect the holiness of individuals. When an entire people is commanded to act like priests, the society as a whole becomes a community.

And to be a holy nation. What does that mean? Is America a holy nation? Can America be a holy nation when a million people roam our streets homeless? Can America be a holy nation when hunger is on the rise? Can America be a holy nation if we elect people who prey on the worst and most selfish instincts of people? Can America be a holy nation when its most populous state, California, just voted to turn every teacher and doctor into an agent of the Immigration Service?

To strive to be a holy nation means protecting the most vulnerable members of our society. To strive to be a holy nation means living the Jewish values of Rachamim (compassion), Areivut (mutual responsibility), Pikuach Nefesh (saving lives), and Kavod Habriot (honoring God's creations). To strive to be a holy nation means accepting the mission of Tikkun Olam, the mission of repairing the world, one person at a time. Our tradition teaches that to save one life is to save the world; to feed one person is to feed the world; and to house one person is to house the homeless. Your personal example will inspire others.

More than 3,500 years ago, in the Sinai desert, God commanded the Jewish people to be priests, to be holy, to accept the mission of repairing the world. By signing up to volunteer for one or more worthy causes, we are accepting the same covenant that our ancestors did thousands of years ago. Volunteering



is part of being a good Jew. But the Jewish people understand something unique about history, and that too compels us to act on our values. And, unfortunately, it is one of the best kept secrets in the world.

Here's the secret: Somewhere in the world there is a group of about 300 people who have the power to end homelessness, racism, and poverty and to cure AIDS. It is not the new Congress or lawyers or the media. Those 300 or so people are not far away. They are the Jewish youth of this nation.

The greatest and most defining event in Jewish history is the Exodus from Egypt. We recall Yetziat Mitzraim every Shabbat and every holiday. We re-enact it at our annual Passover seders. It is the time when God intervened directly in history and saved the Jewish people with miracle after miracle. Big deal. We can exceed even God's rescue of the Israelites from Egypt. With the Exodus we needed God's constant, direct intervention, and many Egyptians had to die. Even so, God rescued 600,000 Jews and brought us to Sinai.

The movement for Soviet Jews began when four high school students chained themselves to the gate of the United Nations in the early 1960s. It was a hopeless act, since the Cold War was on; the Evil Empire was oppressing its 2 million Jews and no one cared.

While chaining yourself to the UN might be a seemingly hopeless act, it was also a principled act. Those students understood the Jewish values of Areivut and Pidyon Shvuyim (redeeming captives). And soon those four stu-

dents became ten students; those ten became a hundred; a 100 became a thousand; and then the entire Jewish community got behind the effort. And then we forced a miracle to happen.

The Exodus from Egypt saved 600,000 Jews. We have saved over 700,000. We, however, never had to take a life or shed any blood in the process. The rescue of Soviet Jewry is the greatest human rights victory in the history of this planet. It began with four idealistic high school students who decided to live their Jewish values.

Who will comprise the next group of four students who will transform the world? Who has the chutzpah to stand up for what they believe in? Who will understand that by acting on Jewish values they can end homelessness

or prejudice or prejudice or poverty or cure AIDS?

It could be you. It should be you. And, I pray, it will be you.

Yosef I. Abramowitz, a journalist, lecturer and consultant, serves as the assistant director of the Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values. This article is adapted from a speech given to MAKOM and Merkaz Jewish High School Students at a Tikkun Olam Fair in New Haven. Yossi will speak Friday, January 6 at 8:00 p.m. at the Federation Shabbat at Congregation Beth Emeth. He will also participate in a study session at AKSE Congregation at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7. Both events are part of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign's Campaign Week.

The Bell Curve Is Bent Out Of Shape

By DAVID H. STRASSLER

There is a long history of intellectual and scientific racism in the modern world that became a basis and support for governmental racial policies. In Nazi Germany, the destruction of European Jewry was made easier by the 19th-century racist theories of Joseph A. Gobineau and Houston S. Chamberlain. While the centuries of Christian anti-Semitism and the conspiracy theories about Jews in the forged document *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* played a role in Nazi anti-Semitism, the crowning and defining feature was the notion of race, which meant that even a minute Jewish ancestry resulted in the individual being doomed to death.

In the United States, volumes were written justifying slavery and later Jim Crow legislation on the grounds of alleged Black inferiority — genetic and immutable.

It is, therefore, astonishing that in 1994 a book — *The Bell Curve* by Richard J. Herrnstein and Charles Murray — would appear that introduces the concept of genetic inferiority of Blacks back into the public dialogue. Yet, since its publication, Charles Murray has sought to play down the issue of race in his book. If his object were simply to try to assess the connection between I.Q. and genes and their connection to success in society, why in the world the need to introduce the concept of race at all into the analysis? Would it not have been sufficient to study I.Q.s of individuals regardless of race?

Considering how racial theories have been used in this century, one should address such issues with the greatest trepidation and sensitivity. Not Mr. Murray. He draws conclusions about race and I.Q. that are questionable at

best. He pretends to have made a serious study of the impact of various social programs on Black I.Q.s. He concludes that they have had relatively little impact, leading him to say that this lack of progress demonstrates the overwhelming influence of genes and race on I.Q. Why not argue that those policies may not have been sufficient in themselves, that matters such as prenatal care, family culture, and the like have never been properly addressed, thereby leaving untested enormous areas for improvement?

Moreover, as social critic Stanley Crouch recently pointed out, Murray and Herrnstein have accepted the definition of the Black race as it was designated by a racist America in the 18th and 19th centuries, which defined a Black as anyone having some Black blood. Of course, there was and is nothing genetically accurate about that definition. Thus, when I.Q. scores are measured along racial lines, they are based on false assumptions and inevitably produce questionable results.

This is only one of many weaknesses of *The Bell Curve* analysis which make it insidious for the authors to draw broad conclusions on race and intelligence. Murray's denial that his assumptions need result in any derogation of Blacks, or that Blacks themselves need not feel offended by the analysis, or that Blacks need not be discouraged about their prospects as a result, or that school administrators might not inevitably feel complacent about the lack of progress by their Black students, is disingenuous. Suggestions by the author that "realism" on this subject could produce more constructive social policies go against the entire history of politics in the modern era.

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The JCC Senior Center bus is handicapped accessible.

The JCC Senior Center Gets New Bus From State

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Ms. Ray Freshman, Coordinator of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) Senior Center, speaking about the Center's new handicapped accessible bus, says "now we will be able to do more things with seniors such as afternoon trips to museums and other areas of interest." The bus, which was a gift from the State, features a handicapped accessible lift which is not only for wheelchair users but also for frail persons who might have trouble with the steps of the bus.

Last month the JCC Senior Center

celebrated its 19th Anniversary including a dedication of the new bus. In attendance at the celebration and dedication were Peg Bradley, then 11th District State Representative; Debbie Pernick-Poppiti of New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse's office; Bill Kapa, Director of Parks and Recreation for New Castle County; Bob Coonin, President of JCC; Marc Caplin, Ex-Officio President of JCC; David Sorkin, Executive-Director of JCC; Ray Freshman, Coordinator of the Senior Center; and Leon Chambers; Site Council President; among

others.

The Senior Center has been operating at the JCC since November 1975. The five day per week program services older adults in northern Delaware. It is cosponsored by the JCC and the New Castle Department of Parks and Recreation with Federal Title 111C Nutrition Program Funds through the Delaware Division of Aging. The Senior Center provides kosher meals at the JCC as well as at the B'nai B'rith building. The Senior Center offers cultural programs, family programming, and health-related activity. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Austrian Ambassador Meets Area Jews

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

On Thursday December 8, Austrian Ambassador Helmut Tuerk met with members of the Delaware Jewish community in a gathering arranged by Cynthia Kane of Governor Tom Carper's office. In attendance were Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD); Leslie Newman; John Elzufon, Chairperson of JCRC; Matt Denn of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*; and Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD. The ambassador's visit to Delaware was described as his effort to reach out to Jewish leadership in all 50 states.

