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## Group Seeks Nationwide Support for Day Schools

### Albert Einstein Academy Represented

By SID SINGER  
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CHICAGO, Sept. 23 (JTA) — Jewish communities across the country are being challenged to take up the gauntlet for day school funding.

A resolution intended to make funding for Jewish day school education a high communal priority will likely face delegates at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations when they meet in Indianapolis in November.

The proposed resolution — which commits communities to work to make quality day school education available to all Jewish children — came out of the first meeting of the National Jewish Day School Scholarship Committee held on September 23.

The committee is a newly formed coalition of representatives from 14 Chicago-area Jewish day schools, ranging from Reform to Lubavitch.

Participants in the conference, which attracted 170 Jewish educators, day school officials and federation leaders from around the country — also agreed to bring similar resolutions before local federations.

In a rare show of intradenominational unity, the conference drew delegates from the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements and received letters of support from the national leadership of each of those movements.

The premise of the conference, as stated by committee chairman George Hanus, was a simple one: Jewish day schools, which many American Jews view as the best antidote to assimilation, are seriously underfunded.

"Unless additional revenue sources are found," said Hanus, president of Chicago's Ida Crown Jewish Academy and a board member of the Chicago federation, "the day school system as we currently know it will be bankrupt."

Because of the schools' insolvency, he said, the children who attend are primarily from wealthy and upper-middle-class families.

Many Jewish parents who would like to send their children to day schools simply can't afford to, even with the modest scholarship assistance that many schools offer, he said.

The average day school tuition during the 1995-96 academic year was \$5,059-\$5,465 at Reform schools, \$6,083 at Conservative schools, and \$5,131 at Orthodox schools, according to "The Financing of Jewish Day Schools," a recent study conducted by Dr. Marvin Schick and funded by the Avi Chai Foundation in New York.

Speaking to the conference, Schick of New York called day schools "the stepchild of American Jewish philanthropy."

Conference participants discussed a variety of strategies for translating resolutions into more money for day school education.

"This conference is a major step to recognize there's a commonality among the day schools," said Jeff Wasserman of the Albert Einstein Academy in Wilmington, Del. "We have to convince the Jewish population that the role a day school plays in establishing the Jewish identity of our children is really unique and unmatched by any other Jewish-affiliated program or institution."

That, according to Hanus, is the impetus for passing resolutions both at the local and national levels.

Schick suggested that federations and private philanthropies give more funding to day schools

in the United States and less to Israel, and that more Jews support voucher and school choice plans.

Framing recommendations from a federation perspective was Steven Nasatir, president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, which currently allocates nearly \$2.7 million to area day schools.

Nasatir stressed the need to find new sources of funding, rather than taking away from other needs.

Nasatir suggested a three-pronged approach: supplemental gifts to federations for day schools, in addition to annual campaign contributions; coordinated capital giving programs to offset costs of new and expanded buildings; and federation help to develop — perhaps even providing seed contributions — for community-wide endowments for day schools.

Eli Genauer, a trustee of the Samis Foundation in Seattle, demonstrated the effectiveness of focused-giving strategies.

Briefing conference participants on the tuition-reduction program at Seattle's Northwest Yeshiva High School, he said funds provided to the school from the Samis Foundation endowment had resulted in tuition being reduced by more than 50 percent — and a resulting increase in enrollment.

Rabbi Nathan Laufer, president of the Wexner Heritage Foundation and moderator of the conference, proposed that local day schools of all streams work with local federations to establish community endowments for day school education.

He also proposed the idea of a national trust fund for day school education.

Laufer urged day school leaders to approach federations as allies, not adversaries.

"Don't come in confrontationally," he said. "Come in because you share a communal agenda."

Hanus, who organized the conference, and Lawrence Friedman, chairman of the Chicago federation's education committee, also urged participants to work within the federation system to accomplish their objectives.

At least one conference participant wondered whether a policy to strengthen the day school movement would cause communal tension, given the disproportionate day school enrollments of Orthodox Jews.

"We're not interested in saving schools for Orthodox Jews," Friedman responded.

Laufer also urged conference participants to work toward enrolling more Jews in day schools of all denominations.

"Day school education is one of the few things that has the possibility to reunite the community toward one commonality — the survival of the American Jewish community," he said.

That view was shared by many of the out-of-town participants, who came from cities such as Baltimore, San Diego, Minneapolis and Indianapolis.

Leaders of all three denominations — Norman Lamm of Yeshiva University (Orthodox); Ismar Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative); and Eric Yoffie of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) — sent letters endorsing the resolution, which promises that moral and financial support for day schools will be of the highest priority.

(Pauline Dubkin Yearwood of the Chicago Jewish News contributed to this story.)



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**ISRAEL: JERUSALEM** — A Jewish father and son shop for a perfect, unblemished palm branch in a "four species" market in the religious neighborhood of Mea Shearim October 13. The four species: palm, myrtle and willow branches as well as a citron, are important religious symbols used in the Jewish festival of Sukkoth (Tabernacles) commemorating the Jewish people's wandering in the desert after their exodus from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

## ARTS • BOOKS • ENTERTAINMENT

# Faith in Judaism, Not Fear of Anti-Semitism, Says Policy Center President

## New Book Examines AJCommittee Findings

By DEBRA RUBIN

American Jews, who once saw assimilation as the key to neutralizing Christian anti-Semitism and gaining acceptance in American society, have been so successful they are in danger of assimilating out of existence, according to a prominent author.

Elliott Abrams, author "Faith or Fear: How Jews Can Survive in a Christian America," believes that in their desire to fit in with their non-Jewish neighbors, American Jews have substituted shared values or ethnic interests for shared religious faith. These include secular liberalism, remembering the Holocaust, supporting Israel and fighting anti-Semitism.

Abrams, former Undersecretary of State under President Ronald Reagan and now president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., noted that while all these things have their place, they are no replacement for the religious elements of Judaism.

"They cannot be the center of Judaism," he said in a recent telephone interview. "The Jewish community must be centered

around the Jewish religion."

"I think it's very important that we need to understand how we came to view Judaism as a problem," Abrams said. "How is it that we came to accept ethnic Judaism as the answer? In fact, we are learning the same thing that the Italian or Greeks have learned in this country - basing your identity on ethnicity is fading."

Abrams has "no argument" with studies that have repeatedly shown Jews are a shrinking minority as assimilation, and most importantly intermarriage, have decimated their numbers.

He cites a study in the American Jewish Yearbook, published by the American Jewish Committee, which found about 12 percent of Americans of Jewish heritage are now Christians. Of the remaining "core" 5.5 million, another 20 percent consider themselves to be secular Jews professing no religion.

"The term disaster is no exaggeration," he claims, citing other studies which have documented that most Jews who have married in the last 20 years have chosen

non-Jewish spouses and only 28 percent of the children of these marriages are being raised as Jews.

"With only about a quarter of these children being raised as Jews, we must look not to the size of the community but to its strength," said Abrams, who despite the dire statistics remains optimistic about the American Jewish community's future.

"Judaism is the answer," said Abrams, a native of Queens who now lives in Great Falls, Va., with his wife, Rachel, and two children. But he sharply criticized the belief that being active in Jewish causes or organizations is tantamount to being a practicing Jew.

"I think and feel that as Jews what we do on Saturday morning is a lot more important than whether we send a check to some Jewish organization," he said. "That is important, but it is no substitute. Some think if I go to a B'nai B'rith meeting on Tuesday night, it is the same as taking my children to a synagogue service. That is great, but it is no substitute for Judaism any more than what you cook will give your kids a Jewish

identity."

