



The spectacular opening ceremony of 13th Maccabiah Games. The latest Maccabiah Games began July 5 and feature athletes from a record number of countries. WZPS

## Anti-Choice Extremists Stifle Delaware Clinic Community Leaders Deplore Tactics Explain Tolerance of Choice

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

“It’s a dangerous individual who says I have the only point of view.”

On Saturday, July 10, about 300 anti-abortion activists shut down a Delaware abortion clinic for several hours before police stepped in. Members of Operation Rescue, a Florida-based anti-choice group, encircled the Brandywine Valley Women’s Center, a clinic on Philadelphia Pike, in Wilmington, shutting down operations. The unlawful protest was part of a 10-day nationwide Operation Rescue disturbance targeting abortion clinics and staffers in this Delaware Valley area and six other metropolitan regions, according to published reports.

“Forcing someone to have a child? I don’t know if it is a great moral victory.”

Delaware State Police arrested 130 alleged trespassers after the uncivil protesters reportedly crowded all clinic entrances preventing any patients or staff entering or leaving. The

porch at the women’s center collapsed under the weight of the unruly mob, according to Eric C. Harrah, executive director of the center.

“What happened is unconscionable,” exclaimed Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, of Congregation Beth Emeth, a Reform synagogue in Wilmington, reacting to the illegal blockade of the clinic. “A woman has the ultimate say with regard to her own reproductive rights.” The rabbi continued, “From a pro-choice standpoint, I would respect a person who is against abortion and I would expect that person would respect the rights of any other person. Abortion is constitutional. I would certainly expect the police to come to the aid of any beleaguered clinic.”

“I’m not pro-abortion,” Rabbi Grumbacher stressed, “I’m pro-choice.”

“I find it appalling that we live in an age where one group still believes they’re the spokesmen for God. That unless you conform your conduct to their definition of what is appropriate you are ungodly, unworthy and immoral,” said Bob Coonin, of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. Coonin said he “resents people hiding behind their religion to force others into doing what they say is morally correct. The issue isn’t whether an abortion is performed, that is a personal issue not a religious issue.”

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## First Sabra Woman Rabbi to be Ordained in Israel

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The first native-born Israeli woman to be ordained a rabbi in Israel will receive her simcha next week by the Reform movement.

Maya Leibowitz, 46, a second-generation Israeli, will be ordained during a festive ceremony July 14 along with other graduates of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem who are from Holland and Argentina.

HUC’s president, Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, and members of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in America will come to Israel especially for this occasion.

Leibowitz is the second woman to be ordained in Israel but the first sabra.

American-born Naamah Kelman, the first, was ordained last year as HUC. Married and a mother of three, Kelman lives in Jerusalem, where she is in charge of education for Israelis under the Reform movement, part of the TALI alternative school system.

Another native Israeli, Einat Ramon, was the first Israeli woman ordained as a rabbi, but was given her simcha in New York by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the rabbinical and Jewish studies institute of the Conservative movement.

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## Flood Impact on Midwestern Jews Limited But Federation to Participate in Relief Efforts

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

According to a story by Bob Cohn, editor of The St. Louis Jewish Light, “as of press time there have been no reports received of major impact on Jewish residents in the flooded regions.” Federation officials in Des Moines, Iowa were not readily available to comment on the impact in their region. To help the many victims of the flood throughout the midwest,

the Jewish Federation of St. Lewis has created an emergency appeal to aid area flood victims, according to Cohn’s story.

Local contributions, in concert with a Council of Jewish Federations relief effort will be collected by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Checks should be made out to Council of Jewish Federations, Inc. Midwest Relief Fund and sent to The Jewish Federation of Delaware, Midwest Relief Fund, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.



Twenty-four leaders of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry recently celebrated the journey of a Sefer Torah from Brooklyn to Beersheva. A gift of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Koven of New York City, Boca Raton and Connecticut, the Torah was delivered to its new home in Israel’s first Ethiopian synagogue, established by NACOEJ in 1989.

## Dine Out at AIPAC after Unorthodox Remarks

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
and LARRY YUDELSON

WASHINGTON (PNR) and (JTA) Compiled from stories — One of the most respected leaders of the organized American Jewish community and influential political professionals in Washington has stepped down from his post in the face of protests over remarks he made that were seen as disparaging fervently Orthodox Jews.

Thomas Dine abruptly resigned as executive director of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee on August 28 a week after a storm of protest followed his acknowledgement that four years ago he had spoken of Orthodox Jews as “smelly” and “low class” to an Israeli author of a recently published book.

In his letter of resignation effective June 30 to Steve Grossman, AIPAC’s president, the



Thomas Dine

53-year-old administrator said the controversy was of “misleading nature” because in answering the Israelis question about Jewish fundamentalism he was speaking of what “some elements in the community actually think” and “did not mean those words to be interpreted as my beliefs.”

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## Delaware's Maccabiah Athletes



Kari Kleinburd of Bear Juniors Swimming



Robert Pritchett of Wilmington Wrestling

## Terrorists Also Planned to Blow-Up Diamond District

**By KENNETH DANCYGER**  
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Moslem fundamentalist group arrested for allegedly plotting to bomb several locations throughout New York City also considered targeting the heavily Jewish diamond district in Manhattan, a prosecutor said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lev Dassin quoted a taped conversation in which Abdelgani spoke of the possibility of bombing the diamond district.

Most of the shops in the area, which is anchored by 47th Street, are owned and run by Jews, many of them Hasidim and many Israeli.

"This is the heart of Israel here in Manhattan," Dassin quoted one alleged conspirator as saying.

"Boom, broken windows, Jews in the streets," he quoted another as saying.

The new charges came the same day that Reuters news agency reported that El Sayyid Nosair, the Moslem activist imprisoned in connection with the 1990 murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane, will soon be indicted for helping plot the World Trade Center bombing last February.

Nosair, the suspects in the World Trade Center bombing and the suspects arrested last week are all linked to the radical Sheik Omar Abdel

Rahman, the Egyptian cleric preaching most recently in New Jersey.

The ringleader of those arrested last week, Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali, visited Nosair in prison on May 21.

Ali's group was charged with plotting to bomb the United Nations headquarters, FBI headquarters in Manhattan, and the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, which connect New York City with New Jersey.

Investigators also said the group had an assassination list that included U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) and New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind.

Prosecutors added there was evidence that the group planned to blast the area before the end of the month, when rent on the "safe house," where the bombs were allegedly constructed, was due to expire.

FBI agents raided the fundamentalist's bomb factory and arrested five suspects who were in the process of mixing deadly chemicals, which would allegedly be used in the bombs. Agents also arrested three others in the New York area.

U.S. Magistrate James Francis ordered Abdelgani be held without bail because he is dangerous and may flee the United States.

## Pollard Transferred to Less-Secure Prison, Supporters Not Satisfied

**By LARRY YUDELSON**  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Jonathan Pollard was transferred from the maximum-security prison where he has spent the past six years, to a less-secure federal penitentiary in Butner, N.C.

Pollard, a former U.S. Navy analyst who pled guilty in 1986 to passing state secrets to Israel, had been serving his life sentence in Marion, Ill. The transfer, which took place Monday, had been rumored for months.

The Butner prison is "a considerably less guarded prison" than the facility in Marion, according to Pollard's lawyer, Theodore Olson.

Pollard's supporters, however, are anxious that the possible amelioration of his conditions not derail efforts to obtain his freedom, which is being sought by pressing President Clinton for clemency.

Resolutions calling for a review of the sentence have recently been passed by the city councils of New York, Miami and Los Angeles.

A statement issued by Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard, Canada, cautioned that "A move to another prison is not a victory!

"It is not a reason to relax concern for Mr. Pollard!"

"A prison is a prison," Elaine Zeitz, Canadian spokeswoman for the Pol-

lard case, explained. "He has already served much longer than anyone else convicted for similar circumstances in America. Do not be taken in by anyone who says this is a victory. Jonathan's greatest fear now is that his supporters will become complacent."

A highly placed Senate source, however, cautioned that Pollard's supporters threaten to "shoot themselves in the foot once again."

Some, among them Rabbi Avi Weiss and Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz, have been raising his plight in connection with the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

## Pressberg Resigns as Head of Americans For Peace Now

**By LARRY YUDELSON**  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Gail Pressberg has announced that she is stepping down as president of Americans for Peace Now, to return to more direct involvement in political activism on behalf of the organization.

Such work was at the center of Pressberg's APN activities before she assumed the presidency in February, when former President Jonathan Jacoby left to work on behalf of Israel's Labor Party.

## New Group Place Ads Reopening Battle over Peace Now Status

**By LARRY YUDELSON**  
NEW YORK (JTA) — In ads placed in the *New York Times* and 18 Jewish newspapers across the country this month, a hitherto unknown Jewish organization called Pro Israel has tried to reopen an organizational battle that many thought was settled in March.

But the ads, which attacked the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations for

support the efforts to achieve a comprehensive, lasting peace settlement in the Middle East and call on Israel and the Arab states to take further steps for confidence-building."

The statement continues: "We reiterate that the Arab boycott should end. We call on Israel to respect its obligations with regard to the occupied territories. We support the effort of reconstruction in Lebanon."

Jewish organizations expressed dismay over two elements of the statement: the juxtaposition of the boycott issue with a reference to Israel's behavior in the territories, and the denunciation of the Arab boycott in general, rather than specifically the secondary boycott.

It is the secondary boycott, which

affects foreign companies that do business with Israel, that is seen as most damaging to Israel's prospects for foreign investment, and as illegal. By contrast, the primary boycott of Israel by Arab states is seen under international law as a political issue, akin to the boycott of Cuban goods by the United States.

"By giving us too much, they gave us too little," said an official with one Jewish organization. "The call for the end of the boycott is not a practical objective. The secondary boycott is something they can do something about."

Jewish groups also expressed displeasure with the fact that the statement mentions Israeli conduct in the territories without any reference to Palestinian acts of violence.

During the debate in March over APN's bid to join the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Pressberg became a lightning rod for the opposition.

Pressberg previously worked for the American Friends Service Committee and the Foundation for Middle East Peace, groups seen by many as pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel.

In her resignation letter Pressberg said her desire for reassignment predated the group's election to the Conference of Presidents.

"The problem is not Gail Pressberg. The problem is the positions Peace Now is taking," said Morton Klein, president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Zionist Organization of America and leader of the effort to prevent APN's admission to the Conference of Presidents.

At the conference, Executive Vice Chairman Malcolm Hoenlein said the move would have no impact on APN's functioning within the umbrella group, since Pressberg had not personally attended its meetings.

accepting Americans for Peace Now as a member, have cost Pro Israel the endorsement of Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu withdrew his support, saying his endorsement was given for Pro Israel's announced goal of increasing understanding of Israel, not for attacking other Jewish organizations.

"For a group that's pro-Israel, there are many more important messages

they could have used their funds for," said Malcolm Hoenlein of the Conference of Presidents.

And at Peace Now, outgoing President Gail Pressberg said the ads, while a "nuisance," have helped her organization.

"A couple of people wrote us, 'I never heard of you, it sounds like you're doing good work, here's the double-chai (\$36) contribution that Pro Israel wanted,'" she said.

Ginsburg was one of two judges on a three-judge panel who voted to reject an appeal by Pollard, in which he sought to withdraw his guilty plea.

According to the Senate source,

## More News in Jerusalem's Jordan Section

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jews now outnumber Palestinians in the section of Jerusalem that was under Jordanian rule prior to 1967, Deputy Mayor Avraham Kahilla reported this week to members of the city plan-

ing committee. The number of Jews now living in those areas of the city that were Jordanian before being captured by Israel in 1967 exceeds 160,000. The number of Palestinians living in those same areas is about 155,000.

