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Museum dedication
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50th Anniversary



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Thousands of Jews around the world are shown on their way to lay a wreath at the Warsaw Ghetto monument April 19.

Jews Gather to Remember Ghetto Uprising

By JED SUNDEN

WARSAW April 18 (JTA) — Solemn commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising against the Nazis began this weekend, with thousands of Jews from around the world attending special ceremonies at the city's sole remaining synagogue and at the government's Place of Culture.

Jews, Polish dignitaries and Catholic Church officials joined together in a host of other commemorations as well, all of them just a precursor to ceremonies Monday, when the actual anniversary of the April 19 uprising was to be marked with addresses by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

The events Sunday, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, also included the unveiling at the city's Jewish cemetery of a monument dedicated to the child victims of the Holocaust.

At a special interfaith service at Warsaw's Nozyk synagogue, the chief rabbi of Poland, Pinchas Menachem Joskowicz, opened the ceremony, which also included an address by Archbishop Henryk Muszynski, who represented the Catholic Church in Poland.

Archbishop Muszynski relayed the prayers of Pope John Paul II to the victims of the uprising.

And parallel to the ceremonies in Warsaw, the Polish-born Pope in Rome paid special homage to Jews as part of his weekly Sunday message to the public, read out at noon after mass from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

At the Polish government's Palace of Culture and Science, the governor of Warsaw sponsored an evening rally in honor of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Representatives of local and international Jewish organizations addressed those gathered, as well as members of the Polish government and uprising survivors.

The Jewish theater of Warsaw also presented a play in both Yiddish and Polish.

Earlier in the day, over 1,000 people attended the unveiling of the monument to the child victims of the Holocaust.

Jack Eisner, an American who survived the war as a child in the ghetto, dedicated the monument and played a recording of him singing in a choir in the Tlomackie Street Synagogue before the war.

A Third of Americans Unsure on Holocaust

By DAVID BRIGGS

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A third of Americans are open to the possibility that the Holocaust, Nazi Germany's extermination of six million Jews, never happened, according to a survey released April 20.

Twenty-two percent of respondents to the Roper Organization survey said it seems possible the Holocaust never happened, and 12 percent said they did not know if it was possible or impossible, the American Jewish Committee said.

The findings shocked Holocaust survivors, some of whom have devoted much of their lives to preserving the memory of Nazi Germany's systematic extermination of Jews.

"What have we done? We have been working for years and years," said Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, who chronicled his experiences at

Auschwitz and Buchenwald. "I am shocked that 22 percent ... oh, my God."

Benjamin Meet, president of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, called the findings alarming. "It was a Jewish tragedy ... but the message is universal: It happened to Jews; it could happen to anyone."

Roper interviewed 992 adults between Nov. 14 and 21 and 506 high school students between Oct. 19 and 30. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percent for the adult survey, plus or minus 5 percent for the school survey.

David Stinger, American Jewish Committee research director, said the study "is the first attempt ever to systematically get at what Americans know about the Holocaust."

The survey found that 72 percent of adults and 64 percent of high school students said it

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U.S. Holocaust Museum Dedicated in Washington

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

The weather couldn't have been worse. But the bone chilling wind and rain in Washington, D.C. didn't keep Dorothy Finger from attending the open air dedication ceremony of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on April 22. Although the program was scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., Wilmington residents Dorothy Finger and Ruth Siegel were there by 8 to make sure they would get seats. Nor did the weather deter the 7,000 other invitees who came to remember and take part in the dedication of this most somber and powerful museum. It seems appropriate that for this occasion that those in attendance were uncomfortable.

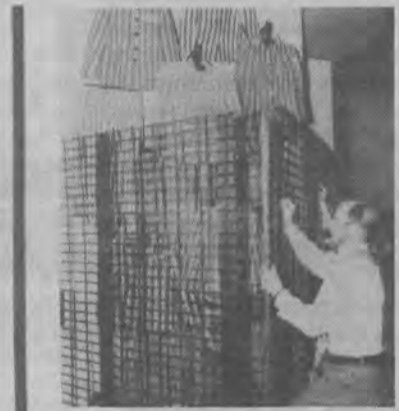
dedication ceremony to begin, Dorothy kept moving, trying to keep warm. "As we were walking back and forth," she said, "I was suddenly transported back 50 years ago to that terrible year in the forest, and I got all choked up."

The hour and half ceremony was an intense experience for the audience, survivors and everyone else. The foreign dignitaries included Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia (who was greeted with muffled disapproval), Lech Walesa of Poland, a representative of the German government, and Israel's president, Chaim Herzog. The United States was represented by President Clinton and Vice President Gore.

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"Why were not the railway lines bombed by allied bombers?" "Why was there no public outcry?" "Why were the resistance fighters not helped?" "Indifference," he said, "is a sin ..."

Dorothy Finger is a Holocaust survivor from Poland. Orphaned at the age of 13 by the Nazis, she survived the war by hiding in a forest for one year. While waiting for the Holocaust



Toni Young nominated to be Federation President

Toni P. Young has been nominated for election as the first woman president ever in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, announced Bennett Epstein, Nominating Committee Chairperson. The election of Mrs. Young, as well as the officers for the coming year and new members of the Board of Directors, will take place at the JFD Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 20, 1993 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning immediately after at 7:15 p.m.

"The entire community is urged to celebrate with us at this very exciting beginning," commented Suzanne Grant, Annual Meeting Chairperson. "In addition to the election, we will welcome back the 23 participants from the UJA Hineni Mission and enjoy an Israeli spirit the entire evening, including the dinner menu," she explained.



Toni Young

Young is currently Vice President of the JFD, Co-Chairperson of the Leadership Gifts Division of the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, Chairperson of the Priorities Committee

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Delaware's Kleinburd makes Maccabiah Juniors Swim Squad

PHILADELPHIA—Kari Kleinburd of Bear, DE, has been appointed to the United States Maccabiah juniors swim team, according to Gerald Greenhouse U.S. Maccabiah Juniors Swimming Chairman. The U.S. Maccabiah team, sponsored by the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel (USCSFI), is set to compete in the 14th World Maccabiah Games in Israel, July 5-15, 1993.



Karl Kleinburd

Kleinburd, a freshman at Glasgow High School, has been a member of the Wilmington Aquatic Club for two years. In 1992, she competed in the Eastern Zone Championships at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ), the Mid Atlantic Junior Olympics (Lancaster, PA) and a competition at the University of Buffalo. She will be visiting Israel for the first time as a member of the U.S. Maccabiah team.

swimming, table tennis, tennis and track and field.

The quadrennial Maccabiah Games bring Jewish athletes from around the world together for the Olympic-sanctioned and -style competition. The U.S. will participate in 29 sports ranging from badminton to yachting. The 650-member U.S. delegation is expected to join over 5,000 Jewish athletes from more than 43 countries for the two-week competition.

The juniors competition has been expanded for the 1993 Games to include six sports; basketball, soccer,

Museum dedication

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Ted Koppel, the Master of Ceremonies, made his opening remarks against a background of vicious chanting from protestors — one could hear "siege heil," "ADL, go to hell," and "there was no Holocaust." For Dorothy Finger, the chanting was like rubbing salt into an open wound. "I was already upset, and when the yelling started it was even more upsetting. A woman sitting next to me raised her arm to show her tattoo."

Elie Wiesel's passionately delivered address brought tears and applause. He is haunted by the horrific deeds committed by the Nazis. "In Poland," recalled Wiesel, "the Nazis used babies for target practice. The only emotion the Nazis showed was when they missed — In Kiev, a Nazi guard chopped off the heads of two children in front of their mother, and in

an act of mystic madness, the mother took the heads under her arms and danced with them — In Hungary, just a few days before the end of the war, Jews were hung by meat hooks in the window of a butcher shop with a sign which read 'kosher meat'."

Wiesel was most passionate when he repeatedly asked why the world responded to the genocide with indifference and inaction. "Why were not the railway lines bombed by allied bombers?" "Why was there no public outcry?" "Why were the resistance fighters not helped?" "Indifference," he said, "is a sin ..." Wiesel then turned to President Clinton with a plea to intervene in Yugoslavia. "We must do something to stop the bloodshed in that country. Something, anything, must be done."

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About the Cover

The representation of barbed wires on the cover symbolizes the Nazi concentration camps and the suffering which took place there. This drawing is placed over the volume number and date to provoke a response that *something is not right*. This provocation is meant to underscore the impact of the material in this issue relating to the Holocaust and the opening of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. The artist is Beth Lipschutz.

Corrections

- ★ Helaine Gordon should have been identified as the Assistant Secretary in the April 16 announcement of the slate of officers to be elected at the May 20 JFD Annual Meeting. Helaine Gordon, Clara Hollander, and Karen Morris are to be elected to the Board of Directors.
- ★ The name of the late Stanley W. Balick was misprinted in the April 16 memorial.

LOCAL

First States' First Womens' Seder

Over thirty women participated in the first women's seder ever held in Delaware. The seder, which was organized by the Judaism and Feminism group of Jewish Family Service, was held at Harriet Ainbinder's home this Pesach. Dorothy Flippen conducted the seder, and all who attended participated through prayer and stories. A new Hagaddah was written for this event by the Judaism and Feminism group, a project which had been underway since last September. Contributors to the Hagaddah include Harriet Ainbinder, Faith Brown, Riva Brown, Dorothy Flippen, Ann Greenstein, Ann Jaffe, Karen Moss, Ruth Rosenbaum, Yvette Rudnitzky, Myrna Ryder, Michele Sands and Barbara Siegell. The Hagaddah was based on the traditional Hagaddah, which was re-interpreted to extend the meaning of the Pesach story to include women's issues and concerns, and women

who were significant in Jewish history. The plagues, for instance, were supplemented to include modern day plagues which affect society in general, as well as those significant to women. The seder is a particular time of remembering a moment of freedom in Judaism, important to our formation as a people. Statements in the Hagaddah generally do not include women, and one of the purposes of this seder was to look at the seder and our history from a woman's point of view.

