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### About the Cover

Judith Schwab holds an M.F.A from the University of Delaware. She is an independant artist and art educator who creates contemporary works on paper and sculpture in wood and fiberglass. Her works are in private and corporate collections. She is a recipient of two Delaware State Arts Council Individual Artists fellowships. Her work has been shown nationally and internationally. She has frequently illustrated covers for The Jewish Voice. Judith Schwab explained the process for creating "The blossoming of a new year:"

During the spring of '97 I did a pencil study of a dried blossom and had it transfered through a photographic computer process onto a silk screen. The lines of my drawing now had open areas on the silk through which ink could be pushed onto a paper. The single flower image was repeated in several different places and colors on the same sheet allowing drying time in between each printing. This created a one-of-a-kind mono-type image. The artwork for the cover of The Jewish Voice began with one of these prints done on white paper. It was enhanced with pastels.

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EDITORIAL

Status Quo Sinks

Secretary of State Madelaine Albright, after her recent visit to the Middle East, said she would not return "to tread water."

With Rosh Hashanah just a week away and with the energy associated with the month of Elul in the air, many Jews are making a concerted effort at learning Torah, coming closer to G-d, and loving and respecting all Jews.

water of spiritual or communal goals.

The miracle of the State of Israel will enter its 50th year soon. During the time of the Temple, a Jubilee year was observed. The concept still exists today. Every 50 years, all Jews would spend one year focusing on the things that really matter.

There is no such thing as status quo in Judaism. Just as passive Judaism can lead to assimilation, so too an endeavor for peace that is not moving forward will stagnate and most likely fail.

It is our hope that we will see the triumph of peace in Eretz Yisrael. On behalf of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee, Business Committee, and staff, we hope that 5758 will be a year of peace, fulfillment, good health, and success for you and your families and for our brothers and sisters in Israel and all corners of the world.

VOICE MAIL

Forward Thinking

To the Editor:

I see in the Forward of September 19, 1997, remarks by Barry Shrage, President of Boston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies, of the need to foster "universal adult Jewish literacy."

"None of the learning for children can work out without finding an additional mechanism to change the minds of the parents." Also in the same issue, Hillel, the Foundation for

Jewish Campus Life, "plans to strengthen its commitment to serious Jewishness and Jewish knowledge," and will soon announce a major gift and the addition of professional staff to support that plan."

Are these signs that our community is finally beginning to acknowledge the centrality of adult Jewish learning?

Sincerely, Dov Seidel Newark

Rosh HaShanah Message

On the Occasion of Rosh HaShana 5758/1997:

The coming year is special for us. It marks the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel. A hundred years ago the founder of modern Zionism, Theodor Herzl, dreamt an impossible dream. He predicted the establishment of a thriving Jewish state in the Land of Israel.

His sense of history was extraordinary and his vision uncanny. But I think even he would have been pleasantly surprised by the achievements of this state.

Today almost half the Jews in the world live in Israel. We are a regional power with a strong economy and a proven ability to defend ourselves.

Our standard of living and level of productivity are comparable to those of leading European states. In the sciences and the arts we are among the leading nations of the world.

We have made significant strides towards deregulating, demonopolizing, liberalizing and privatizing the Israeli economy.

We are the world's capital in Jewish studies, and we are putting special stress on education programs which aim to preserve our values and the feeling of Jewish oneness both in Israel and the diaspora.

We have signed peace treaties with two of

our neighboring states, and we are in the midst of a peace process with the Palestinians.

I have no doubt that in the near future we will achieve peace with security for our country. And I hope that with the help of the democracies we will also be able to remove the dangers to world peace posed by the predatory regimes in the region.

But there is more to our security than the physical safety we must have. Security also means the preservation of Jewish unity, the nurturing of the bond which ties Jews everywhere. Israel's power is not limited to what we have here. It is the power of a people who may live in all the corners of the globe, but whose heart is with us in Israel.

We have good reason to be proud of our achievements. But we must not forget that the realization of the Zionist dream — the ingathering of the Jewish people in the land of Israel — is not yet complete. Our goal for the next decade must be to have a majority of the Jewish people living in Israel.

The challenges we face are still formidable. To meet them, we must be united in purpose, strong in resolve and unbending in faith.

I wish you all a good new year, a year of peace, security, health and happiness.

Sincerely, Benjamin Netanyahu

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UJA/Campaign Ignition. Volunteer solicitors will start their engines to begin the 1998 UJA/Federation Campaign on October 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room of the Community Services building, 100 W. 10th St., in Wilmington. The following is a schedule of campaign events: Chai Dinner with Michael Medved, November 2, 1997; Lion of Judah Dinner, December 11, 1997; Super Sunday phone-a-thon, January 18, 1998; Federation Shabbat and study session, January 30-31, 1997; Community Wide Event, March 29, 1998. At home, in Israel and in 60 countries around the world, no gift touches more lives.

OPINION

# The Hebrew Language Saved My Parents' Lives

by MOSHE AVERBACH

Translated by Dou Seidel  
(From the Hebrew monthly, Lamishpacha, 35, 1 Jan., 97)

I was born in Vienna on the 7th of Nisan, 1924. My parents were Hebrew teachers, born in Galitsia, and the two of them were from families of rabbis from several generations.

My father, R. Yosef-Yitschak, son of R. Maier-Shlomo, studied in a cheder, and in a yeshiva, and afterward traveled to Chirnovitz, in Romania, and there studied German and bookkeeping.

When World War I broke out, the Russians invaded Galitsia, and my father fled to Hungary; there, a wealthy Jew hired him to be a m'lamed (teacher) for his son. After a year, my father was drafted into the Austrian army, and was sent to the vicinity of Vienna. When the war ended, my father settled in Vienna.

My mother, Rachel bat R. Maier-Yitzchak haLevi, studied in the Baron Hirsh School, and was one of the most outstanding students, especially in language study. Even as a young girl, she learned to speak and write in four languages (in addition to Yiddish, which was her mother tongue). By the time she was eight, my mother had already begun to teach, by herself, boys and girls two years younger than she. She sent the money she earned to her father in order to help with the family finances. She was a Hebrew teacher until she was eighty, and only in the final three years of her life was she unable to continue to teach.

When World War I broke out, and the Russians invaded Galitsia, my mother's family, together with thousands of other Jews, fled to Vienna. She participated in the founding of schools and courses in Vienna for the study of the Hebrew language.

My parents gave me an outstanding Hebrew education. My father used to teach me about two hours a day, principally Chumash, Rashi, and Gemara, but also Prophets and Shulchan Aruch. Since I was an only child, my father could concentrate all his efforts on me.

The language of conversation in my parents' house was mainly Hebrew. My mother spoke to me frequently in Hebrew, and thanks to her, my mother tongue was Hebrew. But between them, my parents used a mixture of Yiddish and German. Hebrew was always my favorite language; Yiddish served me as a language of humor and jokes.

I studied for four years in a Hebrew high school named after Rabbi Tzvi Peretz Chayoot, the most famous head Rabbi in Vienna. I loved the high school, and I felt there as if I were among my people. Almost all the students were Zionists, and most of the political streams were represented in the school: the Revisionists and the Mizrachi on the right, to Workers of Zion and Socialists on the left. The principal of the high school, Dr. Leon Kelner, was a distinguished educator.

I was always religious and observant of mitzvot, but almost all my friends were secular; this didn't bother anyone. The social

separation between religious and secular, which exists in Israel today, did not exist in Vienna in the 20s and 30s.

In March of 1938, the Germans invaded Austria. Vienna, which was the principal center of Austrian Judaism, and had the second largest Jewish community in all Europe (after Warsaw), changed overnight into a hell for the Jews. The Nazi Eichmann began to purify Vienna from Jews even before the cities in Germany, and many Jews left Vienna and went to Eretz Yisrael, to the United States, to England and to other countries.

But there were also assimilated Austrian Jews who tried to wait until "the storm will blow over." My mother asked one rich woman when she intended to leave Vienna. "I am traveling on the last train," said the woman, who loved Vienna very much. But "the last train" traveled to Auschwitz.

I felt, more and more, that the ground was burning under our feet. I decided to leave Austria, even though it was difficult for me to separate from my parents. I knew that I would be able to leave them, only after I would leave the state of the Nazis, so I enrolled in Youth Aliyah.

The days after "Kristallnacht" were very difficult. In many grocery stores, they didn't want to sell to Jews. There were days in which I ate only dry bread and cabbage. In a photograph from those days, I look thin, as if I left a concentration camp. About two weeks after Kristallnacht, my father received an order to come to the police. There he was arrested and sent to jail.

During this time, they began to organize

transportation of youth to Holland, Denmark, and especially to England. At the close of Shabbat, the tenth of December, 1938, I separated from my mother and boarded a train with 600 other young people; 200 of them were sent to Holland, and the remainder to England.

When we passed the border between Germany and Holland, we felt as if a heavy stone had been lifted from our heart, and we sang Hatikvah. At the first station in Holland, newspaper photographers were waiting for us, and also waiting were Jews from Holland; they brought us hot cocoa. We felt the wonderful taste of love of brothers, and of freedom from jail.

Finally, I arrived with 50 other young religious Jews in the city of Leeds, which is in the north of England. We lived in a refugee home, and in addition to all our material needs, we also had teachers.

My principal worry was how to help my parents to leave Nazi territory. I especially wanted to bring out my father, who was freed from prison, but with the condition that he leave Germany immediately. My father had neither passport nor visa, and he knew that the police were following him. He was forced to hide in the apartment of a relative in Vienna.

It was this, the knowledge of the Hebrew language, that my parents bestowed on me, that in the end saved them from the Nazi hell.

When I arrived in Leeds, I didn't know anyone. Several days after we arrived there, I entered the Jewish refugee home provided by Benjamin Rivlin. Rivlin asked if there is anyone among us who speaks Hebrew. I was the only who knew how to speak Hebrew, and he immediately began to converse with me, and invited me to visit him at his home. Every visit to Mr. Rivlin's home was like a holiday for me. He was born in Jerusalem, and his Hebrew was a work of art; I swallowed his words, which were no less sweet to my palate than the cakes and English tea that his wife gave me.

About a week after we met, Mr. Rivlin asked me if it were possible to do something for me. I answered that I wasn't in need of anything, but that I would be extremely grateful if they could rescue my parents, and bring them to England.

Mr. Rivlin introduced me to two well-educated men: Mr. Adler and Mr. Miller. They were knowledgeable in Hebrew literature, beginning with Tanach, and ending with Ehad HaAm and Bialik. After we conversed, they were convinced that in fact I did know Hebrew. Since they had already heard from Mr. Rivlin that I learned Hebrew from my father and mother, they decided to bring my parents to England and to employ them in the teaching of Hebrew.

Three weeks passed until all the arrangements were made, and in April 1939, my parents arrived in England. That day, in which I saw my parents in the train station in Leeds, was the happiest day in my life. The Hebrew language, which they taught me, saved their lives, and saved me from orphanhood.

In 1940, I left the refugee home, and moved in with my parents. I devoted most of my time to my school studies, and then to studies in Leeds University. The Hebrew language also bestowed on me my academic career.

After several decades, the Hebrew language also set the academic direction of two of my children. But that is another story...

(Dr. Moshe Averbach was for many years Professor of Literature and History in the Baltimore Hebrew University. After he retired from his work, he made aliyah to Israel, and now he lives in Jerusalem.)

(Dou Seidel, a former chair of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee, writes and translates for The Jewish Voice.)

## That Old Time Religion

By GARY ROSENBLATT

The more conferences, forums, dialogues and plenaries I attend on the future of American Jewry, the more I am convinced that Jewish life as we know it will continue to decline without a renewed emphasis on Judaism, as in religion.

That's a tough pill for many American Jews to swallow, I know. Most of us define our Jewishness as sharing a common history, and perhaps destiny, rather than in religious terms of sharing a faith and a text — the Torah — and keeping covenantal obligations to be a holy people. We're uncomfortable talking in the language of "choseness" in a culture that emphasizes ethnic, racial and gender equality.

In truth, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Jews to maintain their distinct identity in a society that places so much value on blending with the masses, and the question is: Why bother?

Many Jews are choosing not to, and that's why we have all these conferences on the prospects of our survival in the next century. The reports can be depressing.

Exhibit A: The ties of ethnicity that once held us together are becoming increasingly tenuous, according to Professor Charles Liebman, professor of political studies at Bar-Ilan University in Israel. Speaking this past week at a conference here on the Jewish future in America, sponsored by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Liebman

asserted that "American Jews no longer cherish their ethnic ties."

Citing a shift of emphasis from the communal to the personal, he said that Jewish organizations are aging rapidly and facing financial difficulties. Slogans like "We Are One" are on the decline, as are fund-raising activities like Super Sunday. Instead, he said, we find increasing emphasis on spirituality and self-realization rather than the collectivity of Israel and Jewish peoplehood.

"Spirituality isn't the answer to the Jewish problem," said Liebman, "it is the problem." He explained that spirituality suggests a personal quest while the command to be a holy people signifies Judaism's empha-

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(Face to Face with JFD People)



## Remembering Priorities

*(Editor's Note: This piece ran as the September 12 editorial of The Jewish Week).*

The unity of the Jewish community, always a delicate matter, is in particular jeopardy these days as debates intensify over religious freedom in Israel and the role American Jewry should play regarding such issues.

Controversy over conversion legislation in the Knesset that would legalize the status quo - allowing only Orthodox rabbis to officiate at conversions in Israel - has sparked much anger among Conservative

and Reform Jews in this country. That anger has increased in the wake of scenes of Reform and Conservative Jews being removed from their recent efforts to pray at the Western Wall in an egalitarian service.

What will happen the next time such a service is attempted, perhaps during the High Holy Day season? That has been a major concern for the central Jewish fund-raising establishment, whose leaders fear that Reform and Conservative rabbis will express their outrage during Rosh

HaShanah and Yom Kippur sermons, perhaps urging congregants to withhold funds from the United Jewish Appeal and local federations in protest.

While the national UJA campaign will finish \$15 to 20 million ahead of last year - an increase of more than 2 percent - there were strong indications that the figure would have been closer to \$40 million were it not for the controversy over religious pluralism. The missing \$20 million did not go to the religious movements themselves, it simply was withheld from Jewish charities. That is more than a shame, given the human needs that these dollars address. That is why it is so important for rabbis to remind their congregants of the good works performed by UJA and federations, and not to undercut the vitality of the annual campaign.

Fortunately an arrangement has been reached whereby the UJA and federations will help the three religious streams raise up to \$10 million each for their movements' programs and projects in Israel, over and above annual campaign donations. In this way, Jews in need here, in Israel, and around the world would not suffer because of our interdenominational differences and our central fund-raising system will remain a unifying force rather than a battleground for religious wars.

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# JCRC Inaugurates Project on School Voucher Articles and Programs to Inform Community

By **LARRY HAMERMESH, DAVID MARGULES, MARK WAGMAN and DAN WEINTRAUB**

*Special to The Jewish Voice*

In Delaware's State legislature, other States' legislatures and in the Congress, recent years have seen proposals to provide funding, (usually called vouchers) to parents to be applied to private or public school education. This year the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), formerly the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), has begun a review of the policy position of the Jewish community with

respect to vouchers. Here in Delaware the Public Education Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JCRC) has begun an effort to inform our community about the facts, issues and arguments about education vouchers and related concerns.

The following policy summary appears in a recent Joint Program Plan of the organization now known as JCPA: "A majority of member agencies of the NJCRAC - although supportive of a vibrant system of Jewish education, and mindful of the continued problems

that plague the nation's public schools - oppose voucher programs that provide aid to parochial schools as both violative of the First Amendment's Establishment Clause and as undermining public education."

Dissenting voices have long disputed this analysis of both the constitutionality and educational effect of carefully drawn voucher legislation.

Is the JCPA articulated policy position consistent with the view of most Jews in Delaware? Those who have opposed voucher programs have argued among other things that support for a strong

separation of Church and State, as well as a strong public education system, has been good for Jews as well as American society. Those who have favored voucher programs have argued that they will improve education as a whole by increasing competition, provide educational choices and opportunities for the poor, and make it possible for more Jewish children to attend Jewish day schools. Many in both the pro-voucher and anti-voucher camps have argued that support for Jewish day schools is the best hope for Jewish continuity, a vibrant Jewish community and the possibility of a Jewish renaissance. At the same time a

strong public school system is widely valued as well.

Advocates on both sides say a nuanced understanding of the arguments and considerations concerning vouchers will enhance the quality of the debate here in Delaware for individuals and our community as a whole. The Public Education Task Force's efforts are aimed at providing the community with such a layered understanding of the voucher issue and to benefit from the timeliness of the nationwide effort led by JCPA.

The subtle complexity of these issues encompasses constitutional

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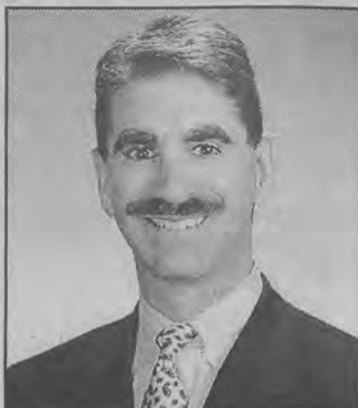
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First Day	Thursday, October 2	9:30 am
Second Day	Friday, October 3	9:30 am
Kol Nidre	Friday, October 10	7 pm
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 11	9:30 am

The Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

**Continuing Planning**



By **RICHARD WEINSTEIN**  
Compu-val Investments, Inc.

