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## Jewish Federation Board Sets \$2 Million Goal To Meet Real Needs

### "We are one family, one team, and it's time to work together"

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

A two million dollar 1994 Campaign Goal was set by The Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) to meet the real needs of the Delaware's Jewish community, according to JFD leaders. "In the recent past we have based campaign goals on what we estimated the community could raise. The problem with that approach has been that even if we met those goals we were not successful because we are not meeting our Community's needs," explained Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware. "The previous approach never provided sufficient funds to meet

the service needs of the community or our obligations to Israel and overseas," explained Barbara Schoenberg, 1994 Campaign Chair.

The two million dollar goal is "the number which could meet only our most basic obligations. It won't provide for all we would like to do, but if we reach it we will have a stronger community here," said Judy Wortman, Executive Director of The Jewish Federation of Delaware. Meeting the goal would not provide a "Cadillac" level of service to the community, but it would ensure that the community's real needs would be met, according to Judy Wortman.

"A two million dollar goal, which is a fifty

percent increase, was established because that reflects Delaware's Jewish community's concrete service needs," added Lelaine Nemser, 1994 Campaign Director. In 1993 the goal was set at one million three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars. The campaign goal in 1992 was one million two hundred forty thousand dollars.

At the Board meeting the presidents of all recipient agencies made presentations of what they required in order to provide service to the community. "This is the first time the JFD Board met with agency presidents to determine our needs and set a campaign goal," said Barbara Schoenberg, 1994 Campaign Chair.

Rabbi David Wortman made the case for the needs of international recipients of JFD funding. The Board voted overwhelmingly to endorse the goal. Several of the Community's volunteer leadership have already made commitments to increase their own personal donations to the JFD 1994 Campaign, according to Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Lelaine Nemser explained, "It is significant that many on the JFD Board have already substantially increased their own pledges. Because how can leaders ask others to do what they haven't done themselves?"

Toni Young explained that the 1994 Campaign goal could be reached if gifts are increased by fifty percent or if the number of contributors increase by fifty percent. "We must reach out to non-contributors," said Young. "To reach people who are not affiliated we need a lot of face-to-face meetings. By speaking to a lot of people in person we can make them aware of the dramatic time we are living in!" said Toni Young.

Reviewing previous campaigns Barbara Schoenberg expressed concern that "The percentage of funds raised that have been sent to Israel and overseas from the general campaign has actually decreased over the last decade; although the needs have grown substantially." According to Schoenberg "Presently the needs in Israel are greater than ever in hopes of being able to sustain a peace initiative and economic development."

The larger goal for 1994 is intended to support more of the basic services provided by such agencies as the Jewish Community Center, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, The Kutz Home, Jewish Family Service, Hillel and others. By funding these agencies at a more appropriate level, JFD leaders hope to reduce the agencies' needs for extensive supplemental fundraising.

Lelaine Nemser dramatically stated the need for investment in our community. "We have borrowed against the future. We have allowed a deterioration in the provision of service." Meeting the two million dollar 1994 campaign goal will begin to address such concerns. Leaders suggest a successful campaign to make a difference in the community this year can certainly be achieved.

"We are one family, one team it is time to work together," said Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware. "By working together we can raise the maximum amount of money for the community and for overseas needs."

"We have to count on people who are in a position to make a difference to rise to the occasion," summarized Barbara Schoenberg.



Prime Minister Rabin campaigning with Kollek. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

## Kollek Loses Bid For Seventh Term As Jerusalem Mayor

By DAVID LANDAN and MICHELE CHABIN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — After serving nearly three decades as Jerusalem's mayor, Teddy Kollek has lost his seventh bid for the post to the Likud party's Ehud Olmert.

The 82-year-old Kollek, mayor here since 1965, headed the Labor-affiliated "One Jerusalem" faction.

His loss to Olmert was announced by Israel Television, which based its prediction on exit polls it had conducted.

The prediction was announced at 10 p.m. Tuesday, as voting stations closed here and around the country, concluding the day's countrywide municipal elections.

In Tel Aviv, exit polls indicated the mayor's race between Likud's Ronni Milo and Labor's Avigdor Kahalani was too close to call.

In Haifa, Labor's Amram Mitzna won the mayoral race. And in Beersheba, Yitzhak Rager of Likud was the winner.

Here in Jerusalem, the exit poll indicated that Olmert had garnered 55 percent of the vote. Kollek received 41 percent, with the remaining votes going to a candidate fielded by the fervently Orthodox Shas party.

Olmert, 48, was supported by the National Religious Party and the United Torah Judaism Front, whose candidate withdrew from the race Monday night.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, a longtime Labor Party politician, said it was clear Kollek would lose once those two religious parties had thrown their support to Olmert.

In the remaining two hours before the voting ended, there was a reported increase in voting by the Arab residents of eastern Jerusalem, who were expected to support Kollek.

However, according to pollster Mina Zemach, the gap seemed far too wide for last-minute narrowing to bridge it.

All in all Tuesday, Jerusalemites appear to have greeted the mayoral election with less enthusiasm than in previous years.

Asked to choose between Kollek and Olmert, many people chose to stay home. Bad weather — and apathy — kept many of the city's 379,000 registered voters away from the polls.

Among those who did vote, in polling stations in both eastern and western Jerusalem, few expressed enthusiasm for either candidate.

Shoshana, an Orthodox woman from the Katamon neighborhood, said she voted for Olmert "because Teddy is not friend of religious people. He seems to go out of his way to alienate the haredim and bends over backwards for the Arabs."

Yossi, 18, a first-time voter, expressed disappointment in the choice of candidates.

"Teddy was great in his prime, but he's too old now. I hear that he's not really running the city, anyway," he said.

"And Olmert's campaign was really sleazy and underhanded, and I don't really want a guy like that for our next mayor. In the end, I voted for Olmert by default," said Yossi.

Hammad, an Arab from the eastern Jerusalem village of Isawlyn, and he came out to vote despite a call by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat asking Arabs to boycott the elections.

"I heard something about us not voting, but I thought it was a mistake," said Hammad, a grocery store clerk. "It's important for Arabs to vote for Kollek because Olmert is a right-winger. I've voted for Kollek in the past and that's how I voted this year, too."

## Jewish and Female Delaware Group

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special To The Jewish Voice

Since 1984, a diverse group of women whose Jewish orientation range from highly observant to non-observant have been coming together for noontime monthly meetings in Delaware's Federation (JFD) conference room to study and discuss Judaism from a feminist perspective.

The group was started under the auspices of Jewish Family Service, by Hedy Campeas-Cohen and Yvette Rudnitsky who were, at that time, JFS staff members. Now a part of JFS Jewish Family Life Education series staffed by Myrna Ryder, the group draws about 10 to 15 women to these self-led meetings which usually use a book or article as the focus for discussion. According to Myrna Ryder, "what has developed and is still developing over these years, is new ways of looking at Torah, prayers, and women as women and as Jews."

What was the impetus for such a group? What is Jewish feminism all about? Blu Greenberg in her book "On Women and Judaism" suggests that the women's movement which put pressure on "our secular, legal, social, and educational systems to include women as equals" provided the momentum for Jewish women to explore the unequal positions of men and women within Judaism.

Rudnitsky and Ryder describe the Delaware group as all inclusive. "Women from the four synagogues participate, plus those non-affiliated. We are all very respectful of each other's positions, and we are not organized along patriarchal lines — there is no head honcho, we operate by consensus." Myrna and Yvette believe that education is one of the

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"Experience around the country indicates that those who visit Israel are more likely to become involved in their Jewish community."

Jack Ukeles,  
Nationally recognized  
community consultant



JEWISH MAN VISITS PALESTINIAN MARKET... JERICHO. An orthodox Jewish man pays a Palestinian vegetable merchant as they do business on a main Jericho street late October. Palestinians report that Jews are returning to West Bank markets for cheaper prices. CREDIT RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

## Portrait of German Scientist Engaged In Death Camp Experiments Removed At Ohio State University

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
WASHINGTON (PNR) — For 24 years the portrait of Col. Hubertus Strughold, who headed the German Air Force's Institute of Aviation Medicine which experimented with Nazi death camp inmates in World War Two, stared from the mural showing giants in medical history at Ohio State University but no more.

The portrait, not a photograph but an outline of his head and bust etched in the glass mural at the university's administration building in Columbus, Ohio, is now covered as a result of a letter from the World Jewish Congress calling for its removal. Placing his likeness alongside medical greats is an "historical obscenity," WJC said.

The mural, measuring 100 square feet, was put in in 1969. Strughold never had a faculty appointment at Ohio State.

Strughold was brought from Germany by the U.S. government after the war as one among many Nazi scientists wanted to help advance research on nuclear and space weapons. According to Army Intelligence's 1945 Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects, Strughold was among them.

Army personnel, WJC reported, found him but the decision was made to have him in the space program rather than be persecuted at the war crimes trials in Nuremberg. He went to San Antonio, Texas, where he worked on medical aspects of space travel. It was said he described himself as "the father of American space medicine."

The Justice Department took steps to deport him from the U.S. but this

activity ended when he died in 1986.

It was reported that Strughold was one of 95 doctors at an October 1942 conference sponsored by the German Air Force's medical services to discuss experiments that included using inmates from the concentration camp at Dachau in Germany who were immersed for long periods in ice water, forcing them to drink sea water and placing them in air pressure chambers.

One of the participants in the 1942 conference, the WJC reported, was Hermann Becker-Freyseng who told the Nuremberg tribunal that Strughold knew of the experiments and could have stopped them at any time because he headed the institute that conducted them. Becker-Freyseng was sentenced to 20 years in prison for his part in the experiments.

## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

### Palestinians Suspend Taba Autonomy Talks In Dispute Over Israeli Troops Withdrawal

By CYNTHIA MANN  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Palestinian negotiators have suspended the autonomy implementation talks in Taba to protest Israel's position on the withdrawal of its troops from the Gaza Strip.

The talks, which began Oct. 13, when the self-rule accord Israel signed with the Palestine Liberation Organi-

zation went into effect, had entered their fourth round this week.

But the talks in the Sinai border town were suspended Tuesday by the Palestinians. They rejected Israel's proposed troop withdrawals from Gaza as falling far short of their expectations.

Israeli officials said that they were not surprised by the suspension and

that they expected the talks to resume next week after both delegations consulted with their respective leaders.

Serious disputes arose after maps were presented illustrating Israel's plans to withdraw its forces from Gaza City and redeploy them in Jewish settlements within the Gaza Strip to protect the settlers living there.

The Palestinians also rejected Israeli plans to have military access to roads within Gaza.

### Prime Minister Rabin, Jewish Diversity Highlight Montreal CJF Meeting

By STEPHEN STEINER  
(CJF) The Middle East peace process — always a major concern at the annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations — will receive increased emphasis at this year's 62nd GA, to be held from November 16-21 in Montreal.

The appearance of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who will address the International Plenary on Thursday evening, will be an emotional high point of the General Assembly. Other GA sessions will provide updates and analysis of the peace process itself, while additional programming will consider implications of recent developments on Israel-Diaspora relations.

