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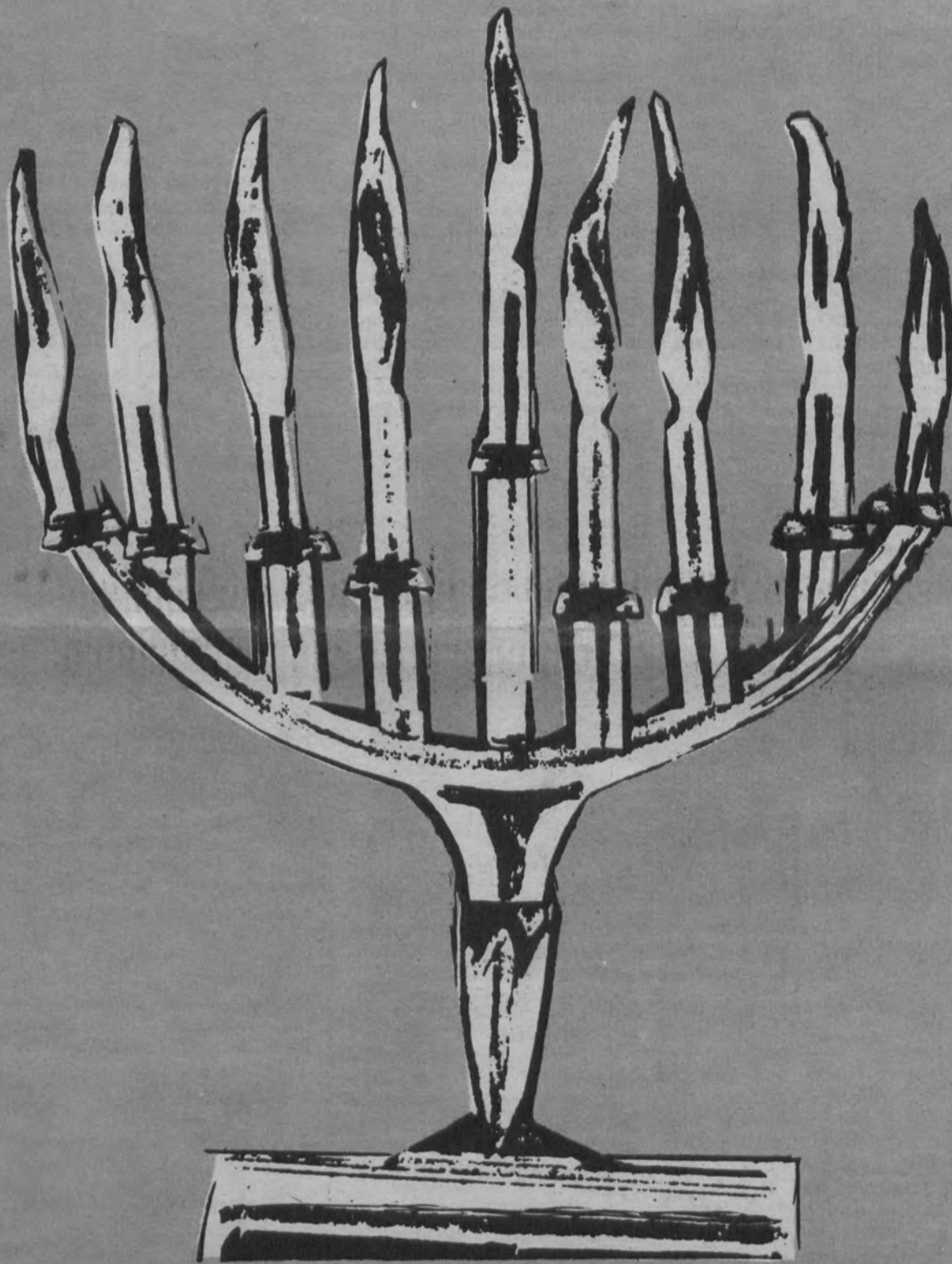
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*The Jewish Federation Board Of Directors
Extends A Happy Chanukah
To The Jewish Community Of Delaware*

- Leo Zepfel, president

CJF 53rd General Assembly Focuses On Complex Jewish Issues

Concern for the plight of Ethiopian Jewry among the starving millions in that country; prospects for Mideast peace and an improved Israeli economy and possible Soviet moves as seen by former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger were major highlights of the recent 53rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Toronto. Some 2,000

Israel also wants to "introduce new industry and the most modernized and sophisticated new techniques, and for this we will need the help and know-how of our Jewish communities in the U.S. and Canada."

Citrin, Cardin and officials from the United Jewish Appeal all reiterated their strong support for increased giving to Federation cam-

ways of doing business" in order to meet the challenges and dangers facing North American Jewry and Israel.

Addressing more than 2,500 community leaders from the United States and Canada, visitors from abroad and guests attending the 53rd General Assembly of the CJF, Citrin said that "we are moving into the time when more and more we have to be related and respond to the issues in our lives on behalf of being one national, or if you will, one continental North American Jewish community."

Citrin, who presented his "thoughts and perspectives on the major goals of our North American Jewish community" after three years in office, made it clear that the old way of doing business — zealously guarding "local autonomy in setting priorities and objectives" — is no longer adequate to meet current and developing problems and opportunities.

"Four great goals of our North American Jewish community, four pillars of purpose that are the foundation of our work together." These are:

1. "To build and strengthen the religious and cultural values of our tradition (to) in-



Charles Goodman, (right) Council of Jewish Federations vice-president, is shown presenting special plaque to Morris Lapidus (left), executive vice-president of JFD and Leo Zeffel, president of JFD in recognition of 50th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at recent General Assembly in Toronto.

Jewish community leaders, representing more than 200 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada attended the 53rd annual gathering.

Delegates participated in a vast array of plenary sessions, workshops and informal meetings covering the entire agenda of local, national and global Jewish concerns. CJF president, Martin Citrin, was succeeded as president by Shoshana Cardin of Baltimore, who is the first woman to be elected to this important leadership post.

Former Israeli President, Yitzhak Navon said that the unity government in Israel between the Labor and Likud parties, which required 42 days of intensive negotiations to form, is "in basic agreement" on two major issues: the need for a prompt withdrawal from Lebanon after Israel's northern borders are secured, and the need for action to improve Israel's ravaged economy which has suffered from annual inflation rates of more than 500 percent.

"We have cut our budget by \$1 billion and are still cutting," Navon said. "We have frozen wages, prices and taxes for three months and have signed an agreement with managers and the unions. Our workers have had to sacrifice some 17 percent of their income. We have also frozen all new contracts for six months. This means that we cannot build the new classrooms we will need next fall. We will be about 870 rooms short, and must double up."

He added that in addition to "short-term measures,"

paigns to support Israel, other overseas needs and local community agencies and programs.

Kissinger, who was introduced by his close friend and former CJF president, Max Fisher of Detroit, and



"Talking it over" before General Assembly Plenum Session - left to right - Henry Kissinger, guest speaker and former U.S. Secretary of State, Morris Lapidus and Leo Zeffel.

who served as national security adviser and secretary of state in the Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford administrations, addressed the delegates. The audience gave him its full attention as he offered his perspectives on U.S.-Soviet relations and Mideast peace prospects.

Kissinger, who achieved gradual, piecemeal agreements between Israel and Egypt and Israel and Syria by means of "shuttle diplomacy" during his tenure, urged a return to his approach of "simple, limited arrangements that can ease the situation," rather than sweeping Mideast peace plans which only serve to harden maximalist positions on both sides.

Martin Citrin, the outgoing president of the Council of Jewish Federations, at the concluding CJF assembly said that the Federations must reassess "our historical

sure our continuity in the generations ahead."

2. "To make our Jewish community an ever more positive force for peace and prosperity for our country and justice, opportunity and fulfillment of all who live there."

3. "To strive for freedom from oppression, bondage, ignorance and want for Jews everywhere — an end to Jewish prisoners, whether economic prisoners or political prisoners, whether in Odessa or Addis Ababa, whether in Teheran, Hatikva or the Bronx."

4. "Our goal, or more accurately stated, our prayer, our resolve is to see a safe, secure, flourishing State of Israel."

Citrin declared that "There are obviously shadings of difference among us on the interpretation of these goals, but we all face generally in the same direction on these (Continued to Page 3)

Women's 1985 Campaign Begins On 'Chai' Note



Presenting Frances Glenn (center) with a Menorah honoring her many years of service to the community are Franca Isakoff, left, president of Women's Division and Leo Zeffel, president, Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Renee Spiller, 1985 Women's Campaign chairwoman, reported that the two major Women's campaign events held in Nov. were a great success. To date, a total of \$64,100 has been raised for the 1985 Regular Campaign and another \$10,000 was raised toward our community's goal for Project Renewal. Two additional women joined the Chai Division and so far, nine more women have joined the Pacesetter's Division. Also, five women will receive a *ketubah* this year for their special contribution to Project Renewal, bringing to thirteen the number of women who are recipients of this special recognition by the United Nations Jewish Appeal Women's Division.

Fourteen women at the Chai level met for brunch Nov. 11 at the home of Pat Spiegel, chairwoman of this division, to hear guest speaker, Carol Fradkin, national board member of UJA Women's Division, vice chairman of the Board of CJF's Women's Division and 1983 Women's Campaign of Baltimore chairwoman. She

spoke of the value of women uniting in a common cause and of their potential to accomplish good deeds. "We cannot afford to wait for 'someone else' to do our work," she cautioned. "We must assume the responsibility ourselves."