Also last month, appearing before the Israeli Knesset, Dr. Thomas Klestil, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, spoke of Austria as the place where Theodore Herzl from Vienna began his Zionist "dream of a Jewish state." He also acknowledged "that many of the worst henchmen in the Nazi dictatorship were Austrians." Klestil said that no apology "can ever expunge the agony of the Holocaust" and that on "behalf of the Republic of Austria I bow my head, with deep respect and profound emotion in front of the victims." He addressed a number of other topics including a new Jewish Museum which is opening in Vienna. Klestil, the first Austrian President ever to visit the State of Israel, concluded with "Shalom to the people of Israel - shalom to all of you!"

Austria's Federal Press Service has issued a booklet *Jewish Life in Austria* which details Jewish life in Austria with particular emphasis on the present day.

Biotech Conference

The first U.S.-Israeli Biotech Alliance Conference in conjunction with BioEast '95 will be held January 12, 1995 at the Washington Hilton & Towers in Washington, DC.

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Berger Briefs ORT

By CELIA GANS

Special To The Jewish Voice

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On December 7, 1994 in the meeting room of the Park Plaza apartments, Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware Carolyn Berger, the daughter of a lawyer, the wife of a lawyer, a career woman and a mother, tells the Brandywine Chapter-at-Large of Women's American ORT donor meeting that she remem-

bers her own "traditional mother" (who went to law school when Justice Berger was in college) going out to ORT meetings.

Her home championed Jewish values, a Jewish sense of justice and

fairness and "traditional motherhood," says Justice Berger, but (as she has commented elsewhere) women should believe that there is no profession or trade that they can-

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Seated Justice Berger. Left to right, Ruth Rosenberg - President Brandywine Chapter; Annette Aerson, Membership Vice President; Michelle Engelmann, Sandy McBride, Sylvia Wagman, Brandywine Chapter Past Presidents; Judy Horowitz, ORT Mid-Atlantic Field Committee; Gerri Fish, ORT National Executive Board.

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Israeli UN Envoy Speaks At ASKE

By DANIEL WARREN HALPRIN

Special To The Jewish Voice

On Sunday, December 11, 1994, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (AKSE) congregation, Delaware's Traditional synagogue hosted the arrival of Ambassador Moshe Melamed, Israel's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations. The Ambassador spoke at the request of the AKSE Men's Club and Israel Bonds. Israel Bonds is a development corporation for Israel. Israel Bonds offers non-Israelis an effective method for maintaining and adding to their wealth while helping to support Israel's economic growth and the cost of absorbing and assimilating into daily life the tens of thousands of refugees entering Israel each year, from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, and all over the world.

Speaking of the peace process as a matter of strengthening Israeli security, and not — as some of its opponents have suggested — of stripping it away, Ambassador Melamed outlined what he called the "precepts" upon which Israel's security and well-being are founded: "First of all, moral and spiritual strength; secondly, military preparedness; third, international recognition and acceptance; and fourth...economic stability and prosperity, including regional and inter-regional cooperation."



Rabbi Dressin looks on as Ambassador Melamed speaks at AKSE with Mrs. Melamed at his side.

He then went on to explain in greater detail the last of these four factors, which he prefaced as "the last, but certainly not the least" of these four "pillars" of Israel's security and well-being, and how it must be maintained. Israel Bonds are a part of such a plan. He described the costs to Israel of 70,000 refugees this year from the former Soviet Union and the ways in which Israel Bonds help absorb both these and other refugees, and support economic growth for all of Israel.

He also discussed how the peace process is having economic benefits already, not merely promises of them. In addition, he made the point that Israel is not so much threatened by terrorist attacks as it was by the extremist, anti-Semitic Islamic fundamentalists that are often funding these attacks through governments like Iran, and which are threatening to topple friendlier regimes, including among the Palestinians. The only, best means of ending this siege

of build-ups against a peaceful mentality, he argued, is the build-up of economic growth and opportunities which depend on stability, and peaceful arbitration to mend differences, rather than destruction.

Equally threatening to Israel is the danger that as peace approaches, Jews in the Diaspora will assume there is no reason for them to be concerned with Israel, because it no longer faces danger. There will continue to be danger, but now there may be more benefits as well. And Israel will still always need funding to help with the refugees and the maintenance of an economy growing in a tense region and on arid soil.

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Larry Katz, a representative of Israel Bonds, who helped organize this event, and Bob Weiner, Presi-

dent of the Adas Kodesch Men's Club, who also helped in the organization of this event, both spoke briefly as well. Mr. Weiner chiefly to thank the many other Synagogue members who helped to make possible the Sunday breakfast and talk, and to thank the Ambassador for taking the time to drive from New York City to speak; Mr. Katz mostly to request that those who felt so inclined check out the information on Israel Bonds at their table and buy as much as they could. But both men emphasized the importance, most of all, for Jews simply to support Israel in whatever way they could and felt was best.

Near the end of his speech Ambassador Melamed said that Israel has shown its moral and spiritual strength by its commitment to the peace process, implying we must show our commitment to Israel by bolstering its security and well-being however we can. Israel Bonds: 100 S. Broad St., Suite 1525, Philadelphia, PA 19110-1013. (215) 561-2663. (800) 752 5671.

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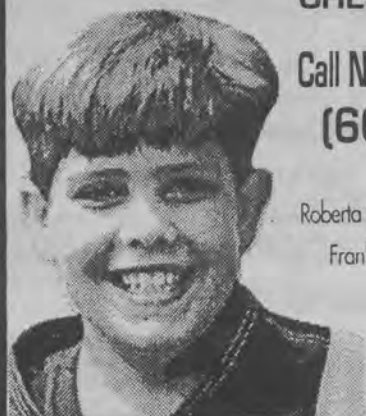
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CAMP GUIDE

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The event takes place Sunday, January 22, 1995, 7:30 p.m. at the Ann Newman Building of Gratz College at Old York Road and Melrose Avenue in Melrose Park, Pennsylvania. Admission is \$5. For more information or to order tickets call Shirley Green at (215) 635-7300. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

while updating the structure and adding new and exciting programs.

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In response to the needs of 1st graders, a new 1/2 day option has been created. Campers entering transitional Kindergarten, kindergarten and 1st grade will be in the newly restructured Camp Olim, which focuses on the many transitions that these campers make over the summer in preparation for the Fall. All Camp Olim campers will have an all day or half day option.

Our Teen Travel program takes off to England this summer! Campers entering 9th through 11th grades

can spend three weeks in the Camp Excel program which includes fantastic facilities and trips.

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All of these new offerings accentuate the already popular Camp JCC early childhood, traditional, specialty and teen programs. Some programs

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Our full 1995 Camp Brochure was mailed in mid-December to all JCC families with children. If you need more information, please call Michael Grossman, Director of Youth, Family and Camping Services at (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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Book Review:

Julius Lester's "Lovesong - Becoming A Jew"

By DANIEL WARREN HALPRIN
Special To The Jewish Voice

It is fitting that Julius Lester's book about himself and Judaism is, in its full title, "Lovesong- Becoming a Jew", because it is not simply about conversion, about "becoming" a Jew (that is, "to pass from one state into another" or "to turn into"). It is also about what is "becoming" in a Jew, that which is "appropriate" for a Jew, and even more so, that which is noble; that which is to be graciously accepted; that which is to be praised; and that which is to be joined.

The book begins in Julius Lester's childhood. Julius is the younger son of Reverend Lester, a Methodist minister. He lives in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and he is black in a time when overt racism is still very much alive and publicly enforced. He makes both this fact and his childish wonder before the world, despite the predominance of such forces as racism in it, simultaneously clear.

For example he begins chapter 1: "It is summer, any summer in the 1940s." Everything is sweetness and light and unchanging, because he is a child, but everything is also unforgivably claustrophobic and slow-moving, without the surprises of an adventurous life, because nothing will change - it is before the civil rights era.

