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## Annette Dulzin Keynotes Pacesetter's Dinner To Honor Frances Glenn



Annette Dulzin

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will hold their annual Pacesetter's dinner for the 1985 campaign on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaiken.

Highlighting the evening will be special recognition of



Frances Glenn

Frances Glenn, who has been a dedicated member of our community for many years. She is being honored for her leadership to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, to Congregation Beth Emeth and as an active member of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Deane Kattler, chairwoman of the Pacesetters, commented, "Frances Glenn is certainly a woman who deserves this recognition. An occasion such as this is long overdue and I look forward to a large turn-out to honor her. All contributors of \$1000 or more to the 1985 Women's Regular Campaign are cordially invited."

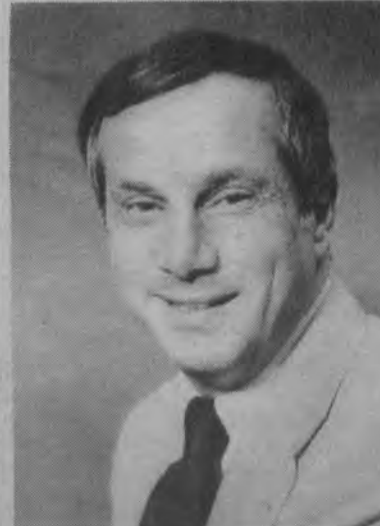
The guest speaker for this fundraising event will be Annette Dulzin, who is the wife of Leon Dulzin, the chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. Born in France where her father was a student at the University of Grenoble, she spent her early childhood in Poland. When the Nazis invaded Poland, her mother, who had gone to Shanghai, in 1938, returned to Europe and managed to rescue her from the Lodz and later the Warsaw ghetto. After being reunited in Lisbon, Portugal, her family moved to South Africa, where she was graduated from the Wyberg Girls High School in Capetown.

In 1961, Annette Dulzin made Aliyah. She holds an interpreter's diploma from the Geneva University Interpreters School and works as simultaneous interpreter in

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Ambassador Yosef Tekoah



Paul R. Fine



David J. Singer

## Ambassador Tekoah To Address JFD Inaugural Dinner Dec. 6

The Jewish Federation of Delaware Advanced Gifts Dinner will officially launch the Men's Division 1985 campaign. Paul R. Fine, past JFD president and chairman of the dinner, has announced that this opening event will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6 at the home of Frank and Yetta Chaiken. David Singer, 1984 campaign chairman, will serve as co-chairman for the dinner.

Yosef Tekoah is one of Israel's world-renowned diplomats and statesmen. During the crucial period of the fifties he was Director of Armistice Affairs. Later, he

served as ambassador to Brazil and then the Soviet Union. For eight years after the Six Day War, he was ambassador to the United Nations and defended Israel's interests with unforgettable vigor and brilliance. He then assumed the responsibilities of president of Ben-Gurion University. Today as chancellor of the University and president of an American-Israeli company prompting high-tech industry in Israel, he continues to serve the Jewish state and the Jewish people with tireless dedication.

In commenting on the

event, Fine stated, "We are very privileged to have Mr. Tekoah as our guest speaker. He has been one of the outstanding diplomats in the Israel Foreign Service and we all eagerly look forward to his appearance in our community. In addition to the critical importance of raising the level of giving for our regular campaign, we must also direct a special effort to meet our obligations to Project Renewal and to support the social needs of the Jesse Cohen Center, our 'twinned community' in Israel."

The minimum contribution for the dinner is \$5,000.

## Post-Election Reflections

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON, (JTA) - While President Reagan won a landslide re-election victory Tuesday, most Jews appear to have voted for his opponent, former vice president Walter Mondale

Two major exit polls, conducted by television networks, gave Mondale nearly 70 percent of the Jewish vote. ABC said the Jewish vote was 69 to 31 in favor of Mondale and CBS said its poll showed Jews voted for Mondale by a 67 to 32 majority.

This was disputed by the National Jewish Coalition for Reagan-Bush. Bruce Soll, the Coalition's executive director, said its figures showed 44-46 percent of Jews voted for

Reagan which he called "a landslide" in the Jewish community for the Republican president.

Soll argued that the television exit polls included about 200 Jews out of 2,000 persons interviewed. He said the Jewish Coalition interviewed persons in Jewish areas of California, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Florida, and Jews supported Reagan because his position on Israel, the economy and family values were "in sync" with the Jewish community.

However, preliminary returns from a nationwide American Jewish Congress exit survey of Jewish voters Tuesday showed at least a 70-30 split in favor of Walter Mondale.

The survey was conducted in regional areas across the country by AJCongress representatives who questioned Jewish voters as they left the polls. The early returns showed that Mondale's support among Jewish voters was about 20 percent higher than Jimmy Carter's in 1980.

AJCongress analysts say that part of the difference between Mondale and Carter support is accounted for by the return to the Democratic party of Jews who voted for John Anderson four years ago.

Anderson, who ran as an independent in 1980, received about 10 percent of the Jewish vote. The Coalition for

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## Heritage: Civilization And The Jews

Monday, Nov. 19  
Program IX

7:55 p.m. - SPOTLIGHT interview with Dr. Gary Schiff, president of Gratz College, discussing various

ways Gratz has changed in its 90 yr. history.

9 p.m. - Into The Future - Final episode probes the meaning of Jewish identity today.



## Past-Election Reflections —

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Reagan-Bush, the Jewish organization which supported Republican candidates in 1980, estimated that 45 percent of the Jewish voters helped elect Reagan and 45 percent voted for Carter.

The analysis of the early AJCongress survey returns showed the following:

• Concern for Israel remains strong among Jewish voters, but Israel did not play a significant role in Jewish voting patterns this year because both Reagan and Mondale were perceived as being sympathetic to Israel.

• Jesse Jackson's statements and behavior in the campaign and Reagan's support for closer ties between religion and government worried many Jewish voters. Of those who supported Reagan, one-half were influenced by Jackson's role and of those who supported Mondale, three-fourths were affected by concern over Reagan's church/state policies.

• Along with church/state concerns, social justice issues, such as the needs of the poor and aged, continue to be a key factor in explaining the Jewish vote.

On the basis of the first 1,500 survey returns, AJCongress analysts concluded that while Jewish voters may not be as liberal as they were 20 or 30 years ago, their economic status continues to play far less of a role than it does for other sectors of the voting population. As a result, the Jewish community continues to vote disproportionately liberal.

A final analysis, based on the full survey returns covering about 3,000 Jewish voters, will be available in several weeks.

Israel was not an issue in this year's presidential campaign since both Reagan and Mondale are considered supporters of the Jewish state. Reagan did stress the close alliance with Israel achieved during his administration and statements to this effect from Premier Shimon Peres and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, when Shamir was premier, were stressed to the Jewish community.

Mondale accused Reagan of abandoning the Camp David process for his mideast initiative and of arming Israel's Arab enemies. The Democratic candidate also promised to move the United States embassy in Israel to Jerusalem which Reagan opposes.

However, the particular issues that seemed to be of most concern in the Jewish community were Jackson's position in the Mondale campaign and Reagan's espousal of views that seemed to threaten the separation of

church and state. Many Jews were undecided how to vote until the last minute.

The Republicans, including Reagan and Vice-President George Bush, continuously stressed to Jews that the Democratic national convention had failed to pass a resolution condemning anti-semitism and attacked Mondale's support by Jackson whom many Jews consider not only anti-Israel but anti-semitic.

Hyman Bookbinder, the American Jewish Committee's representative in Washington, said that while the Jackson issue had concerned many Jews, it seemed to fade in the past two months as fear grew about what was seen as a threat to the separation of church and state. He said that in speaking to Jewish groups across the country, the religious issue was the one that worried them most.

David Brody, the Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that the church-state issue is what may have convinced many Jews to vote for Mondale. In addition, he noted that Mondale has long been close to the Jewish community and "Jews don't forget their friends."

Bookbinder said that, in the last two weeks of the campaign, Republicans had sought to reassure the Jewish community that the separation of church and state would not be breached. He urged the Reagan administration, now that it has been re-elected, to demonstrate to Jews that this concern was "unwarranted."

Senators Rudy Boschwitz (R. Minn.) and Carl Levin (D. Mich.) were re-elected to their second six-year term. A third Jew running for the Senate, Edythe Harrison, a Democrat, was defeated in Virginia by John Warner, a Republican.

In the House, Elliott Levitas (D. Ga.) a five-term congressman, was the only one of 30 Jews seeking reelection to be defeated. The number of Jews in the House stands at 30 with the election of John Miller, a Republican former television commentator in Washington.

The new congress which takes office in January is expected to be as supportive of the Jewish state as the outgoing one. But several decisions Tuesday may have some effect.

One of the most important was the defeat of Rep. Clarence Long (D. Md.) after 22 years in the House, by Rep. Helen Bentley. The 76-year-old Long was chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's sub-committee on foreign operations, and had been a leading force in Con-

gress in pushing aid for Israel.

His replacement as chairman is expected to be Rep. David Obey (D. Wis.) who had been in years past lukewarm to Israel but recently has become "more sensitized," according to sources.

In the Senate, Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.) was defeated by Democrat Paul Simon, considered a close friend of Israel during his years in the House. Percy, who had long had the support of Illinois' Jews, lost it this year because of his criticism of Israel and his movement toward the PLO despite his assertion that he supports Israel and the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

## AKSE Inaugurates Centennial Year With Dinner Honoring Rabbi And Mrs. Leonard B. Gewirtz

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation recently gathered to honor Rabbi and Mrs. Leonard B. Gewirtz, who have been with AKSE for over thirty-six years. The dinner was attended by approximately three-hundred members of the congregation and the Jewish community and preceded by a champagne reception. Co-chairpersons were Iris Vinokur and Alan Schoenberg.

Featured speakers at the dinner were the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, who gave the keynote address and Rabbi Milton H. Polin, first vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Gewirtz also addressed the group, among whom were Rabbi Kraft, Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Schiffer and Rabbi Grumbacher.