During the seder, traditional kosher foods were served on a buffet. The seder was enhanced by the sounds of the flute, guitar and percussion instruments as the women sang. Women who attended the seder found it to be warm, exciting and affirming. The group will be editing the Hagaddah, with the intention of celebrating a women's seder again during Pesach next year.



Standing: Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, JFS; Dorothy Flippen. Seated, L to R: Riva Brown, Naomi Goldstein, Rivka Inl, Judith Schwab.

The Judaism and Feminism group is sponsored by Jewish Family Service, and has been meeting to discuss issues pertaining to Jewish women. The group generally meets on the last Tuesday of each month around noon. For more information about this group, contact Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service.

Quilt featured at Chicago NCJW Centennial

Delegates for Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women, at the March 18th to 21st Convention, were Risha Fishman, Phyllis H. Gramlich, Mary S. DeVries, and Jean L. Blumenfeld. A highlight of the convention was the unveiling of the "Fabric of Our Lives Quilt."

The Delaware "patch", designed by Bobbie and Norman Tomases, and executed by Eva Milbouer, depicts the Section's domestic violence projects, which emphasize concern for human welfare and working to repair families. Different programs identify family ills, promote legislative and judicial changes, and provide shelter for victims of domestic violence.



Pictured here: Risha Fishman, Phyllis Gramlich, Mary DeVries, Jean Blumenfeld.

Established in 1926, the Wilmington Section takes pride in celebrating the beginning of Council's second century of activity. Inspired by Jewish values, it continues to work through programs of research, edu-

cation, advocacy, and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families. Through volunteer effort, it strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

Rosalie Wolf looks like a winner

By MARION K. RECHSTEINER

Rosalie S. Wolf, Ph.D., executive director, Institute on Aging, The Medical Center of Central Massachusetts, speaks all over the country to interested and appreciative audiences but when she comes to Delaware for a conference May 12, her No. 1 fan will be her twin sister, Constance Kreshtool.

Kreshtool, active in the Jewish community of Delaware, was at one time head of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and is now endowment director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

How did the twin sisters, who grew up in Worcester, Mass., become so involved in community and national affairs? As president of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Wolf has testified before

the U.S. House Subcommittee on Human Services.

"Our mother was our role model," says Kreshtool. "We were youngsters in the war years. Our mother had a Victory Garden and worked for the Red Cross. We were very proud of her."

Each has three children. Wolf has two sons, both physicians, and a daughter, an art curator, and three grandchildren. Wolf is an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine and Family and Community Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School, and co-editor of the Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Wolf earned a doctor of philosophy degree in social welfare policy with concentra-

tion on aging, from Florence Heller Graduate School of Brandeis University.

Kreshtool has three boys. Multiple births have given her a lead over Wolf in grandchildren — she has eight, including a set of triplets and a set of twins.

Wolf and Kreshtool will have rare opportunity for a visit when Wolf comes to Delaware for the 13th annual conference of Delaware Interfaith Coalition on Aging, from 8:30 to 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Newark. Her presentation on "Elder Abuse: The Hidden Sorrow," will include a video, "Difficult Choices."

No difficult choices for the twin sisters whose mother instilled in them a love of others and community service, to achieve success and recognition in their fields.

Second Annual Israel Bowl

Delaware Hebrew schools and Albert Einstein Academy will gather at the JCC on May 16 at 1:30 p.m. for the Second Annual Israel Bowl. The event is co-sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Beth El, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center. The event pits sixth grade student teams against each other in a competition based in knowledge of Israel. The event will also feature Israeli food, Israeli books for sale and Shlichim (representatives) to provide a variety of information on Israel. The community is encouraged to attend to support the school teams and to discover more about Israel. It is free and open to the public.

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Background on the Holocaust Museum

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON (PNR) — When the United States Memorial Council was chartered in 1980 to build a national museum as a learning center about the Nazi horror and genocide it established a uniquely democratic public-private partnership that has brought amazingly successful results as dedication ceremonies April 22 will indicate with world-wide attention.

Congress legislated and President Jimmy Carter approved that the federal government would provide an appropriate site but private funds would have to pay for the building, the acquisition of artifacts, the purchase of equipment and supply the instruction for all visitors that what happened under Adolf Hitler's rule in Germany must never recur in any form anywhere.

To carry out its mandate, the Council would have the combined authority of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. Its membership would consist of 65 American citizens of whom the President would appoint 55, the Speaker of the House five and the Senate majority leader five. As with all federal agencies, the President would name is leadership and designate its policy while Congress would vote its operational funds.

In the 13 years since then, Congress has provided 1.9 acres on a slope overlooking the Tidal Basin whose shoreline is beautified with Japanese cherry trees. Nearby are the towering monument to George

Washington and the exquisite memorial to Thomas Jefferson. The street fronting the museum has been renamed Raoul Wallenberg Place in honor of the Swedish diplomat whose unforgettable services saved untold thousands of Jews from the death camps.

Joseph Brodecki, the national campaign director for the past five years, has reported that contributions have ranged from millions of dollars to the nickles and dimes of primary school children.

Jewish contributions have been "significant," Brodecki said but he emphasized that they have come from "all races and religions." All givers, big and small, will be recognized permanently in some way at the museum. "This campaign involved broad America and is essentially in all-American effort," he stressed.

Of the funds raised thus far in "The Campaign to Remember," about \$140 million has come from individuals, corporations and foundations that pledged \$50,000 or more.

The council has accumulated 30,000 artifacts that are "authentic and useful evidence of the Holocaust." Many have been given by survivors but most have been acquired through government-to-government agreements between the U.S. and European countries. Once the museum construction is completed and the exhibits in place, they will become the property of the U.S. Government and the council, being a federal agency, will operate it.

Croatian President Angers Survivors at Dedication

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON (PNR) — Why Croatia's president of anti-Semitic hue, Franjo Tudjman, was officially invited to attend the dedication of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and welcomed at the reception at the White House given by President and Mrs. Clinton for survivors and high foreign officials is a tale wrapped in the ways of diplomacy.

Mark Talisman, the founding vice chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and a member of its committee for the opening-day dedication program, explained in an interview how Tudjman's presence in Washington came about from the council's standpoint.

The rules the council had to use for issuing invitations that went to all heads of governments in Europe — except Serbia's — were whether they have been democratically elected and no human rights charges are held against them both at the United Nations and the State Department, Talisman said.

Except for Serbia, "the answers were no" from both the UN and the Department and thus Tudjman was "cleared," Talisman said. Without saying no, Talisman, who is the Washington representative of the Council of Jewish Federations, was distinctly unhappy about the Tudjman case.

"The free press in America will do its work and each leader will be dealt with accordingly," Talisman said. "That's exactly what is happening in this case." He referred to the editorial in *The Washington Post*, and carried in the *International Herald-Tribune*, that Tudjman "arrives under the cloud spun by his own public, recent and freshly reaffirmed remarks on Jews."

Wiesel said Tudjman's presence was "atrocious" and "a disgrace," adding "were it not for the solemnity of the occasion, on homage to the dead and their memories, I would speak out in outrage at the dedication ceremony." Wiesel did not mention Tudjman in his dedication speech. Tudjman attended both the dedication and reception.

"I'm outraged," Sigmund Strolhitz, who served for years on the Holocaust Council. He referred to Tudjman's book, "Wilderness of Historical Reality" which suggests that "special features" of the Jewish religion and mentality provoked attacks on them, that Jews used "emotional biased testimonies" and "exaggerate" their Holocaust losses, that their beliefs sanction "genocide" for Jewish purposes which *The Post* editorial indicated Tudjman intended for use against Palestinians.

Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, who also was at the

reception, noted that Tudjman had met the criteria of being democratically elected" and that "optimistically" he "accepted the possibility" Tudjman would "change" being here. He thought his presence was "a sign of respect for the Jewish people."

George Stephanopoulos, the White House spokesman, said President Clinton would "strongly disagree" with sentiments attributed to Tudjman when he was asked if it were "proper" to invite Tudjman to the White House. Stephanopoulos added he himself had not seen them.

While Tudjman has said statements in his book have been mistranslated or distorted Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Belin was quoted in the *Labor Party newspaper Davar* that the book is "the reason Israel was unwilling to establish diplomatic relations with Croatia" and that "I assume those who invited him were not aware of what he published."

Dvar noted that the invitation to Tudjman puts the Jewish community in Croatia's capital, Zagreb, in a difficult situation, "having sharply protested against the recent naming of a Croatian school after a person responsible for the death of 30,000 Jews as well as the naming of the main street of Zagreb for the president of the Nazi-era Fascist-Croatian puppet state."

Gore Speaks of "Unspeakable" at Memorial

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK, April 18 (JTA) — Pomp and pageantry attended the commemoration here Sunday of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The presence of Vice President Al Gore, the accompaniment of an army band playing Jewish prayers and Holocaust lullabies and a full military presentation of regimental color guard lent no small measure of respect to the proceedings, which were held at the refurbished Paramount theater at Madison Square Garden.

Standards of the various regiments whose men had liberated the concentration camps were paraded into the theater with full honors, and the Stars and Stripes was brought to

stand beside an Israeli flag, both of them borne by American servicemen.

For the event, some 6,000 survivors of Nazi concentration camps, members of resistance groups and those who came out of respect lined up more than two hours early to get into the Garden.

Gore, wearing a small black yarmulka, sat attentive to the children's songs, the lighting of memorial candles and every person's speech, speaking only at the end of the proceedings.

