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## Consul Ben Dov Addresses Delaware General Assembly



The Honorable David Ben-Dov at the Delaware General Assembly.

The Honorable David Ben-Dov brought the greetings of the State of Israel to Delaware Governor Michael Castle and the Delaware General Assembly on the occasion of Israel's 40th anniversary of statehood. Speaking on April 19, to the members of the Senate and House, Consul General Ben-Dov said that the people of Israel have established for themselves a leading position in science, medical technology and the fine arts. They have accomplished this, he reminded his listeners, under conditions of great stress and strain, fighting five wars and facing daily acts of terrorism. Like the United States, he said, Israel is a nation of immigrants, and, like the United States, it has maintained itself as a democracy, the only one in the Middle East.

Ben-Dov spoke of the variety of areas in which there is now close cooperation between Israel and the United States, noting that in two days President Reagan would sign a document formalizing and embracing all these areas of cooperation. Israel, he said,

seeks peace in its region and in the world, and she would continue to strive to support US efforts for peace and democracy.

The Consul-General was introduced to the Senate by Senator Robert Berndt, and to the House by Representative Joseph Petrillo, and was given a standing ovation by each body after his address to them. Senate Concurrent Resolution #152, sponsored by Senator Berndt and all Senators, and by Representative Terry Spence and all Representatives, extended to the people of Israel congratulations. "May you, as a free nation among the free nations of the world, enjoy many, many more anniversaries as a free and independent nation."

Consul General Ben-Dov has responsibility for a five state are: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and Kentucky. He was accompanied in his meetings by Nissan A. Finkelstein, former President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and Carol Rudnick, JFD staff member.

## Farrakhan Speaks At Penn As Jewish Students Protest

By STEVE FELDMAN

PHILADELPHIA (JTA)—As Jewish students at the University of Pennsylvania marked Yom Hashoah on April 13, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan told a large, overwhelmingly black audience in another building on campus that "a deal was struck with Hitler in the Third Reich that Jews would be brought out of Germany and settled in Palestine."

Farrakhan then compared those Jews' treatment of the Palestinians to the way European settlers treated American Indians.

An hour before Farrakhan's scheduled 7 p.m. speech, more than 1,000 Jewish students rallied across the street from the auditorium where he was to speak, carrying signs with such slogans as "Unity yes, hatred no" and "Farrakhan promotes hatred." A police estimate of the crowd ranged from 1,000 to 1,200 protesters.

Addressing the tiny percentage of Jews in his audience, Farrakhan said, "I would like to see you live in peace, but when you try to fulfill the vision given in the Bible without the Messiah, you run into problems."

"Now I believe in the Torah," he continue, "but the way I read the Torah — maybe we have a theological disagreement — but the way I read the Torah, the Jewish nation was to wait for the Messiah." The controversial leader said that since "Jews do not believe that Jesus of Nazareth of 2,000 years ago was in fact the Messiah, and the Jews are still awaiting that Messiah," there can be no State of Israel. "God will give the Messiah to you and he will give you the promised land," the Farrakhan said. "Theodor Herzl was not the Messiah. Golda Meir was not the Messiah."

He also said that after World War II, the Palestinians greeted Jews who settled in what was then Palestine with open arms "even as the Indians opened their arms to the whites who came over, but as the whites who came had another design, the Jews who went to Palestine also had another design."

Earlier in his more-than-two-hour speech, Farrakhan appeared to blame Jews for instituting black slavery in America. "We did not come over on the Mayflower, or the Nina, the Pinta or the Santa Maria, we were in the holds of ships," he told the mainly black audience.

"Some Jews owned some of the ships that brought us over. I did not read this in some anti-Semitic book, I read it in the Jewish Encyclopedia," he said, drawing loud cheers. Adopting a Yiddish inflection, he then mimicked imaginary Jews as saying, "Those darkies from Africa, they're not even human."

Returning to his normal voice, Farrakhan continued, "So I will not obey the law that God has given through Moses: a life for a life, an eye for an eye; I'll just make these (people) subhuman and say: 'I won't have to pay anything for what I do to them since they're animals.'"

Farrakhan began his talk by telling the nearly 2,000 people in the audience that the controversy of his visit "was not created by me, but by others about me. I did not come here tonight to incite violence, nor have I ever."

At the 45-minute-long protest rally, leaders of the Penn Community Against Farrakhan spoke and read letters of support from U.S. Sen. John Heinz (R.Pa.), columnist Church Stone and the Black-Jewish Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.

Steve Feldman is a reporter for the Jewish Exponent.

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# OPINION

## Editorial: To Vote: The Right, Privilege, Obligation

There are two ways for an individual or a group to establish strength within a democracy. One is by contributing financially to a candidate or a campaign and the other is by educating themselves and voting. By voting in very large numbers throughout our history in the United States, the Jewish minority has grown to a position of political power. The United States is, aside from Israel, the safest country in the world for a Jew to live.

Jews have established themselves within the American political system by always taking an active part in that system. But that seems to be no longer true. A survey done by the University of Michigan and published by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York has produced some very disturbing facts.

In 1952, 92% of all eligible Jewish voters participated in the U.S. Presidential election. In 1968, that same group participated at 97%. Following that election there has been a steady decline in the number of eligible Jewish voters who choose to exercise their right to vote.

In the 1970 Presidential election, the

percentage of eligible Jewish voters who voted was down to 90%; in 1976 it was 80%; in 1980 the figure was 62% of all eligible Jewish voters who actually voted. Jewish voters are now echoing the general population which is approximately 60%; the Jews, who have tended to turn out in great numbers on election day, are no longer doing so.

A 1983 New York JCRC survey shows 85% of the metropolitan New York Jewish population registered to vote. This leaves 325,000 unregistered Jewish voters in that area. The same survey makes note of another disturbing fact and that is that younger people, as a rule, don't vote. It notes that Yuppies and the elderly tend not to be voters.

Elie Wiesel has commented that "Indifference and complacency are our worst enemies." The Jewish position of security and power in this country is based on our traditional show of strength on election day. If the perception of Jews as strong politically changes because of our apathy at the voting booth, we, as a group, are in trouble. Voting is our right. It is also our privilege and our responsibility.

## ENDOWMENT

For centuries Jews have left wills and testaments to provide for the distribution of the property they have accumulated in a lifetime. Often these wills reflect the best of Jewish values by making generous provisions not only for the security and comfort of family members but also for the broader Jewish family here, in Israel and throughout the world.

Because income and estate taxes can substantially reduce these accumulated assets it is wise to consider bequests to Jewish community institutions and agencies. Testamentary gifts offer ways

to minimize income tax and/or estate tax liability.

You may add a simple codicil to your will to provide a bequest to the Endowment Fund. "I give and bequeath \$— (or specified property) to the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund." Consult your accountant and attorney to determine how you, your estate and the community can benefit from a bequest to a charitable organization.

For more information please call the Federation Endowment Director, Connie Kreshtool, at 478-6200.

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## REACHING THE 40TH STEP



## JAP Jokes: A Disguise For Anti-Semitism

By IRMA GERTLER

For decades Jewish defense and human-rights organizations have denounced stereotypes that foster intolerance and dislike, and have fought anti-Semitism. No mistake should be made on this point: All the old stereotypes of Jews come into play in the use of the "Jewish American Princess."

JAP is a kind of a code word. It is a way of saying, that Jews are materialistic and aggressive. Especially horrifying is that this code word can be used in connection with women and nobody is protesting its intrinsic anti-Semitism. Would we suffer such ethnic

slurs against any other group of people?

Jewish men and women in the U.S. are buying JAP greeting cards and laughing. I wrote to the man who produced the cards, which any of us view as bordering on the obscene. The manufacturer responded that, "Though I am not Jewish, the remaining four employees of this company are. I have come to appreciate Jewish people. Because they have a unique ability to laugh at themselves without being self-conscious. They are honest."

Is this what we want, to continue to be praised for our sense of humor while we

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## Letters to the Editor

There is bitter Jewish pathos in young Arabs in Gaza and the West Bank throwing rocks, molotov cocktails and anti-Jewish barbs at Israeli soldiers trying to keep some semblance of law and order until a permanent settlement is reached.

This disputed land remains in limbo because most Arabs refuse to negotiate with Israel or even say that Israel has a right to exist. Nor have the Arab states shown any compassion for their own people living under an occupation which they have allowed to continue. They also resent that many Arabs in the disputed territories have higher stan-

dards of living than their own people.

The PLO insists that squalid refugee camps continue to deteriorate because out of this misery comes the percolating foment which inevitably leads to burning tires and stone-pocked streets. The PLO lives off the frustration of others and hopes to channel it towards the destruction of Israel.

That's why it's ironic that the young Arabs are heaving their rocks in the wrong direction. They should be confronting the PLO and the Arab states with this question: Why haven't you tried to end the conflict by negotiating a solution? The answer is obvious: The Arab states wish no negotiated solution — they want the problem to continue. Ironically, a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza could have been proclaimed in 1948 or in any other subsequent year all the way up to 1967. But the Arabs didn't want it then and they don't want it now. They want what they have always wanted — An Arab Palestine. It's hard to notice any Arab change of position when their ideas are so frozen in a 40 year old block of ice.