The AKSE Social Hall was decorated with posters describing many of Rabbi Gewirtz' accomplishments of the past thirty-six years. They include the following:

Initiated and organized the Rabbinical Association of Delaware - 1948  
Initiated and founded "Rabbi Speaks" over WDEL - 1948  
Founded and organized *Va-ad HaKashrut* of Wilmington - 1948

Re-established Adas Kodesch Talmud Torah School and served as its first principal and teacher - 1955

Led the *Minyonaires*, the only talit and f'filin teen-age group in the state - 1947

Taught rabbinics courses at Wilmington Gratz Hebrew High School for 12 years (the only rabbi in Wilmington to do so) - 1971-1983

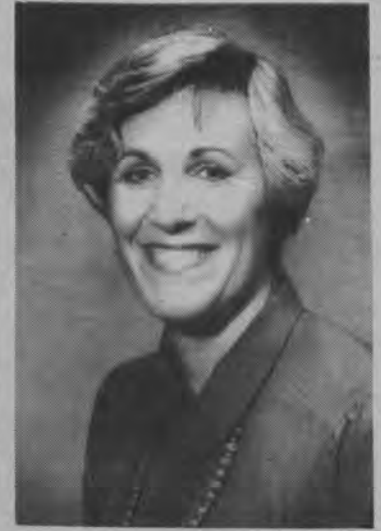
Helped found the Albert Einstein Academy as a *Torah U'Mesorah School* - 1969

## Dinner —

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English, French, Italian and Spanish at international conferences held in Israel. She also writes a bi-monthly political column for *Yediot Achranot* - the largest circulation afternoon newspaper in Israel. On Jan. 9, 1983, her article, "Israel's Morality Survives Beirut," was the lead feature of the important op-ed page of the Sunday New York Times, which also published her article on Nazi trials in May, 1984.

The mother of one son, Alon, Dulzin travels extensively throughout the world, speaking on behalf of Israel. She has had unusually successful encounters with the media, not only with colleagues in the press, but also on radio and television.



Deane Kattler

Reservations for this special dinner and event can be made by calling the Jewish Federation office at 478-6200 by Nov. 23.



Rabbi Gewirtz and his wife, Gladys.

Served as President and Vice-President of Delaware Citizen's Conference on Social Work - 1964-1966  
Helped organize the National Rabbinic Committee for Soviet Jewry - 1961  
Worked in every major fundraising activity for AKSE Congregation  
Initiated first Bat-Mitzvah program in Delaware - 1954  
Published his first book "The

Authentic Jew and His Judaism" - 1961  
Published articles in "Tradition," "Sh'ma," "Phila. Jewish Exponent," "Hatsofe" (in Israel), "Jewish Spectator," J.W.B. - "Book Annual"

Director of University of Delaware - Hillel - 1953-1962  
Listed in "Who's Who in Religion" and in "Who's Who

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Rabbi Gewirtz addressing the congregation.



## ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



### Why We Live Where We Live

It often puzzles me why people choose to live where they do. After all, some parts of the country are more attractive, for one reason or another, than other areas. At the risk of hurting someone's feelings, Buffalo, for example, has always seemed to me a strange place for people to choose to spend their lives, cold, snowy, overcast, damp, full of heavy industry, and not that well endowed with cultural facilities. Yet many are fiercely loyal to Buffalo and will surely take me to task for my critical evaluation. And then there's a place like St. Louis, sticky, hot and bug-infested. Why do people stay there? Because they love it, and at least three will call me up to tell me why.

At any rate, there seems to be a force which keeps most people happy where they are. Some move to Florida for retirement, and some to California, but most stay where they've grown accustomed to live. Why?

A *Midrash* attributed to Resh Lakish (more about him later), a sage of the third century, says it is because "a covenant has been made in favor of climates."

Now, faithful readers of this column know that *Midrash* is that collection of Jewish writing which seeks to find meanings beyond the literal plain sense meanings of biblical text. The term comes from a Hebrew root meaning to inquire or to investigate, and *Midrash* often gains its

insights by sometimes fanciful tales and parables. The Resh Lakish quote above is from *Genesis Rabbah*, a collection of *midrashim* on the first book of the Bible.

The text under examination is from the story of Noah, when God addresses Noah and his family after the flood from which he has saved them. Only they and the animals that were with them in the ark remain alive on earth; all else has been destroyed. And God says to them, "Be ye fruitful, and multiply; swarm in the earth, and multiply therein." What Resh Lakish means with his proposition that "a covenant has been made in favor of climates," is that God has implanted in man a love of his native soil even in bad climates. Presumably he has done this so that when people "swarm in the earth" they won't all swarm to one place.

As an example of how this covenant really works, the *Midrash* tell us that Resh Lakish was sitting one day studying *Torah* in a small forest in Tiberias, a very pleasant place even to this day in Israel. Two women came walking out of this lovely forest with one saying, "Praised be He who has led us out from that bad climate." Resh Lakish asks them where they come from, and they tell him their home is in Mazga, whereupon he observes that Mazga is an insignificant place, "containing no more than two stands for

scholars," and yet these women preferred it to Tiberias. "Blessed is He," says Resh Lakish, "who inspireth the inhabitants of a town with love for it."

A second example is given in this passage of a man who is so homesick that he cannot concentrate on his studies. When asked where he is from and what the climate is like there, he says, "When a child is born there we have to crush spices and smear his head with it, lest insects should eat him." Some climate! And yet he was homesick! Says the *Midrash* again, "Blessed is He who inspireth the inhabitants of a place with love for it!"

This Resh Lakish, central character of our *midrash*, is a fascinating individual. One of the group of third century Palestinian sages known as *Amoraim*, he was for a period of his life a gladiator, having sold himself into that service because he had no other means of making a livelihood. His real name was Simeon ben Lakish, the name Resh being later derived from the first Hebrew letters of Rabbi and Simeon. He was discovered by the great Rabbi Yohanan when the latter, a very handsome man, was bathing in the River Jordan and Simeon dove in after him for purposes which we can only imagine but not discuss. As the story is told in the talmudic tractate *Babe Metzia*, Rabbi Yohanan told him his strength should be for Torah and his beauty for women, and offered him his (Yohanan's) beautiful sister in marriage if Simeon would repent, give up his violent life, and study Torah. The deal was agreed to and the result was that Resh Lakish became a great scholar and beloved colleague (as well as brother-in-law) of Rabbi Yohanan.

Unfortunately, the tale ends sadly. In a scholarly dispute between the two sages, Yohanan insulted Resh Lakish, who responded in kind. Neither would forgive the other and they both died in sorrow and remorse.

So now you know why we are deeply indebted to Resh Lakish for telling us about the covenant made in favor of climates. And why people live in Buffalo and St. Louis. And why we are so fortunate to be in Delaware.

## ISRAEL ISSUES Ze'ev Golin



### The New Generation

A person born during the Six-Day War is now 17 years old. A 21-year old finishing his army service has at best vague memories of life before 1967. Even a young married couple, or a newly-minted college graduate were just starting their formal education when the Israel Defense Forces swept into Judea and Samaria.

The generation now coming of age takes a "Greater Israel" for granted. Yet much of the world still thinks in terms of 1967, when Israeli forces still controlled an area totally devoid of Jewish settlement. By their reasoning, our government needs only to sign a paper, pull out the troops, and everything can revert automatically and peacefully to the Arabs.

Such thinking does not take into account the physical, economical, and emotional investment that has taken place in Judea and Samaria over the past 17 years. Despite the area's uncertain status and future, there has arisen a housing, communications, educational military and transportation infrastructure that carries an air of permanency. A growing population of 35,000 Israelis assures that a Jewish face is no longer a curiosity beyond the "Green Line."

Under these circumstances, it's hard to believe that a stroke of a pen can send all or part of that 35,000 quietly home to Tel Aviv, West Jerusalem, Haifa, and B'nei B'rak. The reaction to any attempt to remove a single Jew from Judea and Samaria would make Yamit look like a picnic. The settlers are not mere land grabbers, who have pitched their tents on the gamble that their piece of turf will appreciate in value; they are dedicated and sincere builders of a greater Israel. Their determination is making even those who would re-draw the post-'67 lines think twice.

The settlers in Judea and Samaria call themselves the new *chalutzim* (pioneers), a source of consternation for the leftist kibbutzim in the Galilee and Jordan valley. How can their "enlightened" grandparents and great-grandparents be compared to a gaggle of right-wing and religious colonists?

In truth, the comparison is not so far-fetched. Both the *chalutzim* and the settlers

gave up the security and relative comfort of urban life to plant themselves among a hostile Arab population. Both faced criticism and cynicism about their motives and actions. Both believed their way of life was the only way to bring about the redemption of the Jewish people.

Like their counterparts of 60 or 80 years ago, most settlers are where they are, because they would not live anywhere else. Most Israelis live where they do for a variety of reasons; closeness to work, lower prices, availability of housing, or lack of alternatives. The settlers, however, have crossed the "Green Line" for the sake of the land and what it means to them.

Judea and Samaria, including East Jerusalem, is the heartland of ancient Jewish history. Here, Abraham made his covenant with G-d, sacrificed Isaac, and was laid to rest with Sara; Jacob had his vision at Bethel, established his family, and earned the name of Iskael; Joshua led the children of Israel into the land after death of Moses; King David was born and reigned in these lands.

The biblical bond between Judea and Samaria and its Jewish settlers has its physical aspects as well. The landscape, recalling the days of the patriarchs and prophets, boasts stone-terraced hills, olive groves, shepherds, and the widespread use of pre-machine age farming. The seafront hotels of Tel Aviv and the apartment houses of *Rishon-Le-Zion* lack this quality.

It is not just the religious *Gush Emunim* (Block of the Faithful) who feel this special bond with the lands beyond the "Green Line." Secular settlers, and supporters of "greater Israel" - while not basing their beliefs on divine revelation - have a similar sense of history past and present. That is why only a party such as the ultra-nationalist *Tehiya* can blend orthodox and secular elements with a minimum of friction.