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to travel and try to put the grief behind her; that was not possible. Finally she became both mentally and physically exhausted.

That was when I got "The Call." The referral. At least 3 years too late.

Historically, men have been the key wage earners of the family. Historically, men have handled the household finances. Historically, men have predeceased their spouses. Although these issues may not be true for every family, for the most part these are all indisputable facts. And this is exactly what happened to Shelly. She had been totally disinterested in the family finances almost until it was too late.

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By SHARON FISHER, M.S.S.

In 1996 there were approximately 1500 divorces in the state of Delaware, many of which included families with children. Divorce is a time of intense emotions when parents feel overwhelmed, yet often children's needs are overlooked and they can become unintended victims of custody and visitation disputes. In recognition of these realities, in the past year Family Court has begun to require all Delaware parents going through a divorce or separation to attend a six-hour educational program designed to help parents understand the problems their children face as a result of their divorce or custody dispute.

In response to the need for educational programs for divorcing families, Jewish Family Service has become approved by Family Court to provide these services, and all of its social workers have been trained and certified to be divorce seminar leaders by Children of Separation and Divorce Center, Inc. in Columbia, Maryland. Jewish Family Service has already begun to offer educational programs for divorcing parents at the Jewish Community Center at 101 Garden of Eden Road starting in July 1997. Any interested parent can register for classes which will be held from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. on the following dates: October 8 and 15; November 6 and 13; December 11 and 17; January 14 and 21; February 11 and 18; March 11 and 18; April 8 and 15;

and May 13 and 20. Cost for the programs are based on a sliding scale fee according to participants' ability to pay.

Divorcing or separating parents who have attended Jewish Family Services' programs have found them to be extremely valuable in helping them to understand the impact of divorce on the family by learning about topics such as the phases of divorce adjustment, differences in the grief and loss process for children and adults, how to explain divorce to children, learning to control anger, positive co-parenting, and how developmental changes in children affect their reactions to the divorce. Emphasis is placed on identifying both the short and long-term needs of children during and after the divorce, sharing feelings with chil-

dren, and developing a constructive relationship with the child's other parent that avoids placing the child in the middle. It has been found that families who are able to put these principals into action cope more effectively and tend to avoid lengthy and costly litigation.

As an outcome of positive responses from parents to the program and an expressed desire for them to gain access to more support for themselves as they go through the divorce process, Jewish Family Service is now offering individual counseling for parents who wish to go beyond what can be covered in the six-hour seminar. For more information on the parent education programs as well as counseling services call Lauren Pokras at Jewish Family Service at (302) 478-9411.

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Amikam Hadar, an Israeli embassy guard, winces as he is brought by Jordanian soldiers to the hospital after he was attacked by gunmen in Amman, Sept. 22. Gunmen shot and wounded two employees from the Israeli embassy in the early morning ambush. (Reuters)

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Tens of Thousands to Celebrate Completion of Daily Talmud Study

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (JTA) — Manhattan's Madison Square Garden is about to be transformed.

Instead of being filled with boisterous sports fans or concert-going teen-agers, this Sunday the Garden will host some 26,000 Jews who have come to celebrate the fact that they have studied the entire Talmud — all 2,711 pages of it, one page a day.

The celebration is the 10th Daf Yomi Siyum HaShas — completion of the daily study of the Talmud — and is being organized by Agudath Israel of America, an organization that represents Orthodox Jews.

It takes seven and a half years to complete a cycle of a page-a-day study of the Talmud, which is a compilation of commentary and interpretation of the Torah.

Those at the Garden will be joined by another 18,000 people who are expected to fill the Nassau Coliseum, an arena in Uniondale, Long Island, that had to be rented after the Garden sold out within a month after tickets were made available in January.

In addition, more than 25,000 other Jews, in 33 locations ranging from Mexico City to Melbourne, Australia, from Los Angeles to Toronto, will be linked to the festivities by satellite television.

With a total of some 70,000 expected to participate, the three-and-a-half hour-long siyum will be "the largest number of people to celebrate Torah in modern times," according to Rabbi Shlomo Gertzulin, a vice president of Agudah and the celebration's technical coordinator.

The Agudah is taking significant security precautions because of concerns over potential anti-Semitic violence against such a large gathering of Jews.

New York City police will be blanketing the area and participants will be required to walk through a metal detector.

The budget for the event is about \$1.5 million, Gertzulin said. While most tickets were sold for \$18, some went for \$250 and individual and corporate sponsors were solicited as well.

About 6,000 women are expected to come to the Garden on Sunday. They will enter the arena through a separate entrance and sit in a separate section of seats, in the upper tiers, in accordance with the Orthodox practice of keeping men and women separate from each other at any religious gathering.

When studying the Talmud, sessions last between 45 and 90 minutes. Some classes meet as early as 5:30 a.m. and some as late as 10 p.m.

In the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, N.Y., for example, about 200 fathers of young children gather each night at 10 p.m. after their children are asleep.

The honor of reading the concluding words of the entire Talmud aloud is being given to Michel Silber, an Israel-based rabbi who may be the world's most promi-

nent Talmud study leader in his capacity as the voice of "Dial-A-Daf."

Dial-A-Daf is a Brooklyn-based computerized telephone and tape service accessed by an estimated 60,000 people each day who call local phone numbers in the United States, Canada and Israel or pop an audio cassette into a tape player to listen to a lesson on a page of Talmud in English, Yiddish or Hebrew.

In Boston, excitement about the Siyum is sparking the creation of three new daily Talmud study classes, bringing the total to five, according to Dr. Isaac Perle, a Brookline, Mass., dentist who is organizing about 1,000 people to fill a Boston University auditorium

Sunday to be connected by satellite to the main celebration in New York.

"Jews throughout the ages have held education and study as their primary focus in life," Perle said. "The fact that everyone is unified studying the same thing every day is a very powerful force."

The concept of Daf Yomi originated in 1923 with Rabbi Meir Shapiro, the Lubliner Rov who headed the Jewish community in that Polish city.

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# French President Visits Buchenwald

FRANKFURT, Sept. 22 (JTA) — French President Jacques Chirac has laid a wreath for Holocaust victims at the site of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Chirac made the trip while in Germany for a French-German summit recently.

The visit to Buchenwald was not the French president's first gesture toward the Jewish community. Shortly after taking office in 1995, he became the first French president to acknowledge his country's complicity in the persecution of French Jews during World War II.

A renewed debate in France about collaboration with the Nazis is expected to take place next month with the onset of the trial of former Vichy government official Maurice Papon. Papon, now 87, is accused of having deported more than 1,500 Jews, many of them children, from the Bordeaux area when he was secretary-general of the region during the war.

# Anti-Semitism Strikes Atlanta

By NEIL RUBIN

[Editor's note: Steve Wood, Chief Prosecutor for New Castle County and liaison for the Department of Justice, informed The Jewish Voice that, since 1995, there has been "fairly complete hate crimes legislation on books" in Delaware. Delaware's laws protecting race, religion (also protected under the United States Constitution's First Amendment), color, disability, and national origin or ancestry (updated in 1997 to include gender) were based on Wisconsin's laws, which were upheld by a 1994 Supreme Court ruling. Any murder committed in Delaware against any of these protected classes is considered a capital murder.]

ATLANTA, Sept. 21 (JTA) — If the perpetrators of anti-Semitic acts in the Atlanta area recently were seeking attention, they found a willing public.

For three days, local newspapers and television and radio stations covered the desecration of a local synagogue and the senior citizens building of a Jewish community center as a major story. Elected officials and clergy turned out for two news conferences and non-Jewish groups donated reward money for bringing the perpetrators to justice.

Sometime in the early morning hours of Sept. 14, vandals spray painted red swastikas and "Liberate Palestine/ PLO/ PLO" on a van owned by the Atlanta Jewish Community Center Weinstein Center for Adult Services. Other cars there also were vandalized.

About 15 miles away, the driveway of Congregation Beth Jacob had the words "Heil Hitler," "Jew Pigs Die" and swastikas painted on the sidewalk. A nearby street sign warning people of children crossing the road also was daubed with the Nazi symbol.

Police did not say if they believed the acts were connected, but red paint was used at both places and the swastikas appeared similar.

In response to the attacks, a Georgia state legislator said he will try to pass hate crimes legislation

this winter.

"Thirty-eight states have some form of it and the political leadership of Georgia has failed to pass it," said Doug Teper. "The sticking point is the language 'sexual orientation.' But whether you agree with someone's sexual orientation or not has nothing to do with the fact that crimes are being committed against them."

U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.), who represents the area, was ill and could not attend either news conference, said Gary Cox, who runs her local office.

In a statement, she said she had "zero tolerance for all forms of bigotry in our community."

At Beth Jacob the day after the attack, DeKalb County CEO Liane Levetan, standing in front of 14 area religious and political leaders, said that the presence of non-Jewish clergy was important.

"I'm Jewish and I'm proud of that, and I'm equally proud of all of the ministers and people of different faiths that are here today," she said.

Non-Jewish residents around the community center put notes of support on vandalized cars and

stopped by to express their concern, said Harry Stern, director of the center.

Thomas Brown, director of public safety for DeKalb County, announced that area churches, the DeKalb Republican Party and the Dunwoody Homeowners Association had donated \$4,000 to be used as a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprits.

At Levetan's instruction, Brown asked the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's intelligence unit and the FBI to help find those responsible.

Neighboring Fulton County Commission Chairman Mitch Skandalakis said he was going to seek increased police protection for Jewish facilities under his jurisdiction.

During one of the news conferences, Rabbi Ilan Feldman of Beth Jacob said, "It's still a country in which being a member of a minority group brings powerful reminders that there are people filled with hate."

(Neil Rubin writes for the Atlanta Jewish Times.)



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Ra'ed Salah Fakri Abu Hamadiya (R) and Imam Mohammed Hassan Fuad Kafisha, two Hamas members, are charged with kidnapping and killing an Israeli soldier, planning the bombing of the Tel Aviv cafe and shoot-and-run killings of Israelis, Sept. 21. (Reuters)

# ADL to Send Money to Burned Churches Directly

## Leader of National Baptists Admits Mishandling

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA) — The ceremony at New York's Marriott Marquis hotel last November marked a high point in black-Jewish relations.

After a spate of arson attacks, the Anti-Defamation League and the National Urban League had teamed up to raise more than a quarter of a million dollars to help rebuild burned-out black churches. At a news conference that gained national coverage, the civil rights groups presented an oversized check for \$225,000 to the Rev. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention. They later sent additional donations, bringing the "Rebuild the Churches Fund" total to \$244,500. Weeks later, Lyons wrote to the ADL that six Alabama churches each received \$35,000 and a seventh was due to receive \$15,000.

But now, the churches are claiming foul play — and ADL has gotten its money back. Lyons delivered less than a quarter of the money designated to rebuild the churches, his lawyer admitted after initially denying the charges as another attempt to smear Lyons.

Lyons survived numerous attempts recently to oust him as president of the Baptist group as he battled charges of infidelity and mishandling church money.

The admission came after a Tampa Tribune article, published last week, quoted pastors as saying they had only received a fraction of the money that Lyons had promised — or none at all.

Now, ADL has closed the book on the episode, reclaiming the unspent money to deliver directly to churches in need.

But Florida prosecutors are not ready to walk away. They opened an investigation this week into the affair.

In an unapologetic letter to Abraham Foxman, the national director of the ADL, that labeled the organization's contributions "de minimis," Lyons' attorney, Grady Irvin, said the National Baptist Convention had delivered \$214,500 to Irvin's office.

The rest had been delivered to the churches.

After receiving a letter of inquiry from ADL last week, Lyons gave Irvin the money to place in an escrow account. Irvin gave Foxman two choices: ADL could have the money back or Irvin would disperse it to churches that provide invoices for costs incurred in rebuilding.

But in his letter conveying the offer, Irvin took a shot at ADL that has enraged the leadership of the organization.

After noting that two other funds had raised millions of dollars for the same cause, Irvin wrote, "As you know, in comparison to the millions of dollars received by other organizations, the NBC received a de minimis (but yet important) sum of \$244,500."

In another similar effort, the American Jewish Committee, the National Council of Churches and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops had teamed up to administer an \$8 million fund for burned churches that included foundation contributions, individual donations and in-kind contributions from companies such as Home Depot.

That fund has distributed all of its money, according to Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious relations at the American Jewish Committee.

### Court Hammers TV Decision

(Jerusalem)—The Israeli Supreme Court has ruled that Minister of Education Zevulun Hammer must allow Israel Educational Television to screen a program dealing with homosexuality. Hammer had prevented the screening for the past year, saying that the program presents only positive aspects of the topic.

Hammer said he is disappointed by the Court's intervention in his decisions as Education Minister on educational matters. In addition, he said that the decision stems from the particular philosophy-of-life of the judges and not from legal considerations.

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Anti-Tobacco Suit in Israel

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15 (JTA) — Add one to the list of American phenomena that have reached Israel's shores: class-action lawsuits against tobacco companies. Smokers and relatives of deceased smokers filed a \$4.25 million suit Sunday against Israel's only cigarette company.

The suit, brought in the Tel Aviv District Court, argued that the Dubek tobacco company misled consumers by failing to point out the hazards of smoking in its advertisements, while suggesting that cigarettes enhanced masculinity.

The suit is the first such action in the Jewish state. Dubek markets more than 90 percent of the domestic cigarettes smoked by Israelis. It also imports Phillip Morris cigarettes from the United States, including the Marlboro brand, which is highly popular there.

A Dubek spokesman said the company would respond after studying the claims contained in the suit.

According to the Health Ministry, 5,500 Israelis die each year from smoking-related illnesses.

The ministry is planning to launch an \$8 billion damage suit against Israeli and foreign tobacco companies. It plans to use the suit's proceeds to cover the costs of treating sick smokers.

Arafat May Be Seriously Ill

(ICEJ)—PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, 68, reportedly blacked out during an emotional moment at the two-day summit of Arab League foreign ministers in Cairo recently.

An Egyptian foreign ministry official told REUTERS that Arafat fainted during a heated argument with the Qatari foreign minister over a planned economic summit he wants Arab states to boycott as an anti-Israel gesture.

Quoting western intelligence sources, Israel's CHANNEL 2 TV reported at the time that Arafat was stricken with a severe muscular disorder, and that a search for a successor had begun. But PA officials close to him have denied the report, claiming he is in good health.

The likeliest contenders for Arafat's post are his deputy, Mahmoud Abbas; PA "Jerusalem Affairs Minister" Faisal Hussein; PA legislature speaker Ahmed Qureia; and exiled PLO radical Farouk Kaddoumi, who has been highly critical of the Oslo process.

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Conversion Committee Head Hopeful Solution Can Be Found

By CYNTHIA MANN

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA) — The head of the Israeli committee charged with resolving the dispute over conversions in the Jewish state said a solution could come soon, but at the same time he warned against imposing the pressure of a deadline on the effort.

Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, whose committee members represent the three major religious streams, made the comments September 19 at a briefing before the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"The fact that we are at one table is in itself an important part of the solution," he said of the committee effort.

"I wouldn't push for a deadline because this will bring us to a dead end," he said.

Ne'eman's formal remarks focused on the Israeli economy, but the discussion inevitably turned to the volatile topic of religious pluralism in spite of the conference's traditional resistance to provide a forum for what it considers to be a divisive matter.

There has been a steady trickle of reports of various proposals on which the committee is nearing agreement.

But Ne'eman did not spell out any of the plans either at the briefing or at the closed meeting he held afterward with the leadership of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements.

The committee was appointed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to find a compromise regarding the conversion bill pending in the Knesset. The bill would codify existing Orthodox control over conversions performed in Israel.

Netanyahu's coalition has agreed to suspend the legislative effort, and the Reform and Conservative movements have agreed to suspend litigation in the courts while the committee worked. The non-Orthodox movements want to attain legal rights for their conversions performed in Israel.

The committee was slated to present its recommendations by Aug. 15, but members have yet to reach an agreement.

"I cannot assume the politicians will approve such a decision," said Ne'eman, "but I am confident" that the committee "will come up with a viable proposal for coexistence in dignity and in harmony and in unity."

Ne'eman underscored the complexity of the committee's challenge and, in essence, asked for patience from American Jewry, the vast majority of which is not Orthodox and has reacted angrily to the bill.

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, thanked Ne'eman for what he said were "unprecedented efforts" to find a solution to the conflict.

But he said to him that it was Netanyahu who set the deadline and that equality is "a fundamental

principle of democracy."

Ne'eman replied, "Let's not create conflicts, let's not put more flames into the fire."

"The question is not 'Who is a Jew,'" he said. "All of us worship the same G-d, each in his own way, and nobody can deny, under Jewish law, the recognition of his brother as a Jew."

But, he said, "The problem is intricate because it does not relate only to the immediate question of conversion."

He indicated that the committee had broadened its scope to try to find some solutions to the dilemma posed by roughly 100,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union who are not Jewish "by any

standard" in a country where matters of personal status are governed by the Orthodox establishment.

Philip Meltzer, president of ARZA, said it was apparent Ne'eman came to show American Jews how seriously Israel was approaching the problem and to ask for cooperation.

Meltzer said that his movement accepts Ne'eman's stance "with hope" along with "pessimism" about the committee's ability to reach a solution.

Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, said Ne'eman privately asked leaders "to give the process time."