Rabin's appearance is just one of many highlights of the GA, which will bring 3,000 lay and professional leaders of North American Federations and other Jewish organizations worldwide to the province of Quebec.

Reflecting its location in the multicultural and bilingual atmosphere of Montreal, the theme of this year's General Assembly is "Jewish Community Through Diversity: Building Global, Continental and Local Jewish Communities for a New Era." The vibrant nature of Montreal's Jewish life, says Dr. Carl A. Sheingold, CJF Assistant Executive Vice President and GA Program Director, will serve as an example of how diversity enriches the community.

"We are a diverse people living in and actively engaged in the life of multi-faceted, multicultural societies," says Sheingold. "As we renew and

build global and continental partnerships, there is much we can learn from the similarities and differences in the national and cultural environments in which we live and their implications for building Jewish life in our homes and local communities."

Still another major emphasis of the GA will be the need for change, in other words, "New Thinking and New Agendas." Change will be explored in three areas of critical importance to Federations: Jewish Continuity, Israel-Diaspora Relations and Financial Resource Development.

As always, an enormous range of plenaries, forums, workshops and Jewish study sessions will focus on the full breadth of Jewish concerns. Speakers will include Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, formerly of New York and now of Israel, who will deliver the keynote address at the Wednesday evening Opening Plenary. Rabbi Riskin is well known for his commentaries on the weekly Torah portions appearing in Anglo-Jewish newspapers in North America.

The Thursday morning Plenary, which will specifically deal with change and the Federations, will be addressed by Maynard I. Wishner of Chicago and by CJF Executive Vice President Martin S. Kraar. Wishner's nomination to succeed Charles A. Goodman as CJF President will be voted on at the General Assembly by the Board of Delegates, the principal decision-making body of CJF.

Forums followed the Thursday morning Plenary will provide additional opportunities for participants to discuss the key issues involving change.

As the GA draws to a close, Steven Spielberg's eagerly awaited Holocaust film, "Schindler's List," will have a pre-release showing on Saturday evening.

## ADL Skewered

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

On a broadcast during the week of October 24, the NBC Magazine Program "Dateline" defamed the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) with a Geraldo-style investigative report. The profile focused on information gathering practices of the ADL which NBC sought to portray as spying. Well dressed, television-friendly representatives of the ADL's enemies criticized the ADL for such practices as research, file compilation and profile writing.

## Justice Won't Pursue Nazi

By LEON COHEN

The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle  
MILWAUKEE (JTA) — The case of former SS guard Anton Baumann is closed, as far as the U.S. Justice Department is concerned.

The department will not order a medical examination for the resident of the Milwaukee suburb to determine if the 82-year-old Baumann is fit for deportation. The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle has learned.

"We have extensive medical records showing that he's quite ill and there's no reason to believe that he's going to get any better," department spokesman John Russell said in a recent telephone interview.

He said Baumann's records had been reviewed by "independent doctors." Baumann underwent coronary bypass surgery and suffers from a host of ailments, according to medical reports.

In July, a U.S. immigration judge ruled here that Baumann deserved to be deported but could remain because of poor health. The judge said the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which prosecutes alleged Nazi war criminals living in the United States, could order medical examinations of Baumann beginning Oct. 1.

The Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations would like such an examination.

"Without knowing how extensively the records were examined and by whom, we still think it appropriate to have an independent physician examine him," said David Feiss, chair of the council's Task Force on Anti-Semitism, Law and the Holocaust.

Baumann admitted during his denaturalization hearings in 1991 that he had been a member of the S.S. Death's Head Battalion and had served as a guard at the Stutthof and Buchenwald concentration camps in Germany during World War II.

He illegally concealed this service when he applied to enter the United States in 1950 and when he applied for U.S. citizenship, which he received in 1957.

Denaturalization proceedings against Baumann, a native of Yugoslavia, began in 1990, and he was stripped of his citizenship in May 1991 in federal court here.

In June, Baumann and the Justice Department reached a settlement in which he agreed not to contest deportation proceedings against him and Justice would not oppose Baumann's application for a stay of deportation on grounds of ill health.

## BRIEFS

## California Skinhead Who Planned Race War Is Sentenced To Simon Wiesenthal Center Counseling

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — In an unusual plea bargain with federal prosecutors, a skinhead leader who planned to launch a race war through deadly attacks on black and Jewish targets has agreed to a counseling program at the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

## President Clinton Speaks of Religious Freedom at Havdala Service For B'nai B'rith 150th At Jefferson Memorial

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — At a Havdalah service held Saturday night at the floodlit Jefferson Memorial here, President Clinton spoke to members of B'nai B'rith about the importance of religious freedom in America.

The event, billed as the first religious ceremony to take place at the memorial, was part of B'nai B'rith's week-long 150th anniversary commemoration.

In the United States, "more people put religion at the center of their lives" than in "any other advanced society on Earth," Clinton said.

Just as Jews separate Shabbat from the rest of the week, so should all Americans separate and "keep our faiths free from government coercion," the president told the approximately 650 participants at the service.

Under clear, chilly skies, Clinton and other speakers paid tribute to Thomas Jefferson, whom Clinton called "the father of religious freedom in America."

Clinton spoke from a podium directly in front of the Jefferson statue, which stands in the middle of the monument's marble pillars, creating a dramatic effect for the onlookers.

He paid tribute to B'nai B'rith, speaking of the group's long "struggle against bigotry and injustice."

He noted that B'nai B'rith had opened a hospital decades ago in his hometown of Hot Springs, Ark., that "still serves hundreds" without regard to their ability to pay.

And he praised the group for its work in helping victims of floods and earthquakes, both in the United States and abroad.

Clinton also spoke of his administration's commitment to a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East, one in which "Israel achieves lasting peace" with all its neighbors.

And on the domestic front, the president said he was "very proud of the cooperation I have seen in the United States" between Jewish and Arab Americans trying to "make peace work."

Jewish writer Leon Uris, author of the novel "Exodus," also addressed the crowd, and a local Jewish day school choir performed a selection of songs.

Also on the podium was First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who had addressed another Jewish organization, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the day before.



## Senate Votes For Religious Freedom

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a tremendous victory for a broad coalition of Jewish and other religious leaders, the Senate this week overwhelmingly passed a landmark bill to enhance religious freedom in the United States.

The legislation would make it harder for the government to encroach on the free exercise of religion.

It was designed to circumvent a 1990 Supreme Court ruling deplored by Jewish groups that gave states greater leeway in outlawing certain religious practices.

The House of Representatives

unanimously passed the bill earlier this year.

The bill was designed to circumvent a 1990 case, Oregon Employment Division vs. Smith, that dealt with the use of the hallucinogen peyote in Native American religious practices.

Jewish groups consider the ruling a dangerous precedent for laws that could restrict such ritual practices as kosher slaughter.

The Smith ruling has resulted in decisions unpalatable to people of various religions.

For example, Orthodox Jews have been required to undergo autopsies in some circumstances, in violation of their families' religious beliefs.

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## Stones And Fire In Retaliation For Killing Of Israeli

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Tension and violence in the administered territories has escalated in the wake of the murder of a Jewish settler who was kidnapped by gunmen of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

The Jewish settler, Chaim Mizrahi, was murdered after being kidnapped in late October at a Palestinian chicken farm in the West Bank, where he apparently went to buy eggs.

His charred body was found the next day inside the trunk of his car, which had also been burned. Mizrahi was buried as the search continued for his murderers.

Settlers proclaimed the start of a Jewish rebellion when Mizrahi's body was discovered.

Israeli settlers blocked roads in the West Bank with burning tires. They set fire to fields, stoned Arab cars and smashed them with clubs.

Several Israelis were arrested and released after posting bail.

On Sunday morning, an Israeli shot and killed a 21-year-old Palestinian at the Erez military checkpoint at the entrance to the Gaza Strip. The shooting occurred after the Palestinian stabbed him during an argument over money.

In another incident, a Palestinian real estate dealer, Ahmed Oudeh, was murdered by Arab terrorists on Saturday outside a shop in the West Bank town of Kalkilya, where he was making arrangements for his daughter's wedding that night.

No one claimed responsibility for the killing, but sources said Oudeh was considered a collaborator with the Israeli government because he sold land on behalf of Arab landowners to Jewish settlements.

Hundreds of settlers, coordinated by the Council of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, continued to block roads in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Monday morning.

The settlers built roadblocks and

set fire to tires, preventing Palestinians from going to work within Israel.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said after the Mizrahi killing that the peace talks with the Palestinians would not get in the way of the efforts of the Israeli security forces to combat terrorism.

But Jewish settlers say they are angry and frustrated by what they believe is the failure of the government to protect them.

They also fear the current series of Palestinian prisoner releases is giving the terrorists a "green light" to continue attacks against them.

Last week, Israel released more than 600 prisoners in an effort to build support among Palestinians for the self-rule accord Israel signed with the Palestine Liberation Organization on Sept. 13 in Washington.

One group of settlers got a permit to erect tents where Mizrahi's body had been found, and they devoted themselves to Talmud study in his memory.

Hundreds of others held noisy demonstrations outside the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem homes of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to protest remarks he made over the weekend that appeared to equate Palestinian and Jewish violence.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin acknowledged that the settlers live in "difficult circumstances." But he urged them to comply with the efforts of the Israel Defense Force to defend them and not to go looking to "buy cheap eggs."

Rabin was referring to Mizrahi, who was abducted from a Palestinian chicken farm where he had gone to purchase eggs.

Rabin has been roundly criticized for recent comments he made that appeared to equate Palestinian terrorism with Jewish protests that have turned violent.

But on Sunday, he tried to clarify the remarks by drawing a distinction.

"It is clear," he said, "that the

(Hamas) killings are not like the (settlers') rioting, but it is clear that the will of Hamas is to attain the same result as those Israelis who are exploiting a despicable murder to oppose peace."

Aharon Domb, spokesman for the Jewish settlers' council, said the roads were blocked to protest the government's failure to protect the settlers. He also said the settlers were protesting Israel's release of "murderous terrorists," which he said has already "increased the level of the terrorists' daring."

Rabin had said that Palestinian opponents of the peace process murdered Mizrahi solely because he was a Jew, while Jewish opponents of the peace process stoned Arab cars simply because they were owned by Arabs.

According to Rabin, both groups were trying to sabotage the agreement with the PLO.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said there is "no comparison" between the Hamas murders and the "acts of demonstration, albeit sometimes violent demonstrations, undertaken by the settlers."

Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu termed the comments a scandal and called on Rabin to resign if he cannot protect Jewish lives. But Netanyahu also urged restraint by the settlers.

Palestinian leaders Faisal Husseini condemned the murder of Mizrahi. "Every killing of a Palestinian or Israeli is sad, and we hope this will stop," he was reported to have said.

At the same time, a campaign is apparently being launched calling on settlers and soldiers to disobey orders to evacuate settlements in the event such orders are ever issued.

Meanwhile, leaders of two radical Palestinian groups — the Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement in Lebanon — this week agreed to step up their violent attacks against Israel in order to erode support for the Palestinian self-rule accord.

## US Sports Team Attacked By German Skinheads

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. government expressed concern to German authorities this week after a member of a U.S. sports team was attacked by German neo-Nazis in what appeared to be a racially motivated incident.