The rise of *Tehiya* is indicative of the political trends among the post-1967 generation. The 18-25 age group is far more nationalist and conservative than their elders. Judea and Samaria are part and parcel of their national

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## Gewirtz Dinner —

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in American Jewry" — 1980  
*Ahavat Hashem* (Love of G-d),  
*Ahavat Hatorah* (Love of Torah),  
*Ahavat Yisroel* (Love of the Jewish People),  
*Ahavat Habriyot* (Love of Humanity),  
*Ahavat Eretz Yisroel* (Love of the Land of Israel.)

These basic loves, which can be found in the "Preface of Exponents of Authentic Jewish Life and Thought" by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, truly represent the man who has been honored and who has lived by and guided others to live by these loves.

Rabbi Gewirtz' service to the synagogue and to the Jewish

and secular community has been untiring. He has earned the love, respect and admiration of those whose lives he has touched.

### Do You Know Any Newcomers?

If you know of any newcomers to the community, please give us a call. We'd like to send them our "Shalom" brochure, and to welcome them to town. Drop us a note with the name(s) or give us a call. Thanks.

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## Editorial

# The Crisis Facing The Jewish People

## Editor's Note:

The following address was recently presented to the World Leadership Conference for Jewish Education by Morton L. Mandel, a nationally known Jewish leader from Cleveland. We thought his remarks were most relevant and noteworthy regarding future directions in Jewish education.

There is no more appropriate place in the world as serious Jewish leaders and educators reflect on the future of the Jewish people than in the spiritual center of our people — Jerusalem.

To come to Jerusalem is to be bound up in Jewish history. To come to Jerusalem as a community leader in 5744 is to experience a privilege accorded to all too few of our ancestors.

The challenge we face is an impressive one. We meet at a time when even the best of statistics indicate an erosion of identification and an increasing number of Jews not receiving any form of Jewish education.

Our gathering together is an attempt to bring into clear and sharp focus the important role that Jewish education must play if we are to realize the future creative potential of the Jewish people. But, for these words to have meaning, we must use all the institutional tools available to make this dream a reality.

Assembling this distinguished group of Jewish community leaders is an important step. Most of us are builders, builders in commerce and industry and in other professions. We have brought the leadership skills, honed in the workplace to the service of the Jewish community. We have been in the forefront of Jewish community building — in the fashioning of agencies and services — in the development of programs and resources to meet the needs of our people through a variety of communal services. We have also been extremely helpful in building bridges with Israel, serving human needs here and participating as creative partners in building this great nation.

The time has come to add a commitment of Jewish education to the economic commitment, social commitment and political commitment we have already made to the survival of Israel and the Jewish people.

Jewish countries throughout the world, committed to these values and principles, are the best assurance that Israel will survive. The future of Israel is linked to the quality of Jewish life everywhere.

We, however, come to this meeting with a different set of life experiences. Experiences shaped in a world very different from the one in which we live and even more distant from the one in which our grandchildren will live.

I personally have come to this awareness through reflection on my own Jewish experience. I grew up in a family in which Jewishness, Yiddishkeit and a commitment to service and caring were part of the ambience of my daily living. My Jewish education, I am sure, was similar to what many of you have been exposed to...the afternoon Heder to which I went out of a sense of duty to my parents and left with a feeling of liberation.

Jewish education was not central in my Jewish experience. My sense of Jewishness came from people, a Jewish neighborhood, from my home, from the air I breathed as a child. Many years of involvement with the Jewish community gave me the opportunity to sense the vitality of Jewish institutional life and strengthened my faith in the Jewish people. Communal service was the top priority in my own Jewish family life style.

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## Barbara Roisman — On Volunteerism

*Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from a talk given by Barbara Roisman, a volunteer co-ordinator of the Jewish Family Service, at Friday night service at Congregation Beth Emeth on Oct. 26.*

I want to share with you some of my ideas on the history of the Jewish commitment to the principle of aiding the needy; discuss the pros and cons of volunteering and finally provide some information about volunteer opportunities that exist in our community. I hope to increase your knowledge and perhaps lead some of you to rethink how you use your time and energy.

Judaism, since ancient times, stressed the idea of community. The ancient Jewish community organized itself to provide relief for the needy. Charity was accorded great importance. The Biblical term *tzedaka* which means the obligation to establish justice by being righteous, compassionate and above all helping one's fellow man, also acquired the meaning of "almsgiving." Great emphasis was placed on helping the poor, the sick, the handicapped and refugees. Every community had a special fund for the needy. Hospices were established for the poor traveler. Provisions were made for the decent burial of the indigent, and the orphan and the widow were the special concern of the community. Such concepts as "*bikur cholim*" — visiting the sick and *gemilis chesed* — deeds of loving kindness have been bedrock Jewish values over the centuries. We have characterized ourselves as a compassionate people ready to help those in distress, alleviate suffering and to work for social justice. These ancient principles of mutual aid and collective responsibility toward our own members have remained strong in Judaism. The services of volunteers as we know them today in welfare, health, civic, recreational and cultural areas are reflected in these ancient principles. Our ancient values have been reinforced by great Jewish thinkers throughout history, including those of recent times. The great twentieth century philosopher, Martin Buber wrote in *Tales of Hasidim* "The motto of life is 'give and take.' Everyone must be both a giver and a receiver. He who is not both is a barren tree."

Communities are shaped by their members. To change them we must belong. And that doesn't mean simply paying dues, taxes and membership fees. It means engaging ourselves through action. Volunteering even if the task seems huge and our contribution thankless.

Most people become volunteers when they are assigned or asked to do something — in other words when they are drafted. Pressure probably recruits more volunteers than any other method.

But there are other more positive reasons why we willingly become volunteers, why we engage ourselves in community voluntary efforts. The desire to become responsibly involved in the real problems of society — to work with the neglected, the rejected and the powerless in our midst — often surfaces due to constant exposure through the media which prods our consciences to offer our help. Often we volunteer our time to help members of our families. Working in school programs may directly benefit our own children's education and we may devote hours of our time to a particular health agency because a member of our family is afflicted or may be prone to a disease. Sometimes we choose to volunteer our time to help ourselves as well as others. A recent widower decides to volunteer several evenings a week at a community center to fill up some of the lonely hours. Observing an associate or neighbor who is effectively doing noble volunteer service may provide the motivation to cause us to investigate and respond to a need. In fact the second most common reason why people volunteer is because they know people who are already volunteering in efforts that interest them.

What volunteer positions are available? Where can you get more specific information? Here is a sampling of the hundreds of volunteer jobs available in New Castle County:

In the education community, volunteers are functioning as teacher's aides, tutors, library aides and administrative assistants. They also make arrangements for classroom speakers and field trips.

In the cultural community, volunteers are used extensively as tour leaders, in fund-raising and public relations.

In the civic community, volunteers are job developers, big brothers and big sisters, part of the victim/witness information program and presentence investigators.

In the welfare community, volunteers act as visitors to the elderly, sick and handicapped. They food shop for the elderly, deliver meals to the homebound, and assist with the preparation of income tax returns.

In the health community, volunteers provide transportation for patient to and from medical appoint-

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## Harold Levitt - A Tribute To An Unsung Hero

By FRANK CHAIKEN

It was only coincidence that found me at a recent Federation Board meeting. There was to be a discussion that evening on the need for an active, full-time endowment director and since I, among others, had been urging endorsement of this position for some time, I was asked to share my views with the Board. It was, therefore, somewhat of a surprise to see my buddy Harold Levitt also there. I couldn't for the life of me figure out why.

My curiosity was soon satisfied when immediately after the *Dvar Torah*, Leo Zeffel asked him to come forward. Briefly, Leo informed the Board that he had accepted with regret, Harold's request that he be relieved from his position as manager of the Economy Shop. He then presented him with a plaque honoring him for the years of service rendered to our community and gratefully acknowledged the many thousands of dollars Harold raised in the performance of his job.

As I looked about the room I

wondered to myself whether or not these people, and, more importantly, the community really knew what this man had done over the past three years. From their youthful faces I was sure that some, sitting there that evening, had never even known of, or set foot in, the Economy Shop before Harold came on the scene.

When Harold Levitt took over the job of running the Economy Shop more than three years ago, it had fallen into the worst state since its inception. Once an important money-maker, it had now deteriorated into a drab, unattractive and unproductive store. Paint was peeling from the walls, electric fixtures needed cleaning and bulb replacement, clothes were scattered helter-skelter and inventory control was unknown. The staff, what was left of it had been decimated by attrition, was mostly elderly and therefore unable to do all the work required. The store had no leadership and no direction. Sales had fallen alarmingly. The situation was so bad that there was some question as to whether



Leo Zeffel, right, president of the Jewish Federation, is seen presenting a special citation to Harold Levitt.

the store could continue much longer. The tragedy was that a once important source of revenue would no longer be available to the Federation.

From the day he stepped in the transformation began. Almost single-handedly, Harold attacked first the store's appearance; cleaning and repairing the fixtures, painting the walls, changing the display cases, preparing new and attractive signs. From front to back every usable article in the store was inspected, iden-

tified, tagged and properly located. Tons of unusable and unsaleable merchandise were thrown out. The effort paid off. Suddenly the store took on a brighter, more attractive appearance. Once again it had the look of respectability.

As time went on he retrained the sales people, acquired a store manager and instituted merchandising techniques acquired from his more than fifty years experience in the jewelry business. Articles about the new Economy Shop began to appear in the Voice and elsewhere. Human interest stories were published in the News-Journal. Ads were placed in our local papers, clearance and specialty sales were held and many innovative ideas were used to stimulate business. In short, he now had a viable operation which, after many months of agonizing labor, had turned the corner and was once again profitable. But he was not through!

Sales in used clothing was fine as far as it went, but it did not go far enough. What the store needed were big ticket items to bring in the kind of dollars he wanted to make for the Federation. He, therefore, decided to add to the store's line new and used furniture and by so doing ushered in a whole new and exciting era.

Besides availing himself of the usual forms of advertising, Harold called upon hundreds of individuals directly or by phone, people who were redecorating their homes, moving to a new location, settling an estate, etc. He likewise contracted several auction houses and furniture stores in an effort to obtain saleable merchandise in exchange for liberal tax credits. He never let a potential client escape him. He took calls, set up appointments, arranged for pick-ups himself (except those cases requiring a moving van), loaded his car and *schlepped* whatever he could physically carry and whatever his car could hold.