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## NJ Moves on State RFRA Delaware's JCRC to Examine Possible Plans for Action Here

By ELLEN FRIEDLAND  
Jewish organizations across the denominational spectrum are supporting a NJ legislative proposal to require a "compelling interest" in any law that substantially burdens

the free exercise of religion. This proposal in neighboring New Jersey is in the aftermath of the June downing of RFRA (Religious Freedom Restoration Act) by the Supreme Court.

The state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, proposed by NJ Assembly member Joel Weingarten (R-Dist. 21), would limit the government's ability to regulate religious activity — such as banning a yarmulke or outlawing kosher slaughter as inhumane.

The emergence of the bill puts New Jersey into the company of a handful of states that have passed, or are currently considering, their own state RFRA's. According to Marc Stern, legal counsel for the American Jewish Congress, Connecticut and Rhode Island passed versions of the bill several years ago; in Michigan and New

York, a RFRA bill has already passed one of the two state legislative bodies; in California and Florida, hearings are scheduled for this fall.

In Delaware, "The Jewish Community Relations Committee will discuss whether to advocate for a Delaware RFRA bill at our general meeting on Monday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Newark at Hillel," said Dan Weintraub, Director of the JCRC. "Our State Issues Task Force could plan to address this challenge thereafter. In recent years public policy changes have meant there is a need for our community to focus on Dover, DE not

just Washington, DC." Last June, in *City of Boerne v. Flores*, the Supreme Court struck down the federal RFRA. The justices' reasoning did not go to the merits of the RFRA legislation, but to issues of constitutional procedure, such as federalism and the separation of powers doctrine. Essentially, the court ruled that the federal government had overstepped its bounds. That opened the door to RFRA initiatives on the state level.

(The Jewish Voice contributed to this report.)  
(Ellen Friedland writes for *New Jersey Jewish News*.)

## Vouchers

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ty, fairness, Jewish self-interest, the impact on education, the impact on the poor, and the impact on American society. The fact that advocates on both sides have used these same issues to support their divergent positions highlights the complexity and controversy surrounding vouchers. The overview provided by this article is insufficient to provide a well-rounded view of these complex questions. However, the scope of the whole project of the Public Education Task Force (PETF) is such that a well-rounded view may be provided to those who read the materials and come to the event(s) of this informational program.

Among the kinds of legislation which have been proposed or passed are such arrangements as vouchers targeted at the poor,

vouchers only for private non-religious schools, tuition tax credits, tax credits as partial reimbursement for not attending public schools, educational IRA's and more. For some, a well-informed view of these complex issues has led them to support some bills and oppose others. In the months to come, the PETF will provide more details of proposed bills, particularly those in Delaware.

What specific steps will the Public Education Task Force take to inform Jewish Delaware about vouchers? The PETF will identify and create a series of articles and opinion columns on the voucher topic to be published in *The Jewish Voice*. The PETF has contemplated a public forum on the topic. The PETF will make available articles from various perspectives on the topic to those who would like to pursue further infor-

mation about vouchers and related issues. If practical, the PETF may coordinate a study session about vouchers looking at what Jewish traditions say about such related issues as public education, religious education, the role of the state, the role of parents, fairness and privilege.

Volunteers are welcome to join the efforts of the task force. Letters to *The Jewish Voice* are encouraged. The PETF will be delighted to help coordinate meetings on vouchers and related topics with and for Jewish organizations here in Delaware. For more information call the JCRC at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17.

(Larry Hamermesh is a professor at Widener Law School and is the President of Delaware ACLU. David Margules is an attorney

and is a past President of JCRC. Mark Wagman serves as the Chair of the Public Education

Task Force of JCRC. Dan Weintraub is the Director of JCRC)

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HB 66 (Delaware)	All pupils	\$500 tax credit	No restrictions
Milwaukee	Family income below 175% of poverty level	\$2,500	

\*These are just a few of the school voucher proposals under consideration here in Delaware and another implemented in Milwaukee but subject to court challenge. Over the course of this project by the JCRC Public Education Task Force, additional specific proposals around the country including federal proposals will be discussed.

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# Compromise on Mount of Olives Fails to Assuage Palestinians

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21 (JTA) — A compromise reached between the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jewish families living in the eastern part of Jerusalem failed to assuage Palestinian complaints about a Jewish presence in the Arab neighborhood.

Under the compromise that Israel reached Sept. 18 with three Jewish families, the families left the building voluntarily and 10 yeshiva students stayed.

But Palestinian officials condemned the compromise. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat called it a "trick," and during a weekend meeting in Cairo with the 22 members of the Arab League, he urged the Arab world not to improve relations with Israel as long as the peace process remains mired in crisis.

During this time, Israeli police scuffled with Palestinians protesting against a Jewish presence at the Mount of Olives, which is located near the Old City.

Peace Now activists were arrested as well.



Israeli riot police arrest an Israeli activist of the Peace Now movement during a Sept. 15 demonstration at the Jewish residence in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Mount of Olives. Jewish people moved the night before into several buildings purchased by American Irving Moskowitz. (Reuters)

In eastern Jerusalem, a former resident of the house that the Jewish families moved into denied that he had sold the structure to Dr. Irving Moskowitz, the U.S. developer who leased the structure to the families.

The Palestinian, Fuad Hadiyeh, said he had been abroad on business and returned to find that the families had moved in and thrown out his belongings. He also said that he did not own the building, having rented it since the 1980s, and that he was unauthorized to

make any transaction involving the building. Moskowitz maintains that he legally purchased the two-story structure.

The Palestinians, who want the eastern half of the city as a capital of an independent state, accused Israel of altering the status quo in Jerusalem prior to final-status talks on the future of the city.

Netanyahu came out strongly against the action, saying that any decisions regarding building in Jerusalem should be coordinated by the government, not individuals.

# Israel: Russia Helps Iran Gain Nuclear Capability

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (JTA) — Iran is less than three years away from having nuclear missiles capable of reaching Israel, according to Israeli intelligence reports. According to a Washington Times article based on these reports, Russia and China are helping Iran build missiles that could reach Israel as well as parts of Europe.

According to *The Washington Times*, the Israelis have given the CIA a copy of a \$7 million contract between Iran and the Russian rocket-motor manufacturer NPO Trud. The report says the head of the Russian Space Agency, Yuri Koptev, is directly involved in Iran's program.

The cooperation appears to violate the Missile Technology Control Regime and could trigger sanctions against the company and perhaps the Russian government.

Russia denied it was providing missile technology to Iran. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Russia's nuclear cooperation with Iran involves construction of a nuclear power plant and provided "no grounds" for concern.

President Clinton raised concerns about Russian cooperation with Iran in meetings with Russian

President Boris Yeltsin earlier this year. Vice President Al Gore is expected to raise the issue with the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, in meetings scheduled for late this month.

U.S. officials say that Iran does not yet have nuclear material for missiles, but could substitute chemical or biological warheads. Alarmed by Iran's movement, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the pro-Israel lobby, is supporting a congressional resolution that calls on Clinton to impose sanctions on Russian entities supporting Iran's missile program if the Russian government fails to take "concrete actions to stop governmental and non-governmental entities" from providing missile technology and technical advice to Iran.

Iran's missile program "has an even greater sense of urgency now because it is a near-term, real-world problem and therefore requires top-priority U.S. attention," said Howard Kohr, president of AIPAC.

The issue was also raised during meetings this week between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.



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# Young Israel President Condemns Leah Rabin for "Tarnishing Her Husband's Memory"

National Council of Young Israel President Chaim Kaminetzky condemned a statement by Leah Rabin, widow of the former Israeli Prime Minister, excusing Arafat for permitting continued Palestinian terrorism against Israel. Kaminetzky accused Mrs. Rabin of tarnishing her husband's memory. "We believe that Yitzchak Rabin, as one of Israel's greatest soldiers, would never continue to support or negotiate with Arafat after watching him embrace and protect terrorists, instead of carrying out his promise to arrest them and safeguard the security of Israel's citizens," he said.

Kaminetzky insisted that it was "outrageous for Mrs. Rabin to equate the situation which faced the Jewish fighters under the British Mandate before Israel won its independence in 1948 with that of the Palestinians today. The Jews of that era were forced to fight in order to save tens of thousands of Jewish lives, both from Arab attacks in Palestine and the deplorable conditions in post-war European Displaced Persons camps. By contrast, Israel has already turned over control of most

of the Palestinians living in the West Bank to Arafat's Palestinian Authority, and stands ready to negotiate the remaining issues with it, as long as Arafat conducts those negotiations in good faith. But Mrs. Rabin continues to excuse Mr. Arafat's lack of good faith, as demonstrated by this embrace of terrorists, and his refusal to suppress the terrorist infrastructure in the areas he controls, or share all information on terrorists with Israeli security officials," the Young Israel president declared.

Mrs. Rabin told reporters last week that it was not "possible for Arafat to stop the terror without there being forward movement toward peace." Speaking of the Zionist operations against the British forces before the State of Israel was founded in 1948, she said, "We were also terrorists once and they didn't uproot us... We went on with terrorism despite all the efforts of the entire British army." She concluded, "I have doubt about how much terrorism can be uprooted... It is not that Arafat is not trying."

Kaminetzky recalled the situation which faced the Zionists before the



Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and Leah Rabin sign Sept. 11 a joint commitment to peace to mark the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Oslo peace accords. (Reuters)

State of Israel was founded: The British had colluded with the Arabs to ban Jewish immigration to Palestine before and during World War II, condemning many of the six million Jews of Europe to death in Hitler's gas chambers. After the war, hundreds of thousands of Jewish Holocaust survivors interned in Displaced Persons camps throughout Europe were still denied entry to Palestine by the British. Many were turned back

within sight of Palestine's shores, and died in British concentration camps in Cyprus. In Palestine, the British permitted armed bands of Arabs to attack Jews throughout the country, and arrested Jews who tried to defend themselves and their brethren. "The operations conducted by the Zionists against the British were designed to save the lives of Jews living in the land and those yearning to come to Palestine. By contrast, the

Palestinian Authority has already won official recognition from the Israeli government and the United States. It has been given control of most of the Arab-populated territories in the West Bank, and even been supplied with funds and equipment by the State of Israel to govern the area. In return, all that Israel has asked from Arafat and the Palestinian Authority is to show unambiguously that they are willing to live in peace with the Jewish State, and to resolve the issues which remain between them by peaceful means at the negotiating table. Specifically, the State of Israel demands that the Palestinian Authority carry out its written promise in the Oslo accords to stop all terrorist activity in its midst that is directed against the State of Israel, but Arafat still refuses to do so."

Kaminetzky urged Mrs. Rabin to "honor the memory of her late husband by supporting the State of Israel, the country to whose safety Yitzchak Rabin dedicated his life, rather than continuing to make excuses for those like Arafat who embrace and protect its mortal enemies."

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# PA Official Calls for Destruction of America



Palestinian protesters burn U.S. and Israeli flags on top of a coffin marked "Dead Oslo," Sept. 13. (Reuters)

The Israel Government Press Office reports that for the second time in two months, a senior Palestinian Authority (PA) official has called for the destruction of the United States. Following are excerpts from the Friday prayer sermon delivered by PA Mufti Ikrama Sabri at the Al-Aksa mosque in Jerusalem on September 12, 1997. Sabri's sermon was broadcast on the Voice of Palestine, the PA's official radio station, immediately following the 10-minute address by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to Palestinians on the same station. Sabri is the official Mufti (senior Muslim cleric) of the PA, and was appointed to his position by Yasser Arafat.

"Oh Muslims, we must raise our voices against America, its ally Britain, and all the infidel nations and say that Israel is stealing our land and establishing illegal settlements. Why does America support settlements in Israel? Are the settlements not terrorism? And therefore, America is the chief of the terrorists. Oh Allah, destroy America, her agents and her allies! Cast them into their own traps, and cover the White House with

black!"

Two months ago, in his prayer sermon of July 11, 1997, Sabri also called for the destruction of America.

The Voice of Palestine is under

the auspices of the PA's Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC). According to the Philadelphia Inquirer (September 7, 1997), the PBC has been funded by the United States government.



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The full-page ad features two vertical columns: One column headline reads "Countries eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council," and lists below it 184 member countries, including Iran, Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, all sponsors of terrorism, according to the U.S. State Department. The other column headline reads "Countries not eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council," and below it lists just one nation — Israel.

The text of the ad reads, in part: "Believe it or not, Israel is the only one of 185 member countries ineligible to serve on the United Nations Security Council, the key deliberative group of the world body. Even Iraq is eligible. So is Iran. And so, too, are Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria."

"Why is it that these seven nations, all cited by the U.S. State Department as sponsors of terrorism, are eligible to serve rotating terms on the Security Council, yet Israel, a democratic nation and member of the UN since 1950, is not?"

"To be eligible for election, a country must belong to a regional group. Every UN member state — from the smallest to the largest —

is included in one of the five regional groups. By geography, Israel should be part of the Asian bloc but such countries as Iraq and Saudi Arabia have prevented its entry for decades.

"The UN Charter proclaims 'the equal rights ... of nations large and small.' But only Israel among all UN members is denied the right to belong to any regional group. As a temporary measure, Israel has sought acceptance in the West European and Others Group (WEOG), which includes not only the democracies of Western Europe but also Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Turkey and the United States. Here, too, despite the support of several countries, including the U.S., Israel still has not been admitted.

"Thus, without membership in a regional group, Israel can never be elected to serve a term on the Security Council or, for that matter, to the other most important bodies of the UN system, such as the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the World Court, UNICEF and the Commission on Human Rights.

At the bottom of the ad, AJC provides three coupons to be mailed to Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, The United Nations; Ambassador M. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN and the Representative to the Presidency of the European Union; and Ambassador Bill Richardson, Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN. Note: These coupons can be sent via e-mail by accessing them on AJC's website at <http://www.ajc.org> in the "What's New" section of the AJC homepage.

## Lithuania Angry, Delays Atonement

By LEV KRICHEVSKY  
MOSCOW, Sept. 14 (JTA) — A speech by Israel's ambassador to Lithuania has that country's politicians up in arms. Within days after the speech by Oded Ben Hur, Lithuania's Parliament delayed action on amendments to the country's criminal code that would facilitate the investigation of alleged World War II criminals.

During a discussion of the amendments, parliamentarian Rimantas Smetona urged his colleagues not to cave into the pressure of international Jewish organizations.

Smetona, a candidate in Lithuania's December presidential elections, had especially harsh words for Ben Hur, who told the Parliament's opening session that Lithuania had failed to prosecute alleged war criminals.

Parliament was expected to take the amendments up again next week.

Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas and Prime Minister Gediminas Vagnorius were among those attending the parliamentary session, which was devoted to speeches praising the legacy of the Vilna Gaon, the renowned commentator on the Talmud and Torah whose 200th yahrzeit is being commemorated in Lithuania.

Some Jewish groups, including the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Israel-based Association of Lithuanian Jews, boycotted the commemoration, saying that participation would be seen as support for a government that has not yet atoned for the destruction of Lithuanian Jewry.

Nearly 94 percent of the country's prewar Jewish community perished in the Holocaust, a tragedy that local Jews say is not widely known in Lithuania.

## Indyk Under Fire Over Jerusalem

By MATTHEW DORF  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA) — The Clinton administration's policy on Jerusalem came under sustained bipartisan attack at the confirmation hearing for the man slated to hold the top U.S. Middle East policy post.

From the hearing's outset, Martin Indyk defended President Clinton's rejection of congressional legislative efforts to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Indyk, the current U.S. ambassador to Israel, wrote Clinton's response to the legislation.

The committee plans to vote on the nomination soon. The nomination would then go to the entire Senate for confirmation.

Indyk became the first Jew to serve as ambassador to Israel when he assumed the post in 1995. He would also be the first Jew to serve in the assistant secretary post, which has customarily been held by diplomats with experience in Arab countries.

In a move that set the tone for the hour-and-a-half hearing, the senators in their introductions to the committee called on Indyk to move the embassy.

A 1994 U.S. law requires such planning to have begun in anticipation of a move by May 31, 1999. The president could delay the move in the interest of national security.

"I recognize that Ambassador Indyk is supporting the policy of the administration, but it is my hope that as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, he may one day soon have the honor of participating in the grand opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem," Sen. Lieberman said

in his introduction, echoing comments made by Sen. Moynihan.

"It was our profound hope, clearly across party lines, that this legislation would lay to rest some of the most vexing issues regarding American policy toward Israel," Lieberman said.

"Unfortunately, not only has the State Department failed to implement the law, but its representatives have regularly sought to stonewall further progress toward recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in these halls."

When the hearing moved into questions and answers, Indyk responded to the embassy issue.

"The administration is trying to walk a very fine line between the understandable desire of the Senate to see concrete actions to implement the legislation, and the president's strongly held view that while the law must be upheld, nothing should be done to disrupt the effort to put the peace process back on track," he said, noting that the current controversy over Jewish families moving into the Mount of Olives is emblematic of the sensitive nature of Jerusalem.

In addition to answering questions about the embassy relocation law, Indyk was also called upon to defend the administration's opposition to the current version of the State Department authorization bill that would give parents the option to have "Jerusalem, Israel" recorded as their child's place of birth.

Current U.S. policy refers only to "Jerusalem."

Indyk said such a change would "complicate and make more difficult" efforts to restart the peace process. He said the same about another proposal to bring the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem under the supervision of the embassy.

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“East Jerusalem:” What is it?