The U.S. luge team were practicing in the eastern German town of Oberhof, where the attack took place.

A group of skinheads apparently targeted the group of athletes, which included at least one African American.

Duncan Kennedy, a member of the team, was reportedly punched and kicked by the skinheads after attempting to intercede on behalf of teammate Robert Pipkins, who is black.

Local German authorities contacted the team to express regret over the incident, the spokesman said. The local authorities assured the team that the incident would be "vigorously" pursued.

## Pursue Converts Says Reform Jewish Leader

SAN FRANCISCO — The leader of Reform Judaism in North America called for a program of "active pursuit" to enlist converts to Judaism among "all who are seeking religious meaning in their lives."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler of New York, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said in late October it was time for the Reform movement — the largest Jewish denomination in North America — "to reach out to those of our neighbors who belong to no church or other religious institution."

He said an initial fund of \$5 million would be sought to launch the program.

"Judaism has an enormous amount of wisdom and experience to offer to our troubled world," he said, "and we Jews ought to be proud to proclaim it with fervor and with pride."

"Let us therefore be champions of Judaism. Let us define Jewish 'chosenness' not as exclusive but as

exemplary, not as separatist but as representative, not as closed but as open, not as rejecting but as all-embracing and compassionate."

Rabbi Schindler noted that he had proposed an "Outreach" program to non-Jews 15 years ago but that the UAHC had decided to concentrate on the non-Jewish spouses of Jews and their children by welcoming them into Reform synagogues, by encouraging them to affiliate and by publishing books, inaugurating programs and sponsoring classes to help them convert and become "Jews-by-choice."

"Now the time is ripe to move forward with the wider mission," the Reform Jewish leader said. "This is what 'Outreach' was meant to be from its beginning. More than passive acceptance, it requires active pursuit. It means something more than welcoming the strangers who choose to live in our midst."

"It bids us seek them out and invite them in."

EDITORIAL

Where Do They Go From Here?

By ROBERTA D. BURMAN  
Director of Refugee Resettlement  
Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Did you know that 95% of the people who come to live in the United States from other countries are being reunited with close relatives? All of those coming to Delaware are joining parents, sisters, brothers or their children. This is a key reason why we support the current program for the admission of Jews from the former Soviet Union into the United States.

Recently, a national Jewish figure, Seymour Reich of the American Zionist movement said, in essence, now that since Russia is becoming democratic, the Russian Jews should no longer be admitted to the United States. He says they are taking the places of other deserving refugees and should all go to Israel. (Would you want your close relatives to be sent to live far away from you?) Much of the organized Jewish community is incensed by this outrageous and insensitive assessment. It has been a colossal effort for American Jewry to encourage our government to make policy to save Soviet Jewry. Mr. Reich would have Congress disallow their freedom in the United States now that he wrongly believes they are no longer in danger.

Are we as Americans so naive that we think that, now that since the government of Russia is friendly with the U.S., anti-Semitism in that country stops? Even Yeltsin has said he cannot

protect those Jews that remain in Russia. As more unrest surfaces in Russia and in the world, more anti-Semitism rises as well. And because of the new found freedom of speech in Russia, the anti-Semitism is out in the open! The friendship and financial alliance of the United States with Russia, today, does not alter the persecution that has been rampant there for decades.

Americans have had a proud tradition of always protecting the "underdog." This is well founded in Judeo-Christian concepts. As a people, Jews understand what it means to have been "strangers in the land of Egypt," so we are commanded to treat the stranger as well as we would treat ourselves. And Christians are commanded to, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

So, where do they go from here? A lot depends on how we as an American Jewish community respond. The Council of Jewish Federations, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, representing the organized American Jewish community, strongly support the underlying basis of the current program for the admission of Jews from the ex-USSR to the United States as refugees. Their need for safety deserves an attention that is independent of considering their resettlement in Israel. Reich seems to disregard their safety by the concluding that Jews in the former Soviet

Union should settle in Israel and for very few to enter the United States as refugees.

What Reich seems to disregard is that refugee status for these Jews is not automatic in the United States and they are adjudicated in full accordance with existing American law. What's more in testimony at recent Congressional hearings on federal fiscal year '94 refugee admissions senior US government officials expressed hope for the eventual triumph of democracy in the Commonwealth of Independent States or CIS, but they urged caution when considering the future of the former Soviet Union program because of the ongoing political instability in numerous regions of the former Soviet Union.

There is absolutely no truth to Mr. Reich's assertion that "Russian Jews are taking places that might otherwise go to deserving refugees from other countries." According to US refugee policy, a reduction in the number of Jews to the US in no way guarantees an increase in the number of admissions of any other refugee population. Last year, as it happens, the American Jewish community demonstrated its pre-

paredness to respond to the emergency needs in the former Yugoslavia by stating its willingness to transfer a portion of the numbers intended for the Soviet region for Bosnians. In fact, the numbers were not utilized. We, as a community, intend to continue to be responsive and flexible in the face of emergencies, regardless of where they may occur.

The recent testimony of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, to Congress supported an overall increase in the admission of refugees to the US for FFY94 in recognition of the worldwide refugee crisis. This reflects the position of the coalition of national voluntary agencies involved in migration and resettlement issues.

In these difficult times in the former Soviet Union, it is ill advised to draw permanent conclusions concerning the short and long-term status of the Jewish minority.

I urge you, as fellow Jews and responsible citizens, to encourage our Congressional leaders to continue the American tradition of protecting the Jewish minority in the Commonwealth of Independent States who have a well founded fear of persecution.

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OPINION

Arab Boycott Is Hurting Palestinians, Not Israel

By LAWRENCE RUBIN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Daniel Issa is a Palestinian businessman in the West Bank town of Ramallah. His soda bottling company employs about 200 people, and he excitedly shares with visitors his plans for a major industrial park in the Ramallah-Bir Zeit area.

A strong supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Issa returned to the West Bank in 1988, at the start of the intifada, after a successful business career in England. His goal is to build a strong economic base for what he hopes will be the emerging state of Palestine.

The role of business is to support the political level, Issa says.

While they do not share his goal of an independent Palestinian state, Issa's viewpoint is not dissimilar to that expressed by Israel officials.

According to Uri Savir, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, regional economic development is the key to making the political agreements between Israel and the PLO work.

Economic progress for the Palestinians, Savir points out, will prove that there is no alternative to peace; it will preclude the re-emergence of the Palestinian ideological imperative calling for the destruction of the Jewish state.

What is good for our neighbor, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres observes, makes him a good neighbor.

Yet Issa is worried. He is not sure he will be able to attract the investment required to realize his hopes and dreams.

Investors are wary of uncertainty, he notes.

Since the economy of the West Bank and Gaza is directly tied to Israel, the continuing Arab boycott becomes a major impediment to his — and other Palestinian — efforts to build a sound economic structure in the territories.

Issa depends on Israeli suppliers for soda ingredients and packaging material.

Doing business in Israel, Issa becomes enmeshed in the 40-year-old Arab boycott against the Jewish state.

Enforced by the Arab League's Central Boycott Office in Damascus, the boycott proscribes economic dealings between the Arab states (Egypt excepted) and Israel.

Cessation of this primary boycott, it is understood, is linked to normalization between Israel and the Arab states.

More invidiously, however, the boycott office blacklists companies with economic ties to Israel (secondary boycott) and even prohibits commerce with companies that do business with blacklisted companies (tertiary boycott).

PLO officials, echoing Issa, have told the Arab states that the boycott is no favor to the Palestinian cause. They would like to see a cessation of the secondary and tertiary boycott because they understand that the economy of the territories cannot grow unless it is lifted.

There are some indications that the Arabs are willing to address this issue. Largely in response to pressure from the United States, there is a growing number of Arab states honoring the boycott in the breach.

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## OPINION

## Uneasy Lies The Head

By DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD

Jordan's King Hussein was as surprised as anyone when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made his historic deal with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. He had always considered Arafat his number one enemy and Israel a key to his defense against the PLO taking over Jordan.

Now he faces the prospect of a PLO state on his western border and one day possibly looking to expand in his direction.

As if that were not bad enough, he also has a major problem with Moslem radicalism. He was surprised by their strength in the November 1989 Jordanian parliamentary elections and the power they demonstrated during the Gulf Crisis a year later. Faced with a majority of his subjects supporting Saddam Hussein, the king felt he had little choice but to bend with those winds, even if it meant estrangement from his natural allies, primarily the United States, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. After all, they could cut off his financing or political support, but his irate subjects could do worse to the king who had titled his memoir *Uneasy Lies the Head*.

It was not a dissimilar choice from the one he faced in 1967 when the alternative to going to war with Israel was an uprising at home and the enmity of his more dangerous "allies" in Egypt and Syria.

As consequence of its attack on Israel in

1967, Jordan not only lost territory and power, but wound up with tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees in addition to the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who had come over the previous 19 years. After 1967 Jordan also became the new base of operations for the PLO, which eventually led to civil war in 1970. Hundreds of thousands more arrived during and following the Gulf War when they were evicted from Kuwait, primarily, and other Arab states as Iraqi sympathizers. Today, two out of every three Jordanians are of Palestinian origin.

Once again the king faces parliamentary elections next month, and this time he hopes to reduce the influences of the Islamic radicals. But he also has to contend with the new strength of the PLO in the West Bank.

The thought of his arch foe Yasser Arafat setting up shop at the other end of the Allenby bridge only a few months from now cannot be very comforting. If Arafat and the PLO are in position to claim the allegiance of Jordan's sizable Palestinian majority, he could be in serious trouble.

The king announced in 1988 he was washing his hands of the West Bank and Gaza and was no longer interested in negotiating with Israel on their behalf. They would have to do it themselves. He had two purposes in mind: negotiators flaunted their ties to Arafat. All that changed September 13.

Jordan lost its bargaining power vis-a-vis the PLO, and it was no secret the king got very nervous. Rabin met with him personally to try to reassure the king who had declared his support for the Israeli-PLO pact and signed his own document with Israel. He then sent his brother and heir, Crown Prince Hassan, to Washington to publicly establish a joint economic development committee with Israel and the United States.

Hussein's principle objection to the PLO is that it purports to represent all Palestinians wherever they are, not just in the West Bank and Gaza. That means not only those in the refugee camps and elsewhere in Lebanon, Syria and other Arab states, but most important, as far as he is concerned, in Jordan, where most enjoy citizenship and constitute a majority of the population.

King Hussein's grandfather was murdered by a Palestinian assassin, and Arafat and the PLO have tried to remove Hussein more than once. Now he faces the prospect of Arafat setting up a strong state on his flank and gazing eastward.

Rabin said he opposes establishment of an independent state in the territories, but the momentum may be against him. Such an irredentist state could be viewed by its bigger neighbors on either side as a potential threat, experts say. The Palestinians and Jordanians are talking about confederation between the east and west banks, but each side defines the first, to insulate himself from the intifada going on across the river, and secondly, to demon-

strate to the Palestinians in the territories that the Tunis-based PLO could not bring an end to the occupation by itself.