The idea was a huge success. As more and better furniture began to arrive, the nature and character of the

shoppers also changed. People from all over the community, including office workers and professionals from nearby banks and corporations began to appear daily, eager to "catch" the latest incoming bargain.

Well, that's more or less what Harold Levitt has been doing with himself for the last few years (except when he is landscaping, planting, gardening and beautifying the Senior Pavillion next to the library of the J.C.C.). He has been the Economy Shop fixer, manager, merchandiser, sweeper, hauler, *schlepper* and inspiration, all in one. For all of this he did not receive nor expect compensation of any kind. He has never asked for reimbursement for the use of his car, gas or daily transportation expenses. He has not sought, nor did he ever receive (until the Board meeting I mentioned) any public acclaim for all that he has done.

There were many large contributors in the room that evening and the names of many others not present came to mind. In terms of dollars pledged to the U.J.A. Harold isn't even in the same league with them. But, I asked myself, who really made the largest contribution? To stick one's hand in one's pocket or to write a check of substance does call for sacrifice of sorts. But to give one's self freely, totally, physically as well as emotionally, to ask for nothing, seek nothing, to attempt to do the best one is able and to succeed gloriously; that, my friend, is the supreme gift.

His efforts have finally paid off. His indefatigable energy had breathed new life into a failing business. Sales were up and morale was up. He has infused a new spirit and a new direction into the store and its people.

The Federation Economy Shop, thanks to Harold Levitt, is once again a thriving, well-run and profitable enterprise.

In the last three years, under Harold Levitt's guidance, the Economy Shop will have earned over \$40,000 for the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

## Facing The Jewish People —

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However, I have come to understand that I did not sufficiently appreciate the options available to our families and young people. In a free society one can choose to be Jewish or one can walk away from Jewish life. As I reflected and learned more about the Jewish condition throughout the world, I realized that a highly structured Jewish community, although important for Jewish continuity, is not sufficient. I am now convinced that our families and young people need an appreciation of Jewish values, need an intellectual understanding of

our heritage, and need personal identification and experience of the meaning of Jewish life. Without these, we cannot meaningfully compete in a free and open society.

We cannot inspire loyalty through a sense of guilt nor through fear of anti-semitism. The memory of Auschwitz, although essential to Jewish identity, is not sufficient. Besides the memory of suffering, our youth must be inspired with the dream of a new and exciting future of the Jewish people.

As a consequence of these reflections, I have increasingly, of late, devoted my energies to enhancing Jewish education and to strengthening

the Jewish educational effectiveness of our community institutions. It is only in this way that we can build a secure Jewish future. Not merely secure, but a future that is creative and significant.

We must be united in common purpose, that whatever the difficulties, we have the will and capacity to fulfill our role in linking past and future generations. It is no simple task we face.

We must build a climate that encourages experimentation and innovation, a climate in which life-long Jewish learning becomes an ideal to be sought. To achieve this, we must be willing to set aside our institutional "hats" to come to these serious deliberations determined to take the necessary small and large steps that will make the difference.

I believe with all my heart that the Jewish people will survive. Our challenge is to ensure that our survival is significant, meaningful, and creative.

I am confident that our deliberations together in Jerusalem, based upon a spirit of urgency, frankness and hope, will inspire us and other Jewish leadership throughout the world to make Jewish education a powerful force, with a spiritual and moral vision capable of giving significance and meaning to all our efforts on behalf of our beloved people and our sacred heritage.

organization known as the Volunteer Clearinghouse where volunteer interests, skills and abilities are matched with service agency needs. Because it is important to get good counsel and guidance in finding a rewarding volunteer activity, the Clearinghouse is a resource worth investigating. (575-0152)

Throughout the ages, Jews have thought of themselves as being a compassionate people, sons of compassionate fathers. I urge you to become a part of the *mitzvah* tradition in Jewish life. Share your love, recruit yourself and volunteer to make the community a better place for yourself and for others.

## Volunteerism —

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ments, provide hot line crisis intervention counseling, provide friendship and help to mental health patients and plan and implement holiday observances in institutions.

Jewish Family Service is always looking for people willing to devote a few hours a month to visiting with lonely senior citizens. The Kutz Home needs volunteers to visit with their residents. The skills required are caring, patience and a willingness to listen.

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## Klezmer Conservatory Band To Highlight Federation's Anniversary Celebration

"The Klezmer Conservatory Band offers a program of Yiddish dances, theatre songs, and traditional Jewish folk music that leaves its audience in a state of toe-tapping and shoulder-swaying excitement." Rave reviews like this one from the "Montreal Gazette" are commonplace when one talks about the Klezmer Conservatory Band, which will perform at the Grand Opera House on Dec. 22.

Klezmer music began in medieval Europe where bands of itinerant Jewish musicians went from town to town playing for Jewish festivals and special events. By the 19th century, klezmer music had become a well-developed musical style, taking its inspiration not only from the synagogue, but from

the non-Jewish culture which surrounded it. In America, immigrant Jewish musicians adapted this music to the new rhythms and new instruments they found, creating new klezmer forms. Until the 1940's klezmer orchestras flourished, but with new styles of music, and the immigrant Jews' desire to appear "American," the klezmer tradition faded.

Today, however, a klezmer revival is in full swing, with the fifteen piece Klezmer Conservatory Band playing a prominent role. Fueled by a desire to return to his roots, and the inherent appeal of the music, Hankus Netsky, the band's founder, discovered that both a grandfather and an uncle were in Philadelphia klezmer orchestras in the 1920's. In 1980, while an in-

structor at the New England Conservatory of Music, he formed the band.

The Klezmer Conservatory Band has performed concerts from Cincinnati to Montreal. Its hot-selling "Yiddishe Renaissance" album has been followed by the recently released LP, "Klez." The band is also featured on "Tourists," a live album released by the popular radio program, "A Prairie Home Companion."

Fifty years ago when the Jewish Federation of Delaware was formed, the popularity of klezmer music was declining largely because of the immigrants' desire to appear American. How appropriate that today when the Federation commemorates fifty years of growth, klezmer music is in the midst of an important revival.

On Dec. 22, 1984, you can celebrate many occasions -



The Klezmer Conservatory Band

the fiftieth anniversary of Federation, the revival of klezmer music and the fourth night of Chanukah. The post concert party complete with menorahs, dreidels, and memorabilia from the Federation's first fifty years, is free to all who purchase concert tickets from the Jewish Federation.

In order to encourage community wide participation in

this unique evening, all tickets are discounted. For each ticket you purchase at full price, you may purchase one ticket in the same section at half price. Don't miss this festive occasion. Return the form on page 16 to JFD, Klezmer Concert, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Del. 19803. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## Israel Issues

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consciousness. Many are uncomprehending or angry at some politicians' attempts to achieve peace through territorial compromise. Such attitudes have even penetrated the leftist kibbutzim, where the Tehiya polled a small but significant number of votes in the July election.

Thousands of Israeli youth

are now preparing for life across the pre-1967 borders. Many are acquiring experience in long and short-term work and study programs. Nahal settlements, and yeshivot in Judea and Samaria. They can expect to be joined by thousands of new immigrants with similar ideas.

The settlers in Judea and Samaria are far more entrenched than were their counterparts in the Sinai. Time is shifting to their side as they spread their settlements and increase their political strength. The Israeli government is faced with a young, vigorous settler population ready to fight for every inch of their land. The price of a protracted and bloody struggle among Jews may not be worth an uncertain peace with the Arabs.

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## Survival Of Jewish Life

*Editor's Note: The following are remarks by Sarita Gross presented at a recent function in which she was honored by the Albert Einstein Academy.*

All of us today come together from very different backgrounds but with a common concern about the continuity and the survival of Jewish life. Jewish history, proud, grand, and dynamic, has been so distorted that at times it has been difficult for layman or scholar to perceive its real grandeur.

Today we struggle with the question of how to be modern in a Jewish way. We have a highly structured Jewish

community with many institutions, much activity, lots of board meetings, committee meetings and the like. All of this, although very important for continuity, is certainly not sufficient. People, young and old alike, need an appreciation of Jewish values and a personal identification with the meaning of Jewish life. We cannot, and we should not inspire loyalty through a sense of guilt, or fear of anti-semitism.

Judaism is a powerful driving force, and the source from which to draw inspiration for our lives. Judaism should not be treated as a collection of rich treasures from the past which we keep well-preserved in our synagogues and museums. Judaism extols the wonders of life, the wonders of existing, and we should become inescapably involved, not as spectators, not from the outside, but as actors, in this unique and majestic saga that is Jewish life. As we enrich ourselves with

knowledge, we act and react through Jewish values, which when released, will enrich the whole world.

Judaism is a laboratory of ideas. But...how much do we honestly know? Can we intelligently articulate the Jewish dimensions on issues which confront us every day, such as abortion, organ transplant, euthanasia, capital punishment?

Israel belongs to you and me, it belongs to all of us. How much do we truly know about her successes, all those achievements that should fill our hearts with pride? They're ours, too. Why do we allow our enemies to brainwash us with distortions, to the extent that we trust them more than we trust our own better judgment or that of our true leaders? We talk about our beloved Jerusalem, and we pray every year that next year we should be there. But when confronted with the reality that it is up to us that

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## Will The Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty Stand?

By AVIGDOR LEVY - (JTA)

Anxiety remains today over the future of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty even though it has survived several major tests that analysts had said would determine its durability. Whether Egypt will continue to adhere to the Camp David Accords, now that it has reaped all their tangible benefits, remains an open issue.

This uncertainty is fueled by several Egyptian political moves under the leadership of President Hosni Mubarak, who recently marked his third year in office, as well as Egypt's traditional role as the hub of the Arab world and a major center of the Islamic world. Nevertheless, there also are balancing considerations, not the least of which is the perceptible widespread

desire for peace among Egyptians.