## BRIEFS

## Vietnam, Israel Sign Memorandum To Establish Diplomatic Relations

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Vietnam and Israel signed a memorandum of understanding this week to establish diplomatic relations.

The agreement was signed in Jerusalem by Nguyen Dy Nien, Vietnam's visiting deputy foreign minister, and his Israeli counterpart, Yossi Beilin. It was described here as a significant step for Israel in building up its relations with the Far East.

Beilin said the agreement represents "a new chapter in Israeli foreign policy."

## Peres Meets in Egypt with Mubarak, Expresses Hope About Peace Talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres sought to project an air of optimism as they met in the Egyptian port city of Alexandria.

Peres concluded his two-day trip to Egypt confident that the Egyptians will play an active and constructive role in the peace process and press the Palestinians to be more flexible in the negotiations.

Peres said that Egypt had agreed to urge the Palestinians to continue the peace talks using an American-drafted paper as the basis for discussing Palestinian self-rule.

Despite statements of disappointment regarding the American paper by both Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Peres said in Alexandria, "I think that we have agreed that while the American draft is not a holy script, it should not be retracted."

"We have to take it as an opening position, introduce the necessary changes and try to impress the Palestinians with the need to continue preparations for the next round right away," the Israeli foreign minister said.

Peres met with Mubarak on the second day of his visit to Egypt, which was arranged to boost progress in both the bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

Egypt has encouraged the parties to persist in their negotiating efforts and aided indirect communication between Israel and the PLO.

During Peres' stay in Egypt, Arafat passed briefly through Cairo and reportedly met with Mubarak presidential aide Osama el-Baz. Peres met with el-Baz on Monday.

## Bill Would Allow Lawsuits by Citizens Hurt by Firms Complying with Boycott

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Legislation introduced this week in Congress would allow private citizens harmed by companies who comply with the Arab boycott of Israel to sue the companies for damages.

Currently, experts believe that the government is the only party with the legal right to seek penalties against companies violating U.S. anti-boycott laws.

The companies can be penalized by the Commerce Department.

But under terms of the legislation introduced Tuesday by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), organizations or individuals losing business or job opportunities as a result of a company's compliance with the boycott could sue the offending company.

## Palestinian Police Force Trained for Jerusalem

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Twenty-eight Palestinians are in Jordan to train for four months as police officers to guard the headquarters in Jerusalem of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks, according to a Palestinian official.

A despatch from Amman, Jordan, in The Washington Times June 21 reported Farouk Amin, head of security for the delegation, as saying in Jerusalem that another group will leave soon for Egypt for police training. Amin was described as a former police officer to the Israeli-supervised West Bank force. Many Arabs working for that force had resigned after the start in 1987 of the intifada. During the ninth round of bilateral talks in Washington in May, Israeli negotiators suggested the Palestinians form an independent force.

## Settlers Force Out Russian Olim Because the Women Aren't Jewish

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two immigrant families from Russia, currently living in the West Bank settlement of Beit El, are being forced out of their homes because the women are not Jewish, according to an Israeli newspaper report.

The local absorption committee informed one of the families that as it was "unlikely that the women could undergo halachic conversion procedure in the near future, you will have to find a housing settlement out of Beit El," the Yediot Achronot newspaper reported recently.

"When I received Israeli citizenship," said Svetlana, "I did not imagine in my worst dreams that I would become a second-class citizen."

Rabbi Shlomo Aviner of Beit El explained: "The settlement has absorption criteria just like kibbutzim and moshavim have always had their own criteria. A man must fit his social environment."

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## Holocaust Museum Will Close on Christmas and Yom Kippur

By DEBORAH KALB and LISA MANN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has announced that it will be closed on Yom Kippur, making it the only federal museum in Washington to be closed on any day other than Christmas and New Year's.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council adopted a resolution explaining that because Christmas Day was special to the non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and Yom Kippur was

important to the Jewish victims, the museum should close on both holidays.

The religious component of the museum has been a controversial issue over the years, as various officials debated how "Jewish" versus how "American" the institution should be.

Miles Lerman and Ruth Mandel were sworn in June 24 as chairman and vice chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

Lerman, a businessman and Holocaust survivor, and Mandel, a professor who fled Nazi-occupied Europe as an infant with her parents, will run what has become the museum's board of trustees.

"There is no more fitting way to honor the victims of Nazi atrocities than to put these memories of their terrible tragedy to work in an effort to fight and condemn bigotry and hatred whenever and wherever it may appear," Lerman said.

## PLO Confirms Talks with Israel, Rabin Denies Report is True

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has denied a newspaper report that Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have held secret talks, but both Palestinian and Israeli sources have confirmed the report.

The Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz on Monday quoted a "senior political source" as saying that talks between Israeli and PLO officials from Tunis have been held during the past few weeks, through messengers in both Israel and an Arab country, with the full knowledge and support of Rabin and PLO leader Yasir Arafat.

The American administration was also involved in the talks, the source was quoted as saying.

If true, that would be a change in policy for the United States, which severed a 17-month dialogue with the PLO in June 1990.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said, "As you know, we don't have discussions directly with the PLO."

In Tunis, meanwhile, Arafat told the Reuters news agency Monday that senior PLO officials had met with Israeli diplomats in Washington twice during the last round of Middle East peace talks.

But Arafat said the talks failed in their attempt to break the stalemate in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The source quoted by Ha'aretz did not mention who took part in the negotiations but said that they were being held at a level "high enough to make decisions."

Gad Ben-Ari, Rabin's spokesman, denied the report, stressing that the peace negotiations were being held only within the framework of the rules laid down in the 1991 conference in Madrid.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres also denied the newspaper report.

Reports of the alleged Israeli-PLO meetings surfaced as American envoy Dennis Ross shuttled from one Middle East capital to another, in an attempt to break the deadlocks in Israel's separate bilateral negotiations with Syria and the Palestinians.

## Deadline July 29 for August Issue

The August issue date of The Jewish Voice will be August 6, not August 20, as listed in printed brochures. As a result the deadlines for advertising and editorial material have also been changed to July 29.

These changes have been printed in our Deadline Box for some time but this reminder is included as a courtesy to our readers, advertisers and contributors.

## Connecticut and Israel: A Partnership Model for Delaware?

By JONATHAN S. TOBIN

Editor of The New Haven Jewish Ledger

Promoting private enterprise in Israel can be good business for Connecticut. That's the message of the Connecticut Israel Exchange Commission, or CONNIX, a state commission dedicated to building strategic alliances between the Constitution State and the Jewish State. The commission was kicked off at a reception at the Governor's Mansion in Hartford on May 19.

On June 2, the Connecticut General Assembly passed the bill that officially set up CONNIX. It called for the establishment of an office to "develop strategic business relations between Connecticut and Israeli businesses. The bill provides for the state to match funds donated towards this purpose, up to \$70,000 towards maintaining an office for CONNIX. The funds to be matched by the state will be provided by Jewish Federations.

CONNIX grew out of the efforts of local supporters of Israel who recognized that the best way to help Israel was to aid investment and business there. CONNIX is a legislative body made up of General Assembly mem-

bers and State Senators, as well as business figures and Jewish activists. It is supported by both the Connecticut Jewish Community Relations Council and the Connecticut Department of Economic Development. The goal of the group is to educate the business community in Connecticut about opportunities available in Israel as well as encouraging Israeli firms to do business in Connecticut.

### The Israel advantage

The importance of the CONNIX project was stressed by Shlomo Harel, head of the Israeli Economic Mission to North America. Harel spoke of the current geo-strategic situation which can bring peace to Israel and open up sectors of the globe to Israeli business. There is a new found understanding for the importance of the private sector in Israel. They now know that only free market policies will help its economy make investment in Israel attractive. According to Harel, "Israel is a haven for R&D." Harel explained that immigrants from the former Soviet Union have helped to give Israel a hugely talented workforce. Twenty-five percent of the immigrants are engineers and

scientists. currently Israel is second only to the United States in the creation of computer software and ranks high in the design and production of automation equipment, biotechnology, and genetic engineering.

Israel is also the only country in the world having free trade agreements with both the European Economic Community and the United States, as well as having a well-developed infrastructure for industry and world-renowned medical, scientific, agricultural, and advanced technological research institutes. Israel's government is also offering incentive packages to participating companies.

Yakov Levy, the chairman of the New England-Israel Chamber of Commerce, highlighted the success that Israeli companies have had when they expanded into the United States. The NEICC will work with CONNIX in match-making between Israeli and American companies by identifying and introducing firms for mutually beneficial business alliances. The Chamber also facilitates partnership providing accurate and timely trade information.

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EDITORIALS

# Continuity and Diversity: We're Not Out of the Woods Yet

"Boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, the bough of thick trees, and willows of the brook." (Lev. 23:40). "Boughs of goodly trees" these are the Israelites. As the citron has taste and smell, so among the Israelites some have both Torah and good works. "Branches of palm trees: these are the Israelites. As the date has taste, but no smell, so are there Israelites who have Torah, but no good works. "Boughs of thick trees": These are the Israelites who have good works, but no Torah. "Willows of the brook": these are the Israelites. As the willow has neither taste nor smell, so there are Israelites who have neither Torah nor good works. What is God to do with them? It is not possible to destroy them. So God said: "Bind all together in one bundle, and the one will atone for the other."

Leviticus Rabbah, EMor, 30:12

In the aftermath of the uproar over former AIPAC Executive Director Tom Dine's comments concerning Orthodox Jews, the time is ripe for a reexamination of the roles of Jewish pluralism and unity to foster our people's continuity. The quote above is taken from a K'lal session at the recent American Jewish Press Association Conference in Washington, concerning classical Judaic perspectives on community and leadership. The passage articulates the reality of the diversity of people who consider themselves Jews. The message is we each have much to gain from each other.

The remarks attributed to Dine cannot reasonably be considered his views. Dine's controversial statements concerned his impression of the viewpoint some American Jews hold toward orthodox members of the American Jewish community. By stating that some

considered the Orthodox "low class" or "smelly," Dine caused real pain precisely because his words underscored the fact that some do hold such unfortunate misguided viewpoints. Such bias and ignorance stems from our failure as a people to know each other well and understand our differences.

Consider an Orthodox rabbi's wife who would rather her daughter attend a Catholic affiliated university than Brandeis. She believes her daughter will fare better where the line between her daughter and the other students is clearly drawn.

Consider a rootless young adult from a non-observant home who turns to mysticism, cults or indifference because of a lack of exposure to Judaism. The spirituality, ritual and sense of community sought by this wayward searcher are available in Judaism.

Rivalries between groups of Jews may be inevitably given the passionate commitment of our people to their beliefs. It is time to devote less passion to our differences and to come together with compassion. We can find common projects promoting social justice. We can cooperate more to promote Israel, education and peace in the world. We can provide hope to the homeless, those suffering in the former Yugoslavia and flood victims in the midwest. We can work together to respond to hatred and bigotry in the world. We can unite against common threats and, more importantly, build toward a shared vision of the future.

Our diversity will help us survive. We can all learn from one another. We should expect to keep different perspectives on practice and belief. We can expect to have discord about events in Israel, America and Delaware. But we should learn to celebrate our commonalities as we grow.



## LETTERS

To The Editor:

We would like to thank you for publishing such a wonderful account of our recent trip to the former Soviet Union and Israel. It was truly an experience that we will not forget.

We find ourselves reflecting on some aspects of the mission every day. Now, however, we are filled with concern as we think about the vibrant and courageous Jews that we met. As you may know, fighting has reached Baku and President Elchibey has been deposed and replaced with a former KGB communist. It's hard to imagine that we were just there and now there is so much change and civil unrest. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, these events have shown us that the passion and commitment that started Operation Exodus in 1989 must continue.