Sitting on the podium with him were New York's Mayor David Dinkins, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), Israeli Consul General Colette Avital and organiz-

ers of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, including founders Benjamin and Vladka Meed.

The vice president's lengthy speech illustrated his grasp of Holocaust history and its meaning for Jews and the world. He began with a detailed accounting of "the unspeakable."

"How could the human race have allowed such a calamity as the Holocaust to fall upon us?" he asked.

"Numbers, of course, seem so pitifully incapable of conveying the meaning of an episode that stands outside the borders of all customary moral judgment."

"The story of the Warsaw Ghetto is sacred text for our time," the vice president said.

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SHOAH BRIEFS

Israel Remembers 6 Million

JERUSALEM, April 18 (JTA) — At precisely 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, the mournful wail of a siren brought Israel to a standstill, as it does every year on Yom Hashoah.

The two-minute siren, which could be heard in every street and alleyway in the country, wailed in memory of those who died in the Holocaust.

At the sound of the blast, people froze in midstride. Drivers stopped their cars in the middle of the road and stood at attention. Nothing — not even the blue-and-white flags that were flown at half-mast — moved in the hot, breathless air.

Yitzhak Arad, the chairman of Yad Vashem, sounded the only upbeat note of the day when he scanned the large crowd and observed, "I see many of our third generation here. The young people are very sensitive to the Holocaust, and every year more and more youths attend the ceremonies."

"This is proof that the younger generation remembers, and it must lead the way to protect future generations," he said.

"As a Jew, I share in the Holocaust experience, even though my family was spared," he said. "The 6 million who died were a part of me, and I am a part of them."

Pope Denounces Anti-Semitism

Recalls uprising — Pope John Paul II, in a message marking the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in his native Poland, called on Christians and Jews to unite against modern forms of prejudice and anti-Semitism. The pope recalled the 1943 uprising, in which some 25,000 Jews were killed by occupying Nazi forces, as a time of horrible suffering that must not be forgotten. The message, released at the Vatican, was addressed to Polish Jewish organizations. "Together with the whole church I wish to remember those terrible days of the Second World War, days of contempt for the human person, manifested in the horror of the sufferings endured at that time by so many of our Jewish brothers and sisters," the pope said. *From The Dialog*

"Lest You Forget": A Look Inside the U.S. Holocaust Museum

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Engraved on a wall in the Hall of Remembrance of the recently dedicated United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. is the injunction from Deuteronomy: "Only take heed, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children..." These words are the center of the museum's mission — to remember and to teach.

Unique to Washington, indeed unique to this country, the Holocaust Memorial Museum graphically chronicles the rise of Nazism, the development of the anti-Jewish laws, and the rapid progression of persecutions, imprisonments, deprivations,



Photo by Jerome Siegel
Liberators stare in horror at corpses burned by Nazi's.

deportations, until the Final Solution.

Authorized by an Act of Congress in 1980 to create a permanent living memorial to the more than ten million people, Christians and Jews, who perished in the Holocaust, the

\$168 million museum was built on 1.9 acres of Federally donated property adjacent to the Mall.

In developing his design, the architect, James Freed, who as a child

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OPINION

Friends with Open Hands and Acquaintances at Arms Length

When Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak greets with Bill Clinton with a smile it is because he is eager to cultivate a friendship with the new American President. After all, Egypt is the recipient of the second highest amount of foreign aid from the United States. When Mubarak greets PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat with a bear hug he is eager to display his old friendship to quiet the criticism of Fundamentalists and others in his country. Yet when Mubarak meets Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin he does so with a hand shake that keeps Rabin at a distance. Even though a cold peace has persisted for more than a decade; even though Rabin's expulsion of the Hamas terrorists is a model for Egypt to deal with its internal troubles; even though cooperation between Egypt and Israel is essential for the future economic security of the two states ... Mubarak keeps his distance. Among Israel's neighbors the best is this acquaintance Egypt.

During World War II the Jews of Europe had acquaintances in the allies and the United States. Revisionist scholars say the United States and the allies did all that they could for the Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. Yet Allied bombers neglected to bomb the train tracks on which Jews were transported for slaughter to Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Treblinka even though these tracks were close to other targets which the bombers took out. Franklin Roosevelt failed to widen the trickle of Jewish immigration from Europe. Many who could have come to this country instead died at the hands of the Nazis simply because they were Jewish.

Last week was marked by the dedication of

The United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. President Clinton and Elie Weisel lit the candle to remember those who lost their lives in the Shoah. The leader of the United States and the free world spoke movingly about our people and our greatest tragedy. Although we are not too far removed from the insult of former President Ronald Reagan's wreath laying courtesy call to the Bitburg Cemetery in which lay many of Hitler's SS; the disproportionate sentencing of Jonathan Pollard; or the denial by former President George Bush of loan guarantees to Israel; today we can say that the Jewish people have a friend in the United States.

Here in Delaware, for the third time in less than a year, there are rumblings about an anti-Jewish hate monger invited to the University of Delaware campus. Again the University administration is poised to respond with no real response. University of Delaware President Roselle cynically says he is against hate, while he fails to specifically disagree with or disapprove those who traffic in such hate. His platitudes insult the students, alumni, faculty and neighbors of the University of Delaware, who see no place for prejudice in Delaware. Without the courage to denounce individual anti-semitic speakers and specific acts of prejudice; the Roselle administration commits the moral equivalent of condoning hate speech. The jury is still out whether President Roselle is a friend, an acquaintance or worse. He should know the open hand of friendship is offered. He should know that we are here. And we are watching.



Letters to the Editor

The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed, double spaced, to The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Prayer and Creation Theory for Delaware Schools!?!

Dear Sir,

On April 27th, I attended the candidate night for the Board of Education in the Brandywine district. I knew none of the candidates. The attendance was sparse. That was unfortunate since most people will probably not vote, or if they do, they will not know the various positions that the candidates took on a variety of issues. I will only talk about the two that have the greatest meaning to the Jewish community, and urge you to vote for Mr. Ralph Ackerman.

Mr. Ackerman was the only candidate that was in favor of teaching Darwin's theory of evolution without equivocation. ALL others

either though that the Darwin theory should not be taught, or that the theory of creation should be taught to balance the Darwin theory.

Another question asked was whether they were in favor of prayer in the school. Again, only Mr. Ackerman was opposed to having prayer returned to the school. ALL others were strongly of the opinion that prayer was important to start off the school day.

It is the belief that people in the Brandywine school district should support Ralph Ackerman and vote on Tuesday, May 11, noon to 9 p.m.

In addition, I would urge the JCRC to monitor these elections in the future.

Nathan Barnett

Living Jewishly: A Choice

I am a Jew-by-Choice. As a single adult I have chosen to live Jewishly. Is there a place for me?

An immediate response would be of course, we welcome Jews by Choice! But I'm not speaking as a convert. I am a Jew by birth who has chosen as a single adult to live Jewishly through observance and community involvement. I center my life around the synagogues and the greater Jewish community because such involvement meets many needs for me. Judaic study has prepared me for teaching, and knowledge of our literature provides guidelines for behavior and decisions. Synagogue attendance has brought comfort, relief and a contact with people. Strength and support comes from synagogues and Rabbis. Rich life experiences come from involvement with Albert Einstein Academy, religious schools and the Kutz Home. Torah and rituals challenge and uplift Jewish involvement provides connection, support, and a creative outlet.

As an active Jew I feel part of a whole significant history; a community; and the future.

Then why am I asking whether there is a place for me? At a time when focus is on outreach to the interfaith and newly converted I feel some exclusion and discomfort because the Jew-by-birth is not always included. The single person without family is sometimes left on the fringes. Just having a "significant other" can bring involvement and status to the non-

Jewish or more passive spouse. Yet it is single persons who need most to achieve a role of significance through inclusion, participation and involvement. Politics often results in subtle exclusion and power-oriented tactics. Some egos become so enmesh with the institution and act contrary to the religious institution purpose. Leadership in our communities, and particularly our synagogues, is often monopolized and does not reflect the best of leadership or expression of Jewish values.

Certain decisions disregard feelings of individuals who ask for respect in return for their service. These decisions are all in the name of the "institution" which becomes an object above and beyond the people who comprise it.

I've seen unconscionable, irresponsible treatment by leaders against individuals because of uninformed and insensitive decision making. The choices and actions of these leaders are sometimes in antithesis to what Judaism stands for. Money speaks louder than ethics and self-interest prevails over justice.

Do I seem self-contradictory? Jewish community has been wonderfully significant. Judaism has been my connection, guidance, pride and comfort. The very best in my life has come from involvement in the greater Wilmington Jewish community, but so has the deepest of pain. As a single person, I have known the joys of our community and the heartbreak that

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OPINION

Senator Biden Calls for Stand Against Aggression

By JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. (D-Del.)

During the week of April 5, I traveled to the former Yugoslavia, and met with the leaders of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia and with top U.S. and U.N. military commanders in the region. Based on that trip and on hearings I held last year, I issued recommendations for formulating an effective — and overdue — Western response to the ongoing bloodshed and destruction in Bosnia.

The first step is to define the conflict correctly. The situation in Bosnia is too simplistically viewed as a "civil war" between religious groups. It is more accurately defined as a war of aggression, with only some aspects of a civil conflict, calculated and driven by the brutally expansionist — and having met with him for several hours, I would add pathologically nationalist — Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic.

The fact is the "sides" in this war are not Muslims, Serbs and Croats. Bosnia is a multi-ethnic, U.N.-recognized sovereign nation, with a multi-ethnic government in Sarajevo com-

mitted to the protection of minority rights, being defended by a military that includes 15% Serbs and 20% Croats.

It is a nation under siege by forces incited and supplied by the Milosevic regime, supported by heavy weapons fire from Serbia into eastern Bosnia, and bolstered by Serbian regular army forces, which participated in the critical fight for and fall of Srebrenica. These are the military troops of a foreign nation fighting as the aggressors on Bosnian soil.

