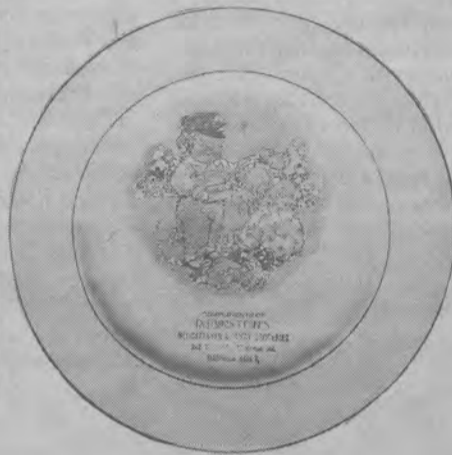


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## Storied Streets:

### Our Community's Migration From Downtown To Over The Bridge

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Second, Washington, West, Front, Shipley, Walnut. To most people these street names are just that — street names here in the city of Wilmington. But to many people who grew up in the city, these are some of the names that bring back memories of the old Jewish neighborhood. For a few brief moments, we all can take the trip back in time and visit these areas where Jews once lived and worked.

The Jewish community in Wilmington began in an area now known as "Lower Market Street." The areas to the east and west of

Market and between Front and Fourth Streets were the primary areas of Jewish settlement around the turn of the century. As immigration began to increase, the area expanded westward towards the vicinity of Washington Street. The expanded settlement area also included a growing Jewish population on the city's East Side. West Second Street was the area that housed most of the kosher butchers, bakeries, and grocers. People did their grocery shopping at stores with familiar names such as Isaacs and Bank, Cohen's, Blatman's, Rip's, Rubenstein's, Blooms, Skluts, and Weintraub's, to name only a few. The synagogues and the YM & YWHA were also located in the early settlement area and immediate vicinity. In addition, clothing and early department stores such as Snellenberg's and Lieberman's and many others started by newcomers were located along Market Street in the area. This particular geographic area of the city was considered by most to be the center of the Jewish community until the 1920's and 30's. The area continued to maintain a small Jewish presence even until the 1950's.

As the community grew and many people began to prosper, the more affluent members began to move out of the early settlement ar-

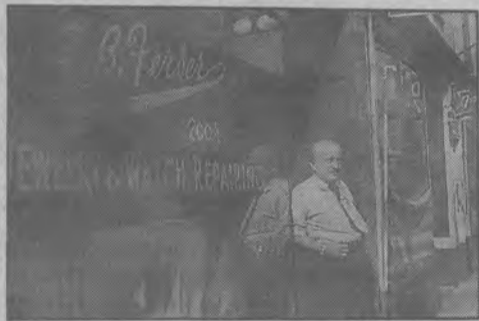
reas northward toward the Brandywine River. The area of choice was "over the bridge" and into the neighborhoods of the Ninth Ward. This migration began in the years around World War I and lasted well into the 1940's. Baynard Boulevard became the preferred address for affluent Jews and was the showpiece of the Ninth Ward. Other less wealthy members of the community moved into neighborhoods just south of the Brandywine, but also made the jump across the bridge to reside in the neighborhoods primarily west of Washington Street. The construction of P.S. duPont High School in 1935 increased the Jewish population in this area and the Ninth Ward quickly became the center of Jewish settlement by the 1940's. Two decades earlier the center was still located around 4th and West Streets. As the population continued to shift northward, the synagogues and the YM & YWHA remained in the downtown area of the city as did some of the food stores that served the needs of the community. Congregation Beth Shalom was the first to make the move across the bridge when it acquired a building at 18th & Washington Streets shortly after the congregation was founded in July of 1922.

The end of World War II witnessed returning soldiers searching for space to raise families in an increasingly crowded city. As in most

cities around the country, the move to suburban areas in search of inexpensive housing with lots of green space began. Jews continued moving further north toward the city limits and, by the early 1960's, the majority of the community was in the Ninth Ward area. A very significant portion of the community, however, was living outside the city limits in the suburban areas. The area of choice was shifting to the developments of Brandywine Hundred.

The institutions of the community remained within the city limits despite the growing

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# Delaware's Major Political Contestants Participate In A Candidates Forum Sponsored By JCRC of JFD and Hadassah At the J.C.C.

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

The Delaware Jewish community was the decisive winner at a 1994 campaign event which shed light on candidates views. Mrs. Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) moderated a September 12 Candidates Forum which featured Delaware's major party candidates for state-wide elective office. The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of JFD co-sponsored The Candidates Forum. Candidates for the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives and the Delaware State Attorney General presented their views and answered questions before an auditorium overflowing with likely Delaware voters at the

Jewish Community Center (JCC).

United States Senate candidates Charles Oberly, a Democrat, and William Roth, a Republican, were the first to deliver prepared statements. Mr. Oberly is Delaware's Attorney General and Mr. Roth is the incumbent in Washington.

Congressman Michael Castle, a Republican, was unable to attend the Candidates forum because a vote was taking place on Capitol Hill. Ms. Claire DeMatteis of Castle's staff participated in the Congressman's place and presented his positions. "He does have a 99 percent voting record in the House and he takes that very seriously," she told the audience at the JCC. Ms. Carol Ann (Cari) De Santis, Delaware's Democratic candidate for Congress, presented her views and answered questions at The

Candidates Forum.

Prosecutor Charles E. Butler and former Deputy Attorney General M. Jane Brady, the two candidates to replace Senate candidate Charles Oberly as Delaware's Attorney General, outlined their differing visions for administering Delaware justice.

In their opening statements and in answering questions, Senator Roth and Attorney General Oberly addressed national issues and international concerns of particular interest to Delaware Jews.

Roth voiced his support for Israel's peace efforts. He called Israel "our ally and friend in the Middle East." Roth told voters "I have been a supporter of foreign aid for Israel." He explained further however that as a Senator he has generally opposed foreign aid because of objections as to how countries other than Israel have spent such funds. While stating that many countries waste foreign aid, Roth emphasized that "Israel is a key exception."

Oberly called Israel "our most trusted and reliable ally." He also saluted Israel's independent peace efforts and he vowed that if elected his "vote for foreign aid will never be in doubt." Oberly said that since foreign aid comes up as one bill he believes one is "either for it or against it, and I would vote for it."

Both candidates suggested the role of the United States in the Middle East peace process is to support Israel. Roth suggested ensuring Israel has needed defensive arms, that the U.S. may become involved in peace keeping and that the U.S. may assist in "the means of helping to work out the peace agreements." Oberly suggested the U.S. should apply pressure to end the Arab boycott, recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and "limit the flow of arms to other countries in that area."

In response to a question about school prayer, Senator Roth said "Well as many of you know, I have been a long time supporter of voluntary school prayer." He said he thinks it can help establish values. Roth concluded, "So I have been and continue to be a supporter of school prayer."

In contrast Attorney General Oberly stood by his previous commitment to a moment of silence in public schools. He questioned proposals to have prayers in public schools, asking "Who's prayer? What prayer? What religion? How often? I don't think we can answer that question."

Addressing other matters, Roth related that he had written a report on 'NATO In The 90's.' He summarized deficit reducing measures he has supported such as phasing out agricultural subsidies and reiterated his advocacy of Individual Retirement Accounts for working women and housewives. Citing his support for the recently enacted crime bill, Roth asserted that he had voted in favor of Senator Diane Feinstein's amendment which banned certain deadly weapons.

Oberly said that as Senator he wants to combat crime, especially hate crimes. He indicated his support for the recently enacted crime bill's ban on 19 assault weapons.



"My vote for foreign aid will never be in doubt," said Oberly.

Oberly suggested that sacrifices in terms of entitlements will be needed to address the national debt. He said that the Federal health care plan should be made available to small business.

Claire DeMatteis, speaking for Congressman Castle, indicated he supported cost-saving immigration reform that might eliminate benefits to non-citizens. DeMatteis noted that the Congressman was a member of the Minority Leader's Health Care Task Force which has brought forth health care reform proposals marked by insurance reform and cost containment.

Cari DeSantis, speaking about health care reform proposals, dismissed advocacy of universal access with the comment, "I have access to buy a Mercedes but I cannot afford it." DeSantis indicated she would draw upon her community service experience if elected. She stated a clean environment is one of her goals.

DeMatteis believes that Castle's experience gives him unique opportunities to represent Delaware's interests in Congress. DeSantis said that working people rather than career politicians are needed to restore public trust in government.

M. Jane Brady, answering a question regarding abortions, said she does not favor the use of abortions for birth control or sex selection. Butler, her opponent, said that the "government should not interfere with a woman's right to control her won body."

On crime, Butler commiserated that his car had been stolen three times. Butler supports the 'three time loser' law and said that additional gun control measures should not be ruled out. Brady reviewed her years of experience in criminal prosecution. She urges better training for young prosecutors. Brady said she does not favor greater restrictions on gun ownership.

Suzy Grumbacher, President of Hadassah gave opening remarks at the evening's start. Bob Coonin, President of the J.C.C. and a member of the JCRC also offered an introductory address. A reception following the forum featured candidates for other elected offices such as State Treasurer and Recorder of Deeds. Candidates from minor parties who did not participate in the candidates forum were invited to attend the reception and meet the public at the J.C.C.

The event was coordinated by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and the JCRC of JFD. Ruth Goodman, Lillian Zollin, Barbara S. Keil, Rabbi Marla Feldman, David Margules and Bob Coonin were on the committee which planned the event. The facilities were made available by the JCC.