Irving S. Levitt

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### When The Wicked Die

In the sometimes macabre humor of the early 1940's, there was the story of a man predicting with certainty that Hitler would die on a Jewish holiday. How could he be so sure? Easy, he replied, whichever day Hitler will die on, it will be a Jewish holiday. Whatever its value as humor, the story shows little understanding of the Jewish people. We remember each year the victims of the Holocaust, not the death of their murderer.

Nonetheless, the question does remain: Is it appropriate to rejoice in the death of the wicked? It is occasioned most recently in the shooting of Khalil al-Wazir, known as Abu Jihad, alleged to have been the number two man in the PLO. Here was a man who, as "military" head of the PLO, is said to have planned and supervised terrorist attacks against Israel and its citizens all over the world: car bombs, hijacking of buses and planes, explosives planted in supermarkets and bus stations. Countless innocent men, women and children have been murdered by his command and planning. Should we rejoice in his death?

In searching for an answer in Jewish text and commentary, one, as always,

finds many answers, not always consistent with each other, at least on a superficial level. The highly convoluted structures of Talmud and Midrash lead only the foolhardy to jump to quick conclusions, but some directions can be pointed out.

We might begin, for example, with the song of Moses and the Israelites after the crossing of the Red Sea and the destruction of Pharaoh and his army:

*I will sing unto the Lord, for He is highly exalted;*

*The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea. — Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea, And his chosen captains are sunk in the Reed Sea. The deep covers them. They went down into the depths like a stone.*

No question here of less than total exaltation in the destruction of one's enemy.

And yet, in counterpoint, we read in Tractate Megillah, commenting on the very passage from Exodus quoted above:

*The ministering angels wanted to chant their hymns, but the Holy One, blessed be He, said, 'The*

*work of My hands is being drowned in the sea, and shall you chant hymns?'*

Here, God Himself admonishes the angels for celebrating the deaths of the Egyptians, whom He had just destroyed!

Another example. In Tractate Sanhedrin we learn that the family of one who has been executed for a crime after court trial, is not to observe the usual seven days' mourning; they may grieve only "in their hearts". In a cross-reference we learn that "the destruction of the wicked is cause for rejoicing and not mourning." And in the same tractate, we learn, in a discussion of the stubborn and rebellious son, that "the death of the wicked is an advantage to the world."

And yet, again in the Tractate Sanhedrin, in a beautiful, albeit anthropomorphic, passage we read:

*Rabbi Meir said: When a (wicked) man undergoes suffering, what does God say? 'My head is in pain, My arm is heavy'. If this be so, and the Omnipresent is troubled because of the blood of the wicked that is shed, how much*

*more is He sorely troubled at the blood of the righteous!*

According to Meir, then, God is pained even by the suffering of the wicked who have been condemned to death by His laws!

Where does this leave us, then, in our search for an answer to the question originally posed? Perhaps there is a clue in the comment of Rabbi Eleazar in Tractate Megillah. God Himself, according to Eleazar, does not rejoice in the death of the wicked, but *He causes others to rejoice*. It is appropriate, then, for us to celebrate the end of someone who has caused untold suffering and destruction, one who would doubtless have continued to cause such suffering, but our joy must always be mitigated by the knowledge that God, the Creator of all, sorrows at the death of any of his creatures.

For those who seek to understand our Jewish tradition and to live by its moral and ethical dictates, there are often no easy answers, no 100% answers. It is commanded of us, "Justice, Justice, you shall pursue." But we are also taught the dominant imperative of mercy. To be Jewish is to struggle with these values every day of our lives.

## Backseat Drivers Going The Wrong Way

By SENATOR  
BILL ARMSTRONG

When the car crashes, does anyone blame the backseat driver?

Nope.

That's why it's easy for Senators to give out free foreign policy advice to Israel.

Earlier this month a number of Senators signed a letter taking Prime Minister Shamir to task for failing to embrace their formula for a Middle East peace. The formula, according to these Senators, is that Israel gives up some land in exchange for a peace treaty. The Senators argue that this is a formula cloaked in history, precedent, and U.N. resolution. At least as far as the West Bank and Gaza are concerned, Prime Minister Shamir is not sure this is such a hot idea. He may be right, but his daring to say so miffed a bunch of backseat drivers in the Senate who fired off a paper bullet in his direction.

I've had about all the free foreign policy advice I can stand from people who don't have to live with the consequences. In this case, Israel is making life and death decisions. The national security of Israel is at stake, as it has been from the very beginning. At such times, friends offer quiet advice, not public criticism.

Not only was the method ill advised, but the message itself is dubious. With specific reference to the West Bank and Gaza, it is not immediately clear to me how a simple "land for peace" formula in fact leads to peace.

We all know the history. After the British mandate expired in 1948, what would have been the Palestinian state under the U.N. partition plan was

swallowed up by the Arab armies invading the new state of Israel. When the war ended, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt held the pieces of the Palestinian state, and the Palestinians themselves were scattered.

Those Palestinians who fled from the newly-created Israel into Arab lands in 1948 were usually kept in squalid refugee camps, not allowed to work or apply for citizenship in their new homes. Though the Jordanians held the West Bank "in trust" for the Palestinians and Egypt "temporarily" ruled Gaza from 1948 to 1967, the Palestinians were never granted autonomy or even the slightest hint of self-rule. They were kept in the camps as a political weapon against Israel, and some were trained as terrorists as a military weapon against Israel.

Once Israel occupied the territories after the Six Day War in 1967, the standard of living for many Palestinians went up, now down. Many Arabs began to work in Israel; a permanent evening curfew imposed in Gaza by the Egyptians was lifted; hospitals; housing; and electric projects were built.

But even now when better housing and other opportunities are available, Arab leaders still pressure the Palestinians to stay in the camps, generating more public sympathy for the Palestinian refugees and creating a generation of hopeless youths, born and raised in the camps, who are ready to turn to terrorism and violence.

The deaths in the most recent outbreak of violence in the territories are tragic. The tough measures Israel has adopted in response to the violence are troubling and painful for us to watch, but the Israelis feel they are necessary to

restore order. While some may criticize the difficult choices Israel is making, ultimately Israel has the burden of responsibility; it is Israelis who must live with those choices and their consequences.

Yet, the underlying problem remains unsolved. The Palestinians live in a limbo where their political frustration, coupled with social and economic stress, festers into violence. The latest clashes in Gaza, the West Bank, and in other areas are just another outburst of anguish and anger at a situation the Palestinians did not create, but which they must endure.

The Palestinian tragedy was crafted by many hands; yet the world makes demands on Israel as if Israel could solve the Palestinian problems alone. Israel cannot solve the Palestinian problem, or the Arab-Israeli conflict, alone. Until the Arab states and the PLO abandon their plans to wipe Israel off the map, no new ideas or sweeping sacrifices of territory by Israel will bring a real peace any closer. On the other hand, if the Arabs would reconcile

themselves to the historical fact that Israel exists and has a right to continue doing so, Israel would not need to come up with new ideas or make sweeping sacrifices of territory. The negotiations Israel has requested for years would be enough. Only face-to-face negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors will bring an end to the state of war which has existed since 1948.

The U.S. can and should play a constructive role. We are in a unique position to encourage moderate Arab leaders to come to the bargaining table, while supporting Israel's efforts to restore calm to the territories under its control. If we understand that only direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs can bring peace, and if the U.S. does everything possible to achieve such negotiations, then we will have begun to understand the lessons of history, and to act constructively toward solving the tragic problem of the Palestinians.

(Bill Armstrong is the Republican Senator from Colorado).

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# Delaware's Hebrew Schools Celebrate Israel's 40th

## Beth Emeth Celebrates With Parade, Songs And Skits

Classes at Beth Emeth participated in a variety of Yom HaAtzmaut celebrations. Pre-school students created flags and had a parade through the Temple as they sang Hebrew songs and then had a special snack of cake with birthday candles as they sang "Happy Birthday to Israel" in Hebrew.

A school-wide assembly was held on Sunday, April 24 in celebration of Israel Independence Day. Grades 5 and 4B put on short skits for the students. Grade 5 has studied Israel as part of its cur-



Beth Emeth Grade 5 presented a short play about the building of Israel

riculum and the skit told about the building of the State of Israel by the early pioneers. The students in Grade 4B study about famous Jewish men and women. Their skit included short vignettes about some of the famous men and women who helped create and develop the land of Israel. As the assembly ended, the entire student body sang Israel's National Anthem, *Hatikvah*.

Students from the Pre-Confirmation class (Grades 8 and 9) joined the older students from the Wilmington area at Gratz to play the JCRC's simulation game.

The purpose of these events was to give the students an understanding of the hopes and needs of Israel on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

## JCC Students Plant Trees



Pre-School teacher, Marcia Shepard, plants a tree with one of her students.

The children of the Jewish Community Center Pre-School celebrated Israel's 40th Anniversary with flags waving as they marched to the new Family Campus. Art Trickey, head of maintenance at the JCC, helped the children plant trees. The children in the Pre-School raised the money in honor of Tu B'Shvat.

## Gratz Simulates Middle East Peace Process



Lynne Miller and Joel Simon deliver messages from the Control Center.

Gratz Hebrew High School celebrated Israel's 40th in a variety of ways. The classes celebrated individually with poetry readings and films. The school will also march with Gratz College in the Israel 40th Independence Day Parade on May 15 in Philadelphia.