Special tribute was paid to Frances Glenn on Nov. 29 when thirty women gathered at the home of Yetta Chaiken for the annual dinner for women of the Pacesetter's Division, chaired this year by Deane Kattler. As a long-time dedicated member of our community, Frances Glenn has been involved with the activities of the Jewish Federation, Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women. At the dinner, she was presented with a menorah inscribed, "From a grateful community in recognition of your many years of devoted service."

That evening's featured speaker was Annette Dulzin, an Israeli journalist who works as a simultaneous interpreter. She is the wife of (Continued to Page 3)



Involved in conversation at the Chai Brunch are left to right, Franca Isakoff, president, Women's Division; Nancy Kauffman and Pat Sloan.



At the Chai Division brunch are from left to right, Muriel Gilman, Margaret May, Joanne Singer, and Toni Young.

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Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. "Jews are the great survivors of history," she began, "able to return to their ancient homeland after 2,000 years. They have the ability to transmute good will and sympathy into action - the doing of good deeds." She went on to comment on the severe economic plight in Israel today, explaining that Israel has had to pay dearly for peace.

"Israel is struggling to provide a decent minimum standard of living for her citizens and endures major expenses in the absorption of immigrants. No matter how financially burdensome or difficult to provide for, all Jews are welcome. We have no quota system that excludes the unskilled, the disabled, the disadvantaged. American Jews can help," she continued, "to ensure a better life for these immigrants. They have the opportunity to provide a better quality of life for their fellow Jews in need; that they are able to do so, is both their good fortune and Israel's."



Gathered at the Pacesetter's Dinner are left to right, Janice Antinoph, Karen Venezky, Sybil Zeffel, Cecelia Lukoff, Judy Melman, Cynthia Kane, and Alice Epstein.



Together at the Pacesetter's Dinner are from left to right, Pat Spiegel, chairwoman, Chai Division; Renee Spiller, 1985 Women's Campaign chairwoman; Annette Dulzin, guest speaker; and Deane Kattler, chairwoman, Pacesetter's Division.



Attending the Chai Brunch are seated Marjory Stone Levine, left and Doris Morris, right. Seen behind them are Mimi Epstein, left and Frances Glenn, right.

Leadership Development Program - Opening Session - SRO

The first Leadership Development program held at the home of Arnold and Gail Budin, chairpersons, was a huge success not only because of the large turnout of the sociability engendered, but because of the evening's events.

Pat Spiegel, Federation Board liaison to the group and Dr. Leo Zeffel, president of the Jewish Federation, shared with the group their desire for committed and involved people to "take over the reins" of leadership in Delaware. They stated that

the hope of a dynamic future for Delaware's Jewish community is in the program participants' hands.

The highlight of the evening was a discussion led by ten Delawareans who just returned from a Federation-sponsored Mission to Israel.

Lelaine & Stuart Nemser, Fran & Saul Bernstein, Rhoda & Steve Dombchik, Jane & Steve Goldberg and Marjory & Richard Levine shared their observations and their concerns about Israel. They were most impressed

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Federation Mission Participants: left to right - Lelaine Nemser, Steve & Rhoda Dombchik, Stuart Nemser, Jane & Steve Goldberg (not in the photo, Marjory & Richard Levine, Saul & Fran Bernstein)



Among those present were: Warren & Arlene Bowman, Susan Paiken, Don & Joyce Francisco, Sue Shaffer, Beverly Peltz, Don & Ethel Parsons, Steve & Sonja Bernhardt, Rona & Moses Hochman.

CJF General Assembly —

(Continued from Page 2) major concerns and we all march - if not to the same tune, at least to the same theme in our journey to hoped-for realization of these aspirations."

Ambassador H. Eugene Douglas, U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs, described the plight of the millions of people around the world suffering from famine, disease and oppression and noted that Ethiopian Jewry is part of this global tragedy. In response to aiding Falashas, Douglas cautioned against private groups trying to substitute their relief and rescue work for that of government efforts.

The reality, he said, is that private groups are not in a position to match what governments can do through diplomatic, financial and behind-the-scenes activities in providing the kind of aid required by mass populations in famine stricken areas.

The individual Jewish leader's innate ability to adapt to his or her times has been the key to Jewish survival, according to Dr. Gerson Cohen, speaking at the Thursday morning plenary session. "Our people never stand still - that's the characteristic feature of creative Jewry," said the Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He noted that we have produced a new breed of volunteers who understand that we must combine American strength with a strong sense of Jewish culture.

Though we acknowledged that history has been very cruel to the Jewish people, Dr. Cohen pointed out that in the past 200 years Jews have become increasingly involved in history, in the power process, in working to achieve political ends.

"I stand before you hopeful," he said, "hopeful largely because of what I see, and because of the new leadership taking over the Federations. I am well aware of all the aberrations, but I'm also aware of the new forms of creativity, new kinds of communal power and new ways of applying it."

Israel's standing in the international community and its image among Western diplomats and the media has undergone a profound change for better in the last two years, according to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Addressing a forum on Thursday on "Israel's Search for Peace in the Middle East: Global, National and Local Perspectives," the Israeli diplomat said Israel's improved standing is visible both in the United Nations and in Washington. In the UN,

Foreign Ministers with whom he and Israeli Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir met with last month spoke of Israel as a regional power and spoke about the Jewish State with great respect. This attitude was also expressed by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Israel is also gaining greater respect and recognition in Washington as the only democratic ally in the Middle East which has shown its ability to deal with terrorism, Netanyahu said. He pointed out America now understands better, after the terrorist attacks against its installations and military persons in Lebanon, what Israel has had to cope with for years.

But despite what he termed the "reinvigorated alliance" between the U.S. and Israel, there are still differences between the two countries, primarily on the issues of Israel's settlements and U.S. arms to Arab countries.

Israel's alliance with the United States has been especially helpful to the Jewish State in the area of Israel's economy, particularly "in the area of shouldering the crushing financial military burden" Israel has been forced to bear, the Israeli envoy said.

He pointed out that a major reason for this burden is that no other ally of the United States - the NATO countries and even "rich Japan" - have had to bear the costs of their own defense systems by themselves, as Israel has had to do. Netanyahu said that Israel does not seek to have American military installations and weaponry within its borders, but does need economic aid to maintain its military force to provide the protection and stability the U.S. needs in the Middle East.

In commenting on the General Assembly, Leo Zeffel, JFD President stated, "Participation at the G.A. is a unique and rewarding experience. Those of us from Delaware who attended the meetings were deeply inspired by the substance and depth of the workshop sessions and we were able to mutually share our experiences, with other comparable communities, thereby gaining from each other. The Assembly is indeed a "Jewish Happening" that strengthens our Jewish identity in the truest sense. Since the G.A. will be held in Washington in 1985, I most strongly urge a full attendance from our community leadership."

Urgent Need For Federation Pledges!

There is a critical need at this time for cash payments before the end of Dec. 31, 1984 on current pledges. We are asking for your cooperation in sending to the Jewish Federation, part or full payment of your pledges in order that we can meet our commitments to our local and national agencies and to the United Jewish Appeal.

Take advantage of the current philanthropic tax laws by making your pledges before Dec. 31, 1984.



Editorial

Chanukah: Dedication And Rededication

Although it is not mentioned in the Bible, Chanukah has become an important Jewish festival. The word itself means "dedication," and it takes place each year on the 25th of Kislev.

For its origins we must go back to the Jerusalem of 2,000 years ago - 165 B.C.E., when Palestine became part of the Hellenist Syrian empire. The northern part was ruled by the ambitious Antiochus Epiphanes, who wanted to build an empire that would hold its own against Rome. So, in 175 B.C.E., he tried to subdue Palestine by wiping out the Jewish religion and substituting the Greek language, gods and customs. Giant amphitheaters were built for sport, and he attempted to indoctrinate the people with the hedonistic philosophy that religion lay in beauty, rather than the Jewish concept that beauty lay in (Jewish) Divine law.

The final blow came when the Temple was defiled and a giant statue of the Greek god Zeus was installed. The Jews were ordered to worship the idol.

An army, small but well-trained, sprang up, led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers. Antiochus sent three large armies to suppress the revolt, but courage and clever military tactics resulted in a Jewish victory. By then, all the cruses of oil had been defiled except one, and it would last for just one day.

The miracle we celebrate at Chanukah is that this single cruse burnt for eight days until more oil could be acquired.

Today Chanukah has a poignant relevance to contemporary Jewish history. Over and over again, we have seen tiny Israel triumph over larger and stronger nations... the few against the many; the weak against the strong; spirit over matter.

Chanukah... dedication... should play another important role in our lives. We must rededicate ourselves with our substance and our hearts, to support Jews and Jewish institutions at home, nationwide, in Israel, and around the world. Today, in Western society, no tyrant is forcing us to abandon our faith and worship strange gods, but we are still in great danger of losing our identity in the Diaspora. To prevent our doing to ourselves what no tyrant could impose on us, we must cling to our own heritage, customs and faith and proclaim them. Belief alone is not enough. If the preservation of Judaism is important to us, we must give generously, through pledges to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, to further our cause. Just as the oil burned until it was no longer needed, our commitment must go on as long as it is needed. It cannot be left for others to do. We all share responsibility for ensuring a Jewish future.