He also announces with that first sentence that he is not going to cut out anything of himself, neither his religiously Christian upbringing; nor his black skin; nor his Judaism; nor his mixed and pure roots; nor his experiences as a man, aware of politics, aware of his sexuality, aware of his desire to reclaim his faith; nor his experiences as a child, aware of his belief in the immediate world and in the presence of higher powers, both here and beyond; nor his experiences as a militant activist, aware of the ramifications of political decisions; nor his experiences as an ordinary citizen, aware of the simple pleasures. He does not.

He takes us through his first dim, early recollections of his past, not just his own, but his family's past - playing "Kol Nidre" on the piano when he was seven and not knowing why, wondering why some of his family was so light-skinned, finding out that his great-grandfather was a white Jewish man who was cast out of his own family because he married a black woman even though he was not legally bound to do so. Even then, as a young boy, Lester is almost immediately entranced and drawn to anything connecting him to his Jewish past, saying with a kind of palpable reverence of awe, when he learns his great-grandfather's name, "Altschul. I can say it now. Altschul."

The book is written in the present-tense, and in the immediate tones of present-day reality, which give it a sense of intensity and movement, drawing one into the story as if one is there walking alongside him as the events of his life take place until one feels practically as much of a stake in their outcome as if one's own goals and



Julius Lester will speak at the Chai Brunch at The Hotel DuPont on Sunday, January 8, at 11 a.m. as part of the Community's 1995 60th anniversary campaign. For more info, call 478-6200.

deliverance have become tied in with Lester's. But even if that were not so, the book would still be intensely absorbing, because it is written like a series of mantras, drawing us into his pilgrimage, until it seems significant to the reader, too, that he or she can say, "Altschul."

Lester then goes on to attend college and to question his belief in Christianity, which seems increasingly, to him, to treat God as a "CPA of morality", and with which he feels increasingly less connected. He soon joins up with the civil rights movement, which he takes as a more demonstrative and meaningful form of ethics. He still experiences spiritual hunger, though, and continues to explore different theologies, from Buddhism to Plato, but he is not satisfied.

He throws himself into the civil rights movement with greater ferocity. He becomes a militant black-power activist, a "revolutionary", leading freedom songs, organizing marches and rallies, and writing books like "Look Out, Whitey! Black Power's Gon' Get Your Momma!" And in 1968, as part of a well-meaning but incredibly poorly thought-out attempt to bring about better and more open communication between blacks and Jews in New York City during a tense New York City teachers strike, he allows on his radio show a series of black anti-Semitic statements by his guests thinking it will show some of New York City's Jewish leaders the dangers of the veiled racism that some of them have been courting during the teachers' strike, and encourage greater openness and conversation between blacks and Jews. But it only exacerbates the situation and makes Lester anathema in the Jewish community.

a black Jew, and his eventual acceptance of and by, and then into the Jewish community.

In the beginning of the book he quotes the words of a Trappist monk, "When you know the name by which God knows you, then you will know who you are." Soon afterwards, Julius Lester says, and announces, "Now I know the name by which God calls me. I am Yaakov Daniel Ben Avraham v'Sarah."

"I have become who I am. I am who I always was...I am a Jew."

In "Lovesong- Becoming a Jew", Julius Lester challenges us to be who we are, but to do so while taking on the responsibility not to slip into xenophobia, hatred, and blame, but rather to act in a manner that is "becoming" of our highest aspirations. In such a way will we all be heroic. (Delaware's Daniel Warren Halprin is a graduate of Muhlenberg College with a BA in Art and English. He is an occasional contributor to The Jewish Voice)



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Book Review:

Remembering Our Past - "Voices Of Marshall Street"

By JULIAN PREISLER
Staff Archivist of JHSD

A book review of *Voices From Marshall Street: Jewish Life In A Philadelphia Neighborhood 1920-1969* by Elaine Krasnow Ellison and Elaine Mark Jaffe. Camino Books, Inc. 1994 - paperback, 151 pages.

As a Jewish history enthusiast, as well as a history professional, I am always looking for new books on American Jewish history, especially those books that focus on the history of a particular locale. For those readers who frequently purchase this type of book, you know that they are usually made available for sale through organizations, catalogs, or specialty book stores. To my surprise, I found *Voices From Marshall Street: Jewish Life in a Philadelphia Neighborhood 1920-1960* in the local mall book store.

Voices From Marshall Street is the oral history of a Philadelphia neighborhood from the end of the First World War into the ever-changing decade of the 1960's. Written by two women who grew up in the Marshall Street neighborhood, the project began when 350 women who had lived in the neighborhood met in April 1983 to celebrate their lives and struggles and families. The group wanted to create a book that would convey the warmth, friendliness, and extended family nature that

permeated this particular urban immigrant neighborhood.

The book provides an excellent introduction to the history of the area surrounding Marshall Street. I found this particularly important because I am not a native of the Delaware Valley and always appreciate the opportunity to learn more about my surroundings. For those readers who are from the Philadelphia area, you learn new and interesting stories and maybe even recognize a few familiar places. Nine chapters follow the introduction and it is on these pages where we learn the stories of the people of Marshall Street. We learn about the ups and downs, the good times and the bad times, the trials and tribulations. The reader travels with the residents through time as

they confront a new life in a new country, build businesses, raise children, and live life in an urban immigrant neighborhood. We hear the stories and tales of new generations as they emerge. Because of the style and nature of this book, the reader begins to sense the commonalities of time and experience. So many differences over the years. So many similarities!

Voices From Marshall Street is down to earth, warm, funny, and sad. It is nostalgic, but retains a sense of reality. The reader learns of the fate of the neighborhood as Jewish residents began to move to the suburbs and to other parts of Philadelphia. We get a sense of how a neighborhood and how many cities can fall into disrepair over time.

There is a subtle lesson to learn here. While progress is somewhat inevitable, we have a serious responsibility to remember and protect the history of previous generations.

I truly enjoyed this book. My only qualm with it was that there were not enough photographs. Many of the photographs that are in the book are of poor quality. Good visual images in this type of book enable the reader

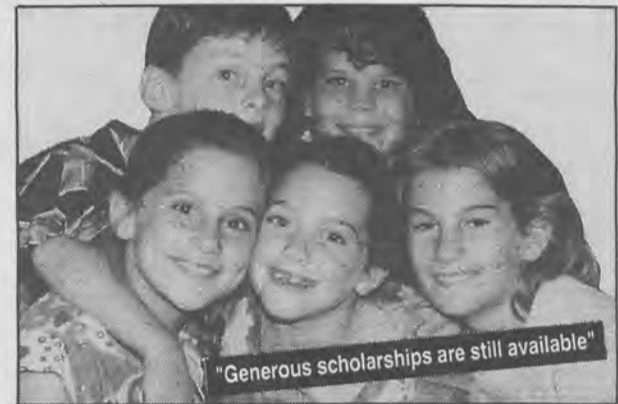
to truly visualize the story and time. I highly recommend *Voices From Marshall Street* for those interested in American Jewish history. I also recommend this book for anyone interested in urban history, or ethnic history or those who simply want to relish a glimpse of the past. It is pleasurable reading and very affordable. (Review by Julian H. Preisler, Archivist, Archivist/Staff-person Jewish Historical Society of Delaware)



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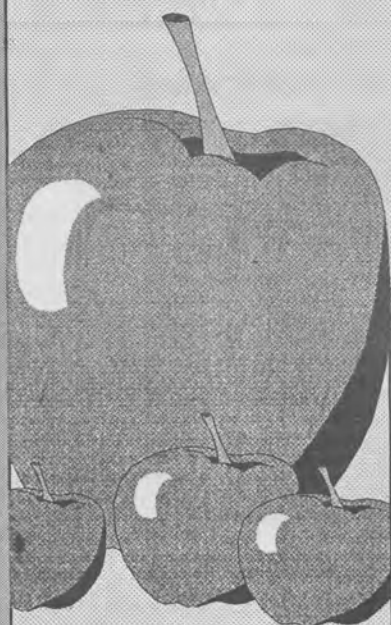
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The preview exhibition — "CERAMICS ISRAEL" — will be held Thursday, January 5th, at The Clay Studio, 139 North 2nd Street, Old City, Philadelphia, PA through January 29th.