The main recognition of the holiday, however, took place on Tuesday evening, April 26, when the school was joined by other community religious school students, from grades 8 through 12, for a Middle East simulation game. Sponsored by the JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and directed by Mr. David Margules, Chairman of that committee's Israel Task Force, the game simulated the current political scene in the Middle East. "Middle East Process: A Simulation Game" was comprised of ten teams of students, each team representing a different country with significant influence in that area of the world. The students received briefing materials, public goals and priorities as well as secret goals and priorities and last minute events were added at strategic times.



Rabbi David Kaplan and his high school students plan strategies as part of the Middle East Peace Process Simulation game.

## Beth Shalom Students Enjoy Variety Of Celebrations

At Beth Shalom Religious School, Israel Independence Day was commemorated at Shabbat services with songs, prayers, a film and a special birthday cake. To make the 40th anniversary celebration even more meaningful, the children of the religious school were treated to a guest speaker, Mr. Israel Amitai, an Israeli journalist, who regaled them with stories about his personal life and of life in Israel.

## Albert Einstein Academy Celebrates With A Variety Of Festivities

The students of Albert Einstein Academy celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the State of Israel with week-long activities.

On Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19, the students saw a movie called "This Is Israel" as well as a video of a Bar Mitzvah at the Kotel.

On Wednesday, April 20, they ate their way through the celebration with felafel and all the trimmings.

The festivities continued on Thursday when all the children brought in items made in Israel for an "Israeli Museum". Students went from class to

## Beth El Celebrations Include 'Shalom Sesame'



Students from Beth El studied about Israel.

The Religious School of Congregation Beth El celebrated Israel's 40th Anniversary in a variety of creative ways on Sunday, April 24. The Hay and Gimmel classes learned Israeli dancing with their teacher, Helene Cuomo. The Kindergarten class drew pictures of Israel and sang songs. "Shalom Sesame" was shown to the first graders. Aleph and Bet classes made flags and enjoyed a snack of felafel.

## AKSE Students Take Trip To Israel

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21, the students of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Talmud Torah departed for Israel aboard El Al Flight 0040 -- simulated. They presented their "passports" and received "boarding passes" and the captain and El Al supervisor welcomed them and described their flight in Hebrew and in English.

While they were served juice they heard several passengers tell about their experiences on previous visits to Israel. They overheard two Israeli boys, one Arab and the other Jewish, talk about what they had in common. As the plane landed at Ben Gurion Airport, two passengers spoke to each other entirely in Hebrew.

The student passengers were then led to the Israel Centennial Room which was divided into five areas: History, Jerusalem, Haifa and Gallil, waterways of Israel, and Tel Aviv. There was a kiosk where the tourists ate *Pita* with *Humus*, Israel birthday cake and ice cream. A *Shook* (bazaar) exhibited a great variety of Israeli goods brought in by students and teachers.



ASKE students enjoyed a cold drink during their flight to Israel.

Tour guides told the students about Israel's cities, Zionist history and heroes. The students gave *tzedakah* at the Kotel and recited *Im Eshkachech Yerushalayim*.

When the tourist returned to the plane they saw a video film, *Rehov Sum Sum* on their return flight. After singing *Hatikvah* they left the plane and received souvenirs and brochures from Israel.

class to see the exhibits and learn more about the different cultures existing in Israel.

Friday, the 5th of Iyar, the actual Hebrew date of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the activities were culminated with Hebrew dancing, singing, and a birthday cake in the shape of the Israeli flag.

According to Mrs. Roselee Redelheim, principal of AEA, students were given the opportunity to experience the taste, feel, and sounds of Israel in order to make them truly celebrate with the Jewish homeland.



AEA learned Israeli dancing as part of its celebration.

# Assassination Of Abu Jihad

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV — The assassination of the Palestine Liberation Organization's No. 2 man, Khalil al-Wazir, will have grave consequences for Israel, whether or not Israel did the deed.

That is the opinion of several experts on terrorism, according to Avi Benayahu, writing in Al Hamishmar on April 18. They believe the Palestinian unrest in the administered territories will escalate in the absence of a guiding hand from PLO headquarters. Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad (father of war), headed Al Fatah, the PLO's military branch. Israelis considered him the mastermind of the Palestinian uprising.

According to the experts cited by Benayahu, if his death results in weakening the PLO's links with the territories, local nationalist leaders will consider themselves "freed" from whatever restraints the PLO might have imposed — such as the prohibition of the use of firearms.

In addition, the new situation could give rise to a local leadership that is much more extreme than the PLO and more hostile to both Israel and Jordan, Benayahu wrote. There is also no guarantee that the PLO will

be less brutal without Abu Ali Jihad, he added.

Al Hamishmar quoted Palestinian sources as saying that PLO chief Yasir Arafat will assign responsibility for the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Abu Shahin, who will be in charge of military affairs, and Mahmoud Abbas, who will oversee political matters.

Dr. Yossi Olmert of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Strategic Studies, said in an interview in Hadashot on April 18 that since the PLO is convinced Israel was responsible for the assassination, Abu Jihad's death "will restore a bit of balance to Israel-PLO relations."

According to Olmert, until the PLO had a sense of euphoria over Israel's perceived weakness in suppressing the uprising in the territories. "The PLO without Abu Jihad will be more fearful and perhaps more realistic as well," he said.

Olmert does not believe the assassination will have any effect on the peace process because "Abu Jihad was not a potential participant" and "his elimination, therefore, does not substantively change anything."

While Israel has neither confirmed participant" and "his elimination, therefore, does not substantively change anything."

While Israel has neither confirmed nor denied it had a hand in the assassination, the chief of military intelligence, Maj. Gen Amnon Shahak, believes Abu Jihad was a legitimate target.

"I believe that anyone directing terrorism is a proper target for elimination. Anyone who works against us through terrorism must be a target," Shahak wrote in the Israel Defense Force weekly Bamahane. His article appeared last week, before Abu Jihad was gunned down.

## Berkeley Rejects Jabaliya

Last month, the city council of Berkeley defeated a proposal which would have made the university town the first U.S. city to adopt a Palestinian Arab refugee camp as a sister city. Berkeley is no stranger to political controversy, but the resolution to twin with the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip aroused unprecedented community passion.

The proposal was conceived by Councilwoman Maudelle Shirek who, in January, had called on the council to condemn Israeli measures in the territories. Later that month, Shirek and other local activists visited Jabaliya on a five-day trip sponsored by the United Nations Commission on the Rights of the Palestinian People. On her return, Shirek proposed that the Berkeley Commission on Peace and Justice adopt Jabaliya. Berkeley has previously twinned with five other communities including Leon in Nicaragua and Oukasié in South Africa.

Osama Doumani, the northern California director of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), also championed the Jabaliya proposal. In 1984, Doumani and others succeeded in putting an item on the

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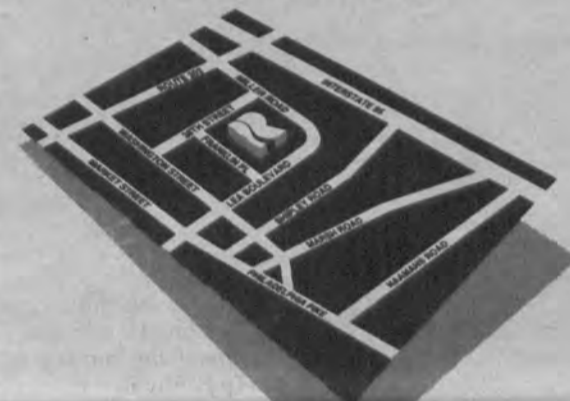
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# Jerusalem Symphony Tickets Still Available

The Delaware community welcomes the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, May 3, when they perform at the Grand Opera House at 7:30 p.m. in a special Israel 40th anniversary concert. Consul General David Ben-Dov will represent the State of Israel at this event which celebrates forty years of achievement and growth of the Jewish State.

The concert offers a unique opportunity for the Delaware Jewish community to hear a major cultural ensemble from

Israel and to join Jews around the world in celebrating Israel at 40.

Conductor John Nelson will lead the orchestra in Ben Haim's Psalms, Schumann's Cello Concerto in A Minor with Gary Hoffman as soloist and Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra.

The performance in Wilmington is one of 21 concerts the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will perform in its 30-day tour of the United States. The musicians plan to show

that in spite of crises and political turmoil Israeli culture continues to flourish.

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## Israel Boycotts Security Council

By YITZHAK RABI  
UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israel boycotted a meeting of the Security Council on April 21 convened to hear charges by Tunisia that its territorial integrity was violated by Israel last week.

The Tunisians complained, in a letter to the Security Council, that an Israel "hit team" assassinated Khalil al-Wazir, second in command of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Wazir was popularly known by his nom de guerre, Abu Jihad (father of holy war). Tunisia's foreign minister, Mahmoud Mestiri, opened debate by charging Israel with "state terrorism" against his country.

The Israel Mission to the United Nations declared in a statement on April 21 that the Tunisian complaint contains unsubstantiated and speculative accusations against Israel and, in particular, a false statement that Israel had admitted that it attacked Tunisia.

"To set the record straight, Israel has made no such admission or declared any such intention with regard to Tunisia," the Israel Mission's statement said. Therefore, according to the Israelis, the meeting of the Security Council is "inappropriate and without justification and merely serves to focus hostile attention on Israel."