Israel insisted that the Palestinians could go to the 1991 Madrid Conference only as part of a joint delegation with Jordan, and the PLO could not be a formal party to the talks. That soon became a fig leaf as the joint delegation broke into two sections, and the Palestinian relationship differently as it seeks the advantage.

An arrangement favoring Jordan would be more desirable for Israel as well as the other moderate Arab regimes like Saudi Arabia and Egypt, which might fear the emergence of a swath of radicalism from Nablus to Tehran.

Preserving the moderate, pro-Western Hashemite regime in Jordan and its influence in the West Bank and Gaza must be a high priority for Israel, the United States, Egypt and other leaders as the peace process unfolds, caution the king's supporters. The uncertainty over the health of King Hussein, who underwent cancer surgery last year, complicates the delicate situation.

The king has reportedly told friends he wants to make sure the Hashemite rule does not end with him. Hussein has a reputation for surviving by performing elaborate maneuvers on the political trapeze. He will need all that skill and, said an admirer, "It won't hurt to pray."

(Bloomfield is an occasional contributor to The Jewish Voice)

## Intermarriage Likely To Increase In Israel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

While the impact of the Rabin-Arafat agreement on Israel has been considered from nearly every possible angle, no one has yet paid heed to the fact that it will almost certainly increase intermarriage in this country.

The rate of intermarriage has been very low until now, not only because hostility between Jews and Arabs affected interpersonal relationships, but also because Jews and Arabs have had little contact with one another. For the most part, Jews lived in Jewish areas, Arabs in Arab areas.

That latter factor was beginning to change even before the recent Israel-PLO accord. Drawn by the greater availability of decent housing in pre-

dominantly Jewish towns, Israeli Arabs began moving into them. Thus Jewish Upper Nazareth, originally built as a counterweight to Arab Nazareth, now has a substantial Arab population itself. The same mixing has occurred in Ramle and Lod, where many Arabs have moved from their traditional enclaves to Jewish neighborhoods. Indeed, even in cities where there were practically no Arabs beforehand — like Nahariya, Hadera and Eilat — many Jews now have Arab neighbors.

Greater contact, between the two peoples is also taking place in the educational sphere. Quite a few Arab youngsters are enrolling in Jewish high schools because they tend to be better than Arab ones. And later, on

the university level, contacts are even more common, particularly at Haifa University, where 18% of the students are Arabs.

The 1,000 or so mixed marriages that have taken place until now were mainly between working-class Arab men and Jewish women, who met in the factories or restaurants where both were employed. The women, truth to be told, were mostly from poor, often broken homes, and married outside the fold in order to find the warmth and security they otherwise lacked.

There have also been a small number of mixed marriages among university-educated men and women, who came together, for the most part, in leftist, anti-establishment

groups on campus.

Whatever their social background, intermarried people have usually chosen to live in Arab communities, where they are accepted more readily than they would be in Jewish communities, and where conversion to the spouse's religion is relatively simple. Of course, this means that the Jewish partners have to accept the fact that their children will be raised as Arabs, a price they are willing to pay, however reluctantly.

More intermarried couples may choose to live in predominantly Jewish communities if, as a result of recent political developments, the Jews of this country begin to see their Arab fellow citizens in a more favorable light, and among some secular

elements, begin to accept them as potential marriage partners. Should this happen, there would at least be a better chance that the children of mixed marriages would be raised as Jews.

Growing intermarriage — hardly what the founders of the Jewish State envisioned — will undoubtedly pain many people here and in the Diaspora. But when political and geographical barriers come tumbling down, interpersonal barriers will sooner or later follow, just as they have in other parts of the Western world.

Nechemia Meyers, of Rehovot Israel, writes frequently for The Jewish Voice and other publications.

## Boycott Hurts Palestinians

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In addition, observers were encouraged to note that Syria was forced to cancel a meeting Oct. 24 of the Arab Boycott Office, where it intended to blacklist more companies. It seemed that over half the Arab foreign ministers invited found themselves too busy to attend.

Moreover, as a consequence of the Gulf War, Japan has learned that the boycott is less than monolithic, thus providing a certain flexibility in conducting affairs in the Middle East.

The Israelis themselves point out that they have learned to live with it.

Despite the boycott, the director-general of the Bank of Israel anticipates a 10 to 12 percent economic growth rate in the coming year fueled in large measure both by optimism surrounding the peace process and also the economic stimulus accompanying the continuing influx into the country of immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, the boycott remains a potent tool both of Arab rejectionists, like Syria's Hafez Assad, who fear progress toward normalization in the region, and also of certain Arab leaders who appear unwilling to forgive

the Palestinians for their support of Iraq during the Gulf War.

If the Arab states truly want to see the Palestinians gain some margin of independence over their lives, they will move aggressively to abolish the secondary and tertiary Arab boycott against Israel.

Its principal victims are now their Arab brothers and sisters in Nablus and Tulkarm, not the Israeli enemy in Ashdod and Tel Aviv.

Lawrence Rubin, executive vice chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, just returned from a mission to Israel and the territories.

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The First Lady and Rabbi Shindler at UAHC Convention.

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On video, Hamas member claims credit for Israeli soldiers' deaths.

## LOCAL



Irving S. Shapiro

## Irving Shapiro Inducted Into Hall of Fame

**By A.T. KELLY**  
*Greenville Community News*  
Retired DuPont Co. chairman chief executive officer, Irving S. Shapiro, of Greenville, was inducted into the Junior Achievement and Hagley Museum's Delaware Business Hall of Fame Oct. 21 for his achievements and contributions in the business, law and science communities.

(Editor's Note: Between the years 1968-1970, this long-time active participant in Delaware's Jewish affairs, was President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware) Shapiro, 77, is a partner in the New

York law firm of Skaddem, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and chairman of the Trustees of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Born July 15, 1916, in Minneapolis, Minn., Shapiro is the oldest of three sons born to Lithuanian Jewish immigrants. He is a 1939 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of science degree and a bachelor of law degree from the same university. He was admitted to the Bar in Minnesota in 1941 and in 1944 was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He was admitted to the Dela-

ware Bar in 1958.

Shapiro joined DuPont in 1951 as an attorney in the Legal Department after serving in the U.S. Department of Justice during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, where he specialized in practice before the Supreme Court. His work in the Legal Department emphasized antitrust litigation, providing counsel to various manufacturing departments on a wide range of business problems. He played a major role in the antitrust case of the 1950s and early 1960s which forced DuPont to divest itself of General Motors stock.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Shapiro has served as a member of the Board of Directors of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, The Kutz Home, and The National Conference of Chris-

tians and Jews locally. He was the president of The Kutz Home in the years 1965-1967.)

He is director of AEA Investors Inc., Pediatric Services of America Inc. and J.P. Morgan Florida Savings Bank and a consultant to Morgan Trust Company of Florida. He is a member of the Advisory Council of Wells Fargo & Co. and he is chairman of the Advisory Board of Marvin & Palmer Associates.

In 1976 he was elected chairman of the Business Roundtable and served in that capacity for two years.

Shapiro is married to the former Charlotte Farsht, of Minneapolis. His son, Stuart, is an attorney in New York and his daughter, Elizabeth, is associated with Citibank (DE) Wilmington.

## DeVries Honored By JCC

Mary S. DeVries was named "Community Builder" by the Delaware Region NCCJ at its Community Builders Luncheon on October 21.

DeVries has served as a volunteer case worker and court-appointed special advocate for children. The Luncheon brochure stated that "Through her efforts, children on the edge of the fabric of society have received the love, emotional support and legal representation not otherwise available to them. Her interest in providing for the developmental needs of children and families led her to overhaul the catalogue system at Beth Emeth library and awaken this sleeping resource. She has helped to provide a bridge to understanding between inter-faith couples and religious converts at Beth Emeth through reading and discussion groups. Her efforts on behalf of the elderly include the establishment of a transportation system and testifying before the U.S. Senate on the nutritional needs of older Americans."

## Spivack Named To Delaware Cancer Group

Governor Carper has appointed Marcy B. Spivack as a member of a special Cancer Task Force for the State of Delaware. The Task Force will begin meeting next week to analyze why Delaware's cancer death rate is among the highest in the nation, and what can be done about it. Mrs. Spivack presently serves on the board of Family and Children Services of Delaware and is Vice President of the Jewish Family Service.

DeVries has been an active member of the National Council of Jewish Women for 34 years and a board member for 17 years. She helped establish the permanent site for Wilmington Montessori Association and is actively involved with Girls Scouts of America, according to the NCCJ.

## Send In The Clones? Questions For A Jewish Ethicist

**By DAN WEINTRAUB**

*Editor Of The Jewish Voice*

"Be fruitful, and multiply" informs any Jewish consideration of the ethics of reproduction techniques. In the book *Jewish Bioethics* David Shapiro interprets this notion as a commandment of procreation to perpetuate the species. This line of reasoning has led to support by some Jews for any medical procedure which facilitates reproduction. Does the husband fulfill his obligation with regards to procreation by means of cloning? Are there a variety of valid Jewish responses to ethical dilemmas?

Questions are the building block of a Jewish ethicist. Ethicists have begun to question the propriety of potential human cloning after the recently publicized research experimentation on cloning human embryos based on techniques pioneered with livestock. Jewish participation in this debate may be informed by such diverse sources as our oral tradition and perhaps even works of fiction such as *The Boys From Brazil* depicting a fictitious cloning of Hitler.

Delaware's Rabbi Herbert

Yoskowitz, a Bush Foundation Leadership fellow in Bioethics, a member of the Ethics Committee of the Delaware Health Care Commission, and a former Visiting Fellow at the University of Minnesota, spoke to *The Jewish Voice* about the ethics of cloning human beings.

"What the ethicist does is to frame problems in terms of ethical dilemmas and ask the questions which need to be asked in order to establish principles for decision making," said Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz. "Experimenting upon the unborn, discarding of embryos, misuse or abuse of power, the ethics of human experimentation, and the feasibility of cloning are all Jewish concerns," said Rabbi Yoskowitz. "Given the Jewish respect for the individual Yoskowitz wonders 'Does cloning undermine or support individuality by destroying biological distinctiveness?'"

Traditionally Jews have conceived of man, woman and God forming a partnership in creating human life. Yoskowitz questioned whether the "new partner in creation" should be the scientists or physicians. "If the

obstetrician becomes the sower of the seed that could change the whole physician/patient relationship."

Additional concerns are suggested by the prospect of human cloning. Yoskowitz worries who will care for an unsuccessful or deformed result of cloning.

Rabbi Yoskowitz elaborated on other ethical concerns on the horizon. Genetic information may be used for job screening which would be unfairly discriminatory. On the other hand chromosomal structures may be manipulated to eradicate diseases such as cancer would be positive.

Yoskowitz says the real input is what questions have to be posed rather than just glib answer. He adds that ethicists can recommend issues in which to debate and consider the options at hand.

Jews are not alone in questioning human cloning. A Time Magazine/CNN poll indicates three out of four Americans are against human cloning, and 46 percent favor making it illegal.

## The Jewish Federation Of Delaware Receives 1993 Shroder Award

**By STEPHEN STEINER**

*Assistant Director CJF Communications*

The Council of Jewish Federations has named San Francisco, Delaware and Austin Federations as the recipients of this year's William J. Shroder Award. The award recognize outstanding programs that represent superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of human services, Jewish identity and Jewish continuity.