More than 100 pieces are represented. Most of the artists exhibiting here are native-born Israeli women. But, three of the artists were born in the U.S., including David Morris, Mark Yudell, and Dalit Tayar.

"We're glad to co-sponsor this exhibition," said Eviatar Manor, the Consul-General of Israel in Philadelphia. "It's a fascinating mix of artists — both Ashkenazic and Sephardic, young and old."

As part of the exhibition, David Morris will be an artist-in-residence at The Clay Studio for two months and a talk will be presented at The National Museum of American Jewish History by Magdalena Hefetz, head of the Ceramic Artists Association of Israel, on Jan. 8.

Delaware's Clara Hollander is co-chairman at the exhibit. She told *The Jewish Voice* that she met Magdalena Hefetz last year in Israel. Ms. Hollander recommends the exhibit to Delawareans.



David Morris' "Head on a folding Chair" on view at The Clay Studio, Jan. 5 through 29 in the exhibit Ceramics Israel.



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Words & Music: Smorgasbord

By STEVE COHEN
Entertainment Columnist

The highlight of next month's concerts by the Delaware Symphony will be the local premiere of a composition by Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Ward, who will be presented with the 10th annual A.I. duPont Award.

Robert Ward's son Mark is a cellist with the Delaware Symphony. Mark points out that this had nothing to do with the choice, but it will be a treat to play his father's composition on the occasion of such an honor.

The duPont Award was established in memory of Mr. duPont, who maintained an interest in music as a player, conductor and composer. Winners are selected on their contributions to American composition. Past recipients include internationally-known composers William Schumann, George Rochberg, Morton Gould, David Diamond and William Bolcom.

Robert Ward won the Pulitzer Prize in music in 1962 for his opera, *The Crucible*, which was commissioned by the New York City Opera. He continues as an active composer today, living in North Carolina where he's professor of music at Duke University.

Ward told me that he just wrote a song cycle for soprano and piano that was performed in New York, a violin concerto that was premiered by the Winston Salem Symphony, and a one-act opera to a short story by Edith Wharton that was performed in Durham and at Peabody Institute in Baltimore.

"The piece of mine that (conductor Stephen) Gunzenhauser chose is abstract but optimistic, bright and festive," Ward said; "That's why I call it *Festive Ode*." Also on the program for January 12, 13 and 14 is

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What's On TV?

Saturday, January 7, 10:45 p.m. WHY TV-12
MOVIE: **SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE**

The mystical antiwar novel by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. is adapted for screen in this 1972 movie starring Michael Sacks, Ron Liebman and Sharon Gans.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE, airing Saturday, January 7 at 10:45 p.m. on TV 12, is about a New York optometrist who has fantasies about a strange futuristic planet and nightmares about Nazi prisoner-of-war camps.



"Party of Five," which will air on Fox on January 4 at 9:00 p.m., depicts a child's interest in converting to Judaism. Claudia, the child, learns about praying over the Sabbath candles and that a Bar Mitzvah is much more than a party.

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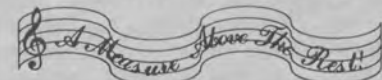
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The Rabbi Writes:

Turn Of The Seasons

By RABBI MARLA J. FELDMAN
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The winter solstice is upon us, the days grow shorter as the sky turns grey and the wind blows a chill through us. We dream longingly of the warmth of spring and the renewal it promises. In the heat of summer we will long for the cool breezes of Autumn... and so it goes, season by season, year after year.

As the weather, so goes the temperament of humanity, alternating between a cold, harsh heartless indifference and the warmth of hopefulness and enlightenment. As a collective entity we seem to swing from one extreme to the other, ever searching for an elusive harmony that we can't quite grasp. From Dark Ages to Renaissance, from Cold War to New World Order, from Nationalism to Global Village (and back again?), the seasons of humanity continually turn and return. With the new millennium on the horizon, we can only imagine how history will record the era in which we live.

So too, the seasons of our lives ebb and flow, moving us continually forward toward an unknown destiny. The cyclical nature of our human saga is reflected in our weekly Torah readings. Last week we concluded the stories of Genesis and our ancestors' evolving encounters with G-d and faith. With this week's portion, Exodus, we begin the telling of our epic journey from slavery to freedom and the beginnings of the Jewish people as a community of faith bound by a shared covenant with G-d.

We conclude the first chapter of our family history with the death of the patriarch Jacob in the portion Vayechi. It is a story of life and death, of future promises and the resolution that comes when one makes peace with the end of earthly life. Jacob's final testament is a prayer, a blessing, a curse and a warning all in one. It is his reflection on his life's experiences: his youth, his battles, his loves, wasted moments and divine visions. In preparing to die, Jacob looked back on his life, both the joyous and the sorrowful moments, just as we reflect on our own lives at the turning of the seasons.

The story of Jacob's death begins with an unusual Hebrew phrase. We find the word "Vayechi" where we would expect the more typical "Vayehi," a term comparable to 'once upon a time.' So we read "Jacob lived in Egypt" rather than "Jacob was in Egypt." Perhaps this teaches that Jacob did not merely exist passively, but that he lived, fully and vigorously, actively pursuing his dreams and creating a name for himself and his family. We proudly accept his name as B'nai Yisrael, the children of Jacob-Israel who wrestled with beings divine and human and survived.

As we reflect on our lives, particularly the year past, we must wonder if we, too, truly lived. Harold Kushner addressed these feelings in his book *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough: The Search For a Life That Matters*: "I believe that it is not

dying that people are afraid of. Something else, something more unsettling and more tragic than dying frightens us. We are afraid of never having lived, of coming to the end of our days with the sense that we were never really alive, that we never figured out what life was for. Of all the fears that haunt us... there is nothing to compare to the fear that we may have wasted our lives with nothing to show for it." Alfred Nobel's life story illustrates Kushner's thesis. Afraid that he would be remembered for only inventing dynamite, Nobel redirected his energy and his fortune to reward accomplishments in fields which would benefit humanity, thus creating the Nobel Prize. Today, it is not for dynamite, but rather for his gift of hope for the future that Nobel's name is remembered.

Turning our Torah to Shemot (Exodus), the saga of our ancestors' trek toward peoplehood continues. It is not a story of slavery and hopelessness; it is about fortitude, freedom, miracles and faith. It is about striving for independence and our sacred covenant with G-d. It is about building a Tabernacle and living by G-d's laws. It is about our people's encounter with the Divine and our continuing struggle to comprehend the meaning of that revelation.

It is with these thoughts that I find myself reflecting on the turn of the seasons, hoping that I have lived up to my potential and resolving to do better in the (secular) year ahead. Was I true to my covenant with G-d, as I understand it? Did I care enough about those less fortunate than myself? Was I respectful of my family, friends and colleagues? Was I generous in compassion and forgiveness? Did I take proper care of myself, recalling that I, too, am created in the divine image and therefore a sacred, holy being? Can I look back, like Jacob, and say that I lived, truly and meaningfully? When my journey is complete, how will my history be recorded?

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Steinsaltz Study Group In New York

By DOV SEIDEL
Member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee

"Let my people know!" is the way renowned scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz describes the goal of his immense project to produce a new English version and a new Hebrew version of the Talmud, featuring his own commentary. He came from Jerusalem to appear at a conference in New York City on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Thirty-two people, including Dov Seidel, former Chair of the Editorial Committee of the Jewish Voice, attended the conference, which was arranged by Arthur Kurzweil, editor of Jewish Book News. The purpose of the conference was both to discuss the formation of a national network of Talmud study groups, and to study a section of Talmud with Steinsaltz.

Torah study groups everywhere often precede their study session with a bracha (blessing) that ends with the phrase "וצונו לעסוק בדרי תורה..." "and commanded us to busy ourselves with the words of Torah." Steinsaltz urged us to approach the study of Torah seriously, but to leave a little room for playfulness, too. He therefore proposed a free translation of the above phrase as "and commanded us to dabble with the words of Torah".