The Security Council met on the subject for two hours and adjourned until the following day. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, meanwhile, obtained a copy of a draft resolution that may be circulated among council members.

The draft asks the Security Council to condemn Israel vigorously for the alleged attack, demands that Israel refrain from any such acts in the future, urges member states to dissuade Israel from taking such actions and requests the secretary general to report back to the Security Council by May 20 on implementation of the resolution.

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## 54th Annual Meeting Of Federation To Include Election Of Officers

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road.

The nominating committee, chaired by Robert Rosen, D.D.S., has nominated the following individuals for election to the Federation Board of Directors:

### Term to Expire in May 1991

- Henry Beckler
- Jack Blumenfeld
- Steven A. Dombchik
- Ruth Ann Ger
- Stephen E. Herrmann
- Richard A. Levine
- Judy Levy
- Irving Levitt
- Nan Lipstein
- Doris Morris
- Ruth Pernick
- William M. Topkis
- Richard Venezky

### Term to Expire in May 1990

- Ruth Weinstein

The following individuals have been nominated for election as officers of the Federation:

- President..... Stephen E. Herrmann
- Vice Presidents..... Richard A. Levine  
William M. Topkis  
Richard Venezky
- Secretary..... Jack B. Blumenfeld
- Assistant Secretary..... Irving Levitt
- Treasurer..... Joan Wachstein
- Assistant Treasurer..... Steven A. Dombchik

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations shall be made only by written petition by any 50 individual members of the Federation. Such petition and the written consent of the individual member nominated therein to serve on the board of directors as an officer shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

# Holocaust Remembrance Held At Freedom Plaza

By PAULA BERENGUT

Delaware's annual Holocaust memorial gathering was held at the City/Council Chambers in downtown Wilmington at noon on April 15. Joan Spiegelman, chairperson of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, welcomed the 75 members of the community in attendance.

The program was opened with a blessing by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz of Adas Kodesch Congregation. Governor Michael N. Castle read a proclamation establishing the week of April 10 through 17 as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust" which he presented to Spiegelman.

The community annually gathers "near our community's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, and among the stark victims of human suffering and the names of the infamous camps" according to Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth, because "Time does not stand still... If the Holocaust does not evoke the same feelings in the children and grandchildren of survivors, can we in truth expect it to evoke something unique in those totally disconnected to the event?"

Grumbacher further explained the need for Holocaust education by noting that there are those who manipulate the minds of people who don't know what to believe by trivializing the Holocaust, and others whose revisionist histories completely deny that the Holocaust ever took place. He concluded by stating that we must "bring up the matter of the Holocaust to remind ourselves and to remind others that to forget is a crime against humanity. Our less-than-perfect world has lapses of memory. As each generation moves farther away from the Holocaust it is more incumbent to teach. Those who do not wish to learn, for whatever reason, must come to understand that we will not stop teaching... We have no alternative."

Sister Jeanne F. Cashman, consultant to St. Andrews and St. Matthews Ministry to the Homeless and Chair of Pacem In Terris, began by noting that "There is no way in which something like this happens only to one people — an event as related to all of life as this affects every person on earth (whether they realize it or not)."

Sister Cashman explained that although she is "no longer shocked at the atrocity of the Holocaust," because of other atrocities she has seen in her lifetime, "the sadness hasn't gone away... the sadness has deepened over the years. How could it not?" After reflecting briefly on some of those other atrocities, including the lyn-

ching of Black people, starvation in Third World countries, and the modern-day threat of nuclear extermination, she noted that the sadness had deepened after witnessing the "oppression by human beings acting upon other human beings."

"It is time we exposed that sin for what it is: POWER, driven, usurping power, used and misused over and over in the name of God" she continued, "...racism, anti-Semitism, militarism and sexism are all of a piece: they are all put into place to insure that power resides in some people who are then able to call themselves superior to the others."

Sister Cashman referred to the Biblical history of the Jewish people by reminding the audience that whenever injustice arose throughout the centuries, a prophet would emerge who would "speak not so much of the disasters to come but rather to speak of the evils at hand." Time after time, she noted, the prophets were ignored. That apathy, she said, is her biggest fear. "What scares me to death today is the potential danger we all face if the present apathy is not overcome. And this is why we are here this day. We gather to remember an atrocity against humanity devised and perpetrated by humanity. We gather in a somber mood to remember that while one segment of humanity executed the



Sister Jean Cashman

horrors of the Holocaust, the rest of humanity stood by in silence and apathy and permitted such a gross travesty of justice to take place. We come here to remember — but why remember if not to react to insure that what happened (in those years and in those places) can never happen again."

Briand Mand, President of AZA, and Denise Riebmán, President of B'nai B'rith Girls, read tributes on the 45th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which concluded the indoor portion of the program.

The group then immediately gathered on Freedom Plaza around the Holocaust Memorial where Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom led the chanting of El Malei Rachamin.

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## Report Issued On Israeli Teen's Death

By PAULA BERENGUT

An Israeli army report issued on April 28 concluded that Israeli teenager, Tirza Porat, was the victim of an "errant bullet," not an Arab-thrown rock. The teenager, from Elon Moreh, was killed three weeks ago while hiking with a group of friends and two armed escorts. The bullet, fired from one of the escorts' guns, was fired "apparently after he reacted instinctively to a rock thrown at his head," the report said. The possibility of another gun having been "used against the hikers... was not proven."

The hikers have claimed that the shot was fired by an Arab villager. They claim that they were first stoned by a mob and that one of their escorts, Romam Aldubi, fired into the air in an attempt at frightening off the attackers. They say that when a villager tried to grab Aldubi's gun, he was shot.

According to their reports, the stoning became more intense and more shots were fired. Two villagers were killed in the incident and a number of the hikers were injured. Aldubi was seriously wounded.

According to the villagers, however, there was no trouble until Aldubi shot an Arab man.

In an account of the event in the Jerusalem Post, 15-year-

old Rahel Savitz described the events as a "nightmare-in-the-making... As we walked in the valley, more and more youths gathered on the hilltops. They stood on the ridges... and sniped at us with rocks. They got closer and closer."

Savitz continued, "When the Arabs saw that one of them had been shot, they descended from all the ridges... and completely surrounded us."

We were inside a tight ring of hundreds of Arabs. They formed a chain a real tight ring, and there was nothing we could do. They told us, 'You come with us, or else...'"

Savitz reported that although there were "elders" along the way who cautioned the young Arabs to let the group go, they did not. "They shouted 'Slaughter the Jews!' and they got closer and closer... The women came out and made noises and fueled the fire."

Another hiker, Rami Hoffman, 17, described the mob as hundreds of Arabs led by "women and girls... shouting, wailing and whipping up the atmosphere to a fever pitch... Near me there were youths brandishing knives and axes."

The villagers' reports show that they, too, felt threatened. They have described the scene by telling of settlers with guns,

shooting and killing, marching into their village.

Villagers say that after learning that Aldubi had killed an Arab, Tayseer Bani Shamseh, he was attacked by the mother and sister of the dead man. "The word was that the Jews were coming to attack homes and kill people. The villagers went out to defend themselves... Tourists don't shoot guns."

Both of the hikers' escorts have "stormy pasts" according to a report in the Jerusalem Post. Romam Aldubi, 26, is known among West Bank settlers as a headstrong eccentric whose main interest has been to establish a Jewish settlement inside Nablus, according to an article that appeared last year in the settlers' magazine Nekuda. In May, 1987, Aldubi was barred from Nablus for "repeatedly causing disturbances in the city."

The second escort, Menahem Ilan, 55, was convicted in 1984 of destroying evidence and obstructing justice in connection with the killing of a Nablus girl by an Elon Moreh settler. Ilan pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months in jail with a 33-month suspended sentence. He served his sentence in community service.

In the Israeli Cabinet following the incident, Ariel Sharon and Prime Minister David Levy (both Likud members) criticized the IDF while Labor ministers denounced the political overtones in that criticism.

Sharon criticized the investigation of the events in Beita as one-sided and superficial and called the leakage to the press "distorted", referring to the report by an unnamed IDF official who told the press that the incident was the exclusive fault of Aldubi.

Following the event at Beita, IDF soldiers blew up the homes of those who were suspected of attacking the hikers. The home of one villager was blown up by mistake and he is being compensated.

The April 28 report criticized Aldubi saying "negligence in operating the weapon, ignoring common sense precautions and over-hastiness in pulling the trigger were contributing factors to the escalation of events in this tragic incident."

## BJE Building Transformed For Israel 40th Celebration

For its 45th Annual Children's Art Exhibition on the theme, "Israel - 40 Years and Forever," the Bureau of Jewish Education building in New York has been converted into the cities, kibbutzim and historic monuments of the State of Israel.

Three-dimensional dioramas on the platforms show the varied architecture, the diverse types of people and the landscape which varies from the lowest spot in the world, the Dead Sea, to the snow-covered Mount Hermon in the north. All this has been made by children

in Jewish schools in the metropolitan area.

Large murals on the wall depict the history, flora, fauna and other aspects of the land. The "piece de resistance," however, is the Art Gallery which houses the Old and New City of Jerusalem - all in three dimensions.