Today, we have a window of opportunity. Jews are continuing to leave the former Soviet

Union on direct flights from Baku, Tashkent and a number of former Soviet cities. While there may not be a major threat at this moment, storm clouds are definitely gathering on the horizon. The Jewish Agency for Israel, with the help of Operation Exodus funds, has built an infrastructure capable of airlifting 100,000 Jews a month out of the former Soviet Union should conditions worsen.

Only through a united effort, such as Operation Exodus, can we ensure that all Jews can climb through that window of opportunity and that, should the need for rescue arise, we will be prepared to make it happen. Let's not let this opportunity slip by. If the current window closes, who knows what it will cost in Jewish lives...

Sincerely,  
Arlene and Howard Simon

## QUOTES OF NOTE

Stanley Wolfe, a member of the Federation Committee that designed the priority process in Philadelphia, a process similar to what is taking place in Delaware.

**WOLFE:** I think that is the key element — a concentration of Jews doing things in a Jewish context, as opposed to a more social context of social services. To me, it was one of the clear results — if you take out senior citizens.

Paul Minkoff, a member of the Federation committee that designed the priority process in Philadelphia, a process similar to what is taking place in Delaware.

**MINKOFF:** Stanley proposed at one of our meetings that we look at whether or not these services are uniquely Jewish. And it wasn't only the fact that it advanced Jewish purposes, but can anybody else but the Jewish community provide that service? And I think that becomes a question of the uniqueness of what the program or activity is.

For instance, who else but the Jewish community is going to combat anti-Semitism? So it becomes uniquely Jewish. Who but the Jewish children in the Jewish schools? It's not the general community. It's not other service providers.

So that I think when you look at these

criteria, the uniqueness of the Jewish neighborhood becomes a criteria that we have to look at once we start to fund those services.

"Pius XII is a special case, 'a moral leader and icon who should be emulated for exceptional behavior but who, during the Holocaust, exhibited extreme caution and mediocrity — traits not to be associated with sainthood.'" Rabbi Mark Hier

Quoted in opposition to an effort to canonize Pope Pius XII.

"The Jewish community has been mistaken in its belief that its ethnic identity is "innate and immutable, passed on from one generation to the next."

Larry Yudelson quoting Jonathan Sarna, a historian at Brandeis University.

"There are many ways in which one can identify Jewishly, whether through art, literature, formal or informal education, a visit to the Holocaust museum."

Shoshana Cardin, a former head of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, from an article lamenting the failure to move "fast enough, and seriously enough" to halt assimilation and intermarriage.

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OPINION

# Let Go of Old Grudges and Let Peace Prevail

By ROBERT JACOBS

A headline pertaining to the Israeli peace conference should not have been "Will Israel give up territory?" but, rather, should have asked, "Will the Muslim inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza miss another opportunity to become autonomous?" Will they miss a chance to be a nation in their own right for the first time in their history?

This chance was missed in 1947 when the division of the remaining portion of the original Palestine mandate was partitioned into two countries — one to be Muslim and one to be Israeli. The Muslim inhabitants rejected the division, and the Israeli War of 1948 occurred.

For the 20 years between 1947 to 1967, the West Bank and Gaza were ruled by Jordan and Egypt, respectively. Neither Arab nation

made any attempt to organize a country. There was brutal repression of the population by its overseers. Jordan, a Palestinian state itself, made no attempt to create a nation of the West Bank.

In the 1970s, peace talks were attempted between all the Middle East countries and Israel. Only Egypt made peace, resulting in a return of vast portions of occupied lands. The Palestinians under Israel rule did not achieve independence at that time because the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Arab countries surrounding Israel (Lebanon, Syria and Jordan) and other Arab countries would not allow peace to occur.

Will the Palestinians allow themselves to again be influenced by outside forces that have no real interest in their independence or in

enhancing their lives, or will they find the courage to sit down and risk peace by achieving the compromise of accepting the autonomy under Israel's umbrella?

The Palestinians ostensibly would live a fuller and richer life as an autonomous country under the Israeli state than as a state under an Arab country. They surely would live a better life than they previously endured under Arab rule. This autonomy can be accomplished with or without a formal peace between Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Since 1948, Israel has recognized its Arab citizens as full, voting members of the population.

Palestinians should try to rise above the religious zealotry expressed as hatred that we are now watching in Serbia and Armenia, between Ireland and England, and in other

areas where religious zealotry has taken priority over the welfare of nations collectively and people individually. This overzealous expression of "faith" is the antithesis of what most formal religion purports to teach.

I hope all Muslims in the United States, if they have influence in the West Bank and Gaza, will encourage the people there to accept peace rather than hold on to old grudges, outmoded zealotry and misplaced nationalism that has plagued the region and caused enormous amounts of unhappiness. Let them have the courage to create the state they were denied by their brethren in 1948.

Robert Jacobs of Wilmington is an attorney. This column originally appeared in the *News Journal* and is reprinted with Jacobs' permission.

## The Voices of Women

By ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

(On the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Sally Preisand, the first woman rabbi).

Today we celebrate the manifold and priceless contributions that women have made in every realm of our religious community's life. The empowerment of women within Reform Judaism was not an act of *noblesse oblige*. It was a gift to ourselves — an endowment from which the dividends of renewal and rejuvenation have not ceased to flow.

Sally's ordination was a revelation, for with it two thousand years of exclusivist assumptions collapsed. With well over 300 women now serving in the rabbinate, and many more assumptions collapsed. With well over 300 women now serving in the rabbinate, and many more serving as cantors and educators, as ritual circumcisers and administrators, it now seems obvious that women can and should serve in every realm of the religious life.

It would be disingenuous for me to suggest that this revelation in Jewish life is a *fait accompli*, that the sexist practices of the past have ceased to exist; they have not. The old assumptions abide. They have not vanished. Old stereotypes don't fade that fast.

They persist in the reluctance of certain large congregations to interview women rabbis for senior posts; in the salary inequities between male and female rabbis; in the rare tenuring of ordained women as faculty at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and in the sparsity of women rabbis serving as regional directors of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. And they persist in incidences of sexual harassment and condescension that undermine the very institutions of the rabbinate and cantorate and our seminary. For too many of us gender equality is a slogan, and not a reality.

In full partnership with our lay leadership, I have sought to propel the force of change within Reform Jewish life, through resolutions, public and private agitation, dialogue and affirmative action. Much of the progress that has been translated into institutional reality over the past two decades in the realm of Outreach, gay and lesbian integration, spiritual renewal and numerical growth have direct ties to feminist inclusion. My convictions on this score are deeply rooted. I was born of a different age, so there are times when I inadvertently revert to more habitual tracks of thought and speech. But in the realm of policy, I have always stood, and will continue to stand firmly, as an ally of our pioneering Jewish women.

But I do feel discomfited by those who have portrayed the rabbinate in its all-male days as universally hierarchical, power-oriented, unconcerned with intimacy — as if these competitive instincts were the exclusive function of

maleness. Many male rabbis are compassionate and caring, and seek community and not power in their congregations and careers — and they did so long before the first woman rabbi was ever ordained.

Nor is it true that the ordination and investiture of women is a total rupture with the Jewish past — that women's liberation has no roots whatsoever in the patriarchal, hierarchical system of the Jewish tradition. In reality, Judaism's attitude toward women is rather more complex. Thus we find two stories of human creation, one steeped in the spirit of equality, the other in a spirit of subordination. We find two contradictory strains of rabbinic teaching, one viewing women as a vessel, the other regarding women as so spiritually elevated that they can call down the very rain of heaven to water the parched earth. And we find in Judaism men with tears in their eyes and women brandishing tent pegs and swords in their hands.

Nevertheless, even at its best, tradition speaks of women largely in relation to men, rarely in relation to God, more rarely in relation to self or to other women. The tradition generally speaks about women, only occasionally to women, and until recently, never in the voices of women.

"Now for the first times, opportunities have arisen for women to join in the conversation," writes Rachael Adler, a California-based author. Herein lies the transformative impact of our 20-year-old revelation on Jewish life: the voices of women are heard in the synagogue. But, more precisely, what has this "joining in the conversation" meant for Judaism?

Our pioneering women have ended exclusion and established inclusiveness as the new order of Jewish life. Inclusiveness permits the female experience of birth and motherhood to be a part of synagogue life and thus allowed our image of God as nurturing Mother to find enthronement in our minds. Inclusiveness encourages the building of circles rather than

## (On the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Sally Preisand, the first woman rabbi).

towers as our goal and our greatest achievement — the concentric circles of community in which God and Torah are at the very center. Inclusiveness strengthens the "authority" of the rabbinate by loving kindness.

By "joining in the conversation," our women rabbis and cantors and educators have also enlarged our understanding of Judaism. In their approach to our classical texts they bring insights unique to women and thereby enable us to grasp a more complete, and a more fully authentic Judaism. Indeed, it is the women of Israel who first embraced the Torah — so we are taught. It is the women of Israel who withheld their gold from the idolators who built the Golden Calf. And had only one woman been missing from the foot of Mt. Sinai, so

Shimon bar Yochai instructed us, the Revelation of the Ten Commandments would have been withheld from us all.

In sum, then, our pioneering women professionals have been no less than midwives to the rebirth of Judaism in our lifetimes. They enable us all to stand again at Sinai. They have enlarged the tabernacle of Judaism, and with the expansion of our community has come the expansion of our souls. Like the midwives of Egypt, they have blended storm and sunshine, innovation and tradition to redeem Judaism and help us all travel anew to holy ground.

Rabbi Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in North America.

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## LOCAL

# Calm Reaction to Isolated J.C.C. Incident

## Vandals Suspected in Israeli Flag Burning



One flag has been replaced since the incident

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Sometime during the evening of Tuesday, July 6, trespassers to the Jewish Community Center campus allegedly burned an Israeli flag and pilfered an American flag in an apparent drunken prank, according to a crime report filed with the New Castle County Police Department. Ashes and beer bottles littered the lawn near the flag poles where unknown actor(s) defiled the symbols of the United States of America and of

the State of Israel. Community leaders discounted suggestions that the incident posed any real threat to the community.

"I don't believe that this incident is a harbinger of increased anti-Semitic activity in the area," said Bob Coonin, of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. "Certainly this is not as serious as if swastikas had been painted on the building. Still we have to take it (the apparent vandalism) seriously. All we can do is report the

matter to the Police and the ADL." Coonin explained this isolated vandalism is not, in all likelihood, a hate crime since there is no Klan or skinhead activity in the Brandywine Hundred area, in contrast to Claymont or Newark.

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, emphasized, "We haven't had anything like this happen in a long time." Wortman declared, "I can't conjecture who did this or why. I'm not ready to say it is an anti-Semitic incident. Whoever is responsible showed no respect for the American flag or the Israeli flag."

Lelaine Nemser, staff member of the Jewish Community Relations Council, concurred, "We don't know if it is general vandalism, of which we get our share, or if it is a hate crime." Nemser explained, "The police are now actively patrolling the area and looking into who might have done this. We are confident in the police. So we are not going to look into this on our own."

Coonin concluded, "Luckily these incidents are so infrequent that none of us have enough experience on a regular basis to know fully what to

make of it. Unfortunately those with experience have to put up with this kind of activity on a more frequent basis."



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# Lubin Backs JWV National Commander on Gay Ban

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Warren S. Dolny, JWV national commander, addressing a large gathering of veterans in Houston, Texas, spoke out on the decision of the Jewish War Veterans to support the controversial ban on open homosexuals serving in the United States military. According to a story in the Texas-based *Jewish Herald-Voice*,

Dolny called the ban "an issue of military importance." JWV is the only Jewish organization in the country to come out in favor of the ban. Dolny reportedly argued that as the only Jewish veterans' organization, and given members' experiences on active duty, the JWV should be able to speak with authority on the merits of the ban.