Abrams began his political career right out of college when he came to work for Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington. Abrams became chief of staff to New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan before becoming Undersecretary of State from 1981-89. He is also the author of "Undue Process: The Story of How Political Differences Are Turned Into a Crime."

In his current position, the former government official regularly speaks with Jewish leaders and rabbis in all segments of Judaism who have noticed a boom in attendance at adult Torah classes and the enrollment of children in yeshivas.

The Ethics and Public Policy Center, which has a divisions for studying Jewish, Catholic and evangelical Christian issues, is a think tank that organizes conferences on issues of importance to religion in the United States.

"The community that remains may be smaller, but it is more vibrant," he noted. "The Orthodox are certainly not fading away. And who would have believed 25 years ago they would

actually be growing? But the entire Jewish community is turning more and more of its energy toward religion."

"You can see it at Harvard, Yale and Princeton," Abrams pointed out.

"There are students actually studying and practicing Judaism."

This renewal of interest in Judaism as a religion by young educated Jews will probably prevent total assimilation and ensure the survival of the community, according to Abrams.

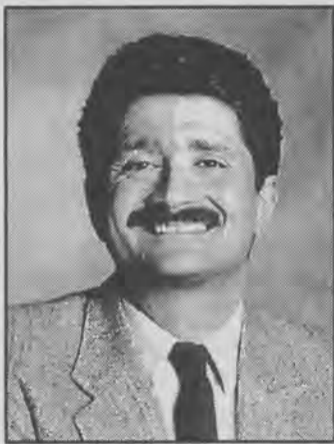
But, the question of why American Jews have encouraged such assimilation — from the time the first waves of Jewish immigrants arrived at the end of the last century and continue to do so today, is much more complicated.

After suffering centuries of pogroms and anti-Semitism carried out by organized religion and their Christian neighbors, the new immigrants had a well-deserved fear of Christians. For Jews to ensure their survival and acceptance in America, they rallied around the absolute separation of a Christian

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## Medved To Speak At Chai Dinner

### UJA Federation Campaign Event November 2



You are cordially invited to the Chai Dinner featuring film critic, author and social commentator Michael Medved on Sunday, November 2, 1997. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:15 p.m. The Chai dinner will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth at Washington St. Extension and Torah Drive.

The Chai dinner honors families contributing \$1,800 or more, or individuals contributing \$900 or more, to the annual UJA Federation Campaign. The couvert is \$54 per person. Adult children ages 13-30 may attend for the couvert. Dietary laws will be observed.

For more information, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

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**Russian Jewish Umbrella Group Created**

MOSCOW, Oct. 15 (JTA) — Russia's Jews have a new umbrella group. The group, known as the Jewish Community of Russia, brings together three of the community's leading Jewish organizations in an effort to streamline their activities and prevent discord. The group, created late last month, was cosponsored by the Va'ad, the Russian Jewish Congress and the Congress of Jewish Religious Communities and Organizations.

Estimates of the Russian Jewish population run between 300,000 and 1.5 million, but only a small minority are actively affiliated with the community.

The Va'ad, the Jewish Federation of Russia, was formed in 1989 as the first umbrella organization to represent Jewish interests. The Russian Jewish Congress, created in early 1996 by some of Russia's most prominent Jewish bankers and businessmen, has recently started building its own nationwide structure. The Congress of Jewish Religious Communities and Organizations, known as KEROOR, serves as an umbrella body for Russia's congregations.

**Argentina: Don't Tell Clinton**

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 15 (JTA) — Argentine President Carlos Menem was so concerned that his administration would be criticized for its inability to find those responsible for two terror bombings of Jewish targets earlier in the decade that he called Jewish leaders to the presidential palace to seek from them assurances that they would not bring up the issue during a meeting with President Clinton.

Although details of the meeting with Menem were not disclosed, Jewish communal sources said they had acquiesced to Menem's request.

Menem had wanted to prevent his government from being embarrassed over its continued inability to solve the March 17, 1992, bombing of the Israeli Embassy and the July 18, 1994, bombing of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Aid Association, also known as AMIA.

The attacks in Buenos Aires killed 115 people and left hundreds of wounded.

In the past, Jewish leaders here and abroad have cited incompetence, corruption and anti-Semitism among security and government officials as causes for Argentina's inability to solve either case.

**D.C. Observes Farrakhan's Day**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA) — The Mayor Marion Barry, of the nation's capital, is coming under fire for calling on all residents of Washington, D.C., to observe Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan's "Holy Day of Atonement" by issuing a proclamation supporting Farrakhan and granting all city employees a day off without pay. This will enable them to heed Farrakhan's call to fast for 24 hours and stay home from work and school, Barry said. Farrakhan's holiday was timed to celebrate the anniversary of last year's Million Man March.

Farrakhan borrowed his idea of a day of atonement from Yom Kippur, he said, when he announced the new holiday last year.

In a sharply worded statement, the Anti-Defamation League labeled Barry's proclamation "disappointing and disturbing." ADL accused Barry of "sanctioning and legitimizing" the Nation of Islam.

Last year, local Jewish officials clashed with Barry after the mayor invited Nation of Islam representatives to sit on a religious council. In the end, the Jewish representatives resigned from the committee.

**Group Finds New Uses for Mikvah**

SAN FRANCISCO (Jewish Bulletin of Northern California) (Oct. 10) — Lisa Hamburger immersed a terracotta ceramic bowl in San Francisco's community mikvah. Now she will use it to thaw frozen sperm for her scheduled impregnation. The bowl was lowered into a placid pool at Mikvah Israel B'nai David in a lay-led ceremony by members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, a San Francisco Reform synagogue with a largely gay constituency.

The 15 worshippers visited the Sacramento Street facility as part of the synagogue's program to explore the Jewish practice of spiritual cleansing and renewal in water.

Halachically, the mikvah is for the ritual immersion of an Orthodox woman after niddah, the approximately 12-day period during and following menstruation in which a woman is considered ritually impure. The couple cannot resume sexual relations until the woman ritually cleanses herself by immersing in the mikvah.

Lisa and others in the Sha'ar Zahav group come to the mikvah with rituals of their own in mind. Eight months pregnant, one woman planned to visit the mikvah with her partner, who also is pregnant. One after the other, they will immerse and pray for healthy, full-term babies.

**States Move Against Swiss Banks Amid Probe Into Dormant Accounts**

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (JTA) — One week after New York City administered a major sanction against a Swiss bank by refusing to let it take part in a billion-dollar bond offering, California's treasurer announced that it had decided to halt the state's dealings with Swiss banks.

Both moves come in response to the way the banks have handled the Nazi gold issue and the search for dormant Jewish accounts from the Holocaust era.

A spokesman for California Treasurer Matt Fong said in a statement that Fong "has asked the Swiss parent companies for full disclosure of the nature of dormant accounts and implemented a moratorium on investment activities with these firms until we have such disclosure."

A week before, New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi said he would not let Union Bank of Switzerland participate in a letter of credit arrangement because he did not want to see the banking giant profit from expanded dealings with the city while its top officials remain unapologetic for the bank's response to the ongoing probe into Switzerland's wartime financial transactions.

Hevesi was among those who protested earlier this year when Union Bank fired a night watch-

man, Christoph Meili, who rescued Holocaust-era documents from the bank's shredder.

"We were faced with the decision of whether to go ahead and do business as usual or send a message to Union Bank of

a \$1.3 million fee paid for the guarantee.

The State Department criticized New York City's decision, calling it "counterproductive."

"It is our view," State Department spokesman James

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**— New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi**

Switzerland," Hevesi, whose family included a number of Holocaust victims, was quoted as saying.