"This year, once again, the award winners show a high level of achievement in community-building and commitment to providing services," noted Chairman Betty Kane of the Shroder Award Committee. "The programs exemplify the high standards for innovative community service to which the Shroder Award is committed and represent models for the Federation system to emulate."

The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) is the recipient of the Small Intermediate City award for "Campaign Week," in which the Federation mobilized its community not only to energize the annual campaign but to serve as a community-building mechanism as well. To fund increased needs, communities seek innovative ideas to achieve greater results in the annual campaign. This is a key example of how a community attempted to improve its campaign performance and can be readily replicated by other Federations.

"The Delaware Jewish community can be

very proud of its initiative and courage in planning and executing campaign week 1993," said Judy Wortman, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "We take special notice of the extraordinary contribution of Seth Bloom, former Associate Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, who conceived of and spearheaded this endeavor," praised Wortman.

Delaware resident Seth Bloom, who is presently working with the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia, told *The Jewish Voice* he is "absolutely thrilled for the entire Delaware Jewish community to receive this prestigious award. While we were planning campaign week in the Summer and Fall of 1992 we thought we had a fresh and dynamic approach to our annual campaign. But it wasn't until Campaign Week itself that we knew what a winner we had."

Bloom also recalled that "Campaign Week was exhilarating, exciting and a terrific experience."

Lelaine Nemser, 1994 Campaign Director added "everyone here is delighted with this recognition of last year's efforts. This year our campaign has set a \$2 million dollar needs-based goal rather than a goal based on expectations of giving. This fundamental change represents an absorbing new challenge."

Bloom declared, "I am really looking forward to Delaware's Campaign Week 1994.

I'm sure it will be a real success!"

The Shroder awards to JFD, San Francisco's Federation, Austin's Federation and a special award to the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), will be presented during the 62nd CJF General Assembly, November 16-21 in Montreal. Videos of the winning programs will be shown at the session.

## Words & Music:

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Dennis Kucherawy, director of communications for the producer, says that the protesters are an extremely small vocal minority that does not represent the black community: "People have the right to see the production and make up their own minds. None of the protesters have come to see the play."

James Earl Jones did attend. Jones said, "I sat there last night and enjoyed it. It is panoramic, it is sprawling...The humanity that's shown on that stage...a lot of it is disturbing, you know...but it's the way that theater should disturb us...slavery is painful. But it's history. My family came from slavery. You can't bury it."

As indicated again by this controversy, as great as the music is, it's the words that made *Show Boat* historic. There's an old story about a cocktail party where Mrs. Kern bragged to a

CJF created the Shroder Award in 1953 as a tribute to the ideals of its founder and first President, William J. Shroder, a distinguished attorney and banker. The award is designed to give renewed force to the humanitarian purposes which exemplified his life.

(Dan Weintraub contributed to this article with material of local interest.)

guest, "Did you know that my husband wrote 'Ol Man River'?" and Mrs. Hammerstein broke in to say, "No. My husband wrote 'Ol Man River,' your husband just wrote 'da da dee da!'"

Crowds have been thronging to the Movement Theatre International in Philadelphia for the past six weeks to see Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman*. Rob is a 26-year-old stand-up comedian from California. *Caveman* is a 90-minute monologue about the differences between men and women.

It could also qualify as a graduate course with a title such as *Relationships 101*. That's how thoroughly Becker explores the subject. He expounds a thesis that most misunderstandings between men and women can be traced to their separate roles in caveman days: man as hunter, woman as gatherer.



# SPECIAL REPORT

## Florida Jews Find Deception In Messianic Movement

By VIVIAN KATZ GALLIMORE  
*Heritage Florida Jewish News*

When is a synagogue not a synagogue? That question is being asked in many local Orlando, Florida Jewish homes, in the wake of High Holy Day advertising by a local Messianic congregation.

Clarifying his title with, "I am a Messianic rabbi, ordained according to our interpretation," Harvey Permison considers himself to be more of a practicing Jew than many Conservative Jews and most Liberal Jews. He even keeps Kosher. In fact, he states that his adherence to the laws of the Torah is more detail oriented because of the interpretation of the historical writings of the Prophets. According to Permison, the man we call Jesus Christ was a traditional, practicing Jew. "The Scripture (Christian Bible) portrays Yeshua as a Jew. In Acts 21, Paul said he kept the Torah." Permison adds that, probably, "the Messiah was born on Sukkot, not in a manger, but in a Sukkah."

Therein lies the controversy. Judaism teaches of the time period in which Jesus Christ was born and became the Messiah to Christians, as an historical interpretation. Theology doesn't enter into the Judaic sphere of reference. "Messianic" leaders portray the life of "Yeshua" in a continuous timeline, one in which he is interwoven into the teachings of Judaism. This is enough to scrape the enamel off the teeth of some local Jewish leaders.

According to Maitland social worker, Shirley Miller Stein, a letter protesting advertising for Messianic High Holy Day services was never published in the local daily, the *Orlando Sentinel* and the group doesn't want to let the fury pass. They forwarded a copy of the letter to *Heritage* offices, in the hopes that the local Jewish community weekly would publish the letter of protest:

"We the undersigned protest the blatantly deceptive ad that appeared in the [Sentinel 9/19/93] by Congregation Shalom Yisrael a 'messianic synagogue' promising 'free High Holiday tickets.' It depicts a man blowing a shofar (ram's horn), dressed in talit (prayer shawl) and wearing a kephah (skullcap). So, what's wrong with that image? These traditional Jewish symbols are being deceptively employed to attract unsuspecting Jews to what is actually a Christian church — one seeking to proselytize Jews away from their own religious heritage.

While it is the inalienable right of every American to advertise and practice whatever religion one chooses, it is misleading and dishonest to use (synagogue) when in reality a church service is being advertised.

An authentic synagogue, be it Reform, Conservative or Orthodox, does not teach that Jesus is divine. That is a Christian belief and certainly not a part of Jewish doctrine. An authentic synagogue also would not teach that the *Moshiach* (Messiah) has already come. An authentic synagogue does not teach that there will be a second coming of Jesus. Those who profess such beliefs are Christians, not Jews.

'Messianic Jews,' 'Hebrew Christians,' 'Jews for Jesus,' or other sects who would mislead the inno-

cent lack the integrity to be honest, clear in word and symbol. A key characteristic of a cult is the practice of 'religious deception' i.e., dishonesty in the service of their 'sacred cause.'

At the time of the Jewish high Holy Days when we blow the shofar to awaken our conscience, such unrighteous practices are particularly repugnant.

Stein penned the letter. She says she is "concerned that a lot of young people who have virtually no Jewish education or homelife are being invited to "join" the Messianic group. She fears that their lack of Judaic knowledge could serve to cloud the differences in their minds.

Permison readily answers the Jewish group's charges, saying, "If you read a traditional Greek lexicon, you will find that the meanings for synagogue and church are synonymous — assembly of people. Synagogue is the masculine form, and church is the feminine."

He adds that it is not the intent of his congregation to proselytize, an admittedly Christian function, but that they borrow from Christianity in other ways. "Our members tithe an average of 10 percent of their family income, and we pass the plate at services." Messianic services are held Friday nights at 8 p.m. in an assembly room at the church, which he rents for \$200 a month. He says his congregation does not own a Torah, but they envision buying one by the time they build their own sanctuary. With about 50 regular members, Permison admits the congregation is slow in building.

He says that the majority of his members comprise interfaith households, "because we allow these people to worship together." One Baptist man who is married to a Jewish woman says, "That is just not good enough. There are entirely too many differences between the faiths. They cannot possibly meet in the middle." He concedes that his wife is more likely to attend her temple than he is to go to church, but that keeping the two apart is the way it will likely always be.

Jews, too, echo this sentiment. Local leaders today say that assimilation is to blame for some loss of Jewish faith in this community. While some congregations now openly accept interfaith members, it is to keep the Jewish spouse from straying from the flock and perhaps to introduce the faith to the children of its interfaithmembers.

Permison concedes that he will not likely sit at a table in camaraderie with traditional Jewish rabbis, saying that he at least wants to put an end to the controversy. In an *Orlando Sentinel* article published during the High Holy Days, Permison is quoted as saying, "I understand why they feel the way they do, and that's their opinion, but truthfully, we're Jewish people that live as Jews and the only difference is we believe in Jesus as the Jewish Messiah."

He denies knowledge of telemarketing aimed at non-affiliated Jews in the area, inviting them to attend the "complimentary holiday services" as guests of the Messianic congregation and states that the ads in the local daily served as their only

advertising venue. "Is it possible that a member of my congregation knew this person was Jewish and only wanted to invite an old friend to attend?" The answer is no, because the target of one specific telephone call adheres strictly to a Jewish background and says, "No one who knows me would ask me to join a church!"

According to Permison, the Messianic faith has grown from three American groups in 1975 to about 200 worldwide today. "We have a new one a week," he boasts, saying that there are 20 such groups in Florida today.

And it is not just local Jewish leaders who are up in arms over the Messianic "campaign." Boaz Dvir wrote in the *Miami Jewish Tribune* that the San Francisco-based Jews for Jesus waged a four-week, half-million dollar advertising campaign in six national magazines and 25 newspapers. According to Dvir's article, obtained from the Jewish Telegraph Agency, a Jews for Jesus spokesperson tallies 7,500 responses to the "gospel messages." The group's funding of \$10 million cannot be matched by the efforts of the Baltimore-based Jews for Judaism, which counts \$300,000 in funds. That group's national director, Mark Powers, has been with Jews for Judaism since its inception 13 years ago.

"If people examine the [religious] differences [of the twomessages], then the answer is yes, we can beat them. The problem is reaching the people," Dvir quotes Powers. Jews for Jesus, with its enormous coffers and 100 staff members, works just beyond arm's reach of the four-person Jews for Judaism staff. But Powers says that their numbers deceive them. "Even if they get one Jew, they feel the campaign is effective." He estimates that the movement has grown from 10,000 members to 160,000 members since 1978.

He adds that the problem is that "Jews for Jesus is just the tip of the iceberg. There are 450 Hebrew-Christian groups in North America... Any Jew is a target."

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# Letters from Israel

## Teaming With Diversity

By TONI YOUNG

Special To The Jewish Voice

"This is a period of great opportunities and some dangers; we must exploit the opportunities and reduce the dangers," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a group of some 700 American Jewish leaders gathered in Israel for the seventeenth annual President's Mission. "We have only two options: to live in peace, or to live in violence and terror," Rabin explained. "We have had to make painful decisions, but it is our responsibility to make sure no way to peace is left untackled."

Ben and Clara Hollander, Stuart and I were Delaware's representatives on this extraordinary mission to Israel. We experienced first hand the drama of a country leaping towards the future yet struggling with the diversity of democracy. The peace process and the absorption of new

olim are on everyone's mind, but as in any real democracy, the concepts don't mean the same thing to everyone.

Shimon Peres, the great visionary currently serving as Foreign Minister, stands firmly by Rabin's side. Speaking of the risks taken for peace, Peres reminded us, "The basic call of Judaism is a moral call. We don't want to dominate another people. For 2,000 years we have had a message without a land. Now we want to have a land and a message. We do not want to become a land without a message."