He also gave a brief explanation of why the Talmud is so complicated. We can often envision a "simple" idea, like sewing a sleeve into a doll's dress (Steinsaltz's own experience, when he was about five years old), but when we come to actually do it, it turns out to be remarkably complicated. Similarly, it is easy to say "don't annoy other people," but if you are serious (and the Sages were very serious) about specifying exactly what this means, it becomes a very complicated undertaking.

In fact, the סוגיה (problem, subject for study) that Steinsaltz chose for study was that of אונאת דברים annoying, or vexing, other people through words, as found on p.58b of Tractate Rava Metzia. "A customer may not say to a merchant: 'How much is this article' if he does not in fact wish to buy it, as this arouses false hopes in the seller, who will be upset if the questioner does not purchase the item." Similarly, one may not say to a ba'al tshuvah (repentant sinner): "Remember your earlier deeds." In reflecting on a סוגיה such as this, one is reminded of the standards Jews are held to, and that Jewish study is so central to Jewish identity and Jewish continuity. Without such study, isn't it inevitable that our

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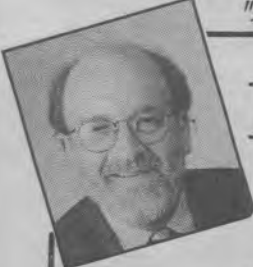
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Jewish, Alive & American: Temple Beth El's Outreach

Temple Beth El is sponsoring a program called "Jewish, Alive and American: A Gateway To Jewish Living" with the support of a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. A free introductory session is Wednesday, January 18, 1995 at 7:30 PM. The course meets for 20 weeks starting Wednesday, February 1, 1995 at 7:30 PM at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Drive, Newark, DE. The cost for the 20 week course is \$75.00.

The course is an outreach

program directed at Jewish people who wish to reestablish their ties to the Jewish community and rediscover their Jewish identity. The course was originally developed and presented in Philadelphia by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

A brochure describing the program is available from Temple Beth El. According to the brochure, *Jewish, Alive and American* is designed to: give you room to question Jewish beliefs, help you learn historical origins of Jewish

traditions, increase your level of comfort with Jewish practices, and help you meet others who want also to clarify what it means to be Jewish. Participants need not be able to read or understand Hebrew. Jews, non-Jews and couples with mixed religious backgrounds are welcome but this is not a conversion class. No previous knowledge is required.

For more information please call Rabbi David Kaplan at (302) 266-8330.

Singles Events Include December 24 Party

Here in Delaware the Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) sponsor a variety of events for singles which are listed as space allows in *The Jewish Voice* Calendar of Events. For further information on YJAD events call either David at (302) 992-0400, Michele at (302) 892-4255, or the JCC at (302) 478-5660 to be added to their mailing list.

On Saturday evening, December 24, another organization Young Jewish Leadership Concepts (YJLC), described as a non-profit young professionals network, hosts a party for young Jewish professionals from a three state area at the Maui Entertainment Complex, 1143 N. Delaware Avenue, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To promote responsible partying YJLC has arranged for a special rate at the Independence Mall Holiday Inn, in taxi distance from the Maui complex. The evening will combine a DJ dancing party, comedy performances and live rock music. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Greater Philadelphia B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. The event, which is expected to draw Jewish singles from Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, costs \$15 and includes a buffet.

For more information contact YJLC at (215) 750-YJLC.

AKSE Spaghetti Dinner On January 15

Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth's A.K.S.E. Family Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 15 at 6 p.m. will feature a menu of all you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, vegetarian and meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The food will be prepared by Chef Jacques. The two entertainment acts will be soloist Cindy Goldstein, vocalist and Bob Weiner with the Rittenhouse Square Barbershop Comedy Quartet. The charge is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For ticket information contact: A.K.S.E. Office, 762-2705.

A synagogue spokesperson says that Cindy Goldstein is excited about the opportunity to share with the congregation some of her favorite current Broadway hits. Bob Weiner returns with his new quartet, the current Atlantic Division Champs, Rittenhouse Square.

The Rittenhouse Square barbershop quarter was formed in August 1993. In May they won the 1994 Atlantic Division Competition.

Bob Weiner is the newcomer to the group, bringing his bass voice

Eisenhofer And Grant Named Partners of Law Firm

PHILADELPHIA — Blank, Rome, Comisky & McCauley has increased the size of its Delaware office with the addition of new partners, Jay W. Eisenhofer and Stuart Miles Grant, both formerly of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

"Our Wilmington office is a key part of Blank, Rome's overall plan to enhance the firm's regional presence," stated David F. Girard-diCarlo, Blank, Rome's Managing Partner. "We believe in providing clients with a high degree of personal service. That means understanding and becoming a part of the communities where our clients do business, such as Delaware. The addition of Jay and Stuart, two strong litigators, significantly adds to our ability to meet the needs of clients based in Delaware and throughout the region."

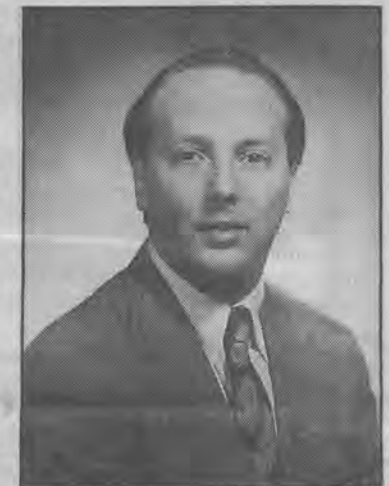
Eisenhofer and Grant practice in the field of complex commercial and corporate litigation, federal securities claims and disputes arising from corporate control contests. They have handled matters for a wide range of clients, including Fortune 500 companies, and participated in several battles for corporate control in Delaware's Chancery Court. Eisenhofer was appointed by Delaware Governor, Tom Carper, as a member and as Reporter of the Delaware Commission on Major Commercial Litigation Reform. Grant serves as an adjunct professor of law at Widener University School of Law.

"I am very excited to be joining Blank, Rome," said Grant. "It is clear that the firm has made a commitment to strengthen its Wilmington office, and I look forward to playing an integral role in that process." Grant serves as the Administrative Vice-President of Congregation Beth Shalom. He has also been an advisor to AZA.

"I feel very fortunate to be joining Blank, Rome at this time," said



Jay Eisenhofer



Stuart Grant

Eisenhofer. "Blank, Rome's commitment to clients with matters in Delaware will enhance the firm's litigation and corporate practices on a regional and national basis." Eisenhofer is a member of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*. He is also a member of the JCR and is active with ADL regionally.

Blank, Rome's Wilmington office is located at 1220 Market Street, 8th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801-2535.

Jewish Family Service Accredited

Jewish Family Service of Delaware (JFS) has just received a Certificate of Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, according to an announcement by Arnold Lieberman, Executive Director of JFS.

Arnold Lieberman explained to *The Jewish Voice* that the accreditation process is an objective measure of the quality of work JFS performs in this community. JFS has

received accreditation every four years since 1982. Procedurally JFS performs a self-study before outsiders examine the agency. Accreditation attests that an agency has met a set of nationally established requirements which help ensure quality service. "Accreditation provides assurance," says David Shover, Council Executive Director, "that the agency is performing services which the community needs, conducting its operations safely and effectively and managing its funds wisely." The procedure involves a detailed examination of the agency's operation, including personnel, safety and fiscal management.

The Council on Accreditation is an independent, non-profit, nationally recognized accreditor of mental health and social service agencies in the United States and Canada.

The Jewish Family Service is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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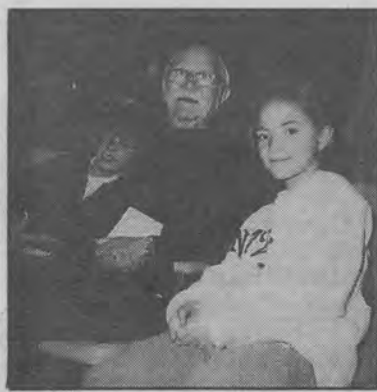
(Face to Face with JFD People)



The White Rose Screens Jan. 15

The Jewish Cultural Arts Film Series will close on Sunday, January 15, 1995, with a showing of "The White Rose" at 3:00 p.m. This film was based on a true series of events that occurred at a University in Munich, Germany, in the spring of 1942, when a group of students and their philosophy professor attempted to undermine the Nazi war effort by publishing and distributing bulletins which encouraged the German people to sabotage the Nazi war effort. They did not survive the war. Their heroic stand challenges the idea that there were no opportunities for the German people to question or resist the Nazi regime. "If a wave of revolt rolls across the country, if it is in the air, if people join in, then in one last effort the system can be shaken off", were the words in the last bulletin.