In a recent conversation with *The*

*Jewish Voice*, Harry Lubin, Commander of Delaware JWV of USA, expressed his general agreement with Dolny on the issue of the ban. Lubin favors recent compromise proposals which would allow homosexuals to serve in the military so long as they do not openly reveal their orientation.

Lubin echoed other comments Dolny had made concerning respect for President Clinton as Commander in Chief. Lubin joined Dolny in criticizing those veterans who shouted protests and disrespected President Clinton on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. Lubin said, "Those vets were out of line. They don't have to agree with the President but they should show him respect."

In a related matter the JWV of Delaware's Senior Vice Commander Samuel Wenzel recently presented U.S. bonds to the winners of a "What Americanism means to me" essay contest for Seniors in New Castle High Schools.

## Editorial Committee Changes

Susan Paiken and Marga Hirsch recently stepped down from positions on the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*. Hirsch is relocating to Philadelphia and Paiken has left to devote more time to her work. "The Delaware Jewish community is indebted to volunteers such as Hirsch and Paiken. Their contributions are appreciated," said Dan Weintraub, Editor of *The Jewish Voice*.

## Gratz Graduate Makes News

Irene Tucker, a 1983 graduate of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and a 1987 graduate of Columbia University, is in her fifth year at the University of California at Berkeley, working toward a Ph.D. in English. Once a member of the first predominantly female managing board at *Spectator*, Ms. Tucker was also an avid fiction writer. After spending a year on a kibbutz in Israel following graduation, she said she felt herself compelled by the language and issues dealing with Jewish national identity.

The role of the novel in American, British and European Jewish nationalism in the late 19th century is the focus of her dissertation. Ms. Tucker will be a visiting student this spring at Tel Aviv University to research the life and works of Mendele, whose novels in Hebrew preceded the modern revival of that language.

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### Jewish Community Newcomers Network Brunch

Jewish Community Newcomers Network (JCNN) invites all Newcomers to the area to a Brunch on Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

Community representatives will be present to meet and greet newcomers, distribute Shalom baskets, answer questions and direct newcomers to the activities available for the

day. Children welcome.

For a reservation, call Bonnie Helfand at the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200 by Thursday, July 15.

### Bagels On The Beach

Members of the Jewish communities of Delaware and Washington D.C. came together in Rehoboth Beach on July 5 for a unique social and educational experience featuring Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, a former member of the Israeli Knesset, the official biographer of the state of Israel David Ben-Gurion, and a political analyst and lecturer. Pictured from left are Bar-Zohar, Leslie Goldenberg, Delaware Co-Chairperson for the "Bagels on the Beach" event, Judy Wortman, Jewish Federation of Delaware Executive Vice President, Efrat Rabinowich (wife of Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Itamar Rabinowich), and Dr. Edward Goldenberg, Delaware Co-Chairperson. Former AIPAC Executive




Director Tom Dine, not pictured, who was originally scheduled for

this event withdrew his participation after his recent resignation.

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Kutz Home Volunteers enjoy Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Photo credit - Sid Engel (at right) Shir Ami, Myrna Ryder, Linda Vodovis, Cindy Goldstein and Jane Hormadaly singing at JCC Annual Board Meeting. (Top)

### Kutz Home Recognizes Volunteers

On June 23, over 50 volunteers received praise and thank you's for their 2962 hours of service at the Fifth Volunteers Recognition Gathering, an annual luncheon honoring volunteers who serve the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. Comments were made by the President of the Kutz Home Board of Directors, Don Parsons, Acting Executive Director Aimée J. Prange and Social Worker Sheila Mensch. The luncheon was planned by Marge Maerov, dedicated long time Volunteer Director, who organized the event and presented the speakers.

Mr. Parsons thanked the volunteers on behalf of the Board and the residents of the Home. He pointed out that volunteers provide strong support, without which the Home could not exist. A striking difference between our Home and others is the quantity and quality of our volunteer effort, for which we are known and recognized in the community. Mr. Parsons also reported on the status of the search for a new Executive Director. He also reported that a survey had just been completed in the Jewish community regarding the Kutz Home. Parsons was delighted to report that if the Kutz Home Board and The Jewish Federation decide upon capital improvements, then MBNA America Bank, which has contributed significantly to the Home in many ways, has committed to

### Someone Special Died

By JULIE KEIL GARSON

Someone special died  
It is hard to believe it.  
I may cry, I may mourn,  
But he won't come back.  
The wind may howl,  
The sun may shine,  
But he won't come back.  
The flowers may bloom on his tombstone,  
But he won't come back.  
I will grow older,  
I will forget many things,  
But I won't forget him,  
Or that he won't come back.  
Julie, age 10, wrote this on hearing of the death of her great grandfather, Harry Garson. Julie is the daughter of Doctors Elliot and Lea Keil Garson. Her grandparents are Judge and Mrs. Charles K. Keil; her great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Isadore N. Silverman.



# Why Are These Women Smiling?



Past presidents pleased as punch

Because they are some of the past presidents of Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women, to be honored at the Centennial Gala, on Saturday, November 6, at the Rodney Square Club.

Established in 1926, Wilmington Section proudly honors these past leaders during this National Centennial Year. NCJW was founded by Hannah G. Solomon, daughter of one of Chicago's earliest Jewish families. Originally called the Congress of Jewish Women, it was the first national Jewish women's group organized to provide community service.

Left to right: Seated: Phyllis Gramlich, Rischa Fishman, Rose Magel

Standing: Leslie Goldenberg, Helen Rubin, Jean Blumenfeld, Judie Drexler, Marilyn Weiler, Barbara Levitt, Barbara Keil.

## Mr. Weintraub Goes To Washington

### \*Commentary

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Last month I joined my colleagues from the American Jewish Press Association in Washington, D.C. for our annual conference. The conference was held nearby the Watergate Hotel ironically during the twentieth anniversary of the Watergate break-in which radically changed the nature of mainstream press coverage in this country. The week was filled with seminars, conferences and tours. The greatest value of the week was in the exchange of ideas with peers from around the country. We were addressed by such diverse speakers as: Tom Friedman, of the New York Times; Itamar Rabinovich, the Israeli Ambassador; Ahmed Mayer El Sayed, the Egyptian Ambassador; Mark Talisman, the author of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; Yvonne Scruggs, Director of the Urban Policy Institute; Martin Kalb, formerly of CBS News; Rabbi David Saperstein, of The Religious Action Center; Rabbi Reuven Kimmelman of KLAL; and members of congress including Delaware's Congressman Mike Castle.

Tours included the U.S. Holocaust



Congressman Mike Castle meets with Dan Weintraub at an AJPA Reception for Members of Congress.

Museum and the Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit at the Library of Congress. The Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit was well presented and worth seeing. Although the Museum has a great worthwhile potential to help educate the American people about the unique horror of the Nazi genocide; the emotional impact of the new addition to the Mall does not rival that of Yad

Vashem.

Some sessions focused on the special role of the American Jewish Press. The practical ideas, concepts and contacts made at this conference should enrich *The Jewish Voice* for a long time to come.

Overall the conference was an enriching, thought-provoking experience.

### Dine

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In his letter of resignation effective June 30 to Steve Grossman, AIPAC's president, the 53-year-old administrator said the controversy was of "misleading nature" because in answering the Israelis question about Jewish fundamentalism he was speaking of what "some elements in the community actually think" and "did not mean those words to be interpreted as my beliefs."

In his resignation letter, Dine again apologized for the impression conveyed by the interview. Noting that he had reached out to encourage "AIPAC staff and lay participation by observant Jews," he said he believes his "life's record speaks more eloquently and credibly of my attitudes than the impression left, perhaps inadvertently, by the author of the

book.

"This distortion is a source of much pain and embarrassment," he wrote. "It is an unfortunate reality that some people weigh this incident more

heavily than my total record."

Reluctantly accepting Dine's departure, Grossman lauded Dine's achievements as administrator of the

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## Every Name is a Story

By JESSICA MAYERS  
Special To The Jewish Voice

For many Jewish-American families, researching one's family genealogy can be a cumbersome adventure through what many seem like an infinite maze of dead ends and trick alleyways.

This causeway for confusion is due mainly to the widespread and popular Jewish custom of changing the family surname, and makes it quite difficult to trace back to immigrant

EPSTEIN, according to Irv Epstein, Advertising Manager of *The Jewish Voice*, is a German name taken from the words 'Eph Stein' meaning high stone, precious stone or, often, diamond. Irv suggests many American Jews with the name Diamond probably were originally Epsteins.

ancestors or to further a particular ancestral line.

According to Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Temple Beth Emeth in Wilmington, "Last names in general are recent because people used to be called 'son of.'"

Soon, Jews began to link their last names to their occupation, Grumbacher said. If a man was a silversmith his last name may have become "Silverman" or "Silver."

Geographic origin is also very im-

MANDEL, according to Lisa Klee, nee Mandel, a Delaware resident, means almond in Hebrew. She believes an ancestor may have grown almonds.

portant when discussing the metamorphosis of Jewish surnames. Grumbacher noted that Jews traditionally took on the name of the town one came from or inhabited.

Those who chose this method for creating a last name added "er" at the end of the town's name. He believes his ancestors came from the town of Krembach in Germany. Their name became Krembacher which eventually transformed into Grumbacher.

Helen H. Sarna, library director of the American Jewish Historical Society, said last names were imposed upon the Jews when they first started immigrating.

"In the middle ages Jews were often known by their first names and then according to their trade they were assigned family names by authorities in Eastern Europe," she said.

Sarna said by the time the influx of Jewish immigration into the United States became popular, Jews carried these names with them to Ellis Island, where they were sometimes changed by the customs officials who registered the immigrants.

Some Jews, she said, had good pronunciation and the customs officials could understand them. The way the inspector heard a name is how he would often assign it, so for those he was unable to understand he would then choose a name to give them.

A spokesperson for the Ellis Island Immigration Museum said the job of the inspectors at Ellis Island was to match a passenger list that was prepared in Europe with the physical person, thereby making it a crime to change a name on the list. In fact, most people tended to change their own names.

"If the inspector changed people's names that would seem strange," Barry Moreno, a librarian at the museum, said. "Inspectors had no authority to give new names to people so if any names were changed they were done in Europe when the passenger bought the ticket to board a ship."

Although Moreno said name changing may have occurred, inspectors who were found to be invoking this illegal practice were dismissed.

Sometimes, he said, an inspector who changed someone's name had an alternative motive and was usually bribed to admit people into the country who were undesirable aliens according to the state department.

Once Jews were admitted into the United States some took it upon themselves to "Americanize" their surnames to escape from appearing to be Jewish or immigrants, Moreno said. They wanted a new start in America.

Many Americans were highly prejudiced against most immigrants, he said, and the Jews wanted to be successful so they sought to simplify their long last names or adopt Christianized names in efforts to fit in.

"In culture a new name has always been inspiring for change," Moreno said.

According to Grumbacher, if im-

CHALAWSKI, according to Federation Controller Lois Chalawski, is derived from a challah baker or else a gaberdyne-like material worn by some chasidic men.

## Tracing "Roots" Begins with Your Name

By MIRIAM WEINER

One of the recurring frustrations of the family historian is the family name. We have all heard the amusing stories about name changes at Ellis Island and it is those elusive original names that we must identify to trace our family back through the generations.

Once you have determined your original family name which is obtainable from a number of archival documents including naturalization records and ship manifests, the next natural question is the origin of the name. For many years, the 1977 publication by Benzion C. Kaganoff entitled *A Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History* was about the only reference book (in English) available to the family historian.

Now, two new books have come out which reflect the growing scholarship in the field of Jewish genealogy. The first one, published in 1992 by KTAV Publishing House, Inc., 900 Jefferson Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030, and authored by Heinrich W. Guggenheimer and Eva H. Guggenheimer, is titled *Jewish Family Names and Their Origins: An Etymological Dictionary* (882 pp.).