Together, Rabin and Peres provide the credibility and the vision to move Israel towards peace. Yet many Israelis absolutely oppose the Declaration of Principles or are skeptical about the reality of peace. We met with settlers on the West Bank who believe no land should be returned

and no Arabs can be trusted. On Sunday evening we attended a multimedia extravaganza featuring music and dance by Israelis, both sabras and newcomers. The show beautifully portrayed a vision of peace, where all Israelis, Jewish and Arab, live in harmony. Outside a few dozen people held placards with slogans like, "Resettle Jews not Arabs," "Don't Give your Dollars to Palestinians," and "Rabin is creating a Palestinian State. The contrast between the vision inside and the reality outside was startling.

Israelis are so tense about their future that while we were in Israel, the Knesset passed a bill requiring a two-thirds vote to make any changes in the status of Jerusalem.

I was encouraged by the optimism of Palestinian leaders who expressed certainty that the majority of Palestinians support the Declaration of Principles, that radical Arab forces will not succeed in derailing the peace process, and that Palestinians believe in democracy. However, I was sobered by a clearer understanding of how far we have to go. When asked about the boycott, a Palestinian doctor from the Medical Relief Committee in East Jerusalem said, "What kind of boycott? You mean the Arab boycott? What about the Israeli boycott? 110,000 Palestinians used to work in Israel; now only

40,000 work here. That's a boycott." Another Palestinian, Daud Kutab, spoke about the need to change mentalities. "Right now, the Palestinians see Israelis only as soldiers. Israelis see Palestinians as terrorists or dishwashers."

Many Israeli high school students joined the mission so that they could learn more about American Jews, and we could hear directly from those who are Israel's future. These young women and men, who will join the army in less than a year, were hopeful but cautious about the peace process. Nobody I spoke with was happy about giving back land. A few expressed more concern about Israel's security than about the imminent danger to their lives.

The massive immigration of more than 450,000 immigrants is dramatically changing Israeli society. In addition to saving lives and strengthening Israeli society, the arrival of so many new olim has become a positive factor in the peace process. As Dr. Asher Sussar explained, "The massive immigration has brought power and longevity. No longer is time on the Arab side." Because Arabs recognize that time is now against them, they are willing to make a pragmatic peace, he stated.

But the absorption of new olim takes dollars away from other needs. Describing the reverse prejudice that has developed, our Israeli guide explained that his daughter could not get a scholarship at Ben Gurion University because she was of Ashkenazic not Oriental descent and because her parents live north of Tel Aviv. Jack Habib of the Joint Distribution committee described the JDC's important work in improving the social fabric of Israeli society, noting that

Israelis shouldn't feel that immigration threatens the basic fabric of Israeli society.

Finding jobs for all the olim is not easy, but Israelis are creatively attacking the problem. We visited a school run by the JDC where older olim, ages 50 to 64, were learning to make commercial jewelry. There is a definite market for this jewelry so once the olim are trained they will have jobs.

In Qiryat Gat, we visited an ulpan with olim recently arrived from the Ukraine, Russia, Yugoslavia, Latvia, India, Iraq and Roumania. The Jewish Agency has gathered all these Jews from disperse lands and has accepted the ambitious goal of absorbing them into Israeli society. Nevertheless, one gentleman from India expressed great anger at the Jewish Agency because he had been sent to an ulpan in Qiryat Gat rather than one in Ashkelon, which would have been closer to his son. Several others complained about small details of their everyday lives.

As I met olim in Israel, I kept thinking about the Jews from Uzbekistan with whom Stuart and I had flown to Israel a few days before. They left behind a stagnant country, a country where despite government protestations to the contrary, there appears to be no future. They left behind a country where the bureaucracy of everyday life is overwhelming, where food processing is primitive, and where the ruble is quickly losing its value. Still to the Jews of Uzbekistan, this was home. In order to come to Israel, they had to leave behind everything they knew. I thought of the elderly man, decorated with rows of medals, who had

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**U.S. Continues To Press Syria To Allow Jews Free Travel**

**By STEVEN WEISS**  
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Clinton administration is "consistently, persistently" pressing the Syrian government to allow more Jews to leave the country, a senior State Department official told Congress.

"We will continue to raise the issue until we're satisfied that all Syrian Jews who wish to travel can do so," Edward Djerejian, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, said during last October appearance on Capitol Hill.

Djerejian testified before the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on

Europe and the Middle East. He addressed the subject of Syrian Jewry in response to questions from Reps. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.) and Peter Deutsch (D-Fla.).

The number of Jews leaving Syria has fallen dramatically since last October, raising doubts about whether President Hafez Assad is still committed to his April 1992 announcement that travel restrictions against Jews had been lifted.

Since Assad's decision granting freedom of travel to Syrian Jews,

"approximately 80 percent of the 3,600 to 4,000 members of the Syrian Jewish community have received exit permits," Djerejian said. Between 1,100 and 1,200 Jews remain in Syria, he said, most of whom are presumably unable to leave.

"Syria promised to allow freedom of exit for Syrian Jewry," said Djerejian. But levels of Jewish emigration from Syria have been at a "mere trickle" in recent months, he said.

The Jewish community reacted positively to Djerejian's comments.

Alice Harary, president of the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, said in a statement that Djerejian affirmed "once again the

strength with which the Clinton administration appears to be pursuing the issue of Syrian Jewry."

Harary added that she remains "very concerned at the cavalier manner" in which Syria has "brushed aside" the Jewish cause there.

"We applaud the administration's continuous efforts to raise the issue

at every opportunity," said Stacy Burdett, assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League's Washington office.

The small numbers of Jews shown to be leaving Syria "believe any statements of President Assad" that the lifting of travel restrictions is still in effect, she said.

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Mr. Adelson will speak on the making of the film at a special showing on Sunday, November 21, 1993, at 3 p.m. at Arshat Hall on the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware. The program is cosponsored with the Jewish Studies Department of the University of Delaware. Arnold Kneitel is the Program Chairman.

Mr. Adelson will describe the making of his film from the diaries and photographs, notebooks and journals that were found when the Russians liberated Lodz.

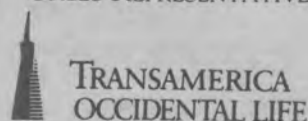
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There will be a discussion period following the showing of the docu-

mentary with Mr. Adelson; Professor Sara Horowitz, Chairperson of the Jewish Studies Department of the University of Delaware, and Martin Ryder, Lodz Ghetto Survivor. The program is free.



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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## Reform Jews Search For New Spirituality

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Reform Jews are thirsting for God.

The quest now is to develop a language for spirituality and a Reform way to grapple with the existential questions of Jewish life.

"Reform has made explicit the universalism in Judaism, but now we must make more explicit the resources for a personal relationship with God in our tradition," said Rabbi Samuel Karff of Houston's Congregation Beth Israel.

At the 62nd biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the number of workshops and speeches devoted to spiritual issues, and the number of people who crowded into them, attested to the fact that the Reform movement is beginning to grapple with the theological issues it long eschewed in favor of concentrating on social action. The convention was held in late October.

A panoply of workshops devoted to spiritual issues was offered.

According to Rabbi Daniel Syme, senior vice president of the UAHC, Reform Jews are ready to deal with theology.

"Never has the expressed need for spiritual sustenance been so great," he said in an interview. "The workshops are in response to demand."

Reform Judaism, which began 120 years ago as a response to Jewish Orthodoxy and as an outgrowth of the religious and philosophical enlightenment of the 19th century, has historically distanced itself from Jewish tradition.

The movement rejects halacha, or Jewish law, as binding and emphasizes instead the right of each Jew to make autonomous decisions about Jewish practice.

Not long ago yarmulkes, the head coverings traditionally donned by Jews while praying and studying re-

ligious texts, could hardly be found in Reform temples.

At one point, the Reform movement even moved Shabbat worship from Saturday, the Jewish sabbath, to Sunday mornings.

More recently, even after resistance to tradition had softened, the Reform movement focused almost exclusively on social action as the vehicle for expressing Judaism's prophetic mission. In most Reform temples, there was little energy devoted to Judaism in purely religious terms.

But all that is changing. Tools for incorporating spirituality into Jewish life are being borrowed from many streams of Jewish thought and behavior. Traditional practices and Jewish philosophies have reworked tradition into very contemporary paradigms.

At the workshop on "Consecrating the Ordinary," Rabbi Peter Knobel of Beth Emet/The Free Synagogue, in Evanston, Ill., advised the overflow, standing-room-only crowd to reclaim mitzvot, or commandments, in their traditional forms as a way of integrating spiritual practice into life.

He spoke of reciting the "Modeh Ani," the prayer traditionally recited in the morning upon waking that thanks God for restoring life; of reciting Shacharit, the morning service; and of saying the "Shema" as he goes to sleep each night.

Knobel, who is also president of the Reform movement's Commission on Religious Living, advocated integrating blessings into each daily activity, to elevate and consecrate even the most mundane acts of life, much as the most observant Jews do.

He also suggested double-dating correspondence, even to non-Jews with both the English and Hebrew dates at the top of the page.

In contrast, another panelist, Rabbi Alan Berg of Peninsula Temple Beth Am in San Mateo, Calif., spoke of

integrating spirituality in ways that seemed more inspired by the creative format developed by the Jewish renewal movement.

He urged that Reform Jews relate Torah-based images to things they encounter in their daily life. For example, when you see a tree, he suggested, think about the trees in the Garden of Eden.

Other images he suggested included a picture of hugging the Torah, the image of the bush burning in front of Moses without being consumed, and the image of the Red Sea splitting as the Israelites escaped from Egypt.

The Reform movement's emphasis on individual autonomy has had some problematic consequences, rabbis said.

Autonomy has resulted in the movement's reaching in so many different directions that "we're unclear about who we are," said Arthur Goss Schaefer, a rabbi from Los Angeles who left the pulpit out of frustration with this issue.

Moreover, autonomy may have been taken too far and destroyed concepts that are necessary for Jewish spiritual growth. It may have been a central reason for the lack of spiritual direction for which so many Reform Jews now search, said one observer.

The emphasis on autonomy will continue to pose an obstacle for rabbis trying to guide their congregants toward spirituality through observance when most members of the denomination's 850 congregations do not want Reform Judaism to expect spiritual discipline of them.

"It's a tension between making demands and losing members," said Gross Schaefer.

Reform Jews, Karff said, must develop a sense of commandedness that has been absent from the Reform movement and consider "what God wants from us."

The movement has "been too cavalier in setting aside the sanctified in Judaism, like covering our head in prayer," Rabbi Dow Marmor of

Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple said at one workshop. "The cumulative effect has been indifference."

As the denomination struggles to balance the often-contradictory demands of individual autonomy with developing ways to express spirituality that will bring people together, Reform Jews are anxiously seeking a relationship with the divine.

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Alyson is currently president of the Wilmington BBG chapter. She is also active in DECA, SAVE and the French Honor Society. She represented Delaware this past summer in Sony's Student Project Abroad program in Japan. she attends Gratz Hebrew High School and the Japanese Amity Center.