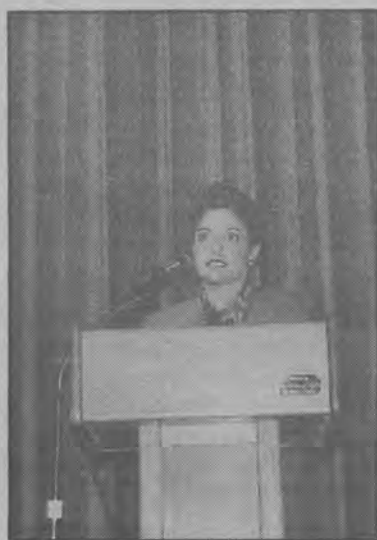
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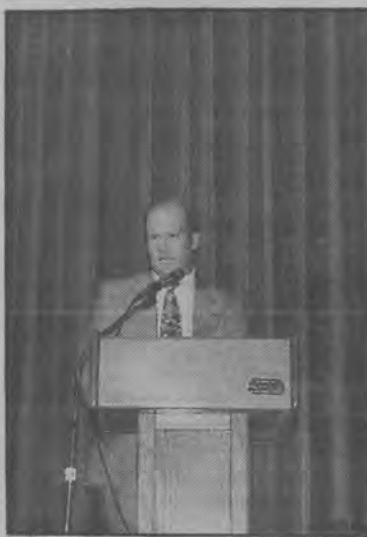
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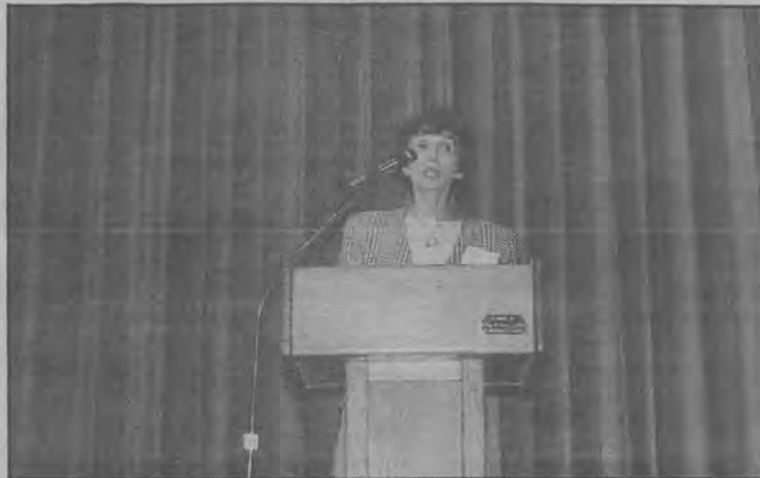
Cari DeSantis



Charles Butler



M. Jane Brady



Moderator Toni Young, JFD President



## BRIEFS

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## Foreign Ministry Denies Reports Of Secret Contacts With Iraq

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli Foreign Ministry is denying a British newspaper report that Israeli Cabinet ministers have met secretly with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Azziz in an effort to draw up a peace treaty between the two nations.

The report of the meeting, which appeared in The Sunday Times of London, was "without any basis and without any substance," Israel's Foreign Ministry stated on Sunday.

## Israeli Health Minister Meets With U.S. H.H.S. Secretary

WASHINGTON — U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala met recently with her new Israeli counterpart, Minister of Health Dr. Ephraim Sneh, in Washington.

Shalala and Sneh discussed shared interests, including how to improve US/Israeli relations and a common personal desire to see a comprehensive Middle East peace.

Shalala is from a Lebanese family; Sneh is Israeli-born.

The two also compared notes on recent campaigns in each country to complete major health reform legislation. A landmark health reform bill was passed by Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, shortly after Sneh was installed as minister. And the U.S. Congress was recently debating its latest version of health insurance reform. (SOURCE: Israeli Policy Forum)



U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Israeli Minister of Health Dr. Ephraim Sneh in Washington, D.C.

## Zhirinovskiy Gains Libel Verdict In Moscow District Court

MOSCOW (JTA) — In a sharp slap to the foes of Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, a Moscow district court recently ruled that comparing the ultranationalist leader to Adolf Hitler is libelous.

The Tverskoy inter-municipal court, according to the Itar-Tass news service, ruled Sept. 16 that reformist leader Yegor Gaidar and the newspaper Izvestia had libeled the politician when the newspaper published Gaidar's article, "Betting on Rascals."

The article included allegations that Zhirinovskiy was a fascist and likened him to Hitler, said Itar-Tass.

The court ordered both Gaidar and Izvestia to pay 500,000 rubles — some \$217 — to Zhirinovskiy.

## Nidal Threat In Germany?

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the wake of a threat of an impending terrorist attack against the German Jewish community, the World Jewish Congress has issued an alert to its offices around the world to be on guard against potential terrorist acts.

The threat that the Abu Nidal terrorist organization would attack in Germany included a specific day — Sept. 25 — and a specific target — Ignatz Bubis, the head of the German Jewish community, according to Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director.

Steinberg said WJC was alerted last Friday by both Israeli and German authorities about the threat in Germany.

"The German Jewish leadership from Bubis on down was made aware of what the German government officials described as concrete threats," Steinberg said.

Both the German Security Service and the German Interior Ministry have confirmed that Abu Nidal activists have entered Germany and are preparing terrorist attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets.

The warning in Germany was extended to Jewish leaders, businesses and community centers, and has prompted stepped up security at Jewish sites around the country.

## French Jew Defends Ailing President Mitterrand Against Anti-Semitism Charges From War Role

By MICHEL Di PAZ

PARIS (JTA) — In the wake of continuing reverberations from recent revelations about French President Francois Mitterrand's right-wing past, the leader of French Jewry has defended his president against charges of anti-Semitism.

At the same time, however, Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the umbrella organization representing France's secular Jewish organizations, has taken issue with Mitterrand's refusal to acknowledge France's responsibility in collaborating with the Nazis during World War II.

"Let us not now pick on a man

who is sick and has always been courageous, who never was an anti-Semite and has always shown that he is a friend of Israel," Kahn said.

Mitterrand's revelations renew attention to France's actions in connection with the collaborationist Vichy government of Marshall Henri Philippe Petain and debate over whether the country should bear responsibility for Vichy's actions during World War II.

Mitterrand, 77, ailing from prostate cancer, appeared on television recently to defend himself against charges of anti-Semitism and to explain his friendship with a former

official of the Vichy regime.

A new book "A French Youth: Francois Mitterrand 1934-1947," by French investigative journalist Pierre Pean details Mitterrand's activities before, during and after World War II.

The book describes Mitterrand as a right-wing student activist in pre-war Paris, as a faithful officer of the collaborationist Vichy regime in 1942 and as a close friend of Rene Bousquet, a former Vichy official charged with crimes against humanity for ordering roundups of Jews for deportation.

Mitterrand apparently assisted in the research for the book, a development some observers attribute to Mitterrand's desire to defend his wartime activities as he concludes his last term in office.

Declaring that he was unaware of the anti-Semitic laws imposed by Vichy two years before he served as an official for the regime, he said the actions of the Petain government were attributable to the country's defeat at the hands of the Nazis.

France has no need to apologize for the crimes committed during that period, he added.

"Those who are accountable for those crimes belong to an active minority who exploited the (French) defeat. Not the republic and not France. I'll never ask for forgiveness in the name of France," he said.

Mitterrand further denied that he had ever been anti-Semitic.

"No one has ever found anything anti-Semitic in my deeds. I've always been on this side of the fence," he said.

While supporting Mitterrand's claims regarding his relationship with the Jews, Kahn of CRIF said the Jewish leadership of France has always disagreed with the French president about the role of Vichy.

Kahn said, "We do not forget that it is the French Assembly who freely voted in favor of full powers to Marshall Philippe Petain, that the French administration served faithfully the Vichy regime."

"I cannot accept to hear now that the French Republic owes no apologies to the victims of this regime," said Kahn.

Mitterrand said he had no knowledge of the wartime activities of Bousquet, Vichy's police chief between 1942 and 1944.

Charged with the deportation of 2,000 Jewish children, Bousquet was killed by a self-styled avenger last June at the age of 82 before he could stand trial.

Mitterrand admitted he had hindered legal proceedings against Bousquet, but said he took the action to "appease the continuous civil war among Frenchmen" over the country's role during World War II.

"It seems hard to believe that the French president had no knowledge of the criminal deeds of this man," Kahn said. "And we deplore that he could maintain ambiguous relations with him for such a long time."

lished what has turned into a best-seller — "If I'm Jewish and You're Christian, What Are the Kids?" The cost is \$10 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling from the UAHC Press, 838 Fifth Ave., New York 10021.



MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Mass. — President Clinton, wearing a yarmulke, pauses as he speaks during evening Rosh Hashanah services in Edgartown, Mass. on the island of Martha's Vineyard Sept. 5.

Credit: RNS PHOTO/Reuters

## Rabbi Schindler Hails CJF Overture To Intermarried

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, the Reform Jewish leader who first proposed outreach to the intermarried in an historic address nearly 16 years ago, this week welcomed a new report by the Council of Jewish Federations urging local federations to provide services to intermarried families in which one partner is Jewish.

"We salute the CJF for its decision to embrace the intermarried and engage them in programs to encourage participation in Jewish life," said Rabbi Schindler, who is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "And we are gratified that the CJF report cites our movement for having 'played a leading role in promoting outreach' through a 'wide array of programs and materials'."

In discussing the philosophy of the Reform movement's pioneering outreach work, Rabbi Schindler said:

## Making Jewish Choices

"Our purpose is to bring people to Judaism. We are doing that by opening the doors of our faith to those not born into it but who have Jewish mates and children. We want them to be part of us. We want to encourage them to make Jewish choices in their lives and in the lives of their children. And we want them to know that our community cares about them and wants them to be a part of us in a way that is comfortable to them."

The Reform movement's outreach programs, launched in 1979, have been implemented widely in Reform

congregations. Supported by staff outreach coordinators in each of the UAHC's 14 regions across the U.S. and Canada, these activities include:

- Introduction-to-Judaism classes for people in the process of conversion and for interfaith couples considering raising their children as Jews.

- Discussion groups for interfaith couples, for parents of children who are intermarried and for new Jews-by-choice.

- Books and videotapes on Judaism and the process of conversion.

- Professional development courses for clergy, educators and others and faculty workshops for religious school teachers.

One popular outreach program — "Times and Seasons: A Jewish Perspective for Interfaith Couples" — was designed for mixed-married couples who are unaffiliated with the Jewish community. The eight-week program is given in Reform synagogues and other Jewish centers across the country, bringing together small groups for discussion and sharing experiences.

Another program, titled "Stepping Stones to a Jewish Me," was developed in Denver for the children of unaffiliated intermarried couples. It has been successfully adopted as a national program model and been replicated in 15 communities across the country.