The natural inclination is to look for your own family name and I located the listing for Winokur, the name of my paternal grandfather, Moishe Winokur:

"WINOCOUR, Winocour, Winokur, Vinocour, Vinokour (Hebrew spelling); Russ. (Russian spelling); vinokur "distiller (of hard liquor)", transl. Yidd.

WORTMAN, according to Rabbi David Wortman, who is married to Executive Vice-President Judy Wortman, is derived from the German words for word and man. This combination may have designated a man of his word or a linguist, suggests the rabbi.

migration authorities at Ellis Island or other arrival ports felt that a name was too foreign-sounding for America they would change it. But he adds that very often surnames were changed by the immigrants themselves.

Another theory, discussed by Rabbi emeritus Leonard B. Gewirtz of Temple Adas Kodesch Shel Emet is that it wasn't the Jewish immigrants who changed their family names. It was their grandchildren.

"The American-born grandchildren of immigrants who disliked their foreign-sounding names Anglo-cized them," Gewirtz said. "The immigrants lay the foundation for Jewish culture in America and they retained their image."

Gewirtz believes the Westernization of names is not assimilation and said it is not a bad thing to do. He added that when his son moved to Israel he changed his surname to "Gevir" to make it more Hebrew-sounding.

Similar to Gewirtz, Sarna said: "Children who grew up in America wanted to Americanize their names.

Bronfenbrenner, c.f. Brandweinman, Patr. Winokurov. All these spelling variations were not a surprise to me as members of my family had used most of them. One possible variant not included was Vanocur as in Sander Vanocur, the well-known newscaster, but not a relative as far as I know.

Over 65,000 names are included out of an estimated 75,000 used by Jews throughout the world, representing nearly every Jewish group: Ashkazi, Sephardic, Oriental and modern Israeli. Family names in current use are included even when their origin cannot be determined.

The detailed introduction provides the necessary historical background for this topic and enables the reader to better utilize this book, an absolute necessity for anyone interested in the origin of family names.

In June, 1993, I received my long-awaited copy of Alexander Beider's new book, *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*, published by Avotaynu, Inc., P.O. Box 1134, Teaneck, NJ 07666 (760 pp.). The 50,000 Jewish surnames come from the Russian Pale of Settlement and for each name, Dr. Beider describes the precise geographic locations within the Russian Empire at the start of the 20th century. Spelling variants are given and the meaning of every name is explained. The author spent six years researching the topic in the libraries and archives of Moscow and St. Petersburg and includes a 96-page comprehensive narrative which describes the origins and evolution of Jewish

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Some changed them so they could get into the business world.

"Children of immigrant peddlers who grew up in the United States and did very well in school and wanted to apply to medical school or law school were sometimes rejected in names of their parents. On changing the names to more American-sounding names they reapplied and were accepted.

"That was a very real incentive for young people who wanted to get on in life," said Sarna, who said she finds it interesting that today "ethnic" names are popular.

Ever since Biblical times, where records show name-changing was symbolic of a new status or destiny, Jews have had a particularly difficult time tracing family genealogy.

Although the metamorphosis of Jewish surnames over the years can make ancestral research tricky, Miriam Weiner, an author and lecturer in the field of Jewish genealogy, suggests first finding the original family name from archival documents and then locating the origin of that name through the use of helpful books.

WEINTRAUB, according to Dan Weintraub of *The Jewish Voice*, is said to be German for wine grape. This name, like many other Jewish last names, may have been a translation of something significant in the Torah.

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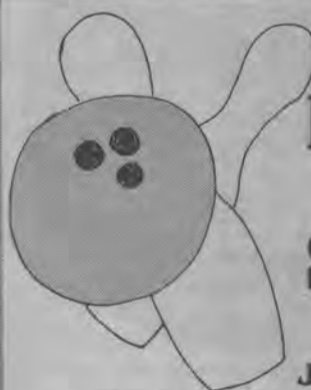
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## Challah: Slice It or Tear It?

By RABBI  
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There are two traditions in eating challah on Shabbat. One is to slice it and the other is to tear it. While it may seem a bit of folklore, it contains elements of a Jewish legal, if not ethical, nature.

Those who tear it share it after the prescribed blessing on the Shabbat maintain that it is contrary to Jewish law to use a knife to cut anything on the Sabbath. When faced with the question the fact that tearing is also forbidden on the Sabbath, they respond that they are simply pulling bread apart.

When asked if they use a knife with a fork to eat meat or fish on this day, they point out that a table knife is simply a utensil, unlike a bread knife, which has to be sharpened or is serrated much like a weapon.

Those who slice challah simply

maintain it is the common way to serve bread. To tear it with one's hands and pass it can possibly cause the spread of germs. They point out that all food, including fruit, is passed in plates or bowls. In modern food establishments, workers use plastic gloves for health reasons. Slicing bread is no violation of the Sabbath laws, since that is a proper and sanitary way of sharing all breads. After all, one has to eat bread on the Sabbath after one recites the *motzi* prayer, and the natural way is to cut and pass it on a challah tray made of wood, metal or simply a plate.

Whatever one's preference may be, the history of challah is interesting in itself.

The word *challah* comes from the Hebrew root for "hollow" and "piece." It suggests a perforated or rounded loaf. It is close to the Akkadian *ellu* ("pure"), referring to

the sacred use of bread.

Indeed, the first time that challah is mentioned in the Bible is in Leviticus 24:59: "You shall take choice flour and bake of it twelve loaves. Place them on the pure table of the Lord in two rows, six to a row, as an offering." Later the verse instructs that it is to be arranged "every Sabbath day for all time."

A treatise in the Talmud entitled *Challah* contains four chapters. The commandment to present a portion of challah as an offering continued long after the Temple was destroyed. I remember in my childhood that whenever my mother baked challah for Shabbat, she always cut off a small piece of the dough and threw it into the fire, saying, "This is in remembrance of the Temple."

Historically, by the 18th century when challahs in the form of twisted

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## Do Androids Eat Electric Challah?

### Baking as a Male Ritual

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Last November Beth, my fiancée, and I had our first tastes of homemade bread made in a bread machine. We had just arrived in West Virginia for Thanksgiving at my Aunt and Uncle's Cabin. My Aunt Ellen put out a deli style spread for a lunch which was more than impressive but the highlights were Uncle Herbie's breads — strangely shaped, multi-grained, multi-textured, multi-flavored marvels.

White bread pales next to the character, taste and nutrition of these breads. The bread machine breads were free of unpronounceable chemicals, bleaches and preservatives. Each bread could be individualized with choices of grains, spices, and other natural ingredients. Since the machines mix, knead and bake the dough the process seemed as easy as ... well, electric bread. The only "wonder" left in Wonder Bread is why would anyone eat it?

Returning home from West Virginia, we knew the bread machine was far from a necessity. We could not justify the cost of such a frivolous purchase. Our resources were limited (as my future mother-in-law would prudently remind us). So we bought commercially produced multi-grain breads and dreamed of a future with electric bread.

This summer the dream of a bread machine was deferred no longer. At her shower Beth received a Welbilt Brand ABM 800 Bread Machine with a timer, whole wheat cycle and dough cycle features. It was four full days before I took the machine for a test drive.

Since the challah man was gone from the J.C.C. for the summer, challah was the natural choice to inaugurate the bread making machine. Beth worried that making a challah in this new contraption was not exactly kosher but I persuaded her otherwise. I consulted with various sources before settling on a recipe out of *The Best Bread Machine Cookbook Ever* by Madge Rosenberg. Her recipe for a large

loaf was as follows:

- Active dry yeast, 2 1/4 teaspoons
- Bread flour, 2 3/4 cups plus 1 tablespoon
- Sugar, 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons
- Salt, 3/4 teaspoon
- Vegetable oil, 3 1/2 tablespoons
- Egg yolks, 3
- Water, 1 cup

I also added raisins after the first dough cycle as suggested by other sources.

Despite my best intentions I did not achieve the best challah ever. Difficulties with the egg and vegetable oil yielded a dough too gooey to braid well. After glazing the bread with a beaten egg I spread out sesame seeds on top. The bread was finished in the conventional oven to maintain its shape, such as it was.

At sundown on Friday my creation was unveiled. It's shapelessness made it seem more of a chaaaugh than a challah. But Beth liked the bread. Our friends, Jill and Tom, had seconds. The challah was such a success that we did not need to serve the back up challah purchased at the Classic Cake Company. I knew I had entered a new phase in my life.

At work the next week I told a coworker about my second creation, a whole wheat granola raisins and yogurt bread. (To protect the anonymity of this coworker I will just refer to him as "Seth"). Seth seemed somewhat threatened by my new domestic hobby. "What are you a girl?" he asked, "Are you going to start trading recipes?"

I explained that my Uncle Herbie bakes bread in a bread maker and that he has three kids and a beard. And Seth readily agreed that since Uncle Herbie had a beard his masculinity could not be questioned.

In today's world of dual-career marriages and meals on the run, a bread machine is an easy way for a man to make fresh, nutritious bread. The efforts of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and others, in confronting gender bias, should surely have made Delaware a safe place by now for men to make sourdough, french bread or

New York rye. Others in my office reminded me that many of the world's greatest chefs are men. Now I can be comfortable with my new hobby even though I am concerned about how tonight's Cheddar Cheese Bread will turn out.

At the same time I am sure my future mother-in-law will be delighted to learn I am finally making more bread.

Below are some good resources for using a bread machine:

- The Bread Machine Cookbook*, By Donna Rathmell German
- The Best Bread Machine Cookbook Ever*, By Madge Rosenberg
- Bread Sculpture The Edible Art*, By Ann Wiseman
- Electric Bread*, By Innovative Cooking Enterprises
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## WHAT'S ON TV?

New episodes of Brooklyn Bridge, the CBS nostalgic comedy centered on a Jewish family, will be broadcast on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. for four weeks starting tonight. Gary David Goldberg who created the show said the network is merely using up epi-

sodes of the program which have been completed but never aired, according to a story in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Although Brooklyn Bridge has been a highly acclaimed series poor ratings led to its cancellation this year.



Alan (Danny Gerard) of Brooklyn Bridge

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Sanford Pinsker's writing has also been published in *The Jewish Voice*.

## Words & Music

By STEVE COHEN

When Michael Feinstein appeared at the Valley Forge Music Fair recently it was billed as part of the Mellon Jazz Festival. Why the impresarios categorized him as a jazz artist escapes me, unless it's because he sings a lot of songs written during the so-called jazz age of the 1920's and 30's.

But Michael Feinstein is a lot more than a jazz festival headliner. He started as a musical researcher and archivist for Ira Gershwin, then emerged as cocktail-party pianist and singer. Five years ago he was a hit in small cabarets. When he became successful as a recording artist he left those intimate venues behind and began singing in big theaters with full orchestras behind him.

At this stage of his career the 36-year-old Feinstein has fused the various facets of his talent and at Valley Forge he gave an evening of all-around entertainment. One of the best features of the Music Fair is its ability to provide intimacy in a space that holds almost 3000 patrons. Feinstein was as warm, folksy, sophisticated and witty as he was in small cabarets.

His material was varied: a mix of oldies, contemporary songs, and even some kids' songs. His voice has matured to the point where he can

effectively belt a big number. And he has not lost any of his famed ability to croon a romantic ballad.

Feinstein's voice is beautiful in an unusual way. I think that his unique quality has its roots in the cantorial tradition. He has a fast vibrato: a quivering sound with a hint of a sob in it. (Something like the sound that made Eddie Fisher famous in the 1950's.) To these ears, it's very appealing. And some of his pianissimo endings take your breath away.

The best thing of all about a Feinstein concert is his choice of material. He sings Broadway and movie songs with authentic style and with the original lyrics and tempos. Most of the evening was Feinstein alone at the piano. But on this occasion he also was joined by John Dankworth and his quintet (an authentic jazz group) and Dankworth's talented wife, Cleo Laine.