"We decided it would be sending the wrong message to accept the bid."

Union Bank was the lead bank in a consortium that had successfully bid on the letter of credit deal, under which banks are paid a fee for their guarantee of anticipated state and federal aid payments to the city.

Morgan Guaranty agreed to take the place of Union Bank, which would have received close to half of

Rubin said, "that rather than confrontation, cooperation is the best means to achieve the results we want."

Union Bank expressed dismay at the move.

"We're all deeply sorry and disappointed that Mr. Hevesi continues to feel obliged to perpetuate this story, particularly at a time when the Swiss banks, including UBS, are working so hard and making so much progress," Richard Capone, chief operating officer for the bank's Americas region, said in a statement.

Union Bank is one of the Swiss banks that has contributed millions of dollars to a special fund for Holocaust victims.

"Mr. Hevesi's actions are taking on the characteristics of a vindictive and targeted campaign to single out and punish UBS," he said.

**Red Cross Apologizes for Holocaust-Era Silence**

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (JTA) — Add the Red Cross to the list of groups that have recently apologized for remaining silent during the Holocaust.

The director of archives for the International Red Cross, George Willemin, acknowledged recently the organization's "moral failure" at a ceremony at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

He also delivered 60,000 pages of Red Cross documents to be given to three Jewish museums.

"The ICRC admits — yes — that it has kept silent with regard to the Holocaust, and I would say that this is the heart of the moral failure," he said.

The Red Cross apology came days after the French Roman Catholic Church issued a statement

of repentance for its silence during the persecution of Jews in Nazi-occupied France.

The ICRC, which is based in Switzerland, discounted reports of a 1940 mass murder in Lublin, Poland, according to a statement from Yad Vashem.

This was not its only failure.

As reports of extermination camps began to spread in 1944, the Red Cross visited the Theresienstadt ghetto in Czechoslovakia at the invitation of the Nazis. The Nazis cleaned up the ghetto by lessening overcrowded conditions by sending prisoners to Auschwitz and adding a bank, shops and schools.

The ruse worked. The Red Cross reported that allegations of extermination camps were unfounded.

**JWW to Prepare Account of Battle of the Bulge**

The Delaware Jewish War Veterans are preparing a historical account of The Battle of the Bulge, highlighting personal experiences in which the background will be the initial deployment of the US units involved, with the progress of the actions mapped out in some detail, through to the final conclusion. Overlaying this background, individual veterans are invited to identify and describe their units, dispositions of and changes in these, and their personal participation in these actions. This information will

be collated and integrated into a composite record for the future. If you contribute to this project, please contact Garry Greenstein at 302-656-6879, or write to 64 Bancroft Estate Road, Wilmington, DE 19806.

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# The Heart of the Matter

As the pulse of political tension rises and falls with each new development in the Middle East peace talks, a heart steadily beats inside the tiny chest of Rim Aljaroushi, a three-year old Palestinian girl who received a transplant from an eight-year old Israeli boy recently. It's an example of how people can transcend the differences which can cause bloodshed in order to push for the world they envision. Similarly, Jews and Arabs interact at the "good fence," the border between Israel and Lebanon which was opened in the early 1970s to allow people in southern Lebanon access to food and employment in Israel. Hadassah Hospitals' treatment of Jewish and Arab patients, is a model for people transcending differences. Eight-year old Yuval Kaveh's heart highlights the necessity of interaction between people, not just governments.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, in partnership with United Israel Appeal, with funds raised by the UJA/ Federation Campaign, administered locally by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, currently funds 187 pro-

jects in the area of acculturation, vocational training education, culture and the arts, community services, and social issues. These programs are heartfelt efforts to build a better world. A sample of these programs is listed below.

Building Bridges in the North  
Building Bridges through Jewish and Arab Student Councils  
A Model for Coexistence  
Jewish and Arab Youth Together in a Mixed City

Advancement of Arab Israeli Women  
Education for Democracy in Arab Schools  
Halfway House for Arab Young Women in Distress

Breast Cancer Early Detection (aimed at immigrant, Arab, and lower-income women)  
Jewish-Arab Youth Workshop/Educational Center at Kibbutz Hanaton (co-existence program for groups of Jewish and Arab youth)

Literacy for Bedouin Women  
Leadership Development for Immigrants

## VOICE BOX

"Very few people can blow a shofar this humongous."

-Dr. Bernhard H. Rosenberg, rabbi of Congregation Beth-El, Edison, New Jersey, who blew a four-foot-long shofar in front of the Edison Town Hall for \$2000 in pledges. "People were so impressed that I didn't faint," said the 'hot lips rabbi,' as some of his congregants call him, "But I did feel very woozy."

"Both she and her wig will burn in hell."

-Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual head of Shas party and former Israeli Sephardic Chief Rabbi, declaring recently that any Jewish woman who wears a sheitel (wig) will be condemned to hell. Some Jewish leaders have criticized fancy sheitlach made of real hair as being immodest. Rabbi Yosef, known for his harsh pronouncements, declared last year that Jews who violate Shabbat must be given the death penalty. He also recently said that smoking was a sin punishable by 40 lashes.



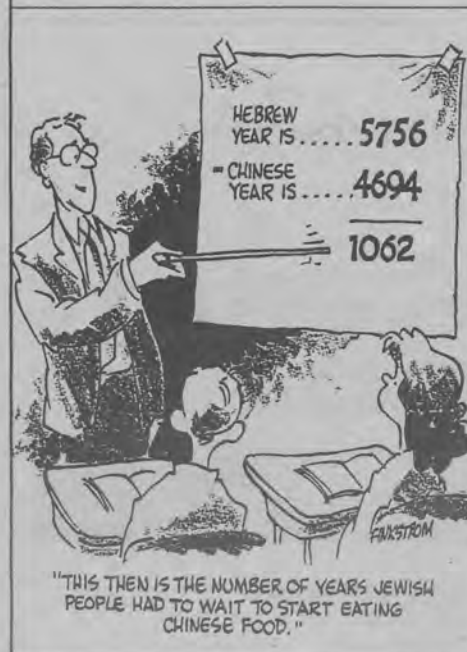
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OPINION

# The Chance of a Lifetime

By PAULA SHULAK

As I looked up through the small opening in the top of the yurt (a teepee-like structure), I saw the beautiful sky and watched the snowflakes drifting silently to Earth. I breathed the fresh, pure mountain air unadorned by the city's dirt and grime and reveled in the serenity which I felt all around me. It was my first weekend at Elat Chayyim and as the age old words of the Shabbat service whirled round my brain in a totally new way, I felt the stirring of renewal within my soul. I realized that I was at the threshold of the chanced of a lifetime, the opportunity for me, my husband and a small group of Delawareans to experience something we had never done before - total immersion in faith and spirituality.

I suppose for some the thought of a true spiritual experience is a little frightening. Who would want to lose themselves, to leave the safe rational world we have all been taught to admire and aspire to? Who would want to release their inhibitions, their hold on security, and let their minds soar in

the realms of mysticism, meditation and contemplation? Only after you have had this chance can you fully appreciate the freedom which letting yourself open your senses and your mind to a whole new level of understanding will bring to you. For my whole life, I have attended services, on the holidays and on Shabbat and recited the prayers, but something always seemed to be missing. Where was the exhilaration that a conversation with God should bring? Where was the sense of awe that I should feel in the house of God? Where was the rapture that I had seen on the faces of congregants in black churches as they allowed themselves to be totally caught up in their hymns and spontaneous responses? No synagogue had ever given me this kind of experience, at least not until I went to Elat Chayyim for the first time.