Recently the UAHC Commission in Reform Jewish Outreach pub-



## EDITORIAL

### An Astonishing Year

For Jews this past year Middle East developments offered more reasons for hope than for concern. Dramatic handshakes punctuated a progressive shake-up of the status quo and a lurch forward toward peace for our beloved Israel with some of her previously most unneighborly neighbors. According to Washington based commentator Douglas M. Bloomfield, a survey of Americans (at least 98% non-Jews) conducted by Mellman-Lazarus-Lake shows U.S. Citizens also approve of the Israeli government's peace policies (57% approve, 22% disapprove).

On September 13, 1993, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Leader Yassir Arafat shook hands on the White House lawn after signing the Declaration of Principles. This marked the beginning of a series of steps toward peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. Several Delawareans attended the White House signing while here in Delaware students of the Albert Einstein Academy watched the remarkable events unfold on television.

In February the Cairo Agreement was signed delineating security issues for the first stage of the Gaza-Jericho arrangements.

Arab parties suspended their talks with Israel after Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Palestinian worshippers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron in late February. This terrible action by Goldstein was strongly condemned by Israeli leader and by Delaware Jewish leaders in the pages of *The Jewish Voice*. The impasse was resolved on March 31, 1994 when Israel and PLO agree to establish a 3 month Temporary International Presence in Hebron.

In April The Israel Defense Force began evacuating its headquarters in Gaza City. Unfortunately in that same month 14 Israelis were killed and 58 were wounded in terrorist attacks near and around bus stations in Afula and Hadera. The Islamic extremist group Hamas claimed responsibility for the vicious attacks on innocent civilians.

In late April in Delaware former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told *The Jewish Voice* that although peace between Israel and Syria would take time to achieve, Syrian President Hafez Assad has demonstrated that he can abide by an agreement with Israel. Kissinger noted that Assad had honored the

armistice accord that the Secretary had negotiated to end the Yom Kippur War. Since that time, Kissinger said, Syria has not attacked Israel across their mutual border.

On May 4, 1994, in Cairo, Israel and the PLO signed the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho. In that month 150 Palestinian police entered the Gaza Strip. The IDF withdrew from Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

On July 1, 1994, Arafat arrived in the Gaza Strip. A few weeks later, on July 25, 1994, Israel and Jordan signed the Washington Declaration, ending a state of belligerency that existed between the two countries since 1948. Prime Minister Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein shook hands on the White House lawn and addressed a Joint Session of Congress. A number of Delaware leaders, including Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) attended a Washington reception where Prime Minister Rabin was present.

Also in July, dozens of Jews were killed and some injured in terrorist attacks in Argentina, Panama and Great Britain, through the actions of suspected Islamic extremist terrorists.

In August 8, 1994 Israel and Jordan opened a new border crossing between Eilat and Aqaba for third-country nationals. Later that month Israel and the PLO signed the Early Empowerment Agreement giving the Palestinian Authority jurisdiction over education, tourism, health, welfare and taxation throughout the West Bank.

**"There has been a new tone from Damascas lately... an agreement could be reached by the end of the year."**

On Sept. 1, 1994 Israel and Morocco established diplomatic relations. According to The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, quoting Israeli newspapers, secret Israeli-Syrian negotiations are taking place in Washington between Israel's ambassador to the United States, Itamar Rabinovich, and his Syrian counterpart, Walid Muallem.

In mid-September, commentator Douglas Bloomfield wrote, "There has been a new tone from Damascus lately, and it feeds speculation that an agreement could be reached by

the end of the year." commentator Morris J. Amitay, on the other hand, recently wrote "Hopefully, both U.S. and Israeli policy makers will not substitute wishful thinking for an appreciation of the colder realities."

While reasonable people may differ on prospects for continuing progress toward peace

for Israel with her neighbors, most agree this past year was remarkable and largely positive. *The Jewish Voice* editorial committee supports Israel's progress toward peace with security. We join with other supporters in generous optimism and some caution for 5755 following an astonishing year.

## THE VOICE BOX

*"Who ordered the kosher meal?"*

-Comedienne Ellen DeGeneres joking while handing out hot towels while co-hosting the Emmy Award ceremonies

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*"Congress is about as popular as the baseball strike."*

-Claire DeMatteis of Congressman Michael Castle's office, joking at The Candidates Forum sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and the JCRC of JFD

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*"This visit brought sad memories of the crimes against fellow human beings based on racial feelings (that) are abhorrent."*

-Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa writing in the visitor's book at Yad Vashem after visiting the Children's Memorial

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*"We are gradually becoming a participant and a legitimate member state, rather than a client and an object."*

-Israel's Ambassador to the U.N., Gad Ya'acobi, commenting on the improving Israeli-United Nations relationship

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*"Those are the lights people put on Christmas trees. What are they doing here in Mea Shearim?"*

-American yeshiva students quoted reacting to Sukkot decorations which vendors say Israelis don't associate with anything Christian since Israelis don't celebrate Christmas.

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*"Aside from Federation Shabbat, we might think about a Sabbath evening service in the winter months which could rotate among the three congregations in Wilmington."*

-Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Delaware's Congregation Beth Emeth writing in *The Orbit* the synagogue's newsletter

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*"It is such a waste when they have developed expertise and could be of great value to the community."*

-Community leader Bernard Siegel lamenting people who have been active in the Jewish community but then drop out.

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*"This was not a meeting, this was a love-fest."*

-A participant in a recent meeting of the Board of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) in a reaction afterwards.



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## LETTERS

### The Thrill Of Israel

To The Editor:

I want to try to convey to everyone reading the *Voice* the exhilaration which I feel after our August Bar/Bat Mitzvah trip to Israel.

Our guide greeted us upon arrival with "Welcome Home, Welcome to Israel."

Our trip was a family affair. We were fifteen in all: six young people, including two Bar Mitzvah, my grandsons Adam and Benjamin, one Bat Mitzvah and nine adults including my daughter-in-law Paty who was Bat Mitzvah. We had been in Israel in December '92 to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Scott Carlis on an organized tour. Because we in no way had "had our fill" we returned on a more personally developed private family trip.

Of course this time it was filled with current historic meaning. When we were in Jerusalem Warren Christopher was staying at the King David and we were all aware of the im-

portance of his being there. And when we were at the Moriahspa on the Dead Sea it was the very day of the opening of Aqaba by Rabin and King Hussein. The top three floors of the Moriah were occupied by Jordanians and Israelis conferring on the all important questions of water, and "we were there." We were even at breakfast in the dining room with them!

The excitement of seeing layers of civilization before our very eyes in Jerusalem, Beit She'an, at Massada, site of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and Akko and to be inspired by the way Israel leads diplomatically to establish peace in the area, struggles to accommodate immigrant Jews from all the nations who need a homeland, were the thrilling moments for us and the young especially as they learned the true meaning of their heritage.

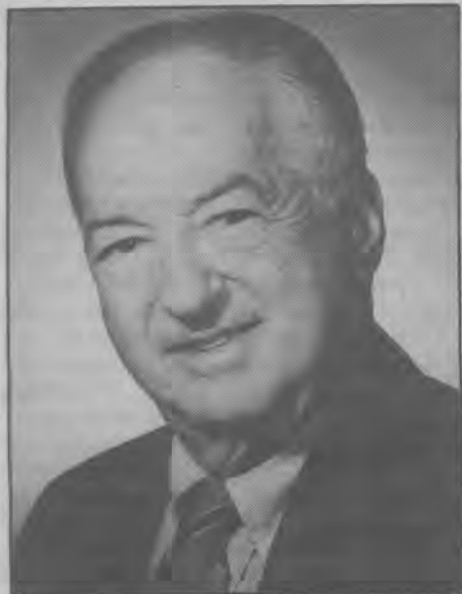
I would urge all parents and grandparents to treat themselves to the ultimate "simcha" of seeing their children and grandchildren absorb what Israel offers them - and as our guide said on our departure "now that you have been Home go as our emissaries to America and speak for Israel whenever you can."

Sincerely,  
Cora Carlis



OPINION

# What's The Humor In Jewish Glue?



By ED GOLIN  
Guest Columnist

What's the magnetism that holds the Jews of the world together?  
 What mystical force keeps the Jewish culture alive after millennia of persecution, slaughter, banishment and terrorization?  
 What is the formula of the glue that bonds them together?  
 There are a thousand answers and all boil down to what the psychologists call a mindset — an attitude that predetermines a person's responses to and interpretation of situations.

The psychoanalysts got into the act with a theory by Carl Jung that he called the "collective unconscious." The theory holds a strange fascination especially for the Jewish Jungians because it takes into account some 7,000 years of ancestral experience. And it comes as standard equipment with every Jewish newborn. Here's how Jung puts it:

"The great problems of life...are always related to the earliest images of the collective unconscious. These images are really balancing or compensating factors which correspond with the problems life presents in actuality... These images are deposits representing the accumulated experience of thousands of years of struggle for adaptation and existence."

On considering this, I felt it was an overwhelming weight for my mind to carry around. Wasn't there a lighter explanation?

"Try humor," said a voice out of nowhere. "Humor is an important ingredient of Jewish glue that helps bond us together; that helps maintain our sanity; that keeps our language alive and in demand worldwide."

Of course! Humor might not be the prime ingredient of that fascinating adhesive, but it certainly plays an important role as a catalyst that keeps the mishmash of ancestral experiences from congealing into a quagmire of passivity. It only takes a pinch of humor to keep all those experiences in a state of high suspension, and perhaps that is why the Jewish minds never seem to be at rest.

So, what is so important about the role of humor in Jewish continuity? Nathan Ausubel, who edited a brilliant "Treasury of Jewish Folklore", noted that despite the tragedy of their

historic experiences, the Jews are indestructible optimists, and nothing could keep the Jews from laughing. However, their laughter had to be more than gay frivolity; it had to be an affirmative and defiant answer to the world's cruelties. As Shakespeare might have written: Jewish insight helps remove the sting of an unjust fate.

The point is, we stay alive and productive and we reinforce one another's zest for maintaining our culture by not caving in to life's bottomless pit of aggravation. And we adapt a variety of humor techniques to specific situations to assure our equilibrium. That's what makes Jewish humor so vital and effective.