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## Jewish Singles Groups

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Being single can be a challenge at any age. If you are Jewish there may be added difficulty looking for someone else who is Jewish, especially in a small state like Delaware. To foster Jewish continuity or just to throw a good party several groups have emerged to meet the needs of Jewish singles.

In Delaware the group P\*H\*A\*S\*E 2 of Delaware Valley is focused on Jewish singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s. The acronym stands for Professional, Hebrew, Adult, Single, Energetic. A recent event was a house party with covered dish dinner. A one-time membership fee of \$5.00



(L to R) Lou Balcher; Israel Encounter participants Rick Mayer from Arlington, VA; Lorna Weiner from Manhattan NY; and Peter Kline from Wilmington, DE; with Jerusalem children receiving sweaters.

is charged by the Delaware based group. For information call (302) 475-3376.

Israel Encounter, a project of the Langhorne, PA based Young Jewish Leadership Council, gives young professionals ages 21-40 an opportu-

nity to travel to Israel. This enhances Jewish identity and gives Jewish singles a chance to meet other young Jewish adults from around the United States. For information call Lou Balcher at (215) 750-9552.

Kahnsultations, Inc., is a Philadelphia, PA based referral service for singles. Carol Kahn, the former program director of the Gershman YM & YWHA/Jewish Community Center in Philadelphia, founded this organization devoted to "matching you with like-minded people for: dating, travel, roommates, holidays, theater, dinner parties, support groups" and the like. For more information call (215) 922-4272.

The Jewish Voice promotes Jewish dating through the increasingly popular personals advertising. For information call Irv Epstein at (302) 478-6200. Many Jewish singles turn to The Jewish Voice because of the reasonable rates and the reach into many Jewish homes in Delaware and vicinity, according to Epstein.

Select connections out of Georgia is another Jewish singles group. At press time their Delaware area activity could not be verified.

## Teaming

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devoted his life to the Soviet Union. He left his identity in Uzbekistan. I remembered the mother who left a son in Uzbekistan in order to join a daughter in Israel. Would she ever see her son again? I pictured the young woman who had to leave two large bundles behind because she was carrying more than forty-five kilos. Each was disoriented, each was afraid. Now they had joined the vibrant, free society known as Israel. Soon they too would be adding their voices to the thriving democracy. The Jewish Agency had brought them from a world of darkness and stagnation to one of light and life.

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said, "When I first did this program the audience response was tremendous. Over the years people who missed that presentation, and even a lot who saw it, have been after me to repeat it. I usually prefer to do original programs each year but since I am planning a gala Jewish Choral Concert for the Spring I thought this might be a good time to schedule an encore performance.

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The choir blends precision choreography, multiple harmonies and "first rate staging for an evening of pure entertainment," according to organizers.

The choir will make its first appearance in Philadelphia on: Sunday night, November 28, at Lower Merion High School, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 or \$20.00, students: \$10.00

To order tickets or for more information, call the Etz Chaim Center at (215) 742-1044.

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the copy Deadline, published in each edition of *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Jews In Film Lecture

### Monday 8

A trio of comic tales that deal with fronted by the toughest challenge of her life, *Tel Aviv Stories* will open The Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Center of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Philadelphia, 7 p.m. The speakers will be Ehud Bleiberg, Israeli producer and Carol Saline, journalist, broadcaster and author.

### Tuesday 9

Wine & Cheese Party for Perspective Members, 7:30 p.m.

Brandywine ORT would love to get to know you and tell you about ORT. For more information call Ruth Rosenberg, 529-1296.

### Thursday 11

Howard Shack, author of *A Spy in Canaan: My Life as a Jewish American Businessman Spying for Israel in Arab Lands*, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday 13

Israeli Film Cup Final, 7:30-8:00 p.m.  
Club 56 Dinner Social - All fifth and sixth graders are invited to the

JCC for a dinner social, games and music from 6 to 8 p.m. \$5.50 for members and \$8 for non-members. Call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

### Club 56 Dinner Social, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join all of your fifth and sixth grade friends at the JCC for an evening of dinner, games and music. Fees: \$5.50/Members, \$8.00/Non-Members. Call Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

### Sunday 14

A theatre production. *Guarding the Garden*, 2:00 p.m.  
Reception for Patrons and Sponsors, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Book and Gift Sales. Through December 5, 1993.

Teen Travel Reunion Mystery Trip - Teen Travel Campers from Camp JCC are invited to the JCC from 2 to 4 p.m. A bus ride to a mystery destination is scheduled. \$6 per person. Call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

The Philadelphia premier of the 1924 Austrian film *City Without Jews* will be shown at The Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Center of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Philadelphia. The film depicts the expulsion of the thriving Jewish community from Austria. After the 1938 Anschluss, all copies of the film vanished. A

tattered print finally re-appeared in 1991 which was restored and presented at the Vienna International Film Festival.

### Monday 15

The YJAD sponsors a Fitness Center night at the JCC. Call Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943.

### A.A.R.P. Seminar, 10:30 a.m.

"How Does Your Nutrition Measure Up?" A representative from Jewish Family Service will lead this A.A.R.P. Seminar. A video will be shown and handouts will be available. Join The Senior Center and learn how our diets and eating habits change as we age. This program is free and open to the entire community.

### Tuesday 16

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Song of Songs and Commentary*.

An exhibit of work by Rebecca Shore and Menachem Boas. Through December 31, 1993.

2nd Annual Storytime for Preschoolers, 2:00-2:30 p.m., Concord Public Library. Brandywine ORT celebrates Jewish Book Month at our 2nd annual special Storytime for Preschoolers at the Concord Pike Public Library. This event is open to the community at large.

Professor Norbert Samuelson will speak on "Jews in Film, Contributions to American Popular Culture," on Sunday evening, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. This lecture is part of the Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education committee's 1993-94 program, entitled "The 20th Century American Jewish Community, Looking Backward, Looking Forward." Professor Samuelson will illustrate his lecture with videos of Hollywood

Professor Samuelson is Professor of Religion at Temple University where he teaches various courses on Judaica, including Jewish philosophy and film. He has published six books and more than ninety scholarly articles on Jewish philosophy. He has also lectured widely within and outside the university on the subject of Jews in film. This lecture has proved always to be a popular one, according to a press release sent to *The Jewish Voice*.

Admission to this lecture is \$6 per person or \$20 for the entire season of four lectures. The lecture will take place at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 14, in the Gibstein Auditorium of Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington. For additional information, call the synagogue at (302) 654-4462.



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# Words & Music: Toronto Controversy

By STEVE COHEN  
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*Show Boat*. The landmark musical by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II has just been revived there in a lavish production by Hal Prince in cooperation with the Hammerstein family. The opening was attended by Hammerstein's sons, Bill and Jim, and by critics from New York, Philadelphia and London. The show will get to Broadway in 1994.

Picketing by black protesters marred the Toronto opening, with some black activists accusing the authors and producers as being anti-black Jews. More about this in a moment.

What distinguished *Show Boat* from all preceding shows was its realistic characters and story. Based on a 1926 novel by Edna Ferber, it dealt with interracial marriage, a leading woman who was an alcoholic and a leading man who was a gambler and a womanizer, and it showed the oppression of the black people who worked on the Mississippi.

As theater historian Miles Kreuger observed, the usual 1920's musical was invariably light-hearted fare about comic events at a college, country

club or Long Island estate.

The most sympathetic character in the show is the black stevedore, Joe, who sings "Ol' Man River" as a reminder of the oppression of his people. I hear the song as a paean to endurance in the face of oppression.

Hammerstein originally started the song "Ol' Man River" with Joe sarcastically singing the words:

"Niggers all work on de Mississippi; Niggers all work while de white folks play."

After opening night we revised it, to avoid offending people, to "Darkies all work on de Mississippi..." For the 1946 revival he changed it to "Colored folk work..." and for the movie memorial to Kern, *Til the Clouds Roll By*, it became "Here we all work..."

Other references to racial oppression also were softened in later revivals, to the point where *Show Boat*'s South began to resemble *Gone With the Wind*'s prettified version. This new production tries to restore the harsh realities of Hammerstein's original concept.

But Stephanie Payne, a black school trustee in North York, Ontario (the Toronto suburb in which the theater is located), denounced the show as "a kind of hate literature" because it showed blacks in a subservient role. On Feb. 20 Payne charged on a Canadian news program that it is mostly Jewish men who put on shows denigrating blacks. She named

a number of Jews connected with the production, and included the names of Ferber, Kern and Hammerstein.

As much as some Jews have been proud to claim Hammerstein as one of them, in fact he was not a Jew. Hammerstein and Ferber, who wrote the original story, were political liberals who wrote and behaved with great sympathy for blacks. Most observers feel that they helped the cause of freedom and dignity for blacks.

Payne apologized on March 11 for her remarks, but the anti-Jewish attack was picked up in an editorial in the black weekly *Share*, which said, "Someone who is Jewish actually sat down and wrote about 'niggers.'" Then a Coalition to Stop *Show Boat* organized a boycott of the musical. Nineteen of the 22 members of the United Way's Black and Caribbean Fundraising Committee resigned in protest, and even B'nai B'rith Canada and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University cancelled fund-raising events that they had planned around *Show Boat*.

But another Jewish group, the Jewish Family and Child Service, went ahead with plans for a November 4 theater party. "There is no reason...to blame the Jewish community for *Show Boat*," said Louis Lenkinski, chair of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Lenkinski suggested that the black community follow the example of the Jewish community's reaction to the staging of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford in 1989. Instead of calling for a ban or a boycott, the Jewish Congress arranged for the historical relevance of the Shylock character to be explained by qualified teachers.

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## Jewish Film Festival

The Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA, at Broad and Pine Streets in Philadelphia, will open its 13th season the weekend of November 6 with the Philadelphia premiere of *Tel Aviv Stories*, a new film from Israel. As an innovation for the Film Festival's 13th year, the full program, including speakers will be presented for both the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon screenings. In celebration of its Bar/Bat Mitzvah year, the Jewish Film Festival will present 13 films from 10 countries that celebrate the complexity and diversity of the Jewish experience. Tickets for Jewish Film Festival 13 are \$12.50 for opening night, Saturday, Nov. 6 and \$6.50 for Sunday and Monday. All other programs are \$8.50 for Saturday evening and \$6.50 for Sunday and Monday. Season subscriptions are still available. For information, call the Jewish Film Festival office at (215) 545-4400, ext. 241.

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Trudi Alexi will follow on Thursday, November 18, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. with a discussion of her extraordinary search for her identity, in her book, "The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot."

Tickets are \$3.00 for members - \$2.00 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the JCC.

## Guarding The Garden

The acclaimed educational theatre from New Legends "Guarding the Garden" will appear at the JCC during the First Cultural Arts Festival on Sunday, Nov. 14th at 2:00 p.m. The show's ability to involve both grandparents and grandchildren makes it entertaining and meaningful to audiences of all ages.

Several quotes are worth reprinting. "To say our parents and students merely loved it would be untrue — they adored it!"

Dr. Jack Sparks, Director of Education, Central Synagogue, NYC. "An extraordinary experience for people of all ages and backgrounds, bringing together environmental, social and Jewish concerns." Rabbi Charles Kroloff, Temple Emanu El, Westfield, N.J.