The second basic fact we must face is that diplomacy alone has failed as a means of stopping Milosevic. He, in a perilous echo of the past, has received a message from the West that the price of aggression is small, and only force will convince him otherwise.

The U.N. arms embargo against the entire region does not hurt Milosevic, who has plenty of weapons; it only hurts the Bosnian government. As I have argued for months, we must lift the embargo to allow Bosnia to defend itself. The defenders are more than willing to fight; they only ask for the means.

But at this point in the conflict, we must also

help more actively. The Pentagon offers a false choice between total war and doing nothing. As was confirmed in my discussions with U.N. and U.S. military leaders, we can do a great deal to ease the plight of the Bosnians, especially if we also lift the embargo, through air strikes against Serbian artillery and supply lines. In addition, and again contrary to a false choice that has been presented, we can coordinate military and humanitarian relief so that both work more effectively.

The clear evidence of Serbian military forces in Bosnia makes such a response not only morally but legally justifiable, under the United Nations Charter and the U.N. Resolution regarding Bosnia passed last year but never put into effect.

It is not just legal concerns, but our self-interest in collective security that argues for action. If Milosevic is not stopped, the potential increases for ethnically-based conflict throughout Eurasia; Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey all could be drawn in if the war widens, and the precedent of unchecked aggression could spark the ethnic

tensions between nations of the former Soviet empire.

We have a real interest, too, in rendering effective the claims of international conscience. When Nobel laureate Elie Weisel, at last week's dedication of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, drew a parallel between the events of 50 years ago and those today in Bosnia, he was not succumbing to emotionalism or overstatement. Let no one doubt that the Holocaust Museum will stand either as a symbol of our remembrance and resolve or as a symbol of our hypocrisy.

It will require committed and focused leadership to convey to the American people that the choice is to stop Milosevic now or to try to stop him later when it will be far more difficult and costly. But, I believe, that if we view the conflict and evaluate our interests accurately, our nation will rally to lead our allies into a stronger, more realistic — more far-sighted — response to this brutal aggression. Our collective conscience and our shared security needs require no less.

The Importance of The United States Holocaust Museum

By JACK KEMP

This month marks two very important historical occasions: the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, and the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Two milestones, separated by time and geography, but united by a profound sense of history and meaning.

Fifty years ago this month, starting on Passover, the brave Jewish citizens of the Warsaw ghetto held back the mighty German Wehrmacht for 20 days. Their heroic stand against evil carries a message that is as clear and immediate now as it was then.

The Germans sealed off 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. By 1942, three-fourths of them were dead. Then the assault began. On April 19, 1943, the gunfire started. The Germans brought in tanks, heavy artillery, and bombed people armed only with crude weapons. But the resistance was fierce. Only on May 8 did the rebellion succumb to the overwhelming Nazi force.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising demonstrated honor and nobility in the face of death, innocence in the face of evil.

A profound message underlines that terrible period, carrying across the ages a moral imperative for today. It involves the will to fight evil.

As Elie Wiesel reminds us, indifference to evil is evil. To study the Holocaust is to realize how much evil can exist.

To understand the Holocaust is to realize how strong mankind's spirit is. It is to realize how strong men and women can, and should, be in resisting evil and standing for what is right.

Who else but the liberator of concentration camps has the moral authority to ensure that genocide and war crimes do not go unpunished?

Our nation led a noble crusade against totalitarianism and fascism — these killers of the human body and spirit.

But the fight against tyranny did not end when Berlin fell in 1945. Neither did it end when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.

Now, in 1993, as the number of dictatorships dwindle, some question why the United States needs to be a superpower. After all, we have pressing problems at home, some of crisis proportions. Let's turn inward, they say, and ignore our responsibility as the world's champion of freedom and democracy.

My response lies in Jewish tradition. The sages tell us that we cannot truly be free as long as others are enslaved. That's the message of contemporary America.

Given the pictures we've seen and the reports we've heard of ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum takes on a higher meaning. The Museum is not a static memorial. It is a beacon transmitting a message to all Americans.



Photo by Jerome Siegel

Harvey Meyerhoff, President Clinton and Elie Wiesel light eternal flame at U.S. Holocaust Museum.

For those who wonder why the Holocaust Museum was built and why it is located in Washington, I defer to one of America's greatest military heroes, General Omar Bradley, commander of 1.3 million troops during World War II.

General Bradley's daughter recalls her father's memories of his 89th Infantry liberating the Ohrdruf slave labor camp. Nothing that he had experienced during the war, Gen. Bradley's daughter says, prepared him for the terror and horror that he saw in that slave labor camp. He knew that we had to work for peace, freedom, and righteousness, so that never again could there be a recurrence of this terrible tyranny.

The writers, scholars, survivors, and witnesses of the Holocaust are the prophets of this century. Their insight into the suffering that has marked this century will instruct future generations. We must do more than visit the Holocaust Museum. We must study it, understand it, and remember it.

This instruction must not divide left from right, Democrat from Republican. I'm reminded what a proud Polish-born Auschwitz survivor told the Republican convention in Houston last year, before he opened a session with a Hebrew prayer: "My alliances are bipartisan. I was liberated by a Republican, Dwight Eisenhower. And I was allowed to enter this country under legislation sponsored by a Democrat, Harry Truman."

This tragedy of immense proportions must continue to instruct future generations of Jews and non-Jews. The opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum provides a unique opportunity to drive these lessons

home and then truly be able to say: Never again.

Jack Kemp is Co-Director of Empower America, a grass-roots public policy advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C.

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results from bias, politics and poor leadership. Sometimes the pain that comes from the negative aspects of involvement outweighs the comforts and joys.

This community needs to examine our values to determine whether our leader's decisions conform to ethical principles of Judaism, and shows respect for one another. We need to remember the cradle Jew needs respect and comfort while focusing on outreach. Single people need to be recognizing as contributing and significant members of the synagogue. It is time to re-evaluate our volunteer leadership so that poor leadership and self gain do not prevail over respect for human dignity and need. There is lots to do in our community, and there should be room for all of us.

Ann Greenstein

(Please note: This letter has been condensed for publication.)

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NJCRAC urges action on Serbia

NEW YORK, April 26 (JTA) — The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council has launched a national campaign to urge the Clinton administration to act immediately to stem the "ethnic cleansing" being committed largely by Serbian forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The association of 13 national Jewish agencies and 117 Jewish community councils, called for the immediate lifting of the arms embargo imposed against Bosnia and for the "immediate and appropriate application of military force, includ-

ing limited air strikes designed to stop the Serbian aggression."

The member agencies also called for an increase in humanitarian aid to civilian populations, the isolation of Serbia through severe economic and diplomatic sanctions and the creation of a war crimes task force to gather information and evidence to be used in subsequent war crimes proceedings.

NJCRAC is urging its member groups to begin a lobbying campaign involving, among other things, telephone calls and letters to the White House and Congress.

LOCAL

Delaware's Holocaust Memorial Day: Morrissa Holub's Address

By MARISSA HOLOB

"Eli, eli sheloy' gamer l'olam." The sweet, sorrowful melody rang in the air. At first there were just a few people singing but the number continued to increase until all 6,000 of us joined in. It was the culmination of one difficult week and one long march and the feeling with which I and those around me sang expressed emotions greater than any others — pride, unity, mourning, and survival.

It all began about a year ago. It was then that I received a scholarship to the March of the Living, a two week trip to Poland and Israel: a trip to see the horrors of World War II and to witness the hope of tomorrow; a trip which would not be easily forgotten.

I have not been fortunate to know many of my great-aunts and uncles, just as my parents never knew their grandparents and other relatives. My family was one of those torn apart by the Holocaust. Ever since I was little I have been told of the horrors of the concentration camps but I have also been told of the courage people found in the midst of it all. I was going on this trip for all of them. When I think about it, the fact that I am actually living is a true miracle. My grandparents lived in Austria before the war, and it was by pure chance that my pop-pop was in Vienna working every time the Nazis came looking for him in St. Polten, and vice versa. In



Photo by Judy Steibel

1939, my grandparents, after much careful planning, left Austria for France with visas to both Libya and the U.S. They left on Hitler's birthday, knowing that security would not be as tight. Other family members were not as lucky. There was great-aunt Gusti. My grandparents say I look almost exactly like her. She was, like myself, a gymnast. I was going on this trip to honor her memory and the memory of all of my relatives who did not survive the concentration camps.

Thousands of people, much like myself, sang this beautiful song in the middle of Auschwitz-Birkenau. I was standing in ruins of the gas chambers bombed by the prisoners of the concentration camp in an effort to stop the death. Some of the prisoners who participated in this bombing could have been my relatives.

My thoughts were not entirely on the past but the present and the future. I had walked through the gates of Auschwitz-Birkenau of my own free will and would leave alive, unlike so many before me. My heart began to swell and tears came to my eyes and I sang and sang, louder and louder.

Pictures and thoughts of the past week flashed through my mind. I remembered the stares and dirty looks given to me in my March of the Living jacket by some of the Polish people. I saw the sorrowful look in the eyes of our Polish guide, a young man who seemed to understand and stood with rounded shoulders, hunched because of the burden he carried; a man who listened intently to the stories told by a woman who had survived it all; a man who wore the same clothes for an entire week and would live among poverty his entire life. A man who understood. I thought of the Jewish Quarter in Kracow, once a bustling center filled with synagogues, now quite desolate with only one synagogue left. This synagogue seemed to come alive as we held a service there one night. There were more people in the synagogue at that moment than it had been cumulatively in 50 years. Afterwards we danced and sang Israeli

songs joyously as anxious onlookers watched with frowns. The next day the newspaper reported that Jewish kids were seen rioting outside a synagogue in Kracow. When would they understand? I thought of Madjanek, a concentration camp still equipped with the ability and the means to kill. As the door closed behind me in the gas chamber, a suffocating feeling overcame me. All I could think was how the feelings of Holocaust victims 50 years ago must have been a hundred times worse, for this was their end and I, well, I was just acting. Walking through the crematorium I thought I could still smell the odor of burning flesh. I watched the candles lit in memory of those who had perished flicker before my eyes. Every once in a while I thought I saw the eyes of a terrified child frozen in shock because of all she saw. Then I saw the shoes — 800,000 different types of shoes, each with its own identity, the old worn shoe of the fashionable woman, the small shoes of the innocent child who was not even old enough to question his death.