By Congressman  
**JIM SAXTON (Rep-NJ)**  
Chairman, House Task Force on  
*Terrorism & Unconventional Warfare*

During the Six Day War in 1967, the Israel Defense Forces confronted four Arab armies simultaneously: the Lebanese Army in the north, Syrians and Jordanians in the east, and the Egyptians in the south.

The Israeli forces, under the command of General Moshe Dayan and General Yitzhak Rabin, not only defeated the multiple armies but they captured Judea and Samaria (the so-called “West Bank”), the Golan Heights, the Sinai Peninsula, and the Gaza Strip.

They also established a security zone in southern Lebanon to thwart the Arab terrorist groups from infiltrating and shelling northern Israel.

However, the most significant event of the Six Day War was the capture of Jordanian-ruled eastern Jerusalem and the Western Wall by Israeli Paratroopers.

The Western Wall, a remnant of the Second Jewish Temple, is the holiest site on earth in the Jewish religion.

When Israeli forces liberated eastern Jerusalem 30 years ago last June 7, a 1,900-year-old

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It is often said that no other people have such reverence for a single city than the Jews have for Jerusalem.

It is therefore discouraging that some have taken the position that Jerusalem should be redivided into “Eastern/Arab” and “Western/Jewish” halves.

By using the term “Arab East Jerusalem” some media outlets have misled the American people about the reality of Jerusalem’s demographic and political status.

First, the eastern section of Jerusalem formerly occupied by the Jordanians is presently majority Jewish. Second, there is also no such place as “East Jerusalem.”

Jerusalem is one city, reunited and under one Israeli rule. It is as ridiculous as if one were to say they lived in “Chinese South New York” if they lived in Manhattan’s Chinatown.

Moreover, the Jews of the Old

City did not voluntarily leave eastern Jerusalem, but were driven out or killed by Jordanian forces in Israel’s 1948 War of Independence.

During 19 years of Jordanian occupation, Jordan had so little interest in Jerusalem that it neglected to provide the city with even the most basic municipal services, including electricity, plumbing, health care or running water.

And not a single Arab leader, except for King Hussein, visited Jerusalem during those 19 years.

In fact, during the centuries of Muslim rule of the city, Jerusalem was never made into a regional or provincial capital, and no major institute of Islamic study was ever established there.

In addition, Jordan had no respect for the sanctity of the holy sites in the city.

For example, prior to Jordanian occupation, there were 58 synagogues in the Old City. All of these synagogues were systematically destroyed by the Jordanian Army.

The Jordanians went so far as to tear up the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives, using the tombstone (including the tombstone of Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold) to pave roads and build latrines in Jordanian Army barracks. Over 40 thousand headstones were desecrated or

destroyed.

It goes without saying that Jews and Christians were completely denied access to their holy sites.

Jews have inhabited Jerusalem uninterruptedly for 3,000 years.

Since Jewish rule in the city, Jerusalem has been open to all faiths, holy sites of Christianity and Islam are protected, and the right to worship is maintained.

For these reasons, I am opposed to any “redivision” of Jerusalem. Rather it is my hope that all of Jerusalem will remain, peacefully, in Israeli hands, for at least the next 3,000 years.

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Old Time

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sis on the group experience, personified by the minyan, which requires 10 people to come together for prayer.

Exhibit B: Speaking with several Jewish college students recently, I was struck by the conflict they expressed over dating only other Jews. “It just seems a bit racist,” noted one girl who comes from a family that attends synagogue regularly and is active in Jewish life.

At first I was stunned by such a response. But on reflection it makes sense. From their perspective, parents who send their children to schools and universities promoting multiculturalism and who preach liberalism and personal freedom at home while insisting that their children only date and marry another Jew seem like hypocrites.

Too often parents who feel strongly themselves about maintaining a Jewish identity are unwilling or unable to instill in their children an understanding and appre-

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NEWS AND COMMENTARY

The Day After and the Day After That

By JOSEPH AARON

Kind of reminds me of that joke about Thanksgiving.

It was told by Jay Leno, an astute commentator on the human condition. It was a joke with so much truth to it, it made me stop and think.

Leno noted how on Thanksgiving, restaurants give away free meals, soup kitchens pop up all over the place, all kinds of organizations provide all kinds of food to the poor and hungry.

But, Leno pointed out, for the most part, all those who do that do it only on Thanksgiving. The next day, all is as it was.

"We give these people one big meal a year, really stuff them and tell them 'that oughta hold you. See you next Thanksgiving.'"

Leno's point, of course, is that while it's nice to be aware there are the hungry among us on Thanksgiving and do something about it, it's not enough to feel good about that and move on. For those same people are hungry the day after Thanksgiving, too, and the day after that and the day after that.

His message was that we need to carry the spirit of Thanksgiving over to the rest of the year. And act accordingly the rest of the year.

I think a lot about Leno's joke at this time of the Jewish year.

From a few days before Rosh Hashanah to a day or two after Yom Kippur, we're all a little more careful about what we say and do. We're a little nicer to our fellow Jews, wish all we talk to "a good year," "a healthy year," are more inclined to give others the benefit of the doubt, act a little nicer than we usually do, are cognizant of the fact that G-d is watching and deciding more than we usually are.

And it makes a difference. It's really nice to run into Jews this time of the year. The connection we know is there really shows itself. Most of us are friendlier, try a little harder to reach out, are, in short, on our best behavior.

Both in our relations with other Jews and in relation to G-d.

All I can say is that for me personally, I am working hard to be more aware of and more grateful for everything G-d does for me and gives to me. Everything.

My problem, my shortcoming, is that it most fills me with awe during the Days of Awe. Too often during the rest of the year, I am too quick to get mad at G-d when I don't get what I want or things don't go as I wish. I'm good at getting angry at, being disappointed with G-d, at

second-guessing what He does and doesn't do for and to me.

Too little during the rest of the year do I stop and acknowledge all the incredible blessings He gives me every single second — blessings I too often take for granted, don't appreciate. Too often do I focus on what I don't have, too little do I really see all I do have.

Rosh Hashanah changes that. I am aware and do acknowledge. But then I kind of unconsciously figure "that oughta hold Him. See you next Rosh Hashanah." What I need to do is to be aware and to acknowledge all He does and all I have during the 355 days of the year that are not the Days of Awe.

And so, I think, do all of us need to expand our Rosh Hashanah attitudes when it comes to our fellow Jews, when it comes to the rest of the year. For just as hungry people need to eat the day after Thanksgiving so, too, do Jews need to remember that the lessons of, the behavior on, the attitudes from Rosh Hashanah only really make a difference if they're applied the day after and the day after that.

(Joseph Aaron writes for The Chicago Jewish News)

Rosh Hashanah Message from the President of the State of Israel

Dear Friends,

Rosh Hashanah this year coincides with Israel's 50th anniversary. Much has been achieved during these 50 years. Millions of immigrants from the four corners of the earth have been successfully integrated into Israeli society. Israel stands at the forefront in Science, Technology and Agriculture. Israel is recognized by most countries in the world, and their leaders are anxious to visit and learn from our experience.

All this must be borne in mind considering the 50 years of ongoing struggle for our very existence and for achieving peace with our neighbors. This past year has had its full share of great tragedies. No matter how severe and painful the losses incurred, we must not become victims to helplessness and despondency. We are in the midst of a very difficult and protracted process, with many painful contentions. However, just as peace

treaties were concluded with Egypt and Jordan, I am convinced that, eventually, these, too, will be achieved with the Palestinians and our other neighbors.

You were always proud when Israel fought and won her battles. Now Israel is strong and she warrants no less your continued pride and support. The stronger we are and the greater in number, the easier it will be to achieve our aims. I, once again, call on you, our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora, to join us in creating a nation, a light unto the nations.

On Rosh Hashanah we pray for a better year to come, for peace and well-being and for the values we wish to see come true. Let us learn from the past and look ahead to a better future.

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# High Holiday Season Filled with Emptiness for MIA Parents

By JUDI STEINIG  
Program Director  
American Coalition for  
Missing Israeli Soldiers

The arrival of Rosh HaShanah greeting cards and the anticipation of family reunions creates an exciting atmosphere as preparations continue for the busy holiday season. But for Miriam and Yonah Baumel this is not a time of celebration. Yom Tov, like every other day, is filled with emptiness and longing for a child whose absence is always felt. Their son, Sgt. Zachary Baumel, is a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces, who has been missing-in-action for 15 years. Each holiday and family event is an agonizing experience without the participation of an exceptional young man whose youth has been cruelly snatched from him.

At the time of his disappearance, Zach was in the last month of his army duty which was combined with religious studies at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Gush Etzion. At the Gush Zach was a popular student who was known to be sensitive to the needs of others. He worked closely with American students helping them to adjust to Israeli

yeshiva life. Zach could easily understand their feelings because he had been born in America and had made aliyah with his family from Boro Park (Brooklyn, New York) when he was 10 years old. He had already arranged to work with foreign youth for the summer of 1982 prior to beginning Psychology studies at Hebrew University in the fall. Unfortunately, this plan was destined for postponement.

On June 11, 1982 Zach fought in the battle of Sultan Yakoub, one of the costliest battles of the Shalom Hagalil Campaign — Operation Peace HaGalil. On that day two Israeli tanks were stopped by Syrian and Palestinian fire — and six soldiers were reported to be missing. Although two were released in prisoner-of-war exchanges within a couple of years, and the remains of one soldier was returned the following year, the status of the three remaining soldiers, Sgt. Zvi Feldman, Corporal Yehuda Katz, and Sgt. Zachary Baumel has never been clear. After 15 years they are still officially listed as missing-in-action.

On the same day that they were reported missing, Dean Brelis, a

reporter for *Time* magazine, witnessed and reported the following from Damascus, Syria: "...a huge crowd had gathered. At around 4 p.m. an informal parade moved through ... the center of the parade was an Israeli army tank manned by what I believe were a mixed crew of Syrians and Palestinians. A flatbed truck followed the tank. It contained what I believed were three young Israeli Defense Force soldiers. Their hands and ankles were chained. They looked deeply sorrowed, if not ashamed by their plight. They did not seem scared..."

Since this statement was made, other reports (including *Amnesty International 1988 Report*) have continued to circulate about the three men, but the Syrian government, which is officially responsible for them according to the 1949 Geneva Conventions (Section 2, Article XII) persists in denying any knowledge of their circumstances. On December 5, 1993 Yassir Arafat returned 1/2 of Zachary Baumel's dogtag to an advisor of the late Prime Minister Rabin with the promise of more information within two weeks. Almost four years more have passed, and the fate of Zach, Zvi, and Yehuda still remains a mystery.

The families of these young men have not waited passively all of

these long years. They are actively involved, searching for definitive answers to their questions. Each has converted their fear and pain into energy working endlessly for the rescue of their children. The love that has been shown by the Baumel, Katz, and Feldman families for their children has no

bounds as they travel internationally, speaking to diplomats and politicians on all sides trying to get information on their sons. Last month at the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, they

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# Hezbollah Poses Major Challenge on Military and Political Fronts: An Analysis

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA) — Hezbollah is an enemy that has cost much Israeli blood.

As a result of its hit-and-run skirmishes — and its latest favorite tactic, roadside bombs — Hezbollah has claimed the lives of 33 Israeli soldiers since the start of the year.

The continuous war of attrition in southern Lebanon has renewed an internal debate over the need for the IDF to maintain a presence in Lebanon in order to defend Israel's northern communities.

The debate has cut across the traditional party lines of Israeli politics.

In an unusual alliance, Labor Knesset member Yossi Beilin is in the same camp with Ariel Sharon, the hawkish infrastructure minister who orchestrated the controversial invasion of Lebanon in 1982 by calling for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

In contrast, the leader of the left-wing Meretz Party, Knesset member Yossi Sarid, maintains that there should be no withdrawal until Israel reaches a comprehensive agreement with Syria, the real power-broker in Lebanon.

But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai declared that the IDF would not make a unilateral withdrawal.

Neither wants to take the chance that Hezbollah would start launching raids on northern Israel the day after the IDF pulls out.

Israel created the nine-mile-wide security zone in southern Lebanon in 1985 to protect Israel's northern flank from terror attacks.

But by a curious twist of history, that military decision also created Hezbollah's main reason for existence — to drive what it described as the Israeli occupiers from Lebanese soil.

Hezbollah began in 1982, the same year that Israel launched Operation Peace for Galilee, its invasion of Lebanon aimed at driving the Palestine Liberation Organization out of the country.

Hezbollah drew its followers from the Shi'ites in southern Lebanon, traditionally one of the country's poorest communities.

Prior to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the main Shi'ite organization was Amal, a secular, socially minded movement that regarded

the Palestinian exiles in Lebanon as its rival.

Because of this, Amal was at the time a natural ally for Israel.

Amal "very much wanted to develop the area and did not want the PLO to return to its power bases" after Israel drove the Palestinians out of southern Lebanon, Clinton Bailey, a former adviser on Shi'ite affairs at the Ministry of Defense, said in an interview.

The paths of Israel and Amal diverged when Israel installed Lebanese Christian commander Sa'ad Haddad as the warlord in charge of the Christian enclave in southern Lebanon.

"We ignored Amal all the way," said Bailey, who was at the time Israel's liaison officer with Amal in Lebanon.

A small Amal splinter group known as Islamic Amal, which had consistently opposed the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, gradually formed.

Islamic Amal later became known as Hezbollah, Arabic for the Party of God.

Unlike the pro-Syrian Amal, Hezbollah derives its power from

Iran.

The Iranian-backed militia lures recruits with the promise that they will enter the fast track to heaven if they fall in battle.

This appeal to religious fervor, along with the steady flow of armaments that arrive from Iran with tacit Syrian approval, has made Hezbollah an implacable enemy.

The depth of this fervor was on display when the leader of Hezbollah, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, offered a public reaction to the death of his 18-year-old son, Hadi, in a clash with the IDF recently.

"I thank Allah for having made my son a martyr," Nasrallah said at a rally in Beirut. He appeared completely impassive, as if the deceased had not been his own flesh and blood.

Reaction to Nasrallah's death reflected the deep differences between Israel and its enemies to the north — differences that are not only military and political, but also cultural.

The IDF, which faces deteriorating morale among some of its soldiers, is confronted with a belligerent, unified movement in which the

life of the individual is secondary to the good of the community.

Nasrallah was overwhelmed with thousands of messages congratulating him on the death of his son, a phenomenon that Western observers find difficult to understand.

"Israel's raison d'être is the preservation of life," Na'im Kassem, deputy secretary-general of Hezbollah once explained, "whereas ours is the preservation of our principles. Because what good is a life of humiliation?"

No one in Israel knows whether Hezbollah would lay down its arms once Israel withdrew from Lebanon.

But given the depth of the movement's fervor, there seems to be more than a grain of logic to those who believe that Hezbollah would not rest until it has entered Jerusalem.

When asked recently what would happen if Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon, Nasrallah replied, "Everything is possible."

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BETTER THAN 1/3 OFF - In Glass Tumbler <b>Yahrzeit Candles</b> 4 for <b>99¢</b>	1/3 OFF - Kineret, Frozen <b>Round Challah</b> 15-oz. pkg. <b>1<sup>72</sup></b>
<b>Manischewitz Matzo Meal</b> 12-oz. box <b>1<sup>39</sup></b>	Poppy Seed, Prune Plum, Almond or Apricot <b>Solo Filling</b> 12 to 12.5-oz. can <b>1<sup>99</sup></b>
<b>Manischewitz Matzo Ball &amp; Soup Mix</b> 4.5-oz. pkg. <b>1<sup>49</sup></b>	1/3 OFF - Frozen - Cheese, Cherry, Blueberry or Potato <b>Golden Blintzes</b> 13-oz. pkg. of 6 <b>1<sup>92</sup></b>
<b>Manischewitz Chicken Broth Soup</b> 10.5-oz. can <b>99¢</b>	Mrs. Weinberg's, Frozen 12-oz. cont. <b>4<sup>19</sup></b>
With Matzo Balls or Clear <b>Manischewitz Chicken Soup</b> 10.5-oz. can <b>1<sup>09</sup></b>	Assorted, Frozen 15-oz. pkg. <b>1<sup>39</sup></b>
	1/3 OFF - Kineret, Frozen 20-oz. pkg. <b>3<sup>12</sup></b>
	Gabla, 99% Fat Free, Frozen 18-oz. pkg. <b>1<sup>99</sup></b>

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Regular or Unsalted <b>Breakstone's Whipped Butter</b> 8-oz. cont. <b>99¢</b>	Pre-Sliced <b>Nova Lox</b> Available in the Service Deli <b>14<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Regular or 1/3 Neufchatel <b>Philadelphia Cream Cheese</b> 8-oz. box <b>1<sup>29</sup></b>	Available in the Service Deli <b>5<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
In Cream or Wine Sauce <b>Lasco Herring</b> 12-oz. jar <b>2<sup>79</sup></b>	Available in the Service Deli <b>3<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Sliced <b>Lasco Smoked Salmon</b> 3-oz. pkg. <b>2<sup>99</sup></b>	Available in the Service Deli <b>4<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
Cream or Snack <b>Vita Herring</b> 12-oz. jar <b>2<sup>39</sup></b>	 <p><b>An Oval Arrangement Containing Pom Poms, Asian Lilies, Solidaster, Statice and Fillers</b> <b>17<sup>99</sup></b> each</p>
Sliced <b>Vita Nova Salmon</b> 3-oz. pkg. <b>2<sup>39</sup></b>	



## MEATS

Whole <b>Beef Brisket</b> USDA Choice <b>1<sup>79</sup></b> lb.	USDA Choice Flat Cut Beef Brisket, 2.79/ lb.
USDA Grade A, Fresh or Frozen <b>Stewing Chickens</b> <b>99¢</b> lb.	
Philly Glatt, Frozen <b>Kosher Shoulder Roast</b> <b>4<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Philly Glatt, Frozen <b>Kosher Ground Beef</b> <b>2<sup>59</sup></b> lb.
Available in the frozen Meat case	Available in the frozen Meat case
Philly Glatt, Frozen, First Cut <b>Kosher Brisket</b> <b>6<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Empire Fresh, 10 to 14-lb. avg. <b>Kosher Turkeys</b> <b>99¢</b> lb.
Available in the frozen Meat case	Available in the frozen Meat case
Boneless Skinless <b>Empire Fresh Kosher Breast Cutlets</b> <b>4<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	
Frozen - Cheese, Cherry, Blueberry or Apple <b>Empire Kosher Blintzes</b> Available in the frozen Meat case 13-oz. pkg. <b>2<sup>19</sup></b>	
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<b>Round Raisin Challah</b> 16-oz. loaf <b>1<sup>14</sup></b>	
Original, Raisin or Round <b>Gourmet Challah Bread</b> 16-oz. loaf <b>1<sup>39</sup></b>	
<b>Round Challah Hearth Bread</b> 16-oz. loaf <b>94¢</b>	
<b>Cream Cheese Rugulah</b> <b>5<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	
<b>Almond Sponge Cake</b> 14-oz. <b>1<sup>34</sup></b>	
<b>Honey Cake</b> 16-oz. <b>1<sup>49</sup></b>	
<b>Coconut Macaroons</b> <b>2<sup>66</sup></b> lb.	
<b>Mundle Bread</b> <b>3<sup>32</sup></b> lb.	