Recently, Professor Abdul-Monem al-Mashat of Cairo University conducted a study on Egyptian attitudes toward the peace with Israel, using a group of Egyptian university students as a sample.

According to the study, 66 percent expressed themselves in favor of the peace, which appears to reflect a widespread Egyptian feeling of genuine relief that their country is no longer militarily involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. A substantial segment of the students, 46 percent, also felt that the treaty would have the effect of improving their personal lives.

Egyptians remember, clearly and vividly, the lessons of recent history. They are convinced that their

country carried the main burden of the war effort with Israel for no outright gain or direct national interest.

Although the Egyptian authorities have never disclosed any detailed information, it is conservatively estimated that in the six-year period from 1967 to 1973 - including the Six Day War, the so-called War of Attrition (1967-1970), and the Yom Kippur War - Egypt suffered some 80,000 casualties. In addition, about 750,000 Egyptians, mainly from the Suez Canal area, had become homeless refugees. These are staggering losses for a country of Egypt's size. In addition to the human toll, Egypt had to endure prohibitive economic costs resulting from the loss of the Sinai, the closing of the Suez Canal, and

the decline of tourism and foreign investments. Egyptians are aware that their sacrifices surpass by far the war losses sustained by any other Arab country.

Significant, was the students' response to the question "Do you think the Arab governments really oppose the Egyptian-Israeli treaty?" Thirty seven percent answered "yes," but 44 percent said "no!"

The peace treaty with Israel must be regarded as one facet of the general re-orientation of Egyptian domestic and foreign policy set down by President Sadat as early as 1974.

These policies have established as Egypt's foremost priority, a con-

certed effort to ameliorate the country's social and economic ills, which, as any visitor can see, are very serious indeed. As a consequence, Egypt has adopted a clear-cut western orientation. For if there is a solution to Egypt's economic ills, it will be found only with the active help and support of the U.S. and other western countries.

Egypt is now receiving from the U.S. government alone some \$2.1 billion a year in economic and military aid. More funds are forthcoming from other western countries in the form of foreign loans, foreign investments and tourism. Income from the operation of the Suez Canal is also an important item on the

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## The Israeli Economic Crisis

*Editor's Note: The following was abstracted from the New York Times, Jerusalem Post, Jewish Week.*

Thomas L. Friedman, in a special report to the New York Times from Jerusalem dated Oct. 28, said that for the first time since the founding of Israel in 1948 the economic crisis is much more than any immediate military threat.

Citing economists and party finance leaders, he put together a comprehensive report based on their following dire comments: "Before, they used to say that every Israeli had to be a general. Now they say that every Israeli has to be an economist."

"We took resources from development, investment and improving the balance of payments and put them into private consumption, Lebanon and a little into Judea and Samaria."

"Now we have to deal with the situation which is very tragic, very dangerous because inflation can go to 1,000 percent, and the economy could stop functioning. There would be unemployment, protest

movements and expectations for a strong hand for a new type of regime, and this is a real danger."

Mr. Friedman indicated that economists are cautious about large increases in aid from the U.S. which is already committed to giving Israel \$2.6 billion in fiscal 1985. Among his many reactions were the following: "The best thing the United States could do for Israel is to force it to take the medicine the politicians here cannot give. They ought to condition aid on economic policies. Without certain pressures, the politicians here cannot do anything on their own initiative."

"America should abstain from helping Israel with increased aid until our house is in order."

"By giving an addict more heroin you won't save the person. Better we should have the withdrawal symptoms than go on with another billion in drugs."

"I don't want to accuse the United States of overgenerosity, but there is always the tendency here to fall back on Uncle Sam. I am not saying, 'Don't give us aid.' Give us aid, but it has to

be tied to some economic conditions."

Concerns about the shekel's rapid loss of value and how the typical Israeli businessman and private citizens try to cope were also reported.

While the government gropes for a policy, the Israeli currency - the shekel - has lost all meaning as a yardstick of value and almost certainly will have to be replaced with a new currency, since the public no longer has any confidence in it. For all intents and purposes the American dollar has become the measure of value in Israel.

Israelis now think, sell and buy in dollars. Everything from the price of a new apartment to the cost of a haircut is based on the dollar, with the shekel rate simply adjusted on a daily basis. Many stores no longer bother putting a shekel price tag on goods but use their own complicated codes based on the dollar. Others will just delay suppliers when the banks close at 2 p.m. so they can't lodge the checks until the next day when the shekel will have

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## Jewish Survival —

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we can go, that nobody is stopping us, we retreat. Have we made Wilmington or New York, Philadelphia or Washington our capital? Will the word of the Torah come forth from Washington? My point is that our generation is very poor in Jewish knowledge. certainly we still very carefully keep the public image. We do the expected things. We belong. But in our private lives, there is tremendous frustration and void.

We are a small link in a chain that extends thousands of years, and twists around the whole world. For that chain not to be broken, we must bring into clear and sharp focus the important role of Jewish education. We need leaders who are knowledgeable, courageous, and willing to make decisions which will affect the future of the Jewish people. Most leaders today are reactive; they follow and manipulate circumstances to achieve specific short-range objectives. What we sorely need are individuals with understanding of Jewish history and Jewish destiny, and capable of acting as role models who raise people to higher standards. The truth is that we are not producing such inspiring leaders, and we are not producing

teachers, either. This lack spells disaster for the future of the American Jewish community. Judaism, with its long tradition of encouraging learning, finds its largest community in the world with a desperate shortage of qualified Jewish educators. Without educators, there is no transmission of knowledge and without knowledge, there is no meaningful significant creative leadership.

The family used to be the most important instrument for Jewish continuity through Jewish education and Jewish experiences at home. But the family has been weakened. Attitudes and values are changing. Families are frequently disorganized, and as a result, are no longer able to perform these most vital traditional roles. *Ahad Ham* clearly understood that "when a country is destroyed, the people come back and rebuild it. When a people is destroyed, there is nobody to rebuild."

All of us share a deep concern about the future. Our challenge is to ensure that our survival is significant and meaningful. If we are to realize our future creative potential, our youth must be afforded knowledge, and must be inspired with the dream of a new and exciting future for the Jewish people.

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Egyptian balance of payments. It needs to be emphasized that a renewed war with Israel would almost certainly cut deep into the flow of these funds.

There are other reasons as well why Egyptians value the peace with Israel. Many Egyptians identify the war years with great dependence on the Soviet Union, and many Egyptian intellectuals equate the war period with greater political repression at home.

Today, relations between Israel and Egypt are aptly described as a "cold peace." Some of the disappointment with the peace is due, perhaps, to the high expectations prevailing at the time of its conclusion.

At present, it becomes increasingly evident that in spite of its disappointment with the Arab states, Egypt, by its very nature, cannot turn its back on them. Its policies towards Israel reflect, therefore, a balancing act in which the pursuit of its interests in the Arab and Muslim countries are weighed against its continued commitment to the policies laid down by the late President Sadat.

Nevertheless, since the establishment of peace, direct contacts with Israelis and Jews have altered, in many subtle ways, Egyptians' basic attitudes towards Israel. Perhaps the most significant of these is the humanized dimension with which informed Egyptians now regard Israeli society.

This growing ability among Egyptian intellectuals to separate the issues, to disagree with Israeli policies, but at the same time to respect its democratic institutions and social and cultural achievements, perhaps holds out the best promise for peace.



## Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

### Help Us To Help You

By Arnold Lieberman,  
Executive Director



One of the several advantages of our agency's membership in the National Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies is receiving material from the more than 100 member agencies in North America.

We regularly receive newsletters, brochures, and articles concerning various activities and programs that are being conducted in other Jewish Family Service agencies. This gives us a broad view of identified needs and concerns as well as program services that are offered in response. We are well aware that needs and programs vary among geographic areas and between large cities and small cities. More specifically, our major task is to identify the concerns and needs that exist in our own community, and this is more difficult to accomplish.

Individual services are available and will continue; however, group services, which can be practical, efficient, and cost effective, are sometimes the treatment of choice. Yet, it is costly in terms of money and people power to develop such programs, when they are not attended by a reasonable amount of people. Support, therapy, or Family Life

Education groups are most effective with about 8 or 10 participants.

Based on the material we receive, these are some of the top priority programs in various parts of America:

Interdating and intermarriage; from the perspective of young people, parents, single adults, and intermarried couples; adult children of elderly parents; families with an Alzheimer patient at home; "Project Joy" (Joining Oldster and Youngsters, a volunteer grandparent program); "Chore Corps" (teenaged youth groups helping seniors); "For Men Only" (self-help group for single and divorced men); and support groups for families with a chronically, mentally ill member and for young adults diagnosed as developmentally disabled.

We need to obtain the information that would warrant the formation of particular support groups locally. There may be people experiencing certain situations, who wouldn't consider seeking help; therefore we need to know more than the facts that particular situations exist. The only way we can really know whether or not to develop group programs, is by the people themselves letting us know of their interests.

Please call us at 478-9411 and let us know about your situation. There may be several people experiencing similar situations, who could be helpful to each other in a group. It would be a shame to continue suffering alone when help and relief may be very possible.

## Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

Although I am not orthodox myself in every way, you understand, I am a very traditional man and I see our tradition as sacred. My mother, of blessed memory, kept an absolutely kosher home, covered her hair and observed every part of every Shabbos and holiday. My father, may he rest in peace, went to shul twice every day, even when he was eighty-eight years old and blind with cataracts. So you see it was quite a shock to me when my wife, who has not been well, said that she plans to be cremated when she passes on. She says she dreads the thought of worms on her body and that fire seems so clean.

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Browse and pick up Chanukah gifts for the kids. There will be Jewish books, toys, games, Chanukah gelt, wrapping paper, decorations and candles on sale. Come for Jewish Book Fair, stay for Family Fun Day.

## Family Funday Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 18th, 2-4:30 p.m.

Join other K-6 graders' families for a Family Chanukah Celebration; see an animated television special "Lights, A Story of Chanukah" on our TV. Enjoy a discussion and swim and gym activities with other families. Snacks provided. No fee. Please pre-register.