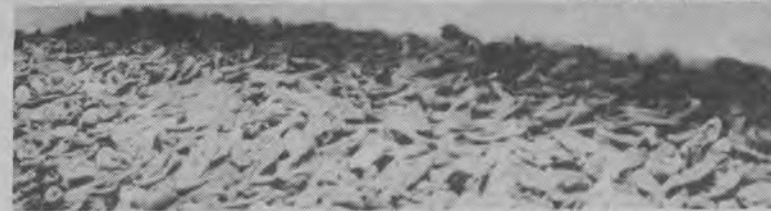
Some people said the shoes were the worst thing to see, but not for me. I was outraged by all of Madjanek and its beauty. Yes, I said beauty. It seems wrong that this place, this death camp, should be one of the prettiest sights I saw in Poland. The lush green grass seemed to thrive on the ashes of dead relatives. I wanted to scream. Why had this occurred in the first place? Why was this place which should look gray and desolate so full of life? I remembered looking out past the crematorium, and the barracks, and the gas chambers at the city of Lublin. I could not understand how people so close did not realize what was going on while I could still, 50 years later, smell the burning bodies. At that moment a young Polish boy ran past me smiling. He was being chased by another young child. Next, I noticed a couple walking, holding hands and laughing as if this once death camp was now a park. Then I understood that most of these people had merely not wanted to know what was going on a few miles from their homes, just as these people did not wish to realize that this beautiful area was different from other pretty sights.

As the song came to an end I knew the impact of this trip would always be with me. And although I could now just walk back into my life, I had an obligation. It was my duty to teach, to learn, and to live for all those who had not been given the chance to fulfill their dreams. I had to let people know what was behind the beauty.

It is for these reasons I speak to you now, on Holocaust Memorial Day, with the hope that we never forget, nor allow mass genocide anywhere to ever again continue.

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The Heritage Trio is comprised of three artists-in-residence at Baltimore Hebrew College, Cantors Samuel Dov Berman, Elias Roochvarg, and Sam Weiss. Their exuberant singing, active communication with their listeners, and congenial sense of humor have been praised by audiences throughout the Atlantic Region, and they have been acknowledged as one of Baltimore's finest vocal ensembles. Cantor Berman has appeared as a soloist with the Canadian Broadcast Commission, the Springfield Symphony, and the Baltimore Choral Arts Society. Cantor Roochvarg has appeared as a soloist with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and before Israel's Prime Minister and President. In addition to his singing career, Cantor Weiss composes and plays instrumental music and is a choral conductor.

Cantor Norman Swerling, the Cantor of Congregation Beth Shalom since 1986, has presented sev-

eral concerts for the community. He combines theater and cantorial backgrounds to create Jewish musical theater programs. Cantor Swerling has been featured as a lecturer and a performing artist in more than thirty cities throughout the United States and in Toronto, Montreal, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Barbados, and Curacao. He graduated from Hebrew Union College in 1960 as a cantor and educator, and he has studied theater at Boston College and Tufts University.

Cantor Swerling will be joined in the program by Cindy Goldstein and Carol Denenberg, both of whom are well known to theater and opera audiences in Delaware. Mrs. Goldstein, a native of Wilmington, is a graduate of the University of Delaware. She has had extensive experience in local dinner theaters including the Candlelight Dinner Theater, the Brandywiners, and the Breck's Mill Cronies. Mrs. Denenberg is a graduate of the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, and she has studied voice with Gabriella Tucci of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. She has performed professionally for the last nine years with Opera Dela-

ware and the Delaware Valley Opera Company in Philadelphia.

The evening's program will include a highly varied selection of Jewish musical classics of different time periods and nations and musical highlights of recent years at Congregation Beth Shalom including "Old Jerusalem", "Memories", "Lo Teda", and a reprise of the 1990 program, "To Bernstein with Love." All of the performers will join in the Finale.

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the end it heals as it helps bring them increased understanding of themselves, each other, and the importance of family and community in their lives. **SAYING KADDISH** airs Sunday, May 9, at 4 p.m. on TV 12.



Brooklyn Bridge, the highly acclaimed program about a Jewish family in the 1950's, airs for perhaps the last time Saturday, May 1, 9:30-10:00 p.m. on Channel 10 and other CBS affiliates.

Bridges and Boundaries! African Americans and American Jews

BALTIMORE—The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland and the Eubie Blake National Museum and Cultural Center will host the Baltimore showing of **Bridges and Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews**, April 18 through June 10, 1993.

The landmark exhibition, developed and circulated by the Jewish Museum in New York City in collaboration with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), traces the complex relationship between American Jews and African Americans in the 20th century, a relationship marked by periods of cooperation and shared



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By STEVE COHEN

Packed houses have been coming to see *Groucho: A Life in Revue* at Philadelphia's Walnut Street Theatre, apparently because folks knew Groucho Marx and liked him on TV and in movies. But people have been leaving the theater saying how much more they've just learned about the man.

The show presents vignettes from several stages in Groucho's life and reveals facets of love and fear and anger that were not evident in his public appearances. We come out of the theater understanding and appreciating him more.

The review shows Groucho's flaws and reveals him as a complex and fragilely appealing man. *Groucho* also includes songs, dances and comedy routines from every part of his life.

The Marxes were a poor Jewish family from New York who climbed to international fame and popularity. It's appropriate to see this biographical review at the very spot where the brothers had their first theatrical hit. It was April of 1923 when Groucho, Chico, Harpo, Gummo and Zeppo left vaudeville and presented their review, *I'll Say She Is* at the Walnut. After playing successfully there, the brothers moved the show to Broadway, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Frank Ferrante inhabits the role of Groucho, as he's been doing for the past seven years since the show's premiere. He's energetic and funny as the young Groucho, even better as the middle-aged TV star, and surprisingly touching as the 85-year-old Marx. I say surprising because Ferrante is only 29 years old! This is the same actor who starred in the revival of the Marxes' early hit, *Animal Crackers*, last fall at Goodspeed in Connecticut.

Also effective is young Roy Michael Abramsohn from Levittown, PA, who plays the roles of Chico and Harpo.

This is a sweet show about one of the most important families in the history of comedy, featuring a memorable perfor-

mance by Ferrante, and fortunately it will be at the Walnut til mid-May.

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April 20 saw the world premiere of a modern opera at the Klein branch of the Jewish Community Center in Northeast Philadelphia: *Jacob's Room*, based on the Holocaust, by Morton Subotnick.

The timing was perfect. It coincided with the opening of the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The American Musical Festival Theater commissioned the opera and, together with Relache, co-sponsored this historic premiere.

Subotnick's work is a disturbing evocation of the feelings of pain, fear and horror as the Holocaust consumes various members of a Polish-Jewish family. The music isn't pretty; but should it be? Often it is ugly and parts of it are painful to hear. It fits its subject.

When the soprano voice breaks off in the middle of a sentence and becomes a series of cries and stammers and glottal stops, I felt that it was the appropriate response to events that were beyond rationality. Some parts of this 50-minute opera were too confusing for me to understand on first hearing. Again, it mirrors the subject.

Subotnick's wife, Joan La Barbara, sang the solo part with incredible skill and feeling. Erika Duke-Kirkpatrick played the intricate cello solos beautifully.

With its computer-generated music, deliberately-distorted sound effects and its multi-screen video projections, *Jacob's Room* reminded me a bit of Laurie Anderson's recent *Stories from the Nerve Bible*. The one thing that Anderson's show lacked was depth of feeling. Subotnick's opera had it, in extreme.

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Tchaikovsky's opera *Eugen Onegin*, which was presented last week by the Opera Company of Philadelphia, is a poignant, romantic story about the choices that people make.



The music is Tchaikovsky at his best. It's difficult to prepare the necessary large cast, chorus and ballet for a Russian-language performance, so we get to hear *Onegin* only rarely.

I am happy that the opera company want to the trouble. This was a beautiful production. Conductor Steven Mercurio was in firm command and he led a well-rehearsed, well-balanced cast.

The orchestra surged with passion. The sets and costumes evoked the 19th-century life of Russian society. Kay Walker Castaldo directed actions that were natural and also gave us deeper understanding of the characters. Her background in choreography was a great asset in this opera.

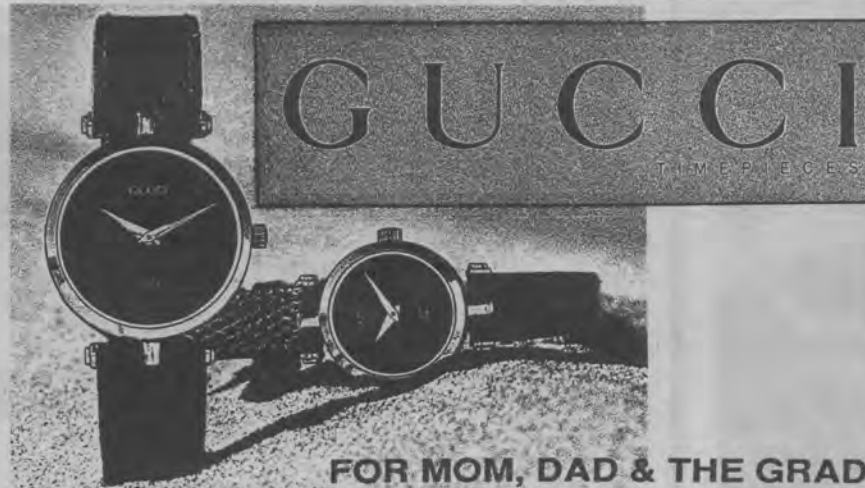
Baritone Gino Quilico was the sophisticated Onegin, who snubs the infatuation of a young country girl and lives to regret his choice. His appearance, acting and singing were all excellent and his voice has a nice ring to it.