## PRODUCE

<b>Loose Sweet Potatoes</b> <b>2 lbs. 98¢</b>	FIBER-3 grams per medium potato. Select firm, uniformly shaped potatoes. Keep in a cool, dark place. Do not refrigerate. Use within a week.
<b>Fresh Carrots</b> <b>5 lb. 1<sup>68</sup></b>	FIBER-2 gram per medium carrot. Look for firm, straight, bright orange carrots. Store in refrigerator.
<b>Fresh Parsley</b> <b>2 for 98¢</b>	Look for fresh, green leaves. Store in a tightly covered container.
<b>Fresh Honeydew Melons</b> <b>1<sup>98</sup></b> each	FIBER-5 grams per 1/2 medium melon. Select melons with a honey-like aroma, creamy white or yellow rind and blossom end that gives slightly under gentle pressure. Once cut, refrigerate.
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1997-98

**October**

- 2 Rosh Hashonah
- 3 Rosh Hashonah
- 10 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Oct. 1)
- 11 Yom Kippur
- 16 First day Sukkot
- 17 Second day Sukkot
- 19 Amos Oz Speaks at Beth Shalom
- 21 Israeli Consul in community
- 21 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Oct. 9)
- 22 JCC Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon
- 23 Shemini Atzaret
- 24 Simchat Torah
- 28 Adult Institute starts-Temple Beth El
- 29 Adult Institute starts-JCC

**November**

- 2 UJA/Federation Chai Dinner  
with Michael Medved
- 7 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Oct. 30)
- 7, 8 Beth Shalom 75th Anniversary
- 9 Beth Shalom 75th Anniversary
- 21 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline Nov. 13)

**December**

- 5 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline Nov. 27)
- 7 Chanukah Choopla at JCC
- 11 UJA/Federation Lion of Judah event
- 19 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline Dec. 1)
- 23 1st candle lit, Chanukah
- 24-
- 31 Chanukah
- 25 JCC Pancake Breakfast &  
Chanukah Program
- 31 New Year's Teen Sleepover at JCC

**January, 1998**

- 9 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Dec. 31)
- 18 UJA/Federation Super Sunday  
Phone-A-Thon
- 19 JCRC Martin Luther King Observance
- 23 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Jan. 15)
- 30 Federation Shabbat with Rachel Korazim
- 31 Federation Study Session with R. Korazim

**February**

- 1 JCC Annual Snowball Run
- 6 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Jan. 29)
- 11 Tu B'Shevat
- 20 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Feb. 12)

**March**

- 6 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-Feb. 26)
- 7 JCC Purim Masquerade Ball
- 11 Fast of Esther
- 12 Purim
- 15 Hadassah Purim Walk/Run
- 20 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-March 12)
- 21 AEA Gala
- 22 B'nai B'rith Lodge 100th Anniversary
- 29 Israel 50 Community Event

**April**

- 10 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-April 2)
- 10 1st Passover Seder
- 11 AKSE Community Seder
- 11-
- 18 Passover
- 14 JCC Annual Passover Restaurant
- 15 Women's Seder
- 19 Beth Emeth Mitzvah Day
- 23 Yom HaShoah
- 24 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-April 16)
- 30 Yom Ha'Atzmaut

**May**

- 3 Beth Shalom Mitzvah Day
- 8 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-April 30)
- 10 Mother's Day
- 14 Lag B'Omer
- 22 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-May 14)
- 25 AKSE Cafe Tamar
- 31 Shavuot

**June**

- 1 Shavuot
- 12 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-June 4)
- 18 JFD Annual Meeting
- 21 Father's Day
- 22 JCC Sports Classic
- 26 **The Jewish Voice published**  
(deadline-June 18)
- 28 JCC Annual Meeting & Family Picnic

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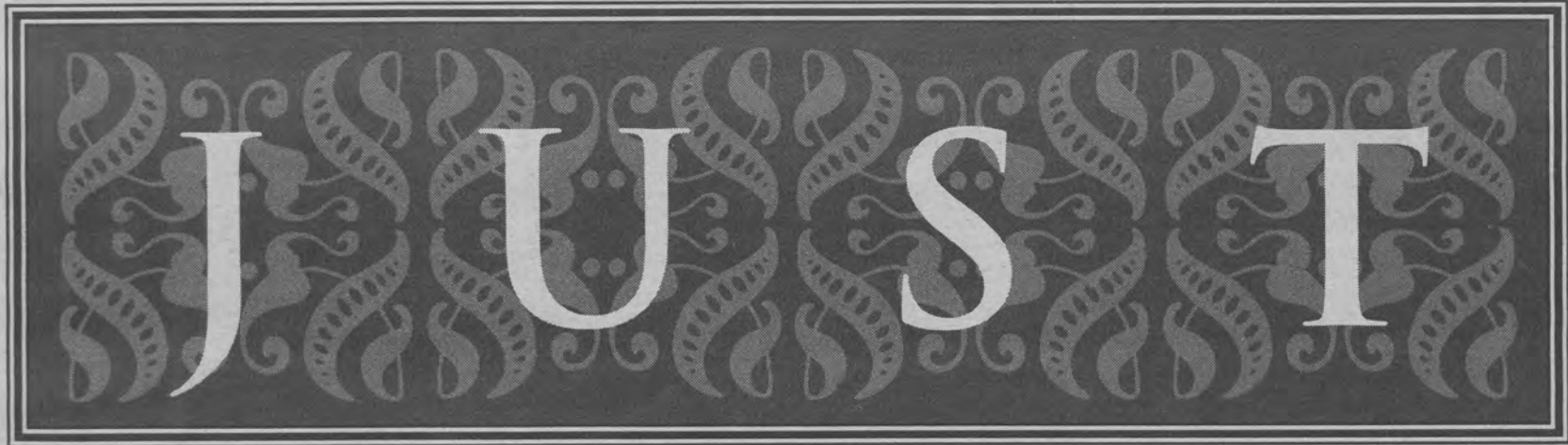
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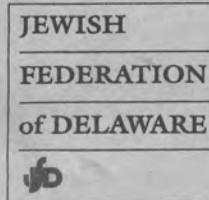


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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

The Rabbi Writes:

The Call for the Heart of Jewish Unity



Rabbi Malinger

By Rabbi LAURENCE P. MALINGER

Congregation Beth Emeth

In a few days, Jews throughout Delaware and the surrounding communities will join together in prayer and once again be moved by the ancient sounds of the shofar blasts. Whether we sit in Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, or Reform synagogue, we will all hear the haunting sounds to which Jews have listened for centuries. They will rouse us to reflect upon our own personal lives and to remember our connection with the larger Jewish world.

Why do we sound the Shofar? What is it supposed to accomplish?

The Sefer HaChinuch tells us that we must understand the nature of "humanity," the human beings that we are. We are like a creature from the physical realm, one that is only aroused and inspired to action by something stirring, something that will cause one to snap out of the ordinary routine.

We see this concept in practice at a time of war: In order to stir up the troops, trumpets are sounded, in hope that this arouses and motivates the soldiers to action. On Rosh HaShanah, we do the same. We "awaken," by means of the Shofar, all who are to be judged on this day. We try to incite all who have sinned to plead with God and our fellow human beings and request mercy from God when judging. God is receptive, as well as gracious, compassionate and forgiving, of those who return to Him with a complete heart. If the sounding of the Shofar has its intended effect, God will graciously accept the repentance of all on Rosh HaShanah.

Repentance is very near to us, and indeed it is within our grasp. However, we have to be aware that there is a need to change. We have to inspire ourselves to change. Only once we have overcome this hurdle can we start the process of

repentance. One way of inspiring ourselves to start this process is to literally jump-start ourselves. We need a shock, something startling, to make us "wake up and smell the coffee." Well, we need to wake up and take a good look at ourselves.

This has not been a good year for the Jewish community. We have challenged one another on the definition of who is a Jew. There can be no other statement other than that each and every Jew is precious to our larger community. I must affirm, regardless of belief and practice, the sacred spark within each of our souls. We share basic areas of concern which highlight our common ground: sustaining a vital Israel, creating dynamic Jewish communities, and serving those in need both locally and abroad. These matters have always historically connected Jews to one another. These shared commitments must continue. If they do not, then those who wish to see the Jewish people disappear will finally succeed and we will have no one to blame other than ourselves.

Prime Minister Netanyahu states this message in his High Holy Day address. "There is more to our security than the physical safety we must have. Security also means the preservation of Jewish unity, the

nurturing of the bond which ties Jews everywhere. Israel's power is not limited to what we have here. It is the power of a people who may live in all the corners of the globe, but whose heart is with us in Israel."

The new year, 5758, presents to us a new opportunity to learn from one another and expand on the understanding of religious pluralism. As the chair of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, I am proud to represent all of my colleagues of various streams of Judaism. We have created valuable relationships and we work together to address issues of Jewish concern.

I know that they join with me as I call upon all Jews in the greater Delaware Jewish community to help maintain our UJA-Jewish Federation of Delaware. This is our primary communal organization that helps support innocent individuals and families in need of lifesaving services.

Withdrawing our support would cause widespread and unintentional harm both locally and around the world. We need to foster an atmosphere of tolerance and respect within our community, seeking forums to work together in areas of common need. We need to con-

duct all advocacy and activism in an atmosphere of derech eretz, of civility, refraining from statements and actions which insult or delegitimize any segment of the Jewish community. We need to create a viable meeting ground within our community for Jews with differing, and even conflicting, opinions to come together and talk.

The potential for us to become splintered is great. If we are to sustain ourselves as a community of prudence, then we cannot allow our people to be shattered into segments that bear no relationship to one another. I call upon all Jews throughout our community to rise to this challenge. This new year will be a year of growth and learning. Then, and only then, can we begin to work on solutions to create a better world for all of us. L'shanah tovah tikatevu—a happy and healthy new year and may our actions enable all of us to be inscribed in the Book of Life.

(Rabbi Malinger is the Associate Rabbi/Director of Education at Congregation Beth Emeth and is the current chair of the RAD)

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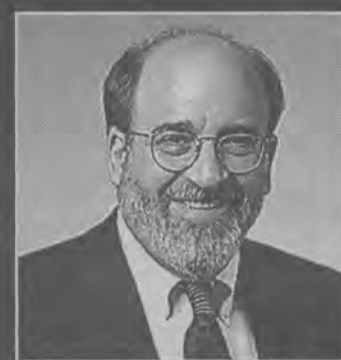


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## SYNAGOGUE LIFE

# Plans Underway for 75th Anniversary of Beth Shalom

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Boulevard, has announced plans for a weekend of rededication, prayer, reunion and celebration in honor of their founding seventy-five years ago. The weekend of November 7, 8, and 9 will begin with a Friday evening service at 8:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Joel Roth, Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York. Rabbi Roth will speak on the topic of "Where We've Been and Where We're Going." An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service and the community is invited to join the Beth Shalom membership for this event.

A Saturday morning "reunion" service, beginning at 9:30 a.m. will include the alumni of the synagogue's religious school participating in the service. A reunion luncheon of the alumni will follow the service. Religious school alumni throughout the U.S. and Israel are expected to attend.

On Saturday evening a reception and celebration dinner will be held at the Delaware Art Museum, Kentmere Parkway. Following the 6:30 p.m. reception and Havdalah Service, Rabbi David Geffen, of

Temple Israel, Scranton, Pa., and former Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom, will present a tribute to long time member and community leader Bernie Siegel. A dinner at 8:30 p.m. will be followed by an evening of entertainment and music. The Saturday events are open to the community, and reservations are required for the Saturday luncheon at the synagogue and the reception/dinner at the art museum.

Bernie Siegel has been a member of the synagogue for over 50 years, is a past Vice President of the synagogue and a life member of their Board of Directors. Mr. Siegel is a past President of the

Jewish Federation of Delaware, a life member of the Kutz Foundation, Trustee of the Jewish Community Center and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. His numerous community service awards include; The JNF "Tree of Life Award," the JCC "Harry Cohen Leadership Award," and the United Way of Delaware "Community Service Award." Ardent supporters of Israel, Bernie and his wife Ruth have visited Israel every year since their first visit over 40 years ago and are recipients of numerous tributes from the State of Israel including the "City of Peace Award" in 1990.

Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m., an afternoon of music, storytelling and other entertainment and arts focusing on children

and their parents and grandparents will conclude the weekend. The program is open to the public and reservations can be made through the synagogue office.

Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington's Conservative Synagogue was founded in the summer of 1922 by a group of citizens of the Jewish community known as the "Original Six." Shortly after the incorporation of Beth Shalom that summer, this group was joined by other members of the community and the synagogue acquired property at 18th & Washington which was to serve as the home of Beth Shalom for the next thirty-one years. During the early years of Beth Shalom, a religious school, social organizations, and adult study groups were

established. In 1930 Rabbi Jacob Kraft, a graduate of Harvard and the Jewish Theological Seminary accepted the position of Rabbi. With the exception of the era of World War II, when Rabbi Kraft served as a military chaplain, he was to remain as Rabbi until 1970, when he became Rabbi Emeritus.

In the intervening years as the membership of Beth Shalom increased, additional clergy and full time educators joined the synagogue staff. In 1951, Cantor Andrew Salzar joined the clergy staff as the synagogue's first full time Cantor, a position he was to hold for over 30 years. By the early 50's it was apparent that a new facility was needed and on April 4, 1954 the cornerstone for a new building was laid at 18th & Baynard Boulevard with High Holiday services held that fall in the new, partially completed sanctuary. As membership continued to grow, adjacent property was acquired for offices, a new auditorium, and a parking area. Today's membership is 500 families. Synagogue clergy are Rabbi David Wortman and Cantor Judith Naimark.

Chairs for the 75th anniversary weekend are Helen and Norman Schutzman. Reservations and additional information can be obtained by calling the synagogue office at (302) 654-4462.

## Some Moments in the Congregation's History

by RABBI DAVID GEFFEN  
Special to The Jewish Voice

The early years of Beth Shalom in the 1920s were punctuated by a variety of upheavals linked both to the rabbis and lay leaders of the congregation. During the synagogue's first eight years three individuals held the post as spiritual

leader and two additional rabbis came just for the first high holidays. This turnover made it difficult to fashion the spiritual framework in the way in which Judge Aaron and Anna Finger and the other five couples of the "original six" wanted it to be. Let's return for a moment to those years.

Two of the key elements in the founding of Beth Shalom were related to Jewish education and to an orderly, disciplined and quick-moving service. On one hand, the interest in education stemmed from the reaction to the Hebrew school of Adas Kodesch. On the

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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## History

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hand, they knew from first hand experience that the Beth Emeth Sunday school was woefully inadequate. They believed proper Jewish education required a teaching staff who knew Hebrew and aspects of Judaism but who were also attuned to the currents of the time.

Finding teachers of this caliber as well as a curriculum which they could use was not easy. However, the Fingers were acquainted with Rabbi Moses S. J. Abels from his tenure at Beth Emeth a decade earlier. They had maintained contact with him since he had left Wilmington for Altoona, Pennsylvania. Now with their own congregation, the Fingers brought Abels back to be the spiritual leader and to direct the Beth Shalom Hebrew school.

Toni Young, in her forthcoming history of the Jews of Delaware, documents the initial career of Abels in Wilmington. As a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and thus a Conservative rabbi, he was brought to Beth Emeth in 1910 when the ideology of that congregation was still in flux. By the time he left in 1912 the leadership of the congregation had reached the conclusion that they wanted to be Reform and affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Rabbi Abels presented the theological position which the Fingers believed was essential for Beth Shalom. He began to work at the congregation during the summer of 1923.