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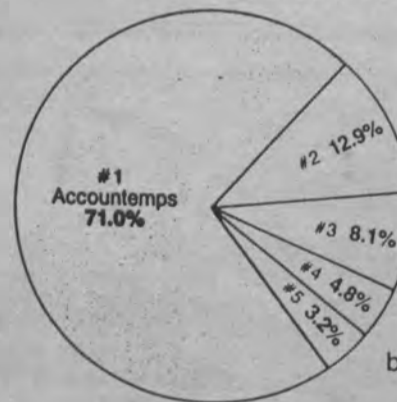
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# Jewish Community Center



## Trip To 'Mama Golda' At Washington JCC

*Mama Golda* unites the renowned husband and wife team of Peter Frye and Thelma Ruby in this fascinating story of Israel's dynamic Prime Minister, Golda Meir. The play has been performed for audiences in England, Israel and Canada as part of Israel's 40th Anniversary. *Mama Golda* is being hosted by the Jewish

Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville, Maryland and will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 12:45 p.m. Transportation is being provided by the JCC Senior Center. For information on fees, please contact Gal Shifron, Director of Senior Adult Services at 478-5660.

## 'Anything Goes' In New York

*Anything Goes* is a sparkling revival of the great musical comedy with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. It stars Patti LuPone in the Reno Sweeney role, once played by Ethel Mer-

man. The bus is scheduled to leave the Center at 8 a.m. Advance registration is required.

## Racquetball Clinic

The Health and Fitness Department is offering a Racquetball Clinic for beginner and intermediate players on Sunday, May 15, from noon to 2 p.m. The clinic will be conducted by Derek Finch, who is ranked number two in Delaware. Instruction will concentrate on the areas of serving, strategies and new rules. The cost for the clinic is \$15.00 and advance registration is required by May 8, 1988.

## Senior Shabbat

A special Shabbat dinner will be held in honor of this community's retirees on Friday, May 27. Dinner will be served at the JCC at 6 p.m. This will be a festive evening followed by a service at Beth Shalom, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Members of the JCC Senior Center will take part in readings for this Shabbat.

## JCC Hires Family Campus Director

The Jewish Community Center has hired Jonathan Gerstl as the Director for the New Jewish Family Campus, which is currently under construction. The hiring of the Campus Director culminates a national search led by Kevin Gross, Esq. and the JCC Search Committee.

Gerstl left the Trenton JCC to pursue a Masters Degree at Temple University. As a Philadelphia native, he attended the High School for Creative and Performing Arts and comes from a family that was very active in Jewish communal services. He is a certified "Outdoor Leader" by The Wilderness Education Association and is an experienced coach and referee in basketball, football and volleyball. He also has a wide background in "New Games", a form of non-competitive play for children.

He has accepted the position through September of 1988, at which time he will make a decision to either remain with the JCC or pursue a long-planned move to Israel.

## Playlearning At Beth El

The Child and Family Division of the Jewish Community Center will be offering a playlearning class to be held at Temple Beth El in Newark. Playlearning is an educational program which will help prepare two and three year olds for school, while developing their Jewish identity. Activities will include language development, number readiness, arts and crafts, music, outdoor play and a snack.

This program is scheduled to begin on September 14 and will meet two days per week

from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parents who are interesting in enrolling their children in Playlearning should contact Ann Herman at the Temple Beth El Office, 366-8330.

## JCC CLOSINGS

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# National Jewish Fraternity Strong At U Of D

By RICH COHEN

Nationally, the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity was founded November 7, 1913, by Charles C. Moskowitz, at New York University. It was, and continues to be, built on the foundations of friendship, brotherhood, ambition, and a desire to help their fellows get more out of college than a classroom experience. Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded as a result of discrimination against Jews. Moskowitz was a great basketball player, so he was ac-

cepted by other fraternities; but his ten best friends were not accepted, so he didn't accept his bids. These eleven men began a national tradition which is the strong brotherhood of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

At the University of Delaware, the Rho Chapter of Sigma Tau Phi, a small national Jewish fraternity, was established in 1923 and chartered in 1925. In 1947, this chapter was absorbed into Alpha Epsilon Pi as the Rho Deuteron Chapter. It is the

oldest Jewish organization at the University. Many of the alumni have become leaders in the Wilmington community.

In the Spring of 1987, the Rho Deuteron Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi moved into their \$850,000 new house at 314 Wyoming Rd. in Newark. It serves as a source of stability for a fraternity that already had a strong brotherhood, but lacked a place to truly call its own.

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AEPi also has a strong athletic tradition. A list of achievements includes: Fall 1985, East Coast Basketball Champion; Summer 1986, East Coast Softball Champion in the Long Island tournament; 2nd seed Basketball Greek Leagues, Spring 1988.

AEPi is also very active in the social and college community, with a growing philanthropy program, including social events to help support the American Cancer Association. Brothers are also involved in many activities, including honor societies, suicide awareness programs, helping the needy in the surrounding community and decisions within the inter-fraternity council.

The fraternity house is the location of the upcoming Alumni/Parents' Day on May 14. Alumni are welcome to attend the cocktail party starting at 6 p.m. and will have the opportunity to tour the new house.

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# Mideast Primer

## Partition Plan Doomed From The Start

By IRV BRESLAUER

The U.N. Partition Plan for Palestine, even if it had been accepted by the Arabs, was doomed from the start. Even a cursory glance at a map of the plan reveals its flaws.

The proposed Jewish State was to be divided into three parts, one connected to another by filaments of land. The international zone of the holy city, Jerusalem, and its suburbs was to be in the Arab state, with no guarantee of access to the Jews. There was to be an element of the Arab state in Jaffa, near Tel Aviv.

Similarly, the Arab state was to be divided into thirds: one element an extension of southern Lebanon; a second an extension of Jordan on the west bank of the river, and the third an extension of Egypt, the Gaza Strip.

The Arab rejection of the plan was based upon their intransigent refusal to even consider the possibility of a Jewish state, no matter that it was problematical that it could even survive, considering the way it was structured by the partition plan.

On Nov. 29, 1947, partition was approved and within days the Arabs began to attack the Jews. In January 1948, troops from Jordan and Syria entered the fray to attack Jewish villages. When the State of Israel was born on May 15, 1948, six Arab armies attacked (Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Iraq). They gave up the opportunity to establish their control of the territory designated as Arab by the United Nations in their haste to drive the Israelis into the sea.

After suffering humiliating defeats, the Arabs accepted an armistice in 1949, which resulted in Israel occupying all of the land that was west of Jordan except what is now the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Jerusalem was split in two at the positions held by each side at the time of the cease-fire and Israelis were generally denied access to their sacred areas which were in the Arab-held sector.

It is interesting to note that the 1949 cease-fire lines put Jordanian held territory only 11 miles from the Mediterranean Sea at Tel Aviv, about nine miles at Netanya and only 21 miles from Haifa.

*Editor's Note: Irv Breslauer, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, lived for a year in Israel, and is coordinating the local observance of Israel's 40th Anniversary for the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis. The 'Mideast Primer' is a feature which seeks to clarify the complex issues of the Mideast conflict.*

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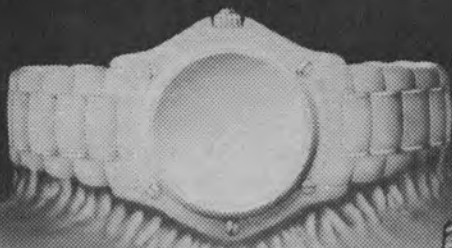
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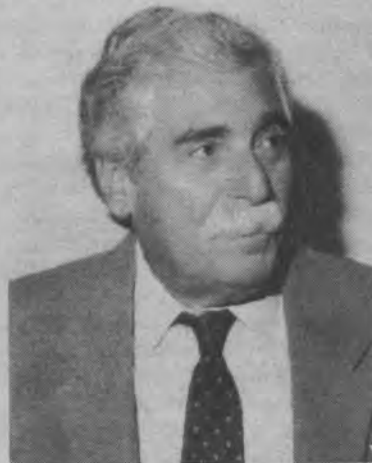
disorders, there is no satisfactory definition that specifies precise boundaries for the concept 'mental disorder' (also true for such concepts as physical disorder, mental health, and physical health)."

used to describe the level of one's mental health. Some of the more popular include: state of well being, peace of mind, anxiety free, emotionally sound, emotionally functional, and having it together.

The people we see at Jewish Family Service may suffer from a "mental disorder" or they may not. What is more important to us is that they are experiencing a problem that is affecting their ability to function, and they are hurting. Whatever we do and however we help, it will serve the purpose of moving the person up on the "mental health scale."

The bottom line for us is how well people get along, at what cost, and how they feel about themselves. When we cut through the jargon, we improve the level of one's mental health by helping them to get along better and to feel better.

If any of this rings a bell for you, call us at 478-9411. What better time than Mental Health Month to improve your own mental health.



By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**  
Executive Director  
Jewish Family Service

ment for and of people with mental illness.

Yet we must also continue to be aware that the more insidious chains of stigma and discrimination still bind people with mental illness. Many dedicated people continue to work diligently to assure the essential, continued progress in this area.

We, at Jewish Family Service, celebrate "Mental Health Month" every month of the year, since mental health is what our agency is all about. We do not view people as being either "mentally healthy" or "mentally ill." We, rather see mental health as a continuum, and our work is designed to help people move toward the upper or more positive end of the scale.