"The White Rose" is approximately one hour and 50 minutes in length and will be shown in color. It is recommended for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$2.00 per person and tickets are available at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Elana Caplan and Jamie Jacobs, both of AEA, visit with Kutz Home resident.



Swim Classes At JCC

New morning swim classes are going to be offered at the JCC beginning January 11, 1995. These classes will include a parent and tot class, floaters and beginner swim instruction. The swim classes will be held on Wednesday mornings. For registration information, please call the JCC Fitness Center Control Desk at (302) 478-5660.

JCC's Berger Attends Seminar

Staci Berger, JCC Children's Center Program Coordinator, attended a three-day conference in Atlanta, Georgia for the National Association for the Education of Young Children in November.

Over 30,000 early childhood administrators and educators came together from the United States, Canada, London and Germany to participate in various workshops related to early childhood careers, education and development. Berger attended seminars pertaining to staff recruitment, training and development as well as workshops directly related to curriculum in early childhood. Berger will be presenting vari-



Albert Einstein Academy's Andrew Balick visiting a Kutz Home resident.

ous educational workshops to the JCC Children's Center staff relating to the topics covered at the NAEYC conference. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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Class To Teach Coping With Overeating

For many people, this is the ultimate dream:

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It sounds wonderful. But the problem is, it's a fairy tale invented by shrewd marketing experts for clothing designers, diet programs and weight-loss products. While losing weight usually results in a better self-image, people who diet successfully sometimes find that problems from their heavier days hang on even after they've reached their goal weight.

Not measuring up to model standards is ego-wrenching enough to make many people want to starve or, ironically, swamp their feelings in food. Eating food can numb our feelings, but it is a situation where our best friend can become our worst enemy. Television images aside, sometimes it is hard enough to face yourself — the regrets, frustrations and grief. Again, a full stomach staves off those sensations for awhile.

When we are anxious and tense, we often eat because it gives us a momentary, trance-like enjoyment. Then we begin to feel full, and feelings of disgust overtake us. Then we

get on a scale, exclaim that we are "bad," and go on a diet for a week. Then, we might overeat again. It is a frustrating cycle.

Jewish Family Service of Delaware (JFS) is offering a five week course called "Eating Feelings: Weight and Worth." While the course isn't a diet program, most people will never be successful with a weight-reduction campaign until they discover why they crave food. This course is designed to raise issues and stop people from the binge-deprivation cycle. Attending this course will help you discover the purpose that food serves in your life, explore the origins of your attitude towards food, learn to nourish yourself in non-destructive ways through developing awareness of your feelings, develop trust in your ability to care for and appreciate yourself, and help family members and others understand and support you.

"Eating Feelings: Weight and Worth" will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning on January 17, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. The cost for the five week program is \$75. Tuition assistance is available. For location and to register, contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411. Seating is limited. Registration deadline is January 12, 1995. The Jewish Family Service is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

deliberations that will strengthen the ties between Israel and American Jewry."

Cardin spoke in Delaware this fall at the Dinner of Commitment,

Cardin On Continuity Committee

NEW YORK, NY — Israeli President Ezer Weizman has invited Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of United Israel Appeal, Inc., to serve on a special ad hoc committee being formed to study the issues of Jewish continuity and Israel-Diaspora relations. The committee, to be headed by Weizman, will be comprised of representatives from Israel and various diaspora countries.

According to Weizman, the committee will continue the discussions begun during the well-publicized Dialogue on Israel-Diaspora Relations that Weizman convened this past June in Jerusalem. In his letter to Cardin, Weizman explained that he regards the June Dialogue as "an important attempt at defining our relations in a changing world and at working out a new agenda for Jewish life in Israel and the diaspora" and that the ad hoc committee should serve as "a vehicle for attempting to define the problems and suggesting solutions applicable to the different communities."

In accepting the appointment, Cardin said, "I am honored to accept President Weizman's invitation to be involved in this important and timely process. As the representative of UIA, the organization that links the American federation system to the Jewish Agency, it is particularly meaningful to me to be involved in

Bronfman Youth Fellowship Applications Available

ALBANY, N.Y. - Applications are now available for the 1995 Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel.

The Fellowships offer an opportunity for 26 students entering the twelfth grade to spend five weeks in Israel this summer. Fellows will be chosen on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. In the competitive selection process, merit, not financial need, is the standard for selection.

While living in Jerusalem, the Bronfman Fellows participate in seminars and dialogues with a diverse rabbinic faculty, representing a wide range of Jewish perspectives. They explore Jewish text against the background of Israel's land, culture and customs. In addition, Fellows will meet with some of Israel's prominent political and literary figures to examine contemporary issues in light of Jewish history and tradition.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel is a program of The Samuel Bronfman Foundation, Inc., of which Edgar M. Bronfman is Chairman.

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships program begins on July 10, 1995 with a 2-day seminar in New York City. The students return from Israel in August 16, 1995. All meals will be kosher, and Sabbath activities will be in the spirit of the day. All expenses are covered by the program, including round-trip international transportation, room and board,

travel in Israel and incidentals.

High school students in the United States and Canada who will be in twelfth grade in the fall of 1995 may obtain Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, 17 Wilbur Street, Albany, N.Y., 12202, or by calling 518-465-6575.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1995. Finalists will be notified March 5th and finalist interviews will be held during the week of March 27th. Names of the 1995 Fellowship recipients will be announced on April 7.

Federations Asked To Finance Hillel

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — Tammy Schachet-Briskin transformed a Hofstra University dance studio into a stage for Jewish identity.

Schachet-Briskin is a "continuity fellow" at Hofstra Hillel, an outreach worker whose job it is to meet students and find ways to involve them in Jewish life.

For a group of dance majors that Schachet-Briskin met, the way was a dance piece expressing what Judaism meant to them.

Schachet-Briskin doubts any of the troupe would have gotten involved in other Hillel activities. "Dance is their priority." Now, the project has generated "pride and excitement that they can take something they love and combine it with who they are," she said.

Jewish identity has become a priority for Hillels around the country, as they pick up on communal concerns over assimilation and intermarriage.

But making Jews is more time-consuming and staff-intensive than making kosher meals and Shabbat services. And now, after more than 25 years of talking about problems of Jewish life on campus, federations are being asked to pay up — or shut up.

This month, they are examining a proposal to double their allocations to college campuses from \$10 mil-

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The Art of Tzedakah: Stuck on Three?

Many people have heard of the eight steps of tzedakah outlined by Maimonides 800 years ago, yet I suspect most could not identify the various steps or know where they stand on the tzedakah-ladder. Of course, we all know the highest rung, neatly summarized as "teach a person to fish." Here are the others:

1. The lowest rung belongs to the person who gives too little and gives it reluctantly.
2. The person who gives too little, but gives it graciously.
3. The person who gives enough, but only after being asked.
4. The person who gives an appropriate amount before being asked.
5. The person who gives appropriately and the donor does not know the recipient.
6. The person who gives appropriately and the recipient does not know the donor.
7. The person who gives appropriately without knowing the recipient or being known by the recipient.
8. The person who helps another become self-sufficient through a loan, partnership or a job, so that charity is no longer needed.

It seems that most of us get stuck on three, waiting to be asked, but then coming through when a crisis arises. Super Sunday was created with this very premise: if we call up and ask, people will contribute. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone in the community made it to step four? We should all open our checkbook without being asked, giving voluntarily and graciously assessing our capacity gift to add it to the communal kitty.