What exactly is Elat Chayyim? It is a place, of course, but it is also a philosophy. Nestled in the Catskill Mountains near Woodstock, NY (no small coincidence in my mind), it is a center for the renaissance of the Jewish identity. Two years ago, we went as a couple

to see for ourselves just what this renewal center had to offer. We found a spot in which we could be totally open, in which we could talk about our innermost feelings and where we could learn more than we had ever dreamed possible about a part of Judaism we had hardly known existed. The world of Jewish mysticism and spirituality had never been addressed in any of our previous Jewish studies and what a loss! All these years had gone by and we had never known what power, what release was right in our religious tradition. But no one had ever told us it was there! The next year we were part of a group of 20 other Delawareans and returned to Elat Chayyim for a second weekend. This time was even better because we were able to share with our friends the discovery we had made. It was wonderful to see them open to a new beauty, a new power for their souls. Even the hardened skeptics among us left the Catskills with an appreciation for the strength which they had found in finally being able to relax in their Judaism and discover the meaning it could bring to their

lives.

And now once again, this year the opportunity is available for even more of the Delaware Jewish community to come and be fulfilled in a completely different way by a religious experience. On November 21-23, 1997, The Jewish Federation and the Newark Committee of the Federation (under the auspices of Temple Beth El) have arranged a third Delaware Retreat to Elat Chayyim. We are very fortunate that this weekend will also include the chance to be taught by one of the leading Jewish scholars in America, Arthur Kurzweil. The theme of the weekend is "I Can't Read Hebrew, I Never Went to Yeshiva, But I Want to Study Talmud." If you are ready for a mind and heart enhancing experience, call Temple Beth El at 366-8330 and sign up to join us.

The cost is \$125 per person which includes all meals (which incidentally are deliciously vegetarian gourmet). More information and specific details are available from Rabbi Kaplan or Ann Hermann at the Temple. Don't miss this chance of a lifetime!

# Who Says That Baseball is Not a Religion?

By DAVID BEDEIN

Having just finished Yom Kippur in Israel, I read a thoughtful internet news column by a Rabbi Rami Shapira, who appealed to South Florida's Jewish community to respect Yom Kippur more than the baseball playoffs that took place on the same day between the Florida Marlins and the Atlanta Braves.

As an observant Jew, I would agree that Rabbi Shapira's point is well taken, except that the Rabbi goes on to make an inappropriate comment, which is that, after all, "baseball is not a religion".

I beg to differ.

On the eve after Yom Kippur (as I write), the time has come for some true confessions.

Yes, I have sinned with my mitt and scorecard in place.

You see, I grew up in Philadelphia, a place

where the Phillies never won. Prayers never helped. And then 1964 came, the year after my Bar Mitzvah, when my Chabad teacher had told me that it was now up to me to keep Mitzvot or not. I was of age.

The Phillies looked like they were going to win.

I put in a special prayer for the Phillies on the first day of Rosh HaShanah, reciting the lineup and even the bullpen when the ark was open for special prayers.

But I decided that the second day of Rosh HaShanah would require a personal pilgrimage to Connie Mack Stadium.

So after I heard the Shofar at Overbrook Park Congregation I quietly moved to the back of the shul, feigning a tummy ache to my little brother and sister.

I had five crisp one dollar bills that would-

n't jingle, which I had saved from my summer paper route for the Inquirer. I looked this way and that, feeling like Moses, just after he had killed the Egyptian, and made a dash from the bathroom near the old men who were talking in the back, and calmly walked two blocks to the bus that took me to 69th street and then the subway.

Wearing my bar mitzvah suit, I was on my way to Connie Mack, in line for great unreserved seats behind home plate.

I had thought of everything: My Phillies Hat was in my Tallis bag.

I kept the machzor with me and had it set next to my score card. The Phillies were playing the hapless Mets. 12 games left in the season. Six and a half games ahead. In the Fifth inning, mincha time, Frank Thomas, The Phillies much-needed right handed power whom they had recently

acquired, was on first. Thomas routinely sprinted to second base on an infield ground ball.

Suddenly, Frank Thomas slides head first into second base, breaking his finger. *That never happens.*

I heard Richie Ashburn say on the radio that Thomas would be out for the season. Ashburn, the Phillies star turned play by play announcer who died last month, has been a Whiz Kid in the last Phillies victory and he represented the past and the future for the Phillies. When Richie died last month it reminded me of 1964.

The Phillies lost. I made it back for Maariv to Overbrook Park. Or that is at least what I told my mother.

Little did I know that this would be the beginning of the Phillies' ten game losing streak. I felt that I had jinxed them since it began on the second day of Rosh HaShanah. Everything that could go wrong in those ten days went wrong for the Phillies. By Yom Kippur, there was no joy in Philly mudville. I remember my despondency during Sukkot, when the World Series Yankees of Mantle, Maris, Berra and Ford were not facing our holy Phillies. So I phoned a call in show on WCAU, then the CBS affiliate in Philly, to ask Richie Ashburn what had gone wrong. Ashburn gave me an answer that I felt like a reproach for going to the ball game on second day Rosh HaShanah. Richie said that a great lesson is never to be overconfident and not to do things that you shouldn't do. He was referring to Phillie manager Gene Mauch overplaying his star pitchers, Jim Bunning and Chris Short.

I thought he was referring to my Overbrook Park Congregation escape to Connie Mack stadium.

Baseball as a religion? It has all the trappings.

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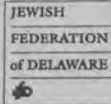
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# Endowment Seminar: How Can You Profit Under the New Tax Laws?

The Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, also known as the Jewish Fund For The Future, is sponsoring an educational seminar to provide information and resources concerning legal and tax issues involved in planning one's estate and to promote the creation of endowment funds in Delaware Jewish institutions. Speakers at the educational seminar on estate planning and charitable giving will include Nancy Blumberg, C.P.A. of Simon Master & Sidlow, Joseph Nicholson, Esq. of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, Richard Weinstein of Compu-val Investments, Inc., Ginger Weiss of Rockwell Associates, and Marc Shandler, Director of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund.

The same seminar will be held twice: first on Thursday, November 6, 1997 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington and then on Friday, November 7, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at The Kutz Home, 704 River Road in Wilmington. Light refreshments

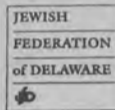
will be served. Space is limited, reservations are encouraged. Call 427-2100.

According to Marc Shandler, "many people may not realize that by establishing an endowment fund someone can help make the world a better place and at the same time advance their financial goals too."

Endowment funds may advance a donor's charitable intentions, and simultaneously such financial concerns as tax avoidance and maintaining income. What's more, endowment funds provide for the future growth and continuity of Jewish institutions in Delaware. Universities and hospitals rely not just on annual contributions but also the income from their endowments to support their important work. So, too, the Jewish community needs to focus on providing a stable source of support for the network of social, religious, educational and cultural services which we provide.

The following organizations have joined together to sponsor these seminars: Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Beth Shalom Congregation,

Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Delaware, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and Temple Beth El. We hope that the seminar will provide useful information to members of the Delaware Jewish community concerning the importance and value of establishing an endowment. The Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, also known as the Jewish Fund For The Future, is affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Delaware.



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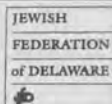
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The Program will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE on Sunday November 16 from 1:00-3:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. The program is open to the public at no charge.

year, YLDA has planned additional community and family oriented programs, including the Kutz Home Cleanup Day, and Super

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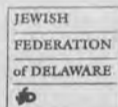
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cialists today is designing kitchens that don't simply fill the space of the blueprint, but make the most of the available space by satisfying a variety of consumer wants. For example:

- The cook has company in the kitchen 69% of the time, according to a study conducted by the National Kitchen and Bath

Association. Consequently, the functional U-shaped kitchen, once standard for a solitary cook, has been replaced with an L-shaped arrangement featuring an island. This allows easier access to major appliances and wider walkways for more than one person to easily move through the space.