For example, one technique for confronting life's little frustrations is the use of illogical logic (or the logic of despair). There's the story of the postal clerk who tells Eli that he has to add more stamps because his package is too heavy. "And if I put on more stamps," sighs Eli, "that'll make the package lighter?"

And the same Eli is awakened from a deep sleep by his wife who demands that he get out of bed and close the window because it was cold outside. "And if I shut the window," growls Eli, "it'll be warm outside?"

Another technique uses the pathos of pride and the pride of pathos. Here's an example that also introduces the intense consciousness of continuity.

After three years in America, Moishe calls his father in the old country. "Oh, my beloved son," cries his father. "It's so good to hear your voice. How are you?"

"Dad, I'm doing just fine, but I am no longer Moishe, I'm Malcom. And, Dad, I married a wonderful girl named Heather Kelly, and guess what, Dad? Remember you said my big nose came from Mom's side? Well, I had surgery and now my nose is straight as an arrow."

There's a pause at the other end of the line. "Tell me, son," asked father, "are you still circumcised?"

Another Jewish personality asset that contributes more than its share to cultural continuity is our high self-esteem; a self-confidence and pride that wipes out all distinctions between rich and poor, leader and follower, royalty and plebeian, even — at times — between God and self. (Do you recall Tevye's leveling with God about the injustices of his life?) The elimination of class lines and the ability to laugh at oneself are important ingredients in Jewish humor. For example...

A shnorrer managed to become a regular Sunday dinner guest at a well-to-do household. One Sunday he showed up accompanied by a young stranger who prepared to seat himself at the table. "Just a minute," bristled the host, "but who is this character?" Replied the shnorrer, "He became my son-in-law last week, and I have agreed to supply his board for the first year."

Leo Rosten, the brilliant interpreter of Jewish humor and the Yiddish language, insists that Jewish culture is a joke-making culture and implores us not to be foolish enough to think of humor as a category of trivia. The humor of a people," he points out, "is as illuminating as its patterns of pride, guilt and ambivalence. Humor is an isotope that locates the insight of a people."

As my beloved Grandmother used to say, "When you're hungry, sing; when you're hurt, laugh!"

(Mr. Golin is the Chairman of Golin Corporation. He is a former Chairperson of The Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*. Occasionally he contributes wit and wisdom to *The Jewish Voice*.)

# Davening With The President



By ALAN DERSHOWITZ

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (JTA) — On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, I davened with President Clinton.  
 He and his family were vacationing on Martha's Vineyard, where my family and I have been vacationing for many years. The rabbi of our local synagogue, Joshua Plaut, asked me to invite the president and his wife to join us, and so I wrote him the following letter:  
 Dear Mr. President:  
 It is my great honor to invite you on behalf of the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center (the only Jewish house of prayer on the Island) to attend one of our Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) services. It is a part of the Jewish tradition for the congregation to bless the president of the United States and the great nation that has given us the freedom to practice our religion without prejudice or discrimination. Our congregation would love to extend that blessing personally to you and to invite you to respond with your own New Year's greeting or to accept our good wishes silently. We also extend this invitation to your family and to any members of your staff (Jewish or non-Jewish) who would like to join our services. In some

countries in years gone by, Jewish congregants dreaded the prospect of government officials entering their sanctuary on the High Holidays. In this country we welcome our president with open arms.

Your visit could be as brief as a few minutes or as long as you wish. The services this year will be held in the Whaling Church in Edgartown — a wonderful classic building used for years as a place of Christian prayer for whaling captains and their crews (it is no longer used as a church). The use of this church for Jewish services symbolizes both the ecumenical nature of our wonderful island and the large number of congregants we expect this year.

We hope you and your family and staff members can join us as we pray for a year of peace, health, and productivity.

With every good wish,  
 Cordially,  
 Alan Dershowitz  
 Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law  
 Harvard Law School

To my surprise, he immediately accepted, thus becoming — we are told, by the eminent Jewish historian, Jacob Marcus — the first American president ever to attend a Jewish High Holiday service.

I sat next to him during the service and shared a machzor with him for most of the davening, pointing out the prayers and whispering explanations of such concepts as "fringes" and "mitzvot."

We used a prayerbook in which the Hebrew was transliterated for the parts that are chanted and the president and Mrs. Clinton sang along in Hebrew.

I asked him how he managed to join the melodies, which were new to him. He told me that by singing a beat behind the rest of us, he was able to follow the haunting melodies, which he loved. President Clinton is very musical and has a nice singing voice. The president and first lady read responsively the English portion of the service, and then the president spoke briefly from the lectern, declaring

his role in the Mideast peace process, "one of the most rewarding things I've done," and then

wishing the Jewish people a "Shanah Tovah." After the service, Mr. Clinton invited my family to join him and the first lady for dinner. During the meal, I mentioned that I had been asked to deliver a *dvar Torah* — a biblical talk — at the following morning service.

The president asked me what the subject of the talk would be. I told him that I would be speaking about Abraham's willingness to argue with God over the condemned cities of Sodom and Gomorrah as contrasted with his unwillingness to argue with God over the sacrifice of his own son.

Both the president and first lady offered their interpretations of these apparently inconsistent portrayals of Abraham. President Clinton suggested that because Abraham had a personal relationship with God, he would not question a direct order from God to him; but he could challenge a decision made by God about others.

The first lady suggested that because Isaac was a gift from God to Abraham and Sarah, Abraham could not challenge God's right to demand the gift back.

I told the president about George Washington's letter to the Jewish congregation at Newport, in which he assured the American Jewish community that mere "toleration" was no longer enough and that Jews were absolutely equal citizens before the law. He expressed great interest in the letter and I promised to send him its complete text.

Whatever individual Jews may think of President Clinton's policies — and I am a supporter, though I dissent strongly from his unwillingness to commute (convicted spy) Jonathan Pollard's life sentence — there can be little doubt that both the president and first lady are friends of the Jewish people.

They are comfortable among the many Jews they count as their friends. They were entirely at home in a Jewish house of prayer, enjoying the service immensely.

At the end of the evening, President Clinton lifted a glass of champagne to toast the Jewish New Year. As I touched my glass to his, I said, "L'Chayim." He responded, "This has been a really great evening."

(Alan Dershowitz is a professor at Harvard Law School.)

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OPINION

**Reader Agrees With Grumbacher**

Dear Sir:

I was most interested to read the opposing viewpoints of Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher and Rabbi Elezer Sneiderman in their articles on "Public Vouchers for Private Schools: Is It Good For The Jews?" in your August 12, 1994 issue.

In saying "No" to a voucher system, Rabbi Grumbacher talked about the value of a public school system, about children "learning about the history of this great land and sharing in the delights it has always offered," about "...the potential of the public school system to maintain democratic ideals..." In discussing private education, even private religious education, he said that "...the cost should and must be borne by those who want their children to attend those schools."

Rabbi Grumbacher's attitude is not antiparochial, but defines the best values inherent in the American public education system, despite its many flaws. It could have been written by an enlightened cleric of any other religion in this country.

Rabbi Sneiderman, on the other hand, reflects in his comments the narrowest parochial view possible. "Public school," he says, "is no place for a Jewish child" because it is a "force of assimilation," promoting "ideas that are antithetical to central tenets of Judaism." What nonsense! The good Rabbi doesn't like the secular school system because it is just that

— secular. It doesn't promote anti-Jewish ideas. It just doesn't promote Jewish ideas; not does it promote Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, or any other religious system of beliefs. I think that's wonderful, but apparently it doesn't conform to Rabbi Sneiderman's preference for the ghettoization of the American Jew.

If you don't want to send your children to public school, fine. But don't turn around and make an argument that has the American constitutional system blessing the financing of Jewish parochial education. If it's good for the Jews, it's all right? How about when it's good for the Christians, and funding is coming from Jewish pockets? Will Rabbi Sneiderman be so vociferous in his defense then? Hypocrisy wears the same face, regardless of the clerical hat it's under.

The U.S. Constitution keeps the State out of the Church, and the Church out of the State. Despite over two hundred years of tampering, it still pretty much works. Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Ornston

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**Schindler's List Isn't Enough**

By Rabbi AVI WEISS

NEW YORK (JTA) — For all the good that the movie "Schindler's List" has done to reawaken interest in the Holocaust, in the end, will the Holocaust be remembered if, at its very sites, history is distorted?

An international delegation from the New York-based Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha recently returned from a mission to Nazi camps in Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. The camps we visited all reflect Holocaust revisionism at its source.

Shouts of "We need another Hitler," "Jewish hands off our property," "Go back to Israel" and "You've come to crucify Jesus again," assaulted our ears as we approached the door of the church at Birkenau, the killing ground of Auschwitz.

The church — which has a large cross on the roof and in the forecourt — occupies the same building as the "new commandant's office." It is the only remaining building of the SS headquarters complex in Birkenau and lies clearly within its borders. The building is in violation of the 1987 Geneva Agreement signed by European Catholic and Jewish leaders, which calls for "no permanent Catholic place of worship on the site of the Auschwitz and Birkenau camps."

The presence of the church at Birkenau is even more disturbing than the convent at Auschwitz I where we had protested five years ago. Some Catholics in Poland defended the rights of the nuns to remain at the convent, claiming that it was outside the perimeter of Auschwitz I and that the mass killing occurred at Birkenau. The church, however, is at Birkenau and clearly within the camp.

From the church, we moved to the former convent where the 24-foot cross still stands. More taunts greeted us. Police hustled away several people who threatened us. This time, rather than scaling the fences as we did in 1989 to make our point, we were invited inside. We reminded the director that although the nuns have moved out, we would not be silent until he removes the cross.

Several members of our group traveled the 18.6 miles to the Sobibor death camp. There, the Nazis murdered a quarter of a million Jews and 1,000 non-Jews. After the Jewish revolt of Sobibor in 1943, the Nazis razed the entire camp.

The only building standing in Sobibor today is a two-story church which stands on the spot of a tiny prewar wooden chapel used by the Nazis to shoot prisoners. Though the church and the chapel share the same spot, it is grossly inappropriate that it was built in a camp where 99 percent of those murdered were Jews.