We can be proud that our 1995 COMMUNITY Campaign reaches the highest rungs on Maimonides' tzedakah ladder. As required by step seven, our communal fund is managed by trustworthy and efficient trustees who act as intermediaries between those who contribute and those who receive. The projects supported by the United Jewish Appeal provide critical resources locally and around the world to help others become self-sufficient. We reach the highest level of giving every time we contribute to the COMMUNITY Campaign!

Sixty years ago the first Jewish communal welfare fund drive was organized in Delaware. It is remarkable that such a venture began in 1935, in the midst of the Depression. How did the leaders of the community have the audacity to ask people to dig deeper and ante up when everyone was living on the edge? They did it because the community required it; that's true leadership.

If it could be done in 1935, it certainly can be done now. Working together, we can meet the needs of our community. Let's get unstuck and climb that ladder to the \$2 million goal set by our leaders!

By RABBI MARLA J. FELDMAN

Steinsaltz

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world view will be shaped by the surrounding majority culture, and that we will never even realize that we have lost our identity? Incidentally, in the three hours of study with Steinsaltz, we covered only five lines!

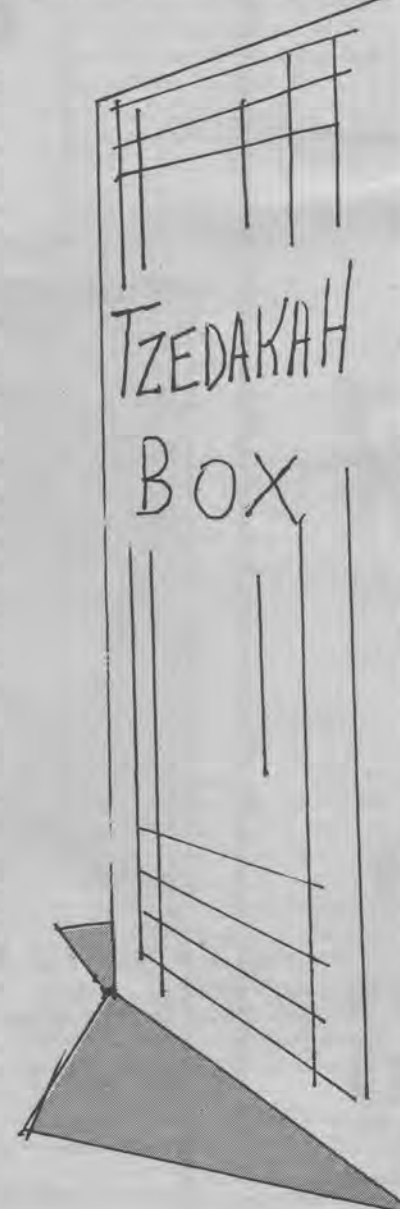
My appreciation for the סוגיה was, incidentally, strengthened, when, in a remarkable coincidence (?), I was looking up, after the conference, a word, להקניט, in a Hebrew dictionary, and came upon a sentence illustrating the use of that word,

כל המקניט את חברו
אפילו בדברים צריך לפיסו

"Anyone who vexes his friend, even by words, must soothe him."

It was an extraordinary two days, a video was made of the entire Talmud study session, and interested parties may thus have an opportunity to see for themselves.

Many rabbis participated including Alan Silberstein, chair of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Judith Abrams, author of *The Talmud for Beginners*, Vol. 1.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Entries are preferred on 3 1/2" floppy disk or via E-mail. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person.

DECEMBER

Sunday 25

National Museum of American Jewish History "Being Jewish at Christmas", noon to 4 p.m. A day's worth of entertainment that has become a Museum tradition. Music by Sally Mitlas and the Sally Mitlas Ensemble, a unique group that specializes in Jewish and American music, and storytelling by Bernice Sherman, Philadelphia's "Alphabet Lady," who tells tales for children of all ages. \$2 per person (children 6 and under admitted free). Call NMAJH at (215) 923-5978.

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Federations Finance Hillel

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lion to \$20 million annually. The proposal, which was released at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, will be voted on by the CJF Board of Delegates on Jan. 31.

A CJF report issued early this year declared the campus "a key gateway opportunity for strengthening Jewish identity."

And it stressed the need for Schachtel-Briskin's sort of work in "creating Jewish pride" through welcoming "entry points to Jewish involvement."

The report estimated that such programs could reach some 60 percent of the Jewish student body otherwise untouched by traditional Hillel activities.

This shift in Hillel's orientation comes as the decades-old system in which B'nai B'rith took Hillel under its wings has changed.

B'nai B'rith in recent years has decreased its contributions to national Hillel by almost \$2 million, or 50 percent. Hillel has now struck off independently from B'nai B'rith, reconstituting itself as "Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life," an independent organization now finding a place within the federation system.

Hillel's newly independent status enabled CJF to propose the new funding plan. It also means that Hillel will be free to raise additional funds on its own.

Besides the federation money, another \$15 million comes to campus services from other sources, including local Hillel fund-raising. Hillel hopes to double that amount, as well.

Federations are not only being asked to pay more, but also to re-think the way they approach the campus.

Traditionally, federations have viewed campus life as a local issue.

They looked after campuses in their own backyard, and sent a small amount of money to national Hillel to help out campuses without local federations. The CJF plan replaces this patchwork system with precise dollar targets for each local federa-

Sunday 8

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Dr. Andrew Weinstein, M.D., Christiana Medical Center. Topic: "Allergies, Asthma and the Family". The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

Sunday 15

Film "The White Rose" J.C.C. 3:00 p.m. \$2 for film. Part of the J.C.C. Cultural Arts Festival.

A.K.S.E. Family Spaghetti Dinner and Concert featuring Cindy Goldstein vocalist, and Bob Weiner and the Rittenhouse Square Barber-shop Quartet. \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (12 & under). For ticket information, contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705. Snow Date: Sunday, February 5, 1995.

Tuesday 17

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Restaurant Sampler at Ruby Tuesday's. We will

be dining at one of Wilmington's newest night spots, Ruby Tuesday's in the Concord Mall. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Call Marty Rosenthal at (302) 324-0269 [h] for details.

Saturday 21

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Philadelphia Bar Trip. Drinks & Dancing Join us for our triumphant return to the Phila-

Words & Music :

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Haydn's *Surprise* Symphony and Dvorak's *Cello Concerto*, featuring German cellist *Maria Kliegel*.

The Delaware Theatre Company presents the world premiere of *Open Charge*, conceived by Richard Thomsen, on Wednesday, January 11.

The author, who has previously appeared here as an actor and director, says that he discovered the idea for this play in an inconspicuous article buried deep inside a Michigan newspaper. *Open Charge* is part murder mystery, part legal suspense tale and part love story. Thomsen says that he thinks "you will be surprised at how mysterious are the ways of the human heart and spirit" as revealed in this play.

George Bernard Shaw's *Misalliance* has been revived in a new production at the Peoples Light & Theatre Company, up the road in Malvern, until January 8.

Misalliance has all the sharp wit for which Shaw was famous, and more passion that Shaw usually revealed. Director Abigail Adams says that she chose the play because of its emphasis on family and love: "It's so full of smarts and humor." The cast is an exceptionally strong one.

Jelly's Last Jam, starring Maurice Hines, will be playing at the Meriam in Philadelphia January 3 to 8. The same production will be back in the Delaware Valley at the Playhouse in Wilmington this Spring.

This is the first national touring company of the 1992 Broadway musical that originally starred Maurice's brother Gregory Hines. Co-starring will be singer Freda Payne and Savion Glover, who will reprise the role of young Jelly which he originated on Broadway. It sounds like a higher-calibre cast than we normally see in a touring production.

Mame, with music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, is in the middle of a beautifully-staged revival at the Walnut Street Theatre. It runs through January 8. Karen Edissi, Lisa McMillan, Daniel Mufson and Richard Roland have lead roles in this production. Their names may not be in a class with Angela Lansbury or such, but their performances are fine and the show is lots of fun.

Casual playgoers who know "If He Walked Into My Life" as a torch song about a lost lover will be surprised when they hear the song in this show. They may have forgotten that Herman wrote it as *Mame's* lament about the young boy she raised, as he matures and leaves her.