SAVE THE DATE  
CHANUKAH CHOOPLA  
Sunday, Dec. 16

## Come One, Come All!!!

To the Israel Festival, at Harrah's Marina on Monday, Dec. 10, 1984.

Join the trip sponsored by the Older Adult Department and be with people who know how to enjoy spending a fun day.

This Israeli Festival at Harrah's will have entertainment, booths selling Jewish merchandise, and Israeli food. For the price of \$10 you will receive all of the above and \$10 in coins, \$5 in certificates for food, and admission to the Festival, plus a \$5 deferred coupon to be used on another visit.

The buses will leave Gaylords at 8:30 a.m. JCC at 8:45 a.m. and B'nai B'rith at 9 a.m. Registration will be accepted only by check. Telephone reservations are not acceptable and this trip is for JCC members only.

## Accent On Adults

Chocoholics Dream

Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Prepare chocolate delights, including sacher torte, 'Killer Cake' and other goodies.

Instructor: Bebe Sklut

Fee: \$9/members; \$18/non-members

Advance registration.

Cultural Caravan  
Wheels to New York

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Leave the JCC at 8 a.m. and spend the day in the Big Apple; enjoy a matinee, shop, visit a museum, see old friends...

Fee: \$25/members; \$37.50/non-members

Advance registration.

"Cats" at the Forest Theatre in  
Philadelphia (Orchestra seats!)

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Leave the JCC at 10 a.m.

Visit the Bourse Building and/or the National Museum of Jewish History.

Fee: \$43.50/members; \$62.25/non-members

Art Gallery

"A Touch of Whimsy": Pamela Bounds-Seemans' watercolors and gouache paintings with collage borders and personally painted frames continues in the JCC Art Gallery through Nov. 30.

Adult Social Committee

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There has been a new morning class added, to be held on Monday and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning Nov. 19.

Please call the Health and Fitness Department at 478-5660 for further information.



# JCRC Candidates' Forum Of Lower Delaware

It wasn't your usual Sunday morning at Cong. Beth Sholom in Dover. With their TV equipment, the reporters of the cable news network scurried about, following the campaign of S.B. Woo, and in between segments of the forum, they interviewed Phyllis Levitt, JCRC chairwoman in lower Delaware.

Fourteen other candidates arrived, sipped coffee, tea, and tried the bagels and doughnuts. Local residents chatted amicably with Castle, Quillen, Robinson, Woo,

Levinson, Elliott, and a number of candidates in the downstate races.

The forum was co-moderated by Charlotte Zaback.

This Sunday morning forum has become a campaign tradition - a heady mixture of bagels and bombast; handshakes and handbills. And the children collected campaign buttons. To say the least, it wasn't your usual tallis and t'filin Sunday at Beth Sholom.

# Economic Crisis —

(Continued from Page 7) devalued a bit. On a shekel check worth, say, \$100,000, if it devalues by one percent a day, my client saves \$1,000 and his supplier loses \$1,000.

"Some of his suppliers try to cultivate contracts with the banks so they can deposit the money into a dollar-linked account after hours," a banker added. "Some people can't stand the tension, though. At a certain level of inflation, the system is not going to work any more. You could make the smallest mistake and lose a fortune. It isn't important any more what you manufacture or even if you manufacture - all that matters is how you manage your cash flow."

The waste in energy and resources from inflation is incalculable. One Jerusalem businesswoman tells of getting a computerized bill in the mail, paying it in shekels a week later and then getting another, smaller computerized bill for the difference in the dollar-shekel rate between when the first bill was sent out and when the payment was received.

Banking and stock schemes to protect people from the ravages of inflation have to be tended to every day, sometimes every hour.

"Do you want to know what life here is like?" asked Michei Garty, a senior reporter with the *Haaretz* newspaper. It's like being trapped in a blender with four million people, and all everyone is trying to do is keep away from the blades. Dollar accounts, savings plans, stocks, you name it - anything to keep from being cut up by the blades of inflation."

But all is not forsaken. "We have gone through two wars and a peace (with Egypt) that was more costly than a war and...we definitely lived beyond our means. But I am convinced that Israel can overcome this crisis because we have a strong industrial-scientific base and great potential."

A committee of 130 business

executives in the U.S. and Israel have found twelve *Think Tanks* to design and conduct new programs to strengthen the Israeli economy.

Chaired by Elmer L. Winter, co-founder and president of Manpower, Inc., for 28 years, it will re-address different facets of Israel's economy including American investment, incentives, limited partnerships of Israeli research and development, sale of government-owned facilities and other options.

Israel's exports are up 16% compared to last year.

Substantial benefits for both Israel and the United States are forecast as a result

of the new free trade area agreement between the two countries that will permit products and services originating in either country to enter duty-free. During their meeting in Washington, President Reagan and Prime Minister Shimon Peres agreed to complete a blueprint for creating free trade areas within 30 days.

National Semiconductor Corporation (NSC) is building a \$56 million plant that promises to turn the *Migdol Haemek* site outside of Haifa into a new Silicon Valley. Peter Sprague, chairman of NSC, predicted that in ten years there will be at least twenty-five high technology firms next to ours.

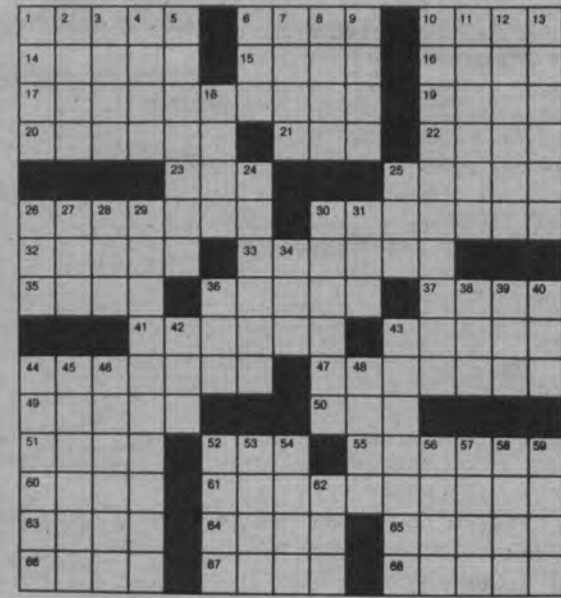
## Crossword Puzzle

For Jewish Book Month - 1984

Created for the JWB Jewish Book Council by Joy L. Wouk

(Solution: Pg. 14) © 1984 - JWB Jewish Book Council

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|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                             | 2 Weight allowance                                  | 13 Express acceptance                       | 40 Italian harvest goddess      |
| 1 Garret                                  | 3 Actress Feldshuh                                  | 18 British sailor's rum                     | 42 Utter                        |
| 6 Yiddishist Hyman (or striped fish)      | 4 "... Love With a Wonderful Guy": 1949             | 24 Pentateuch law                           | 43 More pitiless                |
| 10 Entreaty                               | 5 Movie theatres                                    | 25 Prefix meaning before                    | 44 Liama's cousin               |
| 14 Ruth's mother-in-law                   | 6 Expression of contempt or (Fool--of "The Mikado") | 26 Dodecanese island                        | 45 Explanation                  |
| 15 Oriental nurse                         | 7 After Joel  | 27 Fedoras or beret                         | 46 Concur                       |
| 16 Painter of "The Laughing Cavalier"     | 8 Carpenter's tools                                 | 28 Japanese statesman                       | 48 Author of "The Young Lions"  |
| 17 Author of "World of Our Fathers"       | 9 Ewe and mare                                      | 29 Author of "The Yeshiva"                  | 52 Ship steering apparatus      |
| 19 Uganda's Amin, et al                   | 10 Author of "Letting Go"                           | 30 Flower part                              | 53 On the sheltered side at sea |
| 20 Not as fat                             | 11 Sephardic language                               | 31 Worldwide scientific study period 1957-8 | 54 Long skirt style             |
| 21 Draft org.                             | 12 American poetess                                 | 34 A Gershwin                               | 56 Unit of heredity             |
| 22 Queue                                  | Wylie or English novelist Glyn                      | 36 Swedish actress Zetterling               | 57 Greek mountain               |
| 23 Pop's mate                             |   | 38 Digit                                    | 58 Vendetta                     |
| 25 Indian nut                             |   | 39 Maxwell Anderson's "High. . ."           | 59 Run away                     |
| 26 Saul Bellow's home                     |   |   | 62 Hearing organ                |
| 30 O'Hare or JFK                          |   |   |                                 |
| 32 Promises                               |   |   |                                 |
| 33 Isaac Bashevis                         |   |   |                                 |
| 35 Greek portico                          |   |   |                                 |
| 36 Chayevsky movie                        |   |   |                                 |
| 37 Anne Frank's father                    |   |   |                                 |
| 41 Hebrew prophet                         |   |   |                                 |
| 43 Condescend                             |   |   |                                 |
| 44 Semitic language                       |   |   |                                 |
| 47 Purim play roles                       |   |   |                                 |
| 49 Long-limbed                            |   |   |                                 |
| 50 Greek letter (or After pi)             |   |   |                                 |
| 51 Henry VIII's sixth wife                |   |   |                                 |
| 52 Amateur radio operator                 |   |   |                                 |
| 55 Author of the Polansky family saga     |   |   |                                 |
| 60 On the briny                           |   |   |                                 |
| 61 Author of "Night"                      |   |   |                                 |
| 63 Certain college student                |   |   |                                 |
| 64 Mother of Helen of Troy                |   |   |                                 |
| 65 Follow in succession                   |   |   |                                 |
| 66 Old basket handle                      |   |   |                                 |
| 67 Golda                                  |   |   |                                 |
| 68 Author of The Cloister and the Hearth" |   |   |                                 |



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## Organizations in the News

### Sisterhood Of Congregation Beth Emeth

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth is proud to present Dr. Charles Ivan Scott, Jr., director of the Alfred I. duPont Institute, Wilmington. Scott will be the featured speaker of the Dec. 11 meeting, to be held at the synagogue; his speech will be entitled "Genetics: 1984." The meeting will be preceded by luncheon to be served at noon. Child-sitting is offered at no charge. Please call Mrs. Rae Goldenberg at 798-1929, for reservations.