At Theresienstadt, one hour outside Prague, visitors are greeted by a 55-foot cross. The cross stands in the middle of a symbolic international cemetery not far from the small fortress where political prisoners, Jew and non-Jew, were killed.

**"A 55-foot cross dominating the place of such Jewish suffering is a desecration of the memory of those who perished."**

The Theresienstadt ghetto itself lies just across the road from the fortress, and thus the entire complex must be viewed as one. In the ghetto, 33,539 Jews died between November 1941 and April 20, 1945, and another 88,196 were deported to extermination

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## Delaware In Crisis Teenage Pregnancy

Delaware in Crisis: Teenage Pregnancy will be discussed by four panelists at the Public Affairs Luncheon of the Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women on Wednesday, October 12th at the Hotel du Pont at 11 a.m.

At press time the scheduled panelists were Katherine A. Gordy, R.N., Dr. Cecil C. Gordon, Jr., Loretta E. Taylor and Rachel Yoskowitz, R.N., M.P.H. Yvette Rudnitsky, R.N., L.C.S.W., will be moderator.

Shirley Rudnick and Phyllis H. Gramlich are co-chairpersons of the event.

## Fine To Chair Juvenile Justice Group

WILMINGTON — Gloria S. Fine has been chosen to chair the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Fine, who currently heads the United Way committee on community needs and initiatives and serves on several boards, will also sit on the 23-member Criminal Justice Council. Fine currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). She has served on the Boards of JFS and of The Kutz Home. She is also a member of the JCRC of JFD.

### Toledono October 10

Singer/Composer Avì Toledano will perform at the J.C.C. at 7:30 p.m. as part of the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. Tickets are available at the J.C.C. Call (302) 478-5660.

## Beth Shalom Donates A Torah To Abayudaya Community In Uganda

Facts about Congregation Beth Shalom's Torah donation to the Abayudaya community of Mbale, Uganda:

•In October 1992, two students studying in Nairobi, Kenya, Julia Chamovitz and Matt Meyer, went to Yom Kippur services at the Nairobi Synagogue. Chamovitz and Meyer, members of Delaware's Congregation Beth Shalom, met Gershon Sizomu, a leader of a little known Jewish community of 500 Ugandans in Mbale, Uganda. In November, Chamovitz and Meyer visited the community, called the Abayudaya, and saw that they practiced Judaism without many of the material symbols so common to Judaic practice elsewhere throughout the world. They prayed in mud hut synagogues, with a limited number of kippot and tallitot, with mezuzot drawn on the walls and few siddurim and Hertz Chumashim. One of their greatest needs was a Torah.

•When Meyer and Chamovitz returned to the U.S. in December 1992, they both began to campaign on behalf of the Abayudaya. They gave out Pen Pals, requested money to build a synagogue, disseminated information about the community over Internet, sought to get books, kippot, and tallitot donated. But the Abayudaya most needed a Torah.

•In the Spring of 1994, Meyer

graduated from Brown University and was awarded a Samuel Huntington Fund grant to work with street children in Nairobi. Shortly thereafter, his mother, Ellen Meyer, went before the Beth Shalom Board of Directors to request the donation of a Torah. Although the Board had just loaned a Torah to Hillel at University of Delaware, they were sympa-

thetic to the cause and interested in the possible donation. In June, following a meeting with Matt Meyer, the Congregation's Ritual Committee (Dr. Alan Lipschultz, chairman) decided to support the donation. Shortly after, the donation was passed by the full board.

•In August 1994, Cantor Norman Swerling advised Meyer on proper care of the Torah. He was to be carrying the Torah with him on the flight to Nairobi September 18. The Torah will arrive in Uganda when Meyer visits the Abayudaya, sometime in October 1994.



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## JNF Event Features Leopold Page - The "Schindler's" Storyteller

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

The man who convinced Thomas Keneally to write *Schindler's List*, Leopold Page (Pfefferberg), will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, October 5, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. at the JNF Tree of Life Award Dinner at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. Businessman/Community Leader Bernard Siegel and Councilman Richard Cecil are to be honored



Leopold Page

with Tree Of Life Awards that evening.

Richard Levine of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, told *The Jewish Voice* he has underwritten the cost of the speaker as a tribute to Honoree Bernard Siegel. "Because of my very special relationship with Bernie — who has been a mentor to me in terms of community service — I have made a special contribution to underwrite the costs to bring in the speaker. I will have the honor of introducing him. It is an exciting opportunity for us in Delaware to meet someone who as an individual has really made a difference in world history by instigating Spielberg to film *Schindler's List*. This film really touched everyone."

Leopold Page has been quoted as saying, "I did not know how I would do this, but I promised Oskar Schindler I would make him a household name." Page convinced Thomas Keneally to write his best selling book about Schindler and Page encouraged Steven Spielberg to film what became the award-winning *Schindler's List*. Page urged Spielberg to film in Poland, reportedly saying, "You have to film on the streets where the blood, the Jewish blood, was spilled. Otherwise, this will not be a true story."

Page has been instrumental in

founding the Oskar Schindler Humanities Foundation, which will recognize acts by individuals and organizations, regardless of race or nationality.

Co-chairs of the Jewish National Fund Delaware/Maryland Tree Of Life Award Dinner are James Gilliam, Jr., Alan Levin and Sheldon Weinstein. The ticket price is \$200 per person or \$1,800 for a table of ten. The proceeds will benefit the JNF Camp Facility Machaneh Hachaim (Camp of Life) established as a living memorial to the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. These funds will also help immigrant Russians, Ethiopians and others enjoy experiences at JNF's Lavi Youth Camp. An educational center focusing on children who died in the Holocaust will also be established at the camp. For tickets to the JNF Tree Of Life Award Dinner or for more information call (302) 655-5995.



Irma Gertler

## Gertler To Speak At Dombchik Dinner

Irma Gertler, former international president of B'nai B'rith Women, will be the guest speaker at a dinner honoring Rhoda S. Dombchik. The tribute, sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women of Delaware, will be held on Monday, October 17, 1994, at 6:45 p.m. at the DuPont Country Club, Rockland and Black Gates Roads.

Mrs. Gertler, in 1986-88, served as the twenty-third president of the Jewish women's organization.

Mrs. Gertler's career in volunteer service is one of international scope. In 1987, she led the 70-member BBW Mission to Israel and she traveled to the Soviet Union as head of a delegation of our Congressional wives on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

A skilled facilitator, she has led workshops on human relations, interpersonal skills, volunteerism, and networking.

She developed creative membership approaches used within the organization such as chapters for women on their own, city-wide chapters and special interest groups.

For many years Mrs. Gertler traveled throughout the country educating people about the growing problem of teenage pregnancies in the United States. As national chairman of BBW's "Operation Stork" program she worked with educators and

health professionals to educate teens about responsible choices, and initiated Parenting Clubs in high schools. She received a national March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation Award for her work in this area.

In B'nai B'rith Women, Mrs. Gertler has also served as president-elect, national vice president, treasurer, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, chairman of the Planning Committee and on B'nai B'rith national commissions.

Between 1970 and 1976 Mrs. Gertler served as the catalyst for a coalition of 37 women's organizations in Milwaukee, sponsors of "Face to Face with the '70s," an annual conference on community issues. She received the Outstanding Citizen Award from Mayor Maier of Milwaukee and was honored by the Milwaukee Jewish Council for her work with the coalition. In 1980, she was named a "Woman of Valor" by the *Milwaukee Jewish Chronicle* for her volunteer activities; in 1984 was named "Woman of the Year" by the Wisconsin Women's Political Caucus, and in 1986 received the Anti-Defamation League Woman of Achievement Award.

She is currently employed as Assistant Director of the North American Association of Jewish Homes and Housing for Aging.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to support B'nai B'rith Women's Residential Treatment Center in Is-

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Ryan Kratky

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ber 8th, the children presented their collections and reports. On the top is Ryan Kratky, 6th grade presenting his collection of minerals. Below is Andrew Balick in 4th grade who collected shells.



Andrew Balick

**Albert Einstein Celebrates Sukkah With A Walk**

On Sunday, September 25, 1994, the families of Albert Einstein Academy will celebrate their holy days with a Sukkah Walk. Each year, Jewish families build a sukkah, or booth in their home to symbolize the temporary booths in which the Israelites lived during their forty years of wandering on their way to the Promised Land.

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**Zelda Leah Gatuskin Lecture At The JCC**

The opening author/lecture of the 1994-95 JCC's Cultural Arts Festival will be Zelda Leah Gatuskin, whose roots are in the Delaware Jewish Community.

Her book *Ancestral Notes: A Family Dream Journal* is a collection of journal studies, poems, essays, short stories and a drama — all based on the author's investigation into and feelings about her family history and cultural identity.

She explores the themes of Jewish spirituality and mysticism, shtetl life in Europe, immigration to the United States, men's and women's traditional roles, motherhood and the

legacy of antisemitism. Dream journal entries and repeated references to spirits convey the sense that this inquiry is not only guided, but demanded by ancestral souls.

This journey blurs the lines between mystical and mundane, per-

sonal and political, tragic and comic, and culminates in a Yiddish-style parable about fear and intolerance. The book includes nine original collages by the author.

Anne Barney says about *Ancestral Notes: A Family Dream Jour-*

*nal*, "With a deceptively simply yet strong voice, Gatuskin explores and celebrates what it means to be a Jew, to be a woman, and to be a member of the human race."

Gatuskin's family, Helen and Mendel Gordon, still reside in Delaware. Gatuskin will be at the JCC discussing her publication on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be purchased at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Nathan Barnett at (302) 478-5660.

**Caterer Offers Free Picnic Tasting At The JCC**

The Jewish Community Center in cooperation with a local caterer, CaterKart Cuisines will sponsor a free tasting and tour of the facility for companies and organizations that plan large picnics for their employees, members and guests.

The event will be on Wednesday, October 5, 1994 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the pool deck at the JCC. Any person who is chair of a picnic committee or the representative of a company that plans a picnic of 100 or more guests is invited to attend.