The first chairperson of the school board was Anna Finger. A very knowledgeable Jew, she recruited the teachers and she helped Rabbi Abels, once he arrived, with school assemblies, trips, and various types of "fetes" for the holidays. She also acted as a tutor and was known throughout her lifetime for having helped boys prepare for their Bar Mitzvahs. Beth Shalom Hebrew school students from the 1920's attest to the fact that they enjoyed the school and that they even learned a good deal. Rabbi Abels, however, had what some have described as a quick temper. Anna Finger did her best to keep things calm. His greatest success was with the Rambam club, whose members were teenagers. He appealed to their zest for learning and their desire to be good American Jews.

For nine months until April of 1924 the relationship between rabbi, school and congregation was strained. During the preparations for Beth Shalom's first confirmation, the occurrence of confrontations escalated to a daily basis. Then, with only two weeks left before the confirmation in May,

with the program printed and everything ready, he disappeared. Abels was not to be found for the next six months until he surfaced in upstate New York. Unbeknownst to Beth Shalom, Rabbi Abels had been secretly negotiating with another synagogue. Anna Finger and her sister-in-law Amelia Finger ran that first confirmation with musical preparation by the well known dancer Molly Glanz.

The second rabbi, Ralph Hershman, presented other difficulties. Some say that the rabbi ignored the needs of the congregation. Fourteen months into the job, he snuck away from the city. Indiana was his destination. He then went on to Florida, where he roamed congregations from coast to coast and from north to south.

The third rabbi, who thankfully is still alive in Jerusalem, was Dr. Abraham Millgram, a 1927 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He was a bachelor who rented rooms. While living in Jerusalem, Dr. Millgram and I reminisced many times about his tenure at Beth Shalom from 1927 until 1930. He stressed that it was a great learning experience for him in which he began to understand lay leadership from Judge Finger of Beth Shalom, Louis Topkis of Adas Kodesch and the rest of the Topkis clan. He also found that Anna Finger, Mrs. Charles Schagrin, Mrs. Aaron Levitt and others were not only committed to Jewish education but knew something about transmitting it.

Millgram, an avowed Zionist even then, felt a tension growing

between him and the congregational leadership over that issue. He also remodeled the Hebrew school in both its curricular structure as well as physical structure. His most important gift to Beth Shalom was Oscar Divinsky whom Dr. Millgram brought from Philadelphia. Divinsky was a fine Jewish educator of the modern school. He was also a Zionist, and so he and Millgram worked well together. Divinsky introduced the Jewish flag - Magen David - to the Beth Shalom school children and the most important achievement was that he taught all the children Hatikvah which they sang with great gusto.

Millgram's leaving in 1930 was motivated by his forthcoming marriage to a Philadelphia girl. He was aware that the start of the depression had raised financial difficulties for Beth Shalom. He assumed that he had done his best as a fledging rabbi and now it was off to the big city of Philadelphia to begin to establish his reputation in the wider sphere of Conservative Judaism in the city where a number of outstanding conservative rabbis were then serving - among them Rabbi Max D. Klein, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, and Rabbi Mortimer Cohen.

Beth Shalom was now ready for the most important rabbi in its history to take the reins. Rabbi Jacob Kraft, a freshly minted Harvard graduate, was to take over in the fall of 1930, and his tenure covered the next four decades.

(Rabbi David Geffen served as rabbi of Beth Shalom from 1969 to 1977. He now lives in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.)

## A Zionist Literary History

On Sunday, October 12, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature Adena M. Potok, teacher, social worker and community activist, to speak on the topic, "A Literary Journey Through Zion and Today's Israel."

She will be speaking on the development of Israeli philosophy and will critique - through its literature - Zionist hopes and the State of Israel. The talk will present current Israeli realizations and struggles.

Adena Potok is a teacher, social worker and community activist.

She is the wife of the renowned author, Chaim Potok, and the mother of three adult children. She graduated from Hunter College in 1954 cum laude and from UCLA in 1959.

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

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

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## Amos Oz to Speak in Wilmington

Israeli author, educator, and political activist Amos Oz will be the guest speaker at the Jacob Kraft Memorial Lecture at Congregation Beth Shalom on Sunday, October 19 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Mr. Oz was born in Jerusalem and is a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Oz has been a teacher of literature and philosophy at secondary schools in Israel, visiting fellow at St. Cross College, Oxford, England, and visiting professor of literature at numerous universities including the University of California at Berkeley, Boston University and the Catalan Academy of the Mediterranean, Barcelona. He is currently Full



Amos Oz

Professor of Hebrew Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva.

Mr. Oz is the author of over 30 novels and essays which include *My Michael*, *A Perfect Peace*, *In The Land of Israel*, and *To Know a Woman*. His works have been translated into 27 languages. He is the recipient of numerous literary prizes and honors including the Writer of the Year Award from the Lotus Club, New York, the Holon and Brenner Prizes and is the recipient of Honorary Doctorates from Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew Union College, and Western New England College, Springfield, MA.

Since the Six Day War in 1967, Amos Oz has been actively involved with groups within the Israeli peace movement. He has been one of the leading figures of "Peace Now" since its founding in 1977.

The Kraft lecture series is dedicated to the memory of the late Jacob Kraft, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom.

The Jacob Kraft Memorial Lecture will be held on Sunday Evening, October 19, 1997 at 7:00 pm. The lecture will be held at Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvds. is open to the public and there is no admission charge. For additional information please call the Beth Shalom office (302) 654 4462.

## AKSE Reach Out Committee

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The Committee co-chairs, Marilyn Harwick and Irma Skversky invite all interested persons to call the Synagogue office and leave their names and phone numbers. If you are a "people person" or have a soft shoulder for someone to lean on, speak up. If you know of someone whom the Committee could assist, let the office know his or her name. Regular training and sensitivity programs will begin after the high holidays. Call 762-2705 for more information

## One Women's Opinion: The Silence Racket

By PAULA SHULAK

The Jewish Voice Cultural Arts Critic

Women in Delaware's Jewish community were treated to a unique theatrical experience on the evening of September 15. The Third Annual Women's Gathering held at the JCC featured a one woman show entitled "A Clamorous Silence: The Women of the Bible." Starring in this tour de force was Judith Levey-Kurlander, a professor at Ithaca College who is also the author-interpreter of a very new view of females as they are portrayed in Tanach. While nearly all of the more than one hundred women in the filled auditorium were captured by the depth of her poetry, I must admit that I was a little disappointed in the performance element of her presentation.

Ms. Levey-Kurlander included in her presentation several monologues which she was inspired or "challenged to write," as she put it, "by the personalities of the women" who spoke to her from the pages of the Bible. From Sarah to Leah to the mother of Moses; from Lot's wife to Judith; from Bathsheba to Jephtha's daughter, the magnificent imagery and soaring



Judith Levey-Kurlander

Enhancing the program was the art exhibit "Women of the Bible" by Pamela Monroe-Morgan of W. Shokan, New York. This exhibit will continue in the JCC Art Gallery until October 12th. For further information, please call Michelle Silberglied at (302) 478-5660. Photo taken by Phyllis Aerenson

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Women

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ing metaphors included in the monologues were stunning insights into the minds and beings of these larger-than-life women whom we have read about for years, but only through the words and interpretations of men.

Who could resist the heartbreak of Yocheved as she lay her new-

born baby boy on the waters of the Nile? Who could not empathize with Leah who was always the unloved, the other wife? Who could not cry with Lot's wife as she anguished at being dragged, with hardly any warning, from her life-long home and could not resist taking one last look?

The power of Ms. Levey-Kurlander's words was enormous.

**The Wife of Lot**  
By JUDITH LEVEY KURLANDER

I stand  
outside the city  
inside a nightmare  
fleeing from  
home

Whatever I ever  
knew  
or know  
made  
or raised  
or held  
is there

Turning away I am turned into a  
stranger

*Flee for your life!*  
the little kneaded cakes set out  
the curds still dripping  
we ran at dawn  
through the cracked earth  
over hard rock  
toward the stone hills

"I have loved,  
I love," I scream  
as though that  
should spare me from this

He takes my hand and drags me  
I cannot separate sky from sand  
cannot split their barren burning  
into one another  
to see where we are running

Over Sodom  
the sun  
has burnt the sky away  
Everywhere  
ashes are falling

I think of the skin  
of the cream  
rising  
I think of covering  
with my hands the  
white  
wool  
of the sweet ewe

I turn back!

Unfortunately, her method of delivery, in this reviewer's opinion, was not. Instead of taking on the persona of the particular woman who was being portrayed, she delivered all of the monologues in essentially the same style: a very dramatic, but repetitious manner, which for this listener, at least, diminished the effect.

There were glimpses of the performance that might have been in two or three of the monologues when the actress allowed herself to escape into the emotion of the moment, but such moments were few and far between. I do not mean to suggest that this was not a worthwhile program. All of the

audience members were caught up in the magnificence of her words. But I missed the element of any good dramatic reading which makes a young girl, young, and a matron, old; which portrays a lover in one way and a charismatic leader in another; which shows a heartbroken mother as different in tone and stature from a jealous wife. It is impossible to portray each of these women in exactly the same tone of voice, with exactly the same mannerisms as Ms. Levey-Kurlander attempted to do. What she as an author wrote and said was refreshing and exciting (you can judge for yourself as you read her poem *The Wife of Lot*

printed on this page); sadly, the way it was said left something to be desired.

Let me close by commending the committee which planned the evening's events for their excellence in presenting such a stimulating program and for their foresight in bringing such a worthwhile performer to our state. After speaking to several people in attendance that evening, I believe it is the consensus of most women who were there that it was definitely an evening well spent.

(*One Woman's Opinion*, written by Paula Shulak, is a new regular column for *The Jewish Voice*.)

Words & Music:

All That Jazz That Was

By STEVE COHEN

The death of radio station WFLN affects Delawarrians almost as much as Philadelphians. 'FLN's classical music programs were heard in Wilmington and at least half of Delaware. Since WHYY — the public station licensed in both Wilmington and Philadelphia — eliminated almost all music from its schedule, WFLN has been our sole source of symphonies.

Now it's gone. The new owner of the station, Greater Media, needs to turn a quick profit to justify the high purchase price, so it has adopted a youth-oriented pop rock format. And, thank goodness, Temple University's stations, WRTI in Philly and WRTX in Dover, have stepped in by accepting WFLN's old record library and turning its all-jazz format into classical-by-day and jazz-by-night.

This, too, affects Delawarrians. WRTI's jazz has been beamed into the state for several years via WRTX, Dover. Jazz lovers naturally are upset that so much of their music is being taken away. Some are angry with Temple University, but I think the university is doing the right thing and the blame lies

elsewhere.

Two Februaries ago the U.S. Congress changed previous law and allowed any company to buy and own up to eight stations in each market. This favors big corporations with deep pockets. The change caused the cost of buying a station to escalate wildly, and that in turn is leading to lowest-common-denominator programming.

Greater Media could simply have changed the lock on its door, thrown all its classical deejays out of work and trashed its collection of cd's. Instead the conglomerate contacted other stations to see if anyone was interested in picking up the classical mantle. Greater Media offered its record library and its data base of listeners and spon-

sors. WHYY and two other stations passed. Temple accepted.

It makes sense for Temple, a diverse university that includes many different cultures. Now its image will not be limited to only jazz. It hurts when a jazz lover can't find his or her music on the dial whenever he or she wants it. But it would have been a greater tragedy if classical music were to vanish totally from the airwaves.

There are some folks in Philly who perceive the change as an attack on the black community. Temple's music, in recent years, has been predominantly black jazz and also included soul and gospel. Black people are phoning and writing, complaining that their

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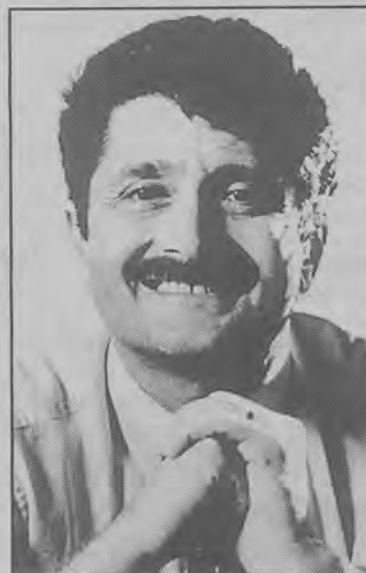
# Michael Medved Takes on Hollywood Author/Critic to Speak at Chai Dinner Nov. 2

**By MICHAEL ELKIN**  
(The Chai Dinner will feature film critic, author and social commentator Michael Medved, on Sunday, November 2, 1997 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington St. Extension and Torah Drive. Jane and Steven Goldberg, are the Event Chairpersons. Families contributing \$1,800 or more, or individuals contributing \$900 or more, to the annual UJA/Federation Campaign are welcome. At home, in Israel and in 60 countries around the world, "no gift touches more lives."  
The Couvert is \$54 per person, and adult children ages 13-30

may attend for the couvert. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner will start at 6:15 p.m.  
The Chai Dinner Committee, includes Wendy and Benjamin "Buddy" Berger, Shara and Ken Bubes, Barbara and Dr. David Blumberg, Andrea and Richard Levine and Andrea and Scott Feinman. Scott serves as the Chai Division Chairperson.)  
Michael Medved's explosive *Hollywood vs. America: Popular Culture and the War on Traditional Values* - with its picture of Tinseltown as a ragtag band of mercenaries marching to battle, out of step with the rest of the nation, mocking the very values on

which the country is based - would make a great war movie.  
But don't count on any conscription booths at Spago or fatigue boots on sale at Bijan. War is hell - especially when it's being waged from within. And with all its success at special effects, Hollywood is rarely affected by reality. But then, argues Medved, it has rarely had a handle on getting the big picture.  
But Medved does. The former Philadelphian and current Californian, co-host of TV's "Sneak Previews," is not one for sneak attacks in print. His book is bold and straightforward, making its move on movie makers without compromise, deflecting the film industry's defensiveness.

At a time when some Americans are up in arms over family values, Medved provides ammunition against a town whose most martyred example of motherhood may be the title character in "Alien."  
Oy vey for Hollywood?  
"Family values is not a political issue," says Medved. "It is not a Republican or Democratic issue. It is a concern for every decent American."  
On that level, says Medved, Hollywood fails the screen test. It promotes promiscuity, uses marriage as a map for depicting wedded blitz and nonchalantly portrays illegitimacy as a legitimate lifestyle.  
Yale graduate Medved has credentials in the business. He has worked on a number of scripts - including "Yentl" - and has served as a source of expertise on Hollywood for a number of TV news shows.  
The popular author contends that his viewpoint is more popular than Hollywood would have one believe.



Michael Medved

"Everybody knows this business is in crisis and is rotten to the core," says Medved. "It is a climate

where the ship is going down and all the major entertainment companies are in deep, deep trouble."  
What also is troubling is the way Hollywood handles religion, says the author, a Jew who observes Shabbat.  
"In addition to the obvious antipathy to various forms of Christianity displayed in so many recent movies," writes Medved in reference to such works as "At Play in the Fields of the Lord" and "The Last Temptation of Christ," "Hollywood has also attempted some significant jabs at Judaism."  
Medved notes that although the punches aimed at Jews are not as powerful as those aimed at Christians, Jews can't take much solace. "This has less to do with the high concentration of Jews in the movie industry than with the prevailing perception that Judaism is all but irrelevant as a religious

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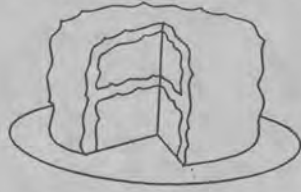
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## Medved

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system," writes Medved.

Not that Jews and Judaism are left unscathed. Medved cites a number of Woody Allen films – including "Radio Days" and "Crimes and Misdemeanors" – as misdirected attacks on Jews.

Allen isn't the only source for such japes at Jews: According to Medved, "Enemies, a Love Story," based on a work by I.B. Singer, presented a less than loving portrayal of a rabbi, played by Alan King.

Indeed, rabbis often take it on the chin: Medved cites the one who shaved off his beard in "The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick." What are the chances, asks Medved, of a Chasidic rabbi doing just that, turning his back on his congregation and becoming a stand-up comic?

What is not funny is the way Americans view the movie makers of Hollywood.

"Jews still run Hollywood," says Medved. "The most serious problem we have is that, in an era when a substantial portion of America hates the movies and believes that movies and TV corrupt their kids, that substantial portion can blame the Jews.

"There is no question that some of the anger and alienation people

feel toward Hollywood rubs off into classical anti-Semitism."

Those same moguls have mixed feelings about their own people and religion. "Hollywood says yes to Jews, but no to Judaism," says Medved.

When the lights dim in the theater, there is little illumination on the real Jewish experience. And when something is depicted, the picture is usually skewed. For instance, says Medved, "If you have a Jewish character on screen, he is only allowed to fall in love with a non-Jewish character."

But movie makers ticket other groups for such treatment too.

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– Michael Medved

Indeed, Medved takes umbrage at the way Hollywood projects other images, including that of the woman in today's society.

"If you pick up a newspaper and look at the garbage in the multiplexes, you can be horrified," he says.

Certainly, says Medved, it is frightening to think that there could be a more sexist and unbecoming anti-female film such as "Death Becomes Her," which explores the theme that aging women are useless members of society.