Feinstein, Laine and Dankworth — who normally do not appear together — obviously had spent time working out duet arrangements with special lyrics. They did seven songs together in addition to their solo turns.

It reminded me of what I've heard about Feinstein from some of his friends: How he loves to get together with other musicians and sing and play and improvise.

You'd have to buy several Feinstein records to get an idea of everything we heard at this live performance. I'd recommend his new *Forever* for its collaborative arrangements and his *Pure Imagination* for its humor and youthful approach. Most of all, I recommend *Michael Feinstein Sings the Burton Lane Songbook*.

This is an example of Michael getting together with a famous composer-pianist and running through his friend's catalogue of great songs. Michael says, "If I'm interested in one piece by a composer, I want to hear everything he's written. I've always been that way."

Burton Lane is best-known as the composer of *Finian's Rainbow* and *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever*. He has a local connection because his wife's parents, Joe and Sylvia Daroff, were generous benefactors of Jewish institutions in the Delaware Valley.

Feinstein collaborates on other discs with Julie Styne and with Jerry Herman (soon to be released.) I suggest another project to Elektra: a live recording of Michael at a spot like the Valley Forge Music Fair.

This summer would have been Fredric Mann's 90th birthday. The

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## Arnold Terminates Nazi Libel

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Screen actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has won damages in a libel suit against a London tabloid journalist who had accused the star of harboring anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi views.

Schwarzenegger's lawyer affirmed the actor's friendship with Jews and his support of Jewish causes and cited his friendship with Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal. Schwarzenegger himself was not present in court.

In Los Angeles, the Simon Wiesenthal Center confirmed that Schwarzenegger was a longtime supporter and that he and his wife, Maria Shriver, had contributed \$250,000 to the center's recently opened Beit Hashoah/Museum of Tolerance.

Schwarzenegger's libel action was against journalist Wendy Leigh of the *News of the World* tabloid.

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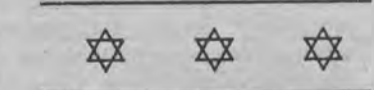
Four summers ago in July 1990, Congregation Beth Shalom initiated a program of inviting members of the congregation and presidents of Jewish community institutions to teach bible and to share news and developments of Jewish community organizations. Being a vital central institution of the Jewish community, the synagogue serves as a *Bet Keneset* — a House of Assembly — for members of the community to share what they have learned as individuals and what Jewish institution's visions are of its future and what, in retrospect, have been their accomplishments in the past. The series is called "In Prospect and Retrospect Of the Jewish Institutions which I Represent."

This summer's speakers and the institutions they represent will speak at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd. at the following Shabbat Friday evening services: July 16 - Alan Schoenberg, President, Schoenberg Funeral Home; July 23 - Donald Parsons, Esq., President, Kutz Home; July 30 - Joan Wachstein, President, Jewish Family Service; August 6 - Toni Young, President, Jewish Federation of Delaware; August 13 - Dr. Jay Weisberg, President, Gratz Hebrew High School; August 20 - Mark Caplan, President, Jewish Community Center.

Congregation Beth Shalom members who will serve as teachers of Torah during Shabbat Saturday morning services include: July 17 - Joseph Byer; July 24 - Dr. Martin Karel; July 31 - Dr. Irene Plotzker; August 7 - Dr. Jay Rappaport; August 28 - Jerome Grossman, Esq. On Saturday mornings when congregation members will not serve as leaders, the Torah lesson will be offered by Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz.

The Kol Kehillah series encourages members of the community to exercise their role as teachers even as they continue to be students of Jewish learning.

For further information about this program, please call the Congregation Beth Shalom office, 654-4462.



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Gottschalk, the HUC president, announced that Leibowitz's ordination would "begin a new era in the attitude of many Israelis to Progressive and Reform Judaism in Israel."

Leibowitz, a teacher and graduate of the Hebrew University in Jewish thought, is married and the mother of four. She has worked for the past two decades as a tourist guide and trainer of emissaries abroad.

HUC has had its rabbinic movement in Jerusalem since 1977. As of July 14, HUC's Israel Rabbinic Program in Israel for Israeli Students will have ordained 14 students, two of whom are women.

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Центр не предъявил восьмидесятилетнему Коппсу обвинения в военных преступлениях, однако сейчас ведется расследование с целью выяснения его причастности к преступлениям нацистов.

Сведения о Коппсе поступили от научного сотрудника Центра Визенталя и израильского журналиста, которые внедрились в ряды немецких правых группировок для того, чтобы побольше узнать об их движении. Научный сотрудник встретился с Коппсом в Аргентине, притворившись сторонником неонацистов.

Получив отчет Центра Симона Визенталя, министр внутренних дел Аргентины отдал распоряжение полиции о расследовании легального положения Коппса.

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## SYNAGOGUE LIFE

### d'var Torah

In this parsha, God directs Moses to set aside cities "to serve... as cities of refuge to which a killer who has killed a person unintentionally may flee" (Num. 35:11). The Torah distinguishes between intentional murder and accidental killing. The former is punishable by death and the sentence is carried out by the victim's closest relative. When death is accidental, the killer may seek protection in the city of refuge; if he leaves the city, the deceased's relative may kill him with impunity. The Israelites are told, "You shall not pollute the land in which you live; for blood pollutes the land...in which I Myself abide"

(35:33ff.). God cannot dwell in a land defiled.

If blood defiles the land, why distinguish between intentional and accidental homicide? If blood is a pollutant, why allow capital punishment? If one who kills accidentally is spared capital punishment and may flee to a city of refuge, why may the victim's relative kill him if he leaves the city? Why does the Torah forbid monetary compensation in the case of murder, insisting that the killer be executed?

Whether or not we agree with the penalties set here, it is clear that several values are at work. The Torah values human life. To kill intentionally is to deny another's humanness; perhaps the Torah believes

that in doing so the murderer has hopelessly compromised his own humanity. Murder is an outrageous crime; to accept monetary compensation would be to place a fixed value on that which is priceless. In the case of accidental death, the community may protect the killer, but the gravity of his act must be recognized through exile.

The Torah cannot prevent human beings from killing each other. It reminds us, however, that each human life has infinite value and that no life can be taken without consequences.

Source: CLAL The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership

### Challah

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bread came into vogue in Europe, the twelve round loaves became two, usually each containing six humps. There are two explanations offered for this. One is that in the Ten Commandments, which are printed twice in the Bible, one version reads "Keep (shamor) the Sabbath" and the other says "Remember (zachor) the Sabbath." Thus, the two loaves help to commemorate the fourth commandment in both versions.

Another interpretation for the use of two Challahs (challot) on Shabbat is to recall the miracle of the manna given to the Israelites in the desert during their forty years of wandering until they entered the Promised Land. On Friday they were given a double portion of manna so that they would not have to work on the Sabbath. Moreover, the manna was thought to be a dew-like substance and, therefore, symbolically the challah on the Sabbath is covered with a cloth in remembrance of that.

No one is quite sure what the substance of manna really was, but according to Deborah Wigoder in her *Garden of Eden Cookbook*, it is like coriander seed, which is second in importance to salt. It is probably the oldest recorded herb, going back to 5,000 B.C.E. She thinks the first Sabbath loaves were sprinkled with cummin or fennel flower seeds. This is similar to present-day pitas in Israel, which are sprinkled with zataar, a combination of indigenous herbs.

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* editor, Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder, created a

picture illustration of twelve different challahs which were made and photographed for pages 1419-1420 of volume six. The challah for Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah, has a ladder to symbolize the cycle of the year. Challah from Volynia has a key to release one from sins. A challah with a hand from the same area was used before the Yom Kippur fast to show we are in the hands of God. A challah was baked there with a bird's head to express the verse in Isaiah 31:5 that God will hover over Jerusalem like a bird to protect it.

Since the 18th century, most European Jews have eaten what Joan Nathan, author of four cookbooks, calls "Challah with a twist," or braided challah. No one really knows the source of this but some say it is the interlocking of the aims of Jews everywhere on the Sabbath. Whatever the explanation may be, impoverished Jews with an everyday diet of buckwheat groats, black bread, potatoes and herring look forward to the Sabbath and holy days for a break in the monotony of meals. White flour challah with a little bit of sweetness on the Sabbath was a treat to be savored.

When Isaac Bashevis Singer and his brother were little boys in Poland, their mother prepared Challah each Thursday evening and Friday morning for Shabbat. With the scrapings of leftover white flour dough she made a turnover fixed with jam to hold the boys hunger. They waited all week for that cherished delight.

Today there is a resurgence of interest in homemade challah. Many American women attend classes in challah baking at synagogues and Jewish centers throughout the coun-

try. They also experiment by making it out of whole wheat and often add other tasty ingredients. It is increasingly popular at a Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration to bake loaves of challah spelling out the youngster's name. Huge challahs adorn many a Jewish festive event.

Challah: whether one slices it or pulls it apart, is an important part of Jewish life. Besides, it makes excellent French toast.

Bernard S. Raskas is Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple of Aaron, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at Macalester College. He is author of the trilogy, *Heart of Wisdom*.

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### Black Hebrew Leader Meets Conference

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The leader of the Black Hebrew community in Israel, Ben-Ammi Carter, has told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York that "Israel is our destiny" and wants to work closely with the conference "in lowering tensions and building understanding between blacks and Jews.

Carter, who was born in Chicago, also said, "Israel should not concede Africa to the Muslims," adding "there is a great reservoir of good will toward Israel in black Africa."

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THE NACHES PAGE

### Mannis Graduates With Honor

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Mannis, currently of Vienna, W.V., announce the graduation of their daughter, Wendy Beth Mannis, from the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy.

Ms. Mannis was awarded her degree Summa Cum Laude on May 29, 1993. She was Valedictorian of her class and was inducted into membership of Rho Chi, the National Pharmaceutical Honor Society.

Ms. Mannis will remain in Denver and has accepted a residency at University Hospital.



Michael Stiebel Barmitzvah 6/5/93 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

### Grossman Grandson Born In Israel

Dr. Avraham and Sharon (Grossman) Rottman, of Bet Shemesh, Israel are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Akiva Nehemiah, on May 2, 1993. He is the brother of Aliza Chaya Rottman and the first grandson of Joseph and Estella Grossman of Wilmington, Delaware and Jerusalem, Israel, and Esther Rottman and the late Hyman

Rottman of Baltimore, Maryland. He is named in loving memory of his maternal great grandmother Anna Orshansky.

### Wachstein Appointed To State Commission

Joan Wachstein has been appointed to the state of Delaware Commission on Adult Entertainment, to serve the unexpired three-year term of Pasqualine Robinson, ending October 31, 1994. Ms. Robinson resigned.

Joan is president of Jewish Family Service of Delaware, and is an active board member with the Kutz Home, National Sisterhood, and serves as a panel member of the United Way of Delaware.

### An Old World Taste Is Now Nearby

By IRV EPSTEIN  
Special to The Jewish Voice

The Roman Jewish community is the oldest in the world amongst those outside Israel. Until 1870 the Jews were confined to the "ghetto" and held on firmly to their traditions. The word "ghetto" comes from the name of an Italian city, Ghetto, to which Jews were restricted. Because the Jews were a poor people their traditionally simple style of cooking endured. It could be that the traditional plain cooking of the Pagans and Christians of ancient Rome is an imitation of Roman Jewish cuisine.

Now in neighboring Philadelphia, Delaware residents can sample Roman Jewish cuisine at Tira Misu Restaurant, 528 S. 5th St. "I would like to offer to you a traditional light, delicate and most of all a nouvelle Jewish Roman cuisine for those in search of novelty because it is invitingly out of the ordinary," said Alberto Delbello, proprietor and chef of Tira Misu Restaurant.