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## Quiz Show

A Movie Review By:  
MORRIE WARSHAWSKI

Special To The Jewish Voice

In December 1956 Herbert Stempel, a Jewish ex-GI college student from Brooklyn, took a dive. He plunged not into a welcome body of water, but from the heights of fame into the vast churning pool of national notoriety. When Stempel leapt into the abyss of history he dragged along with him a string of famous people, the betrayed faith of millions of Americans, and an irretrievably innocent notion we once held about a new invention called "television." Robert Redford's masterfully directed new film, QUIZ SHOW, chronicles

Stempel's fall and much more.

Stempel, played with tremendous energy and nuance by John Turturro [BARTON FINK], had reigned for weeks as the champion of the quiz show "Twenty One" when the producers decided he should lose to a new contestant, Charles Van Doren. Ralph Fiennes [SCHINDLER'S LIST] plays a rosy-cheeked, fair-haired Van Doren seduced away from his conscience, his upper-crust family and his \$86.00/week college teaching job by greed and a taste of fame.

Redford centers the film around the struggle between Van Doren and his nemesis, a young Jewish Harvard law graduate Richard Goodwin,

played by Rob Morrow [Dr. Fleishman on NORTHERN EXPOSURE]. Goodwin leverages his position with the House of Representatives Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce into a search for the truth about truth on television.

Goodwin also must face his own inherent fears. He treats Van Doren with kid gloves, trying to protect the popular Columbia College professor until the very end. At one point, Goodwin's supportive and scrappy wife Audrey [Mira Sorvino] can take his reticence no longer and yells at Goodwin, "You're a thousand times the man Van Doren is... [Yet] you are like the Uncle Tom of the Jews."

It is easy to understand Goodwin's reticence. On the one hand he has the word of a nerdy, wildly erratic and vindictive Stempel who subjects his devoted wife to constant verbal abuse. In one of the great ironies of this true story, Stempel's major complaint is that he was forced to lose by pretending not to know that his favorite movie MARTY won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1955.

On the other hand Goodwin has the word of Van Doren, the son of the famous poet and scholar Mark Van Doren, and Dorothy Van Doren, novelist and author of A COUNTRY WIFE. The elder Van Doren is played with restraint and just the right touch of decorum by the veteran actor Paul Scofield [MAN FOR ALL SEASONS]. Goodwin visits the Van Doren Connecticut estate and is privy to the close ties between father and

son as they spar by trading quotes from Shakespeare and identifying the appropriate character and play.

Goodwin was first in his class at Harvard, so his intelligence keeps coming back to reign in his emotions. It becomes increasingly difficult to ignore the facts. Stempel notes that the "Twenty One" producers had a habit of bringing on Jewish contes-

tants, allowing them to win for a while, and then letting them get beat by a Gentile who goes on to win even more money. The allegation turns out to be true.

In one of the funniest and most telling scenes in the film, Stempel testifies before the House of Representatives. A film of "Twenty One"

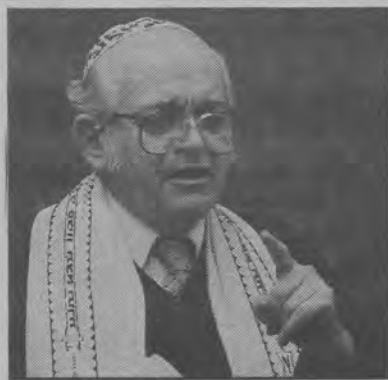
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is played back showing Stempel and then Van Doren. Stempel does a pointed de-construction of the choreographed movements both he and Van Doren had been coached to perform — down to the telling detail of using a handkerchief to dab sweat instead of wiping it from the forehead. It is a moment that cleverly and dramatically binds together these two

very different characters. QUIZ SHOW provides many surprises. The first is in Redford's fluid use of the medium to reconstruct a visual version of New York in the 1950's expertly shot by Michael Ballhaus. The second is the fine array of ensemble acting by all the principle and secondary characters. QUIZ SHOW invests its primary energy not in action but in dialogue and some excellent acting. Even Rob Morrow is able to pull himself above the tepid tenor of his television acting life into a believably Boston-ac-

cented lawyer with some depth of character.

The major villain of QUIZ SHOW turns out to be television itself. Neil Postman, who wrote the prophetic book disparaging television — AMUSING OURSELVES TO DEATH — must be getting a kick out of the lambasting tv takes in this film. Early in QUIZ SHOW Stempel tells his wife, "That box is the biggest thing since Guttenberg invented the printing press, and I'm the biggest thing on it." By the end of the film Goodwin is resigned to admitting: "I thought we were going to get television. The truth is television got us."

(Morrie Warshawski is a consultant and author who writes about culture and the arts for The Jewish Voice and publications throughout the U.S. from his home in St. Louis. His latest book is "Shaking The Money Tree: How To Get Grants And Donations For Film and Video.")

Berle, Youngman And Caesar In Atlantic City

On October 8th and 9th, "A Night of 1,000 Laughs", starring Mr. Television, Milton Berle, with Henny Youngman, and special attraction Sid Caesar will be at Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort. Tickets are \$30. For more information call (609) 449-1000.



(Left) When Congressional Investigator Richard Goodwin (Rob Morrow), right makes an inquiry into potential quiz show fraud, disgruntled contestant Stempel (Turturro, left) points an accusing finger that sparks a national controversy.

Homeless Benefit

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Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the theatre will host a variety of activities for all age groups. For the kids,

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All events are free to the public, with the exception of the English tea which is \$7.25 per person. You can make reservations for the tea by calling 302-594-3185. For directions or more information about Family Day At The Playhouse activities, call 302-656-4401.

## ORT Happening

Carlena's Salon Fundraiser will be held October 9. Interested persons should call 479-9698. The event is open to Women's American ORT members only. It is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.



**NEW YORK — Morocco was described as "a living example of tolerant Islam" by Serge Berdugo, Moroccan Minister of Tourism and president of the country's Jewish community, at a breakfast meeting of American Jewish leaders and journalists. Shown, left to right, are Lillane Shalom of the World Sephardi Federation, Mr. Berdugo and Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which sponsored the meeting.**

## Delawareans Attend Dinner With Ambassador Rabinovich

Israel's Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich met recently in Washington with leading members of the Delaware Jewish community. Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), led a group which included Delawareans Leonard Dukart, Diane Levin, Richard Levin, Marty Mand, and his wife Shelly Mand. Judy Wortman, the Executive Vice-President of JFD, and Rabbi Marla Feldman, the Director of the JCRC of JFD, also attended the dinner. The Ambassador and Delawareans in attendance exchange their views on issues of concern to the Jewish community. The Delaware leaders were invited to the dinner with Ambassador Rabinovich at the U.S. Capitol by Senator Bill Roth who was present at the dinner. The dinner took place on August 11.

## Words & Music: Alice Kaye Peerce

By STEVE COHEN

Alice Kaye Peerce died a couple of weeks ago. Though her name is not widely known to the public, she was an important figure in the arts and in Jewish philanthropy and her name deserves remembering.

You would have known her if I called her Mrs. Jan Peerce. But she was much more than the wife of a famous singing star.

Until a few months before her death, she taught classes in NYU about the business end of the arts. Alice was an expert, based on her management of Jan's career and also through her work as co-chairman (along with Isaac Stern) of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, which sponsored the careers of musicians such as Daniel Barenboim, Itzhak Pearlman and Pinchas Zukerman. In addition, Alice was one of America's most effective speakers for Israel Bonds.

But the reason so many of us loved Alice was because of her warmth as a friend, as a hostess and as an observant orthodox Jew.

You could count on her to be tough, brutally honest and funny as hell.

Jan once said, "Alice was a nervy little bitch. She had to be — to get through to me, to face up to me." She also handled some of his tough negotiations with managers, broadcasters and impresarios.

She was born Alice Kalmanowitz, in the Bronx, in a family that owned a successful kosher restaurant. The family later changed its name to Kaye. Alice's brother Sidney owned the Russian Tea Room next to Carnegie Hall, and Alice helped run it after Sidney's untimely death.

Jan Peerce was born as Jacob Pincus Perelmuth on the Lower East Side of New York. He went to Columbia and had plans to go to medical school, but also led a dance band, played the fiddle and occasionally sang, using the name Pinky Pearl. "To date Alice I had to take a bus and a subway all the way up to the Bronx," Jan said.

She said of him, "Jan was the first man who ever kissed me. He had all the charm in the world. And the third factor that attracted me to him was that my parents said no. I had been an obedient child all my life. My parents sent me to Hebrew school every day; I went. They gave me piano lessons; I took piano lessons. They told me to wash the dishes; I did it. And now I fell in love with a man they didn't want me to marry. This was my rebellion. So we eloped. But his sex appeal and his charm came first. Because if I married him just for spite, it never would have lasted."

Throughout his life, there was a core of insecurity and pessimism within Jan, and in the early stages of his career there were few people who had total confidence in him. Except for Alice.

Around 1932, Jan had dropped out of college and was appearing at such places as Lakewood, NJ, and the Catskills and he and Alice were living in a forty-dollar-a-week hotel room. When he auditioned for bigger jobs, people told him he was too short and not handsome.

Alice said to him, "The hell with them. You'll see. You're good-looking. You're handsome. You're beautiful. You know, I wouldn't have married you if you weren't plenty tall and handsome for me."

That same year, Jan was hired by Samuel "Roxy" Rothafel to sing at his theaters, the Center, the Roxy and Radio City Music Hall. There he became a star, partly through his introduction of the song, "Bluebird of Happiness." Arturo Toscanini heard Peerce's broadcasts from Radio City and started him on the way to his successful career in opera.

When they traveled around the world, Alice and Jan always bought objects of art — vases, kiddush cups, menorot, paintings — directly from the artisans. On their return from each tour they gave these objects as gifts. Thus they showed their friendship and at the same time supported emerging artists.

Their home was filled with beautiful paintings and sculpture, every piece having a personal story behind it.

Jan and Alice used to tell me how hundreds of people wrote letters telling how hearing "Bluebird of Happiness" turned their lives around. Some listeners even stopped their plans for suicide after hearing Jan's song. When I was a teenager staying up late at night I used to hear the "Bluebird" record, played on WIP's Dawn Patrol at 1 a.m., 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Later, when I was record librarian at WIP, I had the pleasure of programming it.