"Unlawful Entry," with its focus on two men struggling for the favors of a beautiful, helpless woman, and "Single White Female," which depicts the ruthlessness of a woman scorned, are two others he points to in that category.

Too often, says the writer, producers opt for the abnormal over the normal, confusing the sordid with the significant. "In Hollywood, if you want to impress gorgeous starlets, critics and the heavyweights – and all in the business do – you'd rather do a [homosexually oriented] 'My Private Idaho' – where they had to subpoena people to see it" than a film about traditional families and relationships.

"Hollywood forgets what people want is to come out of a movie after a couple of hours and feel better than when they came in."

Instead, says Medved, too often he feels like soaking in a tub when he leaves a screening. "So many movies today ... you go in and feel dirty after seeing them."

That isn't always the case, he acknowledges. There are some

beauties out there amid the dross. "I loved 'Beauty and the Beast,'" says Medved of the Oscar-nominated animated film from Disney.

"I saw it four times – and I paid the last two times. And, you know, critics never pay," he notes with a chuckle.

Medved also enjoyed "Sister Act," the unexpected smash hit starring Whoopi Goldberg. "That was an old-fashioned entertainment," says Medved.

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– Michael Medved

But does old still sell in a world where new and improved hold sway? "If they made 'The Sound of Music' today, it would be a smash hit all over again," contends Medved in his argument for quality.

Iowa cornfields aren't the only place where "If you build it, they will come," he contends: Make a film the right way, says Medved,

and audiences will come too.

Which is something Hollywood, with its focus on violent and profane-filled movies, does not understand. It isn't so much *Hollywood vs. America* as it is Hollywood being its own worst enemy, says the author.

"I am in the process of watching the industry drop a hydrogen bomb on itself," laments Medved.

In writing such a compelling account of the town in which he lives, has Medved mailed himself a letter bomb? In an industry where one checks for stab wounds after being patted on the back, is Medved fearful of cutting himself off from the moguls in charge of so many profitable jobs?

"I'm realistic," says Medved matter-of-factly. "I know the book will be controversial. But my research is solid. Whenever you dissent from orthodoxy in this town, people become outraged," he says.

Now that Medved has made his case against Hollywood, he can step away from the battlefield and wait for the fireworks to begin. The author thinks he is on the winning side.

Fans' shouts of "Hooray for Hollywood" seem to be fading fast, replaced, possibly, by the fallout of the book. "I don't think Hollywood has many cheerleaders today," says Medved.

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## FEATURES

# Telechet: New Discovery Heats Debate About Long Lost Mitzvah

By SARAH HERSHENSON

(WZPS) The Children of Israel were commanded by God to use *techelet*, the royal blue color, on one strand of the white fringes (the *tzitzit*) that were worn on a four cornered garment or prayer shawl. But between 570 and 750 CE, due to royal edicts by conquering nations who declared its wearing illegal, the secret of *techelet's* procurement and production was gradually lost. The Midrash *Tanhuma*, written in 750 CE, laments, "And now we have no *techelet* only white." Although the white fringes of *tzitzit* remained widely used through the centuries, the tradition of the blue thread among the white fringes disappeared for 1,300 years.

A Jerusalem-based group, Amutat P'til Techelet (the Association for the Promotion and Distribution of Techelet), established in 1980, recently claimed to have solved the mystery of *techelet* and is producing the colored thread needed to fulfill the long lost commandment.

Since the product gained the approval of several rabbis in Israel, including the Chief Rabbi of Rehovot, Rabbi Simcha Kook, the orders have come in at a rate of some 300 per month, from customers all over the world.

The Talmud records that *techelet* comes from a snail, *hilazon* in Hebrew, whose home was said to be along the northern coastline of Israel, in the part of the country apportioned to the seafaring tribe of Zevulun. The Talmud records that the tribe of Zevulun complained that their portion was hilly and not suitable for agriculture, but God reassured them that everyone will have to come to them to buy the *hilazon* and blue *techelet*.

The search by Jewish scholars for the source of the true *techelet* was revived some 100 years ago and included archeologists,

chemists, marine biologists, a great Hassidic Rabbi, the former Chief Rabbi of Israel, and some of the greatest rabbinical minds of our day.

The impetus for the rediscovery of *techelet* came in the late 1800s from a most unlikely origin - Rabbi Gershon Hanokh Leiner, the Hassidic rabbi of Radzyn, who in addition to being a great scholar and the leader of a large Hassidic community in Poland, was a world traveler and a polylinguist with a penchant for medicine and chemistry. He believed that because it is a biblical commandment to wear *techelet*, it was his duty to set out on an expedition to find it. His conclusion was that the *hilazon* was not a snail at all but a cuttlefish belonging to the squid family. With a method discovered 200 years previously by a Parisian chemist, he turned the black ink powder that this creature emits into a blue dye. Within a few years, all of his *Hassidim* were wearing the blue thread in their *tzitzit* and continue to do so until this day.

The rabbi wrote three books to substantiate his claims and counter the strong opposition from other scholars. He felt that because this was such a great *mitzvah*, one should follow it even if in doubt.

In 1913, Rabbi Isaac Herzog, the Chief Rabbi of Ireland, who later became the Chief Rabbi of Israel, continued the search. He wrote his doctoral dissertation on the subject of the biblical blue - "porphyrology" - which is a word he coined meaning the study of purple. He had his doubts whether the *techelet* the Radzyner rabbi found was really *techelet* and whether the cuttlefish was really the *hilazon*.

He studied the dyeing process that called for the ink of the cuttlefish to be subjected to intense heat and then mixed with chemicals and colorless iron filings. The resultant dye, he concluded after chemical



A scuba diver holds a live murex trunculus snail, from whose gland the dye is taken for use in creating *techelet* - the royal blue color used on one strand of the white fringes (the *tzitzit*) of a garment or prayer shawl. The secret of *techelet's* production and procurement was lost some 1,300 years ago. WZPS photo courtesy Kenneth L. Fischer/ASAP.

analysis, was not from the ink at all but rather the commonly used Prussian blue. Nevertheless, scientists point out that even though the Radzyner rabbi was proven wrong and actually produced an inorganic dye, he had restored the quest for the true *techelet*.

Dr. E. Spanier, the late Dr. Edelstein, Prof. Ronald Hoffman, a Nobelist in chemistry and Dr. Irving Ziderman, a foremost authority on antique purple dyes and the scientific director of the Techelet Foundation, contributed extensively to the study of the *hilazon*, which has now been identified as the murex trunculus. They elaborated on the chemical structure of the dye *techelet* and found locations along the shores of Israel, Lebanon and Greece (ancient Phoenicia) where the *hilazon* now exist as they did in ancient times.

About 35 years ago, when the archeologist Prof. Yigal Yadin discovered caves that had been inhabited by Bar Kochba and his people during the rebellion against Rome in 2 C.E., Yadin found a small amount of wool that had been dyed blue but not woven into thread. Chemical tests revealed that the wool had been dyed with *kala ilan* (indigo) of vegetable origin. Referring to the passage in the Gemara which states that indigo and *techelet* are indistinguishable by the human eye - only the Almighty knows for sure - one could now prepare the dye from the mollusk identified as the *hila-*

Professor Otto Elsner of Israel's Shenkar College of Textiles in the 1980s. He was researching the methods used by the ancient dyers and noticed that the dye of the murex trunculus female snails tended towards purple, but the wool turned a brilliant blue with the dye of the male snails. The combination of both dyes over a period of many days created the required *techelet* shade. It has also been proven that exposure to sunlight during the dyeing process could artificially and immediately yield indigo blue.

This step led to further accomplishments, including the researching and writing of a book on *tzitzit* in 1985 by Rabbi Eliyahu Tavger of Jerusalem. After much investigation, he became convinced that the authentic *techelet* came from the murex trunculus snail. After many trials, he succeeded in applying the process, according to the prescribed ritual, from beginning to end.

Based on Rabbi Tavger's work, the Association for the Promotion and Distribution of Techelet was formed in Israel by Ari Greenspan, Baruch Serman, and Joel Guberman, three Yeshiva University graduates who made aliya in the 1980's, in order to make the *techelet* thread available to the general public and provide information to observant Jews all over the world.

Today, the association is marketing *techelet* worldwide, with four *techelet* threads and 12 ordinary *tzitzit* fringes selling for \$70. The association also sponsors day trips that take people in search of *techelet*. Usually led by Serman and Greenspan, their destination is the Dor Beach and museum on the Mediterranean shore north of Zichron Yaakov; one of the areas where archeological digs have yielded proof of an ancient *techelet* industry.

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ciation of what being Jewish means beyond cultural and family connections.

Elliott Abrams, president of the sponsoring Ethics and Public Policy Center, based in Washington, says the conference proved to him that the Jewish community is "undergoing a tremendous self-evaluation." He noted that participating Conservative, Reform and Orthodox rabbis spoke of changes taking place within their synagogues, including a greater emphasis on ritual.

The author of a provocative new book, "Faith Or Fear: How Jews Can Survive in a Christian America," Abrams believes that American Jewry can only survive as a religious community. He argues, persuasively, that studies can explore the success or failure of Jews maintaining their identity and passing the heritage on to their children, but not why it matters.

What binds us, in the end, is our faith in a religion that teaches us to live by a covenant, to be a holy people. That belief sustained Jews for thousands of years. If it sounds too jarring or alien or "racist" today, woe unto us and our future.

(Gary Rosenblatt is editor and publisher of The New York Jewish Week.)



The Luck of the Destination

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special to The Jewish Voice

If ever you find yourself strolling the streets of Dublin's fair city and catch a smiling Irish eye you might, just might, find a Jewish wink behind that smile. Or as you pass those famous Dublin Georgian doorways, check out the door jambs—you just might find a mezuzah.

And, if one of those Jewish Dublin doors welcomes you in you would probably learn about a Jewish community that, in the last two decades of the 19th Century, emigrated to Ireland from Eastern Europe. Such was the experience of Wilmington resident, Yetta Chaiken, in a trip to Dublin. Yetta didn't just happen to go to Ireland—she went to attend an "aufuf" for her great niece's (Tracy Spivak) groom-to-be at the time, a Dubliner whose family was part of the Eastern European Jewish emigration.

"I was told," said Yetta with some amazement, "that the family set sail for America, and when the boat docked in Ireland the passengers were informed they had

reached their destination, which they believed because everyone was English speaking."

The story may be apocryphal, but a small Jewish community did develop in Ireland, grew to a post-World War II high of about 5,000 and declined to the current 1,400. Though small in number, it is an active and involved community. Of the 166 member parliament, three of the elected representatives are Jewish (compared to one elected representative from the 150,000 Protestant community). Dublin has had three Jewish lord mayors: Robert Briscoe, Gerald Green and Ben Briscoe, and Jews have continuously served in other high public offices.

A variety of Jewish social, religious, and educational institutions provides a framework within which Jewish communal life functions comfortably. There are, for example, several Jewish congregations, a golf club, a Jewish day school, a kashrut commission, a kosher bakery, and a kosher butcher shop. Coincidentally, the butcher shop, known as B. Erlich's, belongs to a

cousin of Wilmington resident, Ella Zukoff!

Considering that as recently as 1937 the Irish Constitution officially recognized Judaism as a minority faith with guaranteed freedom of religion, it is noteworthy that today the chief rabbi has the same status as the leaders of Ireland's other recognized religions.

Yetta Chaiken reports that the Jewish community to which she was introduced was prosperous, well-educated, and intellectually and culturally vibrant. "The Jews I met," commented Yetta, "are involved with all kinds of literary and theatre groups—there's a Joyce group, an O'Casey group, and an Abbey Theatre group—I don't think most Americans have either the time or energy for those kinds of involvements."

Yetta's week in Dublin was a real simcha week, filled with cocktail parties, elaborate luncheons and dinners, and a memorable evening in an Irish pub when she learned to drink Guinness.

The "aufuf" itself was held in the Adelaide Road Synagogue, which was for Yetta Chaiken a par-

ticularly evocative experience. The Eastern Romanesque style synagogue, with its long, narrow interior and a central bimah was, exclaimed Yetta, "a twin of Chesed Shel Emeth on 3rd & Shipley, where my father went."

Originally built in 1892 to accommodate 450 congregants (300 in the main building and 150 in the galleries above), the Adelaide Road Synagogue no longer receives such numbers. In fact, according to Yetta, the South African rabbi who officiates at the synagogue remarked that the "aufuf" attracted the largest number of congregants he had seen in years. It was a traditional service, in Hebrew, "with a choir," said Yetta, "of four men over eighty—and the women had to sit in the galleries upstairs."

"It's a dwindling community," rued Yetta. "Those who stay tend to 'marry out' and become assimilated. And those who want to 'marry in' leave Ireland to find mates." But, according to Yetta, her new Irish relatives love their country, and no matter where they travel, there is, after all, "no place like home."

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Ethel and Don Parsons, left, and Ruth and Bernie Siegel, co-chairs.



Rabbi Sanford Dresin hung the main entry Mezuzah at the resident rededication event. All present participated in the blessing. The Candle Room - a Mezuzah was hung honoring Ellen Levin's Auxiliary Board Presidency. Earlier in the week, Mezuzot for all resident rooms were hung. Mezuzot were purchased with funds donated by Trudy Turnof in memory of her husband, George Turnof, and mother, Lena Steinman. The scrolls were hand scribed in Israel as arranged by Ruth Weinstein and brought to the Kutz Home after Ruth & Sheldon Weinstein's recent trip to Israel.



Rabbi Lawrence Mallinger, sharing a laugh with Kutz residents.



Kutz Auxiliary President Miriam Edell.



Plaques and historic pictures in the lobby greet visitors to the Kutz Home.



Refreshments were prepared by Kutz Home Dietary Department.



Approximately 140 people attended the Auxiliary Gala - Forget Me Not Ball held on September 20 at Arshat Hall. Past presidents of the Auxiliary were recognized.



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### JFD Board Highlights

1. A minute of silence was observed in memory of Mark Caplan and those who lost their lives in the terrorist bombings.
2. Rabbi Malinger presented the D'Var Torah.
3. The minutes of the June 5 and 19 meetings were approved.
4. Program spotlight: Micha Feldman of the Jewish Agency for Israel spoke about the Ethiopian airlift to Israel.
5. The Board of Directors approved participation in Partnership 2000 which matches our community with one in Israel. Delaware will join New Jersey communities in partnering with the Tamar-Arad region of Israel. This area is located in the Negev and includes Arad, Masada, the resort area of the Dead Sea and Ein Gedi. It is hoped that this partnership will encourage cultural and business opportunities. About 5% of our UJA allocation will be designated for Partnership 2000.
6. Dan Weintraub gave an update on JCRC activities. A subcommittee chaired by David Margules is revisiting the mission and the process followed. The Public Education Task Force chaired by Mark Wagman is examining the voucher system. John Elzufon met the UD resident assistants to increase awareness of anti-Semitism. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee sponsored a trip for public school teachers to the Holocaust Museum in Washington.
7. Suzanne Grant gave the treasurers report for the fiscal year ending 6-30-97.
8. Cas Anolick, 1997 campaign chair, encouraged all to finish their 1997 cards. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve our community.
9. Barry Kane, co-chair of the 1998 campaign, reviewed up and coming events including: the Dinner of Commitment to be held Sept. 7 chaired by Ellen and Garth Koniver and the Chai event to be held Nov. 2 chaired by Jane and Steve Goldberg.
10. Jack Ukeles of Ukeles Associates has been hired to facilitate the planning process to determine community capital needs.
11. The Board approved opening an account at Schwab to enable the Endowment Fund to accept mutual funds as contributions.
12. The Board approved two requests for scholarship funds. Steve Dombchik, chair, reported that the Endowment Board approved disbursements from the philanthropic funds for \$18,000. There was discussion of the need to make scholarship opportunities known to the community.
13. Leslie Newman encouraged the Board to attend opening of the Community Service Building on Sept. 8, the Kutz Gala on Sept. 20, the Torah dedication to Hillel on Sept. 14 and the rededication of the Kutz Home on Sept. 21.

### MIA's

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appealed for help. In his remarks Mr. Baumel specifically mentioned the continued efforts of the Coalitions for Missing Israeli Soldiers.

Ending this nightmare is the sole purpose of the American Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers (ACMIS). The National Council of Young Israel sponsors ACMIS in fulfillment of the mitzvah of pidyon shevuyim, redemption of captives, which is certainly appropriate because Zachary Baumel is part of the Young Israel family, having grown up in the Young Israel of Boro Park, Brooklyn, NY. ACMIS works closely with the International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers in Jerusalem. These organizations have brought the subject of Israel's missing men to the attention of newspapers, radio, and legislative leaders through ad campaigns, lobbying efforts, and public programs. Financial support is critical to finish the job and stop the horror. Giving to this cause is an important way to ease the pain of the families.

A massive outcry of protest from the Jewish community is truly needed now. The 15th anniversary of the battle of Sultan Yakoub and the disappearances of Zach, Zvi, and Yehuda passed on the 20th of Sivan (June 25, 1997). For 15 years their families have been tormented, not knowing whether their children are alive or dead. Resolution of this predicament largely depends on showing our elected officials that we are united in our demands for accurate information on the status of these young men. It is vital that Vice President Gore hear from American Jewry by phone, FAX, or e-mail on this issue.