There is still a commonly-held misconception that people who work in the field of "mental health" work only with people who are mentally ill. There is also still difficulty in actually defining the terms we use. "The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Third Edition)" included the following in its introduction: "Although this manual provides a classification of mental

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## Delaware Represented At AJFCA Annual Conference

Peggy Amsterdam, Niki Ehrenfeld, and Leslie Newman, of the Jewish Family Service Board of Directors, and Arnold Lieberman, Executive Director, and Cynthia Kane, immediate Past-President of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, represented Delaware at the Association's Sixteenth Annual Conference.

Some 300 lay leaders and executive directors, representing ninety Jewish Family and

Children's Agencies throughout the United States and Canada, recently convened in Baltimore for four days. The keynote speaker was Professor Egon Mayer, of Brooklyn College, who spoke about "Love and Tradition: How the Jewish Family Copes with Intermarriage."

Individual sessions dealt with such topics as agency accreditation, volunteerism, serving the chronically mentally ill (Continued to page 20)

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# American Postal Workers Protest Denial Of Soviet Jews' Rights

NEW YORK, — Herb Magidson, President of the Jewish Labor Committee, announced on April 12 that an official protest of the obstruction of mail delivery, as well as a list of human rights violations against Jews living in the Soviet Union, were brought to the attention of a Congressional Subcommittee on March 29, when the American Postal Workers

Union testified before the House Subcommittee on Postal Operations and Services. Patrick J. Nilan, Legislative Director of the APWU, testified, according to Magidson.

"We represent, by our testimony, the support of the American trade union movement for the legally guaranteed rights of Jews in the Soviet Union," stated Nilan before the subcommittee, chaired by Congressman Mickey Leland of Texas.

The Union representative expressed the postal workers union's opposition to the "consistent and deliberate non-delivery or obstruction of delivery of mail from abroad to certain citizens of the Soviet Union, notably Soviet Jews and others who have expressed a desire to emigrate." These actions, Nilan stated, constitute a "clear violation of rights by both Soviet law and international agreements."

In his testimony, the labor representative noted that "... While there appears to be a lessening of some of the most overt signs of official anti-Jewish activity in recent months, the Soviet Union has yet to become responsive to the desires of many Jews to live freely as Jews — or to leave..."

Concluding his testimony, Nilan called for an end to interference with the free flow of mail, and the respect of fundamental human rights "without qualification."

## Trivia Contest Winners

The Jewish Voice is pleased to announce the winners of its Israel Trivia Contest! Mazal Tov — we know how tough it was!

First Prize (two tickets to the Jerusalem Symphony): Gail Lichtman

Second Prize (copy of Moshe Arens Speaks Out): Joel Glazier

Consolation Prizes (copies of the book Facts About Israel): Alan Horowitz and Rebecca Bank

The Jewish Voice would like to thank Bob Akell for creating this contest in honor of Israel's 40th Anniversary.

Answers to contest:

**Easy:**

1. The Knesset has 120 members
2. The Shekel
3. Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt
4. May 14, 1948, at 4 p.m.
5. El Al Airlines
6. Jewish, Moslem, Christian and Armenian
7. David Ben-Gurion
8. The Maccabiah Games
9. Yad Vashem
10. Jerusalem
11. The Jordan River
12. Golda Meir
13. Asia

**Media:**

14. A seven-branched menorah surrounded by two olive branches linked by the word "Israel" written in Hebrew
15. In 1897 by Theodore Herzl
16. 1286 feet below sea level
17. Mt. Hermon - 9220 feet
18. Saul
19. Jaffa, Zion, Dung, Lions (or St. Stephens), Herod's, Damascus and New, Golden
20. May 11, 1949
21. On March 26, 1979, with the signors: Prime Minister Menachem Begin for Israel and President Anwar Sadat for Egypt; President Jimmy Carter was witness
22. Metulla
23. Caesarea
24. Arabic
25. Judea and Samaria
26. Palestine

**Hard:**

27. Tat-Aluf
28. Israel has 10,840 square miles. Nine states in the U.S. are smaller: Connecticut (5009 sq.mi.), Delaware (2057 sq.mi.), Hawaii (6424 sq.mi.), Maryland (10,577 sq.mi.), Massachusetts (8257 sq.mi.), New Hampshire (9,304 sq.mi.), New Jersey (7,836 sq.mi.), Rhode Island (1,214 sq.mi.) and Vermont (9,609 sq.mi.)
29. 82.9 percent Jews, 13.5 percent Moslems, 2.3 percent Christians, and 1.3 percent Druze and others.

30. Tel Aviv University with 16,900 students and Hebrew University of Jerusalem with 16,000 students

31. War of Independence: May 1948-July 1949; Sinai Campaign: October 1956; Six-Day War: June 1967; Yom Kippur War: October 1973; and Operation Peace for Gallilee: June 1982.

32. The Histadrut

33. The Mount of Olives

34. Ho Chi Minh offered land in Vietnam

35. Degania

36. Herodion

37. November 29, 1947

38. Nelson Glueck

39. Safed at 960 meters or 3150 feet

40. Tiberias is 210 meters or 689 feet below sea level.

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# The Jewish Voice Recognizes...

## Isadore Silverman

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL  
Staff Writer

"Why me?" asked Isidore Silverman, sounding very puzzled when told that the Jewish Voice would like his story. "I haven't done anything so special."

Mr. Silverman is a "special" person to the Wilmington Jewish community, but beyond that his story is prototypic of the Eastern European Jewish immigrant experience in America. Born in 1909 in the Polish region of Galicia, Isidore's early childhood years were bleak and sad. He has sharp memories of his shtetl near Yaroslav, where he, his father, mother, and two sisters, lived in a rickety, wooden, tin-roofed house with a dirt floor. A stove, fueled by a few sticks of wood, stood between the

two rooms of their "shtiebel" and provided little heat against the harsh Polish winters. Like heat, food was scarce and often consisted of stolen fruit and month-old bread from which the mold had to be rinsed. Isidore's father had a small sewing business, and the clothing made in the shop was peddled in the village "yard" (market). Though anti-semitism was endemic in Poland, Mr. Silverman does not recall serious conflicts with the local population. But they were always on guard. He went to a Polish school carrying sticks and rocks, "just in case..." "I was a scrapper," said Mr. Silverman proudly, "I wouldn't take anything from anybody." The Jewish children were consigned to the back two benches of the school room, and

sometimes the teacher would vengefully cut the "pais" of Jewish pupils. After school, Isidore attended a Cheder with a malamed, who was also the shtetl sage, arbitrator, and lay doctor.

Tragedy hit the family when Isidore was about five years old. His father and six uncles died within a ten-day period from a cholera epidemic. Left with the responsibility of providing for the family, Isidore's mother, with horse and wagon, peddled goods from village to village. By the time he was eight, Isidore was helping his mother in the business and remembers, during one of the peddling trips, fighting a gang of boys who, in an antisemitic attack, took a whip to his mother.

In 1918, tragedy struck again with the death of Isidore's mother. The boy was nine, and the two sisters were younger. Uncles were contacted in New York and Wilmington, and under the auspices of HIAS the three orphans were sent to America. After a two week transatlantic crossing, arrival in America was not reassuring. The Silverman children were detained for several weeks on Ellis Island because the youngest sister was found to have a scalp disease. "We spoke no English, of course, and we were treated worse than prisoners," recalls Mr. Silverman. His young sister was sent back to Warsaw for treatment and Isidore and his other sister were taken by their uncles, the girl to New York and Isidore to Wilmington. Isidore was quickly integrated into the life and pace of America.

He entered Wilmington School #9, 8th and Monroe Streets, at the 3rd or 4th grade level, but as his English improved, his class placement was advanced. His Jewish life was centered at Adas Kodesh, where he celebrated his Bar



Mitzvah at the age of 12. While life in America was an improvement over life in Poland, full time schooling was not economically possible.

When he was fourteen, Isidore had to leave school to help in his uncle's produce business. But school and Jewish life were still priorities. From 5 a.m. to early evening he worked for his uncle, attended high school two nights a week, as well as Goldey Beacom two nights, and maintained an active participation in the Adas Kodesh Sunday School.

In 1923 he helped form a Yiddish speaking "Young Friends Club," and also became an officer in the AZA (Junior Order of B'Nai Brith). Isidore Silverman's energies seem to have been unlimited.

At eighteen, he became an acting scout master of Troop 28, a Jewish Boy Scout troop which met at the Jewish Community Center at 6th and French Streets. When he turned 21, he was eligible to become a full-fledged scout master, and for the next 18 years, 500-600 boys tied knots, learned first-aid and the Morse code, went on overnight hikes, and did good deeds under Isidore Silverman's tutelage. Speaking with a father's pride, Mr. Silverman said, "Three of my boy scouts are now Wilmington judges, and a week doesn't go by that I don't meet someone from Troop 28 and

they tell me that they never had such a good time as in their scout days."

Mr. Silverman lived with his uncle until 1934, when he married Sylvia, also an orphaned immigrant from Poland. In 1937, he opened his own wholesale fruit and vegetable business on E. 4th Street, a business which he successfully operated until 1972. He has nostalgic memories of old Wilmington and the bustling Second Street Jewish market district — life was simpler then, shops were family owned, and the Jewish community was closely knit. The World War II era was a somber and austere period. Produce was scarce and Mr. Silverman could have made a lot of money on the blackmarket, but he was unwilling to compromise his integrity. Like every other community, Wilmington saw its young men go off to war, and Mr. Silverman touchingly remarked, "eight boys from Troop 28 died in the war."