Jan also sang "Kol Nidrei" on the radio every year and included Hebrew and Yiddish songs in his concerts. He became the first openly-Jewish opera star, and had to encounter a lot of resistance because of it. During this Holy Day season, I've been thinking of some of the things that Alice and Jan used to say about various Jewish holidays.

Alice used to make two Seders every year at their home in New Rochelle. The first night was just family, the second for family and friends. She bought and cleaned and prepared the gefilte fish by hand.

About Yom Kippur: "We never taught our kids to fear G-d. In the old days, Yom Kippur was looked upon as a day of dread. Some people act like they're in a courtroom and their fate is being decided there and then. But the object is really to live a righteous life every day of the year. Behave yourself - and not just on the ten days of penitence. Yom Kippur should be a reaffirmation of your faith, not a time of dread."

## Klaff at Beth El

This year's kick-off breakfast meeting on Sunday, September 25, 1994, will feature Temple Beth El member Dr. Viv Klaff speaking on "Individual Success, Communal Crisis?" He will present a socio-demographic view of the American Jewish population. The presentation is open to all and concludes at 11:30 a.m. Call the Temple office at 366-8330.



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**A.K.S.E. Men's Club.** Keith Booker, President of Wilmington Chapter NAACP & Community Development Specialist for City of Wilmington. Topic: Black/Jewish Relations & Neighborhood-Based

Planning for City of Wilmington. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. at AKSE. Open to all congregants.

**"The Quarrel"** will be shown at the J.C.C. at 3 p.m. as part of the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. Tickets are \$2.00.

**The Young Leadership Cabinet** of JFD will lead a trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum is free; dinner and transportation must be paid by participant. RSVP by Sept. 16. Call 478-6200 for more information.

**Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast Meeting;** Dr. Viv Klaff, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Delaware, will discuss "Individual Success, Communal Crisis?" a socio-demographic view of

the American Jewish population. 9:30 a.m. \$5.00 charge. Open to all. Call 366-8330.

### Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 29

**Delaware Coalition for Bosnia Annual Meeting.** Location TBA. Call 478-6200 for more information.

### Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 30

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club.** Judy Mellen, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. Topic: Separation of Church and State. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. at AKSE. Open to all congregants.

## OCTOBER

### Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 9

**National Museum of American Jewish History.** 1 and 3 p.m. "Second Sunday Cinema" — The Museum will regularly screen films from its Ralph Lopatin collection. Films shown this fall will highlight our exhibition "Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida." (215) 923-5984.

**Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs,** 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Jennifer Talley, CFA, Wilmington Trust. Topic: "Creating Financial Wealth for Your Family." The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

### Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 10

**Singer/Composer Avi Toledano** will perform at the J.C.C. at 7:30 p.m. as part of the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. Tickets are

available at the J.C.C. Call (302) 478-5660.

**Avi Toledano, singer, composer and producer,** will perform with his three-piece band 7:30 p.m. at the J.C.C. Cultural Arts Festival. His performance at the J.C.C. will include songs in Hebrew, French, and English. The cost is \$20.00 for the series or \$15.00 per person for the Toledano performance only. Call (302) 478-5660.

## Ongoing

### Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 12

**NCJW Public Affairs Luncheon,** 11:00 a.m. Delaware in Crisis: Teenage Pregnancy, Du Barry Room, Hotel Du Pont.

**Protection From Abuse Seminars.** The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence. The seminars will be conducted by an attorney trained and experienced in family law. It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the public without charge.

The new Protection From Abuse Act makes it possible for victims of domestic violence to get protection from their abusers without bringing a

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**"Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida"** at the National Museum of American Jewish History. From the Sephardic merchants who settled in Pensacola in 1763, to the Russian immigrants arriving today, Jews have a diverse and fascinating history in Florida. This colorful new exhibition — comprising over 500 items — has been assembled from the scrapbooks and attics of Florida's living Jews and documents Jewish settlement and acculturation in the Sunshine State. October 2 through December 31. (215) 923-5984.

## Young Leadership Cabinet

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## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

**Avi Toledano**  
Monday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.

Avi Toledano, singer, composer and producer, will perform with his three-piece band during our Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. His songs have hit the top of the charts many times; Israeli radio stations have nominated him "Singer of the Year" six times; and he has received the "Kinor David" - the Israeli equivalent of the "Grammy Award". His performance at the JCC will include songs in Hebrew, French and English.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes admission to the Toledano performance, four film series and four author series, or \$15.00 per person for the Toledano performance only.

## AUTHOR SERIES

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.  
Dates listed below

Join us for a series of four recently-published authors who will speak about their books as they pertain to the Jewish Community.

October 30 - "A Family Dream Journal" by Zelda Leah Gatuskin

November 6 - "Stealing the Border" by Elliot Rais

November 13 - "Mornings & Mourning: A Kaddish Journal" by E.M. Brouer

November 27 - Author to be announced  
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October 23 - "Magician of Lublin"

December 11 - Children's Film Series (Animated Book of Esther, The Giving Tree, Lights, Passover at Bubbe's),  
January 15 - "The White Rose"

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## BOOK FAIR

October 12 - November 20

The Jewish Community Center once again continues its tradition of offering fine Jewish books during Jewish Book Month. The book fair will be held in the JCC lobby.

## ART GALLERY

November 6 - December 6

The Pomegranate Build of Judaic Needleworks will provide a showcase for members works, some for sale, others in exhibition. The needleworks show culture, tradition and religious practices as they relate to Judaic textiles. If enough people show interest in Judaic Needleworks, study and practice courses will be offered at \$15.00 for the course.



# COVER STORY

## Storied Streets

(Continued from page 1)

suburbanization of its population. However, the need for additional space and facilities for the growing synagogues was becoming more evident. Congregation Beth Emeth relocated from 9th and Washington

Streets to Lea Boulevard in 1955. Beth Shalom built a new synagogue at 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard in 1954 just down the street from its first building. In 1957 the Chesed Shel Emeth Congregation (Third and Shipley Streets) merged with the Adas Kodesch Synagogue (Sixth and French Streets). The merged congregation (now called

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth) remained for a short time at the Sixth and French Streets location. In 1963 a spacious new synagogue for the congregation was constructed on Washington Street Extension in the Brandywine Hills section of Wilmington. The Machzikey Hadas Congregation relocated in 1971 from quarters at 6th and Washington Streets to the new B'nai B'rith Building then located at 29th & Broom Streets.

One of the last institutions to relocate out of the old settlement area was the Jewish Community Center. The JCC did not move from the Sixth and French building until February of 1970, although much of their activity was taking place at the suburban campsite location on the old Sellers Estate in Bellefont, just outside Wilmington. This site was purchased in 1953 to supplement the downtown site which was quickly becoming inadequate.

Wilmington is not unlike most Jewish communities located in urban areas in that its population lies primarily in the suburbs. While the old buildings associated with the Jewish past in Wilmington are long gone, the memories exist for those who remember. Through the efforts of local Jewish historical societies and archives the images of a community's past can belong to the present and most importantly to the future.

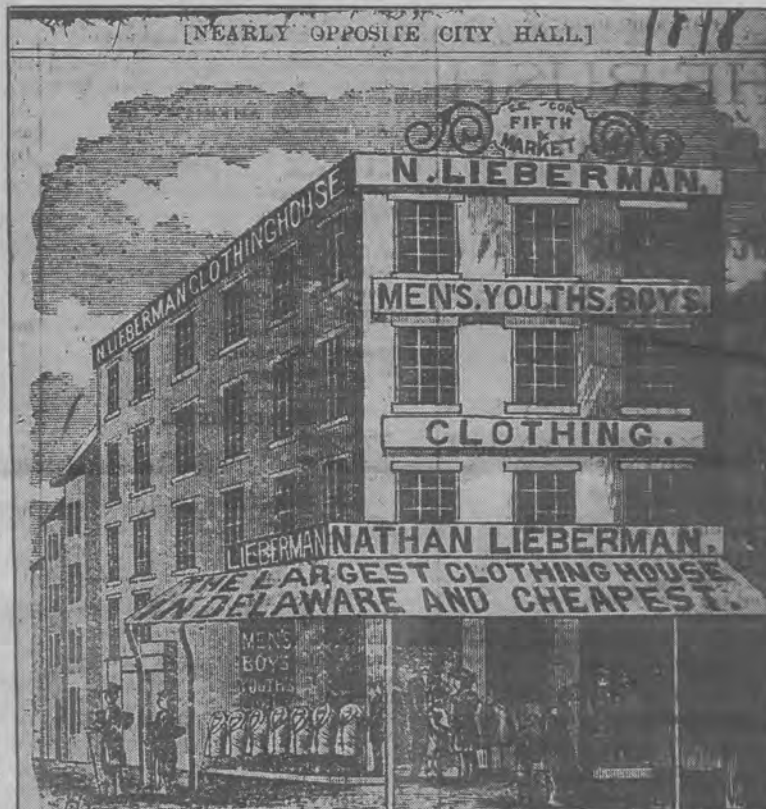
(The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information and records relating to the history of the Jewish community and Delaware Jews. The archives of the Society are located at 505 Market Street Mall in Wilmington and are open to all who wish to learn more about the rich Jewish heritage in the "First State." For further information, please call 655-0365 or 764-8328.)

The top of page one has a photograph of a drawer pull, courtesy of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD), from the artifacts in the Chesed Shel Emeth Display Case, 229 Shipley Street. The plate is from Rubenstein's Delicatessen and Fancy Groceries, 202 West 2nd Street, circa 1920's, also courtesy of JHSD.

In the upper left of page one is a photo of Isaacs and Bank (Wilmington Co-Operative), West 2nd Street. On the right is Mrs. L. Blatman at Blatman's Sanitary Bakery, 213 West 2nd Street, circa 1940's. Bottom center shows Marian and Izzy Malofsky, summer 1942, at their grocery store at 211 West 2nd Street. Lower left is Samuel Katz's grocery store, 122 West 2nd Street, circa 1910. Center left is L.B. Ferber, 200 East 2nd Street, in front of his jewelry and watch repair shop. All are courtesy of JHSD.