We truly are one!

LETTERS to the Editor

As you know, it is essential for any party or candidate to communicate effectively. Our party's message, I feel, received fair consideration. This would not have been possible without the interest or availability of your organization.

Cordially yours,
Samuel L. Shipley
Chairman
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Dear Editor:

Delaware's Democratic Party is grateful to you for the fairness and accuracy of your reporting during this election year.

A Chanukah Poem

By IDA R. SUGARMAN
President of Kutz Home
Resident Council

We are approaching a wonderful holiday
That is full of happiness and cheer.

This was caused by a miracle
That is celebrated year after year.

The oil that was found in the Temple
Was enough to last one day.

But lo and behold, what happened
It burned for eight days in splendor
and array.

So what do we do to remember.
A candle is lit every day

To show we haven't forgotten
The miracle that happened and
stayed.

We also play the dreidle.
It spins around like a top.
Children all love to play this
For gelt they get when it stops.

Put all of this together
To everyone's delight
A story of a little oil lamp
That makes Chanukah a holiday so
bright.



A makeshift Menorah - Israel - An Israeli soldier in an unidentified border camp lights candles on a makeshift Menorah of rifles for Chanukah (RNS photo)

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THE RABBI WRITES

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If Dinosaurs Had Written History

Dinosaur, is a Greek word, which means "terrible lizard." It was the dominant land animal from 225,000,000 to 65,000,000 BCE in the Mesozoic Age in geology. They ruled the earth for 160,000,000 years and some of them were the largest animals that ever walked the earth.

Then they disappeared completely from the geological record. "The cause for this sudden extinction is not at all clear. There is no satisfactory explanation for the sudden and complete extinction of the most spectacular animal found that the Earth has ever known." The New Encyclopedia Britannica - Even if dinosaurs had been able to write history, they themselves could not have explained their sudden extinction. And because man, too, is afflicted with such myopia, unable to see the approaching demise of his religious, and cultural institutions.

Reflect on the dinosaurs whose empire lasted for 160 million years. With all their power, these over-sized juggernauts could not recognize how nature, evolution, geological, and historic changes would bring an end to all their pretentious posturing.

At the turn of the century, when 2,000,000 Jews arrived on American shores, and this vast ethnic population acclimated itself to a new social environment, the overwhelming proportion of these Jews became secularized. They retained their Jewishness, but without religion, without Torah. They built the Yiddish theaters, in Manhattan; Brooklyn, and the Bronx. These theaters played seven nights a week with Friday night, the biggest night.

These secularized Yiddish-speaking Jews organized large unions: Dubinsky's ILGWU; Hillman's Amalgamated, Gold's Hats and Caps, etc. Over them all was the central Jewish Labor Committee. It was the most powerful Jewish organization in America. They published the Yiddish Jewish Daily Forward with 400,000 readers. The Sunday edition had 600,000 Yiddish readers. Then there were the Labor Lyceums. These were the godless-synagogues that were packed on Friday nights with lectures on Marx, Engels, Trotsky, E.V. Debbs, Krapotkin, Tolstoy, Gogol,

Samuel Gompers, etc.

Suddenly all this disappeared. Union members now are mostly Hispanic and black. No more Jewish labor unions. No more Yiddish theaters. There are two groups who act "Yiddish-English" theater in two synagogue auditoriums in mid-Manhattan on weekends. The actors are amateurs. The Yiddish Forward is now a weekly, half Yiddish, half English, paper with 30,000 readers. What happened to the Yiddish dinosaur which dominated Jewish life for 60 years? "The cause for this abrupt extinction is not clear... There is no satisfactory explanation for the sudden and complete extinction of the most spectacular... ethnic institutions in the U.S."

Today, we see the same phenomenon recurring. The dinosaurs of our Jewish life today are the vast impressive temples and synagogues. They have large memberships and more than million-dollar budgets. Experienced executive directors are required to run these dinosaurs efficiently and profitably. In fact the underlying-philosophy is the oft-repeated phrase, "dinosaurs are a business." So they must increase the membership. Some run Bingo three nights a week. People are so busy raising funds for the "dinosaur" that they sleep on Shabbat, too tired to daven or celebrate Shabbat.

In order to increase membership to support "dinosaur," almost anybody may join the group, with "mixed-marriage" families in abundance. So it seems all is well with "dinosaur" in this age of financial success.

Ethno-centricity, ability to view the universe exclusively from one's own perspective, continues to plague us. Irving Howe's "World of our Fathers" would give the impression that the Yiddishist dinosaur would last 1,000 years. It lasted about 50 years. Another ethno-centric writer, Max Dilmont, in his "Jews, G-d and History," calls traditional Judaism, "Bibliosclerosis of the Talmud." (chapter 14, pp. 175-183) This chapter is filled with "dinosaur" *chutzpah*: "The historic function of Maimonides was to restore Prophetic Judaism as a spiritual life-line to the Jews... Maimonides was an intellectual snob.. who

deliberately wrote only for the learned..."

Maimonides, (*Rambam*), the foundation of Rabbinic Judaism, would not know the meaning of the apologetic 20th cent. term, "Prophetic Judaism." If the Rambam was an "intellectual snob," then all the rabbis from Hillel to the *Gaon of Vilna*, to our 20th century *Geonim*, would be considered "snobs" by Dilmont, a man who cannot even read a rabbinic text.

The Rambam's code *Yad Hahazakah*, is being studied by some 50,000 yeshivah students in Israel, and 20,000 yeshivah students in our United States. But just as Dilmont's mentality does not permit him to understand the greatness of the Rambam, it also warps his ability to understand the inner-truth of *Hasidism*.

"Hasidism.. was the triumph of ignorance over knowledge... By 1850, Hasidism was beginning to lose its force. It stopped growing and began to wither away into quibbling sects..."

He is oblivious to the active, vibrant, Hassidic groups in Israel, U.S., Canada, England, France, Mexico and Argentina, numbering easily, 500,000 families, with five or more children to a family. These Hasidim are intensely loyal to their *rebbe*, whether of Gur, Lubavitch, Belz, Bobov, Sanz, Siget, Satmar, etc.

If the dinosaurs could have written history, they still may not have been able to comprehend the sudden and complete extinction of the "most spectacular animal," but they would have been able to describe the scurrying about of small, warm-blooded, creatures with a four-chambered heart; with a brain proportionate to the size of the body, much larger than the dinosaur's. They would have seen a feat impossible for the dinosaur.

So today, we see how various groups in the contemporary Jewish community behave with "dinosaur mentality," each convinced that its way is the correct way; each using its specific clout to pressure the other into compliance. Some are pushed into their exclusivist position because of their "theological purity." But unless these groups want to withdraw into complete isolation, like *Satmar hassidim*, the toughest "dinosaur" of all,

ON THE OTHER HAND

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Chanukah: A Dedication To Education

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, is also known as the Festival of Dedication, for it commemorates the purification and re-dedication of the Temple by the Maccabees after it had been defiled by the Syrian-Greek King Antiochus. Many a sermon and *bar mitzvah* address has been derived from the common root in Hebrew for *Chanukah*, dedication, and *hinukh*, education. In our American Jewish community today, there is room for many more. We need dedication through education.

But the emphasis on education of our children, while necessary, is not sufficient. We have, unfortunately, made of Jewish education a childhood disease, something to go through and grow out of, developing thereby an immunity from its effects on our adult lives. By struggling through the process of *bar or bat mitzvah*, capped by performance before friends and relatives (to rave reviews, of course), we earn the right to never have to study anything Jewish for the rest of our lives. Is there really anything more to learn?

We are convinced, most of us, that through a sound Jewish education our children will be protected from the perils of assimilation, by which we really mean intermarriage. Never mind that soon they won't know an *aleph* from a *beth* (did I say I wanted him to be a rabbi?) and forget the proper blessing to be said over the Friday night lobster, just so long as they don't marry out of their "faith."

Tragically, we have missed the point. The point that Judaism is not just a "faith." Nor is it just a program of social action on behalf of the down-trodden. Nor a continuing frenetic round of fundraising. Nor spirited *davening*. It is all these and more. It is a way of life based on study, and action based on

then it becomes necessary to agree upon rules that make playing the game for Jewish survival together possible. Over the last 100 years the Jewish community managed to define rules, so all could play together.

We cannot know which of the various groups will be

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study. Study is the continuing process which defines our existence as Jews. It is the life blood that keeps us Jewishly alive. Turn it off and we wither, become an empty husk, a husk that cannot be quickened with all the lox and bagels in the world.

"But," you say, "I'm no scholar. I admit it; I never was." That great repository of wisdom of our people, the Talmud tractate known as Ethics of the Fathers, has an answer for you in the words of Rabbi Tarfon. He said, "The day (life) is short: the task is great." And he said, "You are not called upon to complete the work (of study), yet you are not free to evade it." Make a start. Anywhere. At any level. In any book. At any lecture. And then go on.