### Brady-Sachs Engagement

Fran Berwick of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter Alyse Brody to Dr. David Sachs of Boca Raton, Fla. Alyse is also the daughter of Barry Brody of Wilmington and the granddaughter

of Fay Rubin of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Wilmington. Dr. Sachs is the son of Toby Sachs of Delray Beach, Fla. and the late Dr. Baruch Sachs. A December wedding is planned.

### Rothschild, Hoya Grad, to Law School

Jeffrey L. Rothschild, the son of Steven and Carol Rothschild and the brother of Peter Rothschild, recently graduated cum laude with a Bachelor

of Arts from Georgetown University. Jeff plans to begin Law School this September at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington.

### Howard Simon, CPA, Appointed To Board of Delaware Council on Economic Education

Howard H. Simon, CPA, recently was appointed to the board of the Delaware Council on Economic Education. The Council is a major supporter of economic education in Delaware schools. Members of the board represent business, labor, agriculture and education. The board oversees solicitation, collection and expenditure of funds.

Mr. Simon is the managing direc-

tor of the accounting firm of Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A.

He currently serves as Chairman-Elect of CPA Associations International, Inc. Mr. Simon has served as president of the Delaware Society of CPAs and as a member of the governing council of the American Institute of CPAs. His non-professional activities cover a wide range of civic and religious groups.

### Dairy Foods

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deficiency in the enzyme lactase that is needed to properly digest lactose, the milk sugar found in all dairy products. During the first few years of life, most people's bodies produce sufficient levels of lactase. However, after this, the production of lactase starts to drop off. In fact, many people stop producing lactase altogether. These lower levels of lactase production then may create the problem of lactose intolerance.

Many of the traditional Jewish holiday foods passed down from generation to generation contain lactose, and if you are lactose intolerant, these foods can cause real discomfort.

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#### Did You Know?

•A bagel with lox and cream cheese is an all-time favorite for breakfast or lunch. But if you are lactose intolerant, this delicious combination can cause discomfort if you don't take necessary precautions.

Rugelach, delicious crescent-shaped sweet pastries, are at their best stuffed with nuts and raisins and flavored with cinnamon. But these delicious treats are often made with a dough that contains sour cream.

#### Your Favorite Traditional Foods and the Holidays

•Kugel is a regular feature on Sabbath and holiday tables. In fact, noodle kugels or puddings are favored by many Americans of all dietary preferences. Dairy kugel is made with cream cheese, milk, farmer cheese and sour cream. Try preparing your kugel with lactose-reduced, farm fresh Lactaid Milk or with Drops.

Cheese blintzes are traditional during Shavuot but are also served year round. These delicate pancakes, rolled around a cheese filling and then fried, are often served with sour cream. But stay lactose alert! Remember cheese and sour cream contain lactose.

Anyone interested in teaching a beginning conversational Hebrew class in the Adult Institute for Jewish Studies in the fall, please call Dov Seidel, 368-9207.



### Corrections

✧ Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt worked as Resettlement Coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, not for Jewish Family Service.

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JULY

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 18

**YJAD** will be having its annual picnic and olympics starting at 10:00 a.m. This will be held at the JCC Family Campus. Contact Beth Lubaroff at (302) 655-4000 for details.

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 19

**The YJAD will play coed** volleyball outdoors on the JCC Family Campus. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (only \$1 for JCC members). Contact Michael Schenk at (215) 558-3781.

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 21

**Jewish Community Center - Family Matters**, 7:30 p.m. Do you have unresolved issues or conflicts with other family members? Do you and your siblings get along? Join us as we explore our participation as adults in our own families, and gain some tips to making the time spent together more pleasant. Led by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration required at JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

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Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 27

**Jewish Family Campus - Israeli Dancing**, 7 - 8:30 p.m. A fun-filled evening of Israeli dancing on the pool deck for families, singles, teens and seniors. Cost is \$4 for members, \$6 for non-members. For more information call 478-5782.

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 28

**YJAD** will be attending a Blue Rocks baseball game at the Blue Rocks stadium. Call Beth Lubaroff at (302) 655-4000 for details.

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 31

**Jewish Family Campus - Family Night**, 7 - 10 p.m. Join us for a BBQ followed by "Jungle Jim and his exotic animals." Cost is \$6 for children ages 3-12, \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors. For more information call 478-5782.

**Youth and Family Services Department of the JCC - Teen Dive-In Theatre** for grades 7 through 12, 8 - 11 p.m. Bring your inner tube and float in the pool while enjoying a movie shown from the Family Campus pool desk. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. For more information call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

AUGUST

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 2

**YJAD** will play coed volleyball outdoors on the JCC Family Campus. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$2 (only \$1 for JCC members). Call Mike Schenk at (215) 558-3781.

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 7

**Jewish Family Campus - Quantum Leap into Your Favorite Decade**, 8 - 12 midnight. Dress for your favorite decade and join us for an evening of eating, drinking, dancing and singing to your favorite songs of the past. Karaoke on the pool deck also included. Cost is \$22.50 per person and includes buffet, beer, wine, dessert and Karaoke. For more information call the Family Campus Control Desk at 478-5782.

**YJAD** miniature gold and dinner at the Olive Garden. Dinner is at 6:30 and mini-golf at 8:30. Call Michael Bank at (302) 738-4542.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 8

**Recreational Services Department of the JCC - Tennis Clinic**, 10 a.m. Join the Tennis Addiction Professionals for a singles, mixed doubles, men's and women's doubles tournament at the Family Campus Tennis Courts. Register by August 1. For more information call the Fitness Center Control Desk at 478-5660.

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 9

**YJAD** will play coed volleyball outdoors on the JCC Family Campus. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$2 (only \$1 for JCC members). Call Mike Schenk at (215) 558-3781.

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 11

**Senior Center of the JCC - Candlelight Dinner and Pool Party**, 5:30 p.m. After our candlelight dinner, seniors will use the Family Campus pool for an evening swim. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

**YJAD** (singles 20's and 30's) Annual Mid-Week Bar-B-Q at the home of Tina Harvitz. The Bar-B-Q starts at 6:30. Call Tina Harvitz at (302) 762-1345.

1993 Maccabiah Facts

•More than 5,000 world-class athletes from more than 56 countries are expected to participate in the 14th World Maccabiah Games scheduled for July 1993.

•The 1993 (14th) Maccabiah will welcome the following new countries to the Games: Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia. Bulgaria and Poland return to the Games after a 55 year absence.

•The U.S. will send a 650-member delegation, representing 40 states, and will participate in 28 of the 33 sporting events at the 14th Maccabiah Games.

•The U.S. athletes will participate in the **second pre-camp** held in Israel at the 1993 Games — the first pre-camp in Israel was in 1989. The pre-camp was designed to provide the athletes with a scenic and historical view of Israel.

•The 14th Games will mark the first time that bridge, rhythmic gymnastics and triathlon will be included in the open sports competition and the first time disabled competition will be part of the Games.

•Masters sports competition will include swimming, table tennis, track & field and triathlon for the first time, while basketball, soccer and table tennis are new events for the juniors sports competition.

•The U.S. will enter its first-ever women's field hockey team and ten pin bowling team at the 1993 Maccabiah Games.

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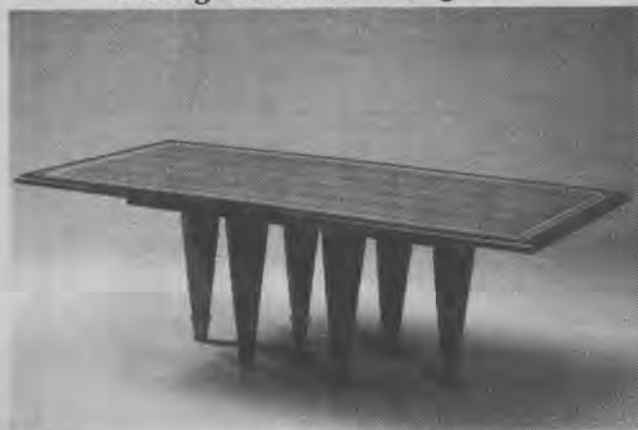
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**Dine**

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outstanding pro-Israel lobby for 13 years in which the organization grew from 5,000 to 55,000 representing all 50 states and the 435 Congressional districts but Grossman told The Wall Street Journal "the concern about the words in the book was palpable."

Howard Kohr, AIPAC's managing director, has become its acting executive director while a search is made for a successor to Dine. Before joining AIPAC, Kohr was deputy director of the National Jewish Coalition made up principally by Republicans and assistant Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

Dine's comments appear in the book "Piety and Power: The World of Jewish Fundamentalism" by David Landau, bureau chief in Jerusalem for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and also formerly with The Jerusalem Post newspaper. The book says that Dine "confides that 'in nine years at this job, I have never been to Brooklyn' since 'the congressmen from there are so pro-Israel, anyway, there is no need to work on them'."

"But then he adds, 'the book continued, 'I don't think mainstream Jews feel very comfortable with the ultra-Orthodox. It is a class thing I suppose. Their image is 'smelly.' That's what I'd say now you've got me thinking about it. Hasids and New York diamond dealers'."

He was quoted further "'United Jewish Appeal (UJA) people have told me several times that they don't want to fly El Al because of 'those people.' But I fly El Al to Israel because it is direct. Yes, TWA flies direct, too. But it is low class, like the Orthodox. Yes, that's still the image. Still the poor immigrant image. That's the perception of a lot of people I mix with."

In response to this passage, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of Agudath Israel of America, a group representing fervently Orthodox Jews, wrote a letter to Dine in protest, calling the remarks "both shocking and heart-breaking."

Had similar remarks been made about African Americans or Reform Jews, wrote Sherer, "you would be compelled to resign your position."

Others said that Dine had been growing out of favor with influential AIPAC members for, they said, taking full credit for AIPAC achievements Dine's remark in the book, The Wall Street Journal reported, "was another example of Mr. Dine's tendency to spout off opinions, irritating members of AIPAC's board."

In what was described as a "scathing, three-page letter to AIPAC," Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of Agudath Israel of America, said Dine's quoted remarks were "shocking and heart-breaking" and that his organization might no longer defer to AIPAC on matters concerning Israel. Rabbi Sherer was quoted by the Wall Street Journal that he must re-evaluate his perspective "when the main spokes-

man for AIPAC displays his anti-Orthodox prejudice for all the world to see." The Journal said the rabbi's letter brought the controversy "to light."

Dine's resignation is the latest in a series of high-profile embarrassments for the pro-Israel lobby.

AIPAC suffered a humiliating rebuke last August, when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin charged that the lobby's confrontational style on behalf of Israel during a battle for U.S. loan guarantees had actually undermined the Jewish state's interests.

There was also a scandal centering on the organization's information-gathering activities and the recent public rebuke by an AIPAC officer for publicly attacking the Israeli government's policies of territorial compromise.

But perhaps the most embarrassing incident came in November, when AIPAC's president at the time, David Steiner, resigned after admitting he had untruthfully exaggerated the lobby's clout in a telephone conversation secretly taped by a man posing as a would-be contributor.

Among other things, Steiner admitted boasting falsely that he had been "negotiating" with Bill Clinton's presidential transition team on candidates for secretary of state.

But Steiner's successor, Grossman, denied that AIPAC had been badly weakened by these incidents and even predicted the lobby would emerge from the controversy over Dine's remarks in a stronger position.

"The organization is as strong and as self-confident as it has ever been," he said. "That's Tom's legacy."



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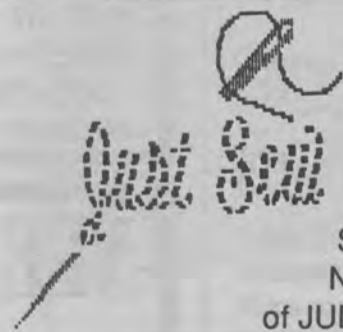
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## OBITUARIES

## Frank Paul Colten

Frank Paul Colten, 80, of Dover, died Friday, June 25.