When you contact Mr. Gore, tell him the following:

- Remind him that Zachary Baumel is both an Israeli and an American citizen who also registered for the American Army draft.
- Tell him that business from major American companies must not be given to countries that do not treat prisoners according to International law.
- Remind Mr. Gore that Israel cooperated with the release of many known terrorists so that the famous American hostages, Terry Anderson and Terry Waite, could have their freedom. Explain to him the concept of *hakaras hatov* (gratitude) — tell him the U.S. is long overdue to show its *hakaras hatov* by demanding the release of Israeli prisoners-of-war.

Remind Mr. Gore that the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA) stipulates that aid to the PA be contingent on several factors, including full disclosure on all information it had on all United States citizens missing from the region. The PA is not in compliance since it has not given any accurate information on Zachary Baumel.

The story of Israel's missing soldiers is by no means over. But the commitment of every American Jew is needed to write the final chapters properly. It is our privilege as free Americans and an obligation we share as Jews to work together for their release. It is our hope and prayer that another anniversary will not be marked without the release of these soldiers. Through the support of American Jewry and with the help of the Almighty, the High Holiday

season will soon be a time of reunion for the Katz, Baumel, and Feldman families with their sons.

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For more information on the MIA issue, contact: American Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers, 3 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011.

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## MORE NEWS

### Words & Music

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"African classical music" is being replaced with European classical music.

This disturbs me as a music lover. More particularly, it upsets me because Leon Brown (now an editor of *The Jewish Exponent*) and I introduced jazz to WRTI when we were undergraduates there in the late 1950's. I was station manager and my colleagues and I played good music without labelling anything black or white. We brought bandleaders/arrangers Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Ed Sauter and Bill Finegan to our air-

waves to talk and to play their music. They came down to our tiny little station and visited with us. Two of those jazz greats were black and two white, and who cared?

Having talked with Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Billy Eckstine, and knowing their personal histories, I think all of them would turn over in their graves if they heard that today's blacks were claiming jazz as their exclusive domain. It's rooted in the black experience, of course, but it's universal. Those black musicians definitely thought their music should be universal, and it is.

Songwriters David Maltby and Richard Shire created a musical for Broadway last year named *Big*, based on the popular Tom Hanks movie about a child who inhabits an adult body. My family thought it was entertaining, but the majority of critics disagreed and the show closed after a short run.

In a unique situation, we're going to have a chance to see a totally-reconceived version of the show this week at the Playhouse Theater in the duPont Building. (September 26 through October 5.) Maltby and Shire have thrown out half of the songs and replaced them with seven new ones. The sets, direction and choreography all will be new, in a conception that's more intimate than the Broadway version. The creators even have dropped the big letter B from the title and are calling it "big." It will be virtually a world premiere.

Also this weekend is the gala opening of the Delaware Symphony season. Conductor Stephen Gunzenhauser enters his 19th season with a program of Tchaikovsky, Sibelius and Rachmaninoff. Andre Watts is the piano soloist.

On the weekend of October 16-18 Gunzenhauser will conduct Beethoven, Brahms and Mozart. You always can count on him to choose music with easy appeal, grouped logically by theme or by



Drummer/band leader Max Weinberg, of the Late Show with Conan O'Brien, spoke at the University of Delaware on September 21. Mighty Max, as he was called by his former boss, The Boss - Bruce Springsteen. Weinberg played with the East Street Band for 16 years. When asked if being Jewish affected him and/or his work, Weinberg said that it "affected everything." He also mentioned that apparently he, his band, and the show are popular in Israel. Photo: JDS

nation-of-origin. Later in the season we'll have an all-American program, then an all-Tchaikovsky one. I'm looking forward to two unusual events in the spring. *The Battleship Potemkin*, a silent film classic by Sergei Eisenstein, will be shown and accompanied by the Delaware Symphony playing, live, Dmitri Shostakovich's score for the film. Then the DSO will team up with the Grand Opera House for a concert performance of Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, in

April.

Two outstanding evenings at the Opera House are this week. The bubbly British music hall hit, *Me and My Girl*, plays one performance only on Sunday, September 28. Then Frank Ferrante brings his wonderful one-man show to Wilmington, *An Evening With Groucho*. I've seen him impersonate Groucho Marx before and want to see him again. He totally becomes Groucho and provides an evening of laughter and pleasure.

### OBITUARIES

#### JACK WAGMAN

Jack Wagman, 74, of Raleigh, NC died on July 22. A Ph.D. chemist, Dr. Wagman was a pioneer in the field of air pollution control. He entered the field in 1965, several years before the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency, and was Director of Emissions Research when he retired from EPA in 1980.

Dr. Wagman was a lifelong student. During his retirement, he

took more than 20 courses at North Carolina State University in subjects unrelated to his career field, alongside students more than fifty years his junior. He was also active in synagogue life in each community in which he lived, including Frederick, MD, Cincinnati, OH, and Raleigh.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, three children, and six grandchildren. His son, Mark, lives in Wilmington with his wife Sylvia and children Rina and Jeffrey.

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### Roots

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Our next stop was Dresden, Germany, just across the border from Teplice. Through the World Wide Web, I was able to locate my father's only living cousin. They had a wonderful reunion after more than fifty years. We met the entire family, looked at old photographs, ate wonderful "kuchen," and made a lasting connection with long lost family.

Next it was on to Karlovy Vary (Karlbad) one of the most famous spa cities in the world. No family connections there, just breathtaking scenery and exceptional architecture. Our travels then took us back to Munich to visit my mother's aunt and some cousins. On the way we stopped in Plesna, a little town in Western Bohemia which is the Preisler family ancestral home

as far back as circa 1750. We knew of no sites to visit, so we drove around and had to imagine our ancestors walking the streets and going about their daily business.

My mother's aunt and cousins live outside Munich in Starnberg. While there we visited family cemeteries, toured Munich and stayed up late each night talking and reminiscing. I, of course, learned more than I reminisced! When my mother's family left Glatz after the war, the American military settled them in Starnberg. Other family members came along and are still there to this day. One of the most poignant events was going into one of the houses in which my mom and her family had lived. For a moment she was a teenager again, remembering the happy

times after the war!

I have often described this trip as "the trip of a lifetime." Visiting these places struck a special chord in me and brought back predominantly pleasant memories for my parents. Time has a way of blocking out the terrible events of the past. We will go back and hope to do so very soon. I am already planning the next trip. Perhaps next time I won't need to take 20 rolls of film!

Everywhere we went we encountered pleasant and friendly people who were more than willing to assist us. We found Jewish communities that are struggling to survive and take care of basic things that we take for granted here in the U.S. They are determined to grow, prosper and once again become vital communities!

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

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

**Club Night at the JCC** - 7:00-10:00 p.m. on September 27th. Children in 3rd through 6th grade can join their friends for an evening of rollerskating and dinner. Cost is \$12.00 for JCC members and \$15.00 for non-members. Free transportation from Temple Beth El will also be provided. Call Rachel Levy at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

**Jewish Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim** - The Delaware Jewish Community Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim will be November 21 - 23 (Fri-Sun). Join us for a weekend of davening, learning, experiencing, sharing, growing, and community. The

food is gourmet vegetarian. The setting is in the Catskill Mountains. Elat Chayyim is into the sixth year of running Jewish spiritual programs. The cost for the weekend (including housing, six meals and programming) is \$125.00 per person. To make a reservation, send a check for \$25.00 to Temple Beth El by June 30th. This weekend is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE. If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Kaplan at 366-8330.

**Kids Club at the JCC** - 5:00-7:00 p.m. on September 27th. Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can join their friends for gym and swim activities and dinner. Cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$12.00 for non-members. Call Rachel Levy at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

**Kraft Lecture Series presents Amos Oz** - Sunday, October 19, 1997, 7:00 p.m. Israeli author, educator and political activist; "A One - Boy Underground In Jerusalem in 1948". No admission charge. Information call Beth Shalom at 654-4462.

**Language Development in Young Children** - 9:30 a.m. on September 26th. Talking activities and great books to read and make to encourage children to learn to talk. Elly Alexander will lead this session. Cost is \$4.00 for JCC members and \$7.00 for non-members. Call Susan Gentry at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

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

Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

**Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking** - 1:00-4:00 p.m. on September 28th. Teens in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join their friends for an apple picking adventure, followed by a hayride in Newark. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Call Etai Belinky at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

**"Schmoozers" Club** - This non-dues club is open to all couples in their 40's, 30's, and 20's who are members of Congregation Beth Emeth. The club will have an event approximately once each season. All events will be for adults only, unless specifically advertised as "children are welcome, too."

Our first event will be a dinner buffet on Sunday, October 25, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballou Room at Kid Shelleen's Restaurant on 14th & Scott streets in Wilmington. Cost is \$24 per person. RSVP by sending a check before Oct. 18 payable to "Mike and Rae Cook" at 22 Blue Fox Court, Newark, DE 19711. If you have questions, call Mike and Rae at 302-368-1982 (or send e-mail to mikenrae@aol.com).

**Selichot Service & Program at Beth Shalom** - Saturday, September 27, 1997, 9:30 p.m. Dr. Marsha Bryna Edelman, Professor of Jewish Music at Gratz College - Topic: Music of the High Holidays.

**Sukkot Decorating at Beth Shalom** - Sunday, October 12, 1997. Call 654-4462 for details.

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

Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

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

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

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

## Roommate Needed

Seeking non-smoking female roommate to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with washer and dryer & AC. Must love cats.

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Chabad's calendars for 5758 will be coming shortly. We apologize for the delay, due to the complications with the printer.

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## Nanny Needed

Mature, responsible person wanted to take care of infant twin girls in our N. Wilmington home. 40+ hours a week. Times and pay negotiable. Contact Amy or Evan:  
**475-6430**

## Child Care

Nanny needed for 9 month old boy. Brandywine Park residence.

References  
Call 888-6529

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# Adult Institute of Jewish Studies

**NEW! TWO COURSE LOCATIONS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR . . .**

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**  
101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE  
Wednesday Evenings Oct. 29-Dec. 3, 1997  
Five Weeks of Classes

**TEMPLE BETH EL**  
301 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE  
Tuesday Evenings Oct. 28-Dec. 2, 1997  
Five Weeks of Classes

**SPECIAL CONCLUDING PROGRAM . . .**  
Week 6 Will Feature "AMERICAN SECRETS"  
with John Loftus  
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997 Jewish Community Center

## JCC 7:30 p.m. CLASSES

- 1** **The American Jewish Community: A Socio-Demographic Analysis**  
Dr. Vivian Z. Klaff, Instructor

Extrapolating the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey findings to the national level, it is estimated that there are just over 8 million persons currently residing in the 3.2 million households where someone in the household identifies himself/herself either religiously or ethnically as Jewish. Issues to be discussed include age structure, marital status, intermarriage patterns, group continuity, culture identity, relationship to Israel and more.

- 2** **Bandits, Prophets and Messiahs**  
Rabbi Laurence Malinger, Instructor

The evolution of Judaism and Christianity will be explored through the study of various people and movements that existed during the time of the late Second Temple period (10-70 C.E.).

Examination of the New Testament and its common practice of seeking authority for its statements within the Hebrew Scriptures will be studied. This will lead to a discussion about the problems surrounding "Messianic Judaism" and how it violates mainstream thinking in both Christianity and Judaism.

- 3** **Intermarriage: Confronting the Present, Looking to the Future**  
Lena Romanoff, Consultant, Jewish Family Service of Delaware

The Director of the Jewish Converts and Interfaith Network will explore the connection of intermarried families to themselves, their extended families and the Jewish community. She will examine how Judaism addresses the contemporary issues of intermarrieds. Lena will teach us how to recognize the positive aspects of Jewish life. She will provide us with the opportunity to share personal issues.

- 4** **Parsha HaShavuot via Modern Commentary in Hebrew**  
Dov Seidel, Instructor

This course makes use of Rabbi Shmuel Avidor HaCohen's wonderful book, *Likrat Shabbat*. The course is meant to improve reading skills in modern Hebrew, as well as to deepen our understanding of the parshah. Copies of the parshah will be distributed in advance.

- 5** **The Making of a Melamed**  
Faith Brown, Marilyn Cooper, Karen Moss, Sharon Sternberg, Gail Weinberg & Eleanor Weinglass, Instructors

Five experienced Jewish educators will share their teaching techniques and their classroom experiences. Each session will cover specific topics including writing a lesson plan, teaching bible and Jewish culture, teaching Hebrew, effective techniques for classroom management and teaching the Jewish holidays.

- 6** **Introduction to Biblical Chant**  
Cantor Judith Naimark, Instructor

Pre-requisite: Hebrew reading ability. This course is for the student who would like to learn to chant Torah, Haftarah and Megillot. We will discuss the history of Biblical cantillation signs (t'aminim or tropes), learn their names and functions and introduce the six cantillation systems in use in the Askenazic rite.

## JCC 8:45 p.m. CLASSES

- 7** **Basic Hebrew**  
Arlene Davis, Instructor

No previous Hebrew reading or writing experience is necessary for participation in this course.

- 8** **Who Are We?**  
Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Instructor

There is so much controversy about "Who is a Jew?", yet we have been defining ourselves across the ages. We will look at literature from the Torah onward to see how and if we have defined who we are as Jews. Emphasis is not political or religious; it is social and cultural in nature.

## JCC 7:30 & 8:45 p.m. CLASSES

- 9** **Jewish Medical Ethics**  
Rabbi Sanford Dresin, Instructor

Judaism and medicine have been indelibly intertwined for thousands of years. Judaism is not based on a situation ethic, but a solid body of Torah Law - Halacha which still speaks to and informs Bioethical decision making. This course will address such issues as abortion, contraception, euthanasia, organ transplantation, genetic engineering, plastic surgery and transsexual surgery.

- 10** **Jewish in Delaware**  
David Margules, Esquire, Instructor

What are the economic and personal costs of living "Jewishly" in Delaware? What role can agencies such as Federation and the JCC play in the strengthening of our community? What are the relative benefits of Hebrew School and Day School educations?

These and other "big picture" topics will be addressed in a discussion format aimed at exploring what individuals can do to strengthen Delaware's Jewish community and the quality of Jewish community.

- 11** **What's Going on in Israel Today?**  
Rabbi David Wortman, Instructor

We will discuss decisions made by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Chairman of the Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat. We will explore how they affect the United States and U.S. policy and how the world looks at Israel.

- 12** **Not The Top Ten Suggestions**  
Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Instructor

Not connected to David Letterman and still on the best sellers list of all times! For Charlton Heston they were the lines of his role of a lifetime. Are some of these laws designed for the heavenly Air Force, or for healthy earthly existence? Are there limits to Mother and Father's obligations?

Join us as we explore the sublime theological concepts of "I am", the mystique of the Shabbat, to the "don't covet Schwartz's BMW".

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## TEMPLE BETH EL 8:00 p.m. CLASSES

- 13** **Secrets of the Soul**  
Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, Instructor

What does Judaism say about the soul? We will examine a variety of sources which examine the soul's makeup, nature and purpose. From where does a soul come? Where is it going? Is consciousness related to a soul? These are but a few of the questions we will examine in this course.

- 14** **Contemporary Issues and the American Jewish Community**  
Dr. Marian Lief Palley, Instructor

Each of the sessions will address a different modern issue. Topics will include American Jews and Israel; Jewish Women and Feminist Politics; The Changing Nature of the American Jewish Community; The Role of Religion in American Politics.

- 15** **But I Don't Know That One**  
Paula Shulak, Instructor

Have you ever attended Shabbat morning services and felt lost because the melodies were unfamiliar or you didn't understand the prayers? This course is an introduction to the meaning and melodies of some of the common prayers of the Sabbath morning service. It is not necessary to read Hebrew or to be musical to enjoy this class.

- 16** **Torah, The Tree of Life**  
Rabbi David Baruch Kaplan, Instructor

The Torah is the root of Jewish tradition, practice and faith, yet it is much more than just the Five Books of Moses. We will examine the possible origins of the term Torah, various views of what Torah is, and how midrash and halacha help us interpret Torah. Most importantly, we will explore ways of making Torah relevant to our individual lives and issues. We will learn techniques which help make Torah live for us and help enhance our lives.

- 17** **Beginning Hebrew**  
Rosalie Dior, Instructor

Have you felt left out at services because you couldn't read Hebrew? Have you promised yourself that you would someday learn the Alef Bet? Now is your chance. In five weeks you will get a great start on becoming comfortable with Hebrew.

## "American Secrets" with John Loftus

Wednesday, December 10 - 7:30 p.m.

Attorney John Loftus was a prosecutor with the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit during the Carter and Reagan administrations, when he discovered "Top Secret" documents revealing that the Nazis he had been assigned to prosecute were working for NATO intelligence. He resigned and exposed this shocking Nazi scandal on an Emmy Award-winning segment of "60 Minutes".

Admission to "American Secrets" is included in the cost of your Adult Institute registration fee.

Admission tickets for "American Secrets" will be sold separately to non-course participants at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Temple Beth El - Tuesday Evenings  
October 28 - December 2, 1997

JCC - Wednesday Evenings  
October 29 - December 3, 1997

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plus Admission to "American Secrets"

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### ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS URGED

Enrollment for all Adult Institute of Jewish Studies courses can be made by mail to the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803 - Attention Adult Institute, at the JCC Front Desk or your synagogue.

Enclose a complete registration form and your check in an envelope and mail to any of the sponsoring congregations or the JCC.

The registration fee per adult for six sessions, 2 classes per session and admission to the "American Secrets" program, is \$15.00. A complete description of each course and information on the program with John Loftus is as above.

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