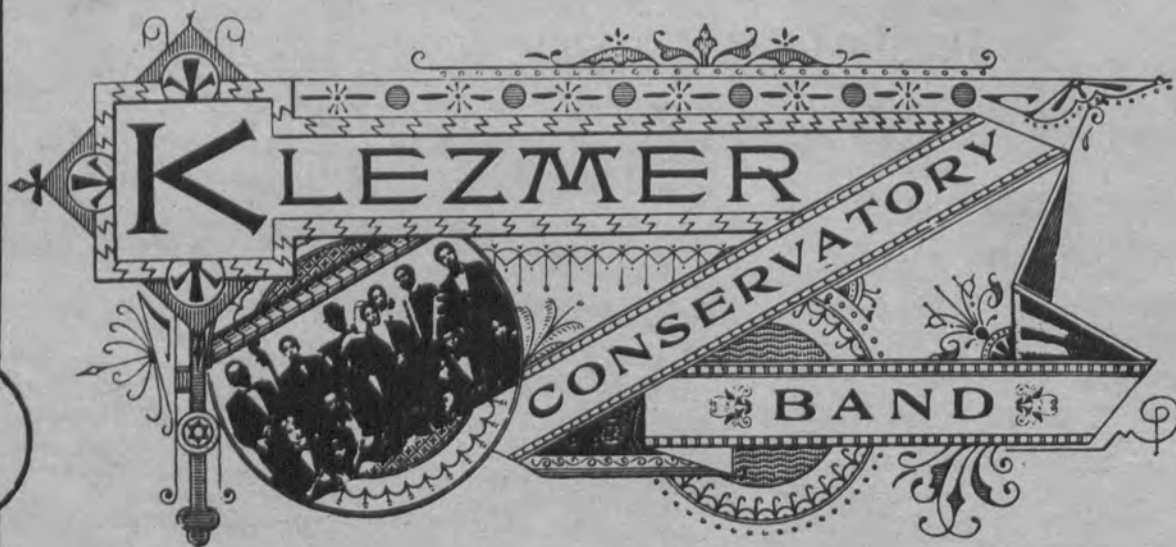
Never, in any country, at any time in our long history, have so many opportunities been available for Jewish study, so many classes, so many books, so many lectures, as are available to us today.

It's so easy to begin. Join one of the many classes offered in our synagogues. Or gather a group of friends for your own discussion group. Or study 30 minutes a day by yourself. After all, one of the great traditions of our people is that of studying a page of Talmud every day. Where to begin? Begin at the beginning, with Genesis, with those soaring words describing the creation of the world and all that is in it. And move on to the greatest dramas of human love and conflict and striving that have ever been told.

In this Chanukah of 5745, 1984, we can cleanse the Temple of our lives. We can remove the idols that our materialistic society has placed there. And we can re-dedicate our Temple, our existence, to a life enriched by the values, by the insights, and, yes, by the commandments of our tradition, the rich Jewish tradition on which the best of Western civilization is based.

We can, with that bit of purified oil that is, by the grace of God, within each of us, light the lamp of learning that will burn not just for one day, not just for eight days, but for all our lives. And its light will flood our days with joy.

We can, if we will.



Yiddish Vocal & Instrumental Music

"Klezmer may become the hottest musical revival to come out of Boston since the resurrection of Scott Joplin a decade ago."

— The Boston Globe Magazine

"an upbeat and exultant ensemble."

— The New York Times

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Rabbi Writes —

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more successful in playing this game of Jewish survival. The Yiddishists have lost the game. We have secularists amongst us who believe they play the game. We have other Quasi-Theists who seem to be answering a need for those people who though they consider themselves "quazi-theists," at the same time, consider themselves, Jewish, born of Jewish mothers.

When a group of Jews, born of Jewish mothers, contribute to Jewish Federations, support and visit Israel, purchase Israel bonds, learn to pray and recite the basic prayers of the *siddur* in Hebrew - so let them call themselves "Quasi-Theists" - they are part of the Jewish

People.

The Jewish people need all people who consider themselves Jews and are prepared to carry the basic *mitzvot of Jewish peoplehood*. We need each other; to strengthen each other; to fight off the enemies of the Jewish people. Those of us who accept the Torah in its full tradition, have the religious mission of working to make our human planet a Kingdom of God *Malchut-Shaddai*.

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GUIDELINES ON RELIGION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY STATEMENT

THE FIRST AMENDMENT - SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Religious freedom and liberty, one of the cornerstones of American democracy, is protected against government interference or encroachment by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This Amendment states in part as follows:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...

Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court over the years have defined and reaffirmed this Constitutional guarantee in relation to the public schools of the nation.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUST BE RELIGIOUSLY NEUTRAL

The principle that public schools shall be religiously neutral has been established and accepted in a long line of Supreme Court decisions. The Supreme Court has defined "religiously neutral" as refraining from:

- promotion of any and all religions;
- expressions of opposition or hostility to religion;
- showing preference for one religion over another.

Accordingly, public schools must be committed to preserving the principle of Separation of Church and State as a safeguard of religious freedom for all Americans.

SCHOOLS MAY TEACH "ABOUT" RELIGION

Public schools should take cognizance of religion and its role in our society. Programs which teach about religion and its role in the social and historical development of civilization do not violate the religious neutrality of the public school. Schools, however, should avoid religious observances, devotions, or celebrations. In no event should any student, teacher, or public school staff member feel that his or her own beliefs or practices are being questioned, infringed upon or compromised by programs taking place in or sponsored by the public schools.

NEUTRALITY IS SOUND EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Religious neutrality is not only mandated by the Constitution; it is also sound educational policy. Introduction of religion into the schools can only serve to make some children uncomfortable. Religious celebrations often force children to choose between participating in the celebration or isolating themselves from their classmates by not participating. The U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized the great pressure on children to conform with their peers. Accordingly, schools should avoid practices which operate to single out and isolate the "different" pupils and thereby serve to embarrass and harass those children who wish to be excused.

Recommendation of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.
Irving Levitt: Chairman Dennis Spiwack: Vice-chairman

SIX SUGGESTED PUBLIC SCHOOL PRACTICES

I. SCHOOLS MAY TEACH ABOUT RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Factual and objective teaching about religion should be distinguished from religious indoctrination which is forbidden in all public schools:

- Intercultural programs focusing on the role that religion has played in history or the development of society are generally acceptable and desirable in a multi-ethnic society.
- Programs should be encouraged which educate students about the principle of religious liberty, as one of the central elements of freedom and democracy in America.

II. THE TOTAL EFFECT OF MUSIC PROGRAMS SHOULD BE NON-RELIGIOUS

A musical program prepared for and presented during school hours should not be, nor have the effect of being, religiously oriented or a religious celebration. While individual religious pieces of music may be performed for their musical value, the total effect of a music program or concert should be non-religious. However the study of religious music as part of a music appreciation course, or as part of a study of various lands and cultures, is appropriate.

III. STUDENT EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED

Teachers may explain the meanings of religious holidays provided every effort is made to obtain adequate and authentic information on matters pertaining to religion. Teachers should avoid the potential embarrassment of asking students to explain their own religious practices or observances, or to bring religious objects to class as a basis for a discussion of holiday observances.

IV. RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS MAY NOT BE HELD UNDER PUBLIC SCHOOL AUSPICES

Religious programs, holiday observances or celebrations, under public school auspices, whether on or off school premises, whether optional or compulsory, violate the First Amendment and should not be held. In this context, the following do not belong in the public schools:

- A worship service or religious ceremony of any kind, regardless of whether or not conducted by a clergyman.
- Religious symbols - defined as any object which portrays, recognizes, or suggests the existence of a supreme being or deity; e.g. Nativity scenes, crosses, Stars of David, Buddhas, etc.
- The presentation of religious dramas as part of a holiday celebration or observance.

V. JOINT HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES ARE EQUALLY UNDESIRABLE

Joint celebrations (Christmas-Hanukkah, Easter-Passover) only serve to introduce more improper religious observances into the public schools. This tends to place holidays in competition with one another, thus distorting each holiday as a distinctive religious experience in its own right.

VI. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ARE EXCUSED ABSENCES

A pupil's absence from school on a religious holiday should be recognized as an excused absence, without penalty on scholastic or attendance records. So as not to penalize students for their religious observance, the scheduling of examinations, assemblies, field trips, graduation exercises, and other special events, including school-related programs for parents, should be avoided on religious holidays.

The Greatest Worry

By BORIS SMOLAR

More concentrated attention will now be paid by leading Jewish organizations to efforts supported by President Reagan to waterdown the constitutional spirit of church-state separation by urging the introduction of prayers into the public school system and legislation permitting the holding by students of debates on religion in public school buildings, with outsiders participating as speakers, thus opening the doors of the schools to influence of clergy and representatives of

various cults seeking to proselytize Jewish youth.

The religious issue is one that worries Jewish leaders the most because of its potentiality to declare the United States as a Christian country, instead of being a country of pluralistic beliefs. The words "Christianize America" are sometimes used to describe what is regarded as an attempt to make evangelical Christianity the nation's de facto and, ultimately, de-jure religion. Many Jews believe such a campaign is not just a rhetorical exercise but is already becoming a reality in

some places.