- Because the kitchen is much more of a public space, welcoming

family members and serving as a gathering place for friends and guests, the room is larger and more highly decorated than the functional, hidden kitchen of the past.

- Kitchens often have six or more major appliances instead of the former refrigerator and range. The standard kitchen work triangle used by designers and architects often evolves into a more complex

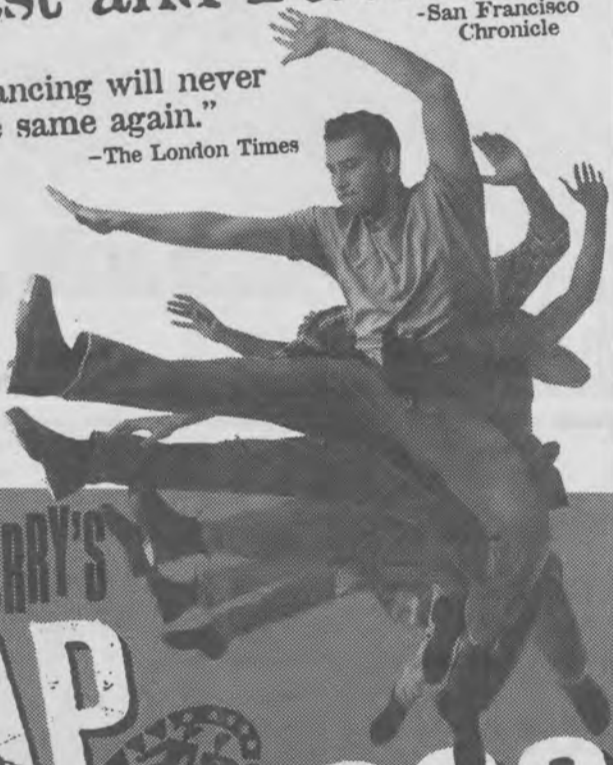
design of two overlapping triangles to accommodate the multiple cooks and the increased number of appliances.

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From the director of the Jewish welfare society. "I know Gena since 1993. The first food parcels came from America. Many volunteers, many lonely with age, and Gena. He comes like their grandchild. He talks like an adult person because he is interested in their life. But, also like a child. And through him, they get the dignified life they were isolated from. When I see this, I ask Gena to deliver the packages. The parcel... oil, fish, beans, rice, bread and pasta... can last for the whole month... a modest month. But we can distribute the parcels only once in two months. Which means many people are hungry for the whole second month. So, when Gena comes, he brings the parcel, but most he only brings with him his love for these people. He is life for these vulnerable people. Can you imagine that this little child comes not only to the healthy - he comes to people who suffer from horrible diseases. He has to help them - to wash and to get to the toilet, to get back to bed. Very hard even for adults. They get accustomed that this little child comes."

77% of the 300,000 needy elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union go to bed hungry every night. Your UJA Federation Campaign, through JDC, is providing basic subsistence packages to 70,000. The other 230,000 are counting on you and your community to improve the odds. On their behalf, we are asking American Jewish communities to raise an additional \$10 million this year to be earmarked specifically for hunger relief. Gena is doing what he can. Please do your part.

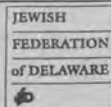
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## JCRC to Meet Oct. 29 at Noon

A general meeting of the JCRC will be held Wednesday, October 29, 1997 at noon at the offices of Young Conaway Stargatt and Taylor. The JCRC will review a proposed statement on school prayer. The agenda will include a review of the progress of the JCRC's Public Education Task Force's informational project concerning proposals for educational vouchers for students' parents. The Committee will consider whether to promote substitute State legislation in Delaware to have the effect

of Federal RFRA religious practice legislation recently struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. As time allows the Committee will also review the progress of a subcommittee creating guidelines for JCRC functioning; a proposed cooperative community relations venture with AIDS organizations and a proposed cooperative community relations venture with literacy organizations. For information or to RSVP call Dan Weintraub, JCRC Director at 427-2100, ext. 17.

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## One Woman's Opinion: Liz Lerman's Synagogue 2000

By PAULA SHULAK  
*The Jewish Voice Cultural Arts Critic*

If you are an artist and you are Jewish, you have a double treat in store on Saturday October 25th! That's the day the Delaware State Arts Council is presenting its 1997 Arts Summit at Clayton Hall in Newark.

I recently had the privilege of interviewing Liz Lerman, the keynote speaker for the Arts Summit. Founder and Artistic Director of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange. She is no stranger to Delawareans. Some of you may have seen her troupe when they spent 18 months here a few years ago on a residency under the auspices of the Arts Partners Project of the Delaware State Arts Council. That collaboration resulted in the production of a choreographed piece on the Underground Railroad which was presented at the Friends Meeting House in Wilmington. Others may have witnessed Liz's presentation last year at the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation's Conference in Philadelphia. On Saturday, Oct 25th, everyone now has the chance to hear her speak about one of her favorite topics: Collaborations And Partnerships - Good, Bad, Ugly And Exceptional.

Liz Lerman is one of those rare individuals with a passion - a passion to marry the ethical and philosophical teachings of her heritage to the pragmatic aspects of her chosen career. She is a dancer and choreographer (although she freely admits that she enjoys choreographing more than performing) who has chosen to use her art to enhance her Judaism and vice versa. In so doing she is bringing to the American Jewish community the opportunity to enhance our lives as well. Her latest project is called Synagogue 2000 and it is her attempt, working with 10 Reform and Conservative temples across the country, to "make synagogues, not corporate centers, but spiritual centers." Synagogue 2000 is an effort to ease congregations into accepting the fact that participation in actual movement is an acceptable way to pray. This was the message which was given to the Reconstructionist Foundation last year also. "It's not easy," she says, "to try to get everyone in the congregation to dance," but when it works, it is truly spiritual. Liz believes firmly that art can be a participatory experience inside Jewish life.

Liz also believes that Judaism has been the inspiration for much of her life's work. She called it partly a legacy from her father who was a civil rights "warrior" and a strong proponent of Jewish social action. Perhaps that is where she found the impetus for the model on which she has built her dance company. She is a firm believer in changing the way in which the artist and the audience interact,

and she insists that helping to make such change happen is a very Jewish act. That is why she is so excited about the opportunity to speak at the October Arts Summit. Such speaking engagements give her the opportunity to perform and also test out new ideas. While preparing for her presentations she rethinks her goals and ideas. Liz likes to make connections herself. "If you are a pioneer, you have to explain yourself and being a speaker at conferences is a good opportunity to do so!" She is convinced

that the current audience/artist relationship is not the best. It is based on outreach which implies that the performer knows more than his or her audience and that those in the theater seats are simply receptacles. Liz prefers to view the audience members as partners, involved in a real exchange with the performer so that the artist is just as affected by a performance as those who watch or listen and will learn as much as the audience does. That is why collaboration is such a vital part of her paradigm.

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### Words & Music:

# Michael Medved: Save Me the Aisle Seat in Shul

By STEVE COHEN

*The Jewish Voice*  
Entertainment Reporter

Michael Medved is a man of strong opinions and he's willing to name names. Those are qualities that should make his speaking engagement in Wilmington on November 2 at AKSE an exciting event.

His criticism of television and the film industry is rooted in his view of Jewish values. He knows that his opinions are different from most of his co-workers and he's ready and willing to debate anyone.