Mr. Colten retired in 1975 as a senior research specialist for General Foods, Dover, in its Walker Baker Chocolate & Cocoa division. He moved to Dover in 1964 from Massachusetts.

He earned a masters degree in biochemistry from Boston College and a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College. He also studied

at Boston University.

His wife, Evelyn W., died in 1989. He is survived by five daughters, Beth Stucker of Omaha, Nancy DiGangi of Newark, Danna Utley and Joan Davis, both of Baltimore, and Deborah Barnes of Dover; a brother, Harold Cohen of Burlington, Mass.; a sister, Lillian Cohen of Saugus, Mass., and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Chapter.

## Sadie Rose Weilerstein Dead at 98

By TOVA MIRVIS

NEW YORK (JTA) — Sadie Rose Weilerstein, author of 15 children's books, including the well-known K'tonton series, died of a heart attack on June 23 in Rockville, Md. She was 98.

She wrote her first book, "What Danny Did," in 1928. In 1935, she published "The Adventures of K'tonton, the Jewish Tom Thumb," and later wrote three more books about K'tonton as well as a compilation of her most popular stories,

"The Best of K'tonton."

Weilerstein, a native of Rochester, N.Y., began her career by reading stories to her oldest son Herschel and the neighborhood children. She decided to make up her own stories because of the lack of stories about Jewish life.

"I always liked to come home and read a story to my son that reinforced our experiences together," Weilerstein told the Washington Jewish Week last November.

"But there were no stories then

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that echoed the joy of polishing the Shabbat candlesticks until he could see his face in them, or building a sukkah. So I made up my own stories."

At her mother's urging, Weilerstein wrote down her stories and submitted them for publication. Her books, published by Doubleday, the Jewish Publication Society for America and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, have been translated into five languages and have received numerous book awards.

## Drowos Unveiling:

A monument in memory of Jean S. Drowos, who died Aug. 1, 1992 was unveiled July 11 in the Montefiore section, Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred.

## Words &amp; Music

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Mann Music Center in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park is marking the sixth anniversary of Mann's death.

Mann also has a concert hall in Tel Aviv named for him, but he was most proud of this Philadelphia venue. He was fiercely proud of it.

Mann never minced words in telling people how he took a faltering summer series at Robin Hood Dell and transformed it into an innovative and successful series. He told me how the Dell concerts used to be disdained by conductor Eugene Ormandy and all-but-ignored by the board of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The musicians were the players of the Philadelphia Orchestra even though their management had a hands-off attitude. The concerts were started in 1930 as a means of providing summertime employment for the players during the depression. Stokowski supported the project, but he was spending more and more time in Hollywood and on world travels and eventually, in 1940, he

left Philadelphia altogether after a big fight with the Philadelphia Orchestra board.

When Mann became chairman of the Robin Hood Dell around 1950 he persuaded 100 patrons to make big financial contributions, and he talked the city of Philadelphia into funding the rest of the budget so that free tickets could be provided to the public.

"Do you realize," he told me, "no other city did that; no other major orchestra did that. Tanglewood and Ravinia and Hollywood Bowl charge for admission. The New York Philharmonic hadn't started free Central Park concerts yet. We were first. And the New York concerts aren't a full season anyway, just a few special concerts."

He said that the board of the Philadelphia Orchestra had an anti-Semitic bias and that the input of Jews was not welcomed. So he recruited a largely-Jewish group of businesspeople and philanthropists to support the Dell. They were glad to do it because they had been shut out of regular-season affairs.

Mann talked great performers into coming to the Dell even when they weren't invited to appear during the winter season. Jan Peerce, Roberta Peters, Robert Merrill, Leonard Bernstein, William Steinberg, Erich Leinsdorf and Zubin Mehta were some of the most-frequent Dell performers. Freddie used to hang out in their dressing rooms and take them out to parties after the concerts.

He was a pianist himself and an

ardent supporter of young musicians.

Mann also wanted to bring Stokowski back to the Dell during the 1950's when Stoky was still persona non grata to the orchestra board. Stoky considered it, then told Mann that he'd rather wait until he could be invited back to the Academy of Music. That finally happened in 1960, and then he began coming to the Dell for hugely popular summer concerts. Conductors Ormandy and Muti, however, continued to shun the Dell.

The old Dell was a sylvan setting with an orchestra shell at one end and rolling hills surrounding it. Many of us miss those simpler times, lying on blankets under the stars, although rain would cancel many performances. Mann brought about a move to the present enclosed auditorium in 1976.

So far this season the biggest evenings have been with soloists who were personal favorites of Mann: Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman. The current music director of the Mann Music Center is Charles Dutoit, who is giving the season a musical coherence as well as conducting seven out of the 21 concerts.

The new setting may not be as romantic as the old, but where can you hear such outstanding soloists with such an orchestra?

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An unexpected bonus came to the Delaware Valley in June when na-

tionally-known writers and producers Conrad Bishop and Elizabeth Fuller moved their base of operations from Lancaster to 115 Arch Street in Philadelphia.

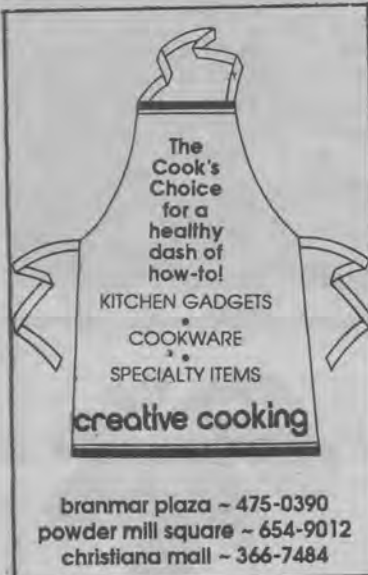
They presented their fascinating and emotional *Loveplay* in their cozy new home. *Loveplay* is a story about two couples and two pregnancies with unexpected twists that I won't describe here. The situations were unusual enough to keep the audience engrossed and, at the same time, the characters had a commonality that enlisted our empathy.

These are real characters, expressing themselves with rich language, well acted by a cast of four that includes Ms. Fuller.

Greg Northam, whose own production of *Lisbon Traviata* impressed us a few months ago, says that watching *Loveplay* was like watching a good Woody Allen film on stage.

Bishop and Fuller's group, Independent Eye, has been performing for 20 years in 34 states. We're fortunate to have them within easy reach now.

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## Tracing Roots

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surnames in that region of Europe.

While the body of the book lists names in alphabetical order, a 110-page soundex enables you to locate the spelling of a name by how it sounds. Cross-references also make it easier to locate specific names. Again, I looked for my family names and found Odnopozov, never seen in any other name book, ever!

ODNOPOZOV (Poltava gub.) A: 'from aadneyj poz' [Hebrew] sockets of fine gold (Song of Songs 5:15) (Rabinovich, 302) (?). My maternal grandmother, Miriam Odnopozov, came from Priluki, a town in Poltava gubernia, verified by the above entry.

The next "test" was my grandfather's name, Alexander Rabkin.

RABKIN (common in Vitebsk, Bobrujsk, Rogachev) T: See Ryabkin.

RYABKIN (Gorodok, Bykhov, Gomel, Radomysl) T: from the village Ryabki (Chaussy d., Gorodok d.) (Ryapkin, Rabkin, Rapkin), (Ryabitskij).

Throughout my research of my Rabkin ancestors, I have found many Rabkins originating from the towns

This is somewhat disturbing because I have concentrated all my research efforts in Ukraine, having visited Konotop and found no trace of my family in this town. It looks like now I need to add Belarus to my travel itinerary.

There is much about Beider's book to keep one occupied for hours, but in particular, Appendix C, entitled "The Most Common Jewish Surnames in the Soviet Union" captured my attention. During the last few months, I have been researching the Brodsky family in the Kiev archives. This family was prominent in developing the sugar beet industry throughout Ukraine and in studying the Beider tables of common Jewish surnames. I noted 104 Brodsky families listed in the 1970 Kiev telephone book and listed in this entry (now in Belarus), although my specific family comes from Konotop, in Ukraine. According to Beider's book, my family name comes from the village of Ryabki which is in the same general area of all the other (so far) unrelated Rabkin families I have located. Perhaps my ancestors also originated in Ryabki and for some reason migrated to the southeast to Konotop.

41 entries in the 1977 Odessa telephone book, he two areas of my focus. I will be busy for a long time interviewing many of these people.

Therefore, if you are interested in the origin of Jewish names, the above two books will be the best references you can find in English, or maybe in any language.

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## Kutz

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donate \$500,000 over the next three years toward its completion.

Sheila Mensch expressed her thanks to the volunteers on behalf of the residents. The strong presence of the volunteers is felt daily throughout the Home. Their many efforts such as feeding, driving, calling bingo and visiting are appreciated by both residents and staff. Mensch believes the measure of the quality of a home resides in its volunteer effort.

Aimée Prange also thanked the volunteers for providing vitality to the Home's environment.

This year's Recognition Gathering was the largest ever, according to Marge Maerov.

## Choice

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Rabbi Moshe Goldblum, of Beth Shalom Congregation of Dover, a Conservative synagogue in Delaware, summarized mainstream Jewish views in support of women's choice and tolerance of others' perspectives. "I believe from a Jewish law point of view no one is in favor of abortion but (Jewish law) is construed in favor of giving the woman a choice," explained the Rabbi. "That's not to push abortion as a method to limit population. It is not a good technique as birth control. The point is to give a woman a choice as per her own personal life." Since the woman is not hurting anyone, making a decision to have an abortion can reflect a very moral point of view. "Forcing someone to have a child? I don't know if it is a great moral victory," said Rabbi Goldblum.

Anti-choice, or so-called "pro-life," activists disobey the law because of their largely fundamentalist religious-based belief that life begins at the time of conception, according to news reports and Rabbi Goldblum. However, such beliefs are not consistent with the religious beliefs of many. Judaism, for example, does not impose such an oversimplified moral solution to the complicated consideration of abortion.

According to Rabbi Goldblum "they (Operation Rescue protesters) think they are moral but there is not only one correct point of view regarding morality." Goldblum added, "It's a dangerous individual who says I have

the only point of view. Once someone says they have all the truth and everyone else is wrong then you are not in a high moral status." Rabbi Goldblum linked historical anti-Semitism, pogroms and crusades to the religious beliefs of those who thought they had the only truth. "They (some Christians and Moslems through history) believed they had an obligation to convert Jews, they killed hundreds of thousands to save their souls," said Rabbi Goldblum.

Rabbi Goldblum explains that Halakha, or Jewish law, gives preeminent status to the health of the mother right up until the point in childbirth of entry into the birth canal. "Is that the time it becomes an individual?" asked Rabbi Goldblum rhetorically. It is difficult in terms of halakha to determine exactly when life begins, said Rabbi Goldblum. For example, according to Jewish law, if an infant dies Kaddish is not said unless the baby has already survived at least 30 days. "Is that the beginning of life, 30 days?" asked Rabbi Goldblum, underscoring the situation's complexity.

Rabbi Goldblum explained further that a higher percentage of his Orthodox colleagues may agree with the protesters position that there is not any time an abortion is allowed. In contrast, according to Goldblum, the conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist branches of Judaism are "quite in a agreement in this point of view (pro-choice.)"

## Nathan Visits Libya

By HUGH ORGEL


TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan visited Libya this week, but failed to meet with Moammar Gadhafi after being told that the Libyan leader had a sore throat.

Nathan visited Libya on the understanding that he would be granted an interview by Gadhafi, but left Tripoli on Tuesday with only verbal replies to his written questions, passed on to him by Gadhafi's aide.



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