Jews throughout the country were disturbed by President Reagan's remarks at a prayer breakfast during the Republican national convention last August. They were also disturbed by Sen. Paul Laxalt's letter to "Christian Leaders" soliciting their support for the President's reelection effort. In common with many other Americans, Jews wonder if America is moving to new levels of religious and state entanglements to "annointing" of one particular denomination or group as "America's religion". The presidential campaign has led to concern that Reagan is overtly identified with conservative Christian religious groups. Many clergy and other religious leaders have made a dramatic entry into the political arena. Often they do not limit themselves to discussions on moral issues and public policy, but - like the Moral Majority -- organize politically and endorse candidates for office.

Jewish leaders feel that there is a need now to develop strategies to enhance religious pluralism in the United States and to strengthen the principle of church-state separation. The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council - roof organization of 11 leading national Jewish organizations

and III local Jewish Community Councils - adopted a policy decision advising its constituent groups to "firmly oppose," in coalition with other groups, all attempts to bring religious practices into

public schools. It also urges them to engage in an extensive and systematic campaign to challenge religion on public property, not excluding litigation as a last resort.

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Project Renewal - Jesse Cohen Neighborhood Of Holon

By RHODA and STEVE DOMBCHIK

Project Renewal is a unique and comprehensive program which has united hundreds of thousands of Israelis in neighborhoods and towns throughout Israel with Jews throughout the world.

The project began in 1977 when Prime Minister Begin issued a challenge to the Jews of the diaspora and of Israel for a cooperative effort to improve the quality of life in distressed areas in Israel. Project Renewal based its activities in pursuit of these goals on three fundamental principles: a comprehensive approach to problem solving, resident participation, and twinning of Renewal neighborhoods with Jewish communities from abroad.

The Jesse Cohen neighborhood of Holon, named after a Wilmingtonian who contributed money in the

1950's, has been twinned with the Jewish communities of Wilmington; Dayton, and Columbus, Ohio; and in South America. Jesse Cohen is a neighborhood of 2500 households with a population of 9500. Twenty percent of the households have six or more people. Most workers are employed in industry and in the construction trades. Sixty-five percent of the working residents are salaried employees; 21 percent are only temporarily employed. Immigrants from North Africa and Asia came during the 1960's and now are a majority of the population.

We were fortunate to visit Jesse Cohen in Oct. along with eight other members of the Wilmington community and four members of the Dayton, Ohio community. The people of Jesse Cohen were very proud of their neighborhood, which was not

true a few years ago when young people were leaving Jesse Cohen. The poor were moving in, the community was in disrepair, and no one seemed to care.

During our stay, we visited an Ashkanasic senior center, one of two senior centers Jesse Cohen. We examined their handcrafts and sang songs. This senior citizen group could easily have been located at the JCC. Sadly, although we learned this group had no funds even for a simple afternoon snack, these seniors were warm and happy.

We visited a small grove of trees planted four years ago on *Tu B'Shevat* in honor of Project Renewal. The trees are still scrawny, but we were assured of their remarkable yearly growth as with the spirit of the neighborhood residents. We talked with students in the new community library. Project Renewal funds support the library staff. We toured two synagogues housed within one building, constructed with Project Renewal funds from Argentina. The impact on the neighborhood members who took us through the synagogues was evident in the smiles on their faces, for these synagogues were their dream and accomplishment.

We visited the Beth Lazarus Center, a small rundown community center for activities such as ceramics, sculpture, physical fitness, and dancing. There were young people playing soccer and a few of us joined in. There are plans to rebuild the Center with the help of Pro-

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Leadership Development —

(Continued from Page 3) with the Israelis with whom they met in the Jesse Cohen Center (Delaware's Project Renewal city). They were astonished at the inflation rate of 1000% and at the ability of the people of Israel to show strength and agree to a severe financial austerity program to bring Israel to a sound financial future.

They told the group that every Israeli they met wanted peace and the "boys in Lebanon" home.

The purpose of the Leadership Chavurah Program is to bring Jewish people together to discuss topics of contemporary concern, develop

knowledge about Jewish issues and participate in shaping the future of the Jewish community.

The next program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16. The topic for the evening is "Setting Priorities: Who Determines What For The Jewish Community?" The speaker is Dr. Leo ZefTel, president of the Jewish Federation who will lead an informal discussion of issues facing the Jewish community of Delaware; how community priorities are determined, what are the critical issues facing us today and how are decisions affecting the community made.

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Auction — A Great Success

Auction III held recently at the JCC was a complete success in every way. A record crowd enjoyed the gourmet buffets, socialized and bid on over 300 items - making this the largest fundraiser held at the Center. Renee Spiller, auction chairperson, said thanks are due to the many people who made this possible, the donors who gave so generously, the committee and staff who worked so hard, and the people who attended and made the purchases.



Nan Lipstein, JCC President presenting thank you to Renee Spiller, Auction Chairperson

Daniel Ehrenfeld Memorial Fund

A new Hoyer Swimming Pool Lift has been purchased for use in the Health and Fitness Department's Adapted Aquatics Program.

The purchase of this vital piece of equipment was made possible by contributions to the Dan Ehrenfeld Memorial Fund.

Dan was a prominent member of the JCC's Volunteer Group, who so faithfully and lovingly assisted with our Adapted Aquatics Program.

The Hoyer Lift enables those individuals confined to wheelchairs the opportunity to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of water exercise by safely lifting them from the wheelchair into the water.

The Dan Ehrenfeld Memorial Fund is a tribute to an outstanding individual who has left a legacy of family and friends who continue to support his deep feelings of commitment to the Jewish Community Center.

JCC Senior Center

After The Show Is Over

At the Senior Center a great deal of emphasis is placed on exercise, music, and dance. From June until November participants from the year round dance and singing group were in rehearsal for the 4th annual show. Starting on Dec. 5, and continuing every Wednesday thereafter, Sarah Goldstein will teach line dancing from 10:30 to noon; following lunch at 1 p.m. the singing group will resume. Singing and dancing is a powerful expression for everyone even if they have never tried it before. Dancing and music braids people's lives together, gives the opportunity to share the talents of a collective group effort with others. The Senior Center Singing Group has performed with youth groups from the community, and at other Senior Centers in the State. There is no charge at other Senior Centers in the State. There is no charge for these classes. The only qualification is to have a Senior Limited Center membership and the willingness to be a part of a group that proves "Age is Only a Number."

On Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 1 p.m., Artistic Productions, Jean Collat, Director, will present an afternoon of poetry and song. Preceding the performance, at noon will be the traditional holiday meal celebrated at the Senior Center as the family circle continues to expand, always welcoming new participants. The suggested meal contribution is \$1.50 at the holiday celebrations. For reservations please phone Sara Berman of the Senior Services staff at 478-5660.



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Stop kvetching that there's no one around anymore. College students home for the holidays can renew old acquaintances, make new friends and establish contacts. Find a date for New Year's Eve. Have a fun-filled vacation at home. Refreshments will be served. This is open to the public. There is no charge.

News For Singles: Young Professional Group

Join THE group for young Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's. Upcoming events include:

- Chanukah brunch at the JCC on Sunday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. Bring a dreidel and spin with the group! Cost \$4.

- Volunteer at the Kutz Home, followed by a movie and dinner out (pay as you go) on Dec. 25. Meet at the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, at 11 a.m.

For more information, or to put your name on the YPG mailing list, call Amy Strauss at (215) 565-0740, or Phil Gross at (302) 762-4440, or Sue Shaffer at the JCC (302) 478-5660.



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The JCC is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

The Jewish Community Center will be closing at 5 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, December 24, 1984

Tuesday, December 25, 1984

New Youth Worker

Roberta Woloshin and Faith Goldman, chairpersons of the JCC Youth Committee enthusiastically announce the hiring of part-time teen worker, Larry Kesselman.

Larry is a senior at the University of Delaware. Larry was a counselor for several summers at the JCC Day Camp as well as a 'Teen' Counselor and computer specialist during the 1984 school years, too. His past experiences bodes him well as an excellent role model for his present position as Teen worker.

Our community's 7th - 12th graders will have the opportunity to meet Larry during their winter vacation. Larry will be staffing the Wednesday, Dec. 26, 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. movie night at the Center for 9th - 12th graders and Friday, Dec. 28th, 6:30 - 5:00 p.m. Ski trip to Spring Mountain for 7th - 12th graders.

Larry, under supervision of Arlene F. Bowman, Children and Youth Services Director, has finalized plans for our Jan. 18th - 20th Pinemere-Camelback Ski Weekend for 9th - 12th graders. It's a great opportunity for all our Jewish high schoolers to once again enjoy each other while learning how to ski as well.

For ski weekend registration form or more information about all the teen winter programs, contact Larry Kesselman at 478-5761 or Arlene Bowman at 478-5660.

New Teen Room For 9th - 12th Graders

We're informed! In talking with some of our community's teens we've learned two things: they want to use the Center facilities more frequently and they want a room to call their own. A room where they can hold meetings, plan their own activities, enjoy pizza nite socializing, Saturday night films or games. Teens, we heard you. A new "Teen Room" is being set up in the lower level of the Center. It is conveniently located near the P'E. locker pool room, yet off the beaten track for your privacy. This is our wish list: • Comfortable Couches • Bean Bag Furniture • Paint • Rugs • Desk Lamp • Bulletin Board • T.V. Video Equipment • Video Tapes • Refrigerator • Stereo Equipment or a 'Box'.

Make the New Year a happy one for our community's teens. For more info., contact Arlene Bowman at 478-5660.