His main complaint about television, the industry that has made him prosperous, is that "it trains us to feel satisfied with surfaces without examination of accomplishment, and it sets fun as the highest priority. Fun is fleeting and unearned. Happiness, on the other hand, requires effort and commitment."

When asked about prominent Jews in the entertainment business he says: "We are worshipping stars, who really are figments of our dream life. Actors and directors and supermodels should not be our role models. They shouldn't matter. Our family should matter.

"Even Jewish organizations indulge too much in hero worship. They encourage star-making because they think maybe next year they can select that star as Man-of-the-Year. When picking individuals to honor, we should seek those who are truly worthy.

"Just because someone has a Jewish name, or one of his or her parents was Jewish — that by itself doesn't make him worthy of honor. Don't throw these people out. If they want to identify themselves as Jewish, fine, accept them as Jewish. But before we honor them it's important to look at how they observe Judaism. It's a farce to honor people who don't find Judaism important in their lives.

"Steven Spielberg is an example of a person who is worthy. He's a great director and he tries to be a great Jew. He's given a great deal of money to Jewish charities. He's made his studio, Amblin Entertainment, the first studio ever to have a mezzuzah on its door. He established the Shoah project, and he's put a lot of people to work preserving the history of the Holocaust. His wife went through Orthodox conversion and they raise their children Jewishly. We should be enormously grateful to him.

"Another worthy person is Kirk Douglas. In his later years he's rediscovered his heritage and he observes Jewish customs.

Also, he's a strong supporter of the Synagogue of the Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

"But Kirk's son, and most of Kirk's contemporaries, like Tony Curtis — though I don't want to pick on him exclusively — or Senator Diane Feinstein, who was raised Catholic and never converted to Judaism, or Woody Allen, who never identified with any Jewish cause — these are people who shouldn't be honored as outstanding Jews.

"The same is true for my partner, Jeffrey Lyons, who is a fine person and a great guy with great kids. But he doesn't have a Seder, doesn't fast on Yom Kippur or keep Shabbat. He married a Catholic woman and their kids have been raised without any religious affiliation. Most people of Jewish birth in the entertainment business lead lives similar to Jeffrey's. So many people have intermarried. We should try to do better. We need to teach spiritual values to our children."

Medved agrees with my observation that a large number of critics are Jewish, but, he says: "a very low number of them take it seriously. There are some critics who try to lead an observant life. Gene Siskel has a kosher home and devotes time and money to Federation events. Joel Siegal (of ABC television) goes to Temple. But Gene Shalit (of NBC television), as far as I know, has no Jewish involvement."

Medved was raised in a Jewish home but didn't become deeply devoted and observant until the mid-1970's. He began keeping a kosher home to accentuate the dif-

ference between his private world and the standards of the street. He was kosher and Shabbat-observant before his first on-air job as a critic, for CNN in 1980. That means he does no taping and attends no screenings on Friday nights, Saturdays, nor any Jewish holiday. For example, his office makes it clear that he is unavailable for interviews on the first two and last two days of Sukkot.

Medved's move towards Jewish observance coincided with his espousal of family values

He explains the connection: "I know there are elements of Judaism that are synonymous with liberalism, such as the prophetic teachings. But there are stronger elements of Judaism that are inherently conservative. To give you just three examples, first, the idea of learning from our past and honoring old values. Second, if you read our sages you'll see that they believe strongly that man needs a strict code of Jews.

"They teach that man is inherently good, but subject to 'a war of the inclinations' between good and evil impulses. They teach that you cannot just follow your instincts.

We need a set of laws. G-d gave us the Torah because we needed it.

"Thirdly, the sages teach that evil exists and it must be confronted. The emphasis on recognizing evil and combating it is essentially politically conservative."

In his book, "Hollywood vs. America," Medved says that much of American society has become polluted and the mass media have encouraged disrespect for family values.

Medved, 49, has been married to psychologist Dr. Diane Medved for 12 years. They have children aged 10, 8 and 5. A book they are writing together, called "Saving Childhood," is due for publication in March of 1998.

(The Chai Dinner will feature film critic, author and social commentator Michael Medved, on Sunday, November 2, 1997 at the Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, Washington St. Extension and Torah Drive. Jane and Steven Goldberg, are the Event Chairpersons. Families contributing \$1,800 or more, or individuals contributing \$900 or more, to the annual UJA/Federation Campaign are welcome. At

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The couvert is \$54 per person, and adult children ages 13-30 may attend for the couvert. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., and the dinner will start at 6:15 p.m.

The Chai Dinner Committee, includes Annette and Bob Aerenson, Wendy and Benjamin "Buddy" Berger, Shara and Ken Bubs, Barbara and Dr. David Blumberg, Andrea and Richard Levine and Andrea and Scott Feinman. Scott serves as the Chai Dinner Chairperson.

For reservations or information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.)



## Movie Review: "A Life Apart"

By MICHAEL MEDVED

*Special to The Jewish Voice*

Have you ever wondered about some bearded, black-suited, otherworldly figure encountered on the street or the subway?

In a series of beautifully shot, startlingly intimate interviews, the stunning documentary "A Life Apart" presents a series of Hasidic families and individuals, definitively demystifying a segment of Orthodox Judaism that previously appeared impenetrable to outsiders. With insightful narration read by Leonard Nimoy and Sarah Jessica Parker, the film goes back to the origins of Hasidism as an emotional 18th century protest against the scholarly rationalism of the reigning Jewish establishment, and focuses special attention on the handful of charismatic leaders who, after the devastation of the Holocaust, achieved the near-miraculous reconstitution of Eastern European Hasidic dynasties in New York. Even the most skeptical viewers will be moved by visions of joyously improbable mass gatherings of Hasidim — including the lighting (in a snow storm!) of a huge menorah at the one-time center of anti-Semitic atheism in Moscow's Red Square, or the aged, ecstatic Bobover Rebbe dancing at the Brooklyn wedding of his great-granddaughter. Equally compelling are glimpses of kindly teachers at a Yiddish-speaking Hasidic preschool, in which the side-curlled, utterly adorable youngsters illustrate the traditional notion that children are an unmitigated blessing — a concept strongly endorsed by one of the film's close-knit, highlighted families which boasts 72 grandchildren — so far.

"A Life Apart" is, however, more

than a sentimental celebration of Hasidic survival, since it includes many comments from critics of this strain in Judaism — including a feminist scholar, a charismatic young poetess who broke with her Hasidic family as a teenager, and an articulate African-American who felt insulted by an ambiguous encounter in Prospect Park. As might be expected from a 95 minute treatment of a vast subject, the movie also features some glaring omissions — with little hint of the Messianic claims of many followers of the late Lubavitcher

Rebbe, and no mention that the Lithuanian misnagdim (Orthodox opponents of Hasidism) similarly rebuilt their own flourishing communities and rabbinic seminaries in America. Informative commentary by various academic observers does, however, highlight the fundamental bargain struck by contemporary Hasidim: in return for solid families, warm communities and an intense sense of spiritual purpose, they generally (and consciously) sacrifice material wealth, college, and American popular culture. After viewing this profoundly important documentary, secular

Americans might well ask if their own sacrifices (for the sake of money, adventure, unpredictability or fun) could be similarly justified.

### Four Stars "A Life Apart: Hasidism in America"

A film by Menachem Daum and Oren Rudavsky; funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, for broadcast on PBS in the future following its theatrical release. Unrated, but with perfectly suitable for curious youngsters above the age of 10.

## Faith or Fear

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church and state. Yet, Abrams argues this "marginalization" of religious beliefs has ultimately hurt Jews more than Christians.