Lamb Chop On Broadway is the name of Shari Lewis's new entertain-

ment that just opened on Broadway. The talented and hard-working Lewis deserves whatever success this run on the Great White Way can bring her. She's been entertaining kids since the 1950's with educational and enriching music and humor.

Friday 27

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Synagogue Drop-In. Join us for dinner & services.

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ment that just opened on Broadway. The talented and hard-working Lewis deserves whatever success this run on the Great White Way can bring her. She's been entertaining kids since the 1950's with educational and enriching music and humor.

Just last month she brought her one-woman (and three puppet) review to Valley Forge Music Fair, and pleased not only the kids but also the parents and grandparents in the audiences. Lewis has the ability to amuse adults with subtle asides, while never talking down to the children. She was born Shari Hurwitz in

Call Merrilee Wolf at (302) 477-1302 for directions and details.

Sunday 29

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Open to all congregants. State Representative Dave Ennis. Topic: Community Revitalization.

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE MARKOWITZ, 83 of 3310 Society Drive, President Towers, Clayton, died December 18 of heart failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Markowitz owned Dunkirk Liquor store, Kirkwood Highway, for 16 years until he retired in 1976.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

His wife, Ann Markowitz, died in 1989. He is survived by a son, Martin A. of Northcrest, Brandywine Hundred; a brother, Ben of Wilmington, and two grandsons.

A graveside service was Monday in the Montefiore section of Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

DOROTHY REISSMAN, 95, of 8833 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia, died December 13 in Integrated Health Care Center, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Reissman was a homemaker.

Her husband, Nathan Reissman, died in 1965. She is survived by two children, Jay and Ida Joy Reissman, both of King of Prussia; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to charity.

LISA RUDNICK - On December 18, 1994, Lisa Rudnick died. She was the wife of the late Joseph, mother of Miriam Fakforow, Bernard Rudnick, sister of Frank Fradkin & Loon Fradkin, also survived by 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Geriatric

Home, 3025 W. Chapel Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ.

IDA RUTH SUGERMAN, 88, who moved to Kutz Home in Fox Point in 1977 from 800 W. 21st St. in Wilmington, died December 14 in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Sugerman, a homemaker, was a member of the Sisterhood at her Wilmington synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, and the local chapters of Hadassah, Mizrahi Women and Pioneer Women.

Her husband, Wolf L. Sugerman, died in 1949. She is survived by three daughters, Rae Bellman of Atlanta, Lillian L. Sugerman of Philadelphia and Sally T. Sugerman of Wilmington, two grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

The family suggests contributions to Mary Campbell Center, Wilmington.

ESTHER WORTMAN, 85 of the Kutz Home, Fox Point, died Saturday, December 17 at St. Francis Hospital.

In 1913, Mrs. Wortman emigrated with her mother from near Kiev, Ukraine, to join her father in Chicago. She was a secretary in Chicago until retiring to near Bradenton, Fla., in the early 1970s. After the 1982 death of her husband, Irving Wortman, she returned to Chicago. Last year, she moved to Kutz Home to be near her son and daughter-in-law, Rabbi David and Judy W. Wortman.

She is also survived by a daughter,

Linda Wortman of New York City; a brother, David Rose, and two sisters, Sara Uditsky and Lea Roynne, all of Chicago, and four grandchildren.

The grandchildren are Noah Wortman, Shoshana Wortman, Mira Wasserman and Ari Wasserman. Shiva will be held at the Wilmington home of Mrs. Wortman's son through Saturday, December 24. Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

The family suggests contributions to the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia.

AKSE Adult Ed

The Adult Education Department of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth announces its course offerings for 1995. All courses are open to the community. Advance registration would be appreciated with the synagogue office, Washington Blvd. & Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802; Phone: 762-2705.

Weekly study sessions include: Talmud class; Mondays, 7 p.m.; Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz and weekly Torah portion; Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Rabbi Sanford Dresin.

On Wednesday evenings from Jan. 4 to Feb. 22 at 7:30-8:30 p.m. the Yiddish 101 class will be held. There is a limit of 15 students. Fee is \$18 and the teacher is Ruth Goodman.

Rabbi David and Judy Wortman would like to express their gratitude to the members of the Jewish community of Delaware for their incredible support during the mourning period for Esther Wortman, Rabbi Wortman's beloved mother.

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Exhibit

The University of Delaware's University Gallery will open its winter season on Monday, Jan. 2, with two exhibitions: "Alan E. Cober: The Artist as Visual Journalist" and "The Blues in Black and White: Photographs of American Blues Artists by David D. Spitzer." Both exhibitions will be on view through Feb. 28.

The University Gallery is located on the second floor of Old College at the corner of Main Street and North College Avenue in downtown Newark. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and from 1-5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

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Bell Rings False

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As noted, there is a long history in our country of books and articles portraying Blacks as genetically inferior in intelligence. For most of our history, these works received legitimacy from an intellectual climate dominated by White racism. With the rise of the Civil Rights movement, however, such racial approaches fell into disrepute. When in the 1970's, people such as Arthur Jensen and William Shockley authored modern versions of the old racial inferiority hypothesis, they were met with widespread rejection.

Unfortunately, recent trends within the Civil Rights movement ironically, give greater credibility to a book like *The Bell Curve*. A new respectability has emerged for thinking in terms of groups, rather than individual rights, this time coming from some within the Black community. It manifests itself in a focus on quotas, race-based redistricting, and extreme forms of multiculturalism. Moving

away from Martin Luther King's focus on judging people "by content of one's character rather than the color of one's skin," the group became all. And so when Murray and Herrnstein chose to resurrect the concept of race and intelligence, they could be emboldened by this new legitimacy for thinking it group terms, coming from those who should have an interest in weakening this thrust that has been so destructive to Black life in America.

If any good can come from the publication of and attention to a book propounding racist theories, it is to remind all of us of the moral and practical power of the message of equality and dignity of Martin Luther King.

David H. Strassler is national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League

Adult Ed

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From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. a course called The Holiday Cycle offers hands-on preparation of holiday foods under the leadership of our kosher gourmet chefs and discussion about the holidays with emphasis on making the holidays living for children.

Holiday cycle classes will be held in homes. There is a limit of 15 participants. The fee is \$10 and advance registration is required.



Betty Kane, National Vice Chairman, UJA, will speak at The Lion of Judah Luncheon on Wednesday, January 11, 1995. The luncheon is from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and is one of the events of the community's "Live Jewish" 1995 Campaign. Besides being a member of the UJA National Women's Campaign Board and its Portfolio Committee, Mrs. Kane is also a communications consultant who coaches executives and professionals in media and presentation skills. The luncheon will be at Brantwyn, 600 Rockland Road and is open to all Lion of Judah members.



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not do.

In her remarks December 7th remarks on women's rights, as seen in "Roe vs. Wade: Then and Now," Justice Berger synthesized the history-making U.S. Supreme Court decision, handed down in January, 1973, which defined women's rights to abortions. In essence, the court placed no restrictions on a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy until the end of the first trimester. Second trimester pregnancies could only be terminated to preserve or protect maternal health, and third trimester pregnancies (involving a "viable fetus") could be regulated.

The decision did not resolve questions of "how much" or "what kind" of strict scrutiny or control of abortion a state could exercise to protect a "compelling state interest." It is in this area, explained Justice Berger, that suits continue to be brought as states attempt to control and regulate abortion. Questions about statutes about spousal notification before the termination of a pregnancy, about parental consent for minors, about 24-hour waiting periods, about public funding for abortions and about determining the viability of a fetus continue to be challenged in court.

Despite these challenges, believes Justice Berger, the essential holding - of a woman's constitutional right to choose a legal abortion - is still true in 1994. Further, believes Justice Berger, the court's strength, as opposed to that of a legislative body, is that once a decision has been rendered, once the court has laid down a principle, it will not deviate.

The 190-member Brandywine Chapter-At-Large not only raise funds for its programs, but participates in community events, such as Storytime at the Concord Pike Library (in honor of Jewish Book Month), ORT Shabbat services at

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