Summer Jobs At Pinemere Camp

Robert H. Miner, Executive Director of Pinemere Camp will interview prospective staff at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Counselor applications must be minimally high school graduates. Maintenance, kitchen, and waiting staff must be over 16 years of age.

If unable to be present please write or call: Pinemere Camp, 438 W. Tabor Road, Philadelphia, PA 19120. Phone: 215-924-0402.



JCC Snowball Run

Sunday, February 10, 1985, 1 p.m.

5-Mile and 1-Mile Fun Run.

Impressions Of The CJF General Assembly

By RUTH KERBEL

According to Charles Zibbell, retiring associate vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations of Welfare Funds, the General Assembly, an international gathering of 2800 lay and professional leaders is a similar experience to what Rosh Hashanah represents to the Jewish people in a religious context and New Year's represents to all individuals in a secular sense. On both of these dates on the calendar we evaluate our own lives and our relationship both to God and to friends, family and business associates during



"Changing of the Guard" - Martin Citron, outgoing president of CJF turns over leadership mantle to Shoshana Cardin, newly-elected CJF president (and first woman CJF president in its 76 year history.)

the past year and make resolutions and plans for the coming year.

So too, the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations provided a multi-faceted, kaleidoscopic selection of programs and seminars on major issues facing the American and international Jewish community. Not only were programs educational in helping Federation staff and volunteers to enhance their participation in their communities, but opportunities were provided to stimulate religious growth with young scholars such as Dr. Rela Monson of Philadelphia, and Dr. Jonathon Woocher of Brandeis University. Chaim Potok and Ruth Wisse

presented a dazzling interpretation of their styles of writing. Issues regarding the Jewish communities of Israel, Russia, Syria, Ethiopia and South America

were explored by knowledgeable experts. Representatives of communities shared their successes in campaign and planning strategies. These sessions were geared to three levels of city size, small, intermediate and large Jewish populations.

Rabbi Gerson Cohen of the Jewish Theological Seminary opened the assembly with a major address on the revolutions that have taken place in the Jewish community; Henry Kissinger movingly spoke of remembrance and how the Jewish people must not only remember the past, but learn from it as well.

It was a thrill to be part of the recognition of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 50th Anniversary. Dr. Leo

Zeffel, president and Morris Lapidus, executive vice president, represented the entire Jewish community of Delaware in accepting the award.

"The leader as a learning person" was a dominant theme throughout the conference which focused seriously on leadership training. According to Jonathon Woocher it has been the task of the Jewish people to create a great nation since the time of Abraham. Creating a community and leadership is a stake in the world to come!

As we plan ahead for the coming year, resolve to consider attendance at the General Assembly of 1985 in Washington, D.C. from Nov. 13-17 and place it high on your list of priorities.

Frances Glenn Gives Grant To Medical Center In Jerusalem

Frances Glenn, attended a ceremony at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, marking the donation of a medical grant by her to Hadassah in loving memory of her husband, the late Eric Glenn.

Attending the ceremony were seven members of the Wilmington Chapter of

Hadassah and close friends of Mrs. Glenn - Lillian Boys, Mimi Epstein, Beatrice Shames, Eva Vittes, Nettie Schreiber, Shirley E. Cohen and Dorothy Leshem.

Dr. Zvi Stern, Deputy Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, said that, because of the economic crunch, Hadassah

was fighting hard to maintain the standard of excellence it had established in health services in Israel over 70 years.

"Medical care has become almost prohibitively expensive in the last decade," he said. "It is only because of gifts like yours that we are managing to win the battle to keep up our standards," he concluded.



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Auction At Temple Beth El

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Temple Beth El, Possum Park Road, Newark. Following the 7:30 p.m. meeting, a Hebrew auction will be held. This fun event is open to both members and non-members. Everyone attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift which will then be auctioned in Hebrew, but no cause to panic - a crash course in Hebrew number pronunciation will be given and the bids will be very reasonable. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Sandy at 239-2270.

Organizations in the News

Cong. Beth Shalom Men's Club Hosts Forum

The Men's Club has scheduled an informative and controversial program for its breakfast meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6, 1985. A prominent speaker from Philadelphia will host a forum explaining the ideologies of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America as well as the Anti-Missionary Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America is commonly referred to as "Jews for Jesus" and has established a growing membership throughout the nation. The existence of this organization is finding increasing support from Jewish youth in large metropolitan areas including Wilmington. An active "anti-cult" organization called the Anti-Missionary Coalition of Overbrook Park has taken a vocal and largely publicized stance against what they term as the "hoax and deception that you can worship Jesus and remain a Jew." A recent target of the Anti-Missionary Coalition has been Congregation Beth Yeshua ("House of Jesus") of Overbrook Park in

Philadelphia which allegedly is comprised of "born-again Christians" who strive to convert Jews to their way of thinking. The Anti-Missionary Coalition has, in addition to staging demonstrations and providing newspaper advertisements, rented a billboard which reads,

"There is a cult in your neighborhood. Its mission is to convert the Jewish people. Guard your children!"

Please plan to join us on Sunday, Jan. 6 for this very important program. We hope to attract a large crowd including men's club members from the other local synagogues as well as children from our Hebrew school and other local Jewish youth organizations. Morning services will begin at 9 a.m. followed by our delicious breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The breakfast donation will be \$2 per person. We expect our speaking program to start at 10 a.m. Seats will be available for those who wish to attend only the speaking portion of our program.

AKSE Congregation Receives Thank-You Note From Israel

During this past summer, Rabbi Chaim Spring took back to Israel two Sifre Torah that Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth congregation graciously gave them, to repair and use.

A letter of thanks was received from Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs, Rabbi Elihu Marcus, director. He states that two worthy communities received the scrolls, namely, *Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh* and Rabbi Jacob Berman Synagogue and Teachers Training Seminary.

He states that it is quite a tribute to our congregation that two such worthy organizations will derive such benefits from our gift.

He also grants permission to any of our congregants who may visit Israel in the near future, to please feel free to visit the two named recipient organizations. This way they may see for themselves, first-hand, the good deeds these Torahs are serving.

This gift is but one of many that had been given to Israel and other congregations by AKSE in the last few decades.

NCJW On Teen-Age Suicide

On Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 9:15 a.m., the Wilmington section of National Council of Jewish Women will be presenting a program on "Teen-age Suicide." Statistics show that the number of teen-age suicides is increasing at an alarming rate. There are approximately 5,400 adolescent suicides in the United States each year. The suicide rate among people aged 15-24 has tripled in the last 30 years. Recently there has been much attention focused on this serious problem.

Our speaker for the program will be Carolyn Kozma, PhD.; a clinical psychologist at the Community Mental Health Center. Although she has been employed at the Center for the past five and one-half years, most recently she has been assigned to the adolescent unit. The program will consist of a general presentation on the subject including an overview of the work done at the Center and a question and answer period. Be sure to attend this

thought-provoking program at the home of Leslie Goldenberg, 700 Cardiff Road, Wilm.

Hadassah Children's Chanukah Celebration



On Dec. 19 from 7-8 p.m. the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will be having a "Children's Chanukah Celebration" at the Jewish Community Center in the Youth Activities Lounge. There will be a candlelighting ceremony, a puppet show, chances to win really neat toys, goodies, and a "surprise" bag for all children. Begin the holiday with a real celebration. The kids will share the "festival of lights" and will remember it as a unique holiday beginning. Reservations should be made by Dec. 12. Cost is \$2 per child. Contact: Maureen Laporte, 656-0327.

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Beth Shalom Religious School News

Consecration

On Friday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., as part of the regular Friday evening services, the Aleph class was consecrated to their study of Judaism and to a life of Torah. A cantata, written and directed by Arlene Davis, Aleph class teacher and Educational Director, was presented by the class.

Mr. Ronald Rieberman, president of the congregation, Mr. Solomon Peltz, vice-president in charge of education for the congregation and Mrs. Jackie Deitch, chairperson of Beth Shalom PTA,

presented the class with Torahs, *siddurim* and consecration certificates. In addition, each child received a piece of honey cake, symbolic of the sweetness of the Torah.

Members of the class are: Sharee Ashman, Allan Berkowitz, Andrew Berman, Heather Cohen, Benjamin Dorfman, Dana Edell, Jessica Gleich, Andrew Jacobs, Jessica Krupnick, Andrea Levy, David Miller, Britton Saffer, Michael Schneider, Jamie Sobel and Ann Young.

Following the service, an oneg shabbat sponsored by

the PTA and the sisterhood was given in honor of the class and their families.

Chanukah Happening

Chanukah assemblies for the primary and elementary departments will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17 and 18. Our students will present skits and poetry they have "created" as well as join in singing Chanukah songs and the lighting of the Hanukkah. Potato latkes with applesauce will be served.

Keren Ami

Each year several students are elected to membership in the Keren Ami Council. Their responsibility lies in selecting recipients for the *tzedakah* donated by all the children. Last year our students made donations to Tay-Sachs, Jewish Braille Institute, American Association of Ethiopian Jews, Simon Weisenthal Center, Jewish Federation of Delaware, Diskin Orphan Home in Israel, Red Mogen David, (Israel's Red Cross), *Kehillat HaYovel* (our sister congregation in Israel), Synagogue Council of America, General Israel Orphans Home for Girls, *Chabad* Rehabilitation in Israel, *Telshe Yeshiva* in Ohio and Alyn (American Society for Handicapped Children in Israel).