Moreover, Jews continue to cling to their secular beliefs in their own misguided belief that to be seen as practicing Jews will fuel Christian anti-Semitic feelings. Abrams cites studies which demonstrate American Jews believe that anti-Semitism is the number one problem facing them. In a similar vein, study after study among Christians, including right-wing or conservative evangelical groups, have shown little evidence of anti-Jewish feelings.

Abrams noted that virtually every Christian group openly preaches against anti-Semitism. Textbooks used in Catholic schools make a point of informing readers that Jesus and his relatives were practicing Jews until the day he died. And evangelicals have openly professed their love and support of Israel as a Jewish state. Most wel-

come an ongoing dialogue with Jews. Yet Jews remain suspect of their motives.

"Clearly there is something of a religious revival in this country that makes Jews very nervous," he said. "There's no reason for us to be nervous about enhancing religion's role in American life. This fear of anti-Semitism is so inherent, passed down from parents and grandparents. But, come on. This is 1997 America, not 19th century Poland. That a majority of American Jews believe anti-Semitism is major problem facing the Jewish community is absolutely bizarre."

Even worse, many Jews want nothing to do with the conservative Christian right because they look down on them, according to Abrams.

"It is partly class prejudice," he said. "It's alright to work with Episcopalians. They all went to the Ivy League and talk beautiful English. Those evangelicals are all country hicks. It's the same class prejudice that other Jews felt about

the Orthodox Jews that stayed behind in Brooklyn when we went to the suburbs. I can prove to you that it exists, and I think it's very unbecoming for Jews of all people."

In fact, Abrams also argues that secularism has so pervaded Judaism, that beyond anti-Semitism and prejudice, Jews view any group that does not share their political agenda as a threat. Abrams said that's a mistake, since many Christian groups are natural allies of Jews in promoting the advancement of religion in America and the Jewish community would do well to align themselves with them.

"Sixty one percent of all Jews think Christian attitudes toward Jews are the problem, when we're the problem," Abrams said. "When we have an over 50 percent intermarriage rate, that's a little odd. We're the problem, and there's no one that can solve it but us."

(Debra Rubin writes for The Jewish State.)

# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## Author/Historian to Speak at Beth Emeth

Gerda Weissman Klein, author, historian, columnist and speaker will be the featured guest at Beth Emeth Sisterhood's Donor Event on Monday, November 10th. A Holocaust survivor, Gerda Klein deals with her horrific past by focusing on uplifting aspects of the human condition. Her writings include her autobiography *All But My Life*, which has been in print for 39 years in 39 editions. The book depicts her view of the Holocaust, and recounts her liberation from a death march by her future husband, an American intelligence officer. The Kleins' story is also part of the *Testimony* film, on permanent exhibit at the Holocaust Museum in Washington. An HBO documentary, *One Survivor Remembers*, won a TV Emmy, 2 Cable Ace Awards and an Oscar.

Gerda Klein has written books on a variety of other subjects, and has been a newspaper columnist for young readers. She was appointed to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in 1997. She has also appeared on



Gerda Klein

the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, and *CBS Sunday Mornings*, and was featured on *60 Minutes*.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood's Donor Event on November 10th begins at 6 p.m. at the synagogue with a cocktail reception and dinner. Guests are welcome. For reservations and information, contact Ethel Parsons at 762-6407.

## The Rabbi Writes: Study the Weekly Parsha

By Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ  
Rabbi Emeritus, AKSE

In Russia there are two great rivers, the Dnieper, which flows into the Black Sea, and the Volga, which flows into the Caspian Sea. Chaim Weitzman, the great Zionist leader, the first president of Israel, and important research chemist, was born and grew up in the town of Motol (Jews called it Motole), White Russia, which was situated on a river that flowed into a lake, and the lake flowed into a river, the Pina river, which was a tributary of the Pripet River, itself a tributary of the great River Dnieper.

Chaim's father worked in the timber trade, which was the mainstay of Motol, for which trade the rivers were essential in order to float the logs to large cities situated on the rivers. Yet, Chaim Weitzman said that the most important waterway in his youthful life was the River Jordan. As a

child, he felt he knew the Jordan and the history surrounding it, though the Pina, the Dipet, and the Dnieper were strange to him. They were not his rivers. His river, the river he knew and loved, was the Jordan.

Weitzman in his autobiography, describes how every week he studied the weekly *parsha* with his grandfather and the nameplaces in the Land of Israel were close and real to him, while the nameplaces in Russia were strange to him. His youth revolved about his Jewish studies, the Bible, and the commentaries. His thoughts and dreams were about Jerusalem and the Jordan.

Abba Eban, who became a disciple of Weitzman, also relates a similar youthful experience in his auto-

biography. Abba Eben studied all week long in a Latin public school in London, where he mastered the classics and became expert in Latin and Greek. But on weekends he studied the *Parsha* of the week

with his grandfather. With him he studied on Friday afternoon, Shabbat after meals and on Sundays. His time was so much taken with studies that he had little time for sports. But when he entered Oxford, he knew Latin, Greek, and Hebrew well. He knew the whole Hebrew Bible with the basic commentaries.

Weitzman and Eban became leaders of the Jewish people because of the home education

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## Harriet Ainbinder, First Woman President of AKSE

By BONNIE FALCHUK  
The Jewish Voice  
Community Reporter  
For Wilmington psychologist

Harriet Ainbinder, tradition is an integral part of being a Jew. When she labors to prepare for Passover, for example, she "feels connected

to all the women who have done this in the past, and who will be doing it in the future."

As the first woman to be elected president of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in the 113 years of its existence, she is continuing another Jewish tradition: that of expanding and broadening the roles available to women. She had an early role model for this in her mother, who was determined to find a Hebrew school in Chicago that would



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Harriet Ainbinder

accept Harriet and her two younger sisters, in spite of the skepticism expressed by the teachers at the time. "What does she need Hebrew for? She isn't going to be a rabbi!" Harriet Ainbinder quotes, and then smiles. "Well, 'she' could be a rabbi nowadays. Look at how far we've come - and in less than one lifetime."

Elected by the entire congregation on an unopposed slate, she will serve a three-year term as the secular head of a congregation she

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characterizes as "basically a warm place, and a good place for children," and where she says she feels very much at home.

Since her election she has

encountered only support from the members of Adas Kodesch, she says, and mentions in particular the help she has received from her predecessor Perry Goldlust in making the transition into office. Adas Kodesch Rabbi Sanford Dresin is confident the new president will succeed in "enhancing the familial

quality of the congregation." He also mentions the "excellent insight into human nature" and "terrific organizational and people skills" she will bring to her new role.

She will be joining fellow presidents Linda Oster of Temple Beth El, Sue Rohrbacher of Beth Emeth, and Rhoda Domchik of Beth Shalom, making this the first time that women are presidents of all four congregations. Linda Oster, who has known Harriet Ainbinder for close to twenty years, says of her new colleague that "she's just a pioneer, all around."

Speaking of her goals as president, she says that one of her highest priorities will be to seek ways to "increase the feelings of connectedness among members, so that everyone feels welcome and comfortable, feels at home in the congregation." She would also like to engage those who may already formally belong to the congregation but are as yet less active.

She calls the history of cooperation between both the rabbis and the congregations in the Wilmington area "something we should hold very dear and work very hard to maintain." Continuing to foster this goodwill is another goal of great importance to her.