### Annual Kutz Home Bazaar

Where can you see a gypsy fortune teller, a variety of handmade crafts, purchase lovely cakes, and have a chance to win a multitude of wonderful prizes? Where else but at the Annual Kutz Home Auxiliary Bazaar.

This year's bazaar will be held at the Kutz Home on Dec. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. In addition to resident-made crafts and the traditional cake sale, those attending will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes. The grand prize is a Magnavox video recorder. Other prizes are lunch for two at Tiffin, brunch for two at Bellevue in the Park, and lunch for two at the Town Wharf. All these prizes will be raffled off the day of the bazaar. To add another touch of excitement to the day, there will be a visit from Veronica, the gypsy fortune teller. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

The bazaar is an annual event at the Home. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of materials for the activities department of the Home. Please come and support the Home and the Auxiliary. If you have any questions, please call the Home at 764-7000.

### Temple Beth El Forum

Barry Morrison will speak at the Friday Night Forum at Temple Beth El on Nov. 30 in Newark, Del. Morrison is the director of the Eastern Pennsylvania-Delaware region of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. The topic of the talk will be "Anti-Semitism: A Real Threat?"

The Friday Night forum is a series held once a month. Temple Beth El is located on Possum Park Road between Kirkwood Highway and Curtis Paper Mill Road. Services begin at 8 p.m. after which the forum will start.

### Jewish Women National Council Membership Luncheon

The National Council of Jewish Women will hold its annual Paid-Up membership luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Conrad. The luncheon is free to all who have paid their membership dues. An invitation is extended to new prospective members to join us as our guests for this lovely and informative afternoon.

Our guest speaker will be Deborah Kaniewski who is the Washington representative for the National Council of Jewish Women. Kaniewski heads the operations of the Washington, D.C. legislative office, working with the U.S. Congress and the executive branch in fostering the goals and priorities of NCJW. In this capacity, Kaniewski conducts advocacy and in-depth legislative briefings for the NCJW sections. She will address our group on the goals of the NCJW through the 1980's including women's rights under the current administration.

Please join us for an afternoon which promises marvelous food, delightful conversation, and a most stimulating and educational discussion. For reservations, please call Marsha Evantash - 475-9430, or Barbara Conrad - 388-2326.

### Temple Beth El Channukah Bazaar

Do your shopping on Dec. 9 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Newark at Temple Beth El. There will be candles, wrapping paper, caricature painting and all kinds of gift ideas available. Children will enjoy new games and fun. Lox and bagels will be offered for brunch. Call 366-8330 for more information.

### Adult Education Programs At Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El offers a number of adult education programs that are open to the community. A Hebrew class for new beginners meets on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. A class for advanced beginners meets Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. A class studying "The Sacred Writings of our Tradition" meets biweekly. Please call the office for meeting date and time. The Rabbi's

Mishnah study group meets Tuesday afternoons at 3 p.m. There is also a monthly "Lunch and Learn" program on the fourth Wednesday at noon.

Please call the temple office at 366-8330 to reserve a place in the class of your choice.

### Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood/NOW

Join us on Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth for a jointly sponsored program on "Spouse Abuse." Cong. Beth Emeth's evening sisterhood and the Wilmington chapter of the National Organization for Women are presenting this program to educate and increase sensitivity to this major social concern.

A film, "Appearances" will be followed by a discussion of the psychological profiles of both the victim and the perpetrator. As long as abuse is treated as a private matter within the family, it is implicitly accepted.

Kathy O'Brien from the Family Violence Unit of Child, Inc. will be the featured speaker.

### Delaware Jewish Historical Society

The Delaware Jewish Historical Society sponsors

its first essay contest "Jewish Businesses in Wilmington"

1850-1950  
500 word limit

The Archives of the Jewish Historical Society at the Delaware Historical Society Bldg., 505 Market St. may be used as source material. Contestants may send essays to: Lucille Rich, 4201 Channing Rd., Wilm., DE 19802. Deadline: Jan. 1, 1985. Cash prizes will be awarded. For further information call: Lucille Rich, 764-8573.



"The Cantors Three" Left to right: Samuel Berman, Sam Weiss and Elias Roohvarg

### "The Cantors Three" — Adas Kodesch Folk Fest

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its annual Folk Fest this year on Saturday evening, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. We are pleased to announce that our artists for this centennial anniversary year will be *The Cantors Three*. This is a trio of performers who have become

well-known in the Baltimore-Washington area and who receive enthusiastic acclaim wherever they perform.

This group is unique since each member is not only a graduate musician but also is a finely trained full-time cantor. They have joined their talents and have become known for their wide variety of musical styles as well as

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### Temple Beth El December Events

Temple Beth El's new, enlarged social hall will be put to good use in the month of Dec. The sisterhood will sponsor its annual white elephant dinner and auction on Dec. 1. The theme will be the "Lower East Side; Circa 1900." Attendance will not be limited as in previous years.

The Chanukah Bazaar will be on Dec. 9. This year's bazaar promises to be a special event. All our Jewish neighbors in the Newark community are invited to attend, tour the building, and join in the festivities while doing their Chanukah shopping.

On Dec. 31, the temple will sponsor a New Year's Eve party. The cost is \$15 per temple member and \$17.50 per non-member. There will be music, dancing, champagne, and munchies, and a midnight supper.

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# Albert Einstein Academy Honors Sarita Gross

# Dateline

## Lineup Of Jewish Senators

The re-election of Levin, a liberal democrat, and Boschwitz, a conservative republican, means the Jewish contingent in the Senate remains at four democrats and four republicans. The other incumbents are: Chick Hecht (R. Nev.); Frank Lautenberg (D. N.J.); Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio); Warren Rudman (R. N.H.); Arlen Specter (R. Penn.); and Edward Zorinsky (D. Neb.).

## In The House

In the House the lineup is now 24 Jewish democrats and six republicans. The incumbents re-elected are:

Gary Ackerman (D. N.Y.); Anthony Beilenson (D. Cal.); Howard Berman (D. Cal.); Barbara Boxer (D. Cal.); Sala Burton (D. Cal.); Ben Erdreich (D. Ala.); Bobbi Fiedler (R. Cal.); Barney Frank (D. Mass.); Martin Frost (D. Tex.); Sam Gjdensen (D. Conn.); Benjamin Gilman (R. N.Y.); Dan Glickman (D. Kan.); Willis Gradison (R. Ohio); Bill

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The Albert Einstein Academy held its annual cocktail party on Sunday, Oct. 21 to honor Sarita Gross. The tribute was held at the

home of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Labowitz.

Sarita and her husband, Dr. Elmer Gross, have been vital and energetic supporters of Albert Einstein Academy throughout its existence. They have given generously to the school not only in financial support but also in time and leadership. Gross was the major driving force in establishing a permanent home for the Academy at the Jewish Community Center complex in 1977. Honi and Drora, their daughters, both attended the school.

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth gave the opening remarks and introduced Mrs. Gross.

"It's about time that we are able to reach a day in which a community can honor not so much an individual, but the dream of an individual, the goals of an individual, the vision of an individual such as Sarita Gross...for Sarita, survival of the Jewish people is everything."

In Mrs. Gross' own words: "All of us today come together from very different backgrounds but with a common concern about the continuity and the survival of Jewish life...People, young and old alike, need an appreciation of Jewish values



Left to right: Dr. Elmer Gross, Sarita Gross and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher

and a personal interpretation of Jewish life...Judaism extols the wonders of life, the wonders of existing, and we should become inescapably involved, not as spectators, not from the outside, but as actors in this unique and majestic saga that is Jewish life... We are a small link in the chain that extends thousands of years, and twists around the world. For

that chain not to be broken, we must bring into clear and sharp focus the important role of Jewish education. Our challenge is to ensure that our survival is significant and meaningful. If we are to realize our future creative potential, our youth must be afforded knowledge, and must be inspired with the dream of a new and exciting future for the Jewish people."

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# Congregation Beth Emeth School Confirmation Class Kallah, Oct. 26-28

By AMY SUE LAUPHEIMER, Secretary

I must admit that ninety-eight per cent of the time mothers are right! I didn't want to go on my Confirmation Kallah because I thought it would be boring. My mother said, "I guarantee that you will have a good time"...and was she ever right!

When we boarded the bus on Friday, Oct. 26, there was an air of anticipation all around. When we arrived at the Treadway Inn of Lancaster and unpacked, the fun began. We had shabbat dinner and a worship service, and afterward a period of activities when we wrote skits and drew pictures telling biblical stories for the kindergarten children. The skits were very funny, and we soon found that our stomachs hurt from laughing so much. At 11 p.m., we retired to our rooms, changed clothes, and watched T.V. or talked with our roommates. My roomies were Holly Brenner and Stephanie Margolin. Strangely enough, although I have been in Sunday school with them for seven years, I got to know them a lot better in just this one weekend.

Saturday morning we awoke at 8 a.m., and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast. Afterward, we had an annotated service, led by Rabbi Grumbacher, and then we went outdoors for some more activities. After lunch, Rabbi Irwin Goldenberg, of Temple Beth Israel in York, Pennsylvania, came in to speak to us about Jewish identity. After a quick swim, we had dinner. Then a few fellow con-

firmands and I got together and filmed a short comedy skit. Saturday evening, all the confirmands, Rabbi Grumbacher, and Mrs. Suzanne Paul, our Director of Education, gathered in one room and watched movies. At 11 p.m., we confirmands gathered into another room, watched "Saturday Night Live" on T.V., and talked. When I retired that evening, I found that I was sorry that the Confirmation Kallah was coming to an end.

We awoke at 9 a.m. Sunday, ate brunch, and held class elections. Marc Paul was

elected president; David Rohrbacher, vice-president; Ned Rudnitzky, treasurer, and I, Amy Laupheimer, secretary.

At 11:45 a.m., everyone boarded the bus for the ride home. We all realized the sadness we felt that our Kallah was over. It was obvious that we all got to know each other a lot better, and there was a great sense of togetherness. As to my mother's "guarantee that I would have a very good time," well, she wasn't quite on target...actually, I had a much better time than that.