The money collected to date this year has been designated to the Tay-Sachs Foundation and the Jesse Cohen Project in Israel.

Members of the Keren Ami Council are: Aaron Balick, Holly Berkowitz, Greg Dombchik, Dana Edell, Gail Gittelman, Amy Goldman, Jill Gorden, Marc Harwitz, Andrew Jacobs, Daniel Koralek, Allison Meyer, Jennifer Milbauer, Cheryl Morgans-tein, Allison Remsen, Dara Sher and Erica Spiller.

As a special project, our students have brought in a collection on educational games and toys to be sent to Holon for the Jesse Cohen Chanukah bazaar.

Education Conference

On Sunday, Nov. 18, the faculty of Beth Shalom religious school attended the Annual Education Conference sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education of the Delaware Valley Region of the United Synagogue of America at Congregation B'nai Aaron, Havertown, Pa. The theme for this year's conference was "The Human Factor in Jewish Education: The Realities of Modern Life."

Following the *D'var Torah*, the faculty participated in workshops dealing with "Cults and Missionaries: How Do We Respond?"; "Drugs, Alcoholism and Sexual Trends;" "Suicide Amongst Our Youth;"

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Gratz families attend the Parents' Association meeting.

AKSE Teachers Immersed In Study

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 12 and 13, found six Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth teachers, the school administrator, Helen Gordon, and the curriculum advisor, Gladys Gewirtz, seated at the desk-chairs of their young students. For a total of ten hours they immersed themselves in "days of study" with the visiting instructor Magda Winter, professor at the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The principals of Beth Shalom School, Arlene Davis, and of Beth Emeth School, Sue Paul, attended as invited guests of AKSE.

Prof. Winter trains teachers at the Seminary and travels to Jewish communities along the eastern seaboard consulting with principals and conducting teacher-training seminars.


She is the author of several Hebrew language workbooks which are used in the AKSE Religious School.

She took the teachers through all the steps in teaching Hebrew language with the textbooks used at AKSE; clarified the elements of teaching Hebrew reading and language with a variety of methods and techniques; demonstrated materials for enrichment and review; taught how to weave Jewish values into every subject; and answered teachers' questions about individualized instruction.

AKSE teachers are bringing the lessons of the seminar into the classrooms for the benefit of the children's Jewish education.

A personal note: Professor Magda Winter is the sister of AKSE's cantor, Morris Markowitz.

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Open House At Gratz

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School recently held its annual Open House and Parents' Association Meeting. The turnout was excellent with 65 percent of the parents in attendance.

Before the program began, a continental breakfast, prepared by the homeroom mothers and coordinated by Jackie Deitch, was served. This provided an informal opportunity for the parents, board members and some of the staff to greet one another.

A brief meeting was called to order by Elaine Friedberg, principal. She told about school operations, special projects and activities which have already taken place and events being planned for the future.

Dr. Kenneth Markiewitz, President of the Gratz Board of Directors, introduced the board members and spoke to the parents about several matters, including the role of the Jewish Federation of

Delaware in its financial support of Gratz.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Ger, a vice-president of the Gratz Board told about the Parents' Association and introduced Mrs. Jackie Deitch, the president, and several homeroom mothers who were present.

Susan Turnauer, advisor of our student Knesset told of the function of this group, announced the names of the officers and the class representatives and spoke about all the social and educational special events scheduled for the current school year.

After the meeting was adjourned, the parents had the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms to hear a brief presentation by each teacher which included a course description and outline of methods, materials and expectations.

The Open House program was interesting and informative for all the Gratz parents who participated.

AKSE Religious School Chanukah Program

The Talmud Torah and pre-Aleph students of the Religious School will present a Chanukah program for students, their families and friends on Sunday morning, Dec. 16, from 9:30-11 a.m. A "model" Chanukah candle lighting ceremony will be presented, with *b'rachot* and songs. Playlets, original

poems and individual musical renditions will delight the audience. *Harokdim*, the teenage Israeli dance group, under the leadership of Dr. Harriet Ainbinder, will perform. Everyone is cordially invited to come and enjoy this Chanukah celebration in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth social hall auditorium.

Talmud Torah Graduates Participate In Service

The students of the 1984 Talmud Torah graduating class have given Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Religious School the greatest honor any class can give to its school. All fifteen students who graduated in June are now attending classes either in the Bikkurim Department

of AKSE or at Wilmington - Gratz Hebrew High School.

On family night, Dec. 7, the students of last year's "Heh" class participated in the Friday evening service. It gave AKSE great pleasure to honor these students as they have honored AKSE.

Obituaries

Sophie Weiman

Sophie Weiman, 87, a resident of the Kutz Home at 704 River Road, Bellefonte, and formerly of 514 W. 39th St., Wilmington, died Nov. 18 in the Delaware Division of a heart attack.

Mrs. Weiman was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth congregation and the Wilmington chapter of Deborah and Hadassah.

Her husband, Louis, died in 1972. She is survived by two sons, Irvin of Wilmington and Willard of Babylon, N.Y.; a daughter, Anita Goldberger of Saginaw, Mich.; a sister, Sally Helfund of Claymont; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Nov. 19 in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Funeral arrangements by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington 19802.

Jerome Epstein

Jerome Epstein, 58, of Riverview Garden Apartments, 733 Naamans Road, died Nov. 29 in Riverside Hospital of cancer.

Mr. Epstein operated Jerry's TV Repair Service out of his home for about 10 years, until 1983. Before that he was president of the former First State Electronics on Gov. Printz Boulevard, and owned the former Modern Radio & TV

Harold Schoenberg, Dies At 63

Harold Schoenberg, 63, founder and retired president of the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel north of Wilmington, died Dec. 12 at Delaware Division after being stricken with a heart attack at home shortly after midnight.

Mr. Schoenberg, of 2540 Eaton Road, Chalfonte, had a history of heart problems. He founded the funeral home at 519 Philadelphia Pike, Penny Hill, in 1950, and headed the business until retiring two years ago.

He was born in Wilmington and lived in the area most of his life. He was one of the first graduates of P.S. du Pont High School in Wilmington, and was a graduate of the Eckles College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia.

During World War II, he served in Europe as a captain with the Army.

Mr. Schoenberg was past president of the Montefiore

store at Fourth and Broom streets.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of the Harry Fineman Post of Jewish War Veterans and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia A.; two sons, Harry of Newark and Randy of Wilmington; two stepsons, Staff Sgt. Conrad Grink of Mather Air Force Base, Calif., and Gary Grink of Wilmington; two sisters, Eleanor Lessin of Claymont, and Joan Goldberg of North Graylyn Crest; and two granddaughters.

Services were held Nov. 30 in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike. Interment was in the Montefiore Section of the Jewish Community Cemetery.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Carpenter Clinic, Wilmington General Division, Chestnut and South Broom streets, Wilmington 19802.

Florence Heller Gellens

Florence Heller Gellens, 96, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, formerly of 35th and Market Streets, Wilmington, died Nov. 29 at the home of heart failure.

Her husband, Harry, died in 1972.

She is survived by a son, Paul of Wilmington; a daughter, Hermaine Soffer of Pennsauken, N.J.; a brother, George Heller of Manhattan, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Nov. 30 in the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

Joseph Laiken

Joseph Laiken, 78, of Brandywine Hills, died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Towson, Md., of heart failure.

Mutual Benefit Society, a member of both the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Machzikey Hadas congregations, and belonged to the men's clubs.

He was also a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Hadassah. He was a life member of the American Medical Center in Denver; and belonged to Washington Masonic Lodge 1, the Delaware Consistory and the Nur Temple Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; a son, Alan of Ridgewood; a daughter, Roberta L. Moderhak of Wilmington; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 13 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, with burial in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Mr. Laiken was born in Russia and emigrated to the United States in 1922. He worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 30 years.

He went into the real estate business while still working for the railroad, eventually making it a full-time occupation. He was a broker and developer of Brandywine Hills, and, according to a family spokesman, rehabilitated and improved property in Wilmington neighborhoods.

Mr. Laiken was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its men's club, B'nai B'rith lodge 470 and the Wilmington Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a son, Dr. Stephen of Baltimore; a daughter, Nancy Susan Swartz of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada; a sister, Elizabeth Cohen of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 3 at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard. Interment was in Har Zion Cemetery, Collingdale, Pa. Funeral arrangements by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to a favorite charity.

Robert L. Serviss

Robert L. Serviss, 63, of 125 Compass Drive, died Dec. 5 at home. The state medical examiner will perform an autopsy, according to family members.

Mr. Serviss was a technical specialist at the Du Pont Co. Experimental Station near Wilmington. He retired this year after working 41 years for Du Pont. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by four daughters, Robin Bernstein of Wilmington, Linda Youell of Tucson, Ariz., Gail Serviss of Telluride, Colo., and Tina Serviss of Linwood, N.J.; two brothers, Edwin of Orlando, Fla., and Marvin of Philadelphia; two sisters, Edna Radowill of Drexel Hill, Pa., and Pearl Comroe of Plantation, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9 at Mount Sharon Cemetery, Springfield, Pa.

Ethel L. Polies

Ethel L. Polies, 73, of 617 N. Fairview Ave., died Dec. 6 at home of cancer.