Isidore and Sylvia Silverman have four daughters, born between 1935 and 1947. All four daughters were sent to college "because," said Mr. Silverman, "I wanted them to accomplish the things I couldn't." His daughters are all married with children of their own and the Silvermans take great pleasure in the closeness of their family. Mr. Silverman believes that the family ties are especially meaningful to them because he and wife were both orphans.

Mr. Silverman has long retired from his business, but he has not retired from his involvement with Adas Kodesh and Jewish life. He faithfully attends the synagogue, is in charge of the Haftorah assignments, and designates the Aliyahs.

What are the most important aspects of Mr. Silverman's life? It didn't take him long to respond to that question: "My wife, my children, my grandchildren, my scouts, and my synagogue. And, oh yes, the wonderful experience of Passover each year, when all the family gathers together."

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## Constance Kreshtool Receives NCCJ Annual Award

The National Conference of Christians and Jews presented its annual award for distinguished service to Constance Kreshtool and O. Francis Biondi, Esq. at its annual dinner on April 18 at the Hotel DuPont.


Each year, the award is given to an individual or individuals who exemplify the NCCJ's goal of nurturing American pluralism. NCCJ executive director Evelyn Lobel paid tribute to the honorees. "Coming from their own particular faiths, both with their own styles, our honorees have contributed time and energy to help achieve a humane and harmonious community for us all."

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher presented Mrs. Kreshtool's award. He noted, "There is not one periodical in Delaware that has not mentioned Connie Kreshtool's role on the local, national, or international scene. She has served on virtually every Jewish committee

in Delaware. She acts from a commitment to the highest principles of her faith. The Jewish community has benefited from her heart and her mind. Kindness flows from deep within her."

In her brief acceptance speech, Mrs. Kreshtool said she had come to Delaware as a chemist in 1950 "with a strong sense of what my God required of me — To do justly and to love mercy." She credited her

parents with setting an example of concern and caring in her childhood home. She spoke of the love of her late husband, Bernie, and the understanding of her sons, which enabled her to devote so much time to the community. "My years of service have enriched my life. I have had the opportunity to work with good people who have inspired me. I am profoundly grateful for this award."



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## AIPAC To Examine U.S.-Israel Partnership

Washington — Over 1500 activists from all fifty states are expected as the nation's pro-Israel political community assembles May 15-17 in Washington for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's 29th Annual Policy Conference. Senators, Congressmen, leading Administration policymakers and prominent Israeli officials will join delegates to focus on "The Forth-Year Partnership: Shaping the Future Agenda."

The conference convenes as important issues challenge Israel and indeed the U.S.-Israel relationship. Participants will be briefed on such diverse issues as political strategies for Campaign '88, critical legislation affecting foreign aid and arms sales, and prospects for peace in the Middle East in light of the continued unrest in the West Bank. Delegates will take part in issues oriented and "how to" workshops throughout the 3-day conference.

Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci will keynote the conference addressing "America's Defense Policy and Israel's Role." Following Carlucci, Les Aspin, Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services will speak on U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation. AIPAC's executive director Thomas A. Dine will conclude day one with "The State of AIPAC." On Monday, May 16, Virginia

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# 'Ivan The Terrible' Identity Upheld

## Demjanjuk Convicted

By DAVID LANDAU  
 JERUSALEM, (JTA) — John Demjanjuk was found guilty on April 18 of war crimes, including the murder of some 800,000 Jews who died in the Treblinka gas chambers. The verdict was announced just before 8 p.m. local time, 11 hours after the three-judge panel that heard the case finished reading extracts from their ponderous 450-page judgement.

The conclusion was that the 69-year-old retired automobile worker is indeed the Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," who brutalized Jews even as he herded them into the gas chambers that he operated.

Demjanjuk's Israeli defense attorney, Yorman Sheftel, had conceded defeat hours before the announcement of the verdict. He said that although he continued to believe in his client's innocence, he had informed the family over the weekend that the defendant would likely be convicted. The court stressed its "meticulous consideration of all the evidence" and said that while no single identification of the accused by a Treblinka survivor was sufficient to convict him, the cumulative identifications were overwhelming.

The court conceded that memory of events that occurred decades ago can be blurred. But the judges also noted that the experiences the survivors had undergone undoubtedly were seared into their minds for eternity.

Demjanjuk was not able to produce a single witness to support his alibi that he was a prisoner of war of the Germans during the time he allegedly served as a guard at Treblinka. The court upheld the authenticity of an SS identification card issued to Demjanjuk as a voluntary trainee for duty at the death camp.

Under the 1950 Nazi and Nazi Collaborators Law, he could face the death penalty. Only one person has been executed under the law — Adolf Eichmann, who was hanged here in 1962.

Legal experts say, however, that capital punishment is not mandatory and the court has discretion. Arguments over the sentence will be heard at a later date. Demjanjuk has the right of appeal to Israel's Supreme Court.

Demjanjuk, who lived in Cleveland, Ohio, before he was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1985, became the first accused war criminal extradited to Israel. His trial began in

Jerusalem district court in February 1987 and went through 106 sessions. The prosecution presented 21 witnesses and the defense 31.

The reading of the judgement occupied most of the day, because it included a detailed recapitulation of the history of



John Demjanjuk is carried into court feet first on April 18 to hear the verdict in his Nazi war crimes trial. Demjanjuk, who maintains his claim that he is not Ivan the Terrible, is suffering from a back injury. (Photo credit: RNS PHOTO)

the Holocaust, which Levin considered necessary to put the case in its proper context. The courtroom was packed with many of the witnesses who had testified against Demjanjuk. There was a momentary disturbance when Levin called out the condemnatory sentence. But after calling the court to order, the judge resumed reading the opinion in a flat monotone.

Demjanjuk was not present during the reading. He complained of a back injury. While doctors found nothing wrong,

the judge agreed he could remain in his cell near the courtroom.

After one week of deliberation the jury sentenced Demjanjuk on April 25 to death by hanging. The verdict was met with applause in the courtroom. Demjanjuk will appeal the sentence and conviction.

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# Obituaries

### Jack Gold

Jack Gold, 56, of Mine Hill, N.J., died on April 13.

Mr. Gold is survived by his wife, Elaine Gold; three daughters, Karen Moss of Wilmington, Linda Briodo of Stanhope, N.J., and Cindy Gold of Cambridge, Mass.; his mother, Nellie Gold, of West Orange, N.J.; a sister, Bernice Teltser of Short Hills, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Gold may be made to the Jewish Family Campus.

### Albert M. Jacobs

Albert M. Jacobs, 68, of 7508 LaPaz Court, formerly of Windybush, Wilmington, Del., died April 19.

Mr. Jacobs, president of Jake's Market on King Street in Wilmington for 50 year, retired due to ill health in 1984.

He was a life member of the Board of Governors of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington and a member of B'nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Lawrence Roberts Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Harry Fineman Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

He was a member of Washington Lodge 1, AF&AM,

and was a former member of the board of advisers of the Salvation Army.

He is survived by his wife, Freda; a son, Dr. Jack S. Jacobs of Geln Ridge, N.J.; a daughter, Lena Jacobs Elzufon of Wilmington; five brothers, Leon of Claymont, Del., Maurice of Windybush, and Bertrum, Irving and Dr. Lawrence Jacobs, all of Wilmington; a sister Esther Goldberg of Wilmington; and two granddaughters.

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### Rose B. Hershon

Rose B. Hershon, 82, of 4 Ridgewood Circle, died April 23.

Mrs. Hershon was a member of Hadassah and Temple Beth El in Springfield, Mass.

A native of New York City, she had lived in Springfield and Miami, Fla., before moving to Wilmington in 1987.

Her husband, Stanley, died in 1972. She is survived by two sons, Albert H. of Tampa, Fla., and Dr. Leonard A. with whom she lived; a granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

Arrangements were made by Chandler Funeral Home.

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

### Jeanne Sklar Cromer

Jeanne Sklar Cromer, 56, of 1119 Windon Drive, Chatham, died April 25.

Mrs. Cromer was a real estate salesperson at Gilpin Realty Co. in Wilmington for the past eight years.

She was a member of the New Castle County Board of Realtors.

She is survived by two sons, Daryl Crisconi of Wilmington and Mark Crisconi of Top of the Hill Apartments, and a sister, Elaine Waxman of Chatham.

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Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia.

### Correction

The Jewish Voice regrets the omission of the following information in the last issue.

Contributions in memory of David Lukoff, father of Susan Labowitz, may be made to Albert Einstein Academy.



## Jewish Historical Society Now Completely Catalogued

By MYRTLE E. KURLAND

All the material received to date by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware has now been catalogued. There is a wealth of information readily available for the researcher or anyone for nostalgia reasons. Biographical and historical events of Jewish Delawareans go back to the eighteenth, nineteenth, and throughout the twentieth century. Practically all Jewish organizations are represented in the archives with major collections for the Jewish Community Center going back to when it was the Y.M.&Y.W.H.A.; as well as Jewish Family Service in all its involvement; Jewish Federation; women's organizations and more from the beginning of Jewish community life in Delaware to the present.

Then there are the incomparable collections of Harry Bluestone and Rabbi David Geffen. Bill Frank has made numerous contributions.

Also, the carefully copied notes and research correspondence of Emile Topkis are stored at the Historical Society.