Bulgarian soprano Elena Filipova made her American debut as the adolescent girl who grows up to marry a prince and then has to make a choice about whether or not to let Onegin back into her life. She acted wonderfully and sang with great

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Albert Einstein Academy Annual Gala



The Blizzard of '93 did not discourage Albert Einstein from holding its 4th Annual Gala Dinner Dance at the Delaware Museum of Art. The event was rescheduled for April 13, 1993. Senator William V. Roth, Jr., was the keynote speaker. His address, specifically prepared for Albert Einstein Academy, was followed by a standing ovation. Judy Wortman, Executive Director of Federation, was introduced. The Fundraising committee, chaired by Sharon S. Rosen, included Debra Goodman, Michael Yampolsky, Avivit Aharoney, Shirley Fisher-Drowos and Wendy Schlossman. This is the only major fundraiser the school holds. It is not limited to parents, but rather reaches out to the community for support.

JCC Childrens Center to open in Newark

The Board of Directors of the JCC and Temple Beth El are pleased to announce the start of a two day per week pre-school program at Temple Beth El in Newark, Delaware, beginning September 1993. "Like the North Wilmington program, the Newark pre-school program will follow all State and NAEYC criteria," said Jane Hormadaly, Director of the JCC Children's Center.

"The JCC is very excited about this program and see it meeting a real need in the Newark area." "We anticipate a great deal of parent involvement and look forward to additional programs in the future," she added. For more information on the Children's Center Newark site, call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

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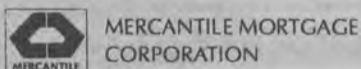
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JCRC Struggles with Ignorance and Hate

By DAN WEINTRAUB

The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) and Lelaine Nemser, the JCRC Director grapple everyday with rumors, malice and misunderstanding. Lelaine Nemser commented, "Every single person and small group can have an effect (on bigotry and intolerance). They're not powerless. I think we have to get over the idea that we can't do anything... or that it's all so overwhelming." On Tuesday morning, April 20, a rumor surfaced of a scheduled visit and speech to the University of Delaware by Louis Farrakan. This rumor was taken quite seriously since two other speakers, Leonard Jeffries and Kubieme Ture, both widely viewed as espousing anti-Semitic positions, had recently been to the University of Delaware. After the first two anti-Semitic speakers came to the University of Delaware campus, Lelaine Nemser, Jay Eisenhoffer and Barry Morrison, Regional Director of the ADL, met with University of Delaware President David Roselle to question his failure to denounce the views of those speakers. It is unclear whether Roselle's refusal to clearly denounce hate speech and its speakers is due to ignorance or cowardice. The JCRC determined that a third strike of intolerance against the Delaware Jewish community should not be tolerated.

At 12:30, the JCRC convened downtown. The agenda for the meeting included outreach attempts to the Delaware Black community and determining a response to the rumored threat of a Farrakan visit. Matt Denn described fruitful conversations he has had with leading Black Clergy and officers of the Delaware NAACP. Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD explained other JCRC groups have had success with joint missions to Israel and Passover seders with Blacks and Jews focusing on the shared journey from slavery to free-

dom. Such activities would strengthen the ties between Jews and the many Black Delaware residents who reject prejudice against Jews.

The discussion turned to the frequently rumored Farrakan visit. JCRC sources close to the University of Delaware campus indicate these rumors are an outgrowth of ongoing efforts, by a mere handful of students, to bring to campus the man who has described Judaism as "a guttural religion." The rumor began with a reference in the student newspaper, to a potential speech by Farrakan. This reference was planted in *The Speaker* by those same few students.

An earlier rumor of Farrakan coming to campus was due to a talk by one of Farrakan's followers on campus to discuss their group's portrayal in Spike Lee's film *Malcolm X*. To many the presence of an anti-Semite is objectionable in and of itself regardless of what topic is actually planned for the talk. "They've invited a hate group" to campus, said one leader about Farrakan's followers.

Although Farrakan is not scheduled to come to the University of Delaware, the JCRC sought to develop strategies to prevent his appearance and a response if he is at some point scheduled to speak. Several JCRC leaders spoke of the need for greater involvement in the Unity Coalition of Newark. Michele Angelman of Women's American ORT suggested putting together a Unity Coalition in Wilmington too. His vague platitudes, have the effect of condoning the introduction of prejudice on campus. University of Delaware's newspapers held a tolerance workshop on the evening of April 19, 1993 but adequate notice of the event was not given to the representatives of JCRC.

Leaders of JCRC agreed that there was sufficient student and faculty

outrage over Farrakan ever coming to University of Delaware that there would be no difficulty finding Students eager to take these concerns to Roselle.

Rabbi Steve Booth noted that Jewish member of the University faculty had already met with President Roselle to discuss the continued concern over anti-Semitic speakers coming to campus.

Bob Coonin emphasized that the Jewish Community did not wish to be portrayed as against freedom of speech. "At the same time we take issue with student funds being used to rent a facility and provide security (for an anti-Semitic figure to speak at the University)." JCRC members stressed the importance of use outside security and police for the provocative situation.

Eisenhofer echoed these thoughts, adding, "We recognize that everyone has a right to free speech, we don't want every student's funds used (to bring Farrakan to the University). We also want the University to express its disapproval of Farrakan's point of view."

On the evening of Tuesday, April 20, 1993, a JCRC program developed by Lelaine Nemser, was held on the topic of Hate Groups. After the program Nemser spoke of the themes developed by the program speakers such as Pam McGinnis of the Unity Coalition and Maxs Bell, Jr., of the American Civil Liberties Union. "We're all spokesmen for a way of life — the rights and privileges of our society," explained Nemser, "we have to be vigilant constantly between freedom and people's ability to live. Let's go out and talk about it; act on it and be vigilant."

Nemser said Andrew J. Turner, Jr., the Director of the Division of Human Resources for the State of Delaware, suggested that Newark had been targeted by Hate Groups.

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BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Seth Bloom Appointed to New Post

April 28, Delaware — Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) said, "I am delighted to announce that Seth Bloom has been promoted to the position of Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware."

Since 1991 Seth has held the position of Assistant Director of JFD. For nine months from July through March of this year Bloom served as Acting Director of JFD. "Seth has done an outstanding job as Acting Director this past year," said Wortman, "and he has proven himself to be an invaluable asset to the Delaware Jewish Community. Seth and I have been colleagues for years and I am honored to be working with him."

As Acting Director Bloom revitalized the marketing efforts of Federation and orchestrated the most successful annual campaign to date. Following the resignation of Bob Kerbel in 1992, Bloom capably maintained organization at the helm of Federation staff. Bloom has developed into a seasoned professional since joining Federation upon graduating from U of D with a degree in sociology in 1986. Bloom was identified as an "individual with executive promise" in the Federation field in 1987 and awarded one of eight scholarships from the Council of Jewish Federation's Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Pro-



Seth Bloom

gram (FEREP). He then earned a master's degree of Social Work in Jewish Communal Organization at Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work in 1989.

His field placements have included the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia.

As Associate Director, Bloom will be an integral part of the Federation executive leadership. He is expected to assume additional administrative responsibilities in his new post.

Cyril Milunsky, M.D. joins Diagnostic Imaging Associates, P.A.

Cyril Milunsky, M.D. has joined Diagnostic Imaging Associates, a network of ten medical sites providing Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Computed Tomography, Ultrasonography, Mammography, Nuclear medicine, Osteoporosis screening, general radiology, and occupational health care services in Delaware.

Dr. Milunsky is Board certified in diagnostic radiology, with extensive experience in SPECT cardiac imaging, general Nuclear medicine and Ultrasound including color Doppler. He graduated from Witwatersrand Medical School, Johannesburg, South Africa in 1969, completing his residency at the Lahey Clinic in

Boston. Dr. Milunsky completed a fellowship in Ultrasound and Nuclear medicine at Tufts New England Medical Center Hospitals, Boston. He was in instructor in diagnostic radiology and Nuclear medicine at Harvard Medical School and at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Prior to joining Diagnostic Imaging Associates, Dr. Milunsky was a Staff Radiologist at Riverside Hospital and Radiology Affiliates of Central New Jersey. He has authored several publications and is a member of the American College of Radiology, among other professional societies. He is licensed in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Greenstein Named Kutz Chaplain

Ann Greenstein has been appointed Lay Chaplain of the Kutz Home after several years of experience there in a volunteer capacity.

She brings to the position an M.A. in counseling, and course work in Judaic, pastoral care and aging.

Toni Young

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tee, and President of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation. Among her long and distinguished list of community involvement; she was Chairperson of *The Jewish Voice* Editorial Committee, Co-Chairperson of the 1992 COMMUNITY Campaign, Chairperson of the annual allocations process, and co-chairperson of the "Celebration of Freedom" concert which raised funds for the Operation Exodus campaign. Beyond her Federation involvement, Young has co-chaired The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation of Congregation Beth Shalom, she has served as the President of the Grand Opera House, and is a past President of the Jewish Historical Society.