She was an expert china painter, and spent many hours at this hobby.

She is survived by her husband, Herman; a son, Allan R. Cohen of Minneapolis; a sister, Helen Bolusky of Fall River, Mass.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 9 in Torbert Funeral Chapel, Bradford and Reed streets, Dover. Interment was in

Sharon Hill Memorial Park, Dover.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kent County Unit of the American Cancer Society, 736 N. Du Pont Highway, Dover 19901.

Dr. Gilbert Kates

Dr. Gilbert Kates, 55, of 4623 Sylvanus Drive, Rockwood Hills, died at home Dec. 8 of cancer.

Dr. Kates was an orthodontist and pedodontist, the branch of dentistry concerned with the care and treatment of children's teeth. His office was in the Christiana Medical Center.

He was a graduate of the Temple School of Dentistry and Columbia Presbyterian Medical School. He was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, the American Dental Association, the American Society of

Dentistry for Children, the Delaware State Dental Society, the American Association of Functional Orthodontists and the American Orthodontist Association.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen; two sons, Dr. Stephen of Chicago and Richard of Rockwood Hills; a daughter, Carolyn Kates of New York City; a brother, Dr. William of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and a sister, Ethel Zeitz of Media, Pa.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9 in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Ridgely Building, 3519 Silver-side Road, Concord Plaza, Wilmington 19810.

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The State Of Families

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



Family Service America, the non-sectarian counterpart of our Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, recently published a report entitled, "The State of Families."

Given the current level of assimilation and the experiences of Jewish Family Service agencies, what is true for families in general is most likely also true for Jewish families.

The report generally forecasts that American families will suffer increasingly negative effects from technological innovations and social change unless society devotes more attention and money to supporting them. Government's role in supporting families cannot be abdicated since the private sector can't begin to provide all the kinds of services that families will need. A

microcosm of this position is clearly apparent in our local situation. The cost required for JFS to provide all the social services needed by our local Jewish families, would be astronomical.

Some predictions made in the report are as follows:

A growing suicide rate among the elderly will accompany future cuts in financing for social services. Suicide rates among the elderly are strongly associated with networking and the availability of social services.

Currently 90% of Americans marry at one time or another. The report predicts by the year 2,000 this figure may drop to 85%, with increases in co-habitation, single-person households, single-parent families and homosexual couples.

The traditional nuclear

family (husband, wage-earner; wife, homemaker and dependent children) which was once the dominant family form, will continue to account for less than 10%, which is its current position.

Divorce will continue at its current high level, but a widespread consciousness of what children go through during divorce may exert a subtle pressure to keep the divorce rate from growing higher than it is.

The level of family violence is increasing and will continue to increase, although the new readiness to deal with it openly should have an ameliorating effect.

The social and economic gap between middle-class families and poor families will continue to increase, unless there are major public work programs that might make a change.

Technological change will continue to place increasing stress on families. The explosion of new information has raised new anxieties and confusion about the pace of change. This will lead to an increase in drug and alcohol abuse in the attempt to deal with stress.

The author of the study feels that "this is not a transi-

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Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

As a woman in a man's profession, I feel I am constantly on show, am held up to a higher standard than men in the same job, etc: My problem is that there is a VIP in our organization, Jewish, who in private makes all kinds of prejudiced remarks. He calls a black customer "the Shwartz" another one is called "the Jap," etc. As a fellow Jew, in a non-Jewish organization, I cringe every time I hear him, but don't quite know what to say. I don't want to jeopardize my own position, so I need a tactful way to stop him. Suggestions, Rachel?.

Puzzled Professional

Dear Puzzled,

Jews are people, and people (even those with a history of persecution) are very capable of prejudice against others. In fact, a common defense against persecution is to say that I/we are okay, but those others are really terrible. It's not much of a defense, and it doesn't help you to think that he is equally

as capable of referring to you as "the gal" or "the broad" when you aren't present.

There are a few things you can try, although nothing is without risk. First, next time your VIP refers to someone in a derogatory way, pointedly reply by referring to the person as "Mr. So. & So", or say "Who? Oh, you mean Mr. So & So." Since this subtle approach is unlikely to penetrate your VIP's defenses, you can escalate both the risks and the likelihood of benefits by stating outright that you feel most comfortable when valuable customers are referred to by their names. Only you can judge when the possible risks of offending the VIP outweigh the benefits of feeling comfortable at work. Good luck in your job.

Rachel

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Project Renewal —

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ject Renewal to better serve the entire Jesse Cohen community. Construction is to start soon but funds are low. Only with our help can the

Lazarus Center get off the ground and serve as a gathering place for the entire community, much as the JCC is used in Wilmington.

Each of us had an op-



Mission participants with Pinchas Eilon (in suit) mayor of Holon and residents of Jesse Cohen.



Fran Bernstein (left) visits Jesse Cohen Senior Citizens.



Left to right: Anat Saadeh of Jesse Cohen Youth Mission seen with Lelaine and Stuart Nemser and Rhoda and Steve Dombchik.

portunity to spend a few hours for dinner with a family. We spent the evening with the family of a boy we housed last summer. There was a bond between us as we discussed their neighborhood, Israeli politics, and their family life. With much emotion we heard their story of how they walked away from all they owned in Egypt in 1949 to get to Israel.

Traveling through Jesse Cohen, one sees buildings under reconstruction, additions added to homes, clean streets, and happy children. This would not have been true a few years ago. The story of Jesse Cohen is not physical change so much as mental change. People are becoming proud of their neighborhood and it shows in the faces of the adults and children.

There remains much to be accomplished. Drug prevention programs and adult education are starting. A professional training program is planned. The Lazarus Center will be built. A stronger Jesse Cohen neighborhood, one of 82 Project Renewal neighborhoods, is but a small step in creating a stronger Israel. The mayor of Holon, in talking to our group, hit the point as far as we were concerned when he said that Project Renewal is about people, and it is working. Much has been accomplished but much more remains to be done. We all developed a warm bond with the people of Jesse Cohen and wished everyone in our community had the opportunity to share the positive spirit which touched us during our visit.

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The State Of Families —

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tion period that will lead to the light at the end of the tunnel or a golden age. Rather it seems to be a time of continuing fragmentation and change for families, which are sharing the sense of powerlessness that permeates so many of our institutions."

The president of Family Service America is quoted as

saying in reference to the report, "The forces impacting on the family will be more complex and the family can find new ways of dealing with them, just as families always have. Families are the most resilient of institutions as long as society provides enough support for them." Let us hope she is right.

Beth Shalom School News —

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"Family Structure; Single, Divorced and Blended Families;" "Family Structure: Intermarriage;" "Maintaining a Jewish Identity in a Non-Jewish World;" "Terminal Illness and Death: Teaching Kids to Cope;" and "Being a Minority Group in a Majority Culture."

The conference closed with a resource fair housing ex-

hibit of publications and teaching aids.

Camp Ramah Visitation
Bruce Lipton, assistant director of Camp Ramah in the Poconos, will be visiting Beth Shalom on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17 and 18, at 4 p.m. At that time Mr. Lipton will explain the Ramah program as well as show slides of the camp in "action" to the school children.

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View Of 'Heritage'

By RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER
 This was a unique opportunity to learn about our "heritage" and to have a resurgence of pride in the accomplishments of a small people in the midst of civilization. Indeed, the titles of the program reflected the two-fold dimension of the series. On the one hand, the Jewish viewer saw before the eyes our connectedness not only to the Land of Israel but to *Am Yisrael*, our People. Whether we are descendants of the Ashkenazim from eastern and western Europe, or the Sephardim from Arab and Oriental countries, our roots take us back to Abraham. The implications of our multicultural national tapestry are such that we must come to grips with the

non-Ashkenazic Jews who make up 60% of Israel's population. There is no question that they are the future of the State of Israel. In a very subtle way "Heritage" made this point in the last episode.

On the other hand, the Jews, small in number across the centuries, manifest a significant influence on humanity. This reflects the other dimension of the title of the series. As ghetto-dwellers or as free people, as landowners or as a folk involved in commerce, our lives touched those of our neighbors; we influenced them, and they influenced us. Not even the most insulated of our Jewish communities across the years could totally escape the impact of the general society of which they are a part. It was

obviously evident when "hard times" resulted in various dimensions of anti-Semitism; but even during periods of normalcy the cross-currents of thought and politics and philosophy brought us in contact with all others.

I only hope that the Jewish viewer was touched with a feeling of pride in our heritage. All too many might have been influenced by the dryness of the series and prejudged "Heritage" as being too intellectual. This would have indeed been premature inasmuch as the overall effect was overwhelmingly positive. Eban did not leave out the difficult issues, especially concerning our relationship with the Palestinians living in the State of Israel. His portrayal of the Holocaust and how it has shaped so much of contemporary Jewish life was, I

thought, realistic without being overbearing. The warts of our past were evident; and while in nine hours not every incident in Jewish history could be dealt with in depth, one would be hard-pressed to think of a period completely left out. His presentation of

the religious expressions of our People was more than fair, and he included representative film footage and commentary in a manner that made all "denominations" of our faith come across so beautifully and positively.

All the nachas fit to print.

We have such happy news! BARBARA, JERRY, NANCY, CARL, CAREN, MARK and IRA would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their parents, PAT SPIEGEL and ROBERT

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