The memorabilia of many Delaware Jewish families are on the shelves, safely stored in acid-free boxes. There are postcards of old Delaware, Wilmington and its environs which delight a collector and bring back memories. And, of course, the remarkable "Dear Molly" letters of World War II, as well as other articles and artifacts of the Civil War, World War I and World War II are a part of the collection.

There is a complete set of the Jewish Encyclopedia, very old but very useful, as well as many other books and yearbooks. The collection includes several hundred pictures, tapes, cassetts, slides and oral histories.

Get acquainted with your heritage — and, if you have any pictures, letters, documents, artifacts, whatever, relating to Jews in Delaware, the Jewish

Historical Society of Delaware would accept them for safe keeping and posterity.

The archives are located in the building of the Historical Society of Delaware, 505 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Anyone wishing to visit the archives or make a presentation to the Society should call Myrtle E. Kurkland at 764-2282.

## Schoenberg Memorial Chapels

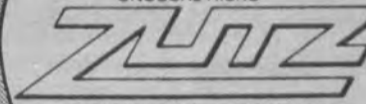


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# Community Calendar

The Community Calendar is a community service provided by *The Jewish Voice*. All meetings and events of interest to the Jewish community will be listed. The calendar will be published in the second issue of each month, with listings for the following month. Please send your organization's listings to: *The Jewish Voice* Calendar, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803. Please include the following information:

- Name of your organization
- Event
- Location of Event
- Date and Time of Event

Deadline for the next calendar (listing June events) is Friday, May 20.

Event	Time	Place
AEA Celebrity Auction	Sat., April 30, 9 p.m.	JCC
Advanced Player Raquetball Clinic	Sun., May 1, 10 a.m.-Noon	JCC
People, Places and Things Art Exhibit Reception	Sun., May 1, 2-4 p.m.	JCC Art Gallery
Beth Shalom Sisterhood Donor Luncheon	Tues., May 3, 11:30 a.m.	Beth Shalom
Kutz Home Auxiliary Donor Luncheon	Tues., May 3, Noon	Brandywine Country Club
Jerusalem Symphony	Tues., May 3, 7:30 p.m.	Grand Opera House
Beth Emeth Sisterhood Garage Sale	Wed., May 4, 9-4 p.m.	Beth Emeth
Leadership Delaware Symposium on Prevention of Teenage Suicide	Wed., May 4, 8:30 a.m.	JCC
Beth Emeth Sisterhood Garage Sale	Thurs., May 5, 9-4 p.m.	Beth Emeth
Jewish Singles 21-31 Happy Hour	Thurs., May 5, 5:30 p.m.	Waterworks Cafe
NCJW Sabbath	Fri., May 6, 8 p.m.	Beth Emeth
JWV Meeting	Mon, May 9, 8 p.m.	B'nai B'rith House
Beth Emeth Sisterhood Installation Luncheon	Tues., May 10, 11:30 a.m.	Beth Emeth
Kutz Home Auxiliary Donor Luncheon	Thurs., May 12, Noon	Brandywine Country Club
Mama Golda Family Shabbat	Thurs, May 12, 12:45 p.m.	JCC of Greater Washington
Jewish Singles Oneg Shabbat	Fri., May 13, 6 p.m.	JCC
Oneg Shabbat	Fri., May 13, 8 p.m.	Beth Shalom
Alpha Epsilon Pi Alumni/Parents Day	Sat., May 14, 6 p.m.	AEPi Fraternity House
Racquetball Clinic	Sun., May 15, Noon	JCC
Cafe Tamar	Sun., May 15, 7:30 p.m.	AKSE
Israel Presentation by Rita Justice	Mon., May 16, 12:45 p.m.	JCC
Bucket Dance Performance	Wed., May 18, 11 a.m.	JCC
Bucket Dance Performance	Thurs., May 19, 1 p.m.	JCC
54th Annual Meeting of Jewish Federation of Delaware	Thurs., May 19, 7:30 p.m.	JCC
SHAVUOT	Sat., May 21	
SHAVUOT	Sun., May 22	
SHAVUOT	Mon., May 23	
NCJW Installation Luncheon	Wed., May 27	
Seniors Shabbat	Fri., May 27, 6 p.m.	JCC

## Political Prisoners Adopted

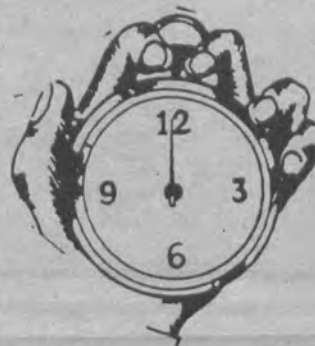
Two South African political prisoners jailed for their opposition to apartheid — one Jewish, one black — have been adopted by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, which has launched a nationwide campaign to win their freedom. The announcement was made by Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director and counsel of the Religious Action Center.

Rabbi Saperstein said Raymond Suttner, a 42-year old Jewish anti-apartheid activist, and Reverend Molefe Tsele, a 32-year old Lutheran parson, were arrested without being charged and were jailed without benefit of trial. The Religious Action Center has made the two prisoners part of the UAHC's "Prisoner of Apartheid" program. It is asking Reform synagogues across the country to publicize their plight, to urge their members to sign petitions and to write Secretary of State George Shultz and the

South African Ambassador to the United States demanding their release.

Raymond Suttner has been a senior lecturer in the law school of the University of Witwatersrand and an education officer with the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front, an umbrella organization with hundreds of affiliates representing millions of South Africans of all colors opposed to apartheid. When the government declared a state of emergency in July 1985, he went underground along with most other UDF leaders. He was arrested in June 1986 as he prepared to depart for a series of lectures in Zimbabwe.

Reverend Molefe Tsele was arrested in December 1986 at his home in Dobsonville, Soweto. As executive treasurer of the national education Crisis Committee, Reverend Tsele played a central role in efforts to advance black education.



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## Berkeley —

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Berkeley city ballot requiring the mayor to lobby Congress and the Administration to withhold aid to Israel in proportion to the amount of money Israel spends on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The proposition, Measure E, was soundly defeated.

The Jabaliya proposal, reminiscent of Measure E, prompted the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater East Bay (JCRC) to move quickly, mobilizing the city's estimated 25,000 Jews.

After four hours of highly charged debate in February, the Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission adopted the Jabaliya resolution. It also accepted proposals encouraging Jewish-Arab dialogue and supporting a Palestinian state.

When the City Council met Mar. 15 to debate the Jabaliya resolution, the usually decorous city council meeting became a free-for-all. Hundreds of individuals competed to be heard.

"It was pandemonium," said David Kaye, a college student and a member of the Political Leadership Development Program of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

JCRC Chairman Jerry Yanowitz said, "I think there is an overwhelming feeling in the Jewish community that the adoption of Jabaliya is not ac-

ceptable. It does nothing to encourage the peace process. It will simply be used as a means to criticize Israel."

Berkeley Mayor Loni Hancock opposed the proposal as divisive and ill-timed. The motion was defeated six to three.

The City Council will vote on the Peace and Justice Committee's additional Middle East resolutions this month. Meanwhile, the sponsors of the Jabaliya measure have vowed to put the proposal on Berkeley's November ballot.

Weary from the battle, Berkeley's Jewish community is nevertheless determined to stop further anti-Israel resolutions and to prevent a dangerous precedent from being set in their city.

## JWV Events

Posts 525, 747 and 767 of Jewish War Veterans' next regular meeting will be May 9 at B'nai B'rith House at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Department of Delaware Convention date is Sunday, May 15, 9 a.m. at B'nai B'rith House. New officers will be installed. Breakfast will be served and there is no charge for members. At noon on the same day Graveside Memorial Services will be held at the JWV Cemetery. Families of departed Veterans can have flag markers by request by calling Israel Weiner at 764-2120.

## JAPS —

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are being vilified?

"JAP," used to describe Jewish women is no more just a women's issue than is the term "Shylock" an issue that pertains only to money lenders. Why does the one stir our gravest concern and the other get dismissed as benign humor? Beneath the benign humor lurks a potentially insidious anti-Semitic vilification which would elicit our outrage if

used in reference to another ethnic group.

We are no strangers to the hatred that lies beneath labels. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has been among the first to recognize that the anti-Zionist rhetoric was just a new face for anti-Semitism. It is now time for us to recognize the JAP image for what it is: An image that threatens the Jewish people as a whole with anti-Semitism hiding behind the guise of humor. (Irma Gertler is President of B'nai B'rith Women.)

## AIPAC Conference —

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Governor Gerald Baliles will speak on "Deepening the Partnership at the Grassroots: Local Political Elites and Israel." Confirmed speakers for the "Salute to Israel" banquet that evening are Senators Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana) and Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), both strong supporters of Israel.

College student participation has always been an integral part of the policy conference and this year student leadership from around the country will participate in a reunion of former AIPAC interns and campus liaisons. They will also partake in workshops on campaign politics and student involvement in the legislative process.

"Political activism is on the

rise among all ages in the pro-Israel community," says Tom Dine. "Activism begins with knowledge of the issues which is then translated into involvement in the political process. The strength of U.S.-Israel relations is solidified by political activism — that's why attendance at the conference is so essential for the pro-Israel community from around the nation." For more information on the conference, please contact Helene Godin at AIPAC/Washington at (202) 638-2256.

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