## In The House —

(Continued from Page 12) Green (R. N.Y.); Ken Kramer (R. Col.).

Tom Lantos (D. Cal.); William Lehman (D. Fla.); Sander Levin (D. Mich.); Mel Levine (D. Cal.); James Scheuer (D. N.Y.); Charles

Schumer (D. N.Y.); Norman Sisisky (D. Va.); Larry Smith (D. Fla.); Stephen Solarz (D. N.Y.); Henry Waxman (D. Cal.); Theodore Weiss (D. N.Y.); Howard Wolpe (D. Mich.); Ron Wyden (D. Ore.) and Sidney Yates (D. Ill.).

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## Book Review

### "God Knows" by Joseph Heller

Reviewed by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher

*Many people were burdened with exotic names...back then, and often, in my speculations on the esoteric, I theorize that the singular reason men like Joseph, Moses, Abraham, Jacob, Samuel, and me were selected by the currents of destiny to stand out from the ordinary was that we all have solid English names that are recognizable and familiar. It's no big wonder to me that my recorder Jehoshaphat leaps a foot into the air each time he's called. I would jump too if my name were Jehoshaphat...*

These are the words of King David as written by Joseph

Heller in his latest novel, *God Knows*. From this one example we can see how the authorities in elements of our biblical past with things no one in Hebrew Scripture ever would have thought about.

Joseph Heller wrote a modern midrash, filled with all the sex and violence and obscenities that so many of our contemporary books contain, but a midrash nonetheless that focuses on the biblical accounts of a hero of our people in the attempt to humanize him, to demythologize him. A midrash in the classical sense was an endeavor by our ages to surmise about the scrutiny of the

rabbis who at the same time heaped additional praise on our ancestors as they portrayed the weird qualities they assumed each mortal possessed. Moses was cut down to size; surely David was ripe for the sages' sarcasm. Whether one can say that Joseph Heller writes in that mold on purpose is questionable; the fact that such is the result is indisputable.

Heller portrays David as a man who knows the future, who looks back and judges the present through incidents that occurred long after he died. He refers to his wife, Michal, as the first Jewish American Princess; and for three pages presents a description of her that would infuriate feminists and titillate male chauvinist pigs. He is upset about the land in which he lives, stating:

*Some Promise Land. The honey was there, but the milk we brought in with our goats. To people in California, God gives a magnificent coastline, a movie industry, and Beverly Hills. To us He gives sand. To Cannes He gives a plush film festival. We get the PLO. Our winters are rainy, our summers hot. To people who didn't know how to wind a wristwatch He gives the underground oceans of oil. To us He gives hernias, piles and anti-semitism.*

In my *Focus* article I suggested that before you read the book you read the biblical material. It is most important to do so. Not only will you find very few errors from the biblical perspective as presented by Heller, but the full impact of the man will be

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### Answers to Crossword Puzzle for Jewish Book Month - 1984

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# Study Of Jewish Students Cites High Goals, Less Religion

NEW YORK — Jewish high school students have much higher educational and career goals than their non-Jewish peers, according to a study just released by the American Jewish Committee's William Petschek National Jewish Family Center.

And while they share their peers' social values and economic interests, Jewish students were found to be the least religious of all groups, with 22 percent saying they have no religious involvement at all, according to the study.

The report, titled "American Jewish High School Students — A National Profile" and written by sociologist James L. Peterson and psychologist Nicholas Zill of Washington, D.C., is the first national survey compiled on Jewish high school students, according to Yehuda Rosenman, director of the William Petschek Center.

"The study was undertaken to find out the impact of the family on Jewish students' decisions concerning mar-

riage, raising families, and college, graduate and professional goals," Rosenman said.

The study is based on a comparison of findings derived from a questionnaire circulated in 1980 by the National Center of Education and statistics, which sampled a total of 58,270 sophomores and seniors, 1,072 of them identified as Jews.

According to the Zill-Peterson report, more than twice as many Jewish students had at least one parent who graduated from college, and nearly three-quarters of Jewish families had annual incomes of \$25,000 or more, compared with 50 percent of non-minority white peers.

The data was reflected in the attitudes of parents regarding their children's future schooling. Ninety-one percent of Jewish fathers, for example, wanted their children to attend college immediately after high school, the students said, compared to 60 percent of fathers of non-Jewish white youths.

The attitudes of the parents had a bearing on the wishes of the teenagers themselves, according to the authors, with 83 percent of Jewish students stating ambitions to pursue college educations, compared with 50 percent of the overall student population.

The 32-percent spread was mirrored in the students' plans to pursue post-college studies, with 50 percent of Jewish students, versus 18 percent of their non-Jewish peers, saying they wanted to attend graduate school.

In all areas of academic achievement, Jewish

students scored significantly higher than their counterparts. Japanese-American students were the only group that scored as high as Jews, and in math testing, scored a percentage point higher.

All students gave identical ranking to a list of social and economic values in the survey, though the percentages varied between Jews and non-Jews. The students set "being successful in work" at the top of their concerns, "friendships" second, "having steady work" third, "marriage" fourth and "having children" seventh.

Two of the largest differences between Jewish and non-Jewish high schoolers were revealed in answers relating to self-esteem and religious involvement. Forty-five percent of Jewish students agreed with the statement, "I am a person of worth on an equal plane with others," as opposed to 20 percent of the national sample.

With religious involvement, 50 percent of Jewish students rated themselves "low" and 22 percent answered "none." On the other hand, Catholics

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## Obituaries

### David Lessin

David Lessin, 66, of 931 Parkside Blvd., Northridge, died of cancer Oct. 29 in the General Division.

Mr. Lessin had worked for Brandywine Raceway, Delaware Park, and Keystone Raceway and Liberty Bell Park, both near Philadelphia. He retired June 29 after 20 years as a betting window clerk.

He was a member and longtime financial secretary of the Machzikey Hadas congregation, Claymont, and a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington. He was a member of the Sports Arena Employees of the AFL-CIO.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; a son, Marvin S. of Greenmount; three daughters, Suzanne Nathanson of Greenmount, Judith S. McClafferty of Sunset Farms, and Sandra L. Anderson of West Grove, Pa.; a brother, William of Center Green; two sisters, Shirley Levy and Lillian Pressler, both of Claymont; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Oct. 30 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike. Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community

### Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Carpenter Clinic, General Division, Broom and Chestnut Streets, Wilmington 19805; or to the American Cancer Society, 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington 19806.

### Joseph Sacks

Joseph Sacks, 76, of 107 W. 40th St., died Nov. 13 in Emily P. Bissell Hospital, Newport Gap Pike, of Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Sacks, who was born in

Odessa, was a taxi driver in Wilmington. He retired five years ago.

He is survived by a daughter, Regina Cohen of Pennsylvania, and a sister, Gertrude Zukin, with whom he lived.

Graveside services were held Nov. 15 in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.



In recognition of her efforts on behalf of refuseniks, and former Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) presented its Solidarity Award to Jane Fonda, at a Leadership Assembly in Washington, D.C. Following the award ceremony Fonda presented a visual tribute, based on her three-day visit to Nudel, in Bendery, Moldavia, last April. Pictured with Fonda are Edward Robin, NCSJ Executive Committee member (left), and Daniel Rubin, Assembly Chairman (right). Photo courtesy Nat'l. Conference on Soviet Jewry.

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## Review

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most obvious. *God Knows*, despite the very foul language and imagery, is a powerful novel of a hero who bleeds like any one of us both physically and emotionally. The hills and valleys of our life are reflected in the life of David as seen through Heller's eyes. True, we are not kings of Israel, but one of my favorite quotes says it all. It is from a totally different source: "whether we live as a ruler, a prince of a magistrate, we die as mortals; death levels all distinctions."

God knows if that is what Heller is trying to tell us. I believe it is.

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GOLDIE AND SAM KAGEL have a new grandson Joshua Aaron born to MR. AND MRS. ALLEN KAGEL.

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY KESSLER have a new grandson.

DAVID JOEL WILK married SHARON A. MINUTELLA recently.

MAZEL TOV ON ALL THE MARRIAGES, ENGAGEMENTS, AND ANNIVERSARIES

BETH SUSAN GLICK, daughter of DR. JOSEPH AND PHYLLIS GLICK, married ERIC LEE RUBIN of Phil. on Nov. 3 at Cong. Beth Shalom. The couple will live in Newark.

DANA STEIN, daughter of BARBARA AND SID STEIN married NEAL J. LEVITSKY, son of DR. AND MARI- LY LEVITSKY at Temple Beth Shalom on Nov. 11. Reception was held at the Brandywine Country Club. The couple will reside in Wilm.

STEVEN ERDMAN, son of VICKY AND EARL ERDMAN, married Cindy Lawrence.

## Study —

(Continued from Page 15) and Protestants rating themselves low were 30 and 36 percent, respectively. Only 7 percent of Catholics and 9 percent of Protestants used "none" to describe their religious involvement, the study showed.

As with most students, Jews said they wanted to marry and have children, but surprisingly, Jews, more than any other group, indicated their desire to have three or more children.

"However," the authors point out, "since most Jewish students planned to continue their education beyond the college level, to pursue professional careers and to begin forming families at a relatively advanced age, it seems likely that many would have fewer children than they intended. The net result may well be a continuation of the present pattern of family size, with Jews having somewhat smaller families than others."

GILA SHAPIRO recently wed JULIAN KATZ.

PAUL ZUKOFF, son of ELLA & MARTIN ZUKOFF recently got engaged to Mimi Preiser.

PAUL KERBEL, son of ROBERT and RUTH KERBEL presented his senior rabbinical sermon to his professor colleagues, family and friends at the Jewish Theological Seminary in N.Y. His topic was "The Rainbow Covenant."

RHODA SHLOSSMAN, daughter of MERYL and MORT SHLOSSMAN was married Oct. 21 to Willam Guider in Branford, Conn. The couple will live in Rocky Hill, Conn.

The following couples recent-

ly purchased marriage licenses:

ALLAN C. GOLDFEDER and NANCY McCORMICK SOLOMON both of Wilm- ington.

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