At the top of page 16 is a photo of Feinberg's Furniture Co., 8th and King Streets, circa 1930, courtesy of the Historical Society of Delaware. The photo at the center of this page shows a newspaper ad for Nathan Lieberman's clothing store, courtesy JHSD. The bottom photo is of Charles K. Breuer's cigar store, 724 North Market Street, circa 1911, courtesy JHSD.

These ticket stubs are from Feingold's Bargain Store, 8th and Kirkwood Streets, circa 1920's. Courtesy of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware.



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# NACHES

## Rubenstein-Haines

Myrna and Harvey Rubenstein announce the engagement of their daughter Kara Beth Rubenstein to Bradley L. Haines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Haines of Rochester, N.Y. An April 1995 wedding is planned.

Kara is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University School of Law and is a Deputy Attorney General of the State of Delaware.

Brad is a graduate of Penn State University and is employed by the DuPont Company. He currently is attending the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



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## Granddaughter of Wexler-Rosen

Robyn and Paul Pascale of Valley Forge, PA, announce the arrival of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, on Saturday, August 27, 1994, at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mrs. Betty Wexler-Rosen of Wilmington; and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Kay LeBoritz of Newark.

## Festival

The Jewish Festival of Delaware and Chester Counties features the theme "A Celebration of Jewish Life."

The family oriented event includes food, entertainment, door prizes, crafts, regional Jewish resources, books, and Judaica for sale.

There is no admission charge. It will be held Sunday, September 25, 1994 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m. at Rose Tree Park, Route 252, Media, Pa.

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## AKSE Womens Simchat Torah Service

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its twelfth annual Simchat Torah Women's Service on Wednesday morning, September 28. The women's Torah reading will begin in the Berlin Chapel at approximately 10 a.m., immediately following the sixth *hakafah* of the traditional service in the main sanctuary. All women and girls are invited to attend and participate. Everyone who so chooses will receive an *aliyah*, and two women will be honored as *Chatan Torah* and *Chatan Breishit*.

In this bat mitzvah year the *leyning* will be done from a Torah scroll newly restored with funds raised by the women of the AKSE Women's Tefillah Group and the Sisterhood. Babysitting will be available at the



**TORAH BEARER** — On the bimah at Temple Kol Ami in Plantation, Fla., 16-year-old Edward Barbenell is handed a Torah scroll by Rabbi Sheldon J. Harr in the presence of other congregants with special needs. Standing behind the youth is Robin Lurie, who chairs the congregation's *Liheyot* program for those with mental or physical disabilities. Kol Ami has been awarded this year's *Liheyot* prize by the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations for reaching out to adults with special needs and bringing them into active synagogue life. *Liheyot* is Hebrew for "becoming," in the sense of achieving self-fulfillment.

## Class

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Laurence Malinger and David Kaplan encourage all those interested in investigating conversion to Judaism to plan to attend the orientation to classes. This session will take place at Temple Beth El on Thursday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth El is located on 300 Possum Park Road in Newark Delaware.

synagogue for a nominal fee by advance reservation. For babysitting arrangements, contact Sylvia Wagman at 475-8351 by September 16.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation is located on Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive in Wilmington. For further information, contact Karen Moss at 478-4991.

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# OBITUARIES

## LEON J. JACOBS

Leon J. Jacobs, 85, a former state constable, died July 23 in Riverside Extended Care Pavilion.

Mr. Jacobs, of B'nai B'rith House, Brandywine Hundred, had been a salesman with John Hancock Insurance Co. for many years.

In 1965, Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. appointed him a state constable. He also was constable under Gov. Sherman W. Tribbitt in the mid-1970s, delivering subpoenas and eviction notices.

He was president of Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and superintendent of Jewish Community Cem-

etry Association, both Wilmington.

A Mason, he was a member of Brandywine Lodge and Nur Temple and a patron of Order of the Golden Chain's Delaware Link. He was also a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Disabled American Veterans and Jewish War Veterans Harry Fineman Post 525.

Raised in Millmont, Pa., he and his wife, Betty Jacobs, lived in the Old Ninth Ward section of Wilmington and in Presidential Towers before moving to B'nai B'rith House 13 years ago.

He is survived by his wife; a son,

Samuel s. of Port Richey, Fla.; four brothers, Bert, Irvin, and Dr. Lawrence, all of Wilmington, and Maurice of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a sister, Esther Goldberg of Coconut Creek, Fla., and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice.

## BARBARA E. LIPSTEIN

Barbara E. Lipstein, 62, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington and Arden, Del., died August 25 of lung cancer at home.

Mrs. Lipstein, who was born and raised in Wilmington, lived in Arden for 25 years. She moved to Evergreen, Colo., in 1975, and to Florida in 1985.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Larry L. Lipstein; her children, Linda W. Hager of Corbett, Ore., Michael L. of Deer Park, Wash., Terry J. of Forest Grove, Ore., and Donald F. of Wilmington; a brother, Robert Jacobson of Felton, Del.; and seven grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Barbara Lipstein Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Educating Hands, 261 S.W. Eighth St., Miami 33130.

# MORE NEWS

## Schwab Exhibit

Artist Judith Schwab will present her work Oct. 3-Nov. 18, in the University of Delaware's gallery in Clayton Hall on the University's Laird Campus, Route 896 north of Newark. Schwab's work has previously been featured in *The Jewish Voice* and at The J.C.C.

A videotape collage tracing the artist's developmental process will be featured at a reception scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, also at Clayton Hall. Both the reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public.

Schwab describes her work as "autobiographical responses to professional experiences and multicultural collaborations in this locality, across the U.S.A., and in Eastern Europe." [Editor's note: Schwab recently participated in a collaborative installation in Russia which has been called "Peratroitska".]

The Delaware State Division of the Arts awarded Schwab a 1994 Established Artist Fellowship in the area of sculpture. In a nationally juried competition, juror Rob Fisher said Schwab goes "well beyond Rauschenberg with the poetics of

[her] painting and expressionism." He called her work "evocative, beautiful pieces."

Clayton Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays. For more information, call Bette Cella in the University's Division of Continuing Education at (302) 831-8839.

## Party For Mature Singles

A P\*H\*A\*S\*E 2 House Party has been scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. P\*H\*A\*S\*E 2 (Professional Hebrew Adult Single Energetic) is geared to Jewish singles in their 30's, 40's or 50's. Bring something to eat (hor d'oeuvre or dessert).

The cost for members is \$3.00 and non-members pay \$8.00.

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JERICHO, WEST BANK — Mahmoud Abbas (R), an architect of the Israel-PLO self-rule agreement, arrives in Palestinian-ruled Jericho Sept. 9 from Jordan after more than a quarter-century in exile. Abbas, better known as Abu Mazen, told reporters he now hoped to stay out of the political arena. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters

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camps. The entire non-Jewish population of the town was evacuated in July, 1942.

Thus those who remained experienced a slow death because of the dreadful conditions in the ghetto, as well as those who were transported to the efficient crematoria. They suffered solely because they were Jews. A 55-foot cross dominating the place of such Jewish suffering is a desecration of the memory of those who perished.

Similar symbols crowd the recon-

structed camp at Dachau. A Carmelite convent built in 1964 "as a place of prayer and atonement" is at the rear of the camp. A Protestant church where services are held every Sunday is to the right; the Weimar church is nearby, and directly in front of the convent is a Catholic memorial with a huge bell which clangs every hour.

The Jewish memorial is off to the left. All this in a camp where 80 percent of the murdered were Jews.

As we stood at the convent at Dachau, Jack Reich, a survivor of Dachau and Auschwitz now from Skokie, Ill., approached us to say: "The convent wasn't here 50 years ago — it shouldn't be here today."

It is clear to us and to anyone visiting the camps that convents, crosses, parish churches and chapels have been purposefully established there.

At Ponary, outside Vilnius, Lithuania, one member of our delegation who visited there earlier this year reported that a 30-foot cross has been erected. Seventy percent of those killed there were Jews. In Prague, a Holocaust survivor informed us that a church has been established at the Flossenburg camp in Germany.

The camps are decaying, and 50 years from now it could well be all that will remain at those sites will be Christian symbols and houses of worship, largely Catholic. People would then assume that the Holocaust — the German's systematic and largely successful effort to murder all of Europe's Jews — was not the overwhelming Jewish tragedy it was, but rather a process of mass

killing focused on Christians, mostly Catholic.

In fact, of course, although the Germans had many victims including Christians, it was the Jews who, as an entire people, were targeted for annihilation.

Moreover, the existence of Catholic churches, convents and symbols at Auschwitz, Birkenau, Sobibor and Dachau may lead people, both now and especially in future decades, to conclude that the Vatican systematically engaged in protecting Jews during the Holocaust. The truth is, despite the heroism of many individual Catholics in Poland and elsewhere, not only did the Vatican largely fail to help Jews, but after the war, the Vatican was openly involved in aiding Nazis to escape to South America and elsewhere.

Holocaust revisionism is unacceptable. We have the deepest respect for people of all faiths and for their places of worship and symbols of faith. But a cross, convent or church at death camps where the vast majority of those murdered were Jews is as inappropriate as a Jewish star at a large Christian cemetery.

We stood where one of the most gripping scenes from "Schindler's List" was filmed — at the tower over the converging railroad tracks bringing the transports to Birkenau's selection ramps. We looked to our right, and the crosses on the top of the church were clearly visible.

"Schindler's List" has gone a long way toward raising consciousness about the Holocaust, but it is just a movie. The camps will remain, and history right there at the source is being distorted.

(Rabbi Avi Weiss is national president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha and senior rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, N.Y.)

## Gewirtz Dedication

The Gewirtz Dedication Weekend will be October 14, 15, and 16, 1994. Activities are planned at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue in conjunction with the formal naming of the Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz Sanctuary.

The community is invited to attend any or all of the events taking place during the Dedication weekend. For more information about any of the events please contact the chairpersons or call the AKSE office at 762-2705.

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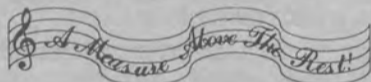
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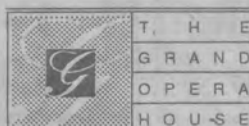
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