A native of Long Island, New York, Mrs. Young received her B.A. from Goucher College and a M.A. from Harvard University. She has published several historical accounts of Delaware history including "The Grand Experience," a history of the Grand Opera House, and "Delaware and the Jews" a historical overview of the beginnings of the Delaware Jewish community. Toni and her husband,

Stuart B. Young, have two children, Mitchell, age 21, and Ann, age 17.

The officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting will each carry a specific portfolio related to an aspect of Federation activity. Serving as Vice Presidents will be Cas Anolick who will direct allocations, David Margules who will oversee outreach and education, and Barbara Schoenberg, who will be responsible for campaign. As Secretary, Ellen Koniver will be responsible for volunteerism and missions, and Helaine Gordon as Assistant Secretary, will oversee leadership development. Alfred Green has been nominated as the JFD treasurer and Leslie Newman as Assistant Treasurer responsible for planning. Each officer is elected for a one year term. New board members to be elected or reelected include Cas Anolick, Rick Geisenberger, Helaine Gordon, Suzanne Grant, Clara Hollander, Martin Lubaroff, Craig Lewis, Karen Morris, Leslie Newman, Robert Pincus, Carol Rothschild, and Connie Sugarman.

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Children's Center of the JCC - Abba and Me Program, 10 a.m. Dads and their three year olds will enjoy art, music, story time and gym games with Susan Stewart and Victor Buono. Cost is \$5 for JCC members and \$7.50 for non-members. Registration deadline is April 28. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

YJAD will share a brunch at the Longwood Inn and then take a tour of Longwood Gardens. Brunch is at 10:00 a.m. Brunch costs \$6.95, tour costs \$11.00. Reservations are required by April 30. Contact Dan Loewenstern at (215) 444-1839.

Friday 7

Senior Center of the JCC - Older American's Shabbat Dinner and Service, 5:30 p.m. A traditional Shabbat Dinner will be served at the JCC at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Friday evening service at Congregation Beth Shalom. Holiday donation requested for dinner and transportation available. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

Saturday 8

Youth and Family Services Department of the JCC - Teen Karaoke Night, 8 to 11 p.m. Special Karaoke night for 8th through 12 grades. Cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Pre-registration can be made at the JCC Front Desk. For more information call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

Wednesday 12

Senior Center of the JCC - Candlelight Dinner and Musical Performance in honor of Mother's Day by "The Grace Notes." Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the musical performance will begin at 7 p.m. Holiday donation requested. Transportation will be available. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

The YJAD will play coed Volleyball in the JCC gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. Games are non competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

Sunday 16

Children's Center of the JCC -

On Wednesday, May 5, Ronald Lauder will be the Guest Speaker at the annual Donor Luncheon to benefit The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. This year's luncheon will be held at the Du Pont Country Club. His topic will be Eastern European Jewry. This year's proceeds will help to support a redecoration project for The Kutz Home.

Raffle tickets will be sold for a variety of prizes. The cost of the luncheon is Diamond \$150; Platinum \$120; Gold \$75; and Donor \$45. The cost for non-Auxiliary members who are guests is \$35. Men and women are both welcome!

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 1993.

Place: The Du Pont Country Club.

Time: Reception 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon 12:00 noon; Program 1:00 p.m.

For reservations call: Miriam Edell 656-2165 or Ronna Hochman 764-1362.

For information call The Kutz Home 764-7000.

On Friday, May 14, YJAD members are invited to a Synagogue "Drop-In" at the Chabad Lubavitch Services begin at 7:30 pm, led by Rabbi Chuni Vogel. Dinner and conversation follow.

Reservations are a must. Please call Roz Sherman at (302) 762-2739 by May 11.

Abba and Me Program, 10 a.m. Dads and their four year olds will enjoy art, music, story time and gym games with Susan Stewart and Victor Buono. Cost is \$5 for JCC members and \$7.50 for non-members. Registration deadline is May 12. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

Recreational Services Department of the JCC - Wizards Soccer Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Wilmington Wizards Soccer Team will be conducting a youth soccer clinic. Basic soccer skills will be taught. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and soccerball. Sponsored by TCI Cablevision, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Delaware, Kiwanis Club and the JCC. Free of charge. Registration limited to the first 100. Call Victor Buono at 478-5660 for more information.

Delaware Hebrew schools and Albert Einstein Academy will gather at the JCC at 1:30 p.m. for the Second Annual Israel Bowl. The event is co-sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Beth El, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center. The event pits sixth grade student teams against each other in a competition based in knowledge of Israel. The event will also feature Israeli food, Israeli books for sale and Shlichim (representatives) to provide a variety of information on Israel. The community is encouraged to attend to support the school teams and to discover more about Israel. It is free and open to the public.

Monday 17

YJAD members are invited to dine at Zia's Pastaria, Wilmington's newest Italian restaurant, at Farrand Drive and Kirkwood Highway. Din-

ner begins at 6:30 pm. YJAD Donation: \$1.00. Please RSVP by May 15 to David Bernstein: (609) 678-8029. **The Jewish National Fund, Maryland/Delaware Region**, will present James H. Gilliam, Jr., Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Beneficial Corporation, with its Tree of Life Award at a dinner on Monday, May 17, 1993 at Winterthur Museum and Gardens. Mr. Gilliam will receive this prestigious award for his community involvement, devotion to peace and the security of human life. Proceeds from the event have been designated toward homesite development for new Russian and Ethiopian immigrants to the State of Israel.

Tuesday 18

Jewish Community Center - Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., free of charge. May 18 selection is "Leah" by Seymour Epstein. For more information call Rona Finkelstein at 478-7598.

Wednesday 19

Senior Center of the JCC - Candlelight Dinner and Musical Performance in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the musical performance will begin at 7 p.m. Holiday donation requested. Transportation will be available. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

Sunday 23

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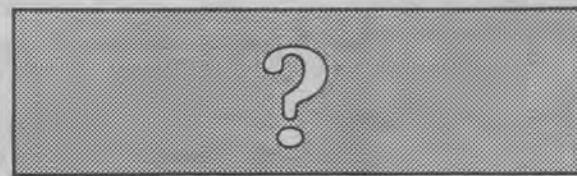
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Beth Shalom Sisterhood Honors Rosen



Sharon Rosen

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood is proud to announce that Sharon Rosen has been nominated as the honoree from Beth Shalom Sisterhood as a "Valued Volunteer." During the Spring Conference of Women's League for Conservative Judaism Women's League will pay tribute to the nominees from each sisterhood "who are long-time board members who have been involved in Sisterhood activities throughout the years and who exhibits principles of Judaism and has an observant Jewish home. Sharon Rosen is the incoming Sisterhood President of Beth Shalom.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Board of Directors Installation

The Installation of the officers of the Board of Directors of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth for the year 1993-1994 will be held on Friday, May 14th, 1993 at Shabbat

Services. The Oneg Shabbat following Services will be sponsored by the Sisterhood in honor of the incoming Board.

Gore

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He drew parallels with the Serbian "ethnic cleansing" campaign against Moslems in Bosnia-Herzegovina. First calling up the image of the little Jewish boy with his hands in the air surrendering, Gore said, "I recently saw the photograph of another child of Europe. He was 10 years old. He lived in Sarajevo. He was killed by shellfire in the Serbian siege of the city." "Must such horrors go on and on? They must not," he said. Another powerful speech came from Moynihan, who intoned that U.S. officials had falsely claimed to have no knowledge of the concentration camps until they were liberated in 1945. Not so, said Moynihan, saying it was written up in The New York Times. "We knew what was happen-

ing and where," he said. "And now, as 50 years ago, we know."

Clinton to Extend Anti-Boycott Law

WASHINGTON (PNR) — President Clinton has signed legislation extending the Export Administration Act of 1979 through June 30, 1994, thus allowing the White House and Congress 13 months in which to rewrite the law which embraces provisions against the Arab League's economic boycott of Israel. The act expired on Sept. 30, 1990. Legislation extending and extensively revising it was vetoed by former president George Bush in November 1990. The legislation signed by President Clinton extends the act without changing its provisions. A spokesman for Rep. Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on economic policy, trade and environment, said the panel is at work to rewrite the act which will increase penalties on violators of the anti-boycott provisions and encourages transfer of cases for criminal prosecution to the U.S. Department of Justice. Since the anti-boycott Bureau of Compliance was established in the Department of Commerce under the legislation, about 450 cases have been settled and 35 others are pending with most of them apparently in the settlement process.

Selections from Everyday Remembrance

Selected by Dov Seidel
In joy and grief, in thanksgiving and beseeching, the Jew reached for his Tehillim. In it he found every emotion, every mission, every challenge, every vicissitude. It was swollen with his tears of gladness and pain, and through its words, he emulated its author, the Sweet Singer of Israel, 'who sated the Creator with songs and praise' (Berachos 10a).

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Elissa Raquel Weitz

Elissa Raquel Weitz, 42, of 2934 Snake Road, Buckingham, Pa., died Tuesday, April 20 of a blood clot in her lungs, at home.

Miss Weitz owned Two Sister's Antiques, Lambertville, for the past 16 years.

She is survived by her father and sister, Lawrence S. and Meg W. Weitz, both of Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Cancer Society.

Anna K. Spirer

Anna K. Spirer, 89, of 8420 Society Drive, Claymont, formerly of Georgetown, died Wednesday, April 21 of heart failure at home.

Mrs. Spirer was a homemaker. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington. She was a volunteer of Meals on Wheels, Reassurance, and Georgetown Senior Center, all in Georgetown.

Her husband, Jerry, died in 1969. She is survived by a son, Lowell of Blue Bell, Pa.; a daughter, Florence Levy of Wilmington; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home or a favorite charity.

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Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice, Wilmington, or American Cancer Society, New Castle.

Blanche M. Sloan

Blanche M. Sloan, 84, of Shipley Manor, 2723 Shipley Road, Brandywine Hundred, died Saturday, April 16, of heart failure at home.