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## Temple Beth El Men's Club To Discuss Solar Energy

The Temple Beth El Men's Club November guest speaker will be Dr. William N. Shafarman, Research Associate, Institute of Energy Conversion at the University of Delaware who will speak on "Whatever happened to Solar Energy?" Many of us have lost sight of the need for energy conservation and the use of alternate forms of energy that can ease the potential effects of continued reliance on energy usage from fossil fuels. Dr. Shafarman will include some of the political and economic aspects of solar energy, with insight into the "behind the scene" activities that take place in Washington as well as give us an overview of our energy needs and the whats, hows and wherefores of solar energy.

Please plan now to join us for a very informative session as well as a delicious bagel breakfast on Sunday, November 14th at 9:30 a.m. at 301 Possum Park Road.

## Wine & Cheese Social

Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware cordially invites you to a Wine & Cheese Social. Come and meet Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Esq. "A Professional for the 90's." 7:00 p.m. Monday November 8, 1993 at the Jewish Community Center. Bring a friend but no bad lawyer jokes.

Marla Feldman, both a Reform rabbi and a lawyer, recently joined the staff of the Jewish Federation as the JCRC Director and YLC staff liaison. Her background allows her to bring a unique vision to Jewish life and community involvement.

## Anti-War Film

Cup Final, the Israeli anti-war film, will be shown on Saturday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m., as part of the first JCC Cultural Arts Festival.

The film takes place in June, 1982, as Israel invades Lebanon. The Israeli soldier Cohen is captured by retreating PLO fighters. Cohen's only solace is that both he and the leader of the PLO are fanatical followers of soccer, and the World Cup is taking place. Both share a passion for the Italian National Team.

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MEYER ABLEMAN

Meyer Ableman, a former deputy attorney general in Sussex County, who founded Delaware's first home loan savings bank, died October 18 at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, where he was a patient. He was 87.

Mr. Ableman, of Methodist Manor House, Seaford, formerly of Millsboro, was deputy attorney general from 1955 to 1960. He was in private law practice in Sussex County for more than 50 years.

In the 1960s, Mr. Ableman organized the Home Loan Savings Bank in Millsboro, served as a hearing officer for the state Unemployment Compensation Commission, was Sussex County chairman of the

American Red Cross fund drive for several years and was a member of the Millsboro School Board for seven years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a graduate of Millsboro High School, the University of Delaware and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He traveled through China, Russia and the Middle East and enjoyed sports.

Mr. Ableman is survived by his wife, Lou, and nieces and nephews.

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

She enjoyed horseback riding.

Her husband died in 1958. She is survived by a son, Stanley G., and a daughter, Patsy Gorsuch, both of Wilmington; two sisters, Dora Leopold and Ceil Sadick, both of Palm Springs, Calif.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom.

ROSE SCHOENBERG

Rose Schoenberg, founder of a local Jewish funeral home and a self-employed bookkeeper, died Sunday, Oct. 24, of cancer at home. She was 72.

Mrs. Schoenberg moved to 7609 Society Drive, Thomas West House, about five years ago from Chalfonte, Brandywine Hundred, where she lived about 20 years. Earlier, she lived in the Old Ninth Ward section of Wilmington.

Until 1984, Mrs. Schoenberg and her husband owned and operated Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Since it opened in 1950, the chapel has been Delaware's only Jewish funeral home, family members said.

For 40 years, until about 1980, Mrs. Schoenberg was a bookkeeper for many local clients, including H. Feinberg's Furniture Co., Eppe's Clothing Store and Ace Poultry, all Wilmington, and West Chester (Pa.) Hide Co.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, and helped found its sisterhood, Machezkey Hadas. She also was a member of the local chapters of Hadassah, Deborah, Mizrach and Pioneer women, and the Order of the Golden Chain.

She was raised in Atlantic City, N.J., and Wilmington.

Her husband, Harold, died in 1984. She is survived by a son, Alan of Wilmington; a daughter, Roberta "Bobbe" L. Henderson of Wilmington; a brother, Seymour J. Weillikson of Laguna Hills, Calif.; a sister, Leah Brodie of East Windsor, N.J.; and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the charity of your choice.

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## REBECCA ISAKOFF

Rebecca Isakoff, 89, of Shipley Manor, 2723 Shipley Road, Brandywine Hundred, formerly of Rockford Park Apartments, Wilmington, died October 21 in Shipley Manor Health Care Center, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Isakoff, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, where she helped in the Men's Club Breakfast Meetings. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and a life member of Hadassah.

Her husband, Harry, died in 1975. She is survived by two sons, Sheldon of Chadds Ford, Pa., and Lawrence of Green Acres; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

**MAY SCHWARTZ** — October 21, 1993, May (Dektor), wife of the late Louis died. She was the Mother of Dr. David Schwartz & Barton Schwartz, Mother-in-law Barbara & Eileen, Schwartz and was also survived by 8 grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made Ohev Shalom Cong., 2 Chester Rd., Wallingford, PA.

## ISRAEL SHAPIRO

Israel Shapiro, 94, of Shipley Manor, 2723 Shipley Road, Brandywine Hundred, formerly of the B'nai B'rith Building, Claymont, and 516 W. 37th St., Wilmington, died October 24, of a heart attack in St. Francis Hospital, where he was a patient.

Mr. Shapiro had been a clothing salesman at the now defunct Epps Department Store, Fourth and Market streets, Wilmington.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, B'nai B'rith and Deborah Heart & Lung Association.

His wife, Goldie, died in 1979. He is survived by two sons, Dr. Alan of Medford, N.J., and Ronald of Burke, Va.; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Hospital, Box 820, Browns Mills, N.J. 08015-0820.

## DR. SIDNEY STAT

Dr. Sidney Stat, a local doctor for more than 60 years and a decorated World War II veteran, died October 15 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital. He was 89.

Dr. Stat lived and had a general practice at 1818 Delaware Ave., Wilmington. He retired in 1991.

He was a medical officer in the 83rd Army Infantry Division in Europe during World War II. He was awarded the Silver Star. His citation said Dr. Stat "...disregarded his personal safety during action in Germany by voluntarily forming a rescue squad and while under heavy fire...directed the evacuation of wounded Americans and administered first aid to many others in nearby ditches."

The Wilmington native was a 1921 graduate of Wilmington High School and graduated in 1924 from the University of Pennsylvania and in 1928 from its medical school. He earned a master's degree in sociology in 1927 from Columbia University.

Dr. Stat was a resident physician at St. Francis Hospital and a member of the Medical Society of Delaware. He was a former coroner's physician and deputy state medical examiner.

He is survived by two nephews and three nieces.

The family suggests contributions to the educational fund of the Delaware Academy of Medicine, Wilmington.

## HENRIETTA WEISS

Henrietta Weiss, 89, formerly of Presidential Towers, Claymont, died October 19 at Shipley Manor nursing home, Brandywine Hundred, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Weiss, a homemaker, enjoyed playing bridge.

Her husband, Jacob "Jack," died in 1991. She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Watson of Wilmington; a brother, Morton Lewis of North Carolina; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

## Jay Yoskowitz Named Executive Vice Chair of UJA

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Jay Yoskowitz has been appointed executive vice chairman of United Israel Appeal, Inc. (UIA), according to an announcement made by UIA Chairman Norman H. Lipoff. Yoskowitz, who served as UIA associate executive vice chairman since 1990, assumed the top leadership post on October 1, replacing Herman S. Markowitz, who retired. (Editor's Note: Jay Yoskowitz is the brother of Delaware's Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz)

# Jewish and Female

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major reasons women come to the group. "Some come to the group to free themselves from the binds of the way they know Judaism. Unbinding comes from education—we're learning about what is custom and what is law."

"We are studying history, and we are penetrating the Bible. The stories in the Bible are told from a male perspective and women are always the object, rather than the subject. As an act of reclamation, we spend a lot of time looking at the matriarchs. We critique the patriarchal system and are trying to determine if that kind of system really damages us by eroding our self-respect."

Rudnitzky believes that regardless of religious orientation, contemporary women's roles and self-images are rooted in the attitudes conveyed in religious texts. She also believes, compared to other religions, women are treated with more respect in Jewish writings and that from ancient times the lives of Jewish women were better than those in surrounding cultures. These factors, combined with the ethical aspects of Judaism, may account for the high profile involvement of Jewish women in the contemporary women's movement.

Harriet Ainbinder, a child psychologist who belongs to Adas Kodesch, the Traditional synagogue, and a participant in the Jewish feminist group, believes in the values of traditional Judaism but feels that feminism must be incorporated into the tradition. "It's foolish," she says, "to dismiss thousands of years of history and start over. You cannot cut off roots and expect to survive. We cannot be Jewish women without a past. But it is important that women have access to those parts of Judaism that men have access to, for example, prayer, ritual, minyan, Torah, learning Talmud. When we don't give women full participation, we tend to lose some of them, and we can't afford that."

And Ainbinder is troubled by some of the serious injustices traditional Judaism perpetrates on women. "On one level," she says, "I think that Judaism is a religion of justice and a religion whose practices are intelligent and psychologically sound. But some rules are an aberration judicially, for instance, the rabbis have

not been able to figure out how to deal with the agunah issue and with men who refuse to give aget — this has caused many people pain and suffering."

Ainbinder feels positive, however, about some of the changes for women within the synagogue. Women historically have celebrated Rosh Hodesh service (the beginning, for example, of the new lunar month).

Locally AKSA women lead a monthly traditional Rosh Hodesh service enhanced creatively with poems, statements, prayer, and music. For Simchat Torah, women have a separate Torah service in which they can receive aliyot. "And last year," adds Ainbinder, "women in the study group wrote a women's seder with sensitivity toward what traditional women feel."

Rabbi Dresin, of Adas Kodesch, is supportive of women studying religious texts. "I consider myself a feminist," he declares. We encourage women's involvement in synagogue life within the parameters of Halakhah and Jewish tradition. Among the innovations at Adas Kodesch, women are invited to give a D'var Torah periodically on topics of Jewish interest."

However, with regard to women rabbis, Rabbi Dresin observed "I'm an orthodox rabbi and the orthodox movement does not support the ordination of women. I think a woman's role is separate, but equal."

Judy Wortmann, executive director of the Jewish Federation, has been involved with Jewish feminism since 1973. "At that time," she recalls, "there was a Jewish women's conference in New York. Hundreds of women from different places got together to explore Judaism and its impact on women. All of them, including the most orthodox, wanted to see change. For me, it was an eye opener and I started a women's group — they were all professionals and were left out of the most important Jewish religious practices because of their gender. I was most impressed by the large group of orthodox women at the conference who were looking for ways within Halakhah to be able to find a place, and one of the things that came out of that was women's study of text. One of the chief problems was that most of the teachers were men and were teaching from a male perspective, so there was a move to create women scholars so that learning could be unbiased. That was 20 years ago, and I think women were much more militant then...Women now have begun to move from being so angry about being excluded. And there have been

many changes, even among the orthodox...Jewish feminism has become mainstream. There's a lot more to do, but I think we're on the right track."

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