She would also like to continue to "explore women's issues in a traditionally Jewish context." One framework for this exploration for her has been the women's tefillah or prayer group at Adas Kodesch, which provides a place for women to learn how to read Torah and conduct services. The group evolved 15 or 16 years ago from questions posed about the lack of aliyot for women at the Simchas Torah service. "Every man and baby got an aliyah, but not the women," she notes. The decision was then made by Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz, who headed the congregation at the time, that women could have aliyot within the setting of an all-women service. As women became more involved with the Simchas Torah celebration - including the institution of women's hakafot with the Torah - they also began to explore ways of

## NACHES

### Levy - Sopinsky

Natalie Myra Levy and Jordan Dev Sopinsky were married Sunday, August 24, 1997 at Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth by Rabbi Chuni Vogel (who introduced the couple) in Wilmington. Parents of the bride are Danna and Roger Levy of Wilmington. Parents of the groom are Lucille and Philip Sopinsky of Elkins Park, Pa.

The groom, who has served as Editor of The Jewish Voice for the past year and a half, and his bride will spend the next months together in Israel, studying and working in Jerusalem.



Natalie and Jordan Sopinsky



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## OBITUARIES

### H. BENJAMIN HORWITZ

H. Benjamin Horwitz, 92, of Belle Air Bluffs, Florida, and Claymont, Delaware, died in Weinberg Village Health Care Center, Tampa, Florida. Mr. Horwitz owned the Jewelbox Jewelry Store on Market Street, Wilmington for 45 years, before retiring in 1976. Mr. Horwitz was a member of Lafayette Lodge,

Delaware Consistory, Nur Temple, and was a 59-year member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 in Wilmington. Mr. Horwitz was member of Congregation Beth Shalom where he attended morning minyan. Mr. Horwitz is survived by his wife Ida C., son William H. of Odessa, Florida, daughter Ann E. Freidman of Margate New Jersey, and six grandchildren.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Adult Institute of Jewish Studies** - The 1997 Adult Institute will be in two locations this year. Beginning Tuesday, October 28 through December 2, 1997, classes will be held at Temple Beth El in Newark, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Starting Wednesday, October 29 through December 3, 1997, classes will be held at the JCC in Wilmington, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. to 9:45

p.m. (as in the past). On December

10th, both locations will meet at the JCC to hear our special guest, John Loftus, at 7:30 p.m., on *American Secrets*. Watch for detailed information in the *Voice* and from your congregational newspapers.

**AKSE Men's Club Brunch** - On Sunday, November 9, 1997, at

mentary?

We are what we read and what we think. Weitzman and Eban became what they were because of the Biblical background and their family heritage. If we want our children and grandchildren to follow our Weitzmans and Ebans and become loyal Jews, we must learn the weekly *PARSHA* and other historic sources with them at home.

There are a few families who are following the Weitzman-Eban practice. Would all our families follow in this path?

9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature John Mura, assistant managing editor at The News

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

**Artists Sought** - The Dover Art League is seeking artists for the fourth in its acclaimed series of outreach exhibits entitled, "A Collage of Cultures: Many Visions, One Community IV." Scheduled to open in September of 1998, this exhibit will feature visual artists who are European newcomers. To be eligible, artists must: 1. Be residents of Delaware; 2. Have been born in Europe; 3. Not be a member of the Dover Art League. They can work in any of the following media: painting, sculpture, ceramics, needlework, woodcarving, collage, mixed media, photography, weaving, basketry, dolls, eggs, leatherwork, jewelry ... traditional and non-traditional art. For further information, contact Phyllis Levitt at 302-674-4680.

**Beginners' Service at Adas Kodesch** - Once a month, beginning on November 1st between 10:00 and 11:00, learn about the Shabbat service. An eight-week program for beginners will also begin on November 1. Between 9:00 and 10:00, you are invited to join this class if you are a non-reader of Hebrew or if you need to brush up on your reading skills. Call the Adas Kodesch office at 762-2705 to sign up.

**Beth Emeth Sisterhood Donor Event** - Monday, November 10th, Beth Emeth, nationally known author Gerda Weissman Klein to speak. Call Ethel Parsons at 762-6407 for reservations and information.

**Challah, Honeycake, Chanukah** - If your mother or grandmother did not teach you how to

prepare for Shabbat and holidays (especially Chanukah), then come to Temple Beth Emeth on Tuesday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m. where mothers and grandmothers will share their knowledge and expertise, and their love of good food and tradition. Copies of well-tested recipes will be available to take home. You will also have an opportunity to taste and to question. The program is free and the public is invited. A babysitter will be provided, at no charge if requested in advance. For reservations, call Betty Chambers at 764-0168 no later than November 14, or Ethel Engel at 475-4152.

**Children's Club Nights for October** - Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Kids Club programs held at the Jewish Community Center. October Kids Club will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will include arts and crafts projects, dinner and ice cream sundaes. The cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$12.00 for non-members. Children in grades 3 through 6 can enjoy a special evening with friends at Club Night once each month. October Club Night will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Children will go bowling and enjoy a late supper. The cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$15.00 for non-members. Free transportation from Temple Beth El will also be provided. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Rachel Levy or Shay Rosen at (302) 478-5660.

**Cholent and Stories** - On November 1st Shabbat morning services at A.K.S.E. will be followed by a cholent lunch and storytelling for people of all ages! Please call the Adas Kodesch office at 762-2705 to inform the synagogue that you will be attending. Program is co-sponsored by Adult Education and the Sisterhood.

**Holocaust Museum Trip** - Sunday, November 2; a box brunch is included. Bus will leave A.K.S.E. at 9:30. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

**Jewish Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim** - The Delaware Jewish Community Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim will be November 21 - 23 (Fri-Sun.). Join us for a weekend of davening, learning, experiencing, sharing, growing, and community. The food is gourmet vegetarian. The setting is in the Catskill Mountains. Elat Chayyim is into the sixth year of running Jewish spiritual programs. The cost for the weekend (including housing, six meals and programming) is \$125.00 per person. To make a reservation, send a check for \$25.00 to Temple Beth El by June 30th. This weekend is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE. If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Kaplan at 366-8330.

**Jews for Judaism Program** - Mark Powers, Director of Jews for Judaism will speak to the community about the increasing threat of the well funded missionary movement intent on converting Jews to Christianity and the impact of destructive cults. YLDA and JCRC will present the event, which will be held on Sunday, November 16, 1:00-3:30 at the Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd. Open to community at no charge. Call JFD office, 427-2100 to RSVP or for more information.

**Minyans** - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sunday-8:00 a.m. Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

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

**New Member Shabbat** - On Friday, November 7, at Congregation Beth Emeth, there will be a special new member Shabbat dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Shabbat services at 8:00 p.m. and an oneg Shabbat. New members will be blessed and honored in a service written by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher. Potential members are invited. A babysitting service will be provided. RSVP to Jeanne and Ed Davis at 475-8448 by October 28.

**Pre and Post Natal Water Aerobics** - Motherwell Babywell Inc. is now offering pre and post natal water aerobics at the Jewish Community Center. This self-paced fitness program may safely help you reduce stress, increase energy level, improve muscle tone, alleviate common discomforts of pregnancy, cope with labor and delivery, as well as help you shape-up after delivery. The eight week class is scheduled to begin on Friday, October 31 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$50.00 for JCC

members and \$75.00 for non-members. Pre-registration is required at the Fitness Center Control Desk. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez at (302) 478-5660.

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

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

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

p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

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

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

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

**Yiddish Theater Trip** - Yiddish theater in New York on Wednesday, December 3rd. Participants will attend a matinee

performance of the classic play by David Pinski, *The Blacksmith's Folly (Yankel der Shmid)*, which will be translated into English and Russian. Before going to the theater, participants will go to lunch (on your own) in New York. Cost: \$50 for ticket and bus. Call A.K.S.E. at 762-2705 A.S.A.P. to make reservations. Your check is your reservation.

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