Mrs. Sloan, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood.

She was an auxiliary nurse at Salem County (N.J.) Memorial Hospital. She taught Sunday School at a synagogue in the Penns Grove (N.J.) area.

Her husband, Martin, died in 1987. She is survived by two sons, Stanley G. of West Chester, Pa., and Alan E. of Lancashire, Brandywine Hundred; and three grandchildren.

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Benjamin D. Cohen

Benjamin D. Cohen, 80, of 3208 Society Drive, Claymont, died Sunday, April 18 at Riverside Extended Care Pavilion, Wilmington, where he was a patient.

Mr. Cohen worked for 38 years in the janitorial supply business. He was president of Airkem, Inc.

He was a board member and past president of Riverside Hospital's board of trustees, past president of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and Jewish Community Center.

During World War II, he served in the 290th Combat Engineers in France and Germany.

He won the Delaware State Men's Tennis Championships in 1931 and 1932.

He is survived by his wife, Molly A.; a son, L. Robert of New York City, N.Y.; a daughter, Shelly C. Mand of Wilmington; two sisters, Rose Cohen and Rita Krigstein; and three grandsons.

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President Clinton Addresses Holocaust Museum Dedication

"Some may be reluctant to come inside these doors because the photographs and remembrance of the past impart more pain than they can bear. I understand that," Clinton said after noting he had toured the museum for more than two hours on the night of April 20. "But our obligations to history and posterity alike

should beckon us all inside these doors. It is a journey that I hope every American who comes to Washington will take; a journey I hope all the visitors to this city from abroad will make.

"If this museum can mobilize morality, then those who have perished will thereby gain a measure of im-

mortality," the President added. "On this day of triumphant reunion and celebration, I hope those who have survived have found their peace. Our task, with God's blessing upon our souls and memories of the fallen in our hearts and minds, is to the ceaseless struggle to preserve human rights and dignity.

Norton urges Black-Jewish cooperation at grass roots level

By DEBORAH KALB
States News Service

WASHINGTON, April 26 (JTA) — Blacks and Jews must work together not only on the national level, but on the grass-roots level, as well, African American leader Eleanor Holmes Norton told a group of Jewish activists here this week.

Only in this way can racism and anti-Semitism be overcome and the civil rights coalition of the 1960s be restored, said Holmes, a Democrat who is the House of Representatives delegate for the District of Columbia.

Norton spoke after receiving an award for furthering black-Jewish relations at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's "Consultation on Conscience" conference, being held here this week.

While the civil rights coalition is

"alive and well at the top," Norton said, African Americans and Jews must work to "help rebuild" the coalition "from the bottom up."

Norton noted that Jews and blacks had worked together on civil rights legislation in 1991, but she warned that "anti-Semites have seized the initiative from us" on the grass-roots level, including on some college campuses.

She praised joint community efforts in Washington, citing the protests against gun violence organized outside the National Rifle Association headquarters by the American Jewish Committee and African American groups.

Norton, along with a Baltimore group called the "BLEWS," or the Black/Jewish Forum of Baltimore, received Kovler Awards from the

Religious Action Center's Marjorie Kovler Institute for Black-Jewish Relations.

The highlight of the ceremony was a performance by the black-Jewish rap group Dr. Laz and the CURE. The group hails from the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, the scene of racial tension in recent years.

With lyrics such as "Increase the peace," and "Working together is the way to be, that's how we survived through history," the group involved the crowd of several hundred in its energetic singing and dancing, and received a big round of applause.

The awards ceremony was part of a three-day conference sponsored by the Religious Action Center, the purpose of which was to create "an effective Jewish response to contemporary issues of social justice."

Museum dedication

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In discussing Wiesel's address, Dorothy Finger noted that the plea to stop the killing in Yugoslavia reflects basic Jewish morality. "It is always the Jews who are fighting for freedom," said Dorothy. "We, as Jews, do not stoop to a level of indifference."

Dorothy was especially touched by the presence of President Clinton and the words he spoke. "I was at the conference," remembered Dorothy, "in which Elie Wiesel pleaded with President Reagan not to go to Bitburg. I can't help but compare that with President Clinton taking time out from his busy schedule to show support for the Holocaust museum."

Speaking about the museum, the president declared, "This museum is not for the dead alone, or even for the survivors. It is for us to learn a lesson and to transmit this lesson from generation to generation."

Implying that there's no room for complacency, President Clinton reminded the audience that the Holocaust was carried out by one of the most civilized countries of our day. "A country that produced Goethe, Schiller, Beethoven and Bach also produced Hitler." The president acknowledged that "there is no war to end all wars," pointing to Yugoslavia, South Africa, Iran, and Iraq as places where evils are perpetrated on a daily basis.

In closing, President Clinton reiterated his support for the museum. "It is most appropriate," he declared, "that this museum is in this city, as a tribute to democracy... the museum will touch the lives of all who enter and will serve as an education against ignorance." His final statement was for the survivors. "I hope those who have survived," he said, "have found their peace."

The ceremony concluded with the lighting of the eternal flame by President Clinton, Harvey Meyerhoff, chair of the U.S. Holocaust Council, and Elie Wiesel, followed by 'America the Beautiful' sung by Jessye Norman.

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Words & Music

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warmth and feeling. What she lacks is a bright top end. I'll be following her career with great curiosity. It seems to me that she'd be memorable in roles that stress characterization, but she is planning to next sing *Norma* and *Trovatore*, two operas which demand vocal acrobatics in the upper register.

I'd like to mention one lady in particular. Mezzo-soprano Nignon Dunn sang the important secondary role of the heroine's nanny. Statuesque and handsome in her sixties, Miss Dunn sang with great authority. I wonder how many in the audience remember her as the leading lady in Metropolitan Opera productions of

Many Americans unsure on Holocaust

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was essential or very important for all Americans to know about and understand the Holocaust. In addition, 63 percent of the adults and 54 percent of the students rejected the idea that the Holocaust is not relevant because it happened almost 50 years ago.

But the survey also found a "disturbing" lack of knowledge about the Holocaust, Singer said. For example, it found 65 percent of adults and 71 percent of high school students failed to recognize six million as the approximate number of Jews killed.

Thirty-eight percent of adults and 61 percent of students did not identify Auschwitz, Dachau and Treblinka as concentration camps. And 22 percent of adults and 20 percent of students said it seems possible that the Holocaust never happened, Singer said.

Broken down by groups, there was little difference in the responses by age or education. For example, 21 percent of college graduates said it seems possible the Holocaust never happened, compared with 20 percent of non-high school graduates.

"The only word that comes to mind is it's frightening," Wiesel said.

Singer said the survey showed a need for a major educational effort about the Holocaust, and a need to take seriously groups that deny the Holocaust took place.

Disbelievers Protest

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Disbelievers of the Nazi actions to exterminate European Jewry and opponents of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum demonstrated with anti-Semitic shouting and pamphlets during the two-hour dedication program at the edifice April 22.

Mounted police separated the demonstrators from the 10,000 people estimated by U.S. Park Police attending the dedication but their amplified shouts could be heard during the speeches including President Clinton's. No arrests were reported and no one apparently was physically injured.

"Stop the big lie — the gas chamber hoax" alleged one banner carried by demonstrators, some of them skinheads. A sign said, "America - Jews are your enemies, cocroaches (sic) and parasites. Wake up America."

A group identified as being from "United for Holocaust Fairness" demanded a museum that would exhibit persecution of blacks and Indians. "Who mourns the African Holocaust" was one protest. Another group yelled "we don't lie, the Holocaust lies."

"It is all a hoax perpetrated by Jews to get money for Israel," according to a demonstrator who said his name was Daniel DeMarco and a Nazi sympathizer from Pittsburgh, Pa., *The Los Angeles Times* reported. Despite the mountains of evidence to the contrary, he alleged "there were no ovens, no extermination camps and only a few Jews died and it wasn't deliberate. They were needed for labor."

A look inside...

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lived in Nazi Germany, drew upon his own memories, visited concentration camps and studied archival photos of architecture associated with the Holocaust.

Described as a blend of form and content, the structure exquisitely fulfills its function. The architecturally spare facade of limestone with its rounded portico set against a rectangular wall presents an image of classicism and eternity. Eerily, it also invokes the Wannsee Conference building, where the Final Solution was drafted.

Inside, the stark mix of brick, steel girders, concrete, glass, and wood provide a curiously indifferent setting for the grim history documented, mirroring the cold efficiency with which the business of death and destruction was planned and carried out by the Third Reich.

The exhibit itself makes a full circle. Ascending from the ground to the fourth floor in a freight-like elevator, one first confronts photographic blow-ups of the concentration camp scenes of death and starvation experienced by the allied liberators of the camps. Then through documentary films, photographs and artifacts the visitor is led through the history. There are images of a vital Jewish life throughout Europe before the destruction, films of the humiliations and inhumane roundups and depor-

tations, and the mass killings of Jews in the villages with enthusiastic accomplices participating in these orgies of death. Documented too, is the non-responsiveness of the rest of the world, including the United States. The exhibit ends in Auschwitz with its artifacts both grisly and pitiful — a glass case of shoes ranging in size from baby to adult, the carefully labeled suitcases which are the tombstones of those who perished, and we hear the terrible stories of those who survived.

A smaller, somewhat gentler exhibit for children called "Daniel's World," leads the younger visitor from the safe and cozy world of a fictitious, but historically true, Daniel, through the dismembering of that world, and finally to the gates of Auschwitz.

Also housed in the museum is an educational outreach department and the Wexner Learning Center with 24 touchscreen workstations which provide electronic access to a vast collection of Holocaust materials. As a teaching resource and as a warning to future generations about the consequences of collective aberrant behavior, the museum should serve a valuable